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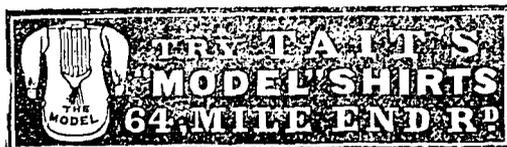
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LIVERPOOL.—*Croxth United Service Lodge* (No. 786).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, the 12th instant, when there was a large gathering of brethren who are specially and notably identified with the volunteer movement. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. G. Owen, W.M., the lodge was duly opened by Bro. G. L. Blundell, P.M., who was supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. P. A. Coulter, P.M., acting as S.W.; W. J. Newman, J.W.; G. G. Stopford Taylor, Sec.; J. B. Wallace, Treas.; E. C. Stevenson, S.D.; W. B. Caw, J.D.; W. H. Holt, I.G.; R. Neville, Tyler; J. Edwards, W. Tomkinson, J. J. Johnstone, A. W. Ronald, J. Bernheim, W. A. Tyerman, H. Joyner, W. R. Thomas, J. P. Wright, and W. Marwood. Amongst the visitors were Bros. A. C. Mott, P.G.S.W. of Westmoreland and Cumberland; J. Mc Kune, P.M. 216; J. Jones, P.M. 216; J. Kenyon, W.M. 1013; C. H. Hill, P.M. 724 and 1267; T. Leighton, W.M. 1325; J. Mercer Johnson, P.M. 155, and P.G. Steward; R. Bennett, Sec. 1209; S. Kisch, 216; J. Foster, 1013; T. W. Sergeant, W.M. 203; H. James, P.M. 203, and others. After the minutes of previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Blundell most effectively initiated Mr. Dale into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Bro. A. C. Mott then ascended the throne, and Bro. Captain Wm. John Newman, W.M. Elect, was presented to him for installation by Bros. Blundell and J. M. Johnson. Bro. Mott then proceeded with the ceremony, and performed it with an impressiveness and efficiency which has rarely, if ever, been equalled in the Province of West Lancashire. The following brethren were subsequently invested by the W.M. as his officers.—Bros. G. L. Blundell, P.M. as S.W.; G. G. Stopford Taylor, J.W.; E. C. Stevenson, S.D.; W. B. Caw, J.D.; W. H. Tyerman, I.G. Bro. Sergeant Neville was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the "United Service." The lodge was subsequently closed, and the assembled brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, under the presidency of the W.M.

HERTFORDSHIRE.—*Gresham Lodge* (No. 86g).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Saturday, the 14th June, at the Four Swans, Waltham Cross. There were present:—Bros. Capt. W. C. Barnes, W.M.; F. D. R. Copestick, S.W.; J. Copestick, J.W.; A. C. Wylie, S.D.; W. H. Etherington, J.D.; E. G. Pottle, I.G.; J. Forsyth, P.P.G. Sup. of Works for Herts, P.M.; R. Bruce, P.P.G.D., P.M.; O. F. Vallentin, P.P.G.D.; T. Lewis, G. Baker, A. Barnes, C. B. Cheese, J. J. Cox, James Bruce, S. S. Neck, R. Tustin, Thomas Perry, T. Stephens, and others. The lodge was opened in the first degree, when the W.M., Bro. Barnes, initiated two gentlemen into Freemasonry. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and three brethren passed to the degree of F.C. The next part of the work was the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Barnes then installed the S.W. of the lodge, Bro. F. D.

R. Copestick, P.P.G.S.B. for Herts, into the chair of K.S. in a most impressive manner, which gave great pleasure to all who witnessed the ceremony. The W.M., Bro. Copestick, appointed his officers as follows, viz.—Bros. Joseph Copestick, S.W.; A. C. Wylie, J.W.; W. H. Etherington, S.D.; E. G. Pottle, J.D.; T. C. Chapman, I.G.; F. G. Grocott, Treas.; W. G. Gompertz, P.P.G.P., P.M., Sec.; Thos. Stephens, Org.; T. Perry and H. Luter, Stewards; Thomas Hoare, Tyler. The W.M. then presented Bro. Barnes, I.P.M., with a handsome P.M. jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), expressing a wish on behalf of himself and the brethren, that he might long remain amongst them. Bro. Barnes replied and thanked the brethren for their good wishes. The lodge was then closed. The brethren then inspected the beautiful grounds attached to "Ye Olde Fourre Swannes," belonging to Bro. Hunt, the esteemed host. Afterwards the brethren sat down to a magnificent banquet, supplied by Bro. Hunt, in every respect perfect. The hour being late the toasts were necessarily short, and, after spending a most enjoyable day, the brethren separated with mutual regret that time and trains wait for no man. Amongst the visitors present were the following, viz.:—Bros. Dr. W. King, 1364; G. J. Smith, 30; T. Hyman, P.P.G.O., 403; Kilsby, 871; J. Glass, P.P.C.D. Essex; H. Birdseye, S.W. 715; W. Kibble, P.M. 715; J. Storey, 1107; E. Roberts, P.M. 192; S. P. Carter, 211; J. Cumming, 534; S. Smith, 742; W. C. Canton, 879; E. Parker, W.M. 1327; G. Cardwell, P.M. 3; J. W. H. Hill, 45; E. B. Warner, P.M. 325; G. Billiy, P.M. 345; S. H. Wagstaff, P.M., 1216; J. M. Kelway, P.P.G.W. Somerset; C. D. Tustin, P.M. 1178; S. Muggeridge, 192, and others.

STAR LODGE (No. 1275).—The election meeting of this well-established lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, June 6th. Bro. H. Keeble, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes were read and confirmed. The ballots for admission of Bro. E. W. Mackney, W.M. 134, as a joining member, and for some candidates for initiation, were declared to be in favour of their admission. The work done was raising Bros. R. W. Williams and H. Schartan, 871; initiating Messrs. A. Woodward, W. F. Gardiner, and F. Bessant Williams. The elections resulted in T. R. Darke, S.W., for W.M.; J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., and Treasurer; and J. Gilbert, Tyler, being unanimously elected. The Audit Committee was appointed. A splendid chair for use of the W.M. was presented to the lodge by the united subscriptions of Bros. Henry James Green, Reginald William Williams, and Charles Woolmer Williams, and for which a vote of thanks (and the same to be entered on the lodge books) was given to them. Some candidates and joining members were proposed, and the lodge closed. There were present, besides those already named, Bros. G. Symon, P.M., J.W.; F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; G. F. Guest, S.D.; J. J. Leincheer, J.D.; W. Hipps, I.G., Organist; W. Ough, P.G.P., P.M.; G. J. Hogg, P.G.S., P.M.; E. Townsend, A. Stevens, E. W. Mackney, W. Askey, H. J. Green, W. P. Tong, and others. The visitors were Bros. J. Keeble, P.M. 94; E. H. Thiellay, S.D. 145; W. Vine, 1310; W. H. Perryman, 3; A. M. Thomas, 134; J. Barton, Sec. 1364; A. J. Adams, I.G. 857; A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 13, P.M. 140; T. Perridge, P.M. 79; G. W. Reed, 13; C. Raab, 1364; H. Schartan, 871, and others. Banquet and dessert followed labour.

TOPSHAM.—*Brent Lodge* (No. 1284).—The third anniversary of the opening of this lodge was celebrated on the 31st ult., and a goodly number of brethren from Exeter and elsewhere attended to do honour to the newly-elected Master of the lodge, Bro. John Moass. The lodge was opened in ancient form, and Bro. John Moass, having been presented by Bro. W. G. Rogers to Bro. S. Jones, who acted as installing Master, the ceremony was performed with due solemnity, and Bro. John Moass, in the proud position of W.M. of Brent Lodge, will occupy King Solomon's chair in that lodge for the ensuing twelve months. The ceremony of installation being over, the W.M. distributed

collars of office to the following brethren, viz.:—Bros. Samuel Jones, I.P.M.; T. Lascelles, S.W.; H. S. Yelland J.W.; T. Hutchings, Chaplain; C. Pinn, Treasurer; J. P. Harrison, Secretary; F. Pollard, S.D.; W. Godolphin J.D.; W. H. Blacking, Assistant D.C.; Charles Hooper, O.; James Styles, I.G.; A. H. Wills, S.S.; H. F. Willey, J.S.; Blanchard, senr., Tyler; Blanchard, junr., Assistant Tyler. The W.M. was unanimously elected as the representative of the lodge on the Committee of Petitions, and the lodge having been closed with solemn prayer, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was splendidly served in the New Topsham Hall by J. P. Harrison. The usual loyal and Maonic toasts were given, and, after the close of the toast-list, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Harrison's Globe Hotel, where some excellent songs were sung, and the time pleasantly passed.

ACACIA LODGE (No. 1309).—The fourth installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Wednesday, 11th June, at the Railway Hotel, Potter's Bar, Middlesex. There were present—Bros. J. H. Britten, P.G.S. Middlesex, W.M.; E. W. Richardson, S.W., and W.M. Elect; G. J. Loe, P.M., as J.W.; R. Limpus, S.D.; C. A. Ferrier, I.G.; George Horsley, P.G. Reg. of Middlesex, P.M.; G. Musgrave, Org.; J. W. George, T. E. Pewtress, C. G. Rushworth, H. D. Martin. The visitors were Bros. W. Myatt, W.M. 871, and Gould, 1158. The lodge was opened by the W.M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed unanimously. The report of the audit committee was received and entered on the minutes. Bro. F. Walters, P.M. and Secretary (father of the lodge) took the chair, and installed Bro. Edmund William Richardson as the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, who appointed and invested as his officers:—Bros. G. W. Schollar, S.W.; R. Limpus, J.W.; E. Silhant, P.G.S.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treas. (re-invested); F. Walters, P.M. Sec. (re-invested); L. J. Waddington, S.D.; C. A. Ferrier, J.D.; C. J. Rushworth, I.G.; G. Musgrave, Org.; W. Y. Laing, P.M., Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks, and the same to be entered on the lodge minute books, was given to Bro. F. Walters, P.M. and Secretary, for the admirable manner in which he did the ceremony of the installation. The following brethren were elected as the Stewards to represent this lodge at the Masonic charities in 1874, viz.:—R. Limpus, J.W., for Benevolent; E. W. Richardson, W.M., Boys'; and C. Horsley, P.G. Reg. for Girls. The following members were recommended to the Provincial Grand Master as those whom the lodge would like to see have Provincial honours, namely, Bros. J. H. Batten, P.G. Steward for Middlesex, P.M., for higher rank; F. Walters, P.M. and Sec., for Prov. G. Steward; and R. Limpus, J.W., for Prov. G. Org. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and the lodge was closed. A good banquet and dessert followed. An agreeable reunion was happily spent.

LANGTHORNE LODGE (No. 1421).—An emergency meeting of this young but flourishing lodge was held at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, on Thursday, the 12th inst., the W.M., Bro. Charles Lacy, presiding, supported by his officers as follows, viz.:—Bros. G. T. W. Mugliston, M.D., S.W.; G. E. Slee, J.W.; T. Mortlock, I.P.M.; G. Levick, Treasurer; C. W. Ashdown, Sec.; R. G. Owen, S.D.; B. Cundick, J.D.; John G. Stevens, D.C.; H. Carter, W.S.; and W. Steedman, Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer. The circular convening the lodge having been read by the Secretary, the ballot was taken for the Rev. James Knaggs as a candidate for initiation, which, proving unanimous in his favour, the rev. gentleman, being in attendance, was admitted, and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by the W.M. Bros. Brown, Morley, and Woods, of this lodge; also Bro. Ellis, of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, being candidates for the second degree, were examined as to their proficiency in the former degree, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the second degree, the candidates readmitted, and duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was then closed in the second degree, and, business being ended,

uly closed in the first degree, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, separating at an early hour. The following visitors were present, viz.:—T. Austin, W.M. 933; J. Miller, W.M. 14; Thomas Johnstone, 1000; and A. Ellis. 93.

ERA LODGE.—(No. 1423.)—This young, prosperous, and flourishing lodge held its usual meeting on Saturday, June 14th, at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court. Bro. J. T. Moss, W.M., P.G.S.D. Middlesex, opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in the favour of the admission of Bros. Rev. J. M. Vaughan, P.M., and Chap. 907; C. Raab, 1364; J. Faulkner, 188; A. Ealdwin, 118, as adjoining members; and Messrs. C. P. Pritchard and C. B. Robinson, as candidates for initiation. Mr. C. B. Robinson was initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. F. Waters, P.M., Sec., took the chair, and passed Bro. E. W. Devereux, A Schiff, W. N. Matthews and Loos to the second degree. He raised Bros. W. C. Devereux, S. Woolff, and Jesse Smith (1326) to the third degree. The work was well done, and the ceremonies beautifully rendered. Bro. J. T. Moss, W.M., resumed the chair. He appointed and invested with the collar and jewel of office the Rev. J. M. Vaughan as the Chaplain of the lodge, who was unanimously elected to be recommended to the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. F. Burdett, as the member whom the lodge would like to be selected for Provincial Grand Chaplain in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex. The following were returned to serve as Stewards to represent this lodge at the anniversary festival of the Girls' School, to be held in May, 1874, viz., Bros. H. A. Dubois, S.W.; J. W. Baldwin, J.W.; E. H. Thiellay, S.D.; and A. Baldwin. Several brethren were proposed as joining members, and gentlemen for initiation. Business being ended the lodge was closed. There were present, besides those named, T. J. Sabine, P.M., Treas.; J. S. Sweasy, J.D.; J. Baxter, Langley, I.G.; R. W. Little, P.G. Sec. Middlesex, and others. The long list of visitors included, Bros. J. W. Long, P.M., 569; A. Pulley, P.M., 169; R. R. Mabson, 1326; C. Hasel, 569; W. Hammond, P.M., S.D., 1326; F. Holmes, 1326; Jesse Smith, 1326, &c.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The second emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., on Saturday, the 14th inst. The officers of the lodge entered the lodge-room, precisely at the hour appointed, and the chair of K.S. was taken by Bro. James Stevens, the W.M., who was supported by the V.W. Bros. John Hervecy, Grand Secretary, P.M.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, Chaplain; and Bros. N. B. Headon, S.W.; Harvey, J.W.; J. Freeman, Treasurer, Edward Moody, P.M., Secretary; Stuart Barker jun., S.D.; R. Stanway, J.D.; J. H. Guyton, I.G.; J. H. Wisbey, D.C.; G. W. Blackie, Senior Steward; W. H. Catchpole, Junior Steward; and W. Steadman, P.M., Tyler. There were also present, amongst other members, of the lodge:—Bros. W. Barber, W. Jackson, George Jenkins, W. Crickmay, J. Boulton, W. T. Macqueen, George Hooper, D. J. B. Wrightson, Owen Bower, A. Portway, H. Thompson, P.M. 177 and 1158, and others. The following visitors also attended, viz.:—Bros. Wm. Ough, Past Grand Pursuivant; G. R. Graham, 69; E. M. Haigh, 29; R. D. Drysdale, P.M. 211; G. T. Hyde, P.M. 141; G. Yaxley and J. K. Pitt, 463; J. G. Attwood, 569; J. L. Coulton, W.M. 382; Dr. W. V. Bedolfe, and J. H. Vockins, 1329; and others. The lodge having been opened in due form, a letter from the W.M. of All Soul's Lodge, No. 170, requesting the W.M. to pass Bro. Crickman to the second degree, was read, and in accordance therewith Bro. Crickman, with Bros. Jenkins, Jackson, Baber, Kibble and Boulton having proved their proficiency as E.A.'s, were entrusted, and severally passed to the degree of F.C. Ballots were then taken for nine candidates for initiation, which were found clear, but of whom only two, Messrs. Thomas Preston, and James Tee could make it convenient to attend. These were severally introduced and admitted to the Order. The Secretary having announced

the handsome donations towards the new furniture of the lodge, which had been specially designed in oak by Bro. Kenning, and was greatly admired, the lodge was called off, and under the care of the Junior Warden, refreshment was taken and the loving cup circulated. After a short interval the lodge was called on, the bye-laws were discussed seriatim and finally agreed, three candidates were proposed for initiation, a sum of money was voted towards the assistance of the widow of a deceased brother, the lodge was closed at an early hour, and the brethren separated well satisfied with the evening's proceedings.

Royal Arch.

BOLTON.—*St. John's Chapter* (No. 348).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Three Tuns Inn, Moor-lane, Bolton, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when there were present Comps. James Newton, Prov. G.R.A. Steward, Z.; Jas. Young, H.; Thos. Wilson, J.; Robt. Harwood, Past Z., Prov. G.R.A. Stand. Bearer; and other companions. The chapter having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the installation of the Principals-elect and investiture of officers ensued as followed:—Comps. James Young, Z.; Thos. Wilson, H.; Jas. Horrocks, J.; Thos. Chambers, Past Z., E.; Jno. Brandwood, Past Z., N.; Henry Greenwood, Prin. Soj.; Robert Harwood, Past Z., Prov. G. Standard Bearer, Treas.; Wm. Dawson, Janitor. A candidate for exaltation in the chapter was proposed, and the chapter was then closed.

JERSEY.—*Césaire Chapter* (No. 570).—The annual convocation for installation and investment of officers was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Temple. The chapter was opened by Comps. Abraham Viel, Z.; Jos. Gregg, H.; Wm. Adams, P.Z., as J.; A. Schmitt, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E., E.; W. H. Long, Z. 244. The companions were admitted, and the minutes of the previous regular convocation, held in March, as well as those of a special chapter, held in April, were read and unanimously confirmed. The circular convening the chapter was also read. Comp. A. Schmitt called upon the companions to assist him in forming a conclave of Installed First Principals, when at his request Comp. W. Adams installed in due form Comp. Jos. Gregg, as Z., after which ceremony, he assumed the chair, and installed Comps. Jno. Oatley, P.Z., as H., and Geo. J. Renouf, as J., according to the established rites and ceremonies of the Order. The companions were re-admitted and saluted their newly-installed chiefs. The installed Principals briefly returned thanks to the companions for the honour they had conferred upon them, and one and all pledged themselves to faithfully discharge the duties of their respective offices to the utmost of their ability. The elected officers present were invested by the S.E., Comps. Jno. Durrell, P.Z., as Treas.; P. O'Bryen, N.; Ph. W. Binet, P.S.; H. Du Jardin, Jan. The S.E. presented the annual report of the Audit Committee, which was approved. Moved by the S.E., seconded by Comp. A. Viel and carried unanimously, that another donation of £5 5s. to the Masonic School for Girls be granted by the chapter. Proposed by the S.E., seconded by Comp. Jno. Oatley, that the widow of the late Comp. P. Poisson be relieved in the sum of £2 2s., which proposition was carried unanimously. Among the visitors were Comps. Thos. C. Kelly, C.B., Capt. J. Williams, and others. The chapter was closed in love and harmony, when the companions adjourned to a supper. The usual Masonic and loyal toasts were given. The S.E. proposed "The Memory of our late M.E. Past First Principal, the Earl of Zetland," expatiating on his Masonic virtues, his energy, fidelity and zeal to our institution, and the extensive services he had rendered to the Craft. Two hon. members of this chapter, Ex. Comps. Dr. H. Hopkins and W. J. Hughan (Truro), were sympathetically toasted.

Mark Masonry.

LANCASTER.—*Moore Mark Lodge* (No. 146).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic-rooms,

Athenæum. The M.W., Bro. J. Daniel Moore, M.D., Prov. G. Inspect. of Works, presided, and was supported by Bros. W. J. Sey, S.W.; E. Airey, J.W.; and others. The ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of four candidates for advancement, and Bro. Robert Godfrey of the Underley Lodge, Kirkby-Lonsdale, being in attendance, was duly advanced to the degree of M.M.M. by the W.M., in accordance with the new regulations of the Grand Lodge of England and Wales, the duties of S.D. being well rendered by Bro. Edmund Simpson. The following presentations to the lodge were notified and ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz.:—Three Overseer's Pedestals, by Bro. Capt. J. Storey; S.W.'s Wicket, by Bros. Sly and E. Airey; Minute and Signature Books and Axe, by the W.M.; Two Ashlars and Keystone, by Bro. Airey. A candidate was proposed as a joining member, and the lodge closed in due form.

Royal and Select Masters.

MACDONALD COUNCIL.—A meeting of this council was held on Monday, the 16th inst., for the purposes of installing, in due form, and under the authority of Most Puissant Grand Master, Comp. John D. Williams, of the State of New York, the principal officers, and of dedicating and constituting the newly-created council. The ceremonies were performed by Comp. Frederick Binckes, the Grand Recorder, as Acting Grand Master, specially authorised for that purpose, in the presence of the Deputy Grand Master, Capt. G. N. Phillips; the Grand Principal Conductor of Works, Capt. J. M. P. Montague; the Grand Marshall, Comp. Hyde Pullen, and other dignitaries of the Order. The Council having been duly constituted and dedicated, the officers installed were Comps. Sigismund Rosenthal, T.J.M.; James Stevens, I.D.M.; and Thomas Meggy, P.C.W.; and these were, on the completion of the beautiful ceremonies, respectively congratulated and saluted. Some matters of routine business having been discussed, and arrangements made for early admission of candidates into this interesting portion of Freemasonry, a vote of thanks to Comp. Binckes, for his services as Acting Grand Master, was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and the very interesting meeting was brought to a close.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*St. Andrew's Chapter* (No. 69).—This chapter met at 170, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, June 11th, Comp. T. D. Humphries, Ph. D., M.A., 1st P., in the chair. A lodge of Mark Masons was opened, and Bros. J. Middlechip and Wm. Bassett were advanced to that degree. At the request of the M.E.Z., Comp. Wheeler, of 73, then opened a lodge of Excellent Masters, and conferred that degree on these two brethren. The chapter was then opened in the Royal Arch Degree, with Comps. Park, Z of 122, as Z.; T. D. Hampton taking the chair of H; J. Campbell, that of J; G. W. Wheeler and J. Johnson as 1st and 2nd Soj. Bros. Middlechip and Bassett were then instructed in the mysteries of the Royal Arch Degree. Refreshment followed labour, "The M.E.Z., and the Health of the Candidates" having been given, Comp. Middlechip said that though shortly leaving Glasgow he should always remember the kindly feelings he had met with from the Masons of the city, and especially the way in which they had that night admitted him into deeper mysteries. Comp. Bassett said his only regret was that he had not come forward earlier to learn the sublime lesson he had been taught that night, and anything that he could do to forward the interests of the Royal Arch Degree he should feel to be a pleasure as well a duty. Comp. Humphries then proposed the thanks of the companions to the members of 73 and 122, who had so kindly come forward to assist him to-night, a kindness he had often before experienced, yet on that account it was only the more valued by him. Comps. Park and Wheeler acknowledged the compliment paid them, and expressed their pleasure to be able to assist a sister chapter.

GLASGOW.—*St. Rollox Chapter* (No. 144).—The first meeting of this chapter since its consecration was held in the Masonic Hall, Garnad-road, on Friday, the 13th inst., D. Bell, Z.; J. Dunbar, H.; J. McLeish, J.; and D. Reid, Scribe E., were in their places. A lodge of Mark Masters was then opened, and Bro. D. Smith was proposed for advancement. At the request of the M.E.Z. the degree was worked by Comps. J. O. Park, Z. 122, and G. W. Wheeler, H. 73. Comps. Bell, Dunbar, and McLeish, though new to their work, were very efficient as M.O., S.O., and J.O. Being much wanted in the north end of city, there is no doubt that the new chapter will soon gain a firm footing.

GLASGOW.—*Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge* (No. 73), met at 73, Buchanan-street, on Thursday, the 12th inst., under the command of Bro. J. Balfour, N.; J. O. Park, J.; G. McDonald, S.; and G. W. Wheeler, Sec. Four gentlemen were received on board, namely, Bros. G. Biddams, T. Middlechip, D. Douglas, and T. Boyde, and were very ably instructed in their duties by F. N. Balfour and his officers, G. W. Wheeler acting as the Pilot. The ark was again moored in safety.

A MASONIC HALL IN TASMANIA.

The *Hobart Town Mercury* makes the following editorial remarks on the occasion of the laying the foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall in that city, on the 20th March last:—

"Yesterday the intercolonial cricket match had, in the minds of the sight-seeing public of Hobart Town, to give place to the interest felt in the ceremony attending the laying of the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall. The absence of the fair sex from the cricket ground seemed to have made the players relax their energies, for several of the best men put in an appearance simply to retire, as if their thoughts were with that 'galaxy of beauty' that lent a lustre to the Town Hall and to the site of the new building, though their presence at the latter was not sufficient to induce several of the brethren to make themselves heard. The ceremony of yesterday, so creditably, nevertheless, carried out, may be looked on as one of good omen. We regard it not from the Masonic standpoint alone. But it should be matter of congratulation to all who value the exercise of some of the nobler qualities of human nature, that an institution seeking to do good should be in so flourishing a condition as to be able to build for its own use a hall that must add so materially to the attractions of Hobart Town. Another handsome structure will be added to our buildings, and the interest attached to it will be increased by the fact that its walls are an evidence of personal care and thrift on the part of a body of men who, seeking to do one another good, find special merit in aiding a needy brother. It is not our intention to enquire into the secrets of the 'brethren of the mystic tie,' nor to discuss the issue raised by many, that the secret is so well kept because there is nothing to conceal. It is certainly impossible to conceive that successive generations of men, many of them of the highest intelligence and unblemished probity, should for centuries have lent themselves to a fraud by pretending to a mystic bond of union, while the whole affair is but a piece of masquerade and mummery. Yet a well-informed writer has said that 'the deep symbolical meaning supposed to be couched under the jargon of the Masonic Fraternity is, probably, as apocryphal as the dangers of Masonry to government and order,' which at various times were considered grave enough to subject the Craft to the anathemas of the Church, and to civil pains and penalties. The minority of Henry VI. was, on the suggestion of Henry of Beaufort, Cardinal of Winchester, remarkable for the passing of an Act of Parliament prohibiting the Masons from holding their wonted chapters and assemblies. But Henry VI. himself, on becoming of age, became a Mason. Henry VII. was their Grand Master in England, a precedent, however, which was not followed in the case of George IV., who when Prince of Wales, succeeded to the office on the death of the Duke of Cumberland, and held it till he became Regent, when he took the title

of Grand Patron, it having been considered improper that he should longer exercise personal superintendance. Whatever Masonry may be, it has at various periods of England's history had Royal members. Besides those we have named, Charles II. and William III. were Masons. Within the memory of the elder brethren, the Dukes of Kent and Sussex were Grand Masters of rival lodges, and brought about an union of the two, since known as the "United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England," of which, in our day, the Prince of Wales is a member.

"Masonry can certainly lay claim to high sanction, and yesterday its lights were not hid under a bushel. The Rev. R. D. Poulett-Harris, while in his sermon he eschewed all tangible reference to the 'ceremonies and traditions of Masonry,' claimed for it the title to be recognised as 'a peculiar system of morality, veiled allegory and illustrated by symbols, the moral system of Masonry being founded on the Divine law;' and he added:—'One of the very first injunctions which a brother receives at his entrance into Masonry is to study the sacred Scriptures, to regulate his actions by the Divine precepts therein contained, and to seek in them a knowledge of the duties which he owes to God, his neighbour, and himself. As regards his duties to himself, he is enjoined to cultivate a spirit of prudence, temperance, and fortitude; so to discipline his body as may best conduce to the preservation of his mental faculties, and to exercise those faculties in such studies as may best enable him to use them to the glory of God and the well-being of his fellow-creatures. In respect to this duty to his neighbour, it is impressed upon the Mason that the principles most dear to the Craft are love of the brethren, relief of the distressed, and truthfulness in word and deed.' His Excellency the Governor, who—a singular admission in the face of such acknowledged obligations—took blame to himself for having forgotten those inner mysteries and ceremonial observances known only to the initiated, declared that 'whoever reads and acts up to the constitution and charges of the ancient fraternity cannot fail of being a good, useful, and honourable member of the community in which he lives.' His Excellency added, as showing the special claims of Masonry, "I find myself bound, as a Mason, in the first instance, to fear God and honour the Queen, to aid all works of genuine charity and philanthropy, to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law. I find myself bound scrupulously to obey dictates of my own conscience, but at the same time equally scrupulous to respect the consciences of others, and to interfere in no way with the religious or political opinions professed by any individual.' With all due deference to both the preacher and the repentant Mason, all these duties have been better expressed when it was said, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.' This is the first and great commandment; and the second is like unto it, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.' The initiated may better know the higher claims of Masonry to the parentage of every virtue, but to the uninitiated the Rev. Mr. Poulett-Harris's definition of Masonry as 'a peculiar system of morality' is regarded as an exaggerated estimate of its influence. Such claims put forth in its behalf, and the language of the anthem that sings of 'Masonry divine' are to the uninitiated its weak point. There was not one single effect on the life and conversation dwelt upon yesterday as emanating from Masonry that has not a higher claim on the Christian to whom 'pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.' We advance the arguments of the Mason and of the sceptic. While we offer no opinion, we may not wonder at the unbelief of those who say that, since Masonry is represented as capable of effecting so great a good, it is to be regretted that there is so much secrecy maintained as to the means of effecting that good.

"There is no probability that any discussion on the subject will lead to light being let in where darkness has been so long, and on such high

authority, maintained, though the mysteries of the Craft have within the past few years been so far enroached on, that the Grand Master has given leave to publish reports of the proceedings of grand and private lodges. Nor, perhaps, is an adherence to the practice of the past much to be regretted. The known things of Masonry give it a strong claim on the respect and approval of the well wishers of mankind. Masonry, whatever the source of its action, has unquestionably done, in times past, much good, and is as capable of beneficial results now, as ever. A writer, by no means an admirer of Masonry, has said: 'A set of passwords, and a peculiar grip of the hand, enable the initiated to recognise each other, and give a zest to their convivial meetings; and if the institution possesses any practical utility, it is in enabling a Mason, in a place where he is a stranger, to make himself known to his brother Masons, and claim their protection and assistance;' a practical utility the value of which can be hardly over-estimated, when it is remembered that, however much fable and imagination may have enshrouded the origin of Freemasonry, tracing it back to the time of the Pharaohs, the Temple of Solomon, and even the building of the Tower of Babel, its spread has been so very great as to make its existence almost universal. The Grand Lodge of England, that has given away large sums for philanthropic purposes, has upwards of a thousand lodges under its protection. A large family claims the parentage of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Royal Order of Kilwinning. But Freemasonry is not confined to Great Britain. For a century and a half it has flourished in France, though discountenanced by Louis XV. and the clergy. There it now numbers upwards of 300 lodges. Freemasonry spread from England to Russia, where it was patronised by Catherine II., the Emperor Alexander having been 'a Free and Accepted Mason.' In America its ramifications are widespread. The 'grip of the hand' will give pass to the hearts of brother Masons in Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden. The iron hand of Russia has not crushed it out in Poland. The opposition of Governments, and even the ban of the Inquisition, have not been able to keep it out of Spain and Italy. In India, in the Colonies it flourishes. In fact, wherever else Freemasonry may be, it is sure to find genial soil in every clime and country in which Englishmen congregate; and in every such country, therefore, as well as at home or in the colonies, the British Freemason who may be in distress is sure of succour and relief. Whether Freemasonry is or is not founded on the 'practice of moral and social virtues,' its distinguishing feature is most unquestionably charity, and in its widest sense; and therefore its increasing prosperity among us as an Order is a matter of congratulation. The ceremony yesterday performed is the beginning of a work which the philanthropist may well bid 'God-speed.' "

The statue of the late Prince Consort, for the Albert Memorial Chapel at Windsor Castle, has arrived. It is of white marble, and has been executed by Baron Triqueti. It represents the Prince in full uniform, in a recumbent position. Angels support the head, and a favourite dog lies at the feet. The inscription is, "Albert, the Prince Consort, born August 26, 1819; died December 14, 1871; buried in the Royal Mausoleum, Frogmore. I have fought the good fight. I have finished my course." The statue has been placed on the sarcophagus for the Queen to view it.

Lord Carnarvon, on Tuesday, presided over a conference at the Albert Hall, with a view of promoting improvements in the silk manufacture. A resolution was passed recognizing the value of such discussions in connection with the series of annual international exhibitions which were inaugurated two years ago at South Kensington.

A BOON TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD.—Boots, with the celebrated wire-quilted soles, wearing twice as long as ordinary leather, for all ages; and children's boots with metallic tips, which never wear out at the toes, may be had at most shoe dealers. Insist on giving these a trial, and judge on their merits.

Original Correspondence.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I shall feel greatly obliged if you or any of your readers could inform me where I could procure the undermentioned works, by A. C. J. Arnold, L.L.D.

"The Modern Eleusinia."

"The Conspiracy."

"The Mystery."

I am under the impression that these are United States editions, but know nothing more.

Yours fraternally,

J. EDMONDS.

HERALDRY IN THE NEW ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In a printed paper, officially signed, I read that the cross to be worn on the mantles of members of this new Order is a "cross potence," and in a report of proceedings of the Convent General published, by authority, it is stated that the cross to be worn in the same manner is a "cross patent." Having but a small acquaintance with the science of heraldry, it nevertheless seemed to me that I had never heard of crosses of either description, and I have therefore searched some heraldic works in my library with the following result. I presume that no one can question the authorities to which I am about to refer—Gwillim (1638), Carter (1660), Bontell (1863), and Cussans (1869), are silent as to such crosses, the "Parfaite Science des Armoires" (1670) however mentions "croix potence, qui est faite à ses bouts en forme d'une potence ou de notre lettre T qui est le mesme que le Tau des anciens Hebricux." As I have been shown a cross on a mantle of a member of the new Order, which is stated to have been officially pointed out to the Convent General as a "cross potence," and the proper form of cross to be now worn, and as this bears no resemblance whatever to the letter T, it is evident that the "croix potence" is not that which is referred to under the name of "potence." What a "cross patent" can be, I am unable to conceive, unless it be so called in order to openly demonstrate the crass ignorance of the official from whom the report emanates.

The cross patée has been generally recognised as the badge of the Old Templars, and plenty of examples of it may be seen in the Temple Church in London. The "Parfaite Science des Armoires" describes this cross as having "les bouts de ses branches plus larges trois fois que leurs racines et vindées sur ses flancs par un trait d'ovale."

The Masonic Templars, on the contrary, have borne what was called a cross patée, but which was composed of four triangles with the points inwards.

I would suggest that the officials of the New Order of the Temple should not assume a pretension to the knowledge of a science which they do not possess, as they make the Order and its members, as well as themselves, ridiculous by doing so. I believe a distinguished member of the College of Heralds belongs to the new Order, and he would no doubt, with his accustomed courtesy, gladly advise these officials on any point of heraldry. In the meantime it would perhaps be more satisfactory if, instead of being perplexed by new-fangled heraldic terms invented by Sir P. Colquhoun, and which are not to be found elsewhere, the members of the Order were furnished with a description of the new cross, as well as with the reasons for its adoption.

I have been anxiously looking out for some notice of the new Order, and the alleged reasons for its creation, in the *London Gazette*, and can evidently no longer a Masonic Order of the Temple, for that Order has committed suicide, and until the Order of Colquhoun is duly gazetted, it has no status out of Freemasonry.

Yours, heraldically,

ARGENT AND AZURE.

P.S. It has been suggested to me that the new cross is a phallic emblem, which the authorities did not like to call by its right name, hence the shuffling between "patent" and "potence."

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I gather from a letter of Bro. E. Holmes, in your last issue, that Lord Eliot has retired from the Order of the Temple. I was present when our noble brother's name was mentioned as one of the recipients of the distinction of a Grand Cross; and I shall be glad to know whether it is that his Lordship has simply declined the Grand Cross, or absolutely resigned his connection with the Order. I think it must be a foregone conclusion to suppose that Lord Eliot has been influenced by any "Church organ" (instrumental or literary) in adopting any course he may have thought it right to pursue.

Yours fraternally,

C. C. W. G.

P.G. Expert of England.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am a member of the A. and A. Rite, and a Knight Templar: Sir Patrick Colquhoun also belongs to both orders.

I think that the letter bearing his signature, which appeared in your last issue, must be a forgery, as I cannot believe that a man whom I have always seen most courteous to those around him, can have been the author of such a scurrilous and ungentlemanly production.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. F. T.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Assuming the authenticity of the letter attributed to Sir P. Colquhoun, and published in your last week's issue, I wish to call the attention of your readers to the fact that we have here a plain and authoritative reply to the queries which I have been reiterating in your columns.

That reply is contained in these words, "The principle accepted, was, that the body is not, in itself, Masonic."

The old body was, undoubtedly, in principle, Masonic. Therefore, it follows that the new body differs, in essential principles, from the old one. Therefore, it further appears to me, that the O.B. taken to the old body cannot be claimed, as a matter of right, by the new one. Nay, more: even if we exercise our option, and consider ourselves as obligated to the non-Masonic Templars, there is nothing on earth to prevent us from owing allegiance, as well, to the supreme jurisdiction of any other body of Masonic Templars that we may consider to represent the original body to which we were obligated.

I respectfully invite the heads of the new body to consider this difficulty.

Yours fraternally,

P. H. NEWNHAM.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Whoever may be the author of the letter attributed to Sir P. Colquhoun, he has some notions which I cannot quite reconcile with Bro. Emma Holmes's theory of the "brotherhood of gentlemen."

He says, "As we profess to be a chivalric body, and cannot be so in the sense of the 11th and 12th centuries, let us be so according to the usages of the 19th century."

He then goes on to exemplify "the usages of the 19th century" by two paragraphs brimful of venomous spite and deliberate false statements.

Is this your "brotherhood of gentlemen," Brother Holmes?

POTANDER.

A DISTRESSING CASE

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am advised by several well-known Freemasons to state my case to you, in the hope that something may be done to enable me to support a sick husband and five helpless children.

My husband, who has been for many years a Freemason, has been afflicted with a severe illness, which has reduced us from comfort to

extreme poverty, his recovery was hopeless until last week, but he is now so weak that the doctors say it will be some months before he can do anything for his family. If I had a little means to place me in some small business I could support them until it pleased the Almighty God to restore him. I earnestly implore his brother Masons to assist me, and keep my helpless children from want.

My husband is at present in the Convalescent Hospital, Southport, where if he were able to remain a few months, the doctors think he might recover, but I have no means to pay for his keep there. I have received £5 from the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge, which is now expended.

References may be made and contributions thankfully received and acknowledged by the following gentlemen:—Bro. Chas. Chard, P.M. 907; Bro. H. J. Lewis, P.M. 907; Bro. J. Dennis P.M. 907; and by Bro. John Albert Farnfield, solicitor, No. 90, Lower Thames-street.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

ELIZABETH W.—

Reviews.

Samuel Plimsoll, Esq., M.P., "The Sailor's Friend," has issued a record of the draught of water of sea-going ships leaving ports in the United Kingdom, reported to the Board of Trade. It contains reports from May 8, 1872, to February 26, 1873, inclusive. It also contains the "Merchant Shipping Acts Amendment." The special features which distinguish this work are the tables, which show at a glance the name of vessel, port of sailing, port of registry, register tonnage, where noted, draught, depth of hold, destination, and general remarks. It consists of 160 pages, well printed on fine toned paper. We wish it a wide circulation. It is published by Virtue and Co., London.

"A descriptive notice on the Theatrical-historical religious Labarium, the Casanova Monumental Triptic," by the Cavaliere D. Casanova.

The writer has very ably described this piece of antiquity. The utmost pains has evidently been taken in the compilation of this book; its get-up is unexceptional, every point is explained in the highest possible degree. The name, form, and subject of the monument, has been got up with remarkable care and taste. We heartily recommend this little book, and trust it will be universally received. It can be procured through Turner and Go., Printers, Saint John's Gate Works, E.C.

We have received "Abstract of the Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, for the year 1872." Contents: Quarterly Grand communications for February 1, May 2, August 1, November 7, 1872; Annual Grand Communication, December 27, 1872; Appendix. In the discharge of their duty, the Committee quoted largely from all the subjects that came under their notice. They determined that they would give a chance to all to benefit themselves by presenting everything of interest they could find, and we are sure they had a mass of wisdom to draw from.

We have received "Index to Heirs-at-Law, Next-of-Kin, Legatees, Missing Friends, Encumbrances, and Creditors or their Representatives in Chancery suits, who have been advertised for during the last 150 years." It contains upwards of 50,000 names relating to vast sums of unclaimed money. It is arranged by Robert Chambers, 90, Stockwell Park-road, S.W. This Index will be found of great value to solicitors, and others, in prosecuting inquiries respecting unclaimed money.

We have just received Part II. of "The People's History of Cleveland," by G. M. Tweddell. This part contains poetry on "The Banks of the Leven"; an excellent paper on geology; the fossils of the Yorkshire hills, with a systematic catalogue of the fossils; the agriculture of the district, &c. Its pages are profusely and splendidly illustrated with plates and wood engravings, and no expense is spared to render the work one of beauty, as well as of

general utility. It is announced to be completed in 32 parts at 6d.

"A catalogue of works on Freemasonry from Spencer's Masonic Depot," contains a list with prices of rare and interesting works, many of them not elsewhere obtainable.

Directory for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, Royal Cornwall Gazette Office, Truro.

This little book, edited by Bro. Wm. James Hughan, P.M. 131, Past Prov. Grand Secretary, is in its third year of publication. On page 3, we have the names of the Prov. Grand Masters of Cornwall, when appointed, and number of lodges then in existence. Page 4, names of Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall. Page 6 gives the Annual Meetings and Festivals of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall from A.D. 1863. It gives the name of town, date, and number of lodges represented. Further on, we have a list of the lodges in the Province, number, date of constitution, days of meeting, and towns in which the lodges are held. From page 10 to 32 we have the Past and Present Officers, and other members of the Provincial Lodge, which will be found very useful for reference, also the names of gentlemen who possess votes for the London Masonic Charities. The last two pages show an analysis of returns from 1869 to 1872. These pages will, at first sight, show the number of lodges, place of meeting, initiations, joining members, Past Masters, and total members. This book is well worthy of notice, it is carefully compiled, and will be found deeply interesting to all Masonic brethren. We heartily wish it a wide circulation.

The Oxford and Cambridge Masonic Almanack for 1873.

This valuable little book is the most attractive and charming we ever saw. It contains a calendar for each day throughout the year. The special features which distinguish this calendar from all others is—the reader is enabled by glancing down the days of each week to learn the exact dates on which the various Masonic bodies in the provinces of Oxfordshire and Cambridge-shire are held. It also contains lists of lodges, chapters, &c., together with the names of principal officers.

It consists of 46 pages of printed matter, executed in a highly finished style, and can be placed in the pocket without the least inconvenience. We cordially recommend all Masons to procure this excellent book. The price is 1s. 6d., and can be had through Bro. E. W. Morris, Shoe Lane, Oxford.

THE EXCURSION OF AMERICAN MASONS TO EUROPE.

This Masonic party sailed from New York, on Wednesday, June 4, and arrived in Queens-town a few days ago. Mr. Thomas Cook, accompanied by Mr. Cates, proceeded to Cork and Queenstown, on the 12th inst., to meet the Masonic brethren. The party will proceed from Cork to Killarney, and after spending a few days in the Lake District, will go to Dublin, and and from thence to the North of Ireland to visit the Giant's Causeway, Belfast, &c. At Dublin, if not sooner, Mr. Cook expects to be relieved by Mr. Alexander Howard, of Beyrout, who is engaged to accompany the Masonic brethren to Scotland, through England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Vienna, Germany, Holland, Belgium, &c., a tour of about 100 days. It is hoped that arrangements will be made for Mr. Alexander Howard to continue with the Masonic brethren to the end of their tour, and then to accompany them to America in connection with an English party for a tour to the United States, and round the world, leaving London as early as possible in September, so as to leave San Francisco not later than the 15th of October, and thus gain an extra fortnight in Japan and China, and get to Egypt by the beginning of February, in readiness for the Palestine work of the spring. Altogether it will be a magnificent excursion. There are in the party some ten ladies and about thirty gentlemen.

The Masons in Glasgow intend to give their transatlantic brethren, and the ladies who accom-

pany them, a hearty reception. A soirée, concert, and assemblage, under the patronage of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, will be held in the City Hall, on the 27th inst., when it is hoped a large number of our brethren and their friends will be present to do honour to the distinguished visitors.

SURREY MASONIC HALL COMPANY (LIMITED).

We are glad to report that the Directors of this Company, at their meeting on Wednesday, the 11th inst., unanimously resolved to instruct the architect, Bro. John Thomas, to prepare specifications of the plans adopted for the Hall and Masonic rooms, also to invite tenders from several eminent builders who are members of the Craft. The directors have determined energetically to carry the building forward and we trust they will receive from the Surrey Masons the support they deserve.

We are enabled to contradict a notice that appeared in a weekly contemporary, in its Masonic intelligence, "that shareholders only would be admitted to the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone" such a resolution has not yet been considered by the Directors, but merely the propriety of making the ceremony as grand as possible, and soliciting a very exalted and distinguished brother to take part in it. Should such be the case, it may become necessary to restrict the attendance of other than shareholders and eminent members of the Craft, or little room would be left for those who unquestionably should first be considered, as we do not doubt it would bring together such a gathering of Masons, such as never yet has been seen on the Surrey-side of London. We are also glad to notice that Bro. Edwin Sillifant, Public Accountant has been appointed Auditor to the company.

MASONIC HALL AT DERBY.

The Marquis of Hartington, Right Worshipful Master and Provincial Grand Master of the Freemasons of Derbyshire, laid the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall here on Wednesday. The brethren, who assembled in great numbers, met at the Assembly-rooms about one o'clock, and, subsequently, headed by the band of the yeomanry cavalry walked in procession to the site. Prayer having been offered and the usual preliminaries observed, the stone was lowered. The Marquis then addressed the spectators according to ancient custom as follows: "Men, women, and children here assembled to-day, to behold this ceremony know all of you that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and established of old with peace and honour, in most countries to do good to our brethren, to erect magnificent structures, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have amongst us, concealed from the eye of all men, secrets which cannot be divulged; but these secrets are lawful and honourable and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to the Masons of ancient times, and have been faithfully transmitted to us, and it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have been honoured with the patronage of so many of the illustrious in all ages who have ever shown themselves eager to promote our interests and to defend us against all adversaries. We are assembled here to-day in the presence of you all to assist in laying in ancient form the foundation stone of this Masonic Hall, which we pray Him to prosper for the promotion of godliness, harmony, and brotherly love till time shall be no more." The procession reformed, and returned by the same route. A banquet subsequently took place.

At the annual meeting of the Palestine Exploration Fund, which was held on Tuesday, both the Archbishop of York and the Dean of Westminster earnestly spoke of the importance of continuing the work of research which has been carried on under the auspices of this organization.

Masonic Tidings.

On Saturday last, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street the staff of Messrs. Burgoyne, Burbidges, and Co., gave a complimentary dinner to Bro. J. G. Attwood, on his entering upon a new venture which will take him out of this country for a short period. Covers were laid for thirty guests.

Mr. Walter Beard, son of Bro. Thomas Beard, C.C., has this week been admitted an attorney-at-law and solicitor, and will join his father in partnership.

The funeral of the late Bro. J. N. Garrod took place (privately) on Tuesday, at Willesden cemetery.

Bro. John B. Monckton has announced his candidature for the office of Town Clerk of the City of London.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY AT BIRKENHEAD.—After several years of considerable depression, the prospects of the Royal Arch Degree in Freemasonry again look brighter at Birkenhead, "the City of the Future," and there now seems abundant reason to anticipate that the exalted degree will once more regain the high position and popularity to which it is well entitled. To Comp. E. G. Willoughby and Comp. Edward Harbord belong the lion's share of the honour of the restoration of the Chapter of Fidelity, No. 477, to Birkenhead, a work in which they were materially helped by Comps. H. Bulley, W. Bulley, J. P. Platt, T. Platt, and F. K. Stevenson, of the Lion Chapter, No. 587, each of whom spared neither body nor brains to aid in the excellent work, which has already borne excellent fruit. To a large extent, the Chapter of Fidelity has had reason to feel its obligations to Comp. F. K. Stevenson, and as a mark of their esteem and gratitude the companions have resolved to present him with a splendid drawing-room timepiece, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented by the Chapter of Fidelity, 477, to Comp. Frederick K. Stevenson, P.Z., in recognition of his valuable services, and of his worth as a Mason, June, 1873. A.L. 5873. E. Harbord, Z.; J. H. Johnstone, H.; S. Jones, J.; T. Dixon, S.E.; A. Samuels, S.N.; D. Fraser, P.S.; Wm. M. Asher, Treasurer." We may add, as showing the interest taken by the members in the welfare of this Chapter, that there has been presented to it a marble altar, of excellent workmanship. The altar is of pure marble, and bears the following inscription:—"Presented by Comp. Donald Fraser, to the Chapter of Fidelity, 477, Birkenhead, June, 1873. The altar is the joint production of Mr. Henry Tabiner, Price-street, and Mr. Dixon, marble mason, Conway-street, and will be on view for a few days at the rooms of the latter. The Provincial Grand Chapter of Cheshire under the auspices of the Right Hon. the Lord De Tabley, Right Worshipful P. G. Supt., will meet for the first time at Birkenhead in October next, and it is hoped that the Chapter of Fidelity, as the oldest chapter in the district, will, with the assistance of its juniors, take all the necessary steps to render the meeting as great a success as its importance demands.

MASONIC BALL AT OXFORD.—On Monday evening, June, 16th, a grand Masonic ball took place at the city buildings. It was also expected that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who had honoured the craft by the acceptance of the office of W.M. of the Apollo Lodge, would be present for the purpose of installation. On Wednesday the Masonic body held their annual fête in the beautiful gardens of St. John's College.

A concert and reading will be given at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 26th inst., in aid of the schools of St. John the Evangelist, Grove-road, E., of which Bro. the Rev. J. M. Vaughan is the incumbent. The concert will be under the patronage of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and sheriffs, and Lord Skelmersdale, Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire; and other distinguished brethren have added the prestige of their names in support of the undertaking. Miss Edith Wynne, and other eminent artistes are engaged.

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All Communications, Advertisements, &c., intended for insertion in the Number of the following Saturday, must reach the Office not later than 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening.

Answers to Correspondents.

W: M. F.—We cannot give you the information asked. The following Communications stand over:—Report of Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Somersetshire.

LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &c.

Week ending June 28.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee Bro. E. Saker. Dramatic Performances.

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee Bro. H. Leslie. Arrah na Pogue.

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee Mr. Sefton Parry. Mr. Byron's new drama, "Chained to the Oar."

THEATRE ROYAL, Williamson-square.—Lessee, Bro. De Freece. Burlesque of "The Forty Thieves," "The Sylphide," and Miscellaneous Entertainment.

ST. JAMES'S HALL, Lime-street.—Proprietor, Bro. S. Hague. Special Artistes and Programme.

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ROYAL CIRQUE.—William Brown-st.—Equestrian and other Performances.

NEWSOME'S CIRCUS, Whitechapel.—Scenes of the Circle and other Entertainments.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1873.

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL.

The Freemasons of Gloucester have done a noble work, of which they may well be proud, and we can only say we hope ere long to see the fruits in the greater estimation in which our noble Craft shall be held by the outer world who are not Masons.

In these days of utilitarianism, people are constantly asking what is the use of Freemasonry, and it is no secret that we are charged with atheism, with a selfish disregard of others' welfare, and an ostentatious display of the charity which begins at home. It is true that you have noble institutions for the education of your youth, and for the succour of the aged and distressed amongst you; but then many great public bodies with not half your pretensions do as much for their kith and kin—say they. In business relations it is often found that you favour your own brethren in preference to strangers, and whilst in some provinces you make a public acknowledgement of the Most High by attending annually some temple raised

to him; in many places the Freemasons never, as such, attend a place of Divine Worship from one year's end to another. This being so, how can you be surprised if, in the opinion of many people, you are looked upon as little better than infidels? We have often heard such remarks made, and often thought there was a great deal of truth in them.

Our Gloucester brethren have set us a worthy example in presenting the noble reredos to their beautiful cathedral, and the ceremonial of Thursday, the 5th, will live in the minds of thousands as one of the most impressive and most honourable to the disciples of the Royal Art, which has taken place of late years.

The West Country Masons have in truth set an example to the Craft generally, which might be followed with advantage; and if in this era of Church restoration, and the revival of architecture our wealthy brethren would lead the van, and, in their Masonic capacity, aid the erection and rebuilding of those historic fanes, which were the glory of the travelling Freemasons of the middle ages, much of the jealousy and suspicion with which we are viewed by the great mass of our fellow countrymen would be removed, and an answer would be given to the oft-repeated query, what is the good of Freemasonry?

Our contemporary, the *Gloucester Chronicle*, in speaking of the restoration of the Cathedral, gives the following succinct account of its history:—

No unimportant part of the history of the county for the last twelve centuries may be found written in stone in the columns and walls of this noble edifice. Wulphere, king of Mercia, an idolator converted to Christianity, is said to have planned the first "house of religion" erected in Gloucester. The foundation of this edifice is stated to have been laid in 672. Three years later Wulphere died, and the completion of the work which he had begun was carried out by Osric, King of Northumberland; and seven years after Wulphere's death the monastery was dedicated to St. Peter. In 729 Osric found his last resting-place within the walls of the church; he was buried before the altar of St. Petronille; his effigy, crowned, and holding in his hand the model of his church, now lies in a stately chapel on the north side of the choir. Kyneburgh, sister of Osric and Oswald, was the first abbess; Edburga, the second; and Eva, who died in 767, the third and last. The three abbesses, it is said, all were, or had been, Queens of Mercia. For half a century the monastery was desolate. But in 821, Bernulph, King of Mercia, restored it for the reception of secular canons. About a century and a half later these priests were ejected by Canute, and the Benedictines, the energetic pioneers of the arts and civilisation, took possession. The edifice, which had been restored by Bernulph, having been destroyed by fire, in 1058, a new minster, built by Aldred, Bishop of Worcester, whose see included the county of Gloucester, was consecrated. Fourteen years later William the Conqueror kept Christmas in Gloucester. At that time there were only two monks of age, and eight scholars, in the abbey; thirty years later the fraternity had

grown to one hundred members. Again fire raged; the monastery was destroyed; and next, in 1100, a church, which Abbot Serlo had raised, and a great part of which remains, was dedicated. Robert Curthose was buried here in 1134; his effigy, one of the most interesting features of the Cathedral, was placed before the high altar. Centuries later this memorial was broken in pieces by Puritan zealots, but the fragments were collected by Sir Humphrey Tracy, of Stanway, and kept until the Restoration, when the effigy was again put together and deposited in the chapel of the Holy Apostles, where it now rests, but is about to be restored to its ancient position before the altar. The material is Irish oak. The face is good, the figure noble and expressive it is arrayed in a short hose, ancient breeches and stockings united, from which Robert got his surname of Curthose. The arms on the base of the tomb are the arms of Edward the Confessor, the ancestor of Robert, and those of France and England as quartered after the reign of Henry IV. About 1320 Edward the Second visited the monastery, and was entertained with regal honours. Sitting in the Abbot's Hall, and looking at the pictures of his Royal predecessors, the king enquired whether his picture was among them. Abbot Thokey—in a prophetic spirit, as was afterwards said—replied that he hoped to have his Sovereign in a more honourable place than in that hall. And so it proved; for after the murder of the king in 1327, when the cowardly ecclesiastics of Bristol, Keynham, and Malmesbury refused to receive the body, Thokey brought it from Berkely Castle to Gloucester, and it was interred with great solemnity near the high altar. Some of the events connected with the king's murder and funeral are pictured in luminous glass in one of the windows of the south aisle. Stimulated by filial piety, Edward the Third and his Queen made pilgrimages to the tomb of the martyr, and presented grateful offerings for the enrichment of the monastery over which Thokey so worthily presided. On the east of the south transept is St. Andrew's Chapel, which has recently been so gloriously decorated by the pencil and from the designs of Mr. Gambier Parry, as a memorial to Mrs. Marling. In 1378, Richard the Second held a Parliament here, and monarch and court were lodged in the Abbey. A year or two afterwards the Great Cloisters—the earliest and the most gorgeous specimens of fan-tracery in the world—were built. To Thomas Sebrok, appointed abbot in 1450, we owe the tower, which is unsurpassed for its elegance and lightness. About 1460 the erection of the Lady Chapel—one of the most beautiful parts of the fabric—was commenced. Eighty years later, in 1540, the Abbey was surrendered by Gabriel Moreton, the last prior, who was awarded the dignified pension of £20. At the surrender the revenues amounted to nearly £2000 per annum.

The Abbey, beautified by the offerings of the pilgrims to the shrine of Edward, was at that time probably at the zenith of its architectural glory. It is said that when it was converted into a Cathedral it had the good fortune to be so entirely preserved that no conventual church in the kingdom, excepting that of Westminster, had escaped so well. Towards the close of the

sixteenth century, however, it had become much dilapidated, and when the famous Laud was appointed dean, in 1616, there was scarcely a church in England so much in decay. Laud soon procured an Act of Chapter, by which what appears now to be the insignificant sum of £60 a year was voted for the maintenance of the fabric. During the civil war the stately tower formed a fine target for the artillerists of the besiegers, who pounded away at it, and the church of St. Mary de Crypt, and the other prominent objects within the walls. Fortunately no Sir William Armstrong had arisen in those days, for, primitive as were the weapons of the King's forces, it is certain that they managed to hit the Cathedral, cannon balls having recently been found embedded in the exterior walls. But the Cathedral only escaped one peril to be menaced by another, as during the Commonwealth it was "in danger of total destruction from the plots and contrivances of persons who, "as one of the local historians tells us," agreed amongst themselves for their several proportions of the plunder expected out of it." Some two hundred years ago Mr. Dorney, whose name figures conspicuously in the history of the period, urged the authorities to join shoulders to "hold up the stately fabric of the College Church, the great ornament of the city, which some do say is now in danger of falling," and in 1657 the church was "granted to the Mayor and burgesses, at their own request, and Oliver Cromwell, under his broad seal, gave them an exemplification of it." Years of neglect, relieved only by spasmodic and ill-considered means of restoration, followed; works of Art in painting, glass, and sculpture, were beaten into fragments, or buried in limewash, wall, columns and floor were allowed to decay, or were ruthlessly destroyed. Ken, the designer of the present organ-screen, suggested to Bishop Benson that the decay-defying Norman pillars of the nave should be channeled and fluted, and it was only the discovery that the interior of the columns consisted of rubble that prevented the attempting of this "improvement." The duty of reparation has thus been thrown upon the present authorities, who have so far carried it out in a noble spirit.

To us Masons Gloucester is especially interesting as containing some curious specimens of Masonic Marks, which if we remember rightly, are to be found upon the Norman pillars in the nave, and also the sculptured Masons' Square, discovered we believe by Bro. the Rev. G. Roberts sometime since, and of which a description was given in the *Freemasons' Magazine* at that time. To Mark Masons these writings on stone are of great interest and significance, and some have gone so far as to assert, that in course of time we may discover through them, much of the ancient science of symbolism. Certain we are that many of these marks, as for instance at Gloucester, are in places widely remote exactly similar, and this points at once to a great solidarity in the universal mystery of Masonry.

The Masons of Bristol restored sometime since the Lady Chapel of St. Mary Redcliffe, the noblest parish church in the three kingdoms.

The Masons of Bath have helped largely in the restoration of their beautiful Abbey. The Masons of Worcester recently gave a magnificent

window to adorn that noble edifice; but what have we done in London, and what have the Masons in the wealthy and prosperous provinces of the north done towards expounding the principles of wisdom, strength, and beauty?

To our shame we say nothing, absolutely nothing! The Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral is greatly in need of funds to complete the work commenced by our Grand Master, Sir Christopher Wren, yet Grand Lodge gives nothing towards so noble an object.

Our late revered Grand Master dies in the fulness of years and full of honours, and what more natural than that the brethren of his own great province in Yorkshire should desire that some rich memorial window in their noble Minster should testify to the glory of God, and to his memory. Yet no step seems to have been made, no suggestion offered to connect the names of the Grand Master of Freemasons of England with those edifices which were reared by the piety of our ancestors, and which testify to-day to the greatness of their skill, and which we to-day emulate in vain.

To our metropolitan and northern brethren we say learn the lesson taught by the Masons of Gloucester, and "go do thou likewise."

CONSECRATION OF THE PERCY LODGE (No. 1427) AT NEWCASTLE.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., there was a great gathering of Freemasons in Newcastle, upon the occasion of the consecration of a new lodge, called the "Percy, 1427," on the roll of lodges of England and Wales, which took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, in this town, by the Right Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for the county of Northumberland, assisted by J. S. Challoner, Esq., Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden, in the absence of L. M. Cockcroft, Esq., Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The ceremony of consecration took place at three o'clock in the afternoon, and was most ably performed by the Provincial Grand Master, who delivered an excellent address upon the occasion, in which, amongst other things, he pointed out the right principle upon which their friends should be induced to become Masons.

After the consecration, the Provincial Grand Master installed Bro. John Hooper as the first Master of the lodge.

The Master then invested his officers as follows:—J. H. Bentham, Senior Warden; Shaftoe Robson, Junior Warden; B. J. Thompson, Treasurer; J. Nicholson, Senior Deacon; J. R. Young, Junior Deacon; H. Nothwanger, Inner Guard.

The lodge was very fully attended upon the occasion, about 150 Masons being present; and upon the dais were several distinguished brethren, amongst them being—Bros. W. Foulsham, P.P.G.R.; Geo. Thompson, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Anderson, P.G.S.W.; Straker Wilson, P.G. J.W.; R. Smaile, P.P.G.R.; J. M. Ridsdale, P.G. J.D.; E. D. Davis, P.G.D.C.; H. Hotham, P.G.S.W.; Rev. W. Greenwell, P.P.G.C.; Rev. E. Marrett, P.P.G.C.; Thos. Robinson, P.P.G.D., and others.

The building in which the ceremony took place is one of the finest Masonic halls in Great Britain. At the entrance is a vestibule, the basement of the walls of which is decorated with encaustic tiles of a beautiful and appropriate design. Proceeding inwards, to the right is a lavatory, and to the left the Tyler's room, with tile work of a similar description, and with oak furniture corresponding with the entire suite of the hall. The adjoining room, in which candidates for the Masonic mysteries are prepared, is a beautiful apartment, suitably furnished, and on the same floor is the private room of the Provincial Grand Master, furnished with every requisite to domestic comfort. On the

same floor is the Grand Lodge room, which is a most magnificent apartment, though it presented yesterday a sombre appearance, in consequence of being draped in black "in memoriam" of the late Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, the late Past Grand Master of England. Notwithstanding this drawback, however, the appearance of the hall was that of splendour and magnificence, to which the grand emblems and jewels of the provincial officers, and the artistic stained glass window of the hall itself contributed not a little. Every care had been bestowed in order to do honour to Earl Percy, on this his first visit to Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Immediately above his throne was placed his crest, which was beautifully illuminated; and his Lordship sat behind a pedestal which he had himself presented to the hall on its inauguration. It is an unique piece of carving, and worthy of the donor. The chair in which he sat was presented by B. J. Thompson, Esq.; and at the right of his Worship was a chair presented by the late Earl of Zetland: the whole of the beautiful carved oak chairs on the dais had been presented to the hall by honourable members of the Craft. On the floor of the hall, to the right and left of the dais, are two superbly carved oak desks, one the gift of Major Joicey, and the other the gift of J. H. Thompson, Esq. Immediately in front of the Master's pedestal is a superbly carved oak reading-desk. In the centre of the room, on the left, looking west, is the Junior Warden's pedestal, presented by George Elliott, Esq., M.P. for North Durham, and on the opposite side of the hall is the Senior Warden's pedestal, presented by the Right Hon. the Earl of Durham. Each piece of furniture is emblazoned with the Masonic emblems and the coats of arms of the donor. The very elaborate mantelpiece was designed and presented by John Johnson, Esq., the architect of the building. The illuminated stained-glass window is the only instance of the kind that has been attempted in this country: it was presented by George Thompson, Esq., as the result of his own subscription and that of friends. On the north end of the dais is a fine portrait in oil of the late Sir Wm. Lorraine; and on the south is a portrait, also in oil, of the late Earl of Durham. A portrait of St. Peter, patron saint of the lodge, is esteemed a great work of art. In the centre compartment of the south wall, are copies of the late Duke of Cambridge's three tracing boards. Immediately opposite these is a handsome time-piece, presented by Bro. Ralph Thompson, of the Royal Arcade. At the west end are two finely proportioned pillars in the Ionic and Doric styles, surrounded by the celestial and terrestrial globes. A kneeling stool and rest, in carved oak, is a new feature in Masonic lodges. The three candlesticks have a somewhat curious history. They were consecrated by the present Pope of Rome for use in a Roman Catholic chapel in this country, and were purchased by the late Bro. Fenwick, by whom they were presented to St. Peter's lodge.

Several other gentlemen have made handsome donations, amongst them being Bros. Wright, Wilson, W. Smith, J. S. Wilson, Laycock, and Straker. The hall is surrounded by a dado, above which are the crests, most beautifully emblazoned, of the Knights Templar. Above them are the warrants of the different lodges and encampments, together with the various Masonic representations connected with St. Peter's and the Northern Counties' Lodges. The coronas and brackets are in the cathedral style, and of a most elaborate description. At each of the three pedestals is a splendid oak candlestick. The side elevations and fixed seats are covered with crimson to correspond with the dais, and the floor is covered with a handsome carpet. The officers' collars and jewels, the square and compasses for Bible, and the floor-cloth were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning. On the second floor is a grand club-room, which is decorated with Masonic emblems, and a peculiar portrait of an ancient Tyler.

After the ceremony of consecration, a banquet took place in the banqueting hall, and was presided over by the Worshipful Master, John Hopper, of the Percy Lodge, about sixty members being present. Bro. Challoner proposed "Success to the New Lodge," coupled with the health

of the Worshipful Master, who responded. Bro. Foulsham proposed "The Health of Bro. E. D. Davis, who had done so much for Masonry in the province. The toast was most cordially received, and very ably and feelingly responded to. Many other toasts were proposed and songs sung, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

UNVEILING THE REREDOS IN GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL.

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Literature, and taste, and art, and philosophy, and science may enrich the intellect. They may wield an almost magic sway over the minds of men; but they will not sanctify the heart, nor change the natural disposition. The greatest extent of knowledge will not cleanse that moral corruption, or clear away that spiritual darkness which debases the soul of every man born into the world, for these attainments are no foundation on which to build for eternity "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." From the building of Solomon's Temple, its wondrous architecture, its magnificent structure, we are led to the foundation stone of the spiritual Temple—Jesus Christ, himself of that true union which the Gospel produces, and which the Lord so earnestly desired on our behalf, even the one commandment that we "love one another as He hath loved us;" to that bright and morning star, whose rising brings health and salvation to mankind, and light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Yes, Christ is set before us as the foundation-stone, the corner-stone, the top-stone, of our Masonic structure. We are taken to look to Jesus as the captain of our salvation; to look for Him as our incarnate God and Saviour; to look to him as Christ our Prophet, Christ our Priest, and Christ our King—our Prophet, to teach and guide us into all truth, our Priest, to make intercession for us—and our King to rule over us, by bringing every thought of our minds and every desire of our hearts into captivity to his sacred vow, so that we may be enabled to crucify the flesh, to follow it boldly, to fight manfully the good fight of faith, and to continue his faithful soldiers and servants unto our life's end. Such is Freemasonry, its principles, and its teachings. And now to speak with more immediate reference to the day's proceedings. We are well informed from Holy Writ that the building of Solomon's Temple was a most important epoch in the history of our order. From it we derive many mysteries of our Art and many valuable forms of instruction. When he succeeded to the throne we know with what magnificence he carried out the plans of his father David, making the Temple the most beautiful building in the whole world. It was a testimony to the majesty and glory of Jehovah, the God of Israel. As it was with the Temple in the days of old, so it is with the churches of the present day. Like Solomon, we all desire that decency and order and material beauty should pervade every part. We would have no stint of anything that would make the sacred edifice more fit for the worship of the Lord God. We would give the best we are able, to ornament, in architecture, in music, and in singing; then let us remember that all these things—all outward material ornament and decoration, and all forms of worship—are nothing when compared with the inward adornment of our heart and true sanctification of the soul. These are far more beautiful in His sight than all the triumphs of the sculptor's art, and all the colours of the rainbow upon the walls and windows of the material edifice. Without them every other apparent good is but an empty show. The heart of the true Christian is the abode in which God delights to dwell. To cause human souls to become the dwelling place is one principal use of the Church material. By the word preached within its walls is unfolded and displayed the great story of the Cross on which the Prince of Glory died. By it is infused into the minds of the people the love of Christ. They are made to know the power of His death and resurrection. This is the work of human preaching with the power of the Holy Ghost

sent down from heaven, and in proportion as the hearts and minds of the worshippers are enlightened by the word, will the offerings of prayer and praise, and the eucharistic ministrations, in front of that consecrated structure which has been unveiled to day, become more devout and acceptable in the sight of God. Let us rejoice heartily that the material house—this palace of the Lord God—has been thus so greatly beautified. Let us pray God to make it a spiritual house—a house of living stones, that the inner palace may also grow up under the teaching of the Holy Ghost the Comforter. May He find it, both now and at all times, a most fitting abode for His most blessed presence in the midst of those who worship here; and may God's holy word and sacraments be ever ministered here with comfort and power, and life to many. And may it please God that all who have assembled within these walls this day, to take part in this solemn ceremony and service may return home with their hearts warmed for His glory. Many of us, who are ordinarily separated by a long day's journey, and who are personally strangers to one another, are come together on this day into one house—the house of God, and have uttered together common words—words of prayer and words of praise. Surely it must be a glad and a holy day which speaks to us, amidst our many divisions of agreement, unity, and concord—which brings us all to the same place, and puts into our mouths the same songs, telling us that we are members one of another, members of the Lord's body, that we being many are one body in Christ, and every one members of one another. May we return home comforted in our hearts and refreshed in our spirits by the participations we have enjoyed. Let us be encouraged and thankful to work on still in the work which God has given us to do, "building up ourselves and others in the faith and fear of God," "upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief corner-stone, into which all the building fitly framed together, groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord." May all of us who are here at present form part of that "building of God, that house not made with hands," wherein is all our hope of rest and happiness and blessing. We may be called upon to endure trials and afflictions; but let us remember how it is that the stone is shaped before it is fitted for the builder's use—

"Every stone by blows is squar'd
By the hammer rude prepar'd."

May we be built up in the walls of the heavenly Jerusalem, and there abide for ever. Let us implore the Lord God with our most earnest prayers that he would build us up on the most sure and precious foundation of Jesus Christ and him crucified; and now let us part with heartfelt supplication for the Divine blessing on the work of this day, and once more repeat the sacred strain, "Let the beauty of the Lord be upon it; establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea the work of our hands, establish Thou it."

The Bishop then pronounced the Benediction, and Dr. Wesley played a voluntary as the congregation left the building. The Freemasons, headed by the Provincial Grand Master, returned in procession to the chapter-room, where the presentations to the Dean and Chapter of the illuminated volume containing the list of subscribers, previously described, was made. The cathedral choir was especially strengthened for the occasion. From Bristol there were three choristers, and Messrs. Franc and B. Gay, altos, G. Gay, tenor, and Merrick, Bass; from Cirencester, Mr. Green, tenor; from Hereford, Mr. Lambert, one of the vicars choral; and from Worcester three choristers, and Mr. Smith, tenor, and the Rev. Precentor Hays.

The following is a list of the clergy present at the ceremony:—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Very Rev. the Dean, Revs. Sir John Seymour, Canon Lysons, Canon Evans, Canon Powell, J. Vamburgh Law, rector of Christian Malford; W. Baltour, H. C. Minchin, J. Nisbet, J. Vaughan Payne, J. Emcris, H. Fowler, W. B. Stanford, H. C. Naylor, T. W. Hardy, St. James; W. H. Girdlestone, St. Marks; C. Y. Crawley, vicar of Faynton; F. T. J. Bayly, Brookthorpe; A. Williams, rector of Icomb; George Roberts.

THE BANQUET.

At six o'clock the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, and other distinguished guests, were entertained in the Assembly Room of the Bell Hotel, at the joint invitation of the Royal Gloucestershire and Royal Lebanon lodges, which are both held in this city: The banquet, which was thoroughly worthy of the occasion, was attended by nearly 150 brethren. P.M. Bro. T. Taynton presided in a very able manner, introducing the various toasts in language peculiarly graceful and well-chosen. Sitting at the raised table with him were Lord Sherborne, Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, and Bro. G. F. Newmarch, his deputy; the Rev. J. Bowles, D.D., L.L.D., Provincial Grand Master of Herefordshire, and Bro. H. R. Luckes his deputy; Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart, M.P.; Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain; Bro. the Rev. George Roberts; Bro. E. W. Trinder, P.G. Sec.; Bro. T. G. Palmer, P.G., Treas.; Bro. Riach, (Magdalen College, Oxford), P.G.S. of Oxfordshire; Bro. E. G. Woodward, P.G. Organist. The vice-chairs were occupied by the Masters of the two Gloucester Lodges, who jointly arranged the banquet, namely, Bro. Cooke W.M. of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, and Bro. Worsley, W.M. of the Royal Lebanon Lodge. The following brethren were also present. Royal Gloucestershire Lodge:—Edward Trimmer, E. L. Kendall, W. H. Gwinnett, John Bryan, A. S. Helps, R. Moffatt, T. Nelson Foster, A. Slead, E. Tew-Smith, H. W. Bruton, W. Knowles. R. Hindewerk, A. Buchanan, Jas. Bruton, J. Campbell, F. W. Jones, W. Nickes, H. W. Hall, J. Castree, H. Bruton, H. Thomas. W. O. Watts, A. C. Wheeler, R. W. White, G. Hunt, T. Nicholas, T. H. Chance, T. Commeline, J. L. Bretherton, J. Lovegrove, B. Bonner, J. Whitcombe, A. Booth, J. D. T. Niblett, Redfern, Ashbee. Royal Lebanon Lodge:—H. Jeffs, T. Holmes, F. W. Fisher, T. J. Pooley, T. Alger, E. Niblett, J. A. Hopkins, W. B. Stocker, E. S. Josephs, G. C. Buchanan, J. Poytress, W. Waites, G. Peters, A. V. Hatton, G. Prowse, Jas. Davies, W. E. Pope, J. W. Jeens, O. B. Jeens, T. H. Rumsey, T. Powell, H. Carrington, E. Berry, &c. Among the visiting brethren were R. J. Brooks and others from Stow-on-the-Wold; J. A. Lloyd, Oxford University; Rev. H. B. Johnson, Cambridge University; James Shilcock, P.P.J.G.W. of Hertfordshire; J. Vizard and the Rev. G. A. M. Little, Dursley; J. Balcomb, Cheltenham; R. Ellett, Cirencester; H. D. Martin, Cheltenham; S. N. Dimpleby, Malvern; J. Gimblett, H. M. James, A. Gould, M. F. Carter, J. H. Greenham, T. Cadle, and S. W. Woods, of the Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, No. 1067; E. C. Lewell, Cirencester; W. P. Want and G. Ayliffe, Dursley; Forth, Bain, Ricketts, Haselton, and Robertson, Cheltenham; F. Moore, Tewkesbury; E. H. Edgell, Tewkesbury; E. T. Inskipp, D.P.G.M. Bristol; W. F. Barnard, Notcliff; F. Dowle, G. J. Atkins, and James Greenfield, Forth, J. B. Winterbotham and L. Winterbotham, Cheltenham; E. Cripps, Cirencester; Bryant, Cheltenham; W. F. Brown, Lovibond, Bubb, Montague, James, Cribb, Williams, Holmes, (Suffolk) &c. The above list is imperfect, but as near complete as we have been able to make it.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Bowles said grace before and after meat.

The first toasts given from the chair were "The Queen and the Craft," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," who is Honorary Past Master of Grand Lodge, and "The M.W. the Grand Master, the Marquess of Ripon; the R.W. the D.G. Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; and the other Grand Officers, Past and Present." Allusion was made to the loss sustained by Masonry in the death of the late Earl of Zetland, for whom the Craft are now in mourning. Bro. Sir M. H. Beach, Past Senior Warden, and Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain, responded for Grand Lodge.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Bowles, Provincial Grand Master of Herefordshire, who spoke with painful effort, said:—I could have wished the honour of proposing the health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Sherborne, had been confided to other hands

than mine, for I am year-worn and old, and am but now slowly recovering from a long and most depressing illness, which has left me both physically and mentally unable to do justice to this toast. But I will take comfort from the reflection that as good wine needs no bush, neither does this toast need any commendation; it speaks from the heart to the heart, and will I am sure, be drunk with all the enthusiasm it pre-eminently merits. (Applause.) Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, permit me before I sit down, to offer my most unfeigned and hearty congratulations both to your lordship and to the other Freemasons of Gloucestershire, upon the brilliant termination of the interesting ceremonial of this auspicious day—a day which will leave an enduring memorial behind it long after we have passed away, and will testify to future generations that although you are no longer practical Freemasons, you still evince your reverence for the things your fathers revered, and which their fathers revered in the old time before them. (Applause.) It was impossible to look around your magnificent cathedral to-day without being struck with the marvellous manner in which the ancient Masons exhausted their creative imagination in ecclesiastical architecture—covering Europe with monuments of their science in statics and dynamics, and giving proofs, in rich and rare abundance, of that plastic genius which from an infinity of elaborate, incongruous, and often worthless details, knew how to evoke one sublime and harmonious whole. If you desire, my brethren, to “read sermons in stones,” look upon the ancient and eloquent stones of your venerable cathedral, and you will find there is not a groining, a mullion, or a tracery which is not full of mystic significance, and in which the initiated eye does not read some Masonic enigma, some ghostly counsel, or some inarticulate summons to confession, to penitence, and prayer. What religious master-minds conceived its glories, what architects planned, what skilful workmen wrought on foliated capital, or stately column, or lofty arch, or oriel window, or cruciform plan, or central elevation, or lateral chapel, tradition saith not: but there your magnificent cathedral stands, and has stood for well nigh four hundred years, the pride, the grace, the glory of your ancient city. (Applause.)

P.G.M. Lord Sherborne, in reply, briefly congratulated the brethren on the completion of the reredos, which he said will reflect credit upon the masonic body for ages to come.

In proposing “The Health of D.P.G.M., Bro. Newmarch,” the Chairman said there was not a more worthy and thorough Mason in the province and to his constant and indefatigable efforts they were very largely indebted for the result which had that day been achieved.

Bro. G. F. Newmarch, who had a very cordial reception, paid a general compliment to the officers of the province, and declared that to the Secretary and Treasurer, and to Bro. Nelson Foster was due the greatest meed of praise. Masons had in this work shewn the world that Masonic philanthropy is not limited to their own Craft, and that Masonic charity knows no bound but that of prudence. He wished thus publicly to acknowledge the very great kindness and courtesy shown by the Dean and Chapter in this matter, in seconding all their efforts. They were entirely indebted to the Dean for the ceremony of that day, which originated from his desire to do especial honour to the Masonic Craft. Masons were not the only donors to the Cathedral restoration nor had they desired in any way to magnify the importance of their contribution to the noble work; but the Dean and the Cathedral authorities seemed determined to single them out for special honour. (Applause.)

P.G.M. Lord Sherborne proposed the health of the Chairman, in highly complimentary terms, with thanks to the brethren of the two lodges by whom he and his fellow guests had been so handsomely entertained.

The Chairman expressed his deep sense of the high honour and fraternal courtesy evinced by those who had placed him in that position, the practical movement for the reredos having originated in the Royal Gloucestershire Lodge while he was in office. He joined in the general congratulation on the successful completion of the

work, and said that was a proud day for the Province of Gloucester and for all its citizens, and he was especially pleased to remind them that the work was not only completed but paid for. (Applause.)

The toast of “The Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present,” was acknowledged by Bro. Jeffs, Junior Grand Warden; Bros. Palmer, Trinder, and Gwinnett.

“The Health of the P.G. Chap., Rev. C. Raikes Davy,” was cordially drunk, with thanks for his admirable sermon.

“The Guests of the Evening” were represented by the Rev. Rev. Bowles, who specially congratulated Bro. Redfern on the fame which must accrue from his work.

Bro. the Rev. G. Roberts, P.P.G.C., responded in an eloquent speech to the toast of “The Visitors,” and spoke warmly of the noble work that day inaugurated, adding that he should like to show the distinguished visitors present the Masons' Square in the cathedral which he had discovered. Upon the reverend brother taking his seat amidst loud applause, there were calls for the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain of England, Rector of Long Melford, Suffolk, who responded in a humorous speech, but deprecated being classed among the visitors, as he was a member of both the Gloucester lodges. He said that he only hoped that his friend, Bro. Emra Holmes, P.G. Reg., Suffolk, whose name was well-known in Masonry, would when he went back to Suffolk, encourage the Masons there to present a reredos to his church at Long Melford, and emulate the example of the Masons of Gloucester. (Laughter and applause.) Bro. Emra Holmes said, that he felt constrained to rise, after the remarks of Bro. Martyn, to express the great pleasure he had felt in being a witness of the magnificent spectacle that day exhibited. The brethren had been engaged in a great work, a work which would redound to their honour. Some of the brethren present might know that he had elsewhere strongly advocated the restoration of churches as amongst the principal objects in which Masons might worthily engage. They would remember that our cathedrals and churches were erected by our ancestors, the travelling Freemasons of the Middle Ages, who were Catholics. In these days we, who were Catholics in a truer sense than they, though we could not help with our hands to restore these noble edifices to their pristine beauty, might yet with our money help in the noble work of restoration. He begged to thank them very warmly on behalf of the Masons of Suffolk for the courtesy and hospitality displayed towards the visitors.

Bro. Inskip, P.S.G.W., Somerset, also responded, and advocated the cause of the Masonic Charities, other toasts followed, and the brethren after enjoying one of the best Masonic banquets we have ever sat down to in the provinces, separated at a late hour.

A deserved compliment was paid to Bro. Capt. Foster for his arrangement and marshalling of the procession. The proceedings at the banquet were throughout of a most harmonious and enjoyable character.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

As already intimated in our narrative of the proceedings, the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Sherborne, held a Lodge at the Bell Hotel, at twelve o'clock, which was numerously attended. His Lordship presided, and was supported by distinguished brethren in the Craft, including the Rev. Dr. Bowles, the Provincial Grand Master of Herefordshire. Considering the business of the day before them, the proceedings were but of ordinary routine, and the whole of the officers were re-appointed. Bro. Redfern, the sculptor of the reredos, received a collar and jewel as a mark of deserved merit. The following is a list of the officers:—Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. G. F. Newmarch; Senior Warden, Bro. Capt. J. E. Dorington; Junior Warden, Bro. Henry Jeffs; Registrar, Bro. Gaisford; Chaplain, Bro. Rev. C. R. Davy; Secretary, Bro. E. W. Trinder; Treas., Bro. T. G. Palmer; Senior Deacon, Bro. Samuel Green, (Cheltenham College); Junior Deacon, Bro. W. Warman; Superintendents of Works, Bros. Ashbee and Redfern; Director of Cers.

Bro. Vizard; Sword Bearer, Bro. Bennett; Pursuivant, Bro. Rennie Powell; Organist, Bro. E. G. Woodward; Tyler, Bro. Wiggins.

Among the visiting brethren who attended Prov. G. Lodge, besides a numerous gathering of the two city lodges, were:—W. Gibbs, P.M., P.G.O., Rectitude, Corsham; T. R. Lord, P.M., P.G.D., Rectitude; A. Ludlow; C. H. Bush, S.D., Tyndall; F. W. Dowding, Tyndall; T. Mace, Prince of Wales; G. W. Collen, J. W., Sympathy; T. Cadle, Royal Forest; Lawson, P.M., Concord Lodge; H. Cribb, P.G. J. W., Herts.; F. G. Powell, P.P.G.P., Bristol; W. P. Hadley, D.C., Faith and Friendship; J. Arthur, Unity; John Bullock, P.M., D.C., G.H., Prince of Wales; J. W. Hunt, Prince of Wales; Edward Vining, J. W., St. Marks; Brook Kaye, Foundation Lodge; Henry Basevi, W.P.G.M. of Bengal; R. H. Bigsby, P.G.C., St. Kew; W. H. Davies, W.M., P.G.R. Somerset; Rural Philanthropic Lodge. There were numerous other brethren whose names were not subscribed to the roll-book, but amongst them we noticed General Munbee, Major Hartley, Bros. Kirby, Pigott, E. T. Payne, Capt. Phayre, J. E. Gill, Llewellyn, White, Osborne Dauncey, Brooks, W. Thomas, J. Hearne, Gatle, Honey, Commander Townsend, Lord Pearson, and others. The minutes of proceedings were read by Bro. Palmer, in the temporary absence of the Secretary, the Secretary receiving a cordial recognition of his services in connection with the reredos fund. Oral reports were received from various lodges in the Province, and these were mostly of a very satisfactory character, showing that Masonry is receiving numerous and important additions, although the advice of Grand Master the Earl of Ripon is being followed, and due circumspection is observed as to the reception of candidates for Masonic honours. A sum of thirty guineas was voted to be distributed among the chief Masonic charities, leaving still an adequate balance to meet contingencies. The proceedings lasted an hour, and Prov. G. Lodge was closed in regular form.

Besides the lodges mentioned above, brethren were also present from Unity Lodge, Warwick; the Stonleigh Lodge, Kenilworth; the Provincial Grand Lodge, Leicestershire; and others from lodges in Oxfordshire and South Wales. All the members wore crape rosettes, as mourning for the late Earl of Zetland, K.G., M.W. Past Grand Master. The high appreciation shown by the Masons of the beautiful sculpture of Bro. Redfern was, we understand, shown by the graceful act of conferring the purple upon that gentleman—an unusual circumstance, as he is not the Master of a lodge, and but a young Mason.

The following were among the guests who partook of luncheon at the Deanery, previous to the service in the Cathedral:—The Mayor and Mrs. Robinson; the Lord Bishop; Lord Sherborne; Rev. J. J. Bowles, D.D., LL.D.; the Hon. Misses Price; Sir M. H. Beach; Sir D. Wedderburn; Lady and Misses Wedderburne; Rev. Sir J. H. C. Seymour; Mr. W. H. K. Wait, M.P.; Canon and Mrs. Lysons; Mrs. and Miss Lucy; Rev. C. R. and Miss Davy; Dr. Evans and Mrs. Pyrke; Mrs. Canon Harvey; Rev. K. V. and Mrs. Law; Mrs. George Law; Mr. Newmarch and Miss Ellett; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Palmer; Mr. Trinder; Mr. Marling; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Crawley; the Precentor of Bristol; Rev. J. P. Clark; Rev. I. Bowman; Rev. Donald Spence; Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds; Mr. and Mrs. Knight; Mr. and Mrs. Innell; Mr. Nicks; Mr. and Mrs. Fryer; Mr. and Mrs. Kiddiford; Mr. Redfern, architect of the reredos.

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LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, HALIFAX.

The event of the week for the inhabitants of the north-westerly portion of the borough of Halifax was the laying of the corner stone of the intended new church of St. Augustine's, on Tuesday afternoon. It had been looked forward to with great interest, not only by those who will form the future congregation, but by the whole of the churchmen of the town, as was fully evidenced by the large gathering that took place around the stone. A spacious gallery accommodated many hundreds of ladies and gentlemen, whilst thousands of others witnessed the ceremony from the upper side of the ground and from various eminences adjacent. For more than five years services have been regularly held in the spacious schools, and efforts have been repeatedly made to secure a church that would be suitable for the requirements of one of the most rapidly increasing districts in the borough. The incumbent designate, the Rev. S. W. Darwin Fox, since he took charge of the district, has laboured assiduously for the accomplishment of this object, and by the liberality of Colonel Akroyd, M.P., and other churchmen, and the contributions of the members of the congregation, the new church has at length been fairly inaugurated. The building has been designed by Mr. Richard Coad, architect, of London, and the style of architecture is to be Gothic of the latter part of the 13th century. The nave of the church will be 83 feet in length, and 27 feet in width; and the aisles 11 feet 6 inches wide, with slightly projecting transepts, 21 feet wide. The church is to be 41 feet long, by 23 feet wide, with an apsidal east end, having chapels and vestry on either side. A tower, 21 feet square, is to be placed on the south-west corner of the south aisle. The material of the body of the church will be of hammer-dressed stone, from the quarries of Northowram; and the dressings will be of Ringby stone. The internal facings of the walls are to be lined with red and white bricks, in patterns. The roof will be of stained deal, framed with panels. The vestry roof will also be of the same material, and all the seats will be open. It is proposed to have lofty windows in the clerestory, as being suitable for a town church, and to ensure sufficient light in the nave. The nave, aisles, and transepts are only proposed to be erected at present, at a cost of £6,500, leaving the chancel and tower until sufficient funds are received for their erection.

At a very short notice, the members of the local lodges of Freemasons consented to be present, and take part in the ceremony. They met in the Freemasons' Hall, soon after one o'clock, and having assumed full regalia, marched in procession to St. Augustine's school. Mr. J. Fisher, P.M. of the Probity Lodge, directed the proceedings, and there were present about 50 Masons, representing the Lodges of Probity 61, St. James's 448, and De Warren 1208, Halifax; the Saville Lodge 1321, Elland; the Ryburn Lodge 1283, Sowerby bridge; and Prince George 308. At St. Augustine's school a procession was formed, consisting of all who were to take part in the ceremony. Amongst those present were Col. Akroyd, M.P., who had kindly consented to lay the stone, Col. Holdsworth, Major Waterhouse, M.P.; the Right Rev. Bishop Ryan; the Rev. W. J. Coghlan, Vicar of St. James's, Halifax; the Rev. W. H. Wawn, of Coley; the Rev. J. Palmour, Holy Trinity; the Rev. S. W. D. Fox, and the Rev. H. T. J. Lomax, St. Augustine's; the Rev. F. H. Roughton, St. James's; the Rev. C. R. Holmes, All Souls; the Rev. G. Bagott, Lightcliffe; the Rev. J. Moore, St. Mary's; the Rev. J. G. Rice, Bradford; the Rev. K. P. Manners, Bradford; the Rev. W. L. Morgan, Bradshaw; and other clergymen; Mr. W. H. Rawson, Mr. H. A. Norris, Mr. H. C. McCrea, Mr. J. R. Ingram, and others. The weather, which during the morning had been threatening, was fortunately very fine during the proceedings, and the sun shone out brightly upon the very animated scene. The clergy having taken their seats on the platform, and all being in readiness, the usual service of the Church of England for the laying of the foundation-stone of a church was commenced by the Rev. S. W. D. Fox, and continued by the Rev. Bishop Ryan, after which

a hymn was sung. Bro. W. Tasker, P.M., Probity, then placed in a cavity under the corner-stone a bottle containing the local papers, the *Yorkshire Post*, and some documents relating to the Church, with coins of the realm. Over this was placed a brass plate on which was very neatly engraved the following inscription:—"This corner-stone of St. Augustine's Church was laid on the 3rd day of June, 1873, in the name of the holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, by Edward Akroyd, of Bank Field, Halifax, Esq., M.P., merchant and worsted manufacturer, Honorary Colonel of the 4th West York Rifle Volunteers, and Deputy-Lieutenant and a Justice of the Peace of the West Riding of the County of York; S. W. D. Fox, M.A., incumbent, Richard Coad, architect." A silver trowel, supplied by Bro. Manoah Rhodes, of Bradford, and bearing the inscription, "Presented to Colonel Akroyd, M.P., on the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of St. Augustine's Church, Halifax, Whit Tuesday, June 3rd 1873," and a handsome mallet, were then presented by Mr. Hitchen and handed by Mr. Coad, the architect, to the gallant colonel, who spread the mortar, and the stone being lowered into its place, he said, "Thus and thus, and thus, in the faith of Jesus Christ, we place this corner-stone, in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost."

The Masonic ceremonies then followed:—Bro. Menzies, J.W. of Probity, tested the stone with the plumb-rule; Bro. Dyson, W.M., of the Savile Lodge, proved the stone with the level; Bro. Frank Crossley, P.M., of the Ryburn Lodge, proved the stone with the square. Bro. Wilkinson, P.M., St. James's Lodge, presented the mallet to Bro. John Fisher, P.M., Probity, who declared the stone duly laid. Bro. Jessop, W.M., St. James's, then scattered the corn; Bro. Marshall, W.M., Ryburn Lodge, the wine; after which the Rev. J. Hope, P.M., Probity, received the cup containing the oil from Bro. F. Whitaker, P.M., De Warren (who had carried it in the procession), and poured the liquid upon the stone, and, in accordance with the rites and usages of the ancient fraternity, the following words were spoken:—"These elements we have used as emblems of abundance and plenty, and may it please the all-bounteous Creator of the universe to pour down continually on this place and neighbourhood abundance of every spiritual and temporal blessing." Bro. Fisher then striking the stone three times, said, "May the liberal founders of this building witness its completion in joy; and may this work of charity and love redound to the honour and happiness of themselves and all near and dear to them. And, finally, may the work thus favourably begun be continued in peace—without accident or injury to life or limb of any one engaged in its construction; and may the cape-stone be speedily added in place, and the fabric itself become to all who worship within its hallowed walls the House of God, the Gate of Heaven."

The Chaplain (the Rev. B. Town, of Pellon), then offered prayer.

Bishop Ryan was then called upon, and said that, in the absence of the Venerable Archdeacon Musgrave, he had been asked to make a few remarks. He believed that all who engaged in a work like that had reason to feel strong encouragement. There never was a period in the history of England when there had been such a wave of church building as had been for the last quarter of a century, and was passing over the country at present, and he hoped that if St. Augustine's Church did not have the full flood of the movements, many little wavelets would flow towards it. (Applause). In this they had encouragement, and another point of encouragement was that when they got to the position of progress at which they were that day, they could look back and see from what small beginnings they had arisen. From what he knew of the parish, he understood that two devoted curates had tried hard to do something in a small cottage, then Mr. Fox was appointed, and a little larger building was procured. Then they erected the large and fine schools, and now they had arrived at that point—that was the laying of the foundation stone of the church. He was sure that from the spirit of the Churchmen of Halifax they would not let the matter rest

there, but would go on right to the end. As to the church not being finished at once, as he had heard some talk about, he hoped that the Bishop of the diocese would soon have come to Halifax to consecrate the finished building. Halifax was increasing in that direction, and since the present minister was appointed 2,000 persons had been added to the population of the district. He hoped that the spirit of those who had to do with the building would be stirred up to do work in the cause and the house of God. (Applause.) In conclusion, he said that although their worthy Archdeacon was not present with them in person, he knew from what he had said to him that morning that he was heartily with them in spirit.

Col. Akroyd, M.P., said that although he had prepared a few observations to offer on that occasion; yet for many reasons his heart had been too full to say anything. As one of the promoters of the schools and church, however, he had been prevailed upon to say a few words. He was sure they would all agree with him that they were greatly indebted to the Freemasons for the imposing effect of the ceremony of that day. Freemasons, he believed, were always in the right places when laying the foundation-stones of public buildings; but especially were they in the right place when laying the first stone in the erection of a temple dedicated to the living God. Alluding to the history of Freemasonry, they could not forget that they were originally a guild of architects, and that we were indebted for those glorious architectural beauties of the Middle Ages to a wandering body of Freemasons, who were really members of the Craft, until in the time of Sir Christopher Wren they first became a friendly society. He was grateful to them for their presence on that occasion, and though he was not himself a Mason, he could on that account perhaps speak more freely in their favour than if he had been a member of the Order. Referring to the immediate object of their assembling there that day, he congratulated his friend, the Rev. S. W. D. Fox, on that auspicious day. He could not forget that for more than five years that gentleman had been working up hill, trying as it were to build up the foundation of that congregation. More than five years had elapsed since these schools, which they had before them, had been opened for public services. These schools were only the first of a series of ecclesiastical buildings intended to be erected by the congregation of the church, of which they now laid the first stone. The promoters, of whom he was glad to reckon himself as one were delighted to arrive at that stage of their proceedings. The parish of St. Augustine could not be formed until the church of which the first stone was now laid was opened for public services, and appealing to those he saw around him—the future parishioners of St. Augustine's—he hoped they would agree with him that it was a great day for the inhabitants of that locality. Without seeking to raise in the slightest degree any feelings of rivalry between the various bodies of Christians—he must say that the great advantage of the Church of England was that it supplemented the voluntary efforts of all other bodies. In the able charge recently delivered by the Bishop of Ripon his lordship made an allusion to the parochial system, and said:—"I believe there never has been a system better contrived to promote the interests of true religion and the best welfare of the community than the parochial system of the Church of England." The truth of that remark had been illustrated in a neighbouring church—the parish of St. Mary's. They all knew that in about two years the Rev. Mr. Judd, contrived to attract all the people to him in a manner which he did not think was equalled in any other parish in this neighbourhood (applause). The secret of that success was due to the cordial and kindly union which subsisted between the clergy and laity. If from any cause that union was wanting, then the parochial system or any other system must be a complete failure (hear, hear). In the same charge the bishop remarked that the parochial system needed development. His lordship was against very large parishes being left in the hands of one incumbent, and was in favour of overgrown parishes being subdivided, so as to put an end to the anomaly of their being only one

incumbent, for a parish with 15,000 or 20,000 inhabitants. The original parish of St. James's (from which St. Augustine's was taken) had presented that anomaly, as without St. Augustine's it numbered 17,000 souls, and this new parish of the Rev. Mr. Fox, already amounted to 5,000 souls—quite a numerous family enough for the rev. gentlemen to look after (laughter). He thought he could look hopefully forward to the future of St. Augustine's, because he recognised in his rev. friend the same earnestness which marked the career of the Rev. Mr. Judd—(hear, hear)—and he trusted that God's spirit might be shed on the future congregation of St. Augustine's, and that, in the words of the last collect, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with them all evermore" (applause).

Col. Holdsworth said he did not know that he could make any additions to what had been said by Bishop Ryan and Col. Akroyd: The words that had been spoken by them would no doubt encourage those connected with that place, and interest them in the work. He had too much faith in the liberality of the Church people of Halifax to think that they would let the clergyman of St. Augustine's struggle on for another five years before the church was completed. He was glad to know that they had that day begun a building which would be equal to any church in that district; and he called on all of them to give a helping hand to a work so nobly begun. He sincerely trusted that the church might be erected without further delay, and that the necessary pecuniary assistance would be freely forthcoming (cheers).

Major Waterhouse, M.P., said he had intended to have been a silent spectator; but he could not avoid the opportunity of expressing his gratification on that auspicious occasion. He congratulated Col. Akroyd that he had been spared to lay the foundation of a second church in his native town. He also congratulated the Rev. Mr. Fox, and trusted that what they saw that day indicated a spirit that they were not about to leave a fabric in debt for several years. He hoped not only those in the district, but also those out and around it, would lend a helping hand to the consummation of the work. He also congratulated the Masons on their joining in the ceremony, and regretted that he could not participate in the ceremonies they had gone through. He concluded by expressing an earnest hope that the church would soon be completed, and that the work would be safely accomplished. (Cheers.)

The 122nd Psalm was then sung, after which the concluding collects were read by the Rev. J. Lomax and the Incumbent. Upon the call of Major Waterhouse, three hearty cheers were given for the success of the undertaking, and three more for the Rev. S. W. D. Fox, which concluded this part of the proceedings. The Freemasons then re-formed in procession, and walked to their hall, where in the evening they partook of a banquet. During the proceedings the choir of St. Augustine's, assisted by the Sunday School scholars, who were conducted by Mr. Joseph Sugden, rendered good service in the musical portion of the ceremony.

At five in the evening tea was provided in the school-room, where 800 persons sat down, the arrangements being effectively carried out. The public meeting commenced at half-past seven, and during the evening a terrific thunderstorm burst, the spacious room being twice filled with the electric light, which was of very blue colour, causing the assembly to start and give a subdued expression of alarm. The chair was occupied by the Rev. S. W. D. Fox, in the absence of Col. Akroyd, M.P., who was unable to be present. There were also present on the platform Mr. F. S. Powell, M.P., the Revs. W. Aitken (Everton), J. A. Coghlan, J. G. Rice, R. Prowde, Mr. F. Darwin (near Otley), Mr. S. Smith, Mr. Champney, Mr. Coad (the architect), Mr. D. Hitchin, &c.

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CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT JAMAICA.

The consecration of the Seville Lodge (No. 530) under the Scotch Constitution, took place recently at St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica, West Indies.

The following brethren assembled at the Court House in the town, and being formed in procession under the directorship of Bro. John Hoyes, Grand Director of Ceremonies of Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland in Jamaica, the procession moved to the church, headed by a band of music playing the "Masonic March."

The following was the order of procession:—
Bro. David Carvalho, jun., Grand Marshal.
Music.

Bro. Jas. Atkins, Athole Union, 383, and Bro. Wm. Lewis, 367, Friendly, Grand Tylers.
John Hoyes, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
H. E. Delliser and William Armour, Stewards with rods.

Charles Royes, jun. Banner. A. J. Hart. Stewards with rods.

Corn, borne by Wor. Alex. E. Bourke, Glenlyon Lodge, No. 367.

Wine, borne by Wor. Daniel C. D. Souza.

Oil, borne by Wor. Michael Solomon, Master Elect, Seville 530.

Grand Bible Bearer, Bro. George Magnus, Prov. Grand Lodge.

Geo. Roe. Banner—Faith. Wm. R. Phillips. Grand Senior Deacons, Bros. E. N. Hant and A. N. Sutherland.

Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. N. Lechmere Ellis. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Alex. M. Lake, 367.

Grand Secretary, Bro. A. Noah.

Bro. W. Peat. Banner—Hope. Bro. H. Fray. Grand Steward, Bro. James Duncan.

Grand Senior Warden, Bro. A. T. Kidd.

Grand Junior Warden, S. H. Watson, 1377, Prov. Grand Lodge.

Right Wor. Samuel Constantine Bourke, Prov. Grand Master G. L. Scotland.

On arriving at the church the order of the procession was reversed, the brethren marched up the aisle and took their seats immediately opposite the altar.

The morning service having been performed, the Chaplain then delivered an excellent and appropriate sermon, which was listened to with deep earnestness by a large congregation, who had gathered there to witness the proceedings. A collection was made at the end of the service, which was handed over to the rector of the parish to be distributed among the poor.

The procession again formed in previous order, and marched to the new lodge, where the ceremony of consecration and dedication was proceeded with, after which the following brethren were installed as officers by the Prov. Grand Master:—

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| Wor. Michael Solomon | ... W. Master |
| " Alex. McLake | ... Dep. Master. |
| Bro. E. N. Hart | ... S. Warden. |
| " D. Carvalho | ... J. Warden. |
| " A. Noah | ... Treasurer. |
| " Albert J. Hart | ... Secretary. |
| " Geo. Roe | ... S. Deacon. |
| " A. N. Sutherland | ... J. Deacon. |
| " W. R. Phillips | ... Inner Guard. |
| " Richard Watson | ... Tyler. |

The lodge having closed its labours, the brethren repaired to the Court House, where a sumptuous repast was provided, to which ample justice was done. The following toasts were proposed and responded to in the true Masonic spirit. The room was neatly decorated with flags and evergreens.

Several brethren of Sister Lodges were present, as well as clergymen and officials of the parish, and last, though not least a good number of the fair sex, for whom accomodation had been prepared, and if we were to judge by their smiles they seemed to have taken a lively interest in all that was going on.

The brethren separated at about 10 p.m., apparently well satisfied with the proceedings of the day.

We may add, that the Seville Lodge promises to be a very flourishing and useful lodge, having for its Master one whom the brethren have the greatest confidence in, and respect for.

The total amount of the sale of the Perkins Library, at Hanworth-park, by Messrs. Gadsden, Ellis, and Co., was upwards of £26,000. The *Biblia Sacra Latina*, first edition of the Holy Scriptures, and the first book executed with metal types by the inventors of the art of printing, a splendid copy, printed upon vellum, Moguntiae, per Gutenberg and Fust, 1450-55, sold for £3,400. The same work, printed on paper, a matchless copy, fetched £2,690.

Her Majesty has forwarded a donation of one hundred guineas towards the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund.

A stained-glass window, to the memory of the officers and men who perished through the foundering of her Majesty's turret-ship Captain, was placed in the north transept of Westminster Abbey on Tuesday.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 20, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

- Saturday, June 21.
Lodge 1185, Lewis, Nightingale Tavern, Wood Green.
" 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Town Hall, Hackney.
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

- Monday, June 23.
Lodge 905, De Gray and Ripon, Angel Hotel, Great Ilford.
Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dille, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
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West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.
High Cross Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Tavern, Lower Tottenham.

- Tuesday, June 24.
Audit Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King-st. St. James's.
Mount Calvary, K.T. Encampment, Freemasons' Tavern.
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.
Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey. (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

- Wednesday, June 25.
Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.
 United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;
 New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8
 Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.
 Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
 Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.
 Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, June 26.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4. Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
 " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End Fulham,
 Mark Lodge 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
 " " 118, Northumberland, Grotto Hotel, Twickenham.
 Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Ballham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
 Highate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, June 27.

Lodge 569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Co., City-road.
 Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship Hotel, Leadenhall-street.
 " 749, Belgrave, Andertons' Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern Air-st. Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson P.M.
 Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.
 Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.
 Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.
 Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.
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 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
 St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
 Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33 Brompton-road, S.W.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.
 For the Week ending Saturday, June 28, 1873.

Monday, June 23.

Chap. 24, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.
 Tuesday, June 24.
 Lodge 1393, Hamer, 2a Windermere-street, Breck-road, Liverpool, at 4.
 Joppa Mark Lodge (No. 5), Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.
 Wednesday, June 25.
 Lodge 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 4.30.
 " 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 8.
 Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple Liverpool, at 7.
 De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool at 7.30.
 Thursday, June 26.
 Lodge 594, Downshire, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 11, (annual installation and picnic.)
 " 1313, The Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 " 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, Masonic Temple, Liverpool at 6.
 " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.
 Friday, June 27.
 Chap. 680, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.
 For the week ending Saturday, June 28, 1873.

Tuesday, June 24.

Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.
 " 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-st.
 Wednesday, June 25.
 Lodge 187, St. Johns' Carlake, Black Bull, Carlake.
 " 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.
 Thursday, June 26.
 Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Buildings, Govan.
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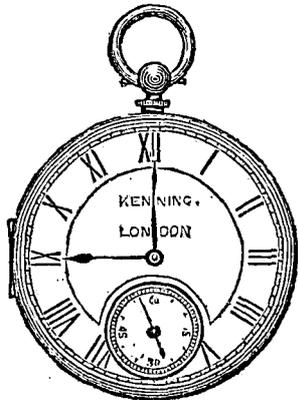
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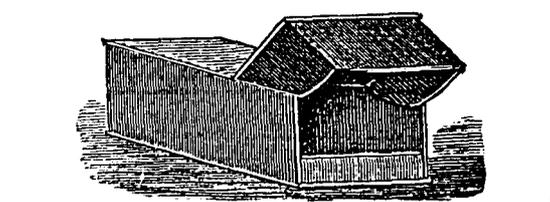
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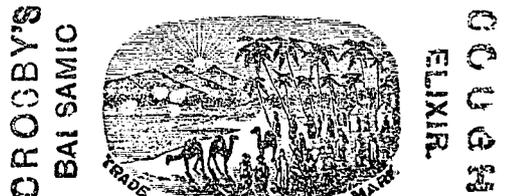
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