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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

BRADFORD.—*Lodge of Hope* (No. 302).—On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., the brethren of this lodge gave a complimentary dinner to their W.M., Bro. Geo. Richardson, and made him a presentation of a silver salver, value sixty guineas, on the occasion of his marriage. Bro. M. Rhodes, P.M., P. Prov. G.W. occupied the chair, and was supported on his left by Bros. the Rev. Flynn, P. Prov. G. Chap.; T. Hill, P.M., P. Prov. G.W.; Schaeppi, P.M., Prov. G.S.D.; C. H. Taylor, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D.; W. Ibbetson, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D.; W. Beanland, P.M.; J. R. Armitage, P.M., P. Prov. S. of W.; J. Rhodes, P.M., P. Prov. G.O.; J. Oddy, P. Prov. G.C.; and on his right by Bros. Geo. Richardson, W.M. 302; J. Ambler, W.M. 874; A. Briggs, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. Green, P.M.; W. W. Barlow, P.M.; H. Smith, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; H. O. Mawson, P.M.; A. Hunter, P.M.; Thos. Senior, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg.; Robt. Richardson, P.M.; J. White, P.M. 439; T. W. MacGowen, (Town Clerk). The Chairman read letters of apology for unavoidable absence, from Bro. Bentley Shaw, LL.D., D. Prov. G.M., and several other brethren, and then proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Broughton, who occupied one of the vice-chairs (the other being ably filled by Bro. J. A. Binns, S.W.), was called upon to give a toast, and in doing so, said, the toast I have to propose need only be named to meet with your hearty acceptance, namely, "The Right Worshipful the Prov. G.M., the W.D. Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers." Our worthy Chairman has spoken in eulogistic terms of our G.M., and as the same brother is also Prov. G.M., I may well say ditto to what he has said with reference to him. Our D. Prov. G.M. is Bro. Bentley Shaw, and when I mention his name I am sure it will be received with the greatest applause, since his name is a household word in Yorkshire, and when I allude to the other Prov. Grand Officers, I am pleased to speak of such men. We, in the Lodge of Hope have been highly honoured by the province, and I trust the province will never have cause to regret the selections. We have present to-night, Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. Grand Secretary, who fills the post so admirably and is so much esteemed by all the brethren. We have also a number of other brethren present, both past and present officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. I have much pleasure in giving you the toast entrusted to me. The chairman called upon Bro. H. Smith, Prov. G. Sec., to respond, who said I feel very proud indeed to reply, I feel it is a great honour to the Lodge of Hope to see so many brethren stand up to acknowledge this toast, and for the honour you have done to the Prov. G. Officers, I return you my most hearty thanks, and feel it a privilege to belong to such a lodge, and I feel especially proud to be present on such an interesting occasion as the present. I wish not to detain you from the special business of the evening, and beg heartily to thank you for the compliment paid the Prov. Grand Officers. The Chairman again rising, said I have a very pleasing, at the same time a very difficult duty, to

perform, to do it to the satisfaction of all the brethren. I don't know why I have been selected for this position except that, if not the oldest member of the lodge, the oldest one present. Brethren, it is rather an unusual thing to present a piece of plate as we are doing this evening; it is not often that a W.M. marries during his year of office. We have had W.Ms. do so, but then they have been widowers. I can only tell the W.M. we heartily congratulate him on the auspicious occasion, we did remember him during his absence on his wedding tour, and suggestions were thrown out that something should be done, and I have pleasure in saying that what has been done has been entirely voluntary, and if one thing more than another gives me pleasure it is that the 74 brethren who have made this presentation, do so with the best wishes for yourself and your wife, and I was going to say family, but those in prospect, and should it please the Great Architect that you should be blest with a son, we hope that you will hand down this salver as a heirloom in your family. I wish your good lady could have been with us, as I know she would have been pleased. In making this presentation on the part of the brethren, I trust it will be your lot to pass through life with the greatest happiness and pleasure. The inscription on the salver is as follows—"Presented by the brethren of the Lodge of Hope, 302, of Free and Accepted Masons of England to the Worshipful Master, Bro. George Richardson, on the occasion of his marriage, as a mark of their fraternal regard, and as an expression of their congratulations and best wishes for his future happiness and prosperity, Bradford, 2nd Sept. 1873." Will you accept this, Worshipful Sir, on behalf of the brethren of the Lodge of Hope? Bro. Geo. Richardson, W.M., on rising to respond, was received with the greatest applause, and on its subsiding said, Worthy Chairman, Vice Chairman, and brethren, I have been sitting here for some time thinking how I should address you, not feeling, under the present peculiar and flattering circumstances, quite so much at home as usual, but the kind way in which Bro. P.M. Rhodes has introduced the toast, and presented your splendid gift, has set me in some measure at ease. I knew that on my return home you would be glad to see me again in my old place, but I was not prepared for the magnificent welcome with which you have received me to-night. To most men in their lives there comes a special time for laudable pride and heartfelt gratification, to me this evening is such, and when I look round upon this noble assembly, and reflect that you have each come from your own home circles to make me, as it were, the centre of this inner circle, to entertain me as your guest, and to show your personal regard for me, I am at a loss how to thank you, or where to find words which will fully express to you my deep appreciation of this, your great kindness to me. I have no sympathy with, or respect for those men who are careless of the opinion of their fellows, and profess to consider such carelessness as a mark of independence and manliness, but candidly acknowledge that I have always wished to stand well with my fellow men, and more particularly with my brethren of the Lodge of Hope, and I am glad to find to-night that the kindly regards you have towards me are greater than I expected, and that I have gained a higher place in your estimation than I could have anticipated. As the student gaining knowledge longs for more, so I, with the knowledge of your great good feeling towards me, shall desire to gain your yet further respect, and shall look upon this evening as a stand point from which to build a still closer friendship with you. In thanking you once more, brethren, I feel that I cannot express myself sufficiently for the estimable gift you have made me, and for the feelings which it represents, and if in the vicissitudes of life a dark cloud should ever overhang me I shall think of this evening with the greatest consolation. Bro. A. Briggs, P.M., with the permission of the Chairman, desired to offer a suggestion with reference to the forthcoming meeting of the British Association, stating that in different towns where he had attended its meetings, it had been usual for the Freemasons to fix a meeting of the brethren to which the members of the Association who are Masons could be invited to have a friendly meeting, and he would suggest that the same be done here. The proposition met with the hearty

response of the brethren present. Bro. Briggs said further that he could not sit down without expressing his deep gratification at being present this evening to welcome one Benedict amongst us whom we thought hopeless, and hoped from that stock good Lewises will spring, linking the present with the future. Bro. Broughton, Vice-chairman, called upon Bro. Schaeppi, P.M., for the next toast, who said I do so with pleasure, as it commends itself without any preface from me, and when I tell you it is "The Health of the Chairman," I know that it will be so. I am glad to propose his health to you as one of the best brethren amongst us, and one who has done so much for Freemasonry, striving for the good of every brother. It is rare to find such a one to preside over us; and although he may begin to feel himself advancing in years, he seems ever young among us, and I am sure he will have had much pleasure in presenting this plate to the newly-married couple; and I trust he will be long spared, as also the W.M., to whom the presentation is made, to share a long-lived happiness with us. Bro. W. Rhodes, P.M. (the Chairman), who was received with much applause, said, I rise with great pleasure to respond, and I can assure you the gratification I feel in meeting you grows no less as years roll on. I cannot disguise from myself that I am getting older, and that I cannot expect to meet you so many years longer. It affords me great pleasure to be with you, and to see so many here who have worked so much together for the good of my fellow-men. It is especially gratifying to me to see the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys out of debt, and so placed in a position for a long career of usefulness. Allow me to thank you for the compliment you have paid me. Bro. T. Hill, P.M., rose to propose the next toast, but said previous to doing so, he wished to congratulate the W.M. on his new position, and to express to him the gratification he felt to see the high estimation he is held in by the brethren. The toast I have to propose is the health of the two Vice-Presidents, Bros. Broughton and Binns, and I feel very much pleasure in calling upon you to drink with me heartily to their good health. Bro. Broughton being called upon, said, Mr. Chairman and brethren, in responding to his toast it is not my intention to trespass upon your time more than a few moments. In the first place allow me to thank the Presentation Committee for placing me in this position, and I thank you for the compliment paid me by you and the brethren. Referring to the circumstance calling us together this evening, I wish to express my opinion of our W.M.'s great worth from my acquaintance of many years standing. I know he possesses the qualifications of a good Mason, and therefore of a good man, as I have ever found him influenced by those principles which constitute the spirit and essence of Freemasonry. We cannot all expect to attain the high distinction of W.M., but we may all attain the reputation of good and worthy Masons, by the practice of the Masonic virtues, faith, hope, charity, temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice, and thus command the respect and esteem of our fellow-men. Let this be the aim of every one of us, and then we shall have the satisfaction of feeling that in honouring others we honour ourselves. Bro. Ibbetson, P.M. (in the temporary absence of Bro. Binns) also shortly responded to the toast, excusing himself saying much after the admirable expressions which had fallen from Bro. Broughton. Bro. W. T. MacGowen, (Town Clerk) was called upon to give the next toast "The Wife of the W.M., and the Ladies," and said, I consider, Mr. Chairman, that in calling upon me you have displayed your usual good reason—gentlemen laugh but they don't see why—I am the youngest "Mason," present and consider I know the pleasures of matrimony most. There must be something in the the position of W.M. tending in this direction, for no sooner does Bro. Geo. Richardson find himself installed W.M., than he finds out the great mistake he has made and marries. I am asked to propose the health of the wife of the W.M. and the ladies, and have very great pleasure in doing so. I am happy to say that although it is some time since I took to myself a wife, I feel as happy as on the day I was married. As to the testimonial just presented, I think nothing of its intrinsic value, but as show-

ing the feelings of the brethren towards our W.M., and I trust he will long live in their high estimation. Well, brethren, I am asked to propose the ladies, and can there be any more agreeable subject to talk about? Bro. Broughton says "No, No;" well there is no one had more experience than he. You know there is only one handsome child in the world, and every man has that one; and so I believe there is but one handsome woman in the world and every man in his wife believes he has the happiness of possessing her. I recommend you who are not married to make all speed and follow the W.M.'s example. I have much pleasure in calling upon you to drink to "The Health of Mrs. George Richardson and the Ladies." Bro. George Richardson, W.M., in responding, said I have very great pleasure in replying to the last toast, I can tell you that I have got an excellent wife, and can support the recommendation of Bro. McGowan, and wish all who have not entered the blissful state of matrimony to do so. I have travelled through many years with my friends upon the dusty road of life, and from time to time seen first one and then the other turn off to enjoy themselves in their little garden of matrimonial bliss, and now I have got one of my own, and I may tell you my wife is of a real good Masonic stock, her sire being a highly distinguished and respected Mason. I can assure you that both she and I (as Bro. McGowan, said) will value the gift you have made us, not so much for itself as for the spirit in which it is given, and if it should be so that we should have successors it will be handed down to them as a great token of your esteem and regard. Allow me again on the part of my wife and the ladies, to thank you most heartily on their behalf for the compliment you have paid them. After the usual concluding toast this highly interesting and most agreeable evening's entertainment was brought to a close. We feel it due to Bros. J. Rhodes, P.M., R. Richardson, P.M.; A. Hunter P.M.; J. Brigg, W. Bealand, P.M.; and C. Pratt, P.M., to say that their very excellent harmony, contributed greatly to the enjoyments of the evening.

Royal Arch.

IPSWICH.—*Chapter of Perfect Friendship* (No. 600)—The usual quarterly convocation of the Royal Sussex Chapter of Perfect Friendship was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., present M. E. Comps. Stephen Burdett King, P.Z. as 1st Principal Z; G. S. Findley, P.Z. as 2nd Principal H., and P. Cornell, J.; J. Franks, P.Z., Scribe E.; W. Fraser, Act. N.; N. Tracy, P. Soj.; Dr. Mills, P.Z.; N. A. Smith, J. Plicker, P.Z.; W. Taylor, and others. Visiting companions, Emma Holmes, and Geo. Abbott, St. Lukes Chapter; W. T. Westgate, of the Alexandra Chapter, and W. Spalding. The chapter having been opened in due form and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. Henry George Bishop and Charles Barfoot, of the Faithful Lodge No. 85, Harlestone, Norfolk, and Bro. W. Whitmore of the Fidelity Lodge, No. 555, Framlingham, who were unanimously elected. Bros. Bishop and Barfoot, and Bro. Scopes, of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, who had been previously elected, being in attendance, were severally introduced, obligated, and exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason, the ceremony being most impressively performed by Comps. Franks and King, assisted by Comps. Tracy, Prin. Soj., the beautiful Mystical Lecture being given by Comp. King, with his customary eloquent power, and the Historical by Comp. Mills. The candidates and visitors amongst whom we number ourselves, were greatly struck at the admirable way in which the degree was worked, and at the solemnity and decorum which pervaded the proceedings. The election of officers was then proceeded with, when the following was the result.—Comp. King, Z; P. Cornell, H.; N. Tracy, J.; W. Fraser, Prin. Soj.; W. P. Mills, P. Z., Scribe E.; Scopes, N.; W. Townsend, Treas.; Syer, Janitor; Comp. Franks retired from office as Scribe E. on account of age and infirmity, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him, and ordered to be put upon the minutes, for his great services to

the chapter, coupled with regrets that the companions should lose the benefit of his valuable assistance. A companion having been proposed for exaltation at the next meeting, the chapter was closed and the brethren retired for refreshment.

ROSE OF DENMARK CHAPTER (No. 1194).—This chapter met at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Saturday, the 6th inst., Comp. James Brett, P.Z., P.G.D.C., presided as Z.; Comp. R. Wentworth Little, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E. Middlesex as H.; and Comp. Fred. Smith, P.Z., as J. Two brethren, namely, Bros. M. Solomon, of a Scotch Lodge, and J. Hillhouse, S.W. 228, were exalted, the work of P.S. being well done by Comp. Dodd, the Scribe E. (H. 1194). The mystical, symbolical, and historical lectures were finely delivered by Comps. Brett, Little, and Dodd respectively. A proposition for joining was made and the chapter was closed. At the banquet Comp. Terry, P.Z., presided, as owing to his absence at Comp. Sheen's funeral, he was unable to attend the working in chapter. A very pleasant evening was spent, the usual festive toasts being given with great geniality by the acting Z. Comps. Brett responded for the Grand Officers; Little for the P.Z.'s; Hillhouse for the Exaltees; Terry for the Chair; Lane, King, and others for the Visitors; Buss, Treas., for the Officers. About twenty-five companions were present including, besides those named, Comps. Newton, P.Z.; Jesse Owens, T. H. P. Hartley, G. C. Banks, Martin, Hicks, Everett, and others. Comp. Fred. Smith, P.Z., agreed to accept the position of Steward at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—This lodge held its installation meeting on Tuesday the 2nd inst., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue. Bro. the Rev. W. B. Church, M.A., P.M., P.G.C., presided, supported by Bros. Binckes, P.G.W., G. Sec.; R. W. Little, H. C. Levander, T. Cubitt, and J. G. Marsh, P.M.'s, T. W. White, of No. 104, and about a dozen other brethren. Bro. H. A. Dubois, S.W. 1326 and 1415, P.G. Steward, Middlesex, was duly advanced. Bro. G. Kenning, S.W., was then installed as W.M., and the officers were invested as follows:—Bros. S. C. Davison, S.W.; T. B. Yeoman, J.W.; T. H. Edmands, M.O.; Rev. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., S.O.; J. W. Barrett, J.O.; Rev. W. B. Church, M.A., P.M., Chaplain; H. C. Levander, P.M., Treas.; R. W. Little, P.M., Sec.; John Boyd, R. of M.; C. Horsley, S.D.; E. H. Thiellay, J.D.; H. A. Dubois, I.G.; H. Parker, Organist; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The name of a brother was erased for non-payment of dues, and P.M. jewels were voted to Bros. Marsh and Cubitt, P.M.'s. The lodge was then closed, and a capital supper was served, after which the loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily accepted. The new Master, Bro. George Kenning, stated that he intended to represent the lodge as a Steward, at all the Festivals of the Masonic Institutions in 1874. Bros. Binckes and Little, in responding, trusted that the Members of the lodge would give the W.M. their best support in such a good cause. After a very pleasant evening the brethren separated.

Red Cross of Constantine.

An adjourned special meeting of the Grand Council was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on the 1st instant, under the presidency of the High Chancellor, Sir Knt. W. E. Gumbleton, *J.P.*, for the consideration of important business. A letter from Sir Knt. S. K. Herrick, Intendant General for Massachusetts, U.S.A., was read, in which he conveyed the views of the Conclaves in his Division,—their desire being to remain under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of England, and to conform to the Statutes which declare that Master Masons are eligible for admission into the Order, as in some of the American States Knights Templar only are admitted as candidates.

Sir Knt. Herrick's action was approved, and a

copy of the resolution thereon was ordered to be sent to Sir Knt. Creigh, *LL.D.*, Chief Intendant General in America, for his guidance in future.

The following Knights were elected members of the Executive Committee:—Colonel Burdett, W. E. Gumbleton, R. W. Little, W. R. Woodman, *M.D.*; and H. C. Levander, *M.A.*; and the meetings of the Committee were fixed to be held on the Monday preceding the Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge of England.

It was resolved that the Grand Sovereign be recommended to appoint Chief Intendants General for groups of divisions in England, and it was announced that the Right Hon. the Lord Skelmersdale, Int. Gen. unattached, had accepted the post of Chief Intendant General for Lancashire.

It was ordered that all fees payable from officers or conclaves now due be at once required, and the result communicated to the Executive Committee, who were further deputed to act as a Board for revising the ritual and statutes.

A letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters was read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. It contained an intimation from the Earl Percy, *M.P.*, M.W.G.M.M.M., to the Earl of Bective, *M.P.*, M.I.G.S. that the representatives of the Mark Grand Lodge would use their best endeavours to secure the admission of the Red Cross Order into the treaty of alliance now existing between the Mark, the Knights Templar, and the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

It was reported that the Grand Recorder, Dr. Woodman, had obtained an office at No. 23A, Great Queen-street, exactly opposite Freemasons' Hall, where the business of the Order would be carried on from the 8th inst.

The sanction of the Grand Council was given to a ball being held under its auspices early in the coming year, the Knights to appear in full Red Cross regalia, with the jewels of any Masonic degree, except the Craft and Royal Arch.

A vote of ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was agreed to, subject to confirmation. The council was then closed.

K.H.S.

A meeting of the Patriarchal Council, K.H.S., was then held, when it was moved by the Treasurer General, seconded by Bro. Knight Levander, First Lieut., and carried unanimously, that the registry fee for Knights of the Order be five shillings, instead of ten shillings and sixpence, as previously resolved. The regalia of the Order is to consist of a black silk sash, with the emblem of rank embroidered thereon in front; a black sheathed sword, and the usual jewel. It was recommended that the Red Cross sash be lined with black silk, and worn so reversed in the K.H.S.

Bro. Knight T. Cubitt, T.B., proposed, and Bro. Knight S. Rosenthal seconded a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was carried by acclamation.

Bro. Knight Gumbleton, Captain of the Guard in this Order, briefly acknowledged the compliment.

ORIGINAL OR PREMIER CONCLAVE OF ENGLAND.

This Conclave met when the previous business was over, and Sir Knight Charles F. Hogard, of the Plantagenet Conclave, No. 2, was advanced to the grades of Viceroy and Sovereign. The Rev. Dr. Smyth was approved as a candidate, and several brethren were proposed for the next meeting. The Conclave was then closed, and the Knights dined together under the sceptre of Sir Knight Little, who presided for Sir Knight Moss, M.P.S., who is out of town. A very pleasant evening was spent, agreeably diversified by the speeches of Sir Knights John Hervey, P. G. Chancellor, E. Sillifant, Rev. Ernest Brette, *D.D.*, T. B. Yeoman, J. G. Marsh, and H. A. Dubois, and the musical talents of Sir Knight H. Parker, the Grand Organist of the Order.

WIRE-QUILTED SOLED BOOTS, which save 50 per cent. in wear, may be had from Burgess, 29A, Oxford-street, W; Speak, 13, Broadway, Ludgate-hill; Blundell, 66, Fore-street, City; Lewis, 209, Liverpool-road, N.; and elsewhere. N.B.—Your regular bootmaker can procure soles ready quilted in every size from the Wire Quilted Company, Limited; or have his own leather quilted by forwarding same to the Company's works, Leicester.—ADV'T.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Clyde Lodge* (No. 408) held its usual monthly meeting on Friday, Sept. 5th, Bro. D. Downie, R.W.M., in the chair, Bro. W. Clinton, S.W.; J. Stewart, J.W. There were a number of visiting brethren present. After the lodge had been opened in the first degree, petitions were read from three candidates for initiation. The R.W.M. requested Bro. G. W. Wheeler, of No. 73, to perform the ceremonies for him, which he did. It was then stated that as Bro. Christian Crause, and W. Welman, both master mariners, were about to proceed to sea, it would be necessary for them to take the second and third degrees and at the request of the R.W.M., Bro. G. W. Wheeler, proceeded to pass these two brethren to the Fellow Craft Degree, and thereafter raised them to the sublime degree of Master Masons. At the conclusion of labour the lodge adjourned for refreshment. After the usual loyal toasts the R.W.M. proposed that of "The Initiates, which was responded to by Bro. Wellman, in a neat speech. "On the "Health of Bro. Wheeler," who had done the work, being proposed, he replied, by wishing prosperity to Lodge Clyde and its Right Worshipful Master. Bro. Downie, acknowledged the compliment to the lodge and himself, and gave "The Visiting Brethren," which was responded to by Bro. Worthness, in suitable terms. The last toast was "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

GLASGOW.—*Kilwinning Lodge* (No. 4).—This old lodge, in accordance with ancient custom, held an harmonic meeting on Wednesday, September the 3rd, Bro. A Thorburn, R.W.M., presiding; J. Jamison, S.W.; J. Johnson, acting J.W. On the dais were:—Bros. Steet, S. Prov. G.M., I.P.M.; N. J. Sage, P.M. No. 4; J. Bain, P.M. 103, Prov. G.B.B.; J. B. McNair, R.W.M. 332; J. Miller, R.W.M. 413; and William Cammeron, of Kilwinning 97, Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S. The musical part of the programme was under the direction of Bro. Robert Fraser, who is a host in himself, and who by the unanimous wish of the lodge, was affiliated as an honorary member of Kilwinning No. 4. Bro. J. Thompson presided at the harmonium. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the R.W.M. gave that of "The Provincial Grand Lodge." He considered it an honour to the lodge that Bro. Steet, his predecessor in that chair, now occupied the very distinguished post of Substitute Provincial Grand Master, and he should call on him to reply. Bro. Steet said he was rejoiced to meet so many of his old friends again to night. It reminded him of the time, now about 20 years since, when in their old hall in Union-street, they used to hold their harmonic meetings, in accordance with a time-immemorial custom, and as an ancient lodge. He was glad to see they were reviving an ancient usage; he told them when he left the chair that they wanted younger men with more blood to land them on, and Bro. Thorburn was just the right man. They must pardon him if he spoke more of the lodge than of the province, he knew they were all loyal to that, and to the Neilson Government, so he would speak more of home, and he had come there to night not as a member of the province, but as an old member of Kilwinning No. 4, and he had come there to tell them that they might now congratulate themselves on the fact that they had recovered their old minute books that had been so long lost. These books contained minutes that went back for about one hundred years, extending beyond the formation of the Grand Lodge itself, and containing records of the many good men who had belonged to the lodge, men who had been illustrious outside of the lodge for their literary and scientific knowledge and ability. This subject was most on his heart to-night, yet in behalf of the Prov. Grand Lodge he thanked them. Bro. Sage said, as the oldest member of the lodge, and one who had been much abroad, he had been requested to give "Freemasonry all over the Globe," and more especially American Freemasons. He had spent many years in America, and could therefore testify to the vitality of American Masonry, and he was happy to say, that to-night they had with them an Ameri-

can Mason, who was also a son of Kilwinning. Bro. Wm. Cammeron, of Chap. 97, Kilwinning, Ohio, U.S., briefly replied; speaking, he said, was not his forte, but he could assure them that in the United States, while they respected Masons from all parts of the world, they always looked with especial favour on Scotch Masons, and regarded Mother Kilwinning as the parent stock. As a member of Kilwinning 97, he was glad to meet with Kilwinning, No. 4. The R.W.M. then gave "The Visiting Brethren." He would couple this toast with Bro. McNair the R.W.M. of 332, for although there were members present from 3½ and other older lodges, yet as they had been contributing so much to the harmony of the meeting in the singing department, he thought they might be glad to get Bro. McNair to speak for them. Bro. McNair replied on behalf of about 30 visiting brethren, thanking the lodge for their hospitable entertainment, and congratulating them on the recovery of their old minute books, as any lodge might well be proud to show their continuous records for a century and a half. The final toast was soon after given. Some excellent glees were sung by Bro. Miller, R.W.M., 413, and his friends. Bros. Fraser, Dinachie, Porter, Johnson, Thomas, Thorburn, McCullough, Mullings, and others also contributed to render this a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

GLASGOW.—*Thistle and Rose Lodge*—This lodge met on Tuesday, September the 4th, Bro. G. McDonald, R.W.M., in the chair; G. W. Wheeler, acting S.W.; A. McLeod, J.W. Two candidates were proposed for initiation. The R.W.M. requested the S.W. to perform the ceremony, which he did in a very creditable manner. The grant of a small sum of money to the late Tyler was then, on the motion of J. Hanbridge, Secretary, confirmed, and arrangements were made for the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. J. Wallace.

CONSECRATION OF THE PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE NO 1445, KINGSLAND.

On Thursday, the 4th inst., the important ceremony of consecrating a new lodge in the populous district of Kingsland, was most successfully performed. It appears that the large suburbs of Kingsland, Dalston and Stoke Newington have hitherto been destitute of local lodges, and the opening of the Prince Leopold Lodge is therefore felt to be a great boon in the neighbourhood.

Soon after 4 p.m., the brethren assembled at the "Lord Stanley" Tavern, Sandringham-road, where the lodge is to be held, and a procession having been formed under the direction of Bro. R. Wentworth Little, as Director of Ceremonies, the brethren entered the lodge-room, and the chair was taken by V. W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, the Consecrating officer, who appointed Bro. J. Emmens, P.G.P., and H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treas. Middlesex, Wardens, pro tem., and Bro. Hoare I.G. The lodge was then opened in the three degrees, after which Bro. Hervey addressed the brethren upon the nature of the meeting, especially counselling them to observe the greatest caution in the selection of initiates, so as to maintain the character and prestige of the Craft. The Acting Chaplain, Bro. Jas. Brett, P.G.P., gave the opening prayer, the D.C. arranged the brethren in order, and requested the presiding officer to constitute the lodge. The petition and warrant were read, and the founders signified their continued approval of the officers designated therein. Bro. Brett then delivered an oration upon the principles of the Order, dwelling briefly, but emphatically, upon the advantages of fraternal love, discriminative benevolence, and the diffusion of light and truth; indicating Freemasonry as the guide to intellectual wisdom, moral strength, and spiritual beauty, and concluding with a hope that centuries hence, the true principles of the Craft might be preserved and disseminated in the Prince Leopold Lodge. The Anthem "Behold how pleasant it is. &c." was then magnificently rendered by the choir, which comprised Bro. Limpus, Prov. G. Organist, Middlesex, Bruce, McDavitt, and Hubbard. The Dedication Prayer, a "sanctus" and the "Invocation" by the Con-

secrating Officer, followed. The lodge board was then uncovered, and the consecrating elements were carried round three times by the W.M. and Wardens.

The lodge was dedicated and the anthem, "Praise ye the Lord," succeeded.

The Chaplain took the censer round three times, and gave the final dedication prayer, upon which the presiding officer constituted the lodge, under the style and title of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1445, on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. Boyce's Anthem, "We have built Thee an house" terminated the ceremony of consecration.

Bro. Hervey then proceeded to install the W.M. Designate, Bro. W. T. Howe, with the usual solemnities—the Board of Installed Masters comprising a goodly array of qualified brethren. The following is a complete list of the first officers of the lodge:—Bros. W. T. Howe, 212, W.M.; Frank Green, 212, S.W.; W. H. Myers, 820, J.W.; T. Austin, 933, P.M.; J. Pinder, 15, Sec.; F. W. Wilkins, 86, S.D.; W. F. Stevenson, 754, J.D.; F. Trebeck, 1365, I.G.; J. E. Simus, 1365, D.C.; J. Clark, 174, W.S.; and G. Bruce, 1365, W.S. In addition to the consecrating officers, we noticed the following brethren amongst those present:—Bros. T. A. Hoare, Prov. G.S.; Richd. Limpus, Prov. G.O.; T. Hammond, 212, W.M.; W. Stephens, 1365, W.M.; T. Austin, 933, W.M.; C. Lacey, 1421, W.M., 174, P.M.; W. Jones, 445, P.M.; W. F. Wheeler, 865, P.M.; J. Constable, 185, S.W.; E. B. Graham, 19, I.G.; and several others. The addresses to the W.M., &c., were delivered by Bros. Hervey and Brett,—the former of whom was elected an honorary member—votes of thanks being passed to his assistants.

Ten gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and the lodge was closed.

At the banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Townsend, P.M., 820, the host, a number of brethren sat down, under the gavel of the W.M., Bro. Howe, who proved as efficient as a speaker, as he is well known to be an excellent worker in the lodge. Bro. John Hervey, G. Secretary responded for "The D.G.M. and rest of the Grand Officers," and also to the toast of the "Consecrating Master." He then gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Howe, and Prosperity to the Prince Leopold Lodge," a toast which was most heartily received, and for which the worthy W.M. expressed his grateful acknowledgments. "The Assistant Consecrating Officers Health" elicited a cordial demonstration, and Bro. Buss responded on their behalf. The W.M. then introduced the toast of the "Masonic Benevolent Institutions," with which he coupled the name of Bro. Wentworth Little, Secretary of the Girls' School, who, in returning thanks, gave a brief account of the origin and progress of the Institutions, and expressed a hope that the new lodge would, under their esteemed Master, support the Schools and the Annuity Fund.

"The Health of the Officers," was proposed in eulogistic terms by the W.M., who enlarged upon the Masonic worth and acquirements of the Wardens, Bros. Green and Myers, also Bro. Pinder, the Secretary, and in fact of all who had accepted office.

The toast was cordially greeted, and the several officers expressed their thanks for the compliment, and their determination to assist the Master in the accomplishment of his desire to make the lodge a great success.

Bro. Pinder especially commended to the brethren the observations of Bro. Little respecting the Masonic Charities, and said he was sure the Prince Leopold Lodge would not ignore one of the primary obligations of the Order—Charity.

We omitted to state that for the "Visitors," Bro. Hammond, W.M., 212 made a most effective response. During the evening the musical brethren, under Bro. Limpus, delighted the company with songs and glees, and everything contributed to make the gathering one thoroughly enjoyable and most pleasant to all.

Alderman and Sheriff Sir Thomas White and Sheriff Sir Frederick Perkins have been honoured by the Shah with the Persian order of the Lion and the Sun.

CONSECRATION OF YARBOROUGH
CHAPTER, No. 811, AT BRIGHTON.

In the suite of rooms at the Royal Pavilion, set aside chiefly for Masonic purposes, the unusual and interesting ceremony of consecrating a new chapter, and dedicating it to the purposes of Royal Arch Masonry, took place on Saturday, August 30th, 1873, in the presence of between 40 and 50 Royal Arch Masons from various parts of the county, London, and elsewhere. At half-past three o'clock Companion John Hervey, Grand Scribe E., accompanied by Comp. R. W. Little, Grand Scribe E., Middlesex, and attended by Comp. Thos. Trollope, P.Z. 40, as acting H.; V. Freeman, P.Z., 732, as acting Director of Ceremonies; John Read, P.Z. 720, as Org.; T. J. Sabine, P.Z. 73, as acting Scribe E.; J. M. Cunningham, P.Z. 916, 311, M.E.Z. designate; W. R. Wood, P.Z. No. 2 as H. designate; C. Horsley, Provincial Grand Reg., Middlesex, as J. designate, entered the chapter-room, which was appropriately fitted in a manner peculiar to the teachings of this degree in Freemasonry.

The chapter was then opened in ancient form, and the companions admitted, Comp. Read, P.Z. 720, playing a solemn march on the harmonium.

Comp. John Hervey, G. Scribe E., [who had been specially invited to perform the ceremony of consecration, then addressed the assembled companions on the nature of the meeting, taking especial care to point out in plain and unmistakable language the duties which Royal Arch Freemasons take upon themselves, and referring to the care which should be exercised in the admission of those who from previous experience would prove worthy and devoted members of the Order, and likely by their position and prospects to maintain with honourable pride those noblest of all Masonic characteristics, benevolence and charity, by ever thinking of the young needing a helping hand, and by readily succouring the wants of the aged and distressed. Comp. Hervey closed his address amid applause.

The Consecrating Officer then called on Comp. Sabine (Acting Scribe E.) to read the petition and charter, which having been done,

The D. of Ceremonies, Comp. V. Freeman, assembled all those present who had signed the petition, to whom were addressed the question "Do you approve of the Principals named in the charter," when their approval was signified in form. "The oration" suitable to the occasion was most effectively and impressively given by Comp. R. W. Little, Provincial Grand Scribe E. of Middlesex, in the course of which, he traced Royal Arch Freemasonry from its earliest days to the present, commented upon the useful teachings of its symbolism, and proved to the assembled companions how necessary it was that all Masons should qualify themselves for this further and most necessary degree, without which the mere shell or outline of Freemasonry is only attained. He likewise directed the attention of all Masonic students to the recognition and practice of those responsibilities which every Mason takes upon himself by passing through the degree.

On Comp. Little resuming his seat he was with much applauded.

The collars and jewels of the various officers were handed to the consecrating Principal. Upon this being done, the D. of Ceremonies presented to the Consecrating Officer the three Principals appointed by the charter, and the members of the new chapter were placed in two columns immediately in front of the dais. The anthem, "Behold, how pleasant and how good," was effectively given, and the pedestal unveiled, the corn was strewn as an emblem of plenty, the wine poured out as an emblem of joy, and the oil dropped as an emblem of peace. Haydn's Anthem "The spacious Firmament on High," was beautifully rendered, all present joining in, after which the consecrating Principal dedicated and constituted the members into a regularly registered Royal Arch Chapter, named the Yarbrough Chapter, No. 811. The acting J. gave the patriarchal benediction and the companions sang a hymn.

The three Principals, Comp. J. M. Cunningham, P.M. 811, 315, 916, P.Z. 916, P. Prov. S., G.W. Sussex; Comp. W. R. Wood, P.M. 63,

315, 811, P.Z. No. 2, P. Prov. G. J. W. Sussex; and Comp. C. Horsley, P.M. 811, &c., Grand Registrar Provincial Grand Chapter, Middlesex, were placed in their respective chairs. The officers were nominated and invested as follows:—Comp. Thos. J. Sabine, P.M. 73, Scribe N.; Comp. T. Cook, 2nd A.S.; Comp. W. H. German was unanimously elected Treasurer. The remaining offices were left open until next meeting of the Chapter.

Two brethren were proposed for exaltation. The business of the day having terminated, and the chapter closed, the companions sat down to a banquet provided by Messrs. Mutton Bros. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given and responded to. The toast of the evening was that of the health of the Consecrating Officer, Comp. John Hervey, Grand Scribe E., of whom the M.E.Z. spoke in the highest possible praise, as a genuine working Mason, ready at all times to promote the welfare of his companions, and to render assistance, advice, or guidance to the young Mason.

Companion Hervey replied, and in doing so took occasion to refer to the pleasure he experienced in once more having had the opportunity of visiting Brighton. He said it was many years ago since he consecrated a chapter in this beautiful town, which he had found so much improved since his last visit. He fully believed the Yarbrough Chapter would be a prosperous and carefully managed branch of the royal degree. It augured well for its future that at its head were three Companions of the Order so experienced, but he must add a word or two of his satisfaction at the manner in which Companion Sabine had managed the whole affair, which up to this latest moment left nothing wanting. He regarded the completeness of every detail with much satisfaction, and he had to thank Comp. Sabine for taking off his hands the very large amount of troublesome work. He must also allude before he sat down to the assistance rendered him that day by Comps. Trollope, Little, Read, and, not least, to the very valuable services of Comp. V. Freeman, who, as Director of the Ceremonies, had performed the delicate and difficult work of the office with most commendable skill and ability. He concluded by expressing a hope that on some future occasion he should be able to pay the Yarbrough Chapter a visit, when he had no doubt to find everything in good working order.

The remaining toasts, including "Success to the Masonic Institutions," were then given, and the companions separated at an early hour, all well pleased with a happy, instructive, and delightful day.

Amongst those present during the day, in addition to those already referred to, we noticed from the South Saxon Chapter, No. 211, Comps. W. W. Turner and H. Freeman; the Lennox Chapter, 271, Comps. Gill, R. J. Rogers, and R. B. P. Taaffe; the Hartington Chapter, 916, Comps. C. H. Matthews, W. Kirkland, Thos. Lane, M.E.Z., and G. Flint; Royal Sussex Chapter, 732, Comps. G. Smith, P.Z., W. Smith, W. Hudson, M.E.Z., W. Challen, P.Z., Jas. W. Stride, and J. S. Houghton; the Emulation Chapter, 40, Comps. James Dorman, A. R. Croucher, and others.

The following companions were, from various circumstances, unable to attend:—Comps. Lord Pelham, 171, G. E. Pocock, P.Z., 271; G. Tatham, P.Z. 271; E. J. Furner, P.Z. 271; W. H. Hallett, M.E.Z., 271; W. Pulteney Scott, P.G.S.N., P.Z., No. 2; Capt. Braithwaite; W. B. Tanner, M.E.Z., 40; A. Elmsley, P.Z., 311; James Terry, P.Z.; E. Bostock, 732; Joseph Spencer, 73; C. G. Reed, P.Z., 732; W. J. Smith, 73, Capt. Molineux, M.E.Z., No. 2, F. Walters, P.Z., 73, J. S. Gowen, P.Z., Henry Dubose, P.Z.; Major Shadwell H. Clerke, P.Z.; William Hyde Pallen, P.Z.; Capt. H. Stratford; and George Kenning, P.Z.

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ἸΝΘΩΙ ΣΕ ΑΥΤΩΝ.

(BY THE AUTHOR OF "ALPHA AND OMEGA")
Dedicated to the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Ave Rosa Crucis! When through the dark valley
The shadows of Death mock the pilgrims of
Woe,
When Error and Fraud their grim satellites
rally,
Unflinching under thy banner we go.

Thy vision of Truth to the Soldier believing
Gleams bright on the Altar, fulfils the desire,
And sheds o'er the veil of Mortality's weaving
A purer aura of spiritual fire.

There thrills through our ranks, from thy sweet
inspiration,
A mystic spell like to the sound of the sea.
The charmed hymn wakes, to eternal vibration
The echoes of Nature in full melody;
It whispers the roll of the infinite muster
Of worlds which revolve in their orbital race.
Illumed by a keen inconceivable lustre;
And held by immutable Laws in the space;
Upspreading, it kisses the seal of Creation
And worships afar at the signet of God,
Till melting in glow of divine exhalation
It pours down the path which Emanuel trod;
Returning it unlocks the mazes of Seven,
The spheres through which we to Perfection
press on.

'Ere steeped in the splendour of Three times
Eleven
We gaze through the Light which the perfect
have won;

It ends in announcing the Message of Heaven
Over which radiates the face of the One,
Proclaiming the Crown of the Sacrifice given,
The anguish endured and the Victory done.

We hear it, the mystical ladder ascending,
Which yields, at each step, the initial of flame
Whose ascents caught up by Archangel, come
blending
And breathe out, in awe, the ineffable Name.

The Eagle exultant, ascends to the morning,
With wing golden tipp'd by the Lord of the East.
From ashes, the Phoenix, the fire-circle scorning,
Soars in renewed youth and with beauty
increased;

Its innocent brood see the Pelican nourish,
In shedding its lifeblood, with pinion unfurled;
And long in our midst may their attributes
flourish

For these are the Types we disclose to the world.
The bold gaze of Hate and the sad sigh of Sorrow
We quench in a Charity deeper than they,
The Faith of the Present, the Hope of the Morrow
Transmit through the Ages our roseate ray.

The Past may mistake or the Future condemn us,
Our Love is link'd firm to the Ancient of Days;
Opponents may harass and ambushes hem us,
But none from our ranks our great Captain
betrays.

With Him when the eyelash grown wet at our
story
Is dried with the solace 'tis His to bestow,
Shall Princes and Sages assemble in Glory
Who fought the good fight in the valley below.

A MASONIC PARTING.

BY BRO. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M., and P.Z

In friendship we meet, and in friendship we part,
With brotherly love inspiring each heart:
Remembering, ever, if tempted to roam,
That affection and duty alike call us home.

Our duties are pleasures, our mission's to sow
The seed of good feeling, wherever we go;
But nothing we do will suffice to atone
For lack of the duty we all owe at home.

Our wives are our helpmates, and often they show
For us what is best they assuredly know;
Then, let us remember, if tempted to roam,
That affection and interest both call us home.

ERRATA.—In "An Entered Apprentice's
Prayer," in the last *Freemason*, in stanza 5, last
line, for *this* read *thus*. In last stanza, line 2,
insert *me*, after *inspires*.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.—No. 2.

A curious book was published in the year 1765, entitled "a defence of Masonry as practised in the regular Lodges" (London). It is especially valuable because of a reference to Dr. Dassigny, and also to Bro. Laurence Dermott.

It is the only printed notice of Dr. Dassigny we have been able to trace within a few years of the publication of "Ahiman Rezon," A.D. 1756, (which is the first work that is known to allude to that author) and yet we cannot but think there must be other allusions to his "Impartial Enquiry," published in 1744.

We shall be glad to correspond with any brother who has discovered a reference to Dr. Dassigny, or his works between the years 1740 and 1780, as the value of his books are not easily over-estimated, seeing they contain the earliest printed references to Royal Arch Masonry known. We have a copy of the "Impartial Enquiry," of 1744, believed to be unique, but there is still another work of his to be traced.

W. J. HUGHAN.

CLAPTON LODGE, No. 1365.—The installation meeting of this lodge will take place at the White Hart Hotel, Clapton, on Wednesday next, September 17th.

RENFREWSHIRE ELECTION took place on Wednesday. Polling-booths were opened at 8 o'clock, their localities being Paisley, Neilston, Pollokshaws, Crosshill, Kinning Park, and Greenock. The result of the election was as follows:—Bro. Col. Campbell (Conservative), 1,855; Bro. Col. Moore (Liberal), 1,677. Majority for Bro. Campbell, 178.

Bro. Montague will re-open the Globe Theatre for the winter season with a play entitled "Chivalry," by Mr. Richard Lee, whose "Ordeal by Touch" obtained a marked success at the Queen's last year.

MEMORIAL WINDOW IN ST. PAUL'S.—One of the five light clerestory windows on the north side of St. Paul's Cathedral has been filled with stained glass. The five openings are filled with a subject taken from the life of King Solomon in the Temple. Under the window is a brass, placed upon one of the piers, with the following inscription:—"The above window was erected by Susannah Woodcock, in loving memory of her husband, William Henry Woodcock, who died November 2nd, 1870, in the 73rd year of his age."

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Francis Tussaud, son of the late Madam Tussaud. The event took place on Sunday, Aug. 31st. The Exhibition in Baker-street was closed on the 5th inst., the date fixed for the funeral.

NEXT YEAR'S EISTEDDVOD.—The success of the Mold Eisteddvod has given an impetus to the committee of next year's Bangor Eisteddvod, and at the meeting last week a satisfactory amount of progress was reported. In addition to the list of subjects drawn out by the committee, and published a short time ago, a number of handsome prizes have been offered by several ladies and gentlemen, who take a warm and patriotic interest in the success of the great national gathering. Foremost among the number are Miss Edith Wynne and Mr. Brinley Richards, whose sacrifices in the cause of Welsh nationality are already well known. Mr. Brinley Richards announced at Mold, that a triple harp would be offered as a prize at Bangor, and Miss Wynne offers a handsome prize for the best collection of Welsh proverbs.—*Llandudno Directory.*

"NEVER OVER-ESTIMATE YOUR STRENGTH."—Pain, though hard to bear, is evidently necessary for our safety; wanting it disorder would become disease without our knowledge; death would end the scene ere danger was discovered. Suffering is the indication of some disorder or disease, and should never be neglected, for the pain of to-day may prove the agony of to-morrow. Holloway's remedies stand pre-eminently forward, and are everywhere commended for quickly removing all maladies when the least uneasiness has discovered their seat and kind. These remedies so purify the blood and regulate its circulation, that every organ acts perfectly and every secretion is natural, which is health; and may be secured by every individual at a trifling outlay.—ADVT.

Obituary.

BRO. JAMES RICHMOND SHEEN.

Freemasonry both in her theoretical teachings and practical operations of charity, has lost a steady supporter in the demise of Bro. Sheen.

A long life time of manly exertion and uniform devotions to her best interests cannot but be admired by those good masons who had not the pleasure and privilege of his acquaintance, but a deep heart-felt grief must we all experience who have had the delights of his friendship, the aid of his Masonic teachings, and the intercourse of his cultivated intellect. If his universal charity can be said to have developed itself in one position more than another, it was in the direction of the Orphan Institution for the daughters of Freemasons, and, singular to say, it was in that very asylum of usefulness that he met with the accident by a fall which proved the exciting cause of his death, at the age of 65 years. For the greater part of the current year, Bro. Sheen had exhibited signs of gradually declining health, and proffered his resignation of several of the important posts of trust and honour which he held in the Craft, all of which, however, were thrust back upon him, and he was in complete Masonic harness to the time of his death, on the 1st instant. He was a member of the House Committee of the Girls' School, a permanent member of the Board of Benevolence, Scribe E. of the Jerusalem Chapter, and had only one member standing before him as Father of the Jordan Lodge, No. 201.—Bro. Patten, the late Secretary of the Girls' School.

Bro. Sheen, in his long career of usefulness, has had many honours thrust upon him; but, although not altogether despising the glitter of outward show, always felt a greater delight in quietly doing good: hence he not only never put himself forward for Grand Lodge honours, but persistently refused to be put forward by others who sought to vary the even path of deserving merit by some of those marks of distinction which only real worth will dispense with. One of his last acts of benevolence, apparently only to add to the amount on the list of the Steward who represented his mother lodge at the Festival of the Girl's School, was to make a nephew a Life Governor of that institution. He always asserted that whatever honour might be paid to deserving merit, none could reach the satisfaction of that which would accrue from a consistent and uniform support of the charities. Thus, on one occasion, when a Master of the lodge of which Bro. Sheen had already been a P.M. for years, receiving at the end of his year of office the award of a Past Master's jewel, preferred to present the five guineas to the funds of the Boys' Institution, making thereby his "Lewis" a life subscriber of that charity, Bro. Sheen stepped forward and said, that choice, my brethren, I consider is fraught with more honour than the display of a score of jewels. At the next meeting, however, he himself presented a Past Master's jewel to the brother, with the following inscription thereon:—"A jewel was voted to Bro. — P.M., by the Jordan Lodge, No. 201, for his efficient services as W.M. in 18—. He preferred giving the amount to the Masonic Boys' School, in token of which this jewel is presented to him by his sincere friend, J. R. Sheen, P.M. 201."

His remains were placed in the family grave at Woking, on Saturday, September the 6th, a large number of relations, brethren, and friends attending to pay a last meed of respect to his worth.

The Rev. Reginald Hay Hills, of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, the parish in which the departed had resided for upward of 30 years, read the service in the sad ceremony, the chapel being full of mourners, among whom we noticed Messrs. W. M. Kedge, H. Kedge, H. Coombes, J. Blake, W. S. Young, H. Hopkins, J. Wilson, and others, the executors, Bros. Dyer, Moorman, and Mr. J. Saunders.

Among the brotherhood present representing a large number of lodges were:—Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, P. Prov. D.C.M. Middlesex; R. Watts, Holbrook, Harris, T. White, Sheppard, W. Hammond, Davage, Stevens, Terry, Genese, Terry, Lane, and others. Many letters of con-

dolence have been received from members of the chapters and lodges connected therewith, all manifesting the depth of grief which their loss had occasioned. Thus writes one, all re-echoing similar sentiments:—"In the death of our dear friend, I feel that the course of charity, more particularly that important branch connected with the education of orphans, has sustained the loss of one of its most generous, liberal, and judicious advocates and supporters. Personally I grieve for the loss of a genuine kind-hearted friend."

Bro. Sheen was the author of a very interesting and valuable book on "Wines and other Fermented Liquors from the Earliest Ages to the Present Time," a work exhibiting much careful research and literary taste and ability. "A Four Days' Ramble," too, from his pen, is a most readable production, exhibiting much keen thought and close observation in a tour through Surrey and West Sussex. He also wrote at an earlier date, "A Treatise on Chemical Experiments," a subject to which his early life was devoted, "First Impressions," "Jottings by the Way," &c. There are few lives of such usefulness as that of Bro. Sheen's, between the time that he left Chislehurst, as an educated young man, starting in life, and that at which he returned to the spot to breathe his last.

A PRESENTATION GOLD MEDAL FROM HIS HOLINESS PIUS IX.

Bro. John Tweed, Glasgow, has been favoured with a presentation from Pio Nono, which, independent of its intrinsic value, is no ordinary compliment to a Scottish publisher.

Bro. Tweed is the publisher of a curious volume, entitled "The Catholic History of Scotland," compiled with great care, at a very great expense, and interesting to every class of Scotchmen.

Bro. Tweed forwarded a volume of this work to his Holiness Pio Nono, and in return, has been presented with a solid gold medal, of very considerable value, having a medallion portrait of the Pope upon it, being executed with great artistic beauty, and adorned with appropriate insignia. The presentation has been accompanied with the following gracious letter, and which Bro. Tweed, is bound to treasure as a curious and precious relic. Upon the envelope in which the medal was enclosed, Pio Nono writes, in his own hand,—"To the Rector of the Scottish College, for the Publisher, Pius IX."

"Dear Sir,—At the request of His Grace Archbishop Eyre, I beg to inform you that the volume of "The Catholic History of Scotland," some time since received from you for presentation to His Holiness the Pope, was duly forwarded to Rome, and presented to the Holy Father by the Most Rev. Monsignor Simeoni, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide. His Holiness admired exceedingly the elegant appearance of the volume. On turning over the leaves he recognised, in the steel engravings of the Scottish Bishops, old and familiar faces. The Italian Address accompanying the volume was also read to His Holiness, who was very much pleased with it, and as a substantial proof of his paternal feeling, and an encouragement to the publisher, he immediately brought forth a beautiful Gold Medal enclosed in a crimson velvet case, adorned with the Pontifical Arms, and desired that it should be presented to you. The medal has just arrived, and you can receive it on calling at the residence of His Grace the Archbishop. It is a magnificent work of art, in massive and pure gold, in size larger than a crown piece, having on the obverse a beautiful profile figure of the Holy Father in very high relief; on the reverse side is a highly finished view of the "Loggia Di Raffaele," or Hall of Raphael, of the Vatican Palace in Rome.

"I have the honour to remain, Dear Sir, Your most obedient servant,

"H. W. HOWLEY,
"Secy. to the Archbishop."

The following stand over:—"Harmony between the Bible and Freemasonry," Reports of District Grand Lodge of Bengal; Lodges 754; 871; Chapter 348.

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ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE, Great Charlotte-street.—Lessee Bro. H. Leslie. "The Wandering Jew."

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, Clayton-square.—Lessee Mr. Sifton Parry. Byron's "Burlesque," "The Happy Land."

THEATRE ROYAL, Williamson-square.—Lessee, Bro. De Frezee. "Nomisses, or his Two to One." "Quakers and Shakers," and Miscellaneous Entertainments.

S. T. JAMES'S HALL, Lime-street.—Proprietor, Bro. S. Hague. Special Artistes and Programme.

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

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

NEWSOMES CIRCUS, Whitechapel.—Scenes of the Circle and other Entertainments.

QUEEN'S HALL.—"Emerald Minstrel, Humourists, and Dancers."

CONCERT HALL.—Mr. F. Macniche.

S. T. JAMES'S MINOR HALL.—Madame Card and M. Abney's Entertainment.

NOTICE.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1873.

AN ORATION.

BY BRO. L. P. METHAM, D.P.G.M.

The following is the oration of Bro. L. P. Metham, P.G.D. of England, and D.Prov. G.M., which was delivered on Thursday, Aug. 28th, at the Provincial Grand Lodge, held in the Town

Hall at Dawlish, on the occasion of the consecration of Lodge Salem No. 1443:—

"Right Worshipful Sir.—The commands you have laid upon me to perform to-day the customary duty of addressing the brethren present, and more particularly the brethren of the lodge we are about to consecrate, will be obeyed with great willingness, but I fear, owing to illness with even less force than on former occasions. I, however, feel the importance of this portion of the ceremony, on each recurring occasion for its exercise, to be of a very increasing and grave character, especially in all that relates to the conduct of the brethren without, as well as within, the lodge. I therefore propose to-day, to confine myself to urging upon all who hear me, the necessity of guarding more carefully than ever the portals of our Order, that none unworthy shall be permitted to enter. Never in the history of the Craft was Masonry so flourishing, if numbers are to be accepted as the proof of success. In our own province a member has been added to the body for nearly every day of the past year. If each of those initiates is really what his proposer and seconder, and the Lodge which has accepted him, are bound by their obligations to scrupulously enquire and satisfy themselves that he is, namely, a 'good man and true,' then have we reason to rejoice that our principles have gained so many volunteers for their support and dissemination. Indeed it would, in such a case, be a subject of deep regret that the number has not been multiplied by thousands for every unit, so as to hasten the coming of that millennium when the great Brotherhood of Nations shall learn, in the practice of universal Masonry to forget that war, bloodshed, discord, and misery polluted the world which the great God has given us for our use and enjoyment, so full of beauty, peace, and harmony. But if, on the other hand, sufficient care has not been taken by the lodges, for on them, as the ultimate court of appeal, must rest the responsibility of every initiation, to test the moral qualities as well as the social position of each candidate proposed for admission into their number, it is impossible but that some have gained admission who are unworthy of the honour, and who will do discredit to the Order. If there be twenty such, or ten such, or even five such, amongst the 350 candidates admitted into the Devonshire lodges, better would it have been for the province and for the Order that not a single candidate should have been initiated during the whole year. The strength of every noble edifice or stately structure is to be estimated, not by the altitude of its towers, by the number of its arches, or by the size of its buttresses, but by the strength of its weakest part. A deficient key-stone, a rotten stone in the foundation, or a loose screw, may, in a moment reduce to absolute ruin the proudest monument of the builder's art. And in the present day, when the spirit of the age is one of enquiry, when every pretension to superior consideration is immediately challenged, when all who claim skill or knowledge which are not possessed by others, must be prepared to show that their skill is real and their knowledge is true, Masonry more than any other human institution will, whether its members like it or

not, be subject to the same spirit of enquiry; it will have to pass, as it were, through an ordeal of fire, to run the gauntlet of the severest criticism, and to encounter the sharpest ridicule. The fire will not scathe us, the criticism will not wound us, neither will the ridicule give us any concern, if we are, as a body, true to our principles, if in our daily lives we practice what we have learned in our lodges. But if the dissolute claim admission for the sake of conviviality, and have his claim allowed, if the bankrupt thinks Masonry will rebuild the fortune which neglect and improvidence have ruined, or if those whose private lives will not bear examination as to their morality, honesty, or religious sentiments, are permitted to parade themselves in our ranks, the world will judge the Order, not by the thousands of just and upright men who range under its banners, having the tongue of good repute heard ever in their favour, but by the tens, or the units, by whose admission our own carelessness has given the outer world the power to judge and to condemn us. I use the word carelessness advisedly, for I cannot believe that any man who had pondered for a single moment on the solemn obligations he had taken as a Master, or even as a simple member of a lodge, would deliberately recommend any to a participation of our secrets, or permit them to share our privileges, unless he had a well founded confidence that the candidate so proposed would reflect credit on our choice. But the fact remains and cannot be contradicted, that many unworthy and unfitting men have of late years been admitted into the Order. Now each of these men holds the honour and the good name of the Craft in his keeping as much as the most worthy and upright brethren do. An offence committed by an individual who is not a Mason affects but a limited circle, but when committed by a Mason it tarnishes the pure metal of our whole Order. It is not sufficient for us to point to the thousands of our brethren who lead blameless and useful lives, which show forth, as a shining light, the teaching of Masonry carried into daily practice. It is not sufficient for us to contend that bad members are to be found in every sect, even among professing Christians; the world is only too eager to seize every opportunity of condemning what it does not understand, and by that opinion and judgment we must, as all other human institutions must, stand or fall. When, therefore, we see, my brethren, that one hour of a bad man's life will weigh more against the body to which we are so proud to belong, than the whole of a good man's history, let us exercise the greatest care that none are admitted who can bring us, individually and collectively, into contempt. I speak to the whole of the brethren who are present, and more emphatically to you, W.M., officers, and brethren of Lodge Salem. I entreat you to be able to tell us in future years that you have made the internal and moral qualities of each candidate the subject of most searching enquiry and the test of admission, rather than his external position and advantages. Your duty, Worshipful Sir, is plain, to you is confided the honour of the whole body throughout the world; see that you perform your duty firmly; your duty, officers of the lodge, is equally plain; and so is yours, members of the

lodge ; see that you each, in your turn, are prepared to justify your acceptance into your ranks of every candidate, tested as it ought to be by the principles of the Order. At all cost, my brethren, refuse admission to the unworthy and the unfitting. Let no ambition to enlarge your numbers, no eagerness to increase your funds, ever divert you from following the straight and undeviating line which should ever mark the footsteps of the true Mason. I trust I have dealt with this subject so as to give pain to none, I have specified no individual case, but there must be many here who know well that I have reason for what I have said. My own experience and the experience of my Masonic friends throughout the kingdom guide me to the clear conclusion that I ought to address you on the subject. I should be unworthy of the confidence placed in me by him by whose grace I fill the proud office I do, and of the confidence you have always extended to me in the discharge of my responsible duties, if cowardice or indifference led me to be silent in the presence of an evil which is sapping the pure fame of our Institution. If you would save that pure fame, let every Mason strike at the very root of the evil, let each satisfy himself of the good moral qualities of the candidates offered for their acceptance. Do not be satisfied with the negative fact that you know no evil of them, but assure yourselves that their minds and their dispositions are attuned to Masonry. Make each candidate understand that ours is no benefit society, from which he may expect to receive more than he brings, but on the contrary, let him be told that he will be expected to give rather than to receive, to do good to his fellow creatures rather than to be pensioners upon them. Let him, if possible, be taught more clearly still that while we enjoy each other's society round the festive board, temperance chastens our enjoyment, and that there is no room there for the drunkard and the dissolute. Tell every candidate that before he can become one of us he must, in the words of our antient charge, 'Let prudence direct him, temperance chasten him, and justice be the guide of all his actions.' And then, in the words of a distinguished brother—'The rigid observance of these rules for a series of years, and not many years will be required, will restore the goodly condition of former years, when the moral force of the Masonic obligation was alone sufficient to secure obedience to all requirements, and enable us to feel that it is a great honour and distinction in society to be hailed and recognised as Freemasons. With these views it has been my constant effort, in visiting lodges, to impress upon my brethren a higher standard of Masonic excellence, more exacting tests of fitness in candidates, a more rigid observance of our solemn personal obligations to each other in all our intercourse, and more readiness to punish every departure from those obligations. I have urged upon them everywhere, that the so-called lesser evils of society, of which the law of the land takes no cognizance—intemperance, profanity evil speaking, hypocrisy and deception—are all Masonic offences; and, as we would preserve the ancient lustre and hallowed charm which has so long encircled the Fraternity, we cannot be too zealous in their condemnation and punishment.' I

fervently pray that with me you will strain every nerve to remove the spots which disfigure our glorious luminary, and then, brethren, to quote from another distinguished brother, a P.G. Chaplain of England—"If thus, brethren, we hold to the great principles of our Order, 'adding to our faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge temperance, to temperance brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity;' then we shall hand down something in our generation to bless and enrich our Craft, our country, and our kind. Systems may change; customs may vary; nay, empires may rise or fall, we shall still, keeping in view the ancient landmarks and 'the bright and morning star' go on our way rejoicing—rejoicing in the spread of truth, of virtue of charity—rejoicing in the diffusion of that peace and good will which shall really conduce to the brotherhood of nations—rejoicing in the mitigation of human suffering, in the alleviation of human sorrow, and in the elevation of human thought. Then, having passed through the apprenticeship of human discipline, having had fellowship in the work of restoration—having mastered the lower passions and affections of human nature, having, in fact, finished the work given us to do, we shall exchange these lodges or tents we now inhabit for eternal mansions not made with hands, which the Great Architect has prepared—and we shall enter on the possession of that promised land where the good and faithful workman shall rejoin the companions of his former toils, shall rest from his labours, and shall receive his 'great reward.' "

The delivery of the foregoing address was concluded amidst the heartiest applause.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW TOWN HALL AT DUNOON.

On Saturday, the 30th ult., an imposing demonstration took place at Dunoon, on the occasion of the laying the foundation-stone of the New Burgh Buildings and Town Hall for that beautiful watering place. The weather during the entire day was delightfully fine, and from an early hour in the forenoon the prepossessing village was quite astir and wore more than a holiday aspect. The streets were crowded with people—fine and gaily-dressed ladies and gentlemen—the quiet inhabitant and summer resident alike entering into the spirit of the occasion; flags waving in every direction, music striking the ear wherever one went, the pageant of a public procession—all went to make up a scene of peculiar loveliness, a scene to be remembered.

Dunoon has long felt the want of a proper public hall, and unavailing efforts were frequently made to have that want supplied. Some months ago, however, the Police Commissioners were successful in carrying out measures for the erection of a suitable place, and that, commenced as it was in June last, is expected to be completed early in the forthcoming year. The edifice, which faces Argyll Street, is in the old Scottish style of architecture, and is fitted up with burgh offices and the concomitant platform and rooms of a convenient public meeting-place. The hall is on the second storey, will accommodate 500 people, and has its entrance from Hanover-street. The burgh offices are on the ground floor, and are to have their entrance from Argyll-street. The entire building will cost about £3,500.

The ceremony of laying the foundation-stone, as has been stated, was performed on Saturday, the 30th ult., with full Masonic honours, by Bro. J. J. Grieve, M.P., for Greenock, and Right Worshipful Grand Deputy Master, Provincial Grand Lodge of West Renfrewshire Masons. Previous to the ceremony, however, a grand procession, composed chiefly of Masons, took place,

the processionists, to the music of five instrumental bands, marching through the principal streets. This was a very imposing part of the proceedings, and attracted a great deal of attention. About half-past two the procession arrived at the new building, and the various companies of demonstrators—a body of the county constabulary, the magistrates and police commissioners, the Provincial Grand Lodge and other Masonic lodges, the Good Templars, &c.,—were soon in their proper places. The gathering of people here was very large, and every piece of vantage ground, including the spacious platform erected on the partly-completed building, was crowded with ladies and gentlemen, among whom we observed General Anderson, C.B., and party from Edinburgh. The ceremony was commenced by Bro. the Rev. Arch. Fullarton, Greenock, engaging in prayer. Provost Smith then presented Bro. Grieve with a handsome silver trowel, for which, as well as for the honour accorded him, the Right Worshipful Deputy Master thanked the promoters of the demonstration. The various formalities, including the placing of a bottle containing the coins of the realm, and a copy of each the Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Greenock newspapers in the cavity of the stone, having been completed and the stone declared properly laid.

Bro. Grieve addressed the gathering. He said that by the favour of Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Grand Master of West Renfrewshire, he had been deputed to perform the ceremony which had been completed, and although not performed in the efficient way it would have been by the Right Worshipful G. Master, yet it had been done with a sincere heart and a good will. It afforded him great pleasure to come and witness this flourishing place, which might now be ranked as a town. By the enterprise of the inhabitants and the worthy magistrates, they had raised a hall which would be worthy the place, and he could not more suitably impress upon them, than in the fine language of their (the officiating) clergyman, the duties that devolved upon them in the maintenance of the hall. He trusted the enterprise of Dunoon would be an example to many other places, for it was of the utmost importance to have a proper place for the great bulk of the people to assemble and deliberate, and express themselves on all matters affecting the community and the nation at large. He had therefore to congratulate them that that edifice had been erected under the Provostship of his respected friend Mr. Smith. He trusted it would be the precursor of many blessings to the burgh.

Provost Smith said he had to thank Mr. Grieve for his kindness in coming to Dunoon and so efficiently laying the foundation stone of that building. The operations connected with it had hitherto been carried on without accident, and he trusted the auspicious commencement might be followed up to an equalley prosperous and happy termination. The want of a public hall had long been felt in Dunoon, but up to the present any effort in the direction of having the want supplied always fell through. Last year the Commissioners adopted steps to bring into requisition the clauses of the Police and Public Improvement Acts, whereby an assessment was leviable for public buildings, and through this and the good offices of the late Bro. John M'Arthur Moir, who generously granted a free site on which to erect the hall, the long-desired object was attained, and the hall, as they saw, was now far advanced towards completion. He could not but embrace the opportunity of bearing testimony of the enlightened interest that Bro. Moir manifested in that place during all their negotiations and intercourse with him in reference to the affairs of the town, during the very short time he enjoyed the estate. The Commissioners, as well as the general community, had great reason to mourn his early death.

In the course of the afternoon a public dinner took place in the Free Church Academy, when a large number of gentleman sat down. Provost Smith occupied the chair, and the croupiers were Bailies Melville and Lyall and Captain R. W. Young.

Dinner over, the Chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts.

Dr. Thomson gave "Both Houses of Parlia-

ment," coupling the toast with the name of Bro. Grieve, M.P., who replied.

The toasts which followed included:—"Success to the New Town Hall," "The Police Commissioners of Dunoon," "The Provincial Grand Master," "The Provincial Grand Secretary," "The Architects," "The Contractors," "The Masonic Deputations," "The Strangers," "The Joint Committees," "The Press," "The Croupiers," "The Ladies," "The Chairman."

The architect for the hall is Mr. R. A. Bryden, of Clarke & Bell, Glasgow; contractor for mason work, Andrew Dixon; joiner work, Thos. Young; plumber work, James Kelly; slater work, Moses Neilson; plaster work, Robert Stirling—all of Dunoon; and the whole is under the superintendence of Mr. James Tannock, Clerk of Works.

About 280 Masons were present at the demonstration, and the lodges represented, so far as reported, were:—3½, St. John, Glasgow; 12, Greenock Kilwinning; 68, Doric Kilwinning, Port Glasgow; 103, Union and Crown, Glasgow; 116, Royal Arch, Ruthlerglen; 129, St. Mirren, Paisley; 179, St. John, Greenock; 219, Star, Glasgow; 275, Shamrock and Thistle, Glasgow; 292, St. John, Rothesay; 335, Dunoon, Argyle; 413, Athole, Glasgow; 419, Neptune, Glasgow; 437, Govandale, Glasgow; 496, St. Mark, Ardnadam; 412, Thorntree, Thorliebank; and Provincial Grand Lodge West Renfrewshire, which consisted of J. J. Grieve, M.P., P. Prov. G. Master, who had been deputed to act by Sir Michael Shaw Stewart; D. Anderson, Prov. G. Depute-Master; H. J. Anderson, Prov. G. Substitute-Master; J. G. Shanks, Prov. G. Senior Warden; J. Wilson, Prov. G. Junior Warden; A. Boag, Prov. G. Secretary; J. R. Allison, Prov. G. Treasurer; J. D. Macdonald, Prov. G. Clerk; Rev. A. Fullarton, Prov. G. Chaplain; and Bros. D. Leslie, R. Parker, J. McGregor, Capt. Young, H. Blair, T. Greir, J. P. Fyfe, J. Russell, R. D. Oliphant, R. Allan, G. Hamilton, J. F. Muir, and N. Tasker.

Original Correspondence.

SPIRITUALISTS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the few remarks I offered on this subject, in *The Freemason* of August, 16th, I did not base my belief in spiritualism, or correctly speaking, my firm conviction of its truth—meaning by "Spiritualism," the occasional and frequent manifestation of the presence amongst us of disembodied spirits, who make their presence known in various ways; sometimes by moving or otherwise acting upon material objects, sometimes by audible voices, sometimes by making one part of themselves visible, and almost always by giving intelligent answers, sometimes correct and sometimes otherwise, to questions asked, or communicating facts, sometimes already known, and sometimes unknown to the person communicated with—I did not, I say, place my belief in these phenomena upon the "performances," as they are sometimes called, of the Davenport Brothers, or other public "mediums," but upon what has spontaneously occurred in my own residence, no one being present but my wife and myself. I feel bound, nevertheless, to say a word on the statement made by Mr. Maskelyne, in *The Freemason*, of the 30th ult., as to my having been "in error," when I stated that the "£1000 challenge dodge" of a spiritualist "had not been accepted," he having, as he alleges, accepted both this and another, of £250, offered by the same person. I certainly was under the impression that neither of these offers—not wagers—had been accepted, but were still open, and the enquiries I have subsequently made confirm that impression. I have carefully read the correspondence that took place between the gentleman who offers the money and Mr. Maskelyne himself; and I think it shows, beyond all doubt, that Mr. Maskelyne has never accepted the challenge. He advertised that he could and would do all that has been done by the Davenport Brothers, that he could and would do any thing that Mr. Home, or other mediums can do, and thus show that Spiritualism

is "all humbug," and that the success of mediums depends upon "the gullibility of their audience." If you will do that "under the same conditions," replies the challenger, "I will forfeit £1000. He says, "You profess to expose the Davenports. To do so you must do what they have done, hundreds, if not thousands, of times, as a matter of common notoriety, established by the united testimony of innumerable non-spiritual press reporters, in various parts of the world, and which there will be no difficulty in finding any number of witnesses 'of integrity' to testify to. Nothing short of this was implied in my challenge from the very first. If you have ever followed up the career of the Devonports at all, as I am sure you have, you must know that your account falls ludicrously short of what they are asserted, by overwhelming testimony, to have done in public (and often in private) séances, under much more severe tests than they were ever subjected to in public."

The "conditions" are the matter of contention, and certainly Mr. Maskelyne has never agreed to these, and hence the thing remains as it was.

I do not desire to interfere between these two gentlemen, but merely to state my own judgment upon the question. I may, however, be permitted to remark, that it is to be regretted that Mr. Maskelyne should have made any attack upon those who, like myself, have good evidence for their belief in the spiritual phenomena, by representing them as knaves or fools, alleging that the knaves humbug the fools; and alleging, also, that he is a perfect master of "the trickery" by which what they deem spiritual manifestations are produced. I am not aware of any Spiritualist having attempted to deprecate the wonderful cleverness of Mr. Maskelyne's performances, which will, I hope, continue to draw large and gratified audiences, notwithstanding the hard words and vituperation which he hurls at the "gullible" spiritualists.

WILLIAM CARPENTER.

LANGUAGE OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Having read the article under the above heading, permit me to make a few observations upon the principles sought to be inculcated. I fully appreciate the genuine tenets of Freemasonry and am satisfied that the Craft has no desire to alter our ritual in any way tending to a deviation from the established landmarks of the Order.

There are many very enthusiastic and highly intelligent brethren, whom others have been good enough to designate "innovators," from having rendered our ceremonies and lectures in grammatical phraseology, adding such beauties of rhetoric (maintaining their original essence) as to captivate the hearers and induce many to pursue their researches with greater self-denial and love, and thus secure an indissoluble adherence to our noble Institution and its valuable precepts.

Freemasonry should be ("not is") one of the agencies to preserve the purity of the English tongue, but such a consummation, although, "devoutly to be wished," cannot be under our present regime. Many honourable members aspire to, and obtain the position of Master, and I can testify in many instances, that their want of education has brought strong censure upon us. Allow me to state one fact in proof of my assertion. A short time since a gentleman was introduced to lodge and regularly initiated—subsequently he was heard to remark, "that a copy of the English grammar should be presented to the W.M., for the ceremony which he had just witnessed deserved a better exponent." It must be stated that the Master referred to was well skilled in the noble science, but had obtained his knowledge from those indefatigable preceptors who exult in promulgating undeviatingly the time-honoured, but rather faulty exposition of the ritual, transmitted by our respected forefathers, and who fail to acknowledge that we are progressive beings, endued with reason by an Almighty Architect, which noble gift they also fail to apply and appreciate.

I beg to assert that men of "correct tastes," while profoundly conscious of the sublime sim-

plicity of our ritual, are nevertheless anxious to promote a correct rendering of Masonic language, which, should bear the impress of enlightenment and education.

The simile of the artist who endeavoured to improve a lily of nature with daubs of paint, is a poor attempt at comparison, for it bears no analogy to the Craft; the principles of Freemasonry, which every right-minded brother will revere, are eternal and unalterable, but being transmitted orally, the original wording cannot be supposed to exist in its purity, hence many errors have naturally crept in, therefore, it is absurd to complain of those who have endeavoured to rectify such anomalies as appear to them contrary to an enlightened mode of thought and the requirements of the present universal spread of education.

Do not let us continue the "forms of our fathers," whilst human genius buds, and whose leaves are producing from day to day the fairest and choicest fruits and exalting mankind.

There is to my mind one course open, which would settle a difficulty we experience in uniformity of working. It is this:—That a duly and legally constituted committee be appointed by Grand Lodge, to consist of the most noteworthy and educated of the Order, who shall be empowered to frame a ritual for the government of our entire body; that no brother be permitted to take the chair of Master, Principal of a Chapter, or the appointment of Preceptor, until he has undergone an examination, and fully proved to the satisfaction of the committee that his education and knowledge warrant him a creditable and worthy exponent; and any deviation from the established ritual should be followed with suspension, until the committee have investigated the matter, and their decision obtained. Such a course would materially add to the dignity and stability of our Order, and save the necessity of the remarks I have felt it my duty to address you under this heading.

In conclusion I may add, that I have yet to learn that moral truths would be less forcible if enunciated in grammatical sentences.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and Fraternaly yours,

JOHN CONSTABLE, S.W. 185.

BRO. HOLMES AND THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have perused in your issue of the 30th ult., an article by Bro. Holmes, on the article published in the *Spectator*, some six months since, criticising the installation proceedings of Convent-Grand on the 7th of last April.

If Bro. Holmes has occupied the somewhat long interval in composing the article in question your readers may have fairly expected him to season it with a little more pepper, and, indeed, some may even think he should have done battle in the *Spectator's* own columns.

I should, however, not have troubled you with this communication, save that Bro. Holmes takes the opportunity again to make voluntary and disparaging observations respecting the institution of the true Order of St. John in this country. Your readers will probably consider that after the manner in which the arguments and mendacious statements of Bro. Holmes, and his distinguished and trenchant friends, were sometime since knocked on the head and respectably buried, that worthy brother would have been content to exercise himself in the business of the new united, and let his neighbours alone; but no, the brother is gifted with such wise discretion, and eagerly seizes upon the observation contained in the *Spectator* to make another gratuitous and unworthy attempt to disparage the genuine Order in England, at the same time omitting (conveniently as before) to tell your readers that the Secretary of the English Langue at once addressed letters to the *Spectator* correcting the observation made in its columns. Why did not Bro. Holmes favour the *Spectator* with one of his thunderbolts when it criticised the doings of the new united, instead of cudgelling his brains for six months and then infusing the

result with statements, unnecessary and untrue, respecting an Order with which he has nothing to do?

The Protestant Langue of England of the Order of St. John is a legitimate branch of the grand old Fraternity of the Baptist; a fact which all the wailings of Bro. Holmes, and all the eager anxieties of his friends, will not alter. It is not in alliance with the so-called, "Sacred Council" at Rome, on the sole ground of religious difference. That council, which had no existence until after 1805, is representative of only certain sections of the Order, and it is to be regretted that all are not allied for the beneficent purposes which called the Order into existence.

Bro. Holmes is in no manner warranted in his statement that the Roman Council "repudiates the claim of the so-called Anglican Langue;" seeing that in May, 1870, the Secretary of that Council gave no other reason for declining an alliance, then offered, than the difference in religious faith. Such an alliance is not necessary to the validity of the English Order, or of any other lawful branch. In a document published by Bro. Holmes some time since, it was officially stated on behalf of the Roman Council, that the Order in Prussia was "perfectly legal;" yet the secretary of the same council said in 1870, "We have no connexion with these knights;" it is thus clear that an alliance is no essential to legitimacy. Much the same position was assumed at the time this was said, the secretary of the same council qualifying his negotiations with the English secretary by saying "in our relative positions, that is in those of *our Orders*."

The Masonic Templars of Canada do not seem to agree with Bro. Holmes, for I find the following passage, in an official circular published on the 25th of April, last.

"The Order of the Temple originally had no connection with that of Malta, or the Order of St. John; but the combined title appears to have been adopted in commemoration of the union which took place in Scotland, with the Temple and the Hospital of St. John, when their lands were in common at the time of the Reformation, but our Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, has no connection with the present Knights of Malta in the Papal States, or the Protestant branches of the Order, the lineal successors of the ancient Knights of St. John, the sixth or English Langue of which is still in existence, and presided over in London, by His Grace the Duke of Manchester. The Order when it occupied the Island of Malta as a sovereign body was totally unconnected with Freemasonry." This circular is signed by that very eminent and accomplished brother Colonel McLeod Moore, who introduced the Masonic Templars into Malta, whence Bro. Holmes would have us believe came the very ancient and absurd ritual, which I believe was never yet used in the Island, and was manufactured in the manner made known to your readers some time since.

I am happy to be aware of the fact that one of the English Chevaliers has become the owner of the fine old gateway at Clerkenwell. The English Langue is true and legitimate without possession of the gate of St. John, but it is gratifying and appropriate that its offices of business should find place in part of this very interesting old building, to which I hope they will shortly be removed from St. Martin's Place.

LUPUS.

FINE ART GIFT TO LIVERPOOL.—Messrs. Agnew and Sons of Manchester and Liverpool, have written to his Worshipful the Mayor (Bro. Samuelson) offering to present to the town of Liverpool a set of the Turner proof engravings, recently purchased by them from the representatives of the Turner estate. The gift has been accepted, and will form a very valuable addition to the art treasures of the "good old town."

The *Glasgow Herald* says:—A rumour is circulated, and is generally credited, that negotiations are in progress with a view to purchase the Inverloch estate for his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

FREEMASONRY IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The brethren of the Fremantle Lodge (No. 1033), celebrated their anniversary, on St. John the Baptist's Day, 24th June, 1873, by attending Divine Service, at St. John's Church, in the afternoon, and a banquet at Maloney's Hotel, in the evening.

The brethren assembled at the lodge in William Street, at 3 p.m., when, after the business of the lodge had been disposed of, and due preparation made, they proceeded, accompanied by the W.M. of St. John's Lodge, Perth (No. 485), his Wardens, and other visitors, to St. John's Church, in Masonic form and clothing. As this was the first time the brethren had attended Divine Service in Masonic form; and as a few regarded the ceremony somewhat in the light of an innovation, some only reluctantly "consented to appear;" but none came away without feelings of satisfaction and pleasure at their attendance. The minister, the Rev. G. J. Bostock, preached an excellent and very appropriate sermon from Mal. c. 1. v. 2.—"But unto you that fear My name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings, &c.," which proved a very agreeable surprise and delight to the brethren. The service ended, the brethren returned in order to their lodge-room, and adjourned.

At 6.30. there was a good muster of the members and visitors at the lodge room for the purpose of installing the W.M. Elect, Bro. G. B. Humble, as W.M. for the ensuing year. There were present the W.M., Bro. G. B. Humble, Bro. G. Pearce, S.W.; Bro. E. F. Duffield, J.W.; Bro. J. De M. Absolon, Treas.; Bro. J. McCleery, Act. Sec.; Bro. Jose, Act. S.D.; Bro. L. Henderson, J.D.; Bro. G. A. Forsyth, I.G.; Bro. H. Jarvis, Tyler; and about 25 members. The visitors present from Perth were, Bro. R. Pether, W.M. 485; Bro. Tymperly, S.W. 485; Bro. E. C. Dears, J.W. 485; Bros. Snook, P.M.; B. Mason, J. King, P.M., and others, whom the brethren of the lodge were very pleased to welcome amongst them on this occasion. The brethren had hoped to have had with them the Hon. the Col. Secretary, Bro. Barlee, P.M.; and Bro. Lochee, P.M., who were both unable to attend, and letters of apology from them were read to the lodge. After the various ceremonies and business of the lodge had been disposed of, Bro. Geo. Bland Humble, P.M., was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, according to the ancient rites and established customs of the Order; Bro. Jno. F. Stone, P.M., fulfilling the duties of Installing Master in his usual happy and very efficient manner.

The W.M. having been conducted to the chair of K.S. thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him in re-electing him to fill the office of W.M. another year. He could not regard their vote otherwise than a mark of their approval of his conduct and services during the past year. When he first took upon himself the duties of the office, he did so with a full sense of the arduous duties and responsibilities connected with it; but he felt very pleased indeed, that with the assistance of the junior officers, he had been enabled to perform the work of the year in a manner that had proved so satisfactory to the brethren. He assured them that it would be his earnest effort to continue to work, if possible with more zeal and assiduity in the future; feeling stimulated thereto by their expressions of kindness and forbearance, and he hoped he would be as well supported by those whom he should select as his officers for the present year, as he had been during the past year. The W.M. was then pleased to appoint and invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, giving to each the ancient charges, viz., Bro. E. T. Duffield, S.W.; L. Henderson, J.W.; I. DeM. Absolon, Treas. (re-elected); J. McCleery, Sec.; Bro. Wardle, S.D., re-appointed; W. Johnston, J.D.; G. A. Forsyth, I.G. (re-invested); and Harrington, Tyler, (unanimously elected).

At the close of the ceremonial of installation, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and repaired to Bro. Maloney's Hotel, where the host had provided a most sumptuous repast. The W.M., Bro. G. B. Humble, occupied the chair, and was supported by P.M.'s Pether and Snook,

and Bros. Tymperly, Dean, Francisco, Absolon, and G. Pearce. The vice-chairs were filled by the S.W., Bro. E. F. Duffield, and the J.W., Bro. H. Henderson. Grace having been said by the W.M., ample justice was done to the good things provided, all being highly gratified with the excellent dinner mine host of the "Emerald Isle" had provided.

After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, the W.M. giving "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the other Members of the Royal Family," "His Excellency Governor Wild," and "The M.W.G.M. Mason of England, the Marquess of Ripon," all of which were duly honoured; the brethren singing "God Save the Queen," and the now very popular air "God bless the Prince of Wales."

Bro. Croke, P.M. in a very flattering and highly eulogistic speech, gave the toast of the evening "The Health of our Worshipful Master." He referred to the faithful manner in which Bro. Humble had discharged his duties in the past year, and his willingness to render what service he could to meet the brethren for the good of the lodge. For some months in the year he had not only performed the duties of his office as W.M., but had also done the duties of Secretary in addition. He also gave some practical hints to the junior members of the lodge, and concluded by again asking the brethren to join him most heartily in the toast he had given. The toast was drunk with lodge honours.

The W.M. in reply, said, that he thanked Bro. Croke for so cordially proposing his health, and the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast. He was afraid that Bro. Croke had over-rated his merits; but what he had done, he did willingly, and with this one great object, the good and benefit of the lodge. It was true, that owing to the absence of the Secretary, Bro. S. J. Solomon, he had been obliged to do the duties of that office, but that he scarcely expected to hear it alluded to so prominently, on this occasion. He attributed, as he had said before, his success in lodge, in a great measure, to the efficiency of his officers, and he felt proud to say that on several occasions, when visitors from the other colonies had attended the lodge, they had been highly complimented on their mode of working. The lodge too, he was pleased to say, was in a flourishing condition, and he hoped that during the year on which they had just entered, he would be enabled, by the assistance of his officers, to keep up the credit of the lodge. He knew that they did not expect from him perfection, but he trusted to their kind forbearance, and he hoped with the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U., to perform the duties to the satisfaction of his own conscience, and next to that, the satisfaction and approbation of the brethren.

Bro. J. Manning next gave the "Past Officers of the Lodge," which was duly responded to by Bro. Geo. Pearce. Bro. Croke then proposed "The Officers for the ensuing Year," which was acknowledged, in a neat speech, by the Senior Warden, Bro. E. F. Duffield.

Bro. Francisco then asked the brethren to drink the health of "The W.M., Officers, and brethren of the Perth Lodge, No. 485," acknowledging the debt of gratitude the Fremantle Lodge owed to the Perth Lodge, for services rendered in years gone by. Bro. Pether, P.M., replied on behalf of the Perth Lodge, and after expressing his pleasure at being present on this occasion, proposed "Prosperity to the Fremantle Lodge." Bro. Champneys gave the health of "The Visitors," which was acknowledged by Bro. Snook. The W.M. then proposed the healths of the two oldest members of the lodge, Bros. P.M.'s King and Jose, referring at the same time to the efforts they made at the formation of the Fremantle Lodge, and also made reference to some of the brethren who had passed away, during the few years the lodge had been in existence. The toast was very warmly received, and Bro. King gave quite a history of the Fremantle Lodge, which was exceedingly interesting to the brethren. Bro. Jose also responded, referring to the progress the lodge had made, and to the unspeakable pleasure it had given him, to see the brethren attend Divine Service, in Masonic form, as they had done that day. He

hoped that the brethren, would still persevere, and that soon a Provincial Lodge may be formed, or a chapter to work the Arch degree. Bro. Absolon then proposed "The Stewards" which was acknowledged by Bro. L. Henderson. Bro. Broomhall then, in a very facetious and humorous speech, proposed "The Ladies," and Bro. McCleery modestly responded on their behalf.

A very agreeable and social evening was then brought to a close by Bro. Henderson, J.W., proposing the health of "The Host," to whom the brethren accorded three hearty good cheers, and retired, all highly gratified with their evening's enjoyment.

MASONIC MUSICAL SERVICE.—Dr. J. C. Baker, of the Merchants' Lodge No. 24, Liverpool, has recently altered his "Masonic Musical Service" to a different key from that in which it originally appeared, and Bro. G. Kenning, of London and Liverpool, has published it in a form which is at once handy and complete. The whole service, intended for the various ceremonies connected with both Craft and chapter, is of the highest musical order, and as the alteration in the key has greatly simplified it to the uninitiated, the service is sure to become more popular than ever.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 19, 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 13.

- Lodge 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
 Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
 Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor.
 Monday, September 15.
 Lodge 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street.
 Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.
 Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
 Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
 Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
 British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.
 St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.
 Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.
 St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.
 West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Tuesday, September 16.

- Board of General Purposes at 3.
 Lodge 704, Camden, York and Albany, Gloucester-gate, Regents-park.
 " 857, St. Marks, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.
 Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
 Mount Carmel Sanctuary and Commandery of St. John.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
 Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.
 Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
 Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), 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.
 Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.
 St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's Wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, September 17.

- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6, precisely.
 " 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.
 " 1044, New Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hotel, New Wandsworth.
 " 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hotel, Blackheath.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 " 1365, Clapton (Installation), White Hart Tavern, Clapton.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane.
 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 18.

- House Committee, Girl's School, at 4.
 Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tavern, Upton.
 " 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park.
 " 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton.
 Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Stean, Preceptor.
 United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188 Preceptor.
 Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
 Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
 Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.
 Highate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, September 19.

- House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes.
 St. George's K.T. Encampment, Albion Tavern, Alders-gate-street.
 Belgrave Lodge of Instruction (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.
 Stability Lodge of Instruction (No. 217), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.; Bro. H. Muggeridge, 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 Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.
 Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., 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.
 Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach and Horses Tavern, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 20, 1873.

Monday, September 15.

- Lodge 721, Independence, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.
 Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, September 16.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, September 17.

- Lodge 823, Everton, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 537, Zetland, Hamilton-square, Birkenhead, at 5.
 " 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, Coffee House, Wavertree, at 3.
 Chap. 580, Unity, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk, at 4.

Thursday, September 18.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.
 " 1299, Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby at 5.

Friday, September 19.

- Lodge 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
 Encampment, Jacques de Molay, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 4.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, September 20, 1873.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, September 15.

- Lodge 332, Union, Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-st.
 St. Mungo Encampment (Installation), Knights' Templar, St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street.

Tuesday, September 16.

- Lodge 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st.
 " 87, Thistle, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 437, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.

Wednesday, September 17.

- Lodge 117, Partick St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
 Chap. 79, Commercial, 19, Croy-place.

Thursday, September 18.

- Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-street.
 " 465, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngrad-road.
 Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 22, Struthers-street.

Friday, September 19.

- Lodge 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st.
 Chap. 109, Sir William Wallace, Cross Keys, Johnstone.

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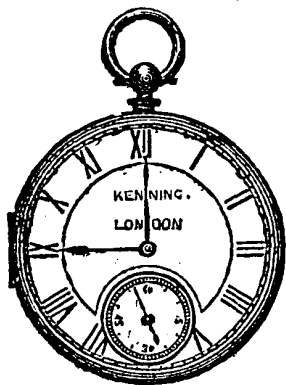
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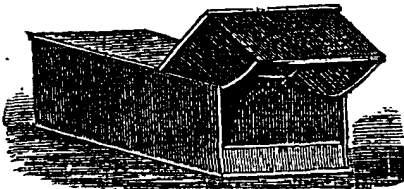
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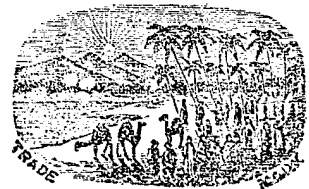
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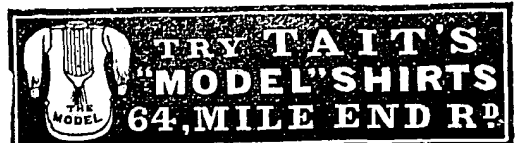
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