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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Votes and Interests of Governors and Subscribers are earnestly solicited on behalf of

DAVID DOVE,

AGED NINE AND HALF YEARS.

His Father, Bro. David Dove, formerly a Builder, at Scarborough, was for near 10 years a Subscribing Member of the Old Globe Lodge No. 200, Scarborough. Through failure in business he left Scarborough, and was subsequently appointed Inspector of Buildings on the North Eastern Railway, and after a short illness died (inflammation of the lungs brought on by exposure in the discharge of his duties) on the 16th Nov. 1870.

The boy's mother has since deserted him, as also two other children, and they are entirely dependant on friends for support.

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THIRD APPLICATION.

ELECTION—OCTOBER, 1873.

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The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers are earnestly solicited on behalf of

ETHEL IDA MARGARET SEATON,

AGED NINE YEARS.

Her Father, Bro. George Seaton, formerly Master Mariner and Ship Chandler at Hull, was for 10 years a Subscribing Member of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull (6th a Companion of the Humber Chapter), and after a very short illness, died on the 19th February, 1868, leaving his Widow with five Children, three of whom are entirely dependent on her for support, and with very small and inadequate means to educate and maintain them.

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P.P.G. Supt. Works, North, and East York,  
54, Lister-street, Hull.

SECOND APPLICATION.

ELECTION—OCTOBER, 1873.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution are respectfully solicited on behalf of

HARRIET DAVIS,

AGED EIGHT YEARS.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LIVERPOOL.—*Mariners' Lodge* (No. 249).—The annual summer festival of this most popular and pleasant lodge, which came off on Wednesday, the 27th ult., was in every respect a complete success, and will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present. Frodsham, Belmont, and the Overton Hills, within easy distance of Liverpool, was selected, after mature study and no little trouble, as the scene of the day's festivities, and the result of the "out" fully justified the choice. The all-important weather, although somewhat gloomy in the morning, assumed a brighter aspect as the day wore on, and there was little left to desire in this respect. A committee, consisting of Bros. Rose, W.M., the S.W. and J.W. of 249; J. K. Smith Treas.; J. Wood, and H. W. Nicholas, I.G.; spared no pains to make the pleasure gathering a success, and they succeeded to their hearts' content. To Bro. Nicholas especial praise is due, not only for the active exertions which he made, but also for framing a programme of the day's proceedings which formed a novelty in Masonic productions. This programme was so unique, so clever, and so thoroughly characteristic, that it deserves to be quoted at length for the benefit of other pic-nic committees. It was as follows:—

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 And it is to be hoped on the square also. Entries to be made on the spot. Handicapper, Starter, and Judge, Bro. Edwin Hughes, I.P.M.; Clerk of the Course, Bro. Henry Pearson, P.M.; Commissions executed by "Nicholas," the only true Prophet. Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith will be in attendance in case of accident.

5.0. MISCELLANEOUS CONCERT,  
 In the Belmont Music Hall, under the direction of Professor Bro. W. G. Veales, Mus. Doc., who will be assisted by artists of acknowledged ability. The P.G.C. will here dilate upon Past and Passing Events—"In a quiet sort of way."

6.0. TEA IN THE ARBOUR.  
 The party will leave Belmont and return by the way of the Village Smithy, where Bro. Veales will record the deeds of the Village Blacksmith, in song. The Chestnut Tree, not being *poplar* or ornamental, has been cut down for other purposes.

FINALE—HOME, SWEET HOME.

About 120 brethren and ladies started from Lime-street Station at the time appointed, and on arrival at Frodsham the parish church was visited, and an excellent address, by Bro. Hains, Chaplain of the lodge, on the principles of Freemasonry in accordance with the Sacred Law, was listened to with marked attention. At Belmont a sumptuous dinner was done full justice to, where the tables "groaned beneath the weight of curious viands." In the grounds Bro. Henry Burrows made an excellent photograph of the outers, and a separate one of the officers of the lodge. The ladies' race was contested by quite a bevy of fair ones and was won by Miss Leighton, who also carried off other prizes during the day. The race for the silver watch evoked much competition, and was cleverly won by Bro. Hamilton, G.D., who defeated in the final heats Bro. Hains, Chaplain; Hughes, I.P.M.; and Jones. The donkey races on the flat were "flat" indeed, as several of the animals refused to move. The miscellaneous concert by Bros. Meale, Rose, Price, Fisher, and Nicholas, assisted by Mrs. Skeaf, elicited such rapturous applause, that this particular portion of the programme passed off in anything but "a quiet sort of way." The party having partaken of tea, turned their faces homewards, making a halt at the Village Smithy, where the song of the "Village Blacksmith" was most effectually rendered by Bro. W. G. Veales, to a real bellows and anvil accompaniment, whilst the forge fire lighted up the group in a weird and effective picture. The party arrived in Liverpool at 10.15., thoroughly delighted with the day's festival.

WEST DERBY.—*Pembroke Lodge* (No. 1299).

The annual pic-nic of the brethren of this lodge, holding its meetings at West Derby, at a pleasant distance from Liverpool, took place on Thursday, the 28th ult., the scene of the day's festivities being Frodsham, Belmont, and the Overton Hills. About 80 brethren and ladies started from Lime Street Station, shortly after 11 o'clock. Amongst those of the party were Bros. J. Clegg, W.M.; J. Sellar, I.P.M.; J. F. Jones, J.W.; R. Bennett, Sec.; F. Page, and others. Admirable arrangements had been made by the Special Committee of which Bro. J. H. Townley was the indefatigable Secretary; and the catering of Bro. W. Vines, one of the P.M.'s of the lodge, must have given the most complete satisfaction, even to the most exacting. The weather on the whole was favourable, and a very pleasant day was spent. After an excellent dinner, the party engaged in dancing, croquet, bowls, gymnastics, &c., according to their various tastes; while not a few found considerable amusement in exciting donkey races. Mr. Martin's band furnished excellent music, and every feature passed off with the proverbial merryness of the "marriage bells." The party returned to Liverpool at an early hour.

MILLOM. *Whitwell Lodge* (No. 1390).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge, was held at the Masonic Rooms, Millom, on Tuesday 19th, August. The chair was filled by Bro. Thomas Dodgson, the W.M., and P.M. 995, who was supported by Bros. J. Mills, S.W.; J. Meredith, J.W.; J. Postlethwaite, Sec.; R. Pearson, P.M., 995; and othes. Sundry business was disposed of, and the the lodge was finally closed in due form.

Red Cross of Constantine.

CONSECRATION OF THE WALTON CONCLAVE. A third Red Cross Conclave has been added to those already in existence in Liverpool, and flourishing to the most surprising extent, by the consecration of the Walton Conclave, No. 97, at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, on Thursday, the 28th August. The addition of a Conclave to the lodges and chapters already in existence at the North end of Liverpool, must prove a great boon to the residents in that part of the town, and there is every likelihood of the "Walton" proving as popular as either of the existing Conclaves. The consecration ceremony was fixed to begin at 5 o'clock, and shortly after that time, and as a preliminary to the more important part of the proceedings, a conclave was opened by Ill. Sir Knt. G. Turner, Int. Gen., for West Lancashire, for the purpose of installing several approved and elected candidates for the new fraternity. The chair of the V.E. was occupied by Sir Knt. J. Banning, P.V.; and that of H. P. by Ill. Sir Knt. J. K. Smith, Dep. Int. Gen. for West Lancashire. After the conclave had been opened according to the strict ritual of the knightly Order, Sir Knt. T. Ashmore, Past S. of the Skelmersdale Conclave, No. 77, ascended the throne, and proceeded to instal into the sublime privileges of the Order, Bros. the Rev. T. W. Richardson, 1086; D. R. Williams, 1035; G. E. Hanmer, 1086; and U. S. Barker, 724. (Four other candidates were due, but absence from town prevented their attendance). After the installation Ill. Sir Knt. Turner proceeded to consecrate the Walton Conclave, No. 97, assisted by the following Knights of the Order, besides those already named:—Sir Knts. Joseph C. Lant, M.P.S. designate; J. J. Rose S.G.; P. Ball, S.; C. McNab, W. Quayle, P. Armstrong, besides the following visitors:—Em. Sir Knight Molyneux, M.P.S. 55; Sir Knights P. B. Forshaw, 77; J. Wood, Treas. 55; Em. Sir Knight H. Nelsen, M.P.S. 77; and others. The Ill. Int. Gen. in an impressive consecration of the conclave, received invaluable help from Em. Sir Knights J. K. Smith, T. Ashmore, and H. M. Molyneux. Em. Sir Knt. J. C. Lunt, was subsequently enthroned M.P.S. of the new conclave, and Sir Knt. Jesse Banning, was installed V.E.; and the following were the other officers, who were invested at the meeting:—Sir Knights J. Rose, Sen. Gen.; W. S. Barker, Jun. Gen.; Rev. F. W. Richardson, H.P.; W. S. Barker, Treas.; Wm. Quayle, Rec.; C. Mc. Nabb, Prefect; Geo. E. Hammer, S. Bearer; and P. Ball, S. Bearer. The assembled knights subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet in an upper room.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Lodge Union* (No. 332), met on Monday, September 2nd, at 170, Buchanan-street, Bro. J. B. McNair, R.W.M., presided, assisted by Bro. R. Mitchel, P.M.; D. McThurdy, S.W.; and A. Conichie, J.W. This lodge has, owing to the connection of Bro. Mitchell with the shipping of the port, obtained such a name amongst the master mariners trading to that port, that emergency meetings have been held during the past month to accommodate them. On this occasion the work consisted of the initiation of two candidates, the work being admirably performed by the Right Worshipful Master, who also impressively passed one brother into the Fellow Craft Degree. Bro. Mitchell, P.M., then took the chair, and raised Captain Meriam to the third degree in a painstaking manner. At the conclusion of the ceremony, he brought forward the case of an old Mason for whom, owing to the infirmities of age, they were getting up a

subscription. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. W. Bassett, 27; G. W. Wheeler, 73; and J. Johnston, 619. After labour the lodge proceeded to refreshment, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk; Bro. Meriam responded to that of "The Initiates."

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

On Thursday, Aug. 28, the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon was held in the Town Hall, Dawlish, when there were about two hundred members present. Besides the transaction of the ordinary business of the year, Grand Lodge was held for the consecration of Salem Lodge, No. 1443. There being no Lodge of Freemasons at Dawlish, Bro. J. Stroud Short, the W.M. designate, and his brethren, had made every preparation to give their brethren of the province and the visitors a cordial welcome.

There was a large attendance of Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers and brethren from every lodge in the province.

Previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge the Committee of Petitions met at Hatcher's Royal Hotel, and there considered several petitions from the widows of deceased brethren, and transacted other business.

On adjourning to the Town Hall, the Grand Lodge was opened in regular form by the Prov. Grand Master; prayer being offered by the Rev. John Matthews, P.G.C.

Bro. W. G. Rogers, the Provincial Grand Secretary, read the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge during the past twelve months.

Bro. Dennis Moore suggested that the address of condolence to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall on the death of Bro. Augustus Smith should be recorded in the minutes.

Bro. Rogers said he had received a letter in reply from the Province of Cornwall, which he was about to read, and it might be entered, with the address, in the minutes of the lodge. The following is a copy of the reply, together with a note added by the present Prov. G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe.

"To the Right Worshipful the Prov. G. Master of Devon, and the brethren of the Province of Devon.

"We, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, gratefully acknowledge the feeling expression of condolence of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon, conveyed to this province, on the death of our late beloved Prov. G. Master, Bro. Augustus Smith, whose merits we so fully appreciate, and whose loss we so deeply regret.

"We cordially thank the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon for the handsome form in which this condolence has been presented, and shall always retain it amongst our archives as a token of the kind sympathy existing between the sister provinces.

"Reginald Rogers, D.P.G.M. of Cornwall.

"E. P. Carlyon, P.G. Secretary.

"Dated Masonic Hall, Truro, 13th March, 1873."

To this reply was appended the following note:—

"Being unable to sign the above letter on behalf of my Prov. G. Lodge (as it was held under the presidency of the Dep. G. Master), I am anxious to express my own share in the general sorrow excited by the death of my lamented friend and predecessor throughout the province over which he ruled so worthily, and my cordial sense of the truly fraternal feeling manifested in the message of sympathy, which has been so warmly appreciated by the brethren of this province.

"Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M. of Cornwall."

The Prov. G. Master thanked the members of the Grand Lodge for the support they had given to him while acting as Grand Steward. The province was by far the largest contributor—four times larger, in fact, than any other province in the kingdom. The contribution was very much esteemed by one of the greatest personages in the kingdom.

Bro. Rae suggested that the address to the Prov. G. Lodge of Cornwall, and the reply, should

be printed and circulated in the next report, which was agreed to.

Bro. Rogers read a statement of receipts from the lodges of the province throughout the year. There was no lodge now which had not made its returns.

Bro. Bird, Prov. G. Treasurer, brought up his statement of accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £117 13s. 2d.

Bro. Rogers read the report of Bro. Pope, the Treasurer of the Fortescue Annuity Fund, showing the receipts and expenditure of that fund for the past year. The funds invested amount to £1,729.

Bro. Gover, Secretary of the Committee of Petitions, next read the following report of the Committee:—"The Committee of Petitions have much pleasure in presenting their annual report to the Provincial Grand Lodge, demonstrating as it does most forcibly the great benefits which have been conferred on the aged and distressed members of the Order, their widow and orphans, by its continued exertions. Desultory effort has given way to well organised action, whereby the influence of the province has been brought to bear, as will be seen, with much success, on the individual cases which have on enquiry been found to be the most deserving. But although very much of this is due to the improved organisation of the province, your Committee feel they are bound to record the untiring efforts of their Bro. James Stevens, who, hailing from Devonshire, has undertaken the arduous and delicate task of conducting the elections on their behalf in the various Masonic charities. They do this with the warmest feeling of gratitude, in which they believe the Provincial Grand Lodge will sympathise. The Committee have still to regret that many votes are given to cases out of the province, but, happily, not in sufficient numbers to influence the general result. During the past year they have succeeded in the election of one boy, one aged Freemason, and one widow, and except the October schools, are free to undertake new cases. The Committee have also to report that two brethren and one brother's child have been relieved in the Royal Albert Hospital by means of tickets subscribed for by lodges. During the past few days two children, daughters of a deceased brother, have been admitted into the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum, one by election and the other by nomination of the Admiralty. One of the most important questions ever raised in this or any other province was inaugurated at the meeting held at Exeter in January of the present year, and then referred to a meeting held in April. It related to the formation of an Educational Fund for the children of deceased or distressed brethren. It is admitted that this province cannot expect to carry an election of either a boy or girl, except at long intervals, and at a considerable expenditure of votes, which might be advantageously used in other directions, whilst at the same time there are now no less than seven boys and girls, two widows, and four aged brethren, asking for aid. Your committee are confident that the Prov. Grand Lodge will agree with them that it is the sacred duty of every Mason to do what he can to relieve the distresses, and to advance the interests of those who have been reduced to poverty by the death, sickness, or unmerited misfortune of their parents. They believe, too, that relief cannot be given in a better or more substantial form, than that of a good practical education, thereby enabling the recipients to battle with the trials and competitions of life. They therefore most earnestly commend so good a cause to the cordial and liberal support of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and also of all Prov. G. officers, the lodges, and members of the Order. The rules unanimously adopted by the committee at their adjourned meeting have been sent to all the lodges, and will be submitted for the approval of the Prov. Grand Lodge. At the meeting held in Exeter, the Committee granted the sum of £5 to a member of lodge 719, and they recommend that an additional sum of £5, be granted by the Prov. Grand Lodge. This brother had lost a sum of £14,000 in his business as an hotel proprietor, and at the age of 68 is entirely destitute. They also granted the sum of £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 159, Stonehouse, to assist

her in carrying on the business of a lodging-house keeper. At the meeting held this day at Dawlish the committee granted the sum of £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 1212, Devonport, recently deceased. The Committee also recommend the Provincial Grand Lodge to grant further sum of £5 to the widow of a deceased brother of Lodge 223."

Bro. Dennis Moore proposed that that part of the report which related to the proposed Educational Scheme should be deferred for twelve months.

Bro. Brizzi seconded the motion. A long discussion took place upon the motion, and it was eventually agreed that time should be given to the lodges in the province to consider the whole question, and that the Grand Master be requested to convene a special Grand Lodge in about six months for the consideration of this subject.

Bro. Metham, D. Prov. G.M., then moved that £5 be given to the sister of a deceased brother—a most excellent Mason, a naval officer, who, in dying, had left her destitute. The case was well known to many of the brethren.

Bro. Dennis Moore moved that the amount should be 10 guineas, which was agreed to.

In this case friends of the lady had already subscribed for her £100.

Bro. Capt. Tanner Davy then proposed, in accordance with notice, a donation of £10 to the North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple, which was agreed to, having been seconded by Bro. Metham.

The donation is to be conveyed to the infirmary through Bro. Davy.

Bro. Jones proposed a similar gift to the Devon and Exeter Hospital. Seconded by Bro. Gover, and carried unanimously.

Bro. James Stevens, of London, the representative of the charities of the province, spoke in warm terms of the manner in which the province had during the last two or three years, subscribed to the great charities, and of the high position which it now held. His labours would be very much lightened in consequence of their generosity. There would be little chance for any election in October, but he hoped that at the next election he should be able to place a candidate in both the Boys' and Girls' schools.

Brethren then gave notice of their intention next year to apply for donations for the Torbay and Tiverton Infirmarys.

Bro. Latimer, P. Prov. G. Sec., said they had voted their money freely to other charities, and he would now propose that £25 be voted to the Fortescue Annuity Fund.

Bro. Rae seconded, the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Grand Master then proceeded with the ceremony of the constitution and consecration of Salem Lodge, No. 1442. The ceremony was beautifully carried out by the Grand Master, who always performs all his duties in the most effective and eloquent manner.

The Prov. G. Secretary read the warrant of constitution, and after the brethren of the new lodge signified their assent to the officers named in the warrant.

The D. Prov. G.M., Bro. L. P. Metham, P.G.D. of England, then delivered an oration on the subject of Masonry.

The Prov. G. Master added a few words in commendation of the principles so beautifully enunciated by Bro. Metham, after which he pledged the Master and members of the new lodge to obey the laws and constitutions of the Grand Lodge, and then declared Salem Lodge to be regularly and duly constituted.

The ceremony of consecration was next proceeded with, the Grand Master, his Wardens, and the Chaplain taking their part in the solemn service. Bro. Col. Elliot acted for the Deputy Prov. G. Master, who was suffering from indisposition, and left early.

The installation of the Master Designate was deferred, the Grand Master promising to pay an early and special visit for the purpose.

The following are the officers appointed for Salem Lodge:—J. Stroud Short, W.M.; Samuel Loram, S.W.; William Ball, J.W.; George Bragg Avent, S.D.; Charles W. W. Spencer, J.D.; F. E. Temes, Secretary; F. Haslett, I.G.; P. Haggerty, Tyler.

The consecration having been concluded, the

Provincial Grand Master proceeded with the remainder of the business of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Hooper, of Exeter, proposed Bro. William Thomas Maynard, of 106, as Treasurer; Bro. Jones, of 112, seconded the motion. Bro. Maynard was cordially elected.

The following appointments were also made:

Walter Goddard Rogers .....	Prov. G.S.W.
W. Elphinston Stone .....	Prov. G.J.W.
B. C. Gidley .....	Prov. G. Reg.
Charles Leigh .....	Prov. G. Sec.
R. R. G. Thomas .....	Prov. G.S.D.
Thomas Coffin .....	Prov. G.J.D.
Rev. T. Lemon .....	Prov. G. Chaplain.
S. S. Tremayne .....	Prov. G.S.W.
W. Trevena .....	Prov. G.D.C.
H. F. Hearle .....	Prov. A.G.D.C.
James Montgomery .....	Prov. G. Sword B.
P. B. Clemens .....	Prov. G. Purst.
W. Cole, P.G.P. ....	Prov. G. Steward.
Henry Powell Smith .....	" " "
Henry Welsh .....	" " "
W. Hugo .....	" " "
John Gould .....	" " "
John Chapman Yolland .....	" " "
George C. Bignell .....	" " "

In making these appointments, some of the brethren were highly complimented for their past services, especially Bro. Rogers, the mention of whose name was greeted with the warmest cordiality. The Prov. G. Master stated that Bro. Rogers had served them in the most courteous manner as their Secretary for ten years, and he had spared no labour in their service. The Prov. G. Master also stated that in future the excellent plan, which had been started by Bro. Vincent Bird, of printing the accounts and circulating them, should be adopted. Bro. Rae proposed that the accounts so printed should be paid for by Prov. G. Lodge. To this Bro. Bird objected; but it was insisted upon, and unanimously agreed to. A vote of thanks was also especially voted to Bro. Bird for his excellent services.

This closed the business of Prov. G. Lodge.

The brethren then adjourned "from labour to refreshment;" that is, about one hundred of them proceeded to the Royal Hotel, and there, under the presidency of R.W. the Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, with his Wardens, acting as croupiers, partook of a most excellent cold dinner. The supply was abundant, and the quality of the viands all that could be desired. The business here was not protracted, many of the brethren having to travel to different parts of the province by road or rail. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, and a most pleasant day most pleasantly concluded.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset was held on Wednesday, 27th ult., at Blandford, and it was one of the most successful gatherings of the Craft that have ever been held in the province. The lodge was opened at noon in due form, by Bro. J. Gundry, of Bridport, R.W. Prov. G.M.; supported by Bro. J. Montagu, R.W.D. Prov. G.M. There was also a numerous attendance of Grand Lodge Officers, Past and Present Prov. Grand Lodge Officers, W. Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of the various lodges in the province.

An important item in the proceedings was a lecture by the P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. P.H. Newnham, formerly of Frome Vauchurch, but now of Stonehouse, Devon, on the true status of Freemasonry, in which he pointed out that our tendency as a body is to take far too low a view of the Craft to which we belong. Historical science enabled them to reconstruct the religion of the past, and see how God as been pleased to educate the minds of men, in a religious point of view, from the lowest beginning of Nature worship to the knowledge of the true Deity; and he asked them to look at Freemasonry as a collection of old symbols, in 3 or 4,000 years before Christ, and adopted by later guilds of operative masons, who admitted others called speculative masons into their body. These symbols were intended to convey the ideas they had concerning the Deity, and through which they were trying to grope their way to a knowledge of the true God.

They were as the chisel employed on the rough ashlar to remove irregularities and make them fit for a higher state of society. God had been working on one plan in the education of the world from the earliest ages to the present time. It was so in the arts and sciences. In both they found foreshadowed the refined appliances of the present time—from the flint implements of the earliest ages to the finished mechanism of modern engines of war; and from the hieroglyphic alphabets to the telegraph printing of to-day. Through all the ages one unceasing purpose runs. It must be remembered that man is a composite animal—of body, soul, and spirit, as St. Paul says, and they had to see to the education of all three. Of the mind by such careful well-regulated habits, corporeally and mentally, as shall conduce to its fullest energy; there was the education of the intellect, and also spiritual education, the latter being of the highest importance in the strange Trinity of which man is made up. The learned Chaplain went on to point out how the several degrees of Masonry symbolised the various steps by which men advanced to the knowledge of God, through Sun worship to apprehension of the Father of Lights, to regeneration and resurrection, the cross and the Trinity, tracing through all the tendency to get nearer and nearer the one great object of our desires. In conclusion he observed that this spiritual education must still be carried on in us individually, and at his church or chapel the truths of religion. Freemasonry would never teach them to him, yet properly used, its practices and spirit were calculated to be of great assistance in that work. It was of serious importance to them all that they so applied Freemasonry.

This is necessarily a brief indication of the spirit of Bro. Newnham's lecture, which was most eloquently and ably worked out by the applied Freemasonry.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, in moving avote of thanks to Bro. Newnham, remarked on the importance and usefulness of the study of the origin of Freemasonry. He observed that lately when in France he found that the Craft held a much lower status in that country than here, through having been abused for sectarian and political purposes, and dwelt on our happy condition in avoiding those dangers. At a subsequent period, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master made some remarks on the state of the province of Dorset. There were now 13 lodges, nearly all of which were in an improving condition. As a whole he was happy to say the lodges of the province were steadily progressing, and every year increased the members of the Craft, while the assembly on that occasion showed the active interest of the members had in no way abated: and for himself he increasingly felt that there was always some new point in the Craft which might exercise their intellects and give them useful occupation. He alluded in eloquent terms to the loss by death of the G.M. of England, the late Earl of Zetland; and he adverted to the death of our late Bro. John Tizard, of Weymouth. All in the province who had the pleasure of the personal acquaintance of our lamented brother felt his death most acutely, for his geniality and kindness of disposition, and his willingness at all times to give substantial proofs of sympathy, endeared him to all; and he was sure they all sympathised deeply with his mourning widow and bereaved children. He remarked that the province appeared to be in a very satisfactory and prosperous condition, and their funds were in an excellent state. Thanks to their good friend the Prov. Secretary, everything was in a gratifying condition. In conclusion he referred to the success of the plan adopted for administering the charities of the province.

On the motion of the R.W.G.M., Bro. Gundry, seconded by the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Montagu, it was resolved—"That the following resolution be passed and duly recorded on the minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge, and a copy thereof forwarded to Bro. the present Earl of Zetland. This being the first occasion of it re-assembling since the death of our late R.W.P.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, which occurred on the sixth day of May last, this Provincial Grand Lodge desires to record its deep feeling of regret at the loss of a brother so esteemed and revered,

under whose efficient and courteous rule for upwards of 25 years Freemasonry so advanced and flourished, and who had taken with him into the retirement necessitated by increasing years the affectionate regard of the whole body of the Craft."

On the motion of the R.W.P.G.M. seconded by the R.W.D. Prov. G.M., it was resolved—"That the following resolution be passed and recorded on the minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge, and a copy thereof forwarded to the widow and family of our late W. Bro. John Tizard. That this Provincial Grand Lodge desires to express its condolence with the widow and family of the late W. Bro. John Tizard, on the irreparable loss they had sustained in his untimely death, and to convey to them its regret that a brother so able and willing to aid and promote the best interests of Freemasonry has been removed from a sphere of usefulness to the Craft, and to his fellow creatures generally."

The R.W.P.G.M. also mentioned the death of the Rev. R. J. Thomas, of Yeovil, as an old and honoured Mason.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, W. Bro. Coombs, read the Treasurer's account, showing £150 on deposit and £43 2s. 8d. on current account. This was deemed highly satisfactory.

The W. Treas. Bro. Cam Sykes, was re-elected.

The Prov. G. Sec. read the report of the charity committee, which was approved, and the following brethren were appointed for the ensuing year—Bros. Jacob Wyndham, Gutch, and Soppitt,—the latter in the place of Bro. Newnham, removed to Devonshire.

Several donations were voted to charitable objects, and other deserving cases for aid were mentioned to the P.G.L.

The Prov. G. Sec. read the report of the committee appointed to provide new P.G.L. clothing necessitated by the old being both worn out and contrary to regulation.

The P.G.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Arthur Edward Guest, M.P. ....	Prov. G.S.W.
George Leworthy Thorne, ...	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. H. J. Buller .....	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Henry Tizard George .....	Prov. G. Reg.
Thomas Coombs .....	Prov. G. Sec.
Montague John Guest .....	Prov. G.S.D.
Charles Parsons .....	Prov. G.J.D.
John W. Luff .....	Prov. G.S. of W.
William Smith .....	Prov. G.D. of C.
Henry Wm. Chamen .....	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
Charles Henry Flower .....	Prov. G.S.B.
James Whitehead Smith .....	Prov. G. Organist.
William Osmond .....	Prov. G. Purst.
Thomas Ings .....	Prov. G. Stewards.
Thomas Manuel .....	" " "
Samuel Sams Hunt .....	" " "
James Pope .....	" " "
Edward Samuel Harman .....	" " "
Wm. Trayte .....	" " "
Robert Case .....	Prov. G.A. Sec.
John Lovelace .....	Prov. G. Tyler.

After investing the Provincial Grand Secretary, W. Bro. Coombs, of Dorchester, the Provincial Grand Master said the time had now come when he thought it desirable, and to himself it was most pleasant, to refer to a little matter affecting our excellent and able brother Coombs, who, he was happy to say, had once more consented to fill the office of Provincial Grand Secretary, and for which they were all very much indebted to him. It would be in the recollection of most of them that it was proposed to ask W. Bro. Coombs to accept a suit of Grand Lodge clothing; he consented, and the province was most delighted. After that time a feeling pervaded the brethren of the province that they would like to give in a quiet way an independent testimonial of the sense they felt of the great services Bro. Coombs had rendered to this province and to Masonry generally. Under these circumstances it was proposed, and he was happy to say carried out, that a subscription should be quietly raised amongst the brethren of the province to procure a suitable testimonial. With that good feeling, so honourable to himself, which had always been evinced by the Provincial Grand Secretary, as soon as he heard of it, he requested most strongly that the vote previously passed to present him a suit of Grand Lodge clothing should be rescin-

ded, as he would rather have the cost of it abstracted from the sum subscribed by the brethren, and that it be included in the testimonial they proposed to present as a memento of their feelings towards him. Desiring first and foremost to please their excellent Provincial Grand Secretary, he agreed, though he must say rather unwillingly, that his wish should be acceded to. He had now very great pleasure in asking Bro. Coombs, in the presence of the Provincial Grand Lodge, to receive that small and unworthy testimonial, raised by free and voluntary subscriptions, on the part of the members of the province of Dorset. The subscription was advisedly fixed at a small amount, as it was considered it would be pleasant to Bro. Coombs for it to be in the power of every member of the province to subscribe his mite towards the testimonial. He was glad to say that in spite of the smallness of the sum allowed to be subscribed, the fund amounted to more than £100, showing the high estimation in which Bro. Coombs was held by the Craft throughout the province. It was now his pleasure and privilege to ask Bro. Coombs' acceptance of the results of that subscription, and invest him with the suit of Grand Lodge clothing. He was quite sure that Bro. Coombs would wear it worthily, and by it bring honour on the province of Dorset. After investing Bro. Coombs, the Provincial Grand Master added:—Allow me also to present to you the result of the residue of the subscription—which will be much more lasting than the other—as a token of the high appreciation of your long and able services by the brethren of the province.

The testimonials consisted of a handsome suit of Grand Lodge clothing, and a large and elegantly chased silver salver, bearing Bro. Coomb's crest, and the following inscription:—

“Presented to W. Bro. Thomas Coombs, of Dorchester, P.M., Lodge No. 417, Grand Secretary for the Province of Dorset, and P.G. Assistant Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of England, by the Freemasons of Dorset at a Provincial Grand Lodge held at Blandford, on the 20th of August, A.L. 5878, A.D. 1873, as a token of their esteem and affection; as well as a slight recognition of his invaluable services to the Craft during many years. Hearty good wishes.”

The inscription was read to the lodge by Bro. Montagu.

W. Bro. Coombs, who was heartily cheered, said for the very handsome appreciation they had shown of his services as Secretary he was unable at present adequately to give them thanks. He only trusted that the experience they had had of his efforts in the past, and that they had had of each other, would enable them to go on in the future in a similarly happy manner to what they had hitherto done—(great applause). He hoped there was a great deal of hard work left in him yet for the benefit of the province of Dorset—(applause). They would excuse him from going more fully at present into the subject of the P.G.M.'s address. It was unexpected—fully unexpected; he had not an idea of it till a little bird peeped out and whistled a little song he could not understand—(laughter). He found a resolution which he thought applied to a subscription for Provincial Grand Lodge clothing; but it seemed very strange; and he then got an inkling of what was intended. He felt that the Provincial Grand Lodge fund was heavily charged with providing new clothing; and that the value of a testimonial to himself would not be in the number of ounces it weighed, but as it was a token of their regard and esteem—(cheers)—and under those circumstances he wished that the Provincial Grand Lodge fund might be relieved of the cost of the Grand Lodge clothing they had so kindly voted to him—(applause). For though it would make the value of the present so much the less, yet it was the feeling evinced that was the testimonial to him and not the weight of the plate—(cheers). He was unable adequately to express to the brethren the thanks he owed for this favour; he only trusted that, as he had said, there were yet some years of hard work left in him, and that by their kind expression of appreciation of his past services he was not to consider it as a hint that they were to be at an end—(cheers)—but that they should still continue on the good terms which had

hitherto subsisted—(hear, hear). He was only too grateful to them for this token of their appreciation, and wished he had been able to express his thanks more perfectly and fully than he had done—(cheers).

On the motion of the Prov. G.M., thanks were accorded to the officers and brethren of lodge No. 1,266, Blandford, for their reception of Provincial Grand Lodge; to W. Bro. Stebbing, (D.P.G.M. of Hampshire) and other visitors for their attendance.

The lodge was closed punctually at 3 p.m., according to the agenda paper, the business being finished precisely at the time indicated.

The banquet took place at the Crown Hotel, at four o'clock, when nearly 200 brethren were present. Bro. J. Gundry presided, with Bro. A. E. Guest, M.P., in the Vice-Chair. Viscount Portman presented a haunch of venison, and Capt. Hanham choice fruit for dessert.

After giving “The Queen and the Craft,” the Prov. G.M. proposed “The M.W.G.M. of England, the Marquess of Ripon,” saying he was heart and soul in the love of Masonry, and would no doubt be a worthy successor to Earl Zetland.

In giving “H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, P.G.M. and the Royal Family,” Bro. Gundry observed we were fortunate in having the Prince of Wales to take care of our material interests in this country. As to the royal family, he said—may God bless them all, and may they ever possess as they do now, the affections of the people of Great Britain.

Bro. Gundry proposed “The R.W.D.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Present and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge.” With regard to them he believed he was right in saying they were selected exclusively with a view to efficiency and fitness. As regarded one of them, our experience for many years of the ability of Bro. Coombs proved that to be the case. The toast was associated with the name of our Worshipful brother.

Bro. Coombs, in responding, referred to the fact that there were present two distinguished, and older members of Grand Lodge than himself—Bro. Stebbing and Symonds, though he cordially thanked them for this compliment to himself as one of the Grand Officers native to this province.

Bro. Stebbing, being called upon, also responded in an eloquent speech, remarking that most of the Grand Officers were conspicuous not only for their attention to Masonic duties, but for their devotion to the interests of the charities of the Craft, in which he thought rested in a great degree the excellence and permanence of the Order. He enlarged on the fact that Masonry exists throughout the world, having the same characteristics of large-hearted charity, its members all bound together by the fraternal tie of benevolence. It was the province of the Grand Lodge to guide and foster our noble Order wherever it existed, and if they were faithful to their principles and loved Masonry as it taught them to love it, the Grand Lodge of England would continue to be the most glorious institution in the empire.

Bro. W. J. Montagu proposed “The Army, Navy, and Reserved Forces.”

Adjutant Barrett responded for the army.

Capt. Hanham, for the navy, said it had been his lot to visit every capital in Europe and almost every state in North and South America, and the pleasure had been greatly enhanced by meeting everywhere brother Masons.

Bro. B. P. Gundry, replied for the reserved forces.

Bro. J. Gundry, gave “The Bishop and Clergy and Ministers of Religion of all Denominations,” in cordial terms.

Bro. the Rev. J. H. Newnham, responding, said he trusted he should see the day when a nonconformist minister was selected as the Grand Chaplain of England.

Bro. the Rev. M. Heath, also responded.

Bro. Symonds, proposed “The Health of the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Gundry,” remarking on his zeal for Masonry, and the geniality of his manners as a worthy gentleman.

Bro. Gundry thanked them for the compliment paid him, and said it would always be a great pleasure to him to see any efforts for the furtherance of the Craft so long as they bestowed on him

their approval, and with their support he confidently anticipated the continued advancement of the Craft in Dorset.

Bro. J. Gundry gave “The Health of the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Montagu, and the Present and Past Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.”

Bro. Montagu responded.

Bro. Gundry proposed “The Health of W. Bro. Stebbing, and our other Visitors.”

Bro. Stebbing congratulated the brethren on the excellent condition of the Craft in Dorset. He was much pleased with the orderly manner in which the business was conducted, and the peculiar grace and kindly feeling with which the Prov. G.M. presided. He spoke of the advantages and usefulness of visiting other lodges, remarking that he had observed several things here which were an improvement on anything he had seen before. He expatiated at length on the generous feelings which Masonry fosters in the breasts of all its disciples, and was heartily cheered.

Bro. Gundry proposed “The Lodge of Honour and Friendship, No. 1,266, Blandford,” and remarked on the value of interchange of ideas with brother Masons.

Bro. Hanham responded, and observed that many foreign lodges were jealously regarded by the sovereigns, and accused of political objects wrongfully, with a view to crush them; especially was this the case in Brazil.

A brother mentioned that there had just been issued in Brazil an edict directing the priests to abandon their opposition to Freemasonry—(applause).

#### WAR AGAINST MASONRY IN BRAZIL BY THE ROMISH BISHOPS.

*The Voice of Masonry* gives the following extract from a letter, from a brother resident in Brazil:—

Just now we are engaged in the most extraordinary discussion throughout the whole empire that I ever witnessed; a veritable religious warfare, that two centuries ago would, I surely believe, result in bloodshed.

It is difficult for me to give you a just idea of it. It began over a year ago with the festival at the Grand Masonic Lodge in Rio, given in honour of Rio Branco, for the passage of the Emancipation Act. A priest of some considerable reputation, himself a Mason I believe, delivered the oration on that occasion. The Bishop thus having the open violation of this Priest, (with the rules of the church,) brought to his notice, admonished him; reminded him of the bulls of excommunication which had been from time to time promulgated against secret societies, and notably against the Order of Freemasonry; and concluded by urging him to abjure his oath of secrecy, and break off such relations. The Priest refusing to do so, he was deprived of certain offices, and rendered incapable by interdiction of confessing and officiating at mass, &c.

The Masons of Rio of course flew to the defence of their brother, and for a time the journals were discussing nothing else, and by many writers the Bishop was handled without gloves.

This incident brought on a most lively discussion of all the disputed ecclesiastical questions which have from time to time convulsed Brazilian society, such questions as whether we have here in Brazil a national church, in any sense independent of Rome, the right of sepulture, separation of the church from the state, liberty of worship, and others of similar character, questions that rarely appear in the United States for the simple reason that the voluntary system prevails.

In December this state of things was aggravated by the announcement that the fiery young prelate of Pernambuco had declared open warfare against the Masons of his Diocese.

But he was going to wait till he found a priest. He took the ground that the religious brotherhoods must either expel those members who were Masons, or suffer the pains and penalties of interdict. But as several of these Orders were composed almost wholly of members who were Masons at the same time, there was no exclusion, and interdict followed.

It was carrying out, in all its parts, this pastoral

of the Bishop, wherein he executes the papal bull of excommunication against Masonry, that the present great excitement began first to manifest itself. The people *en masse*, with the commencement of the present year, spurred on by the continued warfare of the Bishop against Masonry, at last addressed a vigorous protest to the Government, not forgetting to make a representation to Parliament, then in session at Rio.

Previously the Bishop of Para had forbidden the faithful to read certain Liberal journals, in which certain alleged heresies were defended, under pain of suffering spiritual punishment at his hands.

The Bishop of Rio Grande, with his associate clergy, also manifested a like spirit, and the debate waxed warmer and warmer.

The Bishop of Para decided to furnish his little contribution as well, and began to excommunicate and anathematize the Liberal journals, and recently, in imitation of his Pernambuco brother, "tried his hand" on the religious orders, which in Brazil are a species of benevolent society, participate in the ceremonies of the church, on feast days march in the processions, wearing their albs and carrying torches in the most solemn manner.

This priestly epidemic, or fit of excommunication, ran down the coast, and finally attacked his reverence the Bishop of Rio; and his anathema is the last which has been hurled at us, down to the present writing.

From this rapid view of the case you may imagine into what a "damnable" state we have fallen—spiritually considered. The man who does the funny jokes on the "Reforma," under the heading of "Boatos," kept up very creditably until a few days since, when he broke ground in a most alarming manner, and, in retaliation for the terrible mass of old obsolete canon law, with which Mendes Almeida garnished his discourse the day previous, began to hurl a lot of celestial thunderbolts himself, quoting with perfect recklessness the following bulls:—

Quousque tandem,—Clement XLVIII.

Parturiunt montes nascitur,—Leo XCV.

Sic itur ad,—Pio X.

adding that his stock wasn't exhausted either, and they had better look out, Bishop and all.

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The best of it all is, that the eyes of the public are being opened gradually to the actual state of things, and men who ten months ago would have indignantly scorned such an idea as unworthy a true Catholic, are now asking themselves whether it would not be much better after all to end these questions by one simple act—separation of church from state, and so settle for ever this pretended supremacy of Rome. This idea is fast seizing hold of the public mind, and journals and public men are continually announcing themselves as adherents to it.

But I am running on to unusual length. All this may be without interest to you. Let me hear from you as you find occasion and disposition to write.

Yours most truly,

RICHARD CUTTO SHANNON.

Secretary of Legation of U.S. in Brazil.

**DESIGN OF THE DEGREES.**—The initiation into the first, or Entered Apprentice's Degree, was made to partake, in a slighter proportion, of those trials of physical and moral courage for which the admission into ancient and chiefly Egyptian mysteries were famous. The second, or Fellow Craft's, was rendered interesting by those scientific instructions and philosophical lectures which characterised later parts of the mysteries; though both degrees were made to tend to the glory of that God who had given such wonderful faculties to them and to the welfare of their fellow creatures. Thus instructed in morals, and science, the third, or Master Mason's Degree, led them to that great truth which the sublimest part even of the heathen mysteries, though it too soon seldom succeeded, was intended to teach, and the faithful believer was assured of a future life and immortality beyond the grave. And, whereas, the heathens had taught this only by the application of a fable to their purpose, the wisdom of

the pious Grand Master of Israelitish Masons took advantage of a real circumstance, which would more forcibly impress the sublime truths he intended to inculcate upon the minds of all brethren. Such is a brief outline, intelligible I trust, to the members of the Order, of the design of that beautiful system which, then established, has long been the admiration of the world, and has stood the test of ages amid every persecution.—*Archdeacon Mant.*

#### LANGUAGE OF MASONRY.

"As every Masonic idea has its own proper sign that expresses it better than any other can, we should seek to preserve uniformity of language as well as spirit. We are to teach Masonry as we receive it, and not as we have forgotten and substituted some words of our own. An interpolated word here and there, by one and another lecturer, would, in the course of time, entirely destroy the original text of Masonic instruction.

"Masonry is one of the agencies to preserve the purity of the English tongue, and the moment we begin to admit words of modern coinage, or of philological construction from foreign tongues, that moment we weigh anchor and set sail on uncertain seas, where a maelstrom may wait to engulf us.

"The normal language of Masonry is simple and pure. Men of correct tastes will admire the sublime simplicity of our ritual much more than when clothed in the meretricious rhetoric of every lecturer who thinks he can beautify it by his own expurgations and substitutions. No license to change should be allowed any one, or we shall be at last confounded in a Babel of tongues. We heard of an artist who once took a pure white lily and sought to improve it by penciling on its petals the parti-colored fancies he had mixed on his pallet. He committed floral sacrilege, and violated the first principles of art, which is strict conformity to nature. Paint is good in its place, but not to improve flowers. 'Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these.' Moral truths are grandest when clothed in severe attire. The adornments of art cannot add to the charms of truth. Let us continue Masonry in that uncorrupted form in which our fathers taught it—free from the garish decorations of the modern drama, and the high-sounding periods of bombastic oratory and poetry. We want no Johnsonianism in Masonry, and naught of the spectacular style."

#### OPENING AND CLOSING A LODGE.

The old charges say that in a Lodge opened, the brethren are to have no private committees, or separate conversation, without leave of the Master; that they are to utter nothing unseemly; that they are not to interrupt the Master or Warden, or any other while speaking, nor to speak or act ludicrously or jestingly while the lodge is engaged in what is serious or solemn, and that no unbecoming language whatever is to be used.

A lodge room, in all that pertains to respect or reverence for Deity, or to the moral law or social code, should be as sacred as a church. It should be a place in reality dedicated to the service of God, and, while nothing of innocent mirth or playful familiarity is to be excluded, nothing contrary to Divine teachings, violation of the code of morals, or offensive to good breeding, should be admitted upon the floor of a lodge room. By good breeding we do not mean the rule of upper-tendom, or the artificial conduct required in different circles, but that innate sense of propriety which prompts even the uneducated and untaught man to render to others what he desires for himself.

We do not care to say here what we have seen and heard upon the floor of a lodge room, but this we do say emphatically, that any brother who will so far forget his solemn covenants and teachings as to act or appear unbecomingly upon the floor of a lodge room, is very likely to so act and appear everywhere else.

The room itself should be regarded sacred, because a lodge is erected to God, who inhabits the

room. Having been erected to God, He is supposed to reside therein. When the brethren assemble, before a lodge is formed, freedom, politeness and friendly recognition should prevail; but upon the sound of the gavel, every brother, clothed, should decorously repair to his own seat or station. Every brother ought to be able to fill any station, in opening or closing, unless we may except those of Master and Secretary. But especially is it the duty, as it should be the pride, of every officer to know his part, and be able to perform his duty with honour to the Master and creditably to himself. We find lodges very much lacking and lame in this, by which brethren become wearied and impatient, disgusted and ashamed, and cease to attend. Let the opening ceremonies be effectively rendered, the business transacted methodically, and the lodge closed in good time, and there will not only be attendance, but attention and interest.

The lodge-room should be the place, and the lodge itself the school of good manners. No man should be a Mason, unless he is by nature a gentleman, one who respects himself and others; one thoughtful in his acts and expressions and chary in his words. We find, too, that in opening a lodge, one great lesson is disregarded. We are taught that "no man should enter upon any great or important duty, without first invoking the blessing of the Deity." And yet many lodges are pretended to be opened without even the semblance of prayer. In Mackey's 7th point of opening, he lays this duty down as indispensable, and many hold that a lodge is not Masonically opened until the blessing of Deity is invoked.

After the opening ceremonies, the first business is the reading of the record. This should in no wise be omitted at a regular communication, and should be read from the record book itself. Indeed, were we Master of a lodge, we would not open a lodge until the record (not in minutes) was made up, unless it should be impracticable. A lodge should be a lodge in its ceremonies, in its works, in its business, in its manners, and its records.

We shall make this article too tedious if we stop now to comment upon the work. What we have said of opening is true of closing, only the ceremonies may be more brief and rapid, preserving decorum and solemnity.

Unless the hour is late, the brethren should not be in haste to disperse, but should indulge in friendly conversation upon what concerns them, their business, their prospects, their families, the good of Masonry, and the welfare of the lodge. In this way brotherly affection, ties of friendship and personal regard grow strong, and their good influence abide in our homes, go with us through life, modify our acts, and smooth the voyage over the river of death.—*Masonic Trowel.*

#### WHAT IS YOUR LIFE?

"Life, to me, is a very great mystery. The question, 'What is your life?' comes very often uncalled for, and, on an occasion like the present the question proves itself through the multitude of thoughts and memories, and clamors for consideration. 'What is your life?' Am I making the best possible use of the opportunities of life as they are presented. Are you meeting the ends of your being, and discharging the high responsibilities resting upon you, in view of the positions you occupy in our Order and in the State. My own mind goes back a quarter of a century, and calls up the lessons and teachings of Masonry, learned and meditated over in the earlier years of Masonic life, and I ask myself the question, Have I, in youth, as an Entered Apprentice, industriously occupied my time in the attainment of useful knowledge; and, in manhood, am I applying that knowledge in a faithful discharge of the duties which I owe to God, my neighbor and myself? Are we all so applying these lessons and duties, that we can look forward to the time of age, in the hope of enjoying the happy reflection consequent upon a well-spent life, and wait our appointed time, when we shall be, like ripe sheaves in the harvest time, gathered into the great garner of eternity."

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DEATH.

DIXON.—On the 24th ult., greatly respected, at Morley, near Leeds, aged 74, Bro. William Dixon, for fifteen years Treasurer to the Prov. G. Lodge. On his retirement from that office in 1864 he was made Prov. S.G. Warden, and his grateful brethren presented him with a handsome testimonial in the form of a piece of silver plate.

Answers to Correspondents.

The following stand over:— Report of Lodge of Hope, Bradford, No. 302, and Premier Red Cross Conclave. Laying the Foundation of the Dunoon Town Hall.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1873.

THE LAST ROMAN CATHOLIC ATTACK ON FREEMASONRY.

We do not think, that, the last assault on Freemasonry is likely to be more effective than preceding ones.

Some before this have been serious enough in all conscience, the head of the Romish Catholic Church, speaking "ex Cathedra Petri," and appealing alike to the "Fideles," and fulminating a Bull or Pastoral, against us wicked Freemasons.

So far back indeed as the Council of Rouen, in the 12th century, and at the Council of Avignon in the 14th century, societies, which elected annually a "Majorem," or Master, and were bound together by an inner bond of secret union, seem to have been condemned.

Of later years Pope Clement XII., in his bull, or decree bearing date, April 27, 1738, beginning "In eminenti apostolatus specula," and Benedict XIV., 18 May, 1751, in his bull beginning, "Providas Romanorum Pontificum" condemned altogether the "assemblies and meetings" of the said "Freemasons," and "their advisers, and abettors."

Pope Pius VII., on the 15th August, 1814, in a decree drawn up by Cardinal Consalvi, and countersigned by Cardinal Pacca, renewed such condemnation in even stronger terms.

We believe, that the present occupant of the see of Rome, benevolent as he is, has thought well to give forth a quasi utterance of condemnation on an Order, in which Dame Rumour has always stated, whether truly or falsely, that he was once himself initiated!

Be this as it may, the Roman Catholic may fairly say that the society is under the censure of his church; how far that censure extends is a matter affecting only the consciences of Roman Catholics themselves, and on which we do not profess to pass any opinion whatever. But if these serious condemnations of Freemasonry have not affected its onward course, it is not likely, we think, that this last and intended jocose attack will fare any better, or have any more effect.

Independently of the fact, that such ecclesiastical censure in no way affects those who are not members of the Church of Rome, we doubt very much, whether Freemasonry is a subject with

which the Church spiritually has anything to do, and, above all, has any inherent right to condemn or anathematize.

We are aware that there have been members of the Church of England, and other religious bodies, who have equally disapproved of the Masonic Order, but their views have been treated always as individual views, and of no weight or authority in such a "vexata quæstio."

Well, if all serious objections have failed, based, too, on ecclesiastical authority, is it likely we ask, that attacks, meant to be witty, and intending to be crushing in consequence, are likely, to have even the slightest influence on us as Freemasons?

Despite the attacks and condemnations of the past, Freemasonry still survives and flourishes, and in all probability will continue to do so the more, the longer it is so vehemently arraigned, and so hastily condemned.

Not that in saying this, we at all approve of the attitude Freemasonry has taken in some countries abroad, where it is in constant antagonism, apparently, alike to Church and State.

Probably had those countries, like our own wise land, permitted Freemasonry to endure, as a recognized Institution, it would have become as peaceful, as orderly, and as loyal, as we are all happily as Freemasons, in England.

None of the true principles of Freemasonry are at all inimical either to civil order or loyal citizenship, and we utterly deny, that any true Freemason need be, according to our well known teaching, "a Factor" of sedition or disorder in the slightest degree.

We in England are and always have been a pre-eminently loyal body, and there is no reason why in all countries, under its peaceful and tolerant banner, Freemasonry might not be, as it is intended to be, both a rallying point of tranquility, order, and harmony to the brethren, its members loyal subjects and good citizens, helpful to the community, and faithful to the State.

In the Westminster Gazette, a Roman Catholic weekly paper and literary journal, of May 17, 1873, appears an article entitled: "The follies of Freemasonry."

It is, as we said, intended to be witty and written to be cutting, but we feel we are not far wrong in stating that it is neither.

Indeed we have never perused an article which convinced us how very little the writer himself knew of the subject on which he so verbosely dilates, and of how little weight such an off-hand and illiberal opinion of our benevolent society really and truly can be.

We might say a good deal about the style of the writer, which is so very peculiar, that, we think we recognize an old familiar friend, and is redolent from first to last, of what the writer seems to favour a good deal, the "bar parlour of the Pig and Whistle."

Some of us may remember how the memorable Mr. Pott, of Batanswill journalistic fame, was roused to the height of indignation, by Mr. Shirk's accusation that he was "an ungrammatical twaddler," and therefore we will not bring on our devoted head the "dira ira" of the Westminster Gazette writer by saying so much now.

But this we feel bound to assert, that we never

have read such an unmeaning collection of misplaced epithets and silly nomenclature, and that we never hardly before realized, how words can be used which are utterly misused, alike, as names, or epithets, or adjectives, or when intended to display the fullest force of withering sarcasm.

The writer, from first to last, is like Don Quixote fighting with the windmills. He is attacking an order of which he knows nothing in reality; the evils he deprecates, and the imputations he casts, are alike imaginary and unfounded; and all that remains of a great deal of "tall talk," is about as childish, unmeaningless, and valueless an attack on Freemasonry, as it has ever been our misfortune to con over or consider.

First of all its "pseudo history," as the writer calls it, is not, as he so boldly avers, "one of the greatest shams and impostures known in this day of Pinchbeck."

Despite his ready asseverations, that "it has not the slightest claim to rank as one of the successors of the old trade guilds of the middle ages, and still less, as is farcically asserted, to be a remnant of the Egyptian and Jewish religious rites," we can only say, after a careful study now of many years, that the historical and archæological evidence is unimpeachable which links on our present speculative and philanthropic Order, to the Craft guilds of mediæval times.

Supposing we have established this fact to our own satisfaction, and that of the outside world, carefully and critically, why need we care because some one has chosen to say, that our only "unvarnished history, is, that, it was established late in the last century, by a few illiterate and petty tradesmen, whose ideas of romance were flattered by the flimsy cloak of affected mystery they contrived to throw around their proceedings, and whose counterskipping vanity was titillated by the grandiose titles freely lavished on each other?" As Paddy said of old, "mighty foine writing, bedad; it only wants a little poethry to make the prose rowl down aisier any how!"

As the writer in the *Westminster Gazette* is evidently so utterly ignorant of our history, and our principles, and our practice, we need not waste time or space, by dilating upon his highly flavoured remarks, for neither in the present typical representatives he has given us of our Order, and shown up as he fancies, in such vivid colours, can we in any degree recognize the slightest likeness to any of our Masonic contemporaries.

"Cheops the butcher," who is happily blessed with an affectionate and adoring wife; "Mr. Touch-and-go Pettit," whatever such a name means, who apparently has no time to enjoy the society of a 'placens uxor'; "Bro. Nobleton Graball, and Bro. Shark, the great Masonic jeweller, and above all the lender of loans to impoverished brother bricklayers, Hebraic in their interest," are, as far as we know and believe, pure creations of this modest writer's imagination—and a wonderful imagination it is.

"Mr. Daniel Clement, the great diamond merchant, of Godiva Street," who is equally a mythic personage, has never, we make bold to say, been so ungentlemanly or ill-bred as to "clap the Heir Apparent on the back," when, as the writer puts it

so elegantly, "he is cheek-by-jowl with half our peerage."

Well if the Heir Apparent, and half our peerage attend our "seances," and honour our "symposia," Freemasonry is doing very well indeed, and will do very well indeed, we make bold to say, despite the opinions of a writer, whose knowledge of our Order and whose acquaintance with the culture of civilized society, are only equalled by his childish anathemas and vulgar diatribes.

We are sorry to see a respectable paper like the *Westminster Gazette*, allowing such intense snobbishness as the last passage but one, of the same article to discredit its pages, and to bring ridicule on its pretensions, as a literary organ of a great religious community.

This last attack on Freemasonry will, we make bold to say, have very little effect on us, as Freemasons, whatever it may have on some of our Roman Catholic brethren who are Freemasons.

Freemasonry is not to be put down, depend upon it, either by the thunders of ecclesiastical anathemas, or the so-called witticisms, of unqualified critics. Wit, no doubt, like water always finds its level here, and genuine wit, even when adverse to us, we can hail and admire for that "Geist" which when really displayed by any one, or anywhere, or anyhow, is the common property, so to say, of our human intellect.

But where writers affect to be well read, and are most superficially informed on the subject they are treating, when they seek to be witty and are only vulgar, when they aim at sarcasm, and only land themselves in childish inanity, we can safely, as the most charitable course, afford to leave their *επεα πτεροεπιτα* to the stern and sober criticism, of advancing time.

And so we hand over the writer of the "last attack on Freemasonry" to the consideration of the tolerant and the criticism of the just!

He may indeed have succeeded in momentarily hurting the feelings of some good and useful brethren of our Order, but as we have never yet known ignorance or vulgarity to gain the upper hand, when opposed to intellectual enlightenment, and happy culture, we will only repeat that, Freemasonry, has nothing to fear from such attacks, or such writers, but can go on its way, breathing out most peacefully its gentle words of good will, peace, harmony, and toleration, for us severed mortals in this antagonistic world. W.

**THE GREAT LIGHT IN MASONRY.**—"The Bible is the Great Light in Masonry. Every man is responsible, to a greater or less extent, according as his means of knowledge have been greater or less. No one who has had the Bible placed in his hands, and been taught to read it, can be a good man and disbelieve its teachings. And no one can be a good Royal Arch Mason who is not a good man. Therefore, I answer, that no one who does not believe in the writings of Moses and the Prophets, as contained in the Old Testament, if he has been educated in a civilized or enlightened, country, can be a good Royal Arch Mason, for Royal Arch Masonry is founded thereon."

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## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The quarterly meeting of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. The Grand Master did not attend, but his place was filled by Dr. Hamilton, P. Dist. G.M. of Jamaica. Col. Brownrigg was at his post as G.S.W., and Capt. Platt as G.J.W.

The Temple was but sparsely attended, there being not more than 150 brethren present. This is generally the case at the September meetings; as Masons, like the uninitiated, are out of town at this season of the year.

Amongst the brethren present we noticed the Rev. John Huyshe, Prov. G.M. Devon; Rev. A. B. Fraser, G.C.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, G.C.; S. Rawson, P. Dist. G.M., China; Sir Albert W. Woods, (Garter), G.D.C.; Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R.; Horace Lloyd, Q.C., President of the Board of General Purposes; Ll. Evans, Dr. Hogg, James Mason, John B. Monckton, Benj. Head, Major Creaton, J. E. Saunders, W. Ough, Joseph Smith, Samuel Tomkins, G.T.; Thomas W. White, E. S. Snell, J. A. Rucker, S. Rosenthal, H. M. Levy, John M. Clabon, Hyde Pullen, Joshua Nunn, N. Bradford, and J. W. Halsey.

After the opening of Grand Lodge, and the reading of the minutes by Bro. Hervey, G.S., Bro. Hervey read an address of condolence from the Grand Lodge of Scotland on the death of the Earl of Zetland.

The Grand Registrar moved and the Rev. J. Huyshe seconded that it be entered in the minutes, the latter brother asking at the same time whether notice of the noble Earl's death had been communicated to Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Bro. Hervey said it had not been.

The motion that the address be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes, was then put and carried.

Bro. Hervey said he had also received an address of condolence on the Earl of Zetland's death from the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Africa, but it arrived the day after the Board of Masters sat, and consequently he had not had the opportunity of placing it before the Board. As some months would elapse before the next meeting of Grand Lodge, he had thought it right to mention it to this meeting in order that it might not be considered by the District Grand Lodge of South Africa that their vote of condolence was shelved on account of the usual routine not having been observed.

Bro. Horace Lloyd moved and Bro. Huyshe seconded "That the standing orders be suspended to enable the vote of condolence from South Africa to be read."

This having been carried, the address was read, and Bro. McIntyre moved, and a brother seconded, that it be received and entered on the minutes, and that replies be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the District Grand Lodge of South Africa.

The motions were then put and carried.

Bro. Hervey read the following:—

"Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.—A brother of the Beaufort Lodge, No. 103, Bristol, £50; the widow of a brother of the Belvidere Lodge, No. 503, Maidstone, £100; the widow of a brother of the Grove Lodge, No. 410, Ewell, £250; a brother of the Lodge of United Strength Lodge, No. 228, London, £100."

On the motions for each of these grants being put,

Bro. Joshua Nunn observed that it would be as well to say something about the Board of Benevolence. Masons were now a much larger body than they were formerly, and the Board had the means of giving larger sums than they used to do in charity. They consequently did so, and where cases came before them of great merit they dealt with them liberally. He was quite sure that Grand Lodge would support them in this course, and that the grants the Board recommended would be carried unanimously.

Bro. J. M. Clabon was of the same opinion. A grant of £250 to one individual was a large sum, and it was the second time such a large grant had been made. It was desirable that the

attention of Grand Lodge should be drawn to the state of the funds of the Lodge of Benevolence. In the year 1872 they received £6050, and they spent £3700; in other words they had £2300 to the good. This state of prosperity had been going on for some time. Some years back he proposed to apply the surplus funds in apprenticing the children of Masons. At that time they had £10,000 in hand; they had now £30,000. What object could they have in accumulating these sums in the Bank of England, when it should go in benefitting Masons? Some said it should go to benefit posterity; but if they wanted to do so, one shilling a year from each Mason would effect that object. He hoped at next Grand Lodge to show how they could employ their surplus. If they could save £2300 in one year, they could afford to give £250 to one poor lady. If they gave her £50 it was but a drop in the ocean, but if they gave her £250 it was something that would give her a start in life. For himself, he would vote her more, and he hoped they would not refuse to vote her that amount.

Bro. James Mason said it had always struck him when attending the Board of Benevolence that there was too much hesitation in giving liberally. When they found from the President of the Board that their funds were so large he thought they should have no hesitation. He believed that the more generous Masons were with their wealth, the more they would get, and be enabled to do an immense amount of good.

All the grants were unanimously carried.

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read.

"Report of the Board of General Purposes to the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

"The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of August, shewing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £3,532 14s 5d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75, and for servants' wages £88 19s. od., and avail themselves of the opportunity to congratulate the members of the Craft on the very satisfactory condition of the accounts.

(Signed) HORACE LLOYD,  
President."

Bro. Horace Lloyd in moving the adoption of this report, said he did not suppose the most critical brother present, if there was one, could find anything to offend him in its shortness, and he therefore assumed it would not meet with opposition, but as it referred to the satisfactory condition of the funds perhaps he would be pardoned if he detained the brethren for a few moments in shewing them by some very simple figures, how well justified the Board were in saying that the finances were prosperous. The President of the Board of Benevolence had shewed them what was the state of the funds with which he had to deal, and at how great a rate they were being added to and accumulated. On behalf of the Board of General Purposes, he might say that there was not of course the same necessity for accumulating its funds, if it were not that they had a certain debt to pay off, which they incurred at the time of the construction of the new buildings. It was their great desire to pay that off as speedily as possible, and he thought the brethren would see they were in a fair way to do so. The finances of any corporate body or association were to be judged of in three ways: What was the income they were raising? what was their expenditure? and what was their state in respect to debt? In all those aspects the finances of the Board were satisfactory. On the first point, in 1870 their income was £8295; in 1871, £8578; and in 1872, £9642; of that large sum not much more than £1700 was raised by rents of property, and not more than from £50 to £100 from all exceptional sources, such as fees paid by Grand Officers when appointed, and the various fees obtained from dispensations. It followed therefore that a sum which must be very close on £8000 a year was raised from the Masonic body by a taxation which he need not say fell as lightly as any taxation imposed on any tax-paying community, from the

quaterages of the lodge. On the second point, the expenditure, in 1870 it was £6382; in 1871 which was a heavy year, £6795—and that included one large grant; and in 1872, £6007 19s. The present year was not yet completed, but he thought its expenditure would be equally satisfactory. The expenditure showed a diminution on the third point, debt; they contracted a loan of £19,000, which represented what he might call our national debt. They had paid off £8300 of this, leaving a balance £10,700. In the last year, out of their savings they had paid off £3,700. If they went on at the same rate, in three years they would have swept off the whole loan. Under these circumstances he thought they were justified in looking at their finances as in a satisfactory condition.

The motion having been seconded was put and carried.

Bro. Hervey, read memorials from the Friendly Lodge, No. 383, Montego Bay, for assistance to build a Masonic Hall.

Bro. Frederick Bigg, W.M. No. 1261, moved "That at least seven days' notice shall be given to the W.M. of a lodge before such lodge is posted as being in arrear of its subscription."

He said that at last quarterly communication he, in obedience to summons, attended, with his Wardens, at some inconvenience, but on his arrival found a notice that his lodge among others had not paid its dues, and that he and his Wardens could not be admitted. He, however, was anxious to comply with the summons, and offered to pay anything that might be due; he was told that if he could name the amount it would be received, but the Secretary of his lodge was not in attendance, and he himself had no knowledge of what the amount was. Consequently he and his Wardens were obliged to retire, and had to pass the rest of their evening as best as they could, in the west-end of London, where plenty places of amusement were open. To obviate such an inconvenience, he thought that if a lodge was in arrear, notice should be given by Grand Secretary, seven days before the meeting of Grand Lodge, of such default. It would sometimes occur that the Secretary of a lodge was not a Past Master, and not a member of Grand Lodge, and consequently he would not be present, and the Master would not know the amount of unpaid dues. He did not ask for an innovation, but for an improvement, and he thought that it would be a graceful act if Grand Secretary seconded his motion.

Bro. Clabon thought the question should be discussed, though he could not quite understand Bro. Bigg's request.

Bro. Horace Lloyd said the difficulty was met by the Book of Constitutions, though not one lodge in twenty carried out the directions of that book, but they could not complain if they suffered any inconvenience when they did not so comply. Certainly the Master of a lodge was not the person to come and complain. At page 66 the Book of Constitution said: "All monies received or paid on account of the lodge shall be entered in proper books; the fees or dues received on account of and payable to the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge shall be kept separate and distinct from the money belonging to the lodge, and shall be deposited in the hands of the Master, instead of the Treasurer of the lodge, and shall be transmitted to the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge at such times as the laws require." He was quite aware that they were all mixed up together, but brethren had no right to complain if any inconvenience arose, which they might avoid by following the strict letter of the law. If Bro. Bigg had followed that out, and had had the dues placed in his hands, he would have made himself responsible for their being paid. The law was quite right, and if a lodge, in defiance of that law, trusted to its Secretary and Treasurer, the Master must take the consequences.

The motion was then rejected.

Bro. Benjamin Head, P.G.D., moved "That the sum of £80 be given from the fund of General Purposes. That the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates at Croydon with coals during the winter season."

Bro. Joshua Nunn seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Bro. William Smith, P.M. No. 33, moved "That in future the laws and regulations of the Fund of Benevolence governing the Lodge of Benevolence be read once in every year previous to the Lodge entering on business at the meeting in the month of January, and that Article 17 of the laws and regulations of the Fund of Benevolence on the Book of Constitutions be altered accordingly."

Bro. Smith made a very short statement in support of his motion, and informed Grand Lodge that the brethren attending the Lodge of Benevolence were well acquainted with the laws regulating it, and that, as he believed, all who now formed it could read and write, there would be no difficulty in impressing upon them its rules. His motion he thought would save a great deal of time.

Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P. seconded the motion, and would even go further than Bro. W. Smith, and proposed that the rules should not be read to the Lodge of Benevolence at all. It was quite unnecessary for the brethren's time to be taken up every meeting of the Board for a quarter of an hour.

Bro. J. M. Clabon, President of the Board, cordially agreed in the motion, although he knew nothing of it until it was presented to the Board of Masters. Grand Secretary now read the Laws and Regulations four times a year, to brethren who knew them by heart. He (Bro. Clabon), did not go entirely with Bro. Joseph Smith in desiring to dispense altogether with the reading of the laws, but thought they might be usefully read once a year, when the new members of the lodge joined.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. W. Smith, P.M. then moved, "That in future a room be set apart for the reception of Provincial Brethren on Quarterly Communications and other meetings of Grand Lodge."

He made his motion on these grounds, that the attendance of provincial members was very large. There was usually a much larger attendance of them than there was that night, although there was then as large an attendance as there was at all September quarterly communications. He had heard a great many of them complain of want of accommodation—not, of course, the distinguished brethren on the dais—but the provincial brethren generally, to whom it would be a very great convenience to have a suitable room to meet in.

A brother, whose name did not transpire, seconded the motion.

Bro. McIntyre opposed the motion. He thought it would be a great advantage to provincial brethren that they should mix with those in London. A room could be set apart for the London and provincial brethren, but that might be left to the Board of General Purposes. He most strenuously protested against the motion, and against the proposition that the provincial brethren should be sent into a room by themselves. He agreed that every accommodation should be given, even to the throwing open the whole of the rooms that belonged to Grand Lodge; but let them have no segregation of provincial brethren from the London brethren. He was sure that every provincial brother would rather come where his London brethren were, and it might be referred to the Board of General Purposes to provide ample accommodation.

Bro. James Mason, P.G.S.B., would propose an amendment to that effect. It was one of those matters of detail which ought not to be brought before Grand Lodge. Questions of this kind were peculiarly within the province of the Board of General Purposes, and it needed very little consideration from the members then present.

Bro. W. Smith said that, with the consent of Grand Registrar, he would withdraw his motion. The Board would no doubt attend to the matter after he had made the suggestion, but the suggestion ought not to have been rendered necessary. The Board was very jealous of any suggestion being made to it. The subject had been a source of complaint for a considerable time. He would make no charge against the Board about that, but he be-

lieved the time had arrived when it should be attended to, and that he had a right to be heard upon it. He would withdraw his motion.

Bro. Horace Lloyd said it was a matter which wanted no direction at all, as the Board were already directed by their regulations to do all such things. If a memorial had been sent to them about it they would have attended to it. It was one of their duties; but they did not know there was a want of accommodation. Let it be brought before them and they would consider it. The Board of General Purposes was spoken of, he regretted to say, as if it were in the hands more or less, of those who sat on the dais. Now, the Board consisted of members elected yearly by the Craft, and a great number of those changed from year to year. There was no pretence at all for saying that the Board, or any member of it, sought to assume an exclusiveness, or to reject suggestions brought before it from without. It was their strongest wish, on the contrary, to consider everything which might tend to the benefit of the Craft.

The motion was therefore withdrawn, and Grand Lodge having nothing else before it, was closed in due form.

**A NEW THEORY.**—A new theory of earthquakes and volcanoes, which has found favour with scientific men generally has been given by Maller. It is based upon the conceded fact that the earth is gradually cooling; and as it cools, it contracts, but not uniformly. The interior contracts more rapidly than the crust, and Maller believes that the shrinkage of the crust can explain all volcanic phenomena. As the result of the contraction of the earth, irregularities of level were first produced in the far remote ages; then corrugation of mountain ranges and table lands; and lastly local crushings down and dislocations, a process still going on. Heat being, as is now generally allowed, a form of motion, the work expended in bearing down the crust is transformed into heat. The surface of the earth may be well compared to the shrivelled skin of an apple. Earthquake and volcanic eruptions are the result of the subsidence and shrinkage of the earth's surface. The old theory that mountains are upheaved is not correct. The valleys are sunken down. The volcanic force has passed its maximum, and is now growing less as the earth parts with its internal heat.

**IMPROVEMENT AT ST. PAUL'S.**—The works now in hand in St. Paul's-churchyard for the improvement of the thoroughfare at the top of Ludgate-hill are rapidly approaching completion. The present railings will be thrown back as far as the statue of Queen Anne, and the space thus gained will be added to the roadway. The ground taken from the churchyard is of considerable value, as the Corporation have agreed to give the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral £20,000 for it. In view of the public importance of the improvement, the Corporation has applied to the Metropolitan Board of Works for a contribution towards the cost. With reference to the precautions taken to protect the cathedral from lightning, it may be stated that in metallic connexion with the cross, ball, and scrolls, there are eight copper conductors, each being a half-inch strand of copper wire. The octagonal strand has been adopted, as it gives the most metal in the least space. In the opinion of electrical engineers, St. Paul's Cathedral will, if properly fitted with conductor, protect all the surrounding buildings from lightning within an area of 3,000 feet.

The Rev. Dr. Cox, Vicar of St. Helen's, the author of "Musical recollections of the Last Half Century," is engaged upon another work, namely, "Recollections of the Last Half Century of the Tractarian and Ritualistic Controversy."

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

### FREEMASONRY IN TRINIDAD.

On Saturday, the 24th May, the members of Athole Lodge, 438, San Fernando, holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, met, by appointment, at the residence of Bro. John Lewis, to bid farewell to their esteemed Past Master, the Right Worshipful Bro. Wm. Cuthbert, who was about to leave the island for Europe. The Right Worshipful Master, Past Master Palmer, and Bro. W. L. Johnston, J. W., accompanied Bro. Cuthbert from his residence to Bro. Lewis's, where he was fraternally received by the brethren, who had been waiting his arrival. Bro. Phillip C. Corrie, W.M. of Lodge Royal Trinity, 372, E. C.; Bro. John McKenzie, Past Master, and other members of that lodge in the Island were present also, for the one common cause of paying "honour to whom honour is due."

The following address, signed by the brethren, was read, and handed to Bro. Cuthbert by the Rev. R. C. Nelson, the R.W.M. of "Athole," the brethren all standing:—

"San Fernando, 24th May 1873.

"To Bro. W. Cuthbert, P.M., A.L. 438. Right Worshipful Sir and Brother. On the eve of your departure from this Island for Europe, we, Members of the Lodge Athole (and other brethren), desire to express the obligation we feel to you for the valuable services you have rendered us during the past year especially.

"We desire to bid you a fraternal farewell, to wish you a happy and safe voyage, and a speedy return among us in good health, and with the heartfelt hope that every blessing may be yours."

To which address Bro. Cuthbert replied as follows:—

"To the Right Worshipful Master, Past Master, and Brethren of Lodge Athole, No. 438.

"Brethren.—I have much pleasure, on the eve of my departure for Europe, to receive this address, and have to express my sincere and fraternal thanks for the very kind and good wishes conveyed therein.

"I am glad and pleased that the little I have done for the Athole has been appreciated. I wish you all for a time farewell, and hope to find on my return that harmony and unanimity which is so characteristic of the brethren of Athole, of which I have the honour to consider myself one of the founders.

"Our many happy meetings shall ever be remembered by me.

"To you, my brethren of Royal Trinity and other lodges, I beg to tender my most sincere thanks for your fraternal kindness in being present on this occasion to join in the address which I have just received, and to extend to me the right hand of friendship, symbolical of those feelings of "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth," which ought always to reign in our midst.

"I hope soon, brethren, to be with you again. Wishing you all a hearty and fraternal farewell, I remain, my dear Sirs and Brethren, ever yours, fraternally,

"WM. CUTHBERT,  
"P.M. Athole, 431."

Bro. Cuthbert spoke with great emotion, which evidently could not be avoided, seeing himself surrounded by men of different countries, colours, and creeds, yet united in brotherly love and harmony, to bid him farewell. Amongst them were some who were initiated into the ancient mysteries of Freemasonry by him, and had reasons to feel deeply the parting. He has served the Craft faithfully, and has entirely won the love and esteem of the brethren—very precious jewels—which cannot be bought, even by monarchs.

ALL RANKS AND ALL CLASSES of Men, Women, and Children suffer occasionally from bilious attacks, depression of spirits, and other morbid feelings, arising directly or remotely from disarrangement of the stomach, liver, or bowels. A few doses of Holloway's noted Pills act magically in dispelling low spirits and in expelling the covert attacks made on the liver by excessive heat, impure atmosphere over-indulgence or exhausting excitement. The most shattered constitutions derive benefit from Holloway's Pills, which regulate disordered action, brace the nerves, increase the energy of the intellectual faculties and revive the failing memory. By attentively studying the instructions for taking these Pills and obediently putting them into practice, the most despondent will soon feel confident of a perfect recovery.—ADV'T.

### AN ENTER'D APPRENTICE'S PRAYER By Bro. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M. P.Z.

Almighty Father! Architect divine  
Of countless worlds diffused through endless space  
Each moving in an orbit of its own,  
Each amid millions, keeping its own place.  
In wisdom hast Thou made thy varied works,  
And over all things Beauty's magic thrown,  
To charm th' aspiring soul, and warm the heart,  
Such wondrous working is of Thee, alone.  
When first I knelt within the guarded door,  
Thy blessing was invoked, that grace divine  
Might raise me from the grovelling things of earth

To better estimate all works of Thine.  
May all injunctions then upon me laid,  
To influence and guide me never cease,  
But cherish'd by me, as a sacred charge.  
Direct my footsteps in the way of peace.

With wisdom from above, endow me now,  
That I may know, and knowing may pursue  
The way that will approve itself to Thee,  
That this in all things, I Thy will may do.

Oh! Gracious Lord! my heart incline aright,  
For all that's good inspire with a love—  
With love of Thee, from Whom all good must come,

And thus prepare me for Grand Lodge above!  
[Bro. Carpenter's name was accidentally omitted from "The Divine Omnipresence," in the last *Freemason*.]

Bros. Colonel Campbell of Blythwood, and Colonel Mure of Caldwell, both Provincial Grand Masters, are candidates for the representation of Renfrewshire in Parliament.

DUNOON.—The foundation stone of the New Town Hall was laid with Masonic honours, by Bro. James M'Griere, M.P., on Saturday 30th, ultimo.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 12, 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, September 6.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
Lodge 1412, De La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's-wood.  
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.  
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, September 8.

Lodge 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate.  
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.  
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St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mottlock, Preceptor.  
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, September 9.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.  
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.  
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.  
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.  
Chap. 857, St. Marks, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.  
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. Cotterburne, Preceptor.  
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's-wood, at 8; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.

Florsnce 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, September 10.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 7.30.

Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College St. Lambeth.

" 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.

" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-st. Wapping.

Chap. 1260, Hervey, Britannia Hotel, Walham Green.

Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.

United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

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

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

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

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Thursday, September 11.

Lodge No. 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock, West Ham.

" 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters, 1st Surrey Rifles, Brunswick-road, Camberwell.

" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern Holloway.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill.

Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

" 619, Beadon, Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Arglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188 Preceptor.

Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.

Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.

Highate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, September 12.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor

Stability Lodge of Instruction (No. 617), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggieridge, Preceptor.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

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.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M. Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8.

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.

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High Cross Lodge of Instruction (724), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

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Monday, September 8.

Lodge 447, Mersey, 1, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead

" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington, at 6.30.

Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington, at 7.30.

Tuesday, September 9.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan, at 6.30.

" 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5

Chap. 613, Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.

" 721, Grosvenor, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.

Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-st. Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, September 10.

Lodge 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.

" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 673, St. John's, 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 6.30.

St. John's Lodge of Instruction (No. 673), 90, Duke-st., Liverpool, at 8.

Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.

Thursday, September 11.

Lodge 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.

" 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 4.

Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston, Hotel, Garston, at 4.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (No. 1182), 150 Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Friday, September 12.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 6.

Chap. 249, Mariners, Masonic Temple, Liverpool at 6.

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Monday, September 8.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 170, Buchanan-st

" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.

" 219, Star, Freemasons' Hall, 12, Trongate.

Chapter 53, Dumbarton, Elephant Hotel.

Tuesday, September 9:

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 444, Robert Burns, Bailiston.

" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-st.

" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st.

Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

Wednesday, September 10.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.

" 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st.

" 510, Manhell, 167, Main-st. Maryhill.

Chap. 113, Partick, St. Mary, Hall, Partick.

Thursday, September 11.

Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

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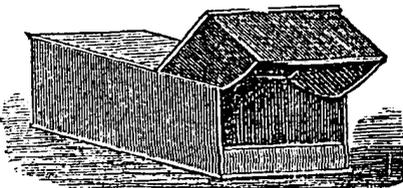
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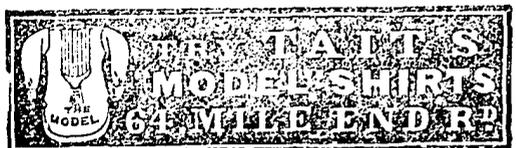
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