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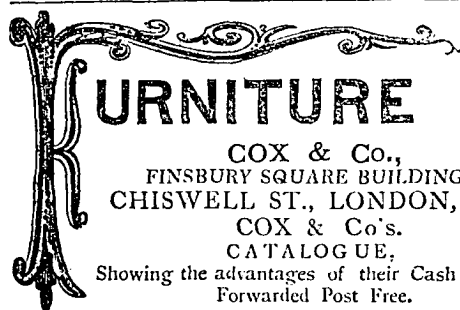
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

STONEHOUSE.—*Lodge of Sincerity* (No. 189).—On Monday, 13th inst., there was an exceedingly large gathering of brethren at Lodge Sincerity, Stonehouse, on the occasion of the installation, as W.M., of Bro. I. Latimer. Amongst the brethren present were—Bros. L. P. Metham, D.P.G.M.; T. W. Coffin, W.M.; Coates, J.W. T. S. Bayley, Treasurer, P.M.; R. M. Rae, Sec. P.M.; S. Hutchings, S.D.; Curteis, J.D.; G. Jackson, D.C.; G. Mair, I.G.; A. Latimer, and T. W. How, Stewards; J. E. Moon, O. C. G. Gibson, P.M.; J. Sadler, P.M.; J. Dampney, P.M.; E. P. Balkwill, P.M.; H. Rider, P.M. 159; J. May, P.M. 223; W. Powell, P.M. 1205; C. Leigh, P.M. 1205; T. H. Gillman, W.M. 1099; J. Baster, P.M. St. Aubyn; R. J. Laity, P.M.; J. Montgomery, P.M. 1205; J. Austin, P.M. 1099; J. R. Franklin, P.M. 1; F. A. Thomas, W.M. 1249; P. B. Clemens, P.M. 954; Chapman, S.W. (Torquay); and W. Harris, J.D. 1205. One brother was raised and another was passed, after which the impressive ceremonial of the induction of the Master Elect was very beautifully performed by Bro. Coffin, the retiring Master. After a few words from the W.M. expressive of his intention to conduct the lodge with dignity and courtesy, he proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year, and the following were the appointments made:—Bros. T. W. Coffin, I.P.M.; M. Coates, S.W.; J. E. Curteis, J.W.; Rev. T. Lemon, Chaplain; T. S. Bayley, Treas.; R. H. Rae, Secretary; A. Latimer, S.D.; T. W. How, J.D.; J. E. Moon, D. of C.; Simons, O.; G. Jackson, I.G.; Jones, S.; A. Rogers, T. In the course of the evening Bro. Balkwill, P.M., stated that it was the last time he should have the pleasure of being present in the lodge, as he was about to remove from Plymouth to a permanent residence in the North of Ireland. The most cordial feelings were expressed towards Bro. Balkwill, who had been an excellent Master of the lodge, and had passed through all his offices with great credit. A vote of hearty good wishes was accorded to him, and recorded in the books of the lodge. After the business of the evening was concluded, the brethren proceeded to their half-yearly refreshment. The W.M. presided, and was supported on his right by the D.P.G.M. and Bro. Chapman, W.M. Elect of Jordan Lodge, Torquay, and on his left by Bro. Gotlieb, who was initiated in Lodge Sincerity by his father, who was then W.M., as far back as the year 1814. The W.M. proposed from the chair the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. The D.P.G.M., in acknowledging the toast of his own health, and the toast of the "Provincial Grand Officers," expressed regret at being unable to come amongst them so frequently as he had done, on account of the pressure of public and private engagements, which not only occupied all the day, but oftentimes the greater portion of the night. However he felt extremely pleased at the position which

Lodge Sincerity maintained, and concluded by proposing in eulogistic terms, the health of the W.M. The W.M. responded, and then proposed the toast of the "Visitors," at the same time advertizing to the fact of their having amongst them a venerable brother, who had recently returned to England, and who had been initiated in the lodge so many years back. Bro. Gotlieb, in returning thanks, stated that he was initiated in 1814, and that he had been fifty years in India since that time, so that he had had no opportunity of again visiting the lodge till the present time. It afforded him great pleasure to be present on that occasion. Bro. Chapman also acknowledged the compliment, and expressed a hope that he should see some of the brethren present at the 22nd of the coming month. He hoped to have the pleasure of having the P.G.M. and the D.P.G.M. honouring him with their presence. In the course of the evening the W.M. called attention to the fact that on Tuesday next one of the oldest members of Lodge Sincerity, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcomb would be installed as P.G.M. of Cornwall. He expressed his regret that personally he should be unable to be present, stating that he was called to London on that day on important business, but he hoped that not only would Lodge Sincerity be well represented at the Grand Lodge at Truro, but that there would be a very large gathering of members of the lodges in the Three Towns, as well as of other parts of Devon, to do honour to their noble and distinguished brother.

LYMINGTON.—*New Forest Lodge* (No. 310).—On Monday 14th inst., Bro. Stephen Seward Pearce (Junior Bailiff of the Borough of Southampton) was installed Worshipful Master of the New Forest Lodge, Lymington, for the ensuing year. There was a large assembly of brethren on the occasion, both from the town and district, while a numerous contingent also proceeded from Southampton to take part in the proceedings of the day. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who had expressly journeyed to Lymington for the purpose, and who was ably assisted by Bro. Booth, P.M. of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, Southampton—the latter taking the after part of the ceremony, as the Provincial Grand Master was obliged to leave for London by the two o'clock train in order to attend to his Parliamentary duties. The newly-installed W.M., on assuming his official position, invested his predecessor, Bro. H. Doman, as I.P.M., congratulating him upon the position which the lodge had assumed during the past year under his able management, no less than twenty-eight having joined the Order since he took the chair. The following were then invested by the W.M. as his officers:—Bros. Housham, S.W.; Le Roy, J.W.; Doman, P.M., Treasurer; Bath, P.M., Secretary; Scovell, S.D.; Austen, J.D.; Lumby, I.G. After the installation and investiture, the business of the lodge was proceeded with—the ceremonies of passing and raising being performed by the I.P.M.; while three newly elected members were initiated by the W.M. in a manner that drew from the Past Masters and others the remark that it was very rare indeed to find a brother on assuming the chair discharge this important duty with such marked ability. The brethren subsequently assembled at the Anchor and Hope Inn, where, to the number of more than fifty, they sat down to an admirably served banquet, which reflected much credit on the catering of Mrs. Ackland. The W.M. occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Doman, I.P.M.; Booth, P.M.; Le Feuvre, P.M.; Lemon, P.M.; R. S. Pearce, P.M.; Waterman, P.M.; Bath, Senior Warden of the Southampton Lodge; Rev. B. Maturin (vicar of Lymington), the officers of the New Forest Lodge, and many visiting brethren—the Senior and Junior Wardens filling the vice chairs. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, Bro. Le Feuvre responding for the Provincial Grand Officers, after which the newly-initiated brethren were duly honoured; and then the company drank with right good Masonic heartiness the health of the W.M., whose exertions on behalf of the New Forest Lodge were most cordially recognised, and who

in responding, assured the brethren that if he had rendered any service to the lodge since he had been a member of it—and it would be mere affectation to say that he had not—it was but an earnest of what he would endeavour (with the kindly co-operation and assistance of all) to do during the year of office upon which he had just entered. The W.M. then proposed, in terms of warm commendation, "The Health of I.P.M., Bro. Doman," and this having been received most cordially, Bro. Jackman presented to that brother a valuable Past Master's jewel as a mark of esteem on the part of those brethren who had been initiated during his year of office. The toast and the presentation were acknowledged by Bro. Doman in a most felicitous address, and the sentiments, both of fidelity to the Order, and of gratitude for the handsome souvenir of which he had been made the recipient, were expressed in a manner which evoked the admiration of all the brethren. The toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge" was ably given by Bro. the Rev. B. Maturin, and responded to by Bro. Bath, P.M., and Bro. Waterman, P.M., respectively: "The Officers for the year," given from the chair, was acknowledged by Bro. Housham, S.W.; and interspersed with a number of capital songs by Bros. J. S. Pearce, Wilkins, Barham, Scovell, Stroud, the W.M., and others. The proceedings were of a most enjoyable and gratifying character. The majority of the Southampton brethren present were conveyed to and from Lymington in a break with four horses and postillions, provided by Mr. R. C. Bishop, of the Dolphin and Grovenor Mews. A fine day, with a light bracing breeze, following the rain of Sunday, contributed materially to the enjoyment of the trip.

LIVERPOOL.—*Everton Lodge* (No. 823).—The brethren of this highly prosperous and excellent lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, which is fairly entitled to rank as one of the best worked and most harmonious lodges in the extensive province of West Lancashire, met together on Wednesday evening, the 16th inst., the principal business being the installation of the Worshipful Master-elect (Bro. Wm. Boulton) and the investiture of officers for the ensuing year. The gathering was certainly the largest of any private lodge which has been held at the Masonic Temple for some years, there being about 150 present, including a large number of the leaders in the Craft, and the enthusiasm which marked the whole of the evening's proceedings speaks volumes for the true masonic spirit which characterises every brother connected with No. 823. The Lodge was opened according to ancient form, shortly after 5 o'clock, by Bro. Joseph Holland, W.M., who was supported by the following present and past officers:—Bros. J. Banning, P.M.; W. Boulton, S.W.; W. J. Lunt, Treas.; W. Cottrell, Sec.; T. Shaw, S.D.; W. Wilson, J.D.; T. Ashmore, P.M., D.C.; W. G. Vale, Org.; A. T. Lowe, I.G.; H. Ashmore, S.; and P. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members of the lodge present were Bros. A. C. Mott, P.G.S.W. of Westmoreland and Cumberland; J. Hamer, P. Prov. G. Treas.; D. Callow, H. M. Molyneux, R. W. Robinson, J. Bishop, J. Houlding, S. Millikin, B. Birchall, T. Bloomfield, T. Taft, C. D. Raymond, E. P. Benedict, J. Marsh, J. Brooksbank, J. W. C. Brown-Cave, R. Warriner, J. Holden, J. Warriner, T. Cunningham, J. Salisbury, J. McGuire, W. H. Johnson, G. Goodman, J. Boyle, C. C. Medcalf, J. H. Play, R. Cox, F. J. Ball, G. H. Boyson, J. E. Ellis, E. Morgan, R. W. Robinson, J. H. Parker, H. Hall, G. Parry, G. Griffiths, A. Duncan, J. S. Cuthbert, J. Fletcher, H. W. Roberts, W. H. Cooper, W. Wrennall, W. H. Allen, R. Thompson, J. Marshall, T. H. Careful, C. E. Vudd, W. Oldham, C. Tyrer, L. Bagnall, T. Grant, J. Clotworthy, E. Kite, G. Purves, J. White, J. Davis, D. Casson, and E. Thompson. Amongst the visitors were:—Bros. J. F. Goggin, P.G.C.; W. T. May, P.M. 673; J. Rose, W.M. 249; J. K. Smith, P.M. 249; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673; J. Devayness, P.M. 667; E. Kyle, W.M. 673; J. Parsons, P.M. 203; P. B. Gee, W.M. 1264; J. Jones, W.M. 1393; C. H. Hill, P.M. 724; J. Kenyon, P.M. 1013; H. Nelson, P.M. 673; Dr. J. V. Worthington, S.W. 220; Capt. T. Berry, S.W. 1393; C. Humphries, S.W. 1013; Rev. G. F. Cave-Brown-Cave,

J.W. 986; S. Tickle, 220; R. Carter, 249; R. Leason, 1393; T. A. Jackson, 1264; H. Firth, 667; A. Hart, 724; M. Hart 724; J. Ellis, 667; W. H. Thompson, 594; J. Newman, 1356; W. H. Dawson, 1264; H. Jackson, S.D. 1393; G. Bird, 673; C. H. Cooper, 1393; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, two candidates were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. The chair was taken by Bro. T. Ashmore, P.M., who proceeded with the installation of Bro. Boulton as the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The W.M., elect was presented by Bro. Holland, P.M., and Bro. Lunt, P.M. The entire ceremony—one of the most striking and impressive in the whole Masonic ritual—was performed by Bro. Ashmore in a manner which did not detract in the slightest degree from its value, and reflected the highest credit upon his Masonic attainments. The following brethren were subsequently invested as the officers of the lodge:—Bros. J. Holland, I.P.M.; W. Cottrell, S.W.; T. Shaw, J.W.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treas.; W. Wilson, Sec.; J. Houlding, S.D.; Ashmore, J.D.; J. Goodman, I.G.; S. Millikin, S.S.; J. S. Cuthbert, J.S.; T. Bloomfield, A.S.; T. Ashmore, P.M., M.C.; and W. G. Veale, Organist. Bro. P. Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the lodge. After the installation ceremony, the W.M., in an exceedingly pointed speech, presented a very chaste P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Holland as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren of No. 823. In doing so the W.M. said that Bro. Holland had been ten years in connection with the lodge, and the brethren all knew with what zeal, assiduity, and courtesy he had discharged the duties of the various offices in the lodge. In reply, Bro. Holland thanked the brethren for that token of their approbation, and spoke with pleasure of the fact that, during the previous year, they had been as a happy family. He trusted that spirit would continue, and he would assure every member of the lodge that he would use his best endeavours to promote its interest. After the brethren had dispensed charity to deserving applicants, the lodge was closed in ample form. A banquet was subsequently served in the lodge-room, to which about 120 sat down, under the presidency of the W.M., who proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in exceedingly choice terms. In proposing the "West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," Bro. Boulton said that was a toast which was dear to every Mason's heart, and one worthy of their highest approbation. They were told that charity was the peculiar characteristic of every Mason, and he certainly considered their Masonic charities were the key stone of the whole success of Masonry. They had many noble Masonic Educational Institutions in London, but that in West Lancashire was equally worthy of their support and sympathy. Its prosperity was shown by the fact that it had now £10,000 in funded property, by which means it was enabled to educate fifty children of deceased and distressed Freemasons. He trusted every brother in the Everton Lodge would become a subscriber. Bro. Holland, in proposing "The Worshipful Master," spoke in high terms of the many admirable qualities which so fully prepared him for fulfilling the duties of the chair. After the toast had been acknowledged by the W.M., he gave "The Worshipful Past Masters," which was responded to by Bro. Holland and E. Ashmore. "The Wardens and Officers," was acknowledged by Bros. Cottrell, S.W., and T. Shaw, J.W.; and the other toasts were "The Newly Initiated," "The Visiting Brethren" (coupled with the names of Bros. May, P.M. 673, and Rose, W.M. 244), and the "Tyler's Toast," given by Bro. T. Ashmore. Excellent songs were given by Bros. Veale, T. Ashmore, D. Callow, Wilson, H. Ashmore, &c., and Bro. H. Jackson, gave a Shakespearean recitation with rare force and dramatic vigour. In accordance with the custom of several years, the brethren of the Everton Lodge, with their wives, daughters, &c., on Thursday morning, went out of town for their annual picnic, Gresford being the place chosen for the scene of the day's festivities. The morning was as unpromising as it possibly could be when the large party assembled on the

George's Landing-stage, shortly before ten o'clock, the rain coming down with a steady persistence which threatened to mar the day's pleasure. Fortunately, however, before the arrival at the exceedingly picturesque village of Gresford, the rain had passed off, and the "out" proved one of the most enjoyable which has yet taken place in connection with the lodge. When a second contingent of "outers" arrived at two o'clock there would be about 250 present, and amongst the general company present, besides all the officers of the "Everton," were Bros. the Rev. J. F. Coggin, the Rev. E. F. Cave-Brown-Cave, Concessors Dr. Taylor and Minton, Forrest, A. C. Mott, &c. As on a former occasion when Gresford was visited, the party proceeded from the station to the church, where the "Old Hundredth," read by the Rev. J. F. Coggin with great impressiveness, was sung by the whole company. The fine old church was minutely inspected, several started on a ramble through the woods, others made a tour of the village, &c., the whole of the party returning to dinner, which was served in a large tent at the top of the hill behind the railway station. The afternoon was passed in an exceedingly pleasant manner, dancing, games, and rural rambles being the principal attractions. After tea a large number started for Liverpool by an early train, while others remained until a later hour. The whole excursion was one of the most pleasant nature, and the arrangements, the abundant supply of creature comforts, and the fine spirit which prevailed, reflected the highest credit upon all who were entrusted with the organisation of the picnic.

LIVERPOOL.—*The Temple Lodge* (No. 1094).—The annual picnic in connection with this lodge took place on Thursday, the 10th inst., the place chosen being the pretty village of Kirby. About fifty brethren with their friends proceeded by train from Tithebarn-street Railway Station about two o'clock, amongst those present being Bros. R. R. Martin, W.M.; R. Washington, J.W.; Winstanley, P.M., M.C.; Yelland, S.D.; J. Wood, Treas.; Doe, Steward, and Bros. Horspool, H. Jones, Salke, Speer, W. Crane, P.M.; T. Marsh, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., P.G.S.B.; Dr. Pughe, T. Winstanley, E. Howell, Capt. H. Newman, W. Simpson, Bird, &c. Although the morning was wet, the weather cleared up in the afternoon, and a most delightful "out" was enjoyed on the lovely grounds of the Railway Hotel. Games of bowls, dancing, rustic rambles, and kindred recreations formed the staple of the afternoon's amusements, and everyone seemed to enjoy the country trip to the full. An excellent and substantial tea was served on the grounds, and the happy party returned to Liverpool at a seasonable hour. Special credit is due to Bros. Marsh, Winstanley, and Yelland for the admirable arrangements made in connection with the picnic.

THE ASAPH LODGE (No. 1319) held its last meeting for the season at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. On the 7th inst., this being the day for the election of the W.M. and officers, the election took place. Bro. James Weaver, P.M., P. Prov. G. O., Middx. and M.E.Z. Designate of the Whittington Chapter No. 862, was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Charles Coote, Jun., re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. E. S. Jones, P.M. and M.E.Z., Elect, Sec. The rest of the officers forming the committee of the Benevolent Fund were re-elected. The lodge then voted a P.M. jewel, accompanied with a testimonial engrossed on vellum, to the W.M., Rev. I. M. Chamberlain, for his attention to the duties during his year of office. There was one initiation, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

LIVERPOOL.—*Fermor-Hesketh Lodge* (No. 1350).—Bro. Alfred Samuels, M.D., was installed W.M. of this lodge, on Friday evening, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, and the following officers were subsequently invested by him:—Bros. J. Higson Johnston, P.M.; Edward Harbord, P.M., Treas.; T. K. Hughes, P.M.; S. Jones, P.M.; T. A. Collinson, S.W.; F. Day, J.W.; M. Browne, Sec.; W. J. Morris, S.D.; J. Makin, J.D.; F. Peirce, I.G.; H. Morison, D. of C.; and J. Lawrence, Steward. During the evening a handsome

jewel was presented to Bro. Harbord, P.M., Treas., in recognition of the very valuable services he has rendered to the lodge since its formation.

LEBANON LODGE (No. 1326).—The fourth installation meeting of this well established lodge was held on Saturday, July 19th, at the Red Lion Hotel, Lion Square, Thames-street, Hampton. The lodge was opened by Bro. John Thomas Moss, P. Prov. G. S.D. of Middlesex, W.M. The minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were declared to be unanimous in favour of the admission of Bro. Edwin James, 871, and Bryan James 871, as joining members, also for Messrs. Canale, W. Hill, and W. Warhurst, as candidates for initiation into Freemasonry. Mr. Richard Carne being in attendance, was introduced and duly initiated into ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being beautifully rendered. The great event of the meeting then took place, which was the presentation to Bro. Frederick Walters, Past Master and Secretary (who was on the previous Thursday appointed as one of the Provincial Grand Stewards for Middlesex, with a complete suit of Provincial Grand Steward's clothing, which was unanimously voted to him from the lodge funds as a mark of esteem, respect and gratitude for the able manner he had performed his duties as Secretary, and the very many essential services he had rendered to the lodge as one of the founders. The W.M. Bro., J. T. Moss P. Prov. G.S.D. Middlesex, presented the clothing to the Secretary, desiring him to leave the lodge-room to put it on, and again enter the lodge. The Secretary obeyed the W.M.'s commands and on his return to the lodge-room was received as a Provincial Grand Lodge Officer with the customary honours. The worthy brother on whose behalf this reception was given returned his thanks for this renewed mark of their favour. He tried, he said, to do his duty and hoped he succeeded. Such proofs of their kindness as he was continually receiving from them were fully appreciated by him and would induce him to persevere until he succeeded in making their lodge second to none in the province. He then took the chair, when the Prov. Grand Master, Col. Burdett, was announced. He was received upstanding with, full Provincial Grand Lodge honours, and was offered, by the presiding officer, the chair and gavel, but kindly desired the presiding officer to retain his seat. The lodge business was then proceeded with. Bro. J. T. Moss, P. Prov. G.S.D. Middlesex, W.M., presented Bro. William Hammond, P.M., S.D., and W.M., elect to the presiding W.M., Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M., Sec., to receive from his hands the benefit of installation. He soon proved his expertness by the admirable, painstaking, correct and impressive manner in which he installed the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Hammond, P.M., as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. H. A. Dubois, S.W.; J. W. Jackson, J.W.; S. Wickens, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.S. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; E. Gilbert, S.D.; J. Hayward, J.D.; C. W. Fox, I.G.; R. W. Williams, Organist; H. Potter, P.M.; W. S. J. Gilbert, Prov. G. Tyler Middlesex, Tyler. The charges were then ably delivered, and the ceremony of installation was concluded. The work was so well done, that at its completion a cordial vote of thanks—and the same to be entered on the lodge minute book—was given to Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M. and Secretary, for his good working, and the excellent manner he had performed the ceremony of installation. This compliment was duly acknowledged by the recipient. Some brethren were proposed for joining, and candidates for initiation. A committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws of the lodge, and to decide the amount to be given from the lodge funds to the testimonial which was to be presented to Bro. J. T. Moss, for his valuable services whilst in the chair, and during his year of office. Some other important business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to a marquee, where a good banquet was served, under the superintendence of the energetic young landlord, Bro. R. Lawrence, who, as usual, exerted himself to please his guests,

and succeed well in doing so. The visitors were: Bros. F. Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex; E. J. Crow, P.M. 279, P.G.S.D. Leicester and Rutland; S. Hill, P.M. 157; J. Sim, 834; R. T. Elsam, W.M. 889; A. J. Adams, 857; F. Honeywell, 889, and others.

LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, the 16th inst. Present, Bros. John Bell, W.M.; W. Heald, S.W.; Jos. Barrows, J.W.; J. Acton, Secretary; J. Conton, S.D.; Robt. Wolfenden, J.D.; J. H. Williams, I.G.; John Barrow, I.P.M. Councillors C. Hantley, P.M.; W. Bulfield, S.S.; R. Parkinson, J.S., and Bros. Carr, Longmine, Ellershaw, Davies, Pattison, Coates, and others. The lodge was duly opened with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, and other business transacted. Two Bros. were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M. Two others were raised by Bro. John Barrow, I.P.M., and the change given in a very impressive manner by Bro. Councillor Hartley, P.M. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and the lodge formally closed until the third Wednesday in next month, except in cases of emergency.

CLAPTON LODGE (No. 1365).—This lodge held its regular meeting on the 16th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Clapton. Bro. William Stephens, W.M., opened the lodge in the three degrees, assisted by Bros. C. R. Miles, S.W.; Latwyche, J.W.; and J. D. Taylor, I.P.M. The ceremony of raising was then performed, Bro. Harwood being admitted to the degree of Master Mason. The traditional history and explanation of the tracing board was then given in the W.M.'s usual lucid and descriptive style. Two brethren (one of the Leigh Lodge) were then passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. This being the usual period of election, Bro. Miles, S.W., was elected W.M.; Bro. Batchelor, Treasurer; and Gilchrist, Tyler. Amongst the visitors were:—Bros. Cottebrune, Grand Pursuivant; Jones, P.M., and P.D.C. for Northampton; J. Diprose, W.M.; Watkinson, 813; Pinder, S.D. 18. There was no banquet, as the Summer festival took place on the following Friday, at the Greyhound Hotel, Bushey Park, when about 50 ladies and gentlemen attended, a special steamer having been provided for their accommodation (from Kew Gardens Pier). The usual loyal toasts were proposed, and the visitors responded to by Bro. Brett, P.G.P., P.M. 177, &c., and that of the ladies by Bro. Cathin. A sumptuous dinner was provided by the Host, Bro. Coomber, followed by a dessert which could not fail to please the most fastidious. On the return of the steamer, dancing was kept up to the strains of an excellent quadrille band, a most enjoyable day was spent, and one that will be long remembered by those who had the opportunity of attending.

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WHITTINGTON CHAPTER (No. 862) was consecrated on Saturday, July 19th, at Anderton's Hotel, by Comps. James Brett, P.Z. and P.G.P. James Weaver, P.M. 862, P. Prov. G. Org., Middlesex, and W.M. elect 1319, installed M.E.Z.; William Hurlstone, P.M. 862, installed H.; J. H. Jones, W.M. 866, installed J. Comp. Weaver invested W. F. Smith, P.M. and P.Z., N.; R. W. Little, P.M. and P.Z., P.G. Sec. Middlesex, Secretary; W. Kingstone, P.S. A vote of thanks, and the Honorary Membership of the Chapter was given to Comp. Brett, also a vote of thanks to Comps. Buss and Boyd for their assistance at the consecration. Seven brethren were proposed for exaltation at the regular meeting in November, the companions then adjourned to the banquetting-room, where a few happy hours were passed away. It is anticipated that this will be a very successful chapter.

ALDERHAM.—Stamford Chapter (No. 1045).—The usual meeting of this flourishing chapter was held on Wednesday, 16th July at the Town Hall, Altrincham, and was well attended by the companions of Cheshire, as well as of the neighbouring province of East Lancashire. The following officers elect were duly installed by Companion H. Thomas Baldwin, P.Z.:—

Comps. Captain Hardy, Z.; Charles H. Coates, H.; Thomas H. Kirk, J.; R. Newhouse (P.Z.), E.; R. Ferguson, N.; Charles Goodacre P.S.; The ceremonies having been most impressively performed, several candidates were ballotted for and duly elected, and Bro. Saltaferi of the Caledonian Lodge, No. 204, Manchester, was proposed by Bro. Capt. Hardy, for the September meeting. After a sumptuous repast, prepared in Comp. Harvey's best style, the companions separated, after a most delightful evening, which was much enhanced by the charming music of H. P. Roberts, Prov. G. Org., East Lancashire, and Comp. Thompson, Stamford Chapter. The next meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cheshire will be held at Altrincham, on the 18th of September, by appointment of the Right Worshipful P.G.M., Lord De Tabley.

Mark Masonry.

MARYPORT.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The annual meeting of the members of the above lodge was held at the Freemason's Hall, Maryport on Thursday, the 17th inst. The lodge was opened at 4 o'clock by W. Bro. J. Nicholson, W.M., Prov. G. Treasurer, supported and assisted by W. Bro. G. G. Hayward, P.M. 60, P.G.I.G. England; Wor. Bro. James Porter, P.M. 60, P.G.S.D. Deacon, England, Prov. G. Sec.; J. R. Tickle, S.W.; W.M. elect, and others. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Hayward assumed the chair, when Bros. Nicholson and Porter presented Bro. Tickle for installation, and that impressive and interesting ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. Hayward, assisted by the above mentioned Past Masters. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Nicholson, I.P.M.; J. Lawson, S.W.; Armstrong, J.W.; Gardiner, M.O.; Brown, S.O.; Mandle, J.O.; Rev. R. W. Beeby, J.P., Chaplain. J. R. Banks, Treasurer; Q. Moore, Secretary; J. Price, Registrar; T. Moore, S.D.; D. Bell, J.D.; J. Abbot, I.G.; Mackbride Tyler. It was then announced that the Annual Benevolent Fund Festival would be held on the 23rd inst., and that the respected Dep. Prov. G. Master of the Province, Wor. Bro. Col. Whitwell, M.P., would preside, the sum of five guineas was unanimously voted to be forwarded to Bro. Whitwell for presentation on that occasion. After a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks had been granted to Bros. Hayward and Porter for their services on that and previous occasions, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer, according to ancient custom. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, and a very agreeable evening was spent. We must congratulate the members of this young and flourishing lodge on the great progress they have made during the short time the lodge has been in existence.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Canute Chapter Rose Croix.—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on the 20th June. The brethren present were:—Hl. Bros. W. Hickman, 30°, (Mayor of Southampton) M.W.S.; T. Best, 30°, J. W. C. Whitbread, 30°, and Bros. Rev. Basil Wilberforce, J. E. Le Feuvre, J. N. Pocock, J. R. Stebbing, (P.M.W.S. of Royal Naval Chapter), R. Welch, R. Sharpe, and H. W. Bull, and the following visiting brethren viz.:—C. J. Vigne, 33°, M.P. Sov. Grand Commander; J. Coombs, 33°, Lieut. General; Doherty, C.B., 33°; Hyde Pullen, 33°; Capt. Phayre, R.A., 31°; G. Langley, 18°, and Harrington, 18°. The chapter having been opened, the M.P. Sovereign Grand Commander and the other Hl. Brethren of the 33° visiting the chapter, were received under the arch of steel. Hl. Bro. Hyde Pullen 33°, at the request of the M.W.S. conducted in his usual able manner, the ceremony of perfecting, W. Bro. James Lemon, P.M. 394 (P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works, Hants and the Isle of Wight) and Bro. William John Hickman 130 and 394, Prov. G. Supt. Hants and the Isle of Wight (one of the M.W.S.); the High Prelate (Rev. Bro. Basil Wilberforce) and the officers of the chapter, undertaking their several

duties. The M.W.S. having retaken the chair, the M.P. Sovereign Grand Commander, in addressing the chapter, expressed the great pleasure it afforded him in again visiting the chapter and also that he and his brethren of the Supreme Council felt much satisfaction at the progress the chapter had made since its inauguration and also with the way in which it had been conducted, and therefore they had the gratification of confirming and presenting to the chapter its Warrant of Constitution. The M.P. Sovereign Grand Commander concluded an eloquent address by expressing his best wishes for the continued prosperity of the chapter. A letter was read from the Supreme Council 33°, informing the chapter of the appointment of Hl. Bro. Coombs, 33°, as Deputy Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Southern District, and a vote of congratulation on his appointment having been proposed and unanimously adopted, the Hl. Brother suitably acknowledged the compliment, and expressed his confidence in receiving the support of the brethren of the chapter. A vote of thanks to the M.P. Sovereign Grand Commander, for honouring the chapter with his presence, was then passed, and also a vote of thanks to Hl. Bro. Hyde Pullen, 33°, for his kindness in attending the chapter at, some inconvenience to himself, and conducting the ceremonies of perfection. The M.W.S. (Hl. Bro. Hickman 30°) was unanimously re-elected M.W.S. for the ensuing year. The third point having been given, the chapter was closed at 6.30 p.m. The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet at the South Western Hotel.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Chapter (No. 55).—The annual assembly of the Sir Knights connected with the above-named Conclave of the Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, took place at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Friday last, the 18th inst., the chief business being the enthronement of the Sovereign-elect (Sir Kn. H. M. Molyneux), the consecration of the Vicar-elect (Sir Kn. Clark), and the investiture of officers. Em. Sir Knight J. R. Goepel, M.P.S., opened the conclave in solemn form, supported by Hl. Sir Knight G. Turner, Int. Gen. for West Lancashire; Hl. Sir Knight J. K. Smith, D. Int. Gen.; V. Sir Knight H. M. Molyneux, V.E.; Sir Knights H. James, S.G.; T. Clark, J.G.; R. Washington, H.P.; J. Wood, Treas.; W. Doyle, Rec.; J. E. Jackson, Prefect; J. B. Mackenzie, H.; M. Mawson, S.S., and P. Bell, Sentinel. The illustrious members of the conclave present, were Sir Knight W. Cron; Em. Sir Knight H. Nelson, M.P.S. 77; Sir Knights B. Robinson, R. Pearson, H. Pearson, J. S. Robertson, J. W. Kelly, J. Ellis, W. H. Shakespeare, J. Capell, &c. There were present as visitors Hl. Sir Knight C. F. Matier, D.I.G., North Lancashire; Em. Sir Knight the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, P.S. 23; Em. Sir Knight H. Nelson, M.P.S. 57; Em. Sir Knight T. Ashmore, P.S. 77; Sir Knight J. T. Callow, V.E. 77; Sir Knights J. Banning, V.E. 77; H. Barrows, Y.Y.; H. Jackson, H.P. 77, &c. After the records had been confirmed, Sir Knight H. M. Molyneux was presented to Hl. Sir Knight Smith, who proceeded to enthrone him as the M.P.S. of the conclave. Sir Knight T. Clark was next presented by Hl. Sir Knight Smith, and he was consecrated V.E. for the ensuing year by Hl. Sir Knight Turner. The following were subsequently invested as officers: Sir Knights W. Doyle, S.G.; J. Jackson, J.G.; K. Washington, H.P.; J. Wood, Treasurer (re-elected for the third time); Reginald Young, Rec.; J. B. Mackenzie, S.P.; R. Brown, J.P.; J. Capell, S.B.; J. M. O'Connell, W. H. Shakespeare, O.; J. P. Bell, H.; and H. Pearson, D.C. Sir Knight Peter Ball was unanimously re-elected Sentinel. After the master roll had been entered, and some important business had been transacted, the conclave was closed in prayer and harmony. The knights afterwards partook of a banquet, and the evening session was given and cordially responded to.

MASONIC FETE AT KNOPPOGUE CASTLE.

JULY 9th will be long regarded as a rubrical day in the memory of the masonic fraternity—their wives and families—in the district of North Munster. The Provincial Grand Lodge, according to precedent, “goes circuit,” so to speak, throughout its bounds at the Summer Quarterly Meeting, and the noble Prov. G.M., Lord Dunboyne, in a truly fraternal spirit, determined that the July meeting of 1873 should take place at the historic castle of Knoppogue, in the “Kingdom of Clare.” Invitations were accordingly issued by order of the noble Lord to all the brethren who owe him Masonic allegiance, and in response a large number of gentlemen, accompanied by their female relatives, arrived by rail or vehicle at Knoppogue, which, by the way, is worthy of a much more extended notice than we can at present devote to it.

On entering the grounds about one o'clock, there were evidences on all sides of approaching festivity. A large marquee was erected on the lawn, and servants were to be observed busy in plying the culinary art. The Royal Standard unfurled its folds to a gentle breeze at a convenient distance—the Jack (red-crossed)—held a coigne of vantage on the “Clock Tower,” and over the main entrance, the banner of the ancient house of Butler or Fitz-Walter, with its lions rampant and scallop shells—remembrances of Holy Land pilgrimages, was displayed. The croquet lawn was in readiness, and the band of the Clare Militia discoursed marches, quadrilles, mazurkas, and waltzes on the greensward. When the entire party had assembled, warning was given to the brethren by the sounding of a gong that the P.G.L. was about to transact business, Lord Dunboyne's library, which is filled with many curious works of art, was fitted up as a lodge room. His lordship having taken his seat on the throne with the usual Masonic honours, Bro. Wilson acting as P.G.S.; John Hill, S.W.; Alexander Rowand, J.W.; Henry Sikes, S.D.; Rev. Dr. Mangan, J.D.; Rev. J. McMahon, Chaplain; Isaac Banks, I.G.; Rev. W. F. Seymour, Tyler. The lodges represented were 13, 50, 73, 135, 250, 268, 201, 222, 333.

While the Prov. Grand Lodge were in session, the ladies availed themselves of the privilege kindly accorded by Lord Dunboyne of viewing the interior of the castle, the most curious feature of which is perhaps the spiral staircase which ascends the old “Keep” from basement to turret, where warders in less happy times than ours kept “watch and ward,” while the mailed barons held feudal state below. Many of the interior fittings are curious, and suggestive to antiquarians.

Time passed very pleasantly for an hour or so in this inspection, after which the Past Grand Lodge having suspended labour, the united company sought refreshment in the spacious marquees erected on the lawn, not, however, before they had been photographed in groups through the medium of Mr. Belcher's camera. The entertainment was of the most *recherché* description, accompanied with copious flowings of generous wine. Nothing could exceed the courtesy of Lord Dunboyne, his daughter, the Hon. Miss Butler, and his son, Hon. T. Butler, in their assiduity and attention to their guests, proving that they thoroughly appreciated the sentiment that in honouring others we honour ourselves.

After the repast, Bro. the Rev. J. McMahon said:—Ladies and brethren, I do not think that we ought to separate without drinking the health of our noble Provincial Grand Master and our generous host on this occasion (cheers). We have all had ample evidence often before to-day of the liberal mind and kind heart of Lord Dunboyne (applause). Much as we thank his Lordship for this day's great enjoyment at this beautiful residence, I am sure, my brethren, our enjoyment is still further heightened by the presence of so many fair ladies (cheers). I will now ask you to join with me, as I am sure you will heartily, in drinking health, long life, and happiness to our revered Provincial Grand Master, (louds of applause). Lord Dunboyne was not present when this compliment was paid him, but subsequently having entered the tent,

The Most Worshipful Grand Master said:—Brethren I was at the other end of the tent when I heard your hearty cheers, and it was intimated to me that you had done me the honour of drinking my health (applause). I assure you it gives me a great deal of pleasure to see you all here, and I give you welcome with all brotherly love (cheers.) I thank you, brethren, from my heart, for the honour you have done me, and I am proud to see you all at this happy re-union, accompanied by your wives, sisters, and daughters, and I may tell you that you would not have been half so welcome if you had not brought them with you (loud applause). I had hoped to have some little amusements provided for you out of doors; but I am afraid the threatening state of the weather will render it more desirable to keep in doors. I hope we shall be able to, however, to pass the evening not the less pleasantly. I may remind you, brethren, that you are closely watched outside, for yesterday I was gravely told that the assembling of the Masonic brethren here to-day would bring bad weather and a blight on our potatoes (laughter). Well, we don't see much blight as yet, thank God, and the weather is not so bad after all! Looking around me I am really delighted to see such a splendid array of beauty and loveliness which would be an honour to any country in the world (cheers), and our united meeting to-day is a sufficient answer to all detractors, and will show what Masonry really is—an institution which cannot exist without the display of love, harmony and good fellowship (cheers.) In conclusion, brethren, I thank you heartily for the compliment you have paid me in coming here, and for so cordially drinking my health (loud and prolonged cheers.)

Bro. Richard Studdert, Knocknareechy in concise and elegant terms proposed the health of Bro. the Hon. Theobald Butler, who in response said he had no higher ambition than to follow in the footsteps of his father, either as a man or a mason, and thus secure the good wishes of all such as he saw around him (applause).

Rev. Dr. Mangan, said their sentiments would be incomplete if they did not drink the health of the noble wife of a noble man. He need hardly say he alluded to Lady Dunboyne (cheers) and her amiable daughters (renewed cheers).

The toast was drank amid renewed cheers.

The company then separated for out-door exercises, and later in the evening a dance and supper wound up the proceedings, and Lord Dunboyne's guests departed after spending a day of unalloyed pleasure.

Original Correspondence.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

If our eminent Bro. Holmes, 31°, took as much interest in Royal Arch Masonry as he does in the “Order of the Temple,” it would not be necessary to inform him that our Irish “P.K.” is the equivalent of the English “P.Z.”

My statement that the connecting link between Freemasonry and the old Templar working was “extremely slight,” satisfies our brother that I know “very little of Templar history, or the Templar degree.” I thought I had a fair knowledge of both; but suppose I must be mistaken, and regret that our brother does not condescend to enlighten my ignorance by showing wherein the relationship consisted. I can quite understand that the matter could not be fully discussed in print, but I certainly fail to see in the ceremony of Templars' installation anything connecting it with Freemasonry, except the one “commemorative point,” to which I am sure I need not now more particularly refer.

I bow to our brother's correction of my use of the word “order.” Society is the correct designation, and I may suppose that my language has become slightly demoralised by occasional contact with those whom our late Bro. Dalcho (Frederick the Great?) would have addressed as “my respectable brethren.”

I do know that the great principle of toleration as it now exists in Freemasonry, took its rise at

the revival of Grand Lodge communications in 1717, and that one of the first acts of Grand Lodge was to excise sectarianism from its working. As speculative Freemasonry, in its present form, is not traceable further back, it is not to the purpose to state the well-known fact that in the anterior society “Masons were Roman Catholics, and consequently Trinitarians.” Our society is “old” as continuing many of the “arts and mysteries” of the original framework. It is “grand” in its adoption and faithful rendering of the modern principle of universal religious toleration.

It is satisfactory to learn that the “Ritual Commissioners” of the “United Order” intend “to return to the old chivalric *secreta receptio*.” Where on earth did they get it?

How does the new “Templar Order” propose to deal with such encampments or preceptories as the “Baldwin,” whose possession of certain high grade degrees our brother Holmes admits? Though I ask, with great diffidence, is he quite correct in ascribing their origin to the year 1836? I actually believed that the old Templar rite of seven degrees was regularly worked in England long before the close of the last century, that Bro. Dunckerley was elected Grand Master of H.M., K.H., in 1790, and that Baron Ranciliffe, the Duke of Kent, Judge Wright, and the Duke of Sussex, were successively heads of the rite, till the year 1811, after which Grand Conclave ceased to meet, and that in consequence the older conclaves formed a confederation, under which those “high grade” chivalric degrees were still conferred on duly qualified brethren. Is the law passed by Grand Conclave in 1866 to become inoperative? providing as it did for the continuance of the privileges enjoyed by certain encampments holding warrants granted prior to 1791? Are those privileges to be “snuffed out” by the new arrangements? And will the encampments referred to fall in with the views of Bro. Holmes, and quietly hand over the control of those degrees, whatever they may be intrinsically worth, to what he calls “the more legitimate authority of the Supreme Council?” Knowing, as I presume they do, the origin and history of the rite controlled by that Supreme Council, remembering what it is, when and where it originated, and the authorities on which it puts forth its claims to recognition.

Bro. Holmes states that the history of “the high degrees generally has yet to be written,” and if that history be truly recorded, while it would, doubtless be found very interesting and instructive after its kind, I fear the publication would not redound to the credit of Freemasonry with which those “hautes grades” would be surely, though improperly confounded, by those outside, as well as by many within our society.

The existing quarrel between the “Templar rites,” and the “Dalchoites,” is “a very pretty one as it stands.” It might be “worth the while” of both parties to pause and consider the probable results.

Fraternally yours,

JOSEPH H. WOODWORTH.

Dublin, 16th July, 1873.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I cannot allow the letter of Bro. Lord Holmes to pass without comment.

I certainly have not attempted to prove the “United Orders” an illegal organisation.

It is true that, for the purpose of argument, adopted, for the moment, Sir Patrick Colquhoun's assertion that the Order of the Temple is not Masonic, and I then proceeded to show that his view was correct the legal, or rather illegal position of its members.

I agree with Bro. Holmes that “it is simply nonsense to say that the mere abolition of the title ‘Masonic’ makes us an illegal body.” But here again Bro. Holmes has unintentionally, by doubt, misread, and put a false construction upon my letter.

I have said, and I reiterate, in the most explicit terms possible, that if we are content to accept the Arch Chancellor's decision that we are not a Masonic body (and this is not a mere “abolition of title” but a change of fundamental principles) we must be content to abide by the con-

sequences it will entail upon us, and consider ourselves members of an illegal society, and as such liable to prosecution as felons.

That divers opinions existed relative to the late changes in the constitutions of the Order, there can be no doubt, and that some of the Supreme Council who hold exalted positions in the Order of the Temple have not agreed with those changes cannot be denied, but why this should call down upon their heads the "righteous indignation" (whatever that may be) of the English Chancellor of the Order I am entirely at a loss to understand.

I hold that every Knight Templar has a right to express his opinion upon so weighty a question as the one under discussion, and I trust the day is far distant when such egotism, arrogance and blundering as that displayed by Sir Patrick Colquhoun can be passed over in silence or with such a lame defence as that with which we have been favoured by Bro. Holmes, who, whilst differing from me in opinion, has in no way attempted to controvert my assertions or deal with my argument.

I am, Dear Sir, and Brother,
Yours fraternally,

J. E. C.

A LIFE GOVERNORSHIP OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR ONE SHILLING.

(To the Editor of the Freemason.)

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The letter you were kind enough to publish in *The Freemason* of the 12th inst. has brought many applications for tickets, also several letters, asking an explanation of my project, which I beg to repeat.

"The tickets are one shilling each, and the purchaser thereby secures a chance of having £10 paid to the above-named Institution in his or her name, constituting a life governorship; with the power of voting at each election of Annuitants; the corresponding numbers to those of the tickets sold will be placed in the ballot box, and according to the number disposed of will depend the issue. Every 200 tickets will represent £10."

I earnestly solicit the assistance of the brotherhood in furthering my object to enhance the funds of the Benevolent Institution. Lodges and Chapters periodically dispense their funds on behalf of our charitable institutions, and a vote of a few shillings carried in favour of my project may secure a life governorship, which I am sure many of our brethren and companions would be pleased to have recorded in their names in preference to the usual practice so universally adopted in recognition of their past services. Some of our members have spoken of my project as "a chandler's shop system," to them I would answer, many a small business is characterised for its honest dealing, and compares favourably with some of our gigantic establishments.

In soliciting charity, I maintain that any means to which we may resort being honest and equitable, is entitled to, and worthy of support, and as we are taught to guide our hearts by justice, and extend our hands by benevolence, let us endeavour to become influential in diffusing the light of wisdom to aid in the strength of reason, dispense the beauties of virtue, and lessen the aggregate of human vice and misery.

Applications for tickets to be accompanied by stamps or post office order.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,

JOHN CONSTABLE, S.W. 115.
July, 21st, 1873.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

Yesterday was a gala day with the Free and Accepted Masons of Cornwall. The occasion the installation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe as the Right Worshipful the Grand Master of their Province. The recorded list of the Masonic Provincial Grand Masters of Cornwall is brief. It begins with William Pye, appointed 1752, over two lodges, all then in exis-

tence; Stephen Bell, 1762, over three lodges; George Bell, 1764, over four lodges; Stephen Bell re-appointed, 1775, over five lodges; Sir John St. Anbyn, Bart, 1786, over six lodges; Sir Charles Lemon, Bart, 1843, over eight lodges; Augustus Smith, 1863, over fifteen lodges; and now the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, 1873, over twenty-four lodges.

The late Provincial Grand Master, Augustus Smith, so long and so favourably known as the pseudo sovereign of the Scilly Islands, was an able and popular Masonic ruler. During his lifetime throughout his Province he was held in high esteem, and on all occasions of his visits to his brethren was received with great warmth of fraternal feeling. He was not appointed to his high office formally until 1863, on the death of Sir Charles Lemon. For several years previous to that date Mr. Smith, had, however, been the ruling power in the Province. The result of his ruling was a great extension of the Masonic body in Cornwall. During his career the lodges nearly trebled.

At the lamented decease of Bro. Smith, much speculation arose in the Province as to who would be his successor. The names of two prominent Masons in the Province were for some time in active discussion as likely to be the new Prov. Grand Master, but the mantle of the departed worthy did not fall upon either.

When it was announced that the succession had fallen upon its present noble occupant, the only feeling was that of general cordial congratulation among the brethren of the Province. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe is a brother of several years standing, having joined the Masonic body early in life, and passed through the principal chairs at the "Sincerity" Lodge, Stonehouse, some years since. The Mount Edgcumbe family have also from a remote period occupied a prominent relationship with Cornwall, the county of the Paternal Home, the hill from which they take their patronymic. A metropolitan legend asserts that it was once the custom of Cornish children on retiring for the night, after imploring a benediction on their parents, to remember next the head of the Mount Edgcumbe family. However this may be, the lords of Mount Edgcumbe have undoubtedly for several generations stood high among the county families in the esteem of Cornishmen for their ability, urbanity, honourable feeling, and liberality. The call of the present Earl to the conspicuous position of Grand Master of the Masons of Cornwall is therefore regarded by that body as a promising omen of the continued success of their order in that county.

The installation of his lordship was arranged to take place at Truro. A Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of the Masons of the province assembled there in the Concert-hall of the new public rooms at ten o'clock. The attendance was unprecedented. Over 500 brethren were present, including nearly the whole of the leading names among the members of the order connected with the province.

The Provincial Grand Master presiding, opened the Grand Lodge with the usual ceremonies. After the minutes of the last P.G. meeting had been read and confirmed, in a brief address he paid a tribute of respect to the memory of the merits of the deceased G.M. of the Province, and congratulated the brethren upon the new Provincial Grand Master appointed.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe was then introduced by seven P. Prov. G.W., the V. W. Bros. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart, W. D. Pearce, F. W. Dabb, E. T. Carlyon, Col. Peard, T. Solomon, and W. J. Mason.

The P.G. Secretary read the diploma of his lordship's appointment. R. W. Bro. the Rev. J. Huyshe, put the usual questions as Installing Master. P. Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. Hughan, read the ancient charges and regulations, to all of which his lordship gave the usual assent. The new P.G.M. was then duly obligated and placed in his chair. The P.G.D.C. proclaimed his lordship with the usual formalities as R.W.P.G.M. of Cornwall who then received from the brethren the usual salute.

R. W. Bro. the Rev. J. Huyshe then delivered the customary charge in a very impressive manner, the Devon brethren present noticing with

much satisfaction the vigour with which their respected G.M. carried out his arduous duties.

The P.G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received him. After the very able manner in which they had been just addressed by his friend, the Rev. Jno. Huyshe, he said he would content himself for the present with urging a careful attention to the precepts just inculcated.

The business of the lodge was then proceeded with.

The P.G.M. appointed Sir F. M. Williams as D.P.G.M. who was duly obligated by R. W. Bro. the Rev. J. Huyshe as Installing Master, invested by the P.G.M., and installed in his seat.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer presented his annual statement, which exhibited a balance of £47 9s. 5d. in favour of the lodge, notwithstanding thirteen of the lodges had not yet paid up their dues. The forfeits incurred by those lodges were for the present passed over. The Prov. Grand Master, however stated that for the future he should be for the bye-law being put in force.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, presented his annual statement, which showed number of lodges in the province to be 24; number of initiations during the year, 130; number of joining members, 37; members remaining, 801; total, 968. Number of initiations in the previous year, 103; joining members 19; members remaining, 772; total, 894. Increase of initiations, 27; joining members, 18; remaining members, 29; total increase during past year, 74.

The report of the "Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund" shewed a favourable progress of that institution.

The Committee of Relief reported that they recommended that the widow of a brother, a P.M. of Fortitude Lodge, No. 131, Truro, and the widow of a brother, a P.M. of One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin, be granted £10 each for their relief. The committee further reported that since the last meeting they had relieved two distressed brethren to the extent of £2 each.

The whole of these reports were received and adopted. The proposition of Bro. Hughan was carried; "That the rules and regulations as lately issued to the several lodges and members entitled thereto and bearing date "12th July, 1872, be accepted as the bye-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, with the exception that the sum of £10 towards the expenses of the lodges receiving the Grand Lodge be altered to £20.

On the motion of Bro. T. Chirgwin, seconded by Bro. Hughan, £25 were voted to the "Cornwall Annuity and Benevolent Fund." Twenty guineas were voted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, this donation completing the number of votes held by the P.G. Lodge in the London Masonic Charities to 60—Bro. Solomon said this vote would be a compliment to Bro. Hughan, who had just been appointed a Steward to the Girls' School, and would be some recognition of the time and labour so generously devoted by Bro. Hughan to the interests of Masonry.

At this stage of the proceedings the Grand Lodge adjourned in procession, in full regalia, with emblems and banners displayed, and headed by the St. Austell Volunteer Rifle band to St. Mary's Church. The procession was the most imposing ever seen in the Province.

The Past Grand Master said the lodge must feel a deep sense of gratitude to Bro. Huyshe for his kindness in coming down and taking part in the proceedings of the day. The impressive manner in which that respected brother had just delivered the charge had made clear to him the importance of the office he had ventured to accept, and the duties he and the members had to carry out. It was their duty to shew their fellow-countrymen by their conduct in life that to be a Freemason was to be an honest and just man.

The Past Grand Master then appointed his officers.

The Past Grand Master presided at the usual banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were warmly drunk, and the latter ably acknowledged.—*Western Morning News*.

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LIVERPOOL THEATRES, &c.

Week ending July 26.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE, Lime-street.—Lessee, Bro. E. Saker. Philharmonic Company.

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee, Bro. H. Leslie. Mr. Powell and Equestrian Dramas.

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee, Mr. Sefton Parry. Mr. J. K. Emmett in "Fritz."

THEATRE ROYAL, Williamson-square.—Lessee, Bro. De France. Burlesque of "The Forty Thieves," "Quakers and Shakers," and Miscellaneous Entertainments.

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

NEW STAR MUSIC HALL, Williamson-square.—Manager, Bro. Saunders. Opera and Special Attractions.

ROTUNDA THEATRE and MUSIC HALL.—Proprietor, Mr. D. Grannell. Miscellaneous Entertainments.

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

QUEEN'S HALL.—The Ghost.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1873.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held on Thursday, 17th inst., at the Town Hall, Hounslow, the V.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Col. Burdett, J.P., presiding, supported by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., the retiring Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and a great number of past and present Provincial Grand Officers. There was also present a goodly throng of representatives from the sixteen lodges in the province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge business having been disposed of, and a sum of money voted to procure the Provincial Grand Secretary clerical assistance in the routine portion of his arduous and rapidly increasing labours, the Provincial Grand Master proceeded to appoint and invest his Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

J. C. Parkinson, P.M. 131 and 778, and of Prince of Wales's Lodge, 259, P.Z. Prince of Wales's Chapter, etc., Deputy Grand Master.

Sir G. E. Campbell, B.A., W.M. 1415, Senior Grand Warden.

Arthur R. Richards (P.M. 8 and P. G. Steward Eng.), P.M. 865, Junior Grand Warden.

Rev. Chas. J. Martyn (P.M. and P. G. Chap. Eng.), 1310, Grand Chaplain.

Rev. J. M. Vaughan (P.M. 907), Chap. 1423, Grand Chaplain.

Henry G. Buss (P.M. 27), Sec. 1293, Grand Treasurer.

Hickson Briggs, P.M. 865, Grand Registrar.

R. Wentworth Little (P.M. 975), P.M. and Treas. 1293, Grand Secretary.

Robert Kenyon, P.M. 1293, Senior Grand Deacon.

Octavius H. Pearson, P.M. 708, Junior Grand Deacon.

Wm. H. Hubbard (P.M. 173), 1293, Grand Superintendent of Works.

Isaac D. McDougall, P.M. 788, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

John H. Batten, P.M. 1309, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Richard D. Odell (P.M. 3), 1194, Grand Sword Bearer.

Richard Limpus, Org. 1309, Grand Organist.

Richard Bancey, (P.M. 79), 1293, Grand Pursuivant.

George J. Jaquin, P.M. 382, Assistant Grand Pursuivant.

John Gilbert, 1194, Grand Tyler.

GRAND STEWARDS.—H. G. Edlman, P.M. 708; G. Elliot, M.P., W.M. 778; T. Nash, W.M. 865; R. T. Whitley, P.M. 946; F. Walters, P.M. 1309; H. A. Dubois, S.W. 1423.

The popularity of the foregoing appointments was proved by the hearty applause which greeted each brother as he donned the insignia and assumed the position accorded to him, and Colonel Burdett may be congratulated upon his tact and knowledge of the art of governing, as exemplified by these proofs that he had precisely met the wishes of those he presides over, by his selections for the purple of Middlesex.

So thoroughly successful was this Provincial Grand Lodge meeting that a Past Grand Chaplain of the province suggested the desirability of holding two Provincial Grand Lodges in each year, a proposition which was received with cheers, but which, as the Provincial Grand Master shewed, was more pleasant than expedient. It is wiser, as Colonel Burdett said in effect, to keep these festivals as annual treats, at which the officers of the year are appointed, and though Middlesex is lusty and vigorous as a young giant, it will do well to avoid stepping out of the beaten path followed by provinces it is perhaps destined to lead.

THE BANQUET.

Dinner was served in the great public room of the Town Hall about six, Colonel Burdett, Prov. Grand Master, presiding, supported on the immediate right by Bros. J. C. Parkinson, the new Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Raynham W. Stewart, Past Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Boyd, P.G.P.; S. Rosenthal, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Rev. Sir Claude de Crespigny, P.G. Chaplain; F. Walters, P.M.; Dr. Ramsay, J.W.; R. G. Glover (P.M. 131), S.D.; and Major Harding, (P.M. St. Andrews), I.G. all of the Bard of Aven, 778. On the Prov. G. Master's left were:—Bros the Rev. C. Martyn, P.G.C., and

Vaughan, Prov. Grand Chaplains for the year; the Rev. D. Shaboe, P. Prov. Grand Chaplain; Terry; Little, Prov. Grand Secretary; Buss, Prov. Grand Treasurer; and many others. A first-rate selection of music was provided, under the direction of Bro. Limpus, the vocalists being all friends of Bro. Walters, P.M., who had most kindly volunteered their services, to give eclat to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge festival.

After the banquet, and when grace had been sung, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and responded to by Bro. Martyn, as Past Grand Chaplain of England; Bro. Boyd, P.G.P.; Bros. Terry and Little, for the Charities; and Bro. Raynham Stewart, P.G.D., who, in also proposing "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master," expressed his entire satisfaction with the principle of changing the personality of the position of Deputy Prov. Grand Master from time to time, and his conviction that in his successor, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, the Prov. Grand Master would find a zealous and able Deputy, and the Province a valuable ally. The Prov. Grand Master, in returning thanks, spoke feelingly of the honour conferred upon him when asked to become chief of the province, and added that his first impulse was to advise the brethren to offer the Prov. Grand Mastership to some nobleman of high rank, as in his judgment the position was one which men of the first rank in the State always filled with most advantage to the Craft. Colonel Burdett's remarks, so far as they were in modest deprecation of himself, were received with loud cries of "No, No!" from the brethren, and were met subsequently by Bro. J. C. Parkinson, the new Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who, as will be seen below, spoke up stoutly for the importance of the province, and the special fitness of Colonel Burdett to preside over it. In returning thanks for the Prov. Grand Officers of the year, (a toast to which the Prov. Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Sir Gilbert Campbell, and Bro. Richards, the Prov. Junior Grand Warden, also stood up) Bro. Parkinson spoke thus:—

Very Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Grand Officers and Brethren, Once upon a time, a worthy countryman of ours was staying at a foreign watering place, and was made positively uncomfortable by the number of petty German princes with great titles by whom he was surrounded. Serene Highnesses, Grand Dukes, High and Puissant Princes (over four acres and three soldiers, or thereabouts), their Mightiness of this and their Effulgence of that, made him feel that plain Mr. Smith was a nobody (laughter), and that the landlord neglected and the waiters spurned him, because of his being the only man there without a title. He fled to another town, and after much cogitation on the way, entered his name in the next hotel books as "Smith, Elector of Middlesex." (Loud laughter.) From that moment the tables were turned, and he was the most important person in the place. They had heard of the Elector of Hanover (laughter), and knowing how great a man he was, they felt certain that the "Elector of Middlesex" must be a person of vastly more consequence than the herd of German princes and counts staying with them. All the attention of the servants, all the

smiles of the ladies, all the homage of the crowd were his, and Mr. Smith, whose health improved as his wounded dignity was appeased, returned to his counting-house in the City, thinking with the Swedish Chancellor, "My son, with how little wisdom is the world governed!" Brethren, this anecdote comes into my mind when I think of writing myself down in the future as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex! I feel that the Masonic brethren I may visit will expect, on hearing that high-sounding title, there is far more in me than I shall find it at all possible to bring out; and I also feel that to be a Grand Officer of this Metropolitan province involves a heavy responsibility upon those wearing its purple, because the sound of "Middlesex" conveys more to the ear and to the understanding of the outer world than the names of provinces which are more remote. Middlesex is comparatively new, but it presents at this moment a picture of great and stable Masonic prosperity, and it rests with its members to elevate and strengthen it to a practically unlimited extent. (Loud cries of hear, hear.) The Freemasons of Middlesex are at this time one thousand strong, the lodges in the province have quadrupled in number since its formation in 1869; and all that is needed to make its real strength apparent, is a close and impenetrable union among its forces, and a leader whom it is honourable to follow and whose position is assured. Brethren no one who is acquainted with our Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Burdett, can have any doubt as to our good fortune in this last particular; and I must protest against the deprecatory tone which the Prov. Grand Master's modesty led him into a few minutes ago, when speaking of himself. (Hear, hear.) For Masonry, if I understand it, is a thing made up of honourable traditions, and while it would be our duty, as it would be our pleasure, to pay respect and obedience to any brother filling the distinguished position of Provincial Grand Master, the performance of that duty receives an undoubted stimulus when it is called forth by the inheritor of a lofty lineage, and the successor to a long line of noble deeds. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, our Grand Master bears an historic name (loud cheers), and the archives of his family are permanently inscribed upon the roll of England. Those whose tastes or whose avocations have led them to the study of genealogy—in the belief that the history of great families furnishes a faithful reflex of the changing conditions and progressive thought of a nation—those students know that when the Norman conquered, the Burdetts took root; and that from that time onwards their representatives have, under successive monarchs, played a leading part in the council-chamber, and on the battle-fields of England. (Cheers.) We find them founding priories under the Normans; making valiant pilgrimages to the Holy Land, to fight the infidel, under the Plantagenets; bravely defending our French possessions under the House of Lancaster; scouring the seas for the defence of our Southern coast, under Henry the 8th; and affording an asylum to men of learning and piety during the troublous times which befel the Stuarts. (Cheers.) The representative and heir of these gallant spirits

has, it is true, fallen upon quieter times than they, and after serving his country in that distinguished regiment which carries a human skull upon its standard, and has "Death or Glory" for its motto, has for many years paid diligent attention to the "emblems of mortality" in another walk. (A laugh.) I trust, however, we shall hear no more from our Provincial Grand Master of his having any doubts concerning his own fitness, socially as well as Masonically, for the high position he fills amongst us. (Hear, hear.) It is as its own chosen chief, as one who unites the charm of personal qualities with the claims of ancient blood, and who has inherited the qualities of leadership from a long line of illustrious ancestors, that Middlesex is proud and happy in its Grand Master. This being so, what remains for us? I reply to be true to him and to ourselves, by displaying at all times our unity and organisation. In our gallant regiment of a thousand strong are so many Vice-Presidents and Life Governors of our Charities, that we have only to unite to make our influence felt, and to return a fair proportion of candidates. In Grand Lodge we may be sure that our influence will be respected, so long as we exercise it in furtherance of those great objects for which Freemasonry exists, and to which all our obligations point. I see before me, therefore, a great future for Middlesex, and in that future I discern, as in a vision—it may be but a vision, but I will cherish it—extended usefulness, vast responsibilities, great means adapted to noble ends, and this great Province marching onwards in calm strength and majesty, respecting itself and respected by the Craft. (Cheers.) My immediate predecessor in this position, whose good wishes on this occasion I most heartily reciprocate, is widely known for the time, devotion, and energy he has displayed in connection with our various Masonic institutions. (Hear, hear.) Our Provincial Grand Secretary has, as was shown pretty conclusively a few months since, won for himself, by his proved Masonic qualities, troops of Masonic friends. The three predecessors of the Provincial Grand Senior Warden of Middlesex of to day have represented respectively those scientific attainments which give their possessors a world wide fame, and those sister arts of music and of painting, which soothe the spirit and refine the mind. (Hear, hear.) Why if Plato himself were devising a modern republic—but a republic with a senatorial class—do not those I have quoted represent the very sections of the community he would rejoice to elevate? Great services to the Commonwealth proved administrative ability: Science, which, by increasing the aggregate of human knowledge, swells the sum total of human happiness; and the beautiful arts by means of which mankind is made less rugged, and life itself more elevated and graceful. Such are the qualifications which the Province of Middlesex has, during its brief life, seen in the highest place it has been in the power of its Grand Master to bestow. Remembering this, I am most proud to accept the trust reposed in me to-day, and for my own part, in thanking the Provincial Grand Master for the honourable position he has placed me in, and you for the favour you have shown me, let me say that from this hour, I throw in my

Masonic lot with Middlesex, and that such time and energy as I am able to give are yours. Let us always act together as friends united in a common cause, and above all, let us be true to our flag. Such, brethren, is the spirit and such the hopes with which I enter upon my new duties under the Grand Master. And in all earnestness I henceforth bind myself to the Province in the expressive words of the good old marriage service, *not* "forsaking all other," but "for richer or poorer, for better or worse," and to this I plight my troth. (Loud cheers, and cries of hear, hear.)

The Prov. Grand Master then proposed "The Health of the Stewards," to which Bro. Buss, Prov. Grand Treasurer, and one of the members of the Dalhousie Lodge, responded, after which the meeting broke up.

MASONIC PROFESSIONS AND PRACTICES.

There is a manly beauty and consistency in the formation and support of character, first adopting a system of ethics, by which to be governed, and then manfully to live up to the specific requirements of our own chosen standard. Manliness cannot be better displayed than by such a course.

All truly great men have attained their high standing in society by first adopting correct moral principles, and then having the firmness and independence to maintain them, in the face of all opposition, and thereby have shown their superiority over those who either have no defined and fixed principles, or if they profess them, have not the moral courage to support them.

The great character of our distinguished brother, George Washington, owed all its lustre and grandeur to the uncompromising fidelity with which he adhered to his chosen standard of moral principles. These sustained him in every position in which he was placed, and if he was called upon to make great sacrifices of ease, comfort and gain, or to sacrifice his principles, he ever choose the former; and these trials and sacrifices only made the true grandeur of his character to shine forth with increasing lustre.

The character and example of Bro. Washington has had a powerful influence in fixing the type of the true American character. In the primitive purity and simplicity of the American people, the influence of his example was more forcibly felt, than in later times, and as time rolls on, we are still being borne away, farther and farther from his personal example as a model of American manhood; but the principles which gave him all the force and influence of his illustrious life are imperishable and still retain the power to elevate, refine and promote all who, as he did, adopt and maintain them with unfaltering fidelity and devotion.

No Institution with which Washington was associated ever gained so powerful a hold on his affections and esteem as that of the Masonic Order, except that of the Church, to which he was greatly devoted. The system of ethics adopted and enforced in the Masonic Order, were found to be of the highest order, and that upon which the Church was founded, written by the finger of God Himself, upon tables of stone, imperishable and universal in their obligation, and upon which the laws of civil government are founded. This code of morals suited him; and it was the rule of his life, and formed the basis upon which he carved out his brilliant career, both in his military and civil achievements.

Others, with Washington, have found the lights which are shed from our sacred altars to be sufficiently strong and clear to illuminate their paths to virtue and its great rewards. The "great light" still shines in all its primitive brilliancy and force, and cannot fail if we are careful to follow in the paths and duties it reflects to gain like honours and rewards.

But the question arises here. Why are not all Masons good men, if not great men?

We answer, in the first place, that Masonry cannot confer capacity upon those who are not endowed with it by the God of Nature; we can only improve what we find they possess, we only give form and polish to the "Rough Ashlar" brought to our hands. Hence, all Masons are not great men.

We answer, in the second place, that if all Masons are not good men, it is not the fault of the Order, so far as its laws and principles are concerned.

In the nature of things, Masonry has a great work to do, in its labours upon the material brought up, to be fitted to its place in the great social and moral edifice. Some stones will not take a polish; some workmen have never, themselves, been reduced to Order,—not "fair work and square work." Some are too ready to compromise principle, and the immutable laws of the Order, for ease, luxury, self indulgence and prejudice. From these and many like causes, the high standards are lowered down to suit the circumstances of the times, and prevailing habits of place. There is too often a woeful departure from the principles of our profession, by which the sacred Order is made to suffer in all its great interests.

It is by far too common with many who profess to be Masons, when urged to uphold the sublime principles of our beloved Order, to repel the appeal by asking: "Do you want to make Masonry a Church, a temperance society, or a set of bigots? We are liberal in our views, and not disposed to restrain ourselves or our brethren when they choose to indulge their appetites and passions; we are but men, and don't profess to be saints; let us alone; other Masons can engage in any business, live as they please, and their lodges endorse their conduct. Why can we not do the same?"

The man who refuses to "subdue his passions and improve himself in Masonry"—a system of morality—should never knock at our doors; he should never bow at our altars; he should never make a profession of our doctrines and principles; he should never take upon himself the solemn vows and obligations by which he bound himself to be a Mason; to be a good man and true; and strictly to obey the moral law. The man who voluntarily takes upon himself our high profession, our sacred vows, and then indulges in profane swearing, gambling, frequents liquor shops, and lends his example and influence to promote drunkenness and debauchery in any form, violates his solemn vows, does violence to his profession, injures the cause of Masonry, and brings disgrace upon himself.

"We are not saints." No we do not, as Masons, profess to be saints; but will any intelligent Mason tell us the difference between the morality of Masonry and that of Christianity? Are they not the same? Our system of morality is derived from the Bible—the "Great Light" of Masonry. No man can be a good Mason, and not keep the moral law. The thing in itself is right, and every right-minded man will say so, whether he is a Mason or not. Masonry creates no new obligation; it only holds good men, under their own voluntary obligations, to do that which they ought to do, if there was no such thing as Masonry in the world.

Show us the man who willingly takes upon himself the high profession of a true and undefiled morality, such as every Mason subscribes to, and acts upon his profession, and we are prepared not only to take him by the hand, but to take him to our bosom as a brother and companion. We require nothing else. He may belong to any church or party in politics, or to no church or party; it matters not, if he is a good man and true, he is our brother. But profession and practice must go hand in hand, or else there is a fraud, a deception, and we pity the man who cannot be a man after the pattern of his Masonic profession.—*Masonic Mirror*.

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LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW MASONIC HALL IN NEW ZEALAND.

By reason of the land upon which the Masonic Hall, on LeCren's-terrace, stood being required by the General Government for the Timaru and Temuka railway, the Freemasons were compelled to seek for a suitable site elsewhere, and, after some trouble, succeeded in securing an eligible plot of land in Church street, opposite the English church. The old Hall, which was built of stone, was erected in 1866, and was used by the Freemasons until the year 1872. At this time, the cutting for the railway was made close to the building and undermined one corner of it, rendering it unsafe for use, and causing the Freemasons to forsake it, and conduct the business of their lodge in a room of Mr. White's offices. In 1872 the building was pulled down and the material stacked up until the Government paid the compensation for the removal of the building and placed the lodge in possession of funds to rebuild it. The amount of compensation to be paid the lodge was assessed in the District Court on January 15th, 1873, when the Freemasons were awarded £1,300, and interest on that sum at the rate of 8 per cent from the beginning of May, 1872. As soon as this was paid, the new site in Church street was purchased, and tenders called for the re-erection of the building, Mr. Parsons being the successful tenderer.

The foundations having been completed, it was decided to re-lay the foundation stone on Monday last.

The attendance of Freemasons was pretty large, several having come a considerable distance, but the number of visitors was small, probably in consequence of the laying of the stone being performed without Masonic ceremony, and therefore not so attractive as it otherwise would have been. The outward display was of a limited description, consisting merely of a number of poles ornamented with evergreens erected along three sides of the foundations of the building, and from which were suspended a profusion of bunting, giving to the scene rather a lively appearance.

At noon, the time appointed for performing the ceremony, the members of the Masonic body and some others mounted the platform at the eastern side of the building, at the northern corner of which the stone was suspended by a scaffolding ready for lowering it into position. Among those present were—Messrs. G. H. Wildie, W.M.; John King, I.P.M.; J. W. White, S.W.; G. W. Wade, J.W.; R. Scott, Treas.; W. M. Sims, Sec.; W. A. Hobbs, S.D.; J. Mackintosh, J.D.; G. Cliff, I.G.; H. Esley, Tyler; Rev. L. L. Brown, Chaplain.

In the stone on which the foundation-stone was to rest was cut a square hole, into which was placed and cemented down a bottle taken from the original lodge building when it was pulled down, containing newspapers, coins, &c., and another bottle containing a *Lyttelton Times* of Saturday's date, a *Timaru Herald* and *South Canterbury Times* of Monday's date, and a parchment, on which was inscribed the following:—

"This is to commemorate the re-laying of the foundation stone which was laid on the 30th of August A.D. 5866. The stone was taken up on the 14th of May, 5872, in consequence of the land being required for the Timaru and Temuka Railway. This stone is now re-laid without Masonic ceremony this 14th day of April, 5873, by George Hunter Wildie, W.M., in the presence of the officers and brethren of the Lodge."

Everything being readiness, the Worshipful Master said that he thought it was almost necessary that some apology should be made for bringing so many there to witness the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone, when probably many had come under the impression that it would be accompanied with the usual Masonic display and honours. In explanation, he would inform them that the stone was laid originally by the District Grand Master, Dr. Donald, and this being so, it was considered by the Grand Lodge in Christchurch unnecessary to re-lay it with Masonic honours, seeing that it had been already

laid with all due ceremony. They had assembled there that day not as a Masonic body, but in their capacity as private individuals, to witness the re-laying of the stone for the honour of the institution to which they belonged. The stone was laid by the District Grand Master in 1866, and the cause of the removal since was in consequence of the Government requiring the land upon which the old hall stood for the Timaru and Temuka Railway. The removal of the stone was made on the 14th May, 1872, by their venerable Bro. Captain Scott, and the documents and coins which were placed underneath it and sealed up when the building was built were removed and placed inside the stone that day, together with some newspapers of that day's date. He trusted that those things would never have to be removed within the memory of man. The plans for the new building which he had in his hand, had previously been examined by the Committee. They were very fair specimens of skill and ingenuity on the part of the architect, Mr. Wilson, and he trusted the building would be carried out in its entirety according to them.

The stone was then lowered into its place, and after the W.M. had pronounced it perfectly square, level, and upright, he declared it duly laid.

The Chaplain then, in a few appropriate words invoked a blessing on the building.

The W.M. again addressing the assemblage remarked that it was barely necessary for him to say anything on behalf of the institution of Masonry, as he suspected many present were more thoroughly acquainted with the advantages to be derived from being a member of a Masonic body than he was himself, he being but a very young member. He might say that the present hall would be erected solely and wholly for the purposes to which it was dedicated—Freemasonry alone. It would be a hall in which Masons could meet, the reason of their assembling together being to bind themselves into one bond of brotherhood to work unanimously for the world's good, to feel they had to assist and improve the position of their fellow creatures, and not to say "Am I accountable for him, he is not my brother," but to assist his fellowman in all his undertakings. The great virtue of a Mason should be charity, not only in almsgiving—for a man is not expected to give more than he can afford—but he is expected to give at least sympathy to a brother in distress. Ancient writers had stated, and he believed it, that Masonry began with almost the beginning of the world, that the very moment sufficient people were created on the earth, and shook hands together with professions of good will to each other, that then Masonry commenced. This friendship naturally caused societies to be created, and in time they became universal. Now he supposed there was not a town in Europe or in the world of any importance, but what had in its midst one or more Masonic lodges. Anathemas had been hurled against Freemasonry, foul epithets have been used to decry it, but these had failed to weaken it, and it was now as secure as ever. Kings had passed away, and kingdoms and dynasties had decayed, but Masonry still possessed strength, and was now more prosperous and vigorous than ever. The longer they lived the more prosperous their Order would become, lasting until it was not required any longer, and that time would not be until the millenium arrived, when all people would be brothers, and when there would be no necessity for benevolence. Till then Masonry had its work to do. There were many charities belonging to Masonry which the world never heard of. If a man was a proper Mason, and adhered to the teaching given him in the lodge, he walked with benevolence in his hand and charity in his heart. He thought well and tried to do his duty to all mankind. Such was a Mason, according to the teaching of their lodges, and he trusted that that teaching was acted up to by all brothers. There were erring brothers but they were all human, and therefore could not expect every person to be perfect, but if they followed the teaching they received in Masonry they could not err greatly. No matter to what sect or to what clime a man belonged, so long as he was honest and upright and believed in the Great

Architect of the Universe he would be allowed admission to the lodges. When once a Mason, no matter in what country he travelled, he would be certain to find a brother, and it was an acknowledged fact that many an assassin had stayed his hand when intending to take a man's life, and instead of being his murderer had become his greatest friend. Such things had not only been heard of, but also authenticated. He trusted that the Great Architect of the Universe would send his blessing on that building, and that plenty and abundance would be the lot of all the members of the lodge. In conclusion he (Bro. Wildie) invited those present to partake of refreshment in an adjoining building.

The Freemasons present, and a number of visitors, accepted the invitation, and partook of a cold collation laid out in the upper room of Bro. Cliff's stone store.

At the conclusion of the repast and champagne having been handed round, the W.M. rose and said that as the spread was altogether an impromptu one, he hoped the company would excuse its bareness. He did not feel inclined to make a speech and would at once propose a toast which he was sure would be drunk with enthusiasm, namely, "Queen Victoria."

The toast was drunk in a loyal manner.

The Chairman then proposed "Prosperity to Timaru and the new Lodge." He coupled the new building with Timaru, because if Timaru progressed the Lodge would progress. There was certainly every indication of Timaru continuing to prosper, and while doing so the Lodge would be sure to prosper also. As the prosperity of Timaru affected the inhabitants generally as well as the masons, he would couple the toast with the name of Bro. Maxwell.

The toast having been drunk,

Bro. Maxwell said he was taken by surprise by hearing his name coupled with the toast. He would merely state that as regarded Timaru no one could wish it more prosperity than he did, and as for the new lodge he wished it every success.

Bro. King said he had the pleasant duty of proposing the toast of "The Architect and Contractor," the first of whom had in a most skilful manner designed the building, and the latter had made a good start towards building it according to those designs.

After the toast was drunk,

Bro. Wilson said that he was greatly obliged for the manner in which they had drunk the toast, but would reserve his speech until the building was completed.

Bro. Parsons also responded.

Bro. White said he would ask the Freemasons to charge their glasses and drink the toast of "The Gentlemen who had attended that day to witness the re-laying of the foundation-stone, and who had graced the board by their presence afterwards." He would couple the toast with the name of Bro. Luxmore.

The toast was drunk with musical honors.

Bro. Luxmore said he thanked them exceedingly for the kind manner in which they had drunk the toast of the visitors. He was very glad himself to be present on the occasion, because he believed that Masonic and other kindred bodies were really a great advantage to the public, as they already afforded support to any member who might happen to be in distress. He had much pleasure in congratulating the Freemasons on being in the position of freeholders instead of, as they were before, leaseholders. (Hear, hear.) In conclusion, he stated that he felt confident the Masonic Institution would prosper in Timaru, and be a benefit not only to the town but the district at large.

Bro. Price said he had a toast to propose, in which he was sure they would all heartily join—"The health of Bro. Wildie, the W.M."

The toast was drunk with all the honors.

Bro. Wildie thanked the company for their kindness, and assured them that the toast was entirely unlooked and uncalled for. (No.) If he were possessed of the eloquence of Cicero, or the oratorical power of Demosthenes, he might have been able to do justice to that day's proceedings, but he felt that he lacked the ability to do justice to them himself. He would like to see in Timaru and other towns, persons at the

head of Freemasonry of ability and intellect, to do that justice to the cause which it deserved.

The toast of "The Press" was then drunk and responded to by Mr. Ball and Mr. Feldwick.

The company then separated.

MASONIC ORPHAN BOYS' SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

The regular monthly meeting of the committee of this institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on Monday, the 14th inst., Bro. E. W. Maunsell in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed,

The Secretary announced that the receipts for the month of June amounted to £158 9s., and included a second donation of £50 from Bro. James Tyrrel £20, from R. Arch Chapter, No. 225; £10 from the Preceptor of H.K.T. No. 141; £10 from the Secretary of Prince Masons Chapter, No. 9, Dublin; £10 from Bro. James Stirling; £2, jury fees, from Bro. Harry Hodges, and £2 from J. H. Edge.

The half-yearly report from Bro. Rev. Samuel Skeen, of Adelaide Hall School, Merrion, at whose establishment the pupils of the school are now located, was submitted, and gave a most satisfactory account of the progress the pupils had made during the previous six months. Immediately previous to breaking up for the midsummer vacation examinations were held. The Rev. J. K. Leatham, A.M., Mathematical Moderator, T.C.D., who conducted the ordinary examinations, says in his report:—"Your boys answered me extremely well in all the subjects in which I examined them. Their acquaintance with geography and history was particularly good. The Latin and Greek grammars were well known, and the translations from classical authors were correct and flowing. In Euclid, the style of answering of most, showed not only that they had been carefully taught, but that they understood the subject."

The special examination for prizes offered by a member of the committee for the best answering in arithmetic, spelling, and dictation were, at the request of the committee, conducted by Bro. the Rev. Joseph Galbraith, F.T.C.D., assisted by Benjamin Gibson, who, in forwarding their report, state—

"The answering was very good, and we are happy to be able to add that the excellent condition and appearance of the boys do credit to Mr. Skeen."

The committee confirmed the recommendation of the examiners, and awarded the first prize in the first class, value £1, to James Erett; the second prize, value 10s., to John King Irwin; and the prize in the second class, value 10s., to George Du Noyer.

Brett's marks at the special examination reckoned as 280, out of a possible 300; and at the general examination, 1,359, out of 1,500.

The Good Conduct Medals, presented by Bro. S. B. Oldham, were awarded—that in the first class, in silver, to James Brett; that in the second-class, in bronze, to Robert Warren. This award was made by the vote of the pupils themselves, with the full approval of the master, who in his report says he has "much pleasure in stating that they are well deserving of them." The medal is a very beautiful specimen of die sinking, executed in Mr. Woodhouse's best style. It consists of an artistically arranged group, representing Faith, Hope, and Charity, with the name of the institution in a ribbon around it, surcharged on the equilateral triangles, interlaced, the whole forming a six-pointed star, suspended from a clasp, combining the crown and shamrock.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Negligence always inexcusable, becomes altogether unpardonable, when a pestilence, such as cholera, threatens to stalk throughout the land and relentlessly claim all ages for its victims. Have these remedies handy, let this Ointment be instantly, briskly, and perseveringly rubbed upon the abdomen, when disordered. At certain seasons, when the air is rife with infection and the water provokes disease, it becomes the permanent duty of all invalids to keep themselves and their families in full health and vigour. No wound or sore should be permitted to run its destructive course, when all such predisposing causes of danger may be effectually removed by this healing Ointment and these purifying Pills, without enervating or irritating the constitution.—ADVT.

CONSECRATION OF THE IVY LODGE NO. 1441.

On Tuesday the 16th inst., a new lodge, under the above title and number, was consecrated under the happiest auspices at Bro. Laxton's Windsor Castle Tavern, Southwark-bridge road. The founders of this lodge may be heartily congratulated on their triumph in procuring the assent of Grand Lodge to their undertaking.

Only those who have themselves been engaged in the task, successful or otherwise of receiving a Warrant of Constitution from Grand Lodge can estimate the trouble and anxiety, to say nothing of the expense involved in the task. In the vast majority of cases the metropolitan applications fail; and with just reason, because already one-seventh of the entire number of the lodges owning allegiance to the English Constitution and spread over the four quarters of the globe, are located in and about the metropolis, and it may be well assumed at head-quarters that every reasonable facility at present exists for the promulgation of the tenets and principles of Freemasonry without the issue of further warrants.

We have ascertained that the intention of the founders of the Ivy Lodge, and more especially we would not mention the name of the Worshipful Master designate, Bro. Chas. Smith, to whom in chief measure the merit of obtaining the warrant is attributable, is to establish it on a high moral standard, to hold as the only object of its being the furthering of Masonic principles and the active support of Masonic benevolence, holding all other matters as subservient. Actuated by this spirit, which we sincerely hope may animate it even when those who have ushered it into existence shall have passed away we trust that the Ivy Lodge will never degenerate into a mere dining club or estimate the regular recurrence of costly banquets above the privilege of being frequently announced to the Masonic world as benefactors to those in temporary distress, the aged, the widow, and the fatherless. If the intention of the founders is carried out in its integrity with regard to the moral qualifications of its accepted members it will only fulfil the wishes which should be understood as commands, expressed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master when he last presided at Grand Lodge, and when he strongly animadverted on the conduct of certain lodges which had been lax in their acceptance of candidates for admission into the Order.

Three o'clock was the time fixed for the opening ceremony, and shortly after that hour the lodge-room, which is handsome and very well adapted to its intended use, being well filled with the founders and visiting brethren, the majority of whom had passed the chair, the Consecrating Officer appointed by the M.W.G. Master, Bro. James Terry, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, P.Z. 17 &c., P. Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, Herts, a Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, commenced the ceremony of consecration. In the preliminary business he was obligingly assisted by Bros. C. A. Cottebrun Grand Pursuivant and Wm. Stuart, P.M. N 141, as Wardens; Bro. George Free, P.M. N 13, as Honorary Secretary; and by Bro. John Noke, P.M. No. 87, as Director of Ceremonies. Bro. C. B. Payne, Grand Tyler; was in attendance with the golden consecrating vessels, a the appointments of the lodge, were altogether well chosen and even elegant.

Bro. Bilby presided at the harmonium, with his fine voice the anthems, &c., were given with great effect.

To those brethren who have been present when Bro. Terry has acted as Consecrating Master, to describe his style would be superfluous; to others we will fearlessly say that throughout the whole length and breadth of Craft no brother could be found to excel delivery in dignity or effect, or the high religious earnestness he has the power of effusing in hearers.

The lodge having been consecrated and constituted, Bro. Smith, the W.M. designate, was presented, and in due form, and with ancient custom installed as first Worshipful Master. By especial favour of the M.W.G. Master, 1

Smith has obtained the summit of his Masonic ambition at one bound, having never served the office of warden in a regular lodge, but never has such signal favour been more worthily bestowed. A young mason, Bro. Smith, early distinguished himself by constant devotion to lodges of instruction, and no duty attached to the chair in which he will be found unprepared or incompetent. The chair of the "Ivy" lodge is now filled by a diligent masonic Scholar and a courteous gentleman, who will, we are confident set a good example to those who will succeed him in his high office, which they will do well to study and imitate.

The W.M., having been installed, at once proceeded to appoint his officers as follows.—Bros. Geo. Mattock, S.W.; Josiah T. Cantle, J.W., *pro tem.*, consequent on the absence of Bro. Louis Hirsch, J.W., Designate; Edward Thurkle, Treasurer; Charles T. Jolly, Secretary; Charles J. Poupard, S.D.; Louis Corneilssen, J.D.; Ashwell, I.G. and C. Fox; Tyler. Past Master, John Noke, No. 87, undertook the P.M.'s duties until a regular successor should be appointed. After the final addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren had been finely delivered by Bro. Terry, and the formal duties of the day had been completed, the W.M. rose and said:—"That the first duty that devolved upon him as W. Master of the "Ivy" lodge, was to him a very pleasing one. It was to propose that a vote of thanks be tendered to Bro. Terry, for the manner in which he had so efficiently performed the arduous duties imposed on him by the M.W.G.M., as consecrating and installing officer. He was confident that a deep and lasting impression had been made upon the minds of all who had witnessed the solemn services of the day; the brethren of the "Ivy" lodge felt profoundly grateful to Bro. Terry, and he had been requested by them to enquire if he would be good enough to accept an honorary life membership of the lodge. Bro. Terry having expressed his sense of the compliment, the motion was put from the chair, carried unanimously, and acknowledged by the Consecrating Officer in appropriate terms.

The W.M. then stated that he had another duty to perform of an equally pleasing character, it was to propose Bro. Cottebrune as an honorary member of the lodge.

This motion was put, and carried with unanimity equal to the former.

After Bro. Cottebrune had expressed his acknowledgements, thanks were tendered to Bro. Bilby for his services as Organist, and to the brethren generally for their kind assistance at that day's ceremonial. Several candidates for initiation having been proposed, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer.

After a cold collation had been served to the brethren, presided over by the W.M., the following toasts were proposed and duly honoured, "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W.G.M., the Most Noble the Marquess of Ripon, K.G.;" "The M.W.P.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G.;" "The R.W.D.P.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Past and Present."

This toast was acknowledged by Bro. Cottebrune, G.P.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Terry, in graceful and eloquent terms, he stated that the newly constituted lodge enjoyed the advantage of being presided over by one who was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word, and eminently qualified by his Masonic attainments for the post to which he had been appointed. He sincerely wished every prosperity to the Ivy Lodge, and hoped that it would long cling to the tree of Freemasonry.

The toast was drank with great enthusiasm and replied to by the W.M. in suitable language and in a manner which showed that he fully appreciated the kind sentiments of his brethren.

The visitors replied seriatim to the toast of their health, all of them expressing hearty good wishes for the prosperity of the new lodge and regard, and affection for its W.M. Bro. T.H. Meredith, P.M., in his reply incidentally stated that he had initiated Bro. Smith, into the Order, and felt a natural pride in witnessing the position he

now occupied in the Craft, there were four brethren whom he introduced into Freemasonry now occupying the position of W.M., a fact which he need hardly say was exceedingly gratifying to him.

After the health of "The Officers" had been proposed and responded to, the Tyler's toast was given and the brethren separated shortly after six o'clock.

Amongst the brethren present on this interesting occasion beyond those already designated were:—Bros. G. Ashwell, P.M. 22; G. Wingham, P.M. 25; W. Y. Laing, P.M. 45; E. Harris, P.M. and Treasurer 73, Collector of Institution for Boys; G. T. Fox, P.M. and late Treasurer 73, P.Z. 13; C. Hartley, W.M.; C. Nott, H. Wright, and J. Welsh, 87; H. Bartlett, W.M. 147; G. F. Swan, P.M. 504; Domburg, 511; R. Welsford, P.M. and Treasurer; and R. Foster, 548; R. Gans, P.M. 632; J. N. Gailant, I.G. 813; F. H. Meredith, P.M. 1257; T. Laxton, W.M. 1321; and many others.

CONSECRATION OF THE ETRUSCAN CHAPTER, LONGTON.

The consecration of the Etruscan Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, took place at the Masonic Hall, Longton, on Thursday, July 17th. The ceremony was most efficiently performed by the Grand Superintendent of Staffordshire, M.E. Comp., Geo. S. Tudor, assisted by M.E. Comp. Lewis and several other P.Z.'s.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of M.E. Comp. E. Shargool and were very well rendered.

Comp. John Pratt delivered a most excellent oration on Masonry.

After the chapter had been consecrated the following companions were regularly installed:—Horton Yates, Z.; A. Patterson, H.; F. S. Wright, J.

At the close of the ceremonies the companions sat down to a most sumptuous banquet at the Portland Hotel, provided by Bro. J. Meigh, M.E. Comp., Alfred Glover, presided, supported by M.E. Comp., G. S. Tudor, and M. E. Comp. Lewis, and other companions. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The whole of the arrangements were everything that could be desired.

The furniture, which gave great satisfaction, was supplied by Bro. George Kenning, of London, and Liverpool.

HERE'S HEALTH TO THE PRINCE!

By Bro. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M. and P.Z.

Here's a health to the Prince who now graces the dais,

A Prince and a Mason united in one,
But a Prince though he is, we all meet on the level.

May the tie that unites us be never undone!

May his home be as happy as true love can make it,

May domestic affliction ne'er ruffle its calm,
May the Wife and the Children who share his affection

Be preserved with himself from all that can harm!

May he see all the peoples over whom he may reign,

United and happy—attached to the throne;
Remembering ever that all blessings must come
From our Father in heaven—and from Him alone!

Then Here's to the Prince who now sits on the dais,

To whom we're united by brotherly love,
May his life be a long one, and happy as long—

Endow'd with all wisdom, and grace from Above!

A Box to Henry's Chamberlain—Faint, with the celebrated wine-gilt label, and a rich, shining, leather, for all ages; and children's shoes, 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.

NOTICE.

"MASONIC HISTORIANS, No. 5," by Bro. Hughan, the Masonic Historiographer, will be completed in all probability in our next issue. Its delay is consequent on the "History of Freemasonry and the Lodge of Edinburgh" by Bro. D. Murray Lyon, not having yet made its appearance, although confidently expected last week.

Bro. Hughan wrote the first portion of his interesting article from advanced sheets kindly sent him by the publishers, and as the work itself is almost certain to be issued during the coming week, we hope the friendly review will be concluded in "The Freemason," for the 2nd August.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, August 1st, 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, July 26.

Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.

Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, July 28.

Lodge 831, British Oak, Bank of Friendship, Bancroft-place, Mile End-road.

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.

Cruden 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. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.

West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, July 29.

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, July 30.

Lodge 866, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place Poplar.

St. Stephen's 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.

Beckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Fenchurch, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.

Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.

Swanage Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, July 31.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4. Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (5), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham 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, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
 Highgate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, August 1.

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 Courts 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.
 Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
 United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.
 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.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (724), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 2, 1873.

Monday, July 28.

Lodge 148, Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.
 Chap. 24, Friendship, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.30.

Tuesday, July 29.

Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, July 30.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 8.
 Alpass Encampment of Knights Templar, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

Thursday, July 31.

Lodge 1313, Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.
 Friday, August 1.
 Lodge 1264, Neptune, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, August 2, 1873.

Monday, July 28.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st.
 Tuesday, July 29.
 Chap. 73, Caledonian Unity, 170, Buchanan-st.

Wednesday, July 30.

Lodge 177, St. James, Masonic Hall, Coatbridge.
 Thursday, July 31.
 Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Buildings, Govan.

Friday August 1.

Lodge 275, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-st.
 „ 459, Kelburne, Cumbræ Hotel, Millport.
 „ 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.

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 BRO. CHAS. W. INGRAM, S.W. Designate.
 BRO. WM. WATKINS, J.W. Designate.

The Ceremonies of Consecration and Installation, by the R.W. Bro. Col. C. Lyne, P.G.M., Mon. assisted by the V.W. Bro. Capt. Geo. Homfray, P.D.G.M.

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Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

PROVINCE OF

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A Provincial Royal Arch Chapter of Masons will be held at Newport, in the MASONIC-HALL, on FRIDAY, AUGUST 1st next, for the purpose of installing Companion Col. C. LYNE, as P.G.S., Companion S.G. HOMFRAY as P.G.H., and Companion L. A. HOMFRAY as P.G.J.

The Chapter will be open at Three p.m. precisely.

All R. A. Masons are respectfully requested to attend.

A Banquet will afterwards be provided at the KING'S HEAD, Newport, at Five p.m. Tickets 7s. 6d. each.

IVOR HAEI CHAPTER

OF

Sovereign Princes of the Order of M.W.S.

BRO. S. GEORGE HOMFRAY, 30°, M.W.S.

A Meeting of the Members of the above Chapter will be held at the Masonic Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire, on

Wednesday, the 30th day of July, 1873,

AT TWO O'CLOCK, PRECISELY.

By Command of the M.W.S.,

W. H. WICKES HOMFRAY,
 Recorder.

GRAND EAST, NEWPORT, MON.,
 21st June, 1873.

THE BANQUET

Will be held at the King's Head Hotel, at six p.m. (tickets 7s. 6d. each), when P.M.W.S. Jewels will be presented to Ill. Bro. Major Shadwell H. Clarke, 33°, the First M.W.S. of the chapter, and to the M.W.S. of the present year.

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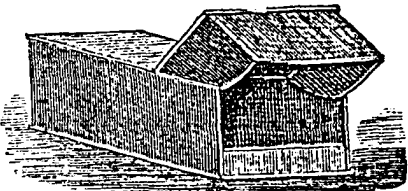
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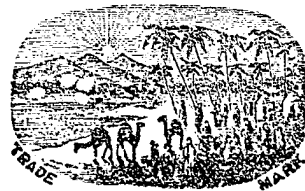
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