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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication to Grand Lodge of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The Marquess of Ripon, M.W.G.M., presided. Lord Tenterden occupied the G.S.W. chair, and Colonel Whitwell, the G.J.W. There was a large attendance of brethren from various lodges, and a great number of Past Grand Officers.

The minutes of Quarterly Communication of March and of Grand Festival having been read by Grand Secretary and confirmed, the Scrutineers of votes for members of the Board of General Purposes and of the Colonial Board were selected and obligated, and the election then took place. When the voting papers had been collected and the scrutineers had retired,

The M.W. G.M. rose and said, I now rise for the purpose of submitting to you the motion which stands in my name upon the paper, and I am quite sure that so far as the object to which I am about to ask you to make a contribution, is concerned, it will need no words of mine to recommend it to your charitable feelings. For brethren, you have had brought before you, month by month, in the public journals, the full descriptions, first of what was likely to happen and then of what was actually happening in the great British possession of India, at least in a certain portion of it, during this greivous time of famine. You have had, I say, such ample descriptions brought before you by the public press, that it would be perfectly unbecoming in me to attempt in less forcible language to repeat that which from time to time unhappily of late you have been reading in the newspapers. You know well the extent and the terrible character of that calamity. Happy indeed are we that in these times of ours we as a nation know nothing of these wide spread famines, but our own immunity ought not to make us less sensible. I rather think that through a sense of gratitude it ought to make us more sensible of the misfortunes of others. It ought to give us a tender heart with which to feel for, and greater readiness to aid those who are suffering from a calamity so tremendous, and to us perhaps in its full extent I may truly say so inconceivable. Therefore, brethren, so far as the propriety of aiding by any means in the power of those who can do so. such a calamity as this amongst those who are the fellow subjects of our beloved Sovereign. I am confident that you will not require words of mine to convince you of the propriety of that course. The only question which could be raised would be whether this be or be not a fitting subject for the assistance of this Grand Lodge. Now, brethren, I say at once that I have always held that we ought very carefully to weigh the claims which may be brought before us of this description and very carefully to consider the circumstances under which they come under our notice. Claims of this kind are undoubtedly not of a strictly Masonic character, and I will not say but that there is much in the arguments which I have sometimes heard urged by some that these claims, not strictly Masonic, are not proper objects for the contribution of this Grand Lodge. I am not prepared to lay down so strict a general rule—(hear, hear)—but I am distinctly of opinion that we ought to consider every one of these cases very carefully, and that we ought not to contribute from the funds of Grand Lodge except in cases which are really of a national character. Now, no one

doubted when you were asked to contribute in the case of the cotton famine in Lancashire—(hear, hear)—no one doubted that that was a great national calamity to which the funds of Grand Lodge might be appropriately devoted. Well, it seems to me that we Englishmen, we white Masons, owe a great debt of consideration to our brethren in the East, of a different race and of a different colour, but who are many of them Masons as we are, and who are all of them the subjects of our Queen—(hear, hear)—and I do think that when you have before you so large a portion of British subjects, a calamity so tremendous and so overwhelming, that if you have the funds, as I believe you have upon this occasion, at your disposal, it is a call of a national character and one to which you may justly respond. (Hear, hear.) But I have thought it right to draw your attention to this portion of the subject, in order that I may, so far as in me lies, enter at the same time, and protest against applying the funds of Grand Lodge to non-Masonic purposes, except in circumstances of a strictly national, and more or less of an exceptional character. I believe those circumstances to exist at the present time. I believe that we shall be justified in making this grant, and I cannot doubt that if you agree with me in thinking that it is one which we may fairly make, it is one which you will make most gladly, because it will enable you to come forward to aid those who cannot aid themselves, and those who are suffering from one of the most tremendous calamities that can befall any portion of mankind. Therefore, brethren, without further preface I will content myself with moving the following resolution, "That taking into consideration the dreadful sufferings which the present famine in Bengal has inflicted on the natives of that presidency, this Grand Lodge do grant the sum of £500, to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes, in aid of the voluntary fund now in course of formation for their relief." (Cheers.)

Bro. Fawcett, P.G.M., Durham, seconded the motion.

Bro. Sandeman, District Grand Master of Bengal, in supporting the motion said, that in Bengal the Masons had always been guided by the principle just laid down by the G. Master, always to give their charity to Masons, except in cases of national or exceptional emergency. Although poor in pocket they managed to subscribe a somewhat handsome donation in the case of the Scottish famine many years ago, the Irish famine, and the cotton famine. He was sure the District Grand Lodge of Bengal would most highly appreciate this gift to the public of Bengal.

After a few words from Bro. J. H. Wynne, in opposition to the gift, while twelve poor old men and twenty-two poor old women were unsuccessful at the last election of the Benevolent Institution, the resolution was put and carried; and

Bro. Tomkins, Grand Treasurer, said he would follow the course he had adopted on former similar occasions, and pay the money immediately, without waiting for the confirmation of the vote by next Grand Lodge.

The G.M. announced that he would defer making the statement as to the alterations he contemplated with regard to the charity jewel.

The late W.M. and another brother of the British Oak Lodge were then introduced to show cause why the lodge should not be erased. The late W.M. went into a long statement to show that in doing what he had done, he did what he thought was for the best, and if he had done wrong he apologised for it.

Bro. J. A. Rucker, V.P., and the Board of General Purposes explained what the conduct of the two contending sections of the lodge was when before the Board, and said that from what the Board saw they felt it was impossible for the lodge to exist with any credit to the Craft. The Board though very unwilling to erase the lodge, were unanimous in their recommendation to that effect.

Bro. F. A. Phillbrick and Bro. Poynter concurred in every respect with Bro. Rucker.

On the G.M. putting the motion for the erasure of the lodge;

The late W.M. of 331, said he attended that

evening, not to show cause against the motion, but only to apologise and express his regret if it was ruled that he had done wrong. He never intended to show cause.

The resolution for the erasure of Lodge 831 was then put and carried unanimously, and the two brethren retired.

Bro. Joshua Nunn, moved the following grants recommended by the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, viz:—

- A Brother of the St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144, London £50
- A Brother of the Bank of England Lodge, No. 263, London £50
- A Brother of the Star-in-the-East Lodge, No. 67, Calcutta £50

All these were carried unanimously.

Bro. James Brett seconded the two first and Bro. J. B. Monckton the last.

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was moved by Bro. Rucker, and seconded by Bro. J. B. Monckton, to be taken as read.

"The Board of General Purposes deeply regret having to report that since the last Quarterly Communication the Craft have sustained a serious loss, and the Board have been deprived of the services of a most efficient head, by the early death of their President, Bro. Horace Lloyd, Q.C., whose great ability in presiding over them, and whose unvaried urbanity had gained him the respect and warm esteem of every Member of the Board.

"The Board further report that they have had their attention drawn to the salaries of the officials in the Grand Secretary's Department, and the following tabular statement has been brought under their notice showing the number of Certificates issued in each year from 1866 to 1873 inclusive, together with the Income of the Fund of General Purposes and of the Fund of Benevolence during the same period:—

| Date | Total Number of Certificates issued by the Grand Lodge and Chapter. | Total income of the Funds of the General Purposes, the Fund of Benevolence and of Grand Chapter. | Total Salaries Paid. |
|------|---|--|----------------------|
| 1866 | 7547 | £13,578 14 6 | £1,527 6 0 |
| 1867 | 7498 | 14,805 15 9 | 1,331 5 0 |
| 1868 | 7148 | 14,280 12 6 | 1,278 5 0 |
| 1869 | 7286 | 14,846 12 11 | 1,307 14 0 |
| 1870 | 7323 | 14,962 3 11 | 1,317 10 0 |
| 1871 | 7440 | 15,369 19 11 | 1,416 0 0 |
| 1872 | 8452 | 16,926 16 11 | 1,439 0 0 |
| 1873 | 8766 | 17,891 15 4 | 1,377 10 0 |

The number of lodges in 1863 was 996, in 1873 1380, showing an increase of 39 per cent. in eleven years.

Taking into consideration the facts set forth in the foregoing statement, and that the increase in the number of lodges, of certificates issued, and consequently of the annual receipts, must necessarily have greatly added to the work of this department, and considering more especially that all household expenses have materially increased since the salaries were last fixed by Grand Lodge in 1866, the Board are of opinion that the time has arrived for revising the salaries in the Grand Secretary's department, and for submitting a new scale for the sanction of Grand Lodge.

The offices in the Grand Secretary's department are—

- Grand Secretary.
- Chief Clerk.
- Cashier or 2nd Clerk.
- 3rd Clerk.
- 4th Clerk.
- 5th Clerk.
- Grand Tyler.

The Board first took into consideration the salaries of the various offices, without reference to the individual merits or claims of the brethren who fill those offices at the present time, and after arriving at what they deem should be the minimum and maximum in each case, they considered what immediate increase they should recommend to be made in the salaries of those who at present discharge the duties of those offices.

The scale fixed by Grand Lodge in 1866 was as follows:—

| | To commence. | Yearly increase after the Second Year of office. | Maximum |
|-----------------|--------------|--|---------|
| Grand Secretary | £450 | £15 | £600 |
| Chief Clerk | £200 | £10 | £350 |
| 2nd Clerk | £150 | £10 | £200 |
| 3rd Clerk | £100 | £10 | £150 |
| 4th Clerk | £100 | £10 | £150 |

There was no fifth Clerk at that time.

The Board consider that the present salary of the Grand Secretary is by no means adequate to the position in the Craft held by that officer and the important and responsible duties he has to perform.

They therefore recommend to Grand Lodge that in future appointments to the office of Grand Secretary the salary of such officer shall commence at £500, and that an annual increase of £50 shall be made in such salary until the sum of £800 is reached, which shall be the maximum salary.

They further recommend that the following shall be the scale of salaries for the subordinate offices:—

| | To Commence. | Yearly Increase. | Maximum. |
|----------------------|--------------|------------------|----------|
| Chief Clerk | £300 | £20 | £400 |
| Cashier or 2nd Clerk | 200 | 15 | 300 |
| 3rd Clerk | 120 | 10 | 200 |
| 4th Clerk | 120 | 10 | 200 |
| 5th Clerk | 120 | 10 | 200 |
| Grand Tyler | 100 | 10 | 150 |

In determining the amount at which they recommend the salaries of the Junior Clerks shall commence, the Board have had in mind that all the Clerks must be Masons, and that consequently none can be employed under twenty-one years of age.

The Board recommend that the Salary of the present Grand Secretary shall be £600 per annum from the commencement of the present year, with an increase of £50 per annum until the maximum of £800 is reached.

“That the salaries of the subordinate officers be raised from the commencement of the present year as follows:—

| | Increase. |
|--|-----------|
| Bro. Buss, Chief Clerk, from £305 to £420 | £15 |
| Bro. Pendlebury, Cashier or 2nd Clerk, from £150 to £200 | 50 |
| Bro. W. Dodd, 3rd Clerk, from £150 to £170 | 20 |
| Bro. W. H. Lee, 4th Clerk, from £100 to £120 | 20 |
| Bro. N. Green, 5th Clerk, from £100 to £120 | 20 |
| Bro. C. B. Payne, Grand Tyler, from £125 to £150 | 25 |

“Add to this the proposed immediate addition to the salary of the Grand Secretary £90

Total addition to the present salaries £240

“With respect to Bro. Pendlebury, it is necessary to observe that although he succeeded Bro. Little in the office of cashier he obtained no immediate increase in his salary, having arrived after nine years' service at the maximum fixed for the salary of 3rd Clerk, and on his promotion receiving for the next two years only the same sum as the minimum salary of the Cashier or 2nd Clerk.

The Vice-President will then move:—

(1.) That the report be received and entered on the Minutes.

(2.) That the various recommendations contained in the report of the Board be adopted.

(Signed) JOHN A. RUCKER, Vice-President.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, it was resolved unanimously:—That the best thanks of the Members of the Board are eminently due, and are hereby offered, to the Vice-President, Bro. John Rucker, S.G.D., who, in consequence of the ill-health and subsequent decease of the President, has so ably and courteously presided over the meetings of the Board during a great portion of the year, and whose untiring devotion to the duties of his office has obviated any inconvenience which might other-

wise have been experienced in the conduct of the affairs of the society.

(Signed) J. E. SAUNDERS.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of May ult, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £3,761 3s. 4d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for Petty Cash, £75; and for Servants' Wages, £90 5s.

Bro Rucker in moving that the report be received and entered on the minutes, paid a high tribute to the memory and character of Bro. Horace Lloyd, Q.C., the late President of the Board.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick also bore testimony to the distinguished character of the deceased brother, the care and assiduity with which he discharged his duties, and the unwearied manner with which he devoted himself to all the claims of Masonry, notwithstanding his numerous professional avocations. As a Mason he was an ornament to the Order, and in his profession he was missed as one of the ablest reasoners, and as possessing one of the most analytical minds in Westminster Hall.

The M.W.G.M. said he could not allow this motion to pass without expressing his entire concurrence in what had fallen from the worthy brethren who had just addressed them. He fully agreed with them in the belief that the Craft had sustained the loss of a very eminent brother, and the profession of the law a great ornament. Speaking for himself, he (the M.W.G.M.) felt grateful when Bro. Horace Lloyd accepted the office of President of the Board of General Purposes, and he now rejoiced to find how truly his services upon that Board were appreciated by those with whom he was associated.

The report was then unanimously ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. Rucker moved the adoption of the various recommendations contained in the report, which having been seconded,

Bro. John Havers after stating that he knew he was taking a most unpopular view of the recommendation as to the increase of the salaries to Grand Secretary and his officers, opposed it except in the case of Bros. Buss and Pendlebury, and said that a bad precedent would be set, that the salaries would really in seven years be increased by over £2,000; but what he most objected to was the increase in the junior clerks' salaries, and the commencing salaries of the new clerks who would come in. He instanced various Government offices where the commencing salaries were small, but was reminded first that junior clerks in Government offices went in as boys, and that when they reached twenty-one, which a clerk in Grand Secretary's office must be, their salaries were far higher than Grand Secretary's junior clerks. He was also reminded by Bro. Matthew Cooke that Government clerks were not obliged to be Masons.

Bro. S. Tomkins, G. Treasurer, supported the recommendation of the Board, and thought that so great and rich a body as Freemasons should act with dignified liberality to their officers.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson, G.J.W., followed on the same side.

Bro. Eve, from Hants, and another brother from the same province, respectively, moved and seconded an amendment embodying Bro. Haver's views, that brother having only spoken to the motion, and not moved any amendment.

Lord Tenterden supported the Board, as did also Bro. Matthew Cooke, who spoke strongly in favour of the industry, urbanity and consideration which characterised all the officers in Grand Secretary's department.

The motion of amendment being put and lost, the motion was put and was opposed by two hands only, and it was declared to be carried, amidst marks of general approbation.

Bro. Monckton moved the reception of the following report of the Colonial Board.

The Colonial Board take the opportunity, at the close of their year's labours, to congratulate Grand Lodge on the prosperity and general unanimity of the Craft, under the English Constitution, in the various colonies; and that during

the session 1873-4 they have not had occasion, in one single instance, to trouble Grand Lodge with the affairs of the colonies, no question of any sort having arisen with which the Board was not enabled to deal.

The only subject the Board have to submit for the consideration of Grand Lodge, is an application from the Royal Philanthropic Lodge, No. 405, Trinidad, for assistance to build a Masonic Hall.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

The members of the Board desire to express to their President, Bro. John B. Monckton, P.G.D., their hearty thanks and sincere acknowledgments for the courtesy of his demeanour and the ability with which he has presided over them, and their earnest hope that the Craft may long have the advantage of his services.

(Signed) W. NETTLESHIP, Vice-President.

The same was received, and Bro. Hervey said he had a letter from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, at Trinidad, asking the postponement of the consideration of the petition of the Philanthropic Lodge.

The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, was then laid before Grand Lodge, and the following alteration in the laws, which was agreed to at the Annual General Meeting of the Institution, held on Friday, the 15th May, 1874, submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge:—

That Rule 8, page 8 of the Rules and Regulations be altered, by inserting after the words "London Papers"—"Notice also being sent to every Provincial Grand Secretary."

Bro. John Symonds explained that this alteration was suggested for the purpose of giving the country brethren full notice of any of the special meetings of the Institution. The rule had been adopted in the Boys' and Girls' Schools, as it was found that advertisements in the London daily papers, and *The Freemason*, did not always reach the eyes of Provincial brethren.

The alteration was ordered to be made.

The following two appeals were dismissed, after due consideration, from the Union of Malta Lodge, No. 407, Malta, against the decision of the District Grand Master ordering the reinstatement of a brother excluded by the lodge; and of the Treasurer of the Sandeman Lodge, No. 1374, Dum Dum, Bengal, East Indies, against an order of the Deputy District Grand Master directing that the resignation of a brother must be accepted although his dues were not paid.

The motion by Bro. Benjamin Head, P.G.D.:

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes. That the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates at Croydon with coals during the winter season was carried *nem con*.

Grand Secretary read a letter from Bro. Wm. Smith, P.G. Steward, P.M. 26, asking permission to postpone the motion given below, as he feared he would not be back from Epsom in time. (Great laughter.)

That the practice followed by the Board of General Purposes of refusing audience as of right to members of the Craft desiring to make personal communications or suggestions for the benefit of the Order, or on matters likely to be conducive to its well-being, unless invited by the Board to attend, shall henceforth be discontinued in respect of Past Masters and the W. Masters of Lodges, who shall, in future have the right of audience after communicating in writing to the Grand Secretary their intention to attend on the next board-day, and stating shortly the object or purpose of such audience."

The Scrutineers then returned into Grand Lodge, and the following brethren were declared duly elected.

Board of General Purposes, Masters; Bros. John Chynoweth, No. 4; Edward Clark, 134; Frederick G. Dobbs, 1150; Robert Grey, 259; Peter De Lande Long, 114; Charles A. Swin-

buine, 2; Erasmus Wilson, 1464. Past Masters; Frederick George Finch, 33; Standish Grove Grady, 14; Henry Gruning, 197; Samuel Mullins, 753; Samuel Poynter, 902; Griffiths Smith, 21; George John Theobald, 5.

Bros. Levander and Theobald, polled each 118 and the M.W.G.M., gave his casting vote in favour of the latter brother, he belonging to the senior lodge.

The Grand Master invested Bro. Monckton, as President. (Received with loud cheers).

Bro. Monckton said so much has been said and so feelingly as to the sad cause of the vacancy that I am now called for to fill, that I will not further allude to it, but will simply say that I will endeavour to follow a great and an able Mason to the best of my poor ability. (Cheers.)

List of brethren elected on the Colonial Board.—Bros. Brackstone Baker, No. 21; James Brett, No. 177; John M. Case, No. 1; Edwin March, No. 99; John G. Marsh, No. 28; William F. Nettleship, No. 14; Samuel Poynter, 902.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. Rucker, President; and Bro. Joseph Smith, Vice-President, and thanked the scrutineers on behalf of Grand Lodge for the manner in which they had discharged their duties.

Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, Bros. James Brett, 177; Charles A. Cottebrune, 733; Thomas Cubitt, 157; John A. Farnfield, 256; Samuel Gale, 19; Charles F. Hogard, 205; Frederick Kent, 177; Hyam M. Levy, 188; John G. Stevens, 554; Wm. Thomas White, 21.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The usual half-yearly communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales, &c., was held on Tuesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. The Rev. George Raymond Portal, Past Grand Master, presided, and a large number of Mark Masters attended to support him. Among the brethren present were:—

M.W. Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.M., as M.W.G.M.; W. W. B. Beach, M.W.P.G.M.; R.W. Bros. Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., P. Dep. G.M., as Dep. G.M.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O., as G.S.W.; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G. Chaplain, as G.J.W.; Samuel Bryant, G.M.O.; C. C. Whitney Griffiths, P.G.S.D., as G.S.O.; Thomas Hargreaves, P.G.J.D., as G.J.O.; Rev. D. J. Drakeford, Rev. J. Hordern Jukes, G. Chaplains; Frederick Binckes, G. Secretary; Frederic Davison, G. Registrar; W. O. Walker, G.S.D.; Morton Edwards, P.G.J.D., as G.J.D.; George Neale, P.G.S.W., as G.S. of Works; Thomas Cubitt, G.D.C.; J. J. Wilkins, P.G. Standard Bearer as Grand Sword Bearer; Edmund Worrall, G. Standard Bearer; F. H. Cozens, G. Org.; S. Funkenstein, G.I.G.; Clement Stretton, W. A. Scott, Thos. R. Parker, Grd. Stewards, and the following Past Grand Officers:—R. W. Bros. W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.J.W.; S. C. Dibbin, P.G.J.O.; W. Bros. Wm. Hudson, P.G.A.C.; Richard Spencer, P.G. Sword Bearer; S. M. Lazarus, P.G. Org.; J. H. Wynne, P.G.I.G.; H. C. Levander, P.G.D.C.; J. Sabine, P.G.A.D.C.; John Read, P.G. Organist; W. Bros. Rev. C. R. Davy, H. Massey, Israel Abrahams, James W. Smith, D. M. Dewar, F. W. Kuch, P.G. Stewards; with the following Provincial Grand Officers. R.W. Bros. Major George Barlow, P. Prov. G.J.W., Middlesex and Surrey; William Roebuck, P. Prov. G.W. Middlesex and Surrey; Arthur Walton, Prov. G.S.O. Middlesex and Surrey; W. Bros. Frederick Cozens, Prov. G. Organist, Middlesex and Surrey; William Trevena, P.P.M.O. Devon; R.W. Bros. George Mellor, P.P.G.W. East Lancashire; Thomas Radley, P.P.G. Chap., East Lancashire; Thomas Schofield, P.P.G.J.W. West Yorkshire; and the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Overseers, and brethren of many private lodges.

The Acting Grand Master, as soon as Grand Lodge had been opened, read a letter he had received from Earl Percy, M.W.G.M., explaining his non-attendance at this meeting for installation and regretting the same.

Grand Secretary then read the minutes of the last half-yearly communication of 2nd Dec. 1873, which were put by the Acting M.W. Grand Master, and unanimously confirmed.

The following report of the General Board was afterwards read by Grand Secretary:—

In the six months ending 31st March, 1874, 413 certificates have been issued, the total number of brethren on the register of this Grand Lodge to that date being 7645.

During the same period the following warrants of Constitution have been granted:—

| | | |
|---------|--------------|---------------------|
| No. 170 | Keystone | India. |
| " 171 | Union | Oldham, Lancashire. |
| " 172 | John o'Gaunt | Gainsborough. |
| " 173 | Temple | London. |
| " 174 | Athol | Birmingham. |
| " 175 | St Michael | Helston, Cornwall. |
| " 176 | Era | London. |

The following warrants for working the degree of Royal Ark Mariner, have also been issued:—

St. John's Lodge, attached to Langley Lodge, of M.M.M., No. 28.

Isaac Newton, University Lodge, attached to Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 112.

The number of certificates issued to same date are 147.

The Board entered into possession of the new offices on the 25th day of March last. The facilities for the transaction of business are greatly increased, and many advantages will be derived from the improved accommodation afforded by a spacious suite of rooms on the ground floor. Not the least of these was the means provided for meetings of private lodges and lodges of Instruction, and for the fitting performance of the various ceremonies of the Order. The charge for the use of the rooms will be £1 1s., which will include gas.

The recommendation of the Board for an increase from 8s. 6d. to 10s. in the fee payable for registration and certificate for a brother advanced in a private lodge, received the approval of Grand Lodge at the half-yearly communication in December last. Before giving effect thereto it has been considered advisable to wait the confirmation of that approval by the present meeting of Grand Lodge. In the event of such confirmation the increased fee will be payable on certificates issued on and from the first day of July, 1874.

The delay in the reply from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland to the request of this Grand Lodge for a recognition of certificates and of membership as regularly advanced Mark Master Masons, has been alluded to in former reports of the Board. The reply under date 12th March, 1874, has at length been received and is of an unsatisfactory nature. The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland announces its decision against the request urged by this Grand Lodge "following the example of the Grand Chapter of Ireland." As however the latter body has expressed in writing under date July 30, 1870, March 29th, 1873, its consent to recognise the certificates of this Grand Lodge, and to admit its members as legally advanced Mark Master Masons, the Board instructed the Grand Secretary to represent the fact to the Grand Chapter of Scotland and Ireland. This was done on 6th April, 1874, and the board still waits replies from the representatives of the respective bodies.

The Grand Council of the 33° having brought before this Grand Lodge the name of a brother, a member of the Fidelity Lodge, No. 31, Hyde, Cheshire, as openly avowing himself an active member of the so called "Antient and Primitive Rite of Misraim" the Grand Secretary addressed a letter to the brother in question, inquiring as to the correctness of the charge.

The reply was couched in language so outrageous, that the brother was summoned to attend the next meeting of the board to shew cause why he should not be suspended. The answer to that summons exceeded the former in violence and impropriety, and the Board have therefore resolved to recommend that the name of the brother shall be erased from the

roll of members under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The Board have again had under its notice the complaint by Bro. A., against Bro. B., for charges reflecting on his character as a Knight Templar, published by the latter in the public press.

The Board, while deeply regretting that any charge of an offensive nature should be made by one brother against another, and be neither substantiated nor apologised for, feels itself unable to deal with a matter which has not arisen within the walls of a Mark Lodge.

Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.G.A.D.C., having announced his intention to represent, for the third year in succession, the Mark Degree generally as Steward for one of the great Masonic Charitable Festivals, selecting for 1875 the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Board recommend to Grand Lodge to vote from the General Fund the sum of £42, as a contribution to the said Institution, such sum to be placed on the list of Bro. Sabine, Steward.

Grand Treasurer's accounts are presented herewith, showing,

| | £ | s. | d. |
|------------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| Balance from last account | 335 | 15 | 2 |
| Receipts, six months to 3rd March, | | | |
| 1874 | 402 | 1 | 9 |
| | 738 | 14 | 2 |
| Expenditure, six months to same | | | |
| date | 414 | 4 | 3 |
| Balance in favour of Grand | | | |
| Lodge | 324 | 9 | 11 |

| FUND OF BENEVOLENCE. | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|----|---|
| Balance from last Account | 135 | 11 | 1 |
| Donations received to 31st March | | | |
| 1874 | 26 | 0 | 6 |
| Half-year's interest on £300, 5 | | | |
| per cent. Canadian Bonds | 7 | 8 | 1 |
| „ £100 „ | 2 | 9 | 8 |
| | 171 | 9 | 8 |

| DISBURSEMENTS, 31st March, 1874. | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|----|---|
| One Petitioner | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Purchase of £100 Canadian 5 per | | | |
| Cent. Bond, at 106½ | 106 | 10 | 0 |
| Brokerage | 0 | 5 | 3 |
| | 171 | 9 | 1 |

Examined and found correct, 2nd June, 1874. I also hereby certify that I have visited Messrs. Ridgway and Sons, the bankers of this Grand Lodge, and have seen the Four £100 Bonds in Canadian 5 per Cent. Securities, and also examined their books.

(Signed) THOMAS MEGGY, Auditor.

Grand Secretary said he was sorry to inform Grand Lodge that Bro. Stebbing, Grand Treasurer had been again taken ill and was unable to come to town to submit the above statement of accounts to the brethren. He had written to know how Grand Treasurer was, and the last answer received was that he was very seriously ill. He had written again, hoping to have got another answer before Grand Lodge met, but it had not yet arrived.

Bro. H. C. Levander moved the adoption of the second recommendation of the Board, that the special report of the General Board with reference to Bro. * * * be received and adopted, and that the recommendation of the Board that his name be erased from the list of members of the Mark Degree under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be and is hereby approved and confirmed. He was exceedingly sorry that such a case should have come before the General Board. It was lamentable that the brother should so far have forgotten his Masonic duty as to use unbecoming language on the first occasion of his being written to. Still more did it increase and aggravate the offence, when on the second occasion he exceeded the violence of the letter which he had written at first. The Board had considered the matter with special reference to section 101 of the Constitution of the Order, which said the Board has authority to hear and determine all subjects of complaint or irregularity respecting lodges or individuals, when regularly brought before it, and generally to take cogni-

sance of all matters relating to the Order of Mark Master Mason. It may proceed to admonition, fine, or suspension, according to the laws, and its decision shall be final, unless an appeal be made to the Grand Lodge. But should any case be of so flagrant a nature as to require the erasure of a lodge, or the expulsion of a brother, the Board shall make a special report thereon to the Grand Lodge." Therefore, without further remarks, he would propose the adoption of this recommendation. With regard to the resolution that he be expelled from the Order of Mark Master Masons, that, of course, will be subject to his appearing at Grand Lodge next time it meets, and shewing cause why he should not be expelled.

Grand Secretary said, article 13 provided for all that. "No lodge shall be erased, nor any brother expelled, until the Master or Officers of the lodge, or the brother charged with the offence, shall have been summoned to shew cause, in the Grand Lodge, why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced." The brother would not have his name erased till he had been summoned to shew cause.

The acting Grand Master observed that Bro. Levander's motion then would take that form, that he be summoned.

Bro. Levander said it would, "That he be summoned to shew cause why his name should not be erased from the roll of Grand Lodge."

Bro. D. M. Dewar, seconded the motion. The Acting Grand Master:—Brethren, it is proposed and seconded, "That Bro. * * * be summoned to next Grand Lodge to show cause why his name should not be erased from the roll of members under this jurisdiction."

The motion was carried *nem con.*
Bro. F. Davison, D.P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey, proposed, "That the sum of £42 be voted from the General Fund of this Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. That the amount be placed on the list of Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.G.A.D.C., who has volunteered to accept the office of Steward, representing the Mark Degree at the Anniversary Festival of that Institution in 1875.

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and hereby offered to Bro. Sabine for coming forward for the third year in succession to represent the Order as Steward at the Festivals of the Masonic Institutions.

The sum voted would, we believe, make up the amount required to make this Grand Lodge a Vice-President of the Institution. (Cheers.)

Bro. W. E. Gumbleton seconded the motion, which was then put and carried unanimously.

The report of the General Board was then put and adopted.

Bro. Cubitt proclaimed Earl Percy as M. W.G.M.M., and by his direction Grand Lodge formally saluted the Grand Master.

The following brethren were afterwards appointed Grand Officers for the year:—

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| The Earl of Limerick | D.G.M. |
| Sir John Sebright | G.S.W. |
| Gilbert Smallpiece | G.J.W. |
| Rev. Bryan Walker | G. Chaplain. |
| Wm. Percy | G. Chaplain. |
| J. R. Stebbing | G. Treasurer. |
| Frederic Davison | G. Registrar. |
| F. Binckes | G.S. |
| H. W. Binckes.. | G. Assistant S. |
| R. Wentworth Little | G.M.O. |
| George Mellor | G.S.O. |
| I. J. H. Wilkins | G.J.O. |
| F. Gotto | G.S.D. |
| J. P. Platt | G.J.D. |
| Thos. Schofield | G. Sup. Works. |
| C. W. Wyndham | G. Dir. Cers. |
| Charles Allen | G. Asst. Dir. Cers. |
| H. S. Dubosc | G. Swd. B. |
| S. R. Ade | G. Std. B. |
| H. Parker | G. Org. |
| J. W. Taylor | G.I.G. |
| C. T. Speight | G. Tyler. |

STEWARDS.—Wm. Crawford, No. 129; E. S. Stidolph, No. 22; R. G. Glover, No. 7; T. S. Higgins, 137; W. H. D. Horsfall, No. 58; G. F. Tuckey, No. 119; A. W. Butter, No. 182; W. H. Davies, No. 102.

General Board:—Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., President; W. E. Gumbleton, Thos. Meggy,

James Stevens, H. C. Levander, S. Rosenthal, J. W. Wynne, T. J. Sabine, D. M. Dewar, E. S. Stidolph, and George Neall.

[The Report of Grand Mark Lodge will be concluded next week.]

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

MASONS' MARKS.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I did not intend to say anything more in this "pretty little quarrel" but, that I wish to advert to two points.

I quite agree with Bro. Yarker; it is a great pity that we can never begin a Masonic archaeological discussion without ending in personalities.

It is just possible, that, I may have expressed myself a little too plainly, and forcibly, but I confess I do not see the use ever in free and open discussion of being "mealy mouthed," and I think it always better to speak and to write as "Downright Dunstable."

You will remember the discussion was proceeding regularly when Bro. Paton did two unheard-of things.

He objected to Bro. Buchan, and myself expressing any opinion at all in the matter, and stated that neither of us knew anything of the subject about which we were writing.

Now this, to use a common but expressive word, just now, was really too "cheeky," even in that well-known Masonic writer.

He had just made the most egregious blunder that any Masonic Student has ever made. He boldly stated that all Masons' Marks must be odd, and that the double triangle was not a Masonic Mark at all, because it had even points.

Well, the rejoinder to so startling a statement, which completely took my breath away, was that there was no such rule in operative marks; that the double triangle was an old operative mark, and that the marks of the Scottish lodges in which Bro. Paton said this rule had "existed for 150 years" proved the direct contrary. I referred him to Laurie and D. M. Lyon, specially.

What was his reply? His most graceful course would have been to admit that he had made a "little mistake" and "ferre gradus retrorsum."

Not a bit of it! Bro. Paton gallantly returns to the charge, says he meant "Speculative," not "Operative Masonry," that we were a very ignorant set of critics; that I could never have studied the question at all; and if I had I was so dense that I had not profited by my studies, and that it was quite clear I did not know the difference between operative and speculative Marks.

Now that is unfortunately just what I did do, and do do, to use a very homely form of language. The "Speculative Marks" qua Marks are utterly worthless, as Bros. W. J. Hughan and Yarker, and Buchan will agree, if you disassociate them from the "Operative Marks," from which they are taken, and of which they are, only except in some of the Scotch Marks an amateur imitation.

Had Bro. Paton limited the discussion to Speculative Masons Marks I should not have intervened in it at all, as, from an archaeological point of view they only point to an earlier system and afford but little information in and by themselves. At any rate they are derivative evidence at the best, and of secondary importance.

It is a great pity that we cannot conduct such discussions without correspondents losing their temper, but as the French writer says, "nous sommes tous mortels," and even Freemasons are not exempt from the foibles of humanity.

If I have spoken too strongly, or too openly, I regret it, but I can plead, at any rate, a sincere desire to advance the cause of Masonic Truth. We have suffered so much from unsound dogmata and fallacious theories, that, I confess, in 1874, to be gravely told that the double

triangle is not a Masonic Mark, and that all marks must have "odd points" was too much for my patience and my stomach.

With regard to Bro. W. J. Hughan's suggestion, that I should give up my pseudonym and sign myself by my actual name, I think not, despite his valuable opinion, "for good and sufficient causes, me thereunto moving," I think it better still to subscribe myself

Yours fraternally,

A MASONIC STUDENT.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Myself and others who read *The Freemason* are much surprised at not finding a return of the successful candidates at the last election for aged Freemasons and their widows. Is there any reason why it should not be published, or is it an oversight.

Yours fraternally,

J. R. FOULGER, P.M. 177, Life Subscriber.

[We received no official return, and had to obtain the facts from other sources.—EDITOR.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday week at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John Symonds, V.P., in the chair. The day being that appointed annually for the election of the House and Audit Committees, the meeting was very fully attended. Among the brethren present we noticed A. H. Tattershall, H. Dubosc, B. Picking, H. A. Dubois, E. H. Thiellay, B. Head, Joshua Nunn, Thos. W. White, C. G. Dilley, D. Bear, P. Samuels, A. D. Loewenstark, W. Wellman, R. B. Webster, Rev. P. M. Holden, W. Myatt, Junr., G. Bolton, Griffiths Smith, J. F. Peacock, Thomas Cubitt, W. Stephens, W. P. Dickes, G. Abbott, J. Horwood, H. A. Collington, W. Noak, E. Shalless, Collard Moutrie, A. L. Dussek, T. B. Yeoman, W. Hammond, B. Mallam, E. Harris, John Coutts, J. Holbrook, W. T. Home, C. Lacey, W. Paas, R. Kenyon, W. Roebuck, E. A. Sacre, A. H. Diaper, Jesse Turner, S. Rosenthal, M. D. Loewenstark, W. Lane, H. M. Levy, W. A. Colls, C. F. Hogard, E. Baxter, G. Andrews, H. Roberts, Raynham W. Stewart, Dr. Jas. Self, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, N. G. Phillips, Hyde Pullen, H. G. Levander, R. H. Girard, James Terry, J. B. Lancaster, J. M. Case, Joseph Smith, A. A. Pendlebury, J. G. Marsh, E. Sillifant, A. C. Burrell, H. G. Burr, S. P. Norris, George Kenning, E. W. Stanton, H. Browne, T. H. Miller, N. H. Smith, J. T. Moss, G. Barringer, L. Ruf, Dr. Ernest Brett, Richard Spencer, Edward Clark, W. Jones, T. Massa, E. H. Hubback, Joseph Taylor; E. M. Haigh, A. L. Dussek; G. Abbott, E. W. Stanton, W. T. Home, N. F. Smith, F. Davison, E. Harris, E. Shalless, J. C. Parkinson, and R. Wentworth Little, (Secretary).

At the conclusion of the reading and confirmation of the minutes, one petition was read; and the House Committee having recommended an increase of the salary of Bro. Hedges, notice of motion was given to that effect.

The brethren then proceeded to elect the House Committee, consisting of twelve members, for the ensuing year, and at the termination of the election the following was found to be the result: Joshua Nunn, 58 votes, Benjamin Head, 53; Thomas W. White, 52; Colonel F. Burdett, 49; John A. Rucker, 48; Griffiths Smith, 46; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, 44; William Paas, 42; H. Browne, 41; Raynham W. Stewart, 41; Alfred H. Tattershall, 40; and Dr. Ramsay, 36.

The election of members of the Audit Committee for the year was next taken, with the following result:—R. B. Webster, 29; Joshua Nunn, 26; W. Paas, 24; E. Sillifant, 24; H. C. Levander, 23; W. Roebuck, 21; J. G. Chancellor, 20; John Symonds, 20; and H. Browne, 19.

A cordial vote of thanks to the chairman for officiating concluded the proceedings.

Red Cross of Constantine.

ORIGINAL OR PREMIER CONCLAVE.—This Conclave met on Monday last at the Masonic Hall, 68, Regent-street. Sir Knight Robert Wentworth Little presided, having Sir Knight J. G. Marsh to act as V.E. There was an excellent attendance of the Knights of the Order, and the meeting was altogether a great success. Among the Sir Knights present were J. T. Moss, M.P.G.; E. Sillifant, V.E.; H. A. Dubois, J.G.; Ernest Brette, H.P.; T. Cubitt, Treasurer; H. Parker, Organist; Thos. Kingston, Past S.; H. C. Levander, Past S.; George Kenning, P.S.; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, Rev. P. M. Holden, E. S. Norris, T. Catlin, W. Sorrell, and H. Massey. Bros. J. W. Ellison Macartney, M.P.; Tyrone, and Lieut. Jelinger Edward Symons, R.N.; were exalted to the degree of Knights Red Cross, and in a college of viceroys, Rev. E. Brette, D.D.; W. Smale, No. 15; Rev. P. M. Holden, J.W.; E. Macartney, M.P.; J. E. Symons, and H. Massey, then took the superior degree, and Sir Knights Macartney, Symons, and Massey were installed Sovereigns of the Order. This being the evening for the installation of Sovereign and appointment of other officers, Sir Knight Edwin Sillifant was installed M.P.S., T. B. Yeoman, V.E.; H. A. Dubois, S.G.; Rev. Dr. Brette, I.G.; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, H.P.; T. Cubitt, Treasurer; R. W. Little, Recorder; T. Kingston, Prefect; Alfred Moore, Standard Bearer; Colonel Peters, Herald, J. Pettengull, Thomas Massa, Aides. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the Conclave was closed and the Sir Knights adjourned to a delicious banquet, provided by D. Nicols, at the Restaurant in a most superior style. When the Sir Knights had partaken of this, they proceeded to honour the toasts usually given in the Red Cross Degree. C. and E. having been given, "The Queen," "Sir F. M. Williams, G.S.," "Colonel Burdett," and others, Sir Knight J. T. Moss, proposed "The Health of Sir Knight Sillifant, M.P.S." and said it was a matter of the greatest gratification to propose the health because in going through the chair, he hoped that Sir Knight would find it as pleasant as he had himself during his year of office. Fortunately Sir Knight Little was always at hand to perform, any ceremonies for him, and he had consequently got through his year very well. If the present M.P.S. should necessarily be absent and unable to do any of his work, Sir Knight Little would be happy to do it for him, and at the end of his year of office he must be congratulated on having served the Order worthily. (Cheers.) The M.P.S. said he was overwhelmed with the power and eloquence of Sir Knight Moss—(laughter)—but putting that on one side, he could assure the Sir Knights that he should endeavour to carry out the charge placed in his hands as sovereign of the Order, not as Sir Knight Moss had said he did it—(laughter)—by deputy, but personally, and properly, and worthily. (Cheers.) Sir Knight Little in proposing "The Newly Installed Sir Knights Comps. in Arms," regretted that more brother Masons out of the long list that were down for installation had not presented themselves for Knighthood; he was pleased, however, to say that one of those who did come up was introduced to himself by Commander Scott, a distinguished Irish Mason, who had achieved great respect in the sister country. Sir Knight Macartney had recently obtained a seat in the House of Commons, for that Sir Knights would greet him with the utmost enthusiasm. From what he had seen of the ceremony, although it had been shorn of much of its paraphernalia through an accident, Sir Knight Macartney was much pleased with it; but had he seen all of it, he would have perceived an amount of the Masonic Symbolism which he could form no idea of. The conclave were sorry that the ceremony had not been given in full form, but on a future occasion Sir Knight Macartney, and Sir Knight Symons, would have an opportunity of witnessing it with all its accessories, and with what the Knights of the Red Cross considered order and decorum. Sir Knight Levander had introduced Sir Knight Symons, who was an enthusiastic although a very young Mason. He had travelled much in the Holy Land, and had

seen the traditions collected together there which were the pride of Masonry, which were true, and were based on solid foundations. The more Sir Knight Symons saw of Masonry, whether of Craft, Mark, or Knightly Orders, the more would he be disposed to greet the great traditions with which Masonry was indissolubly associated. The Knights of this conclave gave these newly installed Sir Knights a hearty welcome and their best wishes for their further progress in Freemasonry. Sir Knight Macartney, M.P., said the mode in which his health and that of Sir Knight Symons had been proposed and drunk was highly gratifying, but he was much pleased himself with the warm and cordial tone of Sir Knight Little towards his friend commander Scott. He believed there was not a better Mason living. The more he saw of Freemasonry, the more exalted opinion he formed of the purposes of the Order. Shorn as it had been in part of some of the paraphernalia of the ceremonies of that day, which contained so much of the very highest symbols of the Craft bearing on the truths of their common christianity, yet no man he thought could be admitted to the Order without feeling himself very deeply touched. (Hear, hear.) He did not enter this degree in a jovial manner, but felt the seriousness of it (hear hear), and he thought that the more the seriousness of it was felt the more they would be prepared to carry out the real objects of Masonry. The first step a Mason took was one in which he felt himself bound with all those who confessed one God (hear, hear), and that was a very wide and ennobling idea. But still more touching and endearing to the heart was the coming into the Christian orders where we saw ceremonies still more closely attached to our eternal interests. Masonry seemed to him to be a system which led man to his God, and by steps to the most practical and best ways, teaching him to love his God and to love his neighbour, through love to the one to love the other; and that he thought was the teaching of the symbolism he had just witnessed. Although some inanimate objects were away, he who inducted the candidates into the Order did it in such a way that they could not forget it. (Hear, hear.) He felt greatly honoured at being admitted to the Conclave; he had been proposed by an esteemed friend and he had been received like a friend. He had always found among Masons a fraternal and kind reception. (Hear, hear.) He was lately in Italy, a country where Masonry was very extensively, but not properly practised. He was invited by a Neapolitan Mason, and the working of the lodge was good. The lodge was much used for political purposes, but still he was received in a most cordial and fraternal manner, and with all the honours that could be bestowed on a British Mason. He was the first British Mason that ever sat in a Masonic lodge in Rome. He hoped to see the day when those Italian Masons would devote themselves to the true principles and teaching of Masonry, that they would be in connection with us before long, and that Masons would then be a brotherhood over all the world. (Cheers.) Sir Knight Symons said that a knight who had been a brother so short a time as he had must have very little to say, but yet he could safely affirm that the excessive solemnity of the ceremony of installation which he had just passed through had impressed him very deeply. He had only taken the third degree a month; therefore it would be seen he had taken the earliest opportunity of extending his Masonic acquaintance. His experience of that day had led him to desire an extension of that acquaintance which he should not hesitate to make. He felt very deeply the honour that had been done him by his admission to the conclave, and he would take this opportunity of thanking his proposer, Sir Knight Levander, and his seconder, Sir Knight Little, for their kind offices. As his travels had been mentioned by Sir Knight Little, he must say that in those travels his convictions on Freemasonry had been greatly strengthened by his experience of facts which had been handed down to them in the history of past ages, that had not a little added to his faith. What he had been taught in history tallied exactly with what he had found, and he thought the knowledge of this fact, might be

interesting to Freemasons. (Hear (hear). The M.P.S. proposed "The Health of P. S. Moss," to which Sir Knight Moss responded, and after a few other toasts, including that of "The Officers," the Sir Knights separated having spent a most delightful evening.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire was held in the hall of the Carlton Club, Windsor. Sir D. Gooch, Bart, M.P., P.G.M., presided, and among those present were the Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes, Bart, D.P.G.M.; the Rev. F. S. Brownrigg, D.P.G.M. elect; Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart, M.P., P.G.M. (N. Wales); Bros. Trendall, P.G. W.; Biggs, P.G.S.; with many others.

The reports presented by the P.G.S. showed that the various lodges in the two counties were in a prosperous condition, and that Masonry was steadily increasing in the Province.

The Charity Fund, established by the P.G.M., had been well supported, and among the amounts disbursed in relief during the past year was one of 500 guineas, raised by the brethren of the "Abbey" Lodge, at Abingdon.

After the usual business, the P.G.M. duly installed as his Deputy the Rev. F. S. Brownrigg to the office of D.P.G.M., in the room of the Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes, Bart, who had resigned on account of advancing years.

The brethren subsequently walked to the Town Hall, where a sumptuous banquet was served.

Masonic Tidings.

The annual festival in aid of the Grand Mark Lodge Benevolent Fund will be held on the 15th July, Sir Edmund Lechmere will preside.

ACCIDENT TO A P.P.G. REGISTRAR.—On Monday, the 18th inst., Bro. Thomas Wylie, P.P.G. Registrar of West Lancashire, was passing along North John-street, Liverpool, when he was knocked down by a spring cart, the wheels passing over his foot, the horse treading on his hand. Bro. Wylie is still confined to the house in consequence of his injuries.

Bro. John Rankin Stebbing, Past Grand Deacon of England, and present Deputy Past Grand Master for Hampshire and Isle of Wight, died at Southampton on Tuesday. Bro. Stebbing had also been a member of the Executive Council of the Associated Chambers of Commerce.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Langthorne Lodge of Instruction, at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, E., on Wednesday next, the 10th inst., by Bro. Verry, P.M., assisted by several eminent brethren from the Yarborough and Doric Lodges. The lodge will be opened by Bro. Verry, at seven p.m. punctually, and a number of Masonic brethren resident in the neighbourhood are expected to be present.

The June number of the "Masonic Magazine" contains a photograph of the Marquess of Ripon, and we recommend our readers to apply at once for a copy, to 198, Fleet-street, as the number is necessarily limited.

The meetings of the Metropolitan Royal Arch Chapter of Improvement, held at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, have been adjourned until the first Tuesday in October.

The musical arrangements at the Consecration of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge (No. 1489) were entrusted to Bro. McDavitt, who had the sole direction, and not (as stated in our report) to Bro. Richard Limpus, Provincial Grand Org. Middlesex.

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Notice from the *Evening Mail*.

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

Our brother will see that we have answered his question practically in our 1st leader of last week.

We have to claim the indulgence of numerous correspondents who have sent reports this week. The pressure on our columns caused by several important meetings is a sufficient excuse.

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It is very necessary for our friends to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America, otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them. Several remain uncredited at the present time owing to no advice having been received.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH 1874.

THE NEW SURREY MASONIC HALL.

We have to call the attention of our readers, to an interesting ceremony, which took place on Friday last, the 29th ult., namely, the laying of the foundation stone of the new Surrey Masonic Hall, of which interesting ceremony a report appears in our columns to-day. We congratulate the Directors of the Company on this auspicious commencement of their important undertaking, and trust sincerely that the building may be erected without danger to the workmen, and will prove eventually alike profitable as an investment, convenient to the lodges using it, a credit to Masonic Architecture, and advantageous to the Craft. There is no reason why such buildings should not, under proper management, be in themselves, so to say, self-supporting, as well as most helpful to true Freemasonry. Indeed, when we recall to-day the somewhat haphazard way in which the ancient ceremonies of our Order were celebrated some twenty years ago, the inconvenient rooms in which we were content to meet, the incongruous accessories which then sometimes graced our so-called lodge-rooms, used for other purposes, and often less elevated proceedings, we cannot but feel what a large stride Masonic æsthetics have made happily amongst us, and how everywhere to-day we see tokens alike of the craftsman's handiwork, and the architect's skill, employed in raising and adorning many a most stately and goodly Masonic Hall in our land. In the case before us, all the plans of the ground buildings and all the details of the inner arrangements seem to betoken an anxious design to make the building alike suitable and fitted for our Masonic ceremonial and the convenience and comfort of our brethren. And though we know there have been those, there probably still are some, who on the "penny wise and pound foolish system," object to such an outlay and deprecate such elaboration, and say that it is better and cheaper to rent a room in some adjacent hotel, or public building, yet we feel certain from some little experience, that no movement has done more good to Masonry than that, which, a

our able Bro. John Havers saw and said years ago, would disassociate our excellent brotherhood from uncongenial influences and questionable localities. Most of us who have realized the privacy, the independence, the comfort, and the self respect which our own freehold lodge buildings give us always, will never for a moment entertain the idea, that, our previous arrangements were beneficial in this respect, or that it is advisable to return to that "tenant-at-will" position which so often exposed the brethren to several drawbacks, and often effectively lowered the character of Freemasonry, in days gone by, and in the less satisfactory lodge rooms of a defunct generation. That Masonry worked on, notwithstanding so many patent inconveniences and unsuitable arrangements is due, we believe, to the inherent excellency of Masonry, and the high character of our Order, but once admitted, the defect, and proved the blot, it is the duty of all masons, "good and true," to labour zealously to amend the one, and to remove the other. And thus, in all our large towns, as Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, Huddersfield, Bradford, and many more, our brethren have, for some time since, either purchased or raised large and stately buildings, in some of which several lodges meet, and which, alike, by their external appearance, and internal arrangements, do honour to those who planned them, and those who use them. And though the hand which drew the stately proportions and planned the becoming decorations, or the brethren who hailed the opening, or assembled there for many years, must gradually pass away, their works and their labours of love survive. Amid the onward march of time, they still remain to tell after generations of craftsmen, that, their forefathers were not ashamed to own themselves Free and Accepted Masons, did not grudge to give of their substance to do open honour to their Royal Art, and bequeathed to them a duty to perform, and a course to pursue in their day, so as to carefully preserve to their after brethren what they so liberally erected, and so lovingly reared. It is one of the great characteristics of that noble art, which forms the basis of all Masonic history and symbolism and teaching, that it is so to say purely unselfish. For we have the evidence before our eyes to day of the princely munificence of those who, in the noble buildings they raised with so much care and at such great sacrifices, proclaimed to us that their great Masonic motto ever was, "Freely have you received, freely give," and that they toiled, to afford pleasure, delight, and happiness to others. Yet we who look up with admiring gaze to-day on pinnacle and tower, on the wondrous proportions of some majestic building, some glorious minster, some Guild Hall—we who still can appreciate oftentimes now the cunning corbel or quaint gargoyle, we should never forget what we owe to that wandering band of Freemasons, to those moveable lodges of the operative Craft, which have given us in all the fulness of architectural skill and beauty, so many marvels of that noble handiwork which has enriched and consecrated the science of architecture. From them we still can draw admirable outlines for modern labours, in them we still can discern in reverence and respect, how sublime an

art is that which seeks to raise our minds and hopes, ever heavenwards, by them we can be encouraged to go and do likewise, in our time and generation, and in the associations they supply, and the appreciations they evoke, we can ever feel, that we are privileged as Freemasons, to claim those operative Masons as our forefathers, and that art, as our ground work of Speculative Symbolism, which has served to promote peace and liberty, law and civilization, and to advance the Glory of God, and the welfare of man.

MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGY.

The progress of Masonic archæology has of late years been very striking, and too much praise cannot be accorded to those earnest students and Masonic "pioneers" who are digging so manfully around the foundations of the old and decayed building of Masonic fable and legend, are clearing away the rubbish, and are opening out the vast proportions of that goodly Temple of truth which lies buried in the accumulated collections of unenquiring times, and is half hid from view by the weeds which have been allowed to grow in rank luxuriance. Among these able students of the new, interesting, and true history of Freemasonry, few have laboured so earnestly and disinterestedly as our energetic Brother W. J. Hughan. His past endeavours, his present contributions to Masonic archæology have obtained for him the admiration of the Craft, and the special approval of the Grand Master. We rejoice to hear that our unwearied brother is now busily engaged in preparing a work for the press on the Union of 1813, with a list of the lodges under both the "Ancients" and the "Modern," and their numbers altered in 1814, 1832, and 1863. As an appendix to this interesting "brochure," Bro. Hughan intends we understand to publish also as an appendix, D'Assigay's "Enquiry" of 1744, which is the first work so far, which alludes to the Royal Arch, and of which Bro. Hughan possesses an unique copy. Search has been made, in the British Museum, and the Library of Trinity College, Dublin, in vain, for another copy, and unless it be bound up with some other pamphlet of the Dr.'s or some Masonic work, we believe, that the only copy extant is apparently that which belongs to our able Bro. Hughan. We congratulate the Craft, therefore, on this announcement of so interesting a work, and we thank Bro. Hughan by anticipation, for what we know will be valuable, as an archæological contribution from his pen, edifying to his readers, and helpful of Masonic enquiry and historical research.

LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE OF THE SURREY MASONIC HALL.

On Friday, the 29th ult., the memorial stone of this new hall was laid by Colonel Francis Burdett, Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, on a plot of ground in the Camberwell New-road, near the Post Office. There were a large number of Masons present on the occasion, and many ladies. The brethren appeared in Masonic clothing, for which purpose the following dispensation was granted specially to Bro. James

Stevens, the Worshipful Master of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426.

"To the W. Master of "The Great City" Lodge, No. 1426, London.

"You are hereby authorised to assemble the members of your lodge on the 29th day of May instant, in Masonic form and clothing at the site or ground whereon is to be erected The Surrey Masonic Hall, at Camberwell, in the county of Surrey, to assist the R.W. Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel F. Burdett, Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, in laying with Masonic form and ceremony the first or foundation stone of the said intended Masonic Hall, and you are further permitted to allow any other brethren of the Craft to join in such Masonic ceremony. But you, the Master, are strictly charged not to permit any of the brethren to appear beyond the precincts of the said intended Masonic Hall, in the clothing or jewels of the Order, and that you take especial care that all and every the brethren do conduct themselves with order and decorum, that the credit of the ancient Craft may be maintained, as you may answer to the M.W. Grand Master, and you are further charged to transcribe this dispensation into your minute book, and forthwith to transmit for the M.W. Grand Master's information a detailed account of the proceedings.

"Given at London, this 21st day of May, 1874. By command of the most Honourable the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., &c., M.W. Grand Master.

"JOHN HERVEY, G.S."

The building is intended to be purely classic in architecture, the portico and tower forming a good composition, and will be partly of fire-proof construction. It is being carried out as especially adapted to Masonic purposes in detail, with lodge and chapter-room, banqueting hall, library, billiard-room—having a club in view—kitchen, and offices sufficiently commodious to cook for, say 80 persons, and the cellars are so arranged that each separate chartered body can have its own wine cellar. The portico and vestibule can be made the principal entrance to the large hall or ball-room, which has three other separate entrances, so that when the large hall is being used by the general public, the Masonic portion of the premises will remain perfectly separate. The facade is arranged with an elegant portico, and an octagonal tower rising at rear of same in about the line of general facade over a square base, decorated with statuary, having a mansard roof with ornamental cresting, and dormers to a total of about fifty feet high. The drawings display a large amount of skill in the arrangement of service from kitchen, entrance of goods, entrances and exits of the Freemasons and public, either separately or conjointly, and, on the whole, it may be said that nothing has been neglected which could in any way conduce to the success of the building as far as public requirements are concerned.

The cost of the hall is estimated to be about £6,000, to be subscribed for in shares of £5 each. The shares are not confined to Masons, but are open to outsiders, many of whom are availing themselves of the offer. Bro. Edward Clark (of the firm of Pain and Clark) is the architect, and Bro. John Oliver, of Denmark Hill, is the contractor. The photographs of the design show sufficiently the handsome exterior of the new building, as a work of architecture; Bro. Oliver's high repute as a builder is a good guarantee of the right sort of workmanship for permanency. The central position of the site could scarcely be superseded in point of usefulness, since the roads by rail, tram, and bus radiate from here to almost every part of London; it is almost as central as the Elephant and Castle.

The silver trowel, the Stewards' favors, and the lodge banner, (the Freemasons' Arms) was supplied by Bro. George Kenning, the remainder of the flags and banners by Messrs. Thomson and Son, through the influence of Bro. Mayo, Registrar of Seamen.

The display of bunting was lavish in the extreme, and the assemblage of a vast crowd in the Camberwell New-road bespoke an attraction of no ordinary character. In the interior the arrangements were very complete. The space in front of the stone was carpeted, a high-backed

chair elaborately gilded for the Provincial Grand Master being on the right of the stone, and gilded chairs of minor proportions for the Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Master at a little distance off. Three-fourths of the area were filled with chairs, and a large number of ladies were present. On each side staging had been erected for the accommodation of visitors, and the appearance of the whole was very effective. The brethren, as we have said, mustered very strongly, and all the emblematic decorations were displayed to their fullest advantage. A special lodge was first opened, after which the brethren assembled in the ante-room, and to the strains of the 1st Surrey Rifles' band, marched in procession towards the stone, the juniors taking the lead.

The arrangements generally fell very well on the shoulders of Bro. James Stevens, and to him great praise is due for the admirable manner in which they were carried out. The handsome silver trowel, mentioned hereafter, was a gift to the company by Bro. Clark, the architect. Bro. Oliver, the builder, was very generous in his arrangements for preparing the platforms and decorating the railway arch. In the work he was assisted by Bro. Newington Bridges, of Camberwell, a P.M. of the Macdonald Lodge. The band of the First Surrey Rifles, in uniform, attended by permission of Colonel Gardiner. Amongst the selections of music played was a march, founded on Bro. Stevens' Masonic song, "What better theme than Masonry," and the "Entered Apprentice's Song." The Post office Authorities kindly gave up the use of the ground in rear of their building to enable the brethren to pass in procession to the reception-room and banquet saloon.

Among the brethren present were Bros. H. A. Dubois, Auditor; Edwin Sillifant, Sec.; North Ritherdon, Director; Wm. Ramsey, Director; Dr. E. Pinder, Director; E Richards; J. Hepburn Hastie; G. H. N. Bridges; James Stevens, Director; L. Leftly; D. A. Ross; M. S. Larham, Director; John Oliver, Builder; F. Spooner; E. W. Devereux; J. C. Reynolds, G. Ward, W. W. Peak, Thomas Smale, Arthur Southan, J. H. Vockins, F. S. Lancaster, R. H. Harvey, H. Durham, J. B. Scatliff, C. C. R. Donville, Thomas Buckham, George Skegg, A. C. Burrell, J. J. Ashburner, E. Seale, Nadus Gluckstein, J. O. Gardner, C. Lake, C. A. Cottebrune, John Walton, J. T. Moss, Francis Kelly, P. M. Holden, Chaplain; C. Browne, W. S. Webster, J. Allsopp, B. R. Bryant, H. C. Soper, P. A. Nairne, Solicitor; C. Pantlin, George Kenning, Thos. G. Gardiner, Walter Stride, W. Miller Goss, B. H. Swallow, J. L. Coulton, J. Cooper, J. W. Gillard, J. Dann, Edward Clark, Architect; S. J. Harvey, George Loveday, Henry Forbes, Jonas Duckett, William F. Copland, J. T. Woodstock, J. W. Gay, W. Hudson, S. H. Pulsford, J. S. Lyon, W. Simmons, Jacob P. Batch, J. Wallis, F. Bull, Walter J. Thicke, G. W. Webb, J. G. H. McCalla, Henry Roberts, J. C. Parkinson, Col. Francis Burdett, John Hervey, Sir John Bennett, T. Beard, Col. Gardiner, W. V. Bedolfe, Tallant, West, Colmer, C. Triptree.

Col. Burdett said that a few words from him would not be inopportune on this occasion. They were assembled to lay the memorial stone of a building which they hoped would last for a great many years, and be a benefit not only to those who had promoted it, but to the Order in general. He hoped the Craft would support the building which had been undertaken by several members of the Craft, most enthusiastic men and Masons. It was not necessary for him to say much about it, except that he hoped it would be generally supported. (Hear, hear.)

The Rev. P.M. Holden then offered up a solemn prayer, invoking the assistance of the Almighty on the undertaking.

The stone having been duly raised, accompanied by music,

Bro. Edwin Sillifant, the Secretary, read the inscription on the stone.

Then copies of these inscriptions were placed in a casket by Bro. J. T. Moss, a copy of *The Times* of the 29th May, *The Freemason* of the 30th May, prospectus of the company, a half-crown, a florin, a shilling, a sixpence, a

fourpenny piece, a threepenny piece, a penny, halfpenny, and farthing, all of the current year's coinage. The casket was sealed and placed in a cavity under the stone by Bro. Clark, the architect, who also handed to Colonel Burdett, the silver trowel with which the ceremony of laying was to be performed. Bro. Oliver, the builder, presented Col. Burdett, with the heavy maul, Bro. John Hervey handed the square. Bro. J. C. Parkinson, the level, and Bro. J. T. Moss, the plumb rule. Col. Burdett, adjusted the stone after finding it to be fair work and square work, and such as was ordered to be received for the building, and then adjusted it, declaring it to be well and truly laid, well squared, level, and perpendicular and a "perfect stone." The band during this portion of the ceremony continued to play the music appointed as above-mentioned. When the stone had been laid with these formalities.

Colonel Burdett, turning to the company, said he trusted that the stone just laid might be a memorial of a happy day, and also of happy future prospects. He would now return the square to the Past Master, which he had been permitted to use for ascertaining the correctness of the material laid, and which he had found to be true. The level he would return to the Grand Senior Warden, and the plumb rule to the Grand Junior Warden. In conclusion he must congratulate the brethren on the very successful issue of the day's proceedings thus far. (Cheers.)

Each of these officers having received the above working tools,

Bro James Stevens came forward, and addressing Colonel Burdett, said, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I now present you with a drawing of the building which we hope to see raised on the basis which you have so cordially and kindly done us the honour to lay to-day. We trust, Sir, that the proceedings of this day may make a very lively impression not only on those who attend them, but on other members of our Craft, and lead them to do all they can to render the building thus commenced a credit to the Craft, a useful building for the neighbourhood, and an honour to all concerned in its construction. We have adopted—I am speaking now, brethren, to you especially—one of those principles of our Craft's teaching, without which we cannot be Masons at heart, I mean the principles of "faith." We have had a very great many difficulties to contend with in regard to the formation of this Surrey Masonic Hall; and I tell you this is the third attempt that has been made to build such a place during the last eight or ten years. From laxity on the part of some, and, perhaps, bad management on the part of others, the former undertakings have fallen through; but we have trusted very much to the energy of a few brethren to bring matters now to the present issue, not waiting to come before you till the hall is built, but coming before you at once, and relying on that faith without which the great metropolitan church of St. Paul's would not have been carried out by Sir Christopher Wren, who acted as a Mason should, and never rested till the building was completed. We feel very deeply indebted to you for the honour conferred upon us by your presence on this occasion. On behalf of the directors I beg to express the great pleasure we have in seeing with you here the Grand Secretary, and the most highly respected Deputy Provincial Grand Master from your province. Both for myself and the other directors I beg to thank them and all the others who have kindly assisted by their presence. But allow me to make one other remark before I sit down about the matter for which we have assembled. We trust, sir, at no distant date that it may be our proud privilege to receive you and all others who are now on the premises, on which we are standing, in a finished building to perform the ceremonies of our Order with that decorum together with that pleasure and agreeableness to ourselves in which we know they can be done in suitable buildings. Again thanking you for your attendance to-day, and trusting that the brethren who are not yet shareholders of the Company may give the matter consideration, and join us in carrying out what we feel assured will be profitable pecunia-

rily to themselves, and of benefit to the Order, I beg to make to you a present of the drawing I mentioned at the beginning of my address, and I trust you will have much pleasure in looking on it in the future, as you have pleasure in being here to-day. (Cheers.)

Colonel Burdett—Bro. Stevens, I receive the picture with very much pleasure, and shall always look on it with lively satisfaction.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson—Colonel Burdett, and brethren, there is one other duty I think we should perform, and which, I believe, we should perform with pleasure, and that is to thank the ladies who are present for their kindness in coming here. The brother who has just spoken alluded to the virtue of "faith," which he says has been largely invoked by the brethren more immediately interested in this undertaking. There is another virtue which we associate with "faith," and which the beautiful faces before me are highly calculated to inspire in the minds of our younger brethren, that of hope. I am quite sure the bachelor Masons who are present must be inspired by the presence of such bright and beautiful faces before them, and feel hope that at no distant day they may bring their wives and daughters to a similar ceremony. Bro. Hervey has asked me thank you for him as well as for myself for your kind remembrance of us. It has given me great pleasure to be present and witness the general tone of harmony which prevails. I am quite sure the provincial Grand Master, whose Deputy I have the honour to be, will look on this ceremony as one of the bright spots in his life.

Sir John Bennett:—We do not forget that this is no ordinary occasion. We have had, as we have been told, previous attempts at construction of a Masonic Hall for Surrey, and failures; I rather like attempts and failures. We are all the stiffer, we are all the better for them, for we are about at last to succeed. We are met as Masons at a time of day unfortunately when many of our brother Masons who would have been here are so occupied with the affairs of every-day life that they cannot come. We do not forget that Masons will have here, "a local habitation," and a home. We do not forget the great purposes of Freemasonry. We know its antiquity, we know its great traditions. Our oldest authentic history, that of the Hebrews, is one in which we find great traditions concerning our Craft, and strange to say, the learning of some of our most able critics of late, possibly through the exposition of the Talmud itself, is likely to bring forward confirmation of it to which we as Freemasons attach due importance. The world's history has led up to the present condition of human civilisation. Every chapter has been a step higher and higher to those very objects which are the cardinal points of the Craft of Masonry, and we are prepared to say this tradition confirms our declaration that through every chapter of the world's history for centuries there is little doubt that Freemasonry has played no insignificant part. In these days of liberty—at least here in England—in these days, we hardly know what it had to do in former ages. Sometimes it held its meetings in secret; but always having within its own circle some of its brightest and best men, thoroughly in earnest, because they knew the danger under which they acted, who kept alive the lamp of faith, of hope, of charity, of the highest human importance, and all those great principles and elements on which we stand as free men in the present time. We have been reminded to-day that we are honoured by the presence of the fair sex, the very fair sex. What women's rights may come to in the future we can hardly tell, but we must build the foundation before we have the superstructure; and certainly looking at the fact of their position in early days, and at the useful and high position which they occupy now, and that they are as intelligent beings taking part in this ceremony, we say that Masonry has had something to do with it; and whether directly or indirectly we hardly know to what extent they are indebted to the honourable Craft of Masonry for the blessings they enjoy. On their behalf I thank you for the compliment you have paid them and on behalf of the brethren. Provincial Grand Master, I have to thank you for the distinguished

honour you have conferred upon us by coming here and performing the ceremony of laying the memorial-stone of this building. (Hear, hear.)

Colonel Burdett—Brethren, I feel very much gratified at being here, and I thank you very much for the kind manner in which you have received my endeavours to be of any little service to you. It is not to me that the arrangements which have been made to-day are due. I have had a great deal of credit which I feel I do not deserve; yet if, at any moment, I can do anything to assist the brethren at large, I am happy to do it, and I feel both gratified and pleased, as well as honoured, by taking part in this day's proceedings.

The company, including the ladies, then repaired to the luncheon tent, which was fitted up beneath one of the railway arches with great taste. Striped canvas was placed overhead, and the walls were hung with red and green cloth, producing an agreeable effect to the eye, and being sufficiently cool and ventilated to be very pleasant to visitors who would have to sit for a lengthened period. Colonel Burdett, of course occupied the chair, having Mrs. Burdett on his left, and Bro. J. Stevens on his right. Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary, Bros. Parkinson, E. Clark, J. Beard, Sir John Bennett, J. T. Moss, C. A. Cottebrune, George Kenning, P. A. Nairne, Dr. Pinder Browne, Middlemas, Vockins, Bridges, Larlham, Hastie, Batch, and Forbes, were among the brethren who assisted.

At the conclusion of the elegant repast which was spread,

The Chairman proposed "The Health of the Queen," which having been honoured, he proposed "The Marquess of Ripon, M.V.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M., and the Grand Officers, Past and Present," and in doing so expressed his great pleasure at seeing so many present, from his own province of Middlesex; from Surrey, Essex, and even from Scotland. Many as they were, he should have been pleased to see a still greater number. He called upon Bro. Parkinson to respond.

Bro. Parkinson said that he had presumed that he would have to return thanks for the Grand Officers of the year, but he could not conceive that because he held that position he was to return thanks for the Marquess of Ripon. Profoundly grateful as the Grand Officers were of course to the Grand Master for the high distinction conferred on them, their satisfaction was materially heightened by the manifestations of generous approval which, on all occasions, greeted their appointments. (Hear, hear.) They were fully conscious that it was from no superior merit of their own, that they had attained their present position, but rather from circumstances having enabled them to render services which any Mason would be glad to perform, which many Masons had performed, but which, in the Grand Officers' case, had had the good fortune to come to the Grand Master's knowledge, and to be stamped with his approbation. No one knew better than the Grand Officer addressing them, that among the Grand Master's Masonic subjects there were hundreds and thousands of members who would make unexceptionable Grand Officers, who were excluded from the position only by the inexorable law of numbers, and who would, if called upon, be felt satisfied, willingly undertake the position even with the oratorical responsibilities which he himself found so heavy. He would only say that on behalf of the large and influential body of Grand Officers of England, for whom he had been asked to respond, they earnestly trusted they would be enabled to perform their duties, and when the time came for putting off their armour, they must be thought worthy to join that band of whom it might be said, in the choice and significant language of Holy Writ, "They have done what they could." (Cheers.)

The Chairman said, although he had spoken several times before, he found he had another toast to propose, which he felt would come home to every one present. They had all been much gratified with the proceedings that had taken place that day, and he must say that he had been as much gratified as they with the proceedings and the arrangements. So gratified was he, that he felt they would be deficient in the performance of their duty if they

were not to propose "Success to the Surrey Masonic Hall and the Health of the Chairman and Committee, who had carried out the work." No doubt they had all had very hard work to do; indeed they had had an uphill game to play. Now they had rolled the stone to the top of the hill he hoped they would have an easy descent, and finally arrive at the place which would place them in a comfortable position, so that hereafter they must say "We assembled here on a certain day, we had a great deal to do before that; here we are floating comfortably, and have succeeded in getting not only the support of the brethren at large, but the public generally as well." (Hear, hear.) He did not believe that it was possible for men to have exerted themselves more energetically than the Chairman and Committee of this company, and he thought no one could accuse them of any deficiency in their duty, therefore he had very much pleasure in proposing "Prosperity to the Surrey Masonic Hall Company," and of coupling with it the name of "The Chairman of the Company, Bro. James Stevens." (Applause.)

Bro. James Stevens said that on behalf of those who were interested in the Masonic Hall Company he begged to return very sincere thanks for the support which had been accorded that day to the endeavours that had been made to bring the business of laying the memorial stone to a successful issue. He trusted, as he had said before, that the work commenced that day would be added to, and cemented together, and become of lasting use to the Craft, and the neighbourhood, and to all with whom they must be associated in respect of their Masonic Order. To the chairman, as well as to those who had attended, they were very much indebted for the éclat that had attended the proceedings, and he hoped that the result would be to prove to many of the brethren who were present that they had to support members of the Order who stood in an exalted position in regard to Freemasonry, to follow whom could be no small honour, and and other brethren whom they met in the social world, for whom they entertained the highest regard, and who had arrived at such a position in the attainment of civic and other distinctions as to be of great aid to the company in carrying on their work. But great as they might be, desirous as they might be to help, this was more of a universal matter, this Masonic Hall, and the directors had to look to the suffrages, not of the few but of the many, and it was in order to make it the success they wished that they now asked the assistance of Masons who desired to carry out the principles that they all shared in respect to such matters. The Directors had shewn that there really was something like a body in the undertaking they had in hand. They did not ask for any large amount; they had a certain number of shares which they were desirous should be taken up by the Masonic world, and they would rather that the shares should be taken up by units, rather than by tens and scores. What they wanted was to obtain the sympathy of the greatest number of the Craft that they could. He would not say that they would think more highly, because that would be stupid flattery, of the man who held one share, than the man who held a dozen; but they thought quite as highly of him. They wanted the individuals to take the shares. They would rather have 10,000 shareholders than 5,000, and he could assure them if they would support the undertaking they would not be losers by it. In a Masonic sense they ought not perhaps to expect anything; but in a commercial sense, added to the Masonic, he could perhaps say they would be able to give from 5 to 9 per cent. At all events they would give what they could. The want of some such place in the neighbourhood for other than Masonic purposes had not been lost sight of, and when this hall was completed he believed there would be a great demand for the accommodation they could afford, to an extent which must pay the shareholders a good percentage. (Cheers.) This was clear by the evidence of those men who had attempted to give entertainments in this particular neighbourhood. With regard to the Masonic conveniences which would be provided, the hall would be a great advantage in removing their meetings

from the influence of taverns and public-houses, which alone ought to be duly appreciated by the wives and sweethearts of Masons. (Hear, hear.) There were but very few people who had any mind at all who would be likely to sneer at this, very few indeed among Masons, and those who might be tempted to do so were surely not imbued with what we consider the first point among Masons, the desire to be good, moral, and social men, to do all that they could in regard to matters in connection with the Masonic Order, but at the same time not to forget that they had homes and wives and children (cheers). It was because they believed that they could form an institution like this that they should be able to succeed in taking our Masonic ceremonies away from taverns, that they should be doing good to their own kind as far as the men were concerned, and only what was just and proper, and their duty to do as far as their kindred were concerned in doing it as a matter of commercial duty (hear hear) and separating Masonry from the connection he alluded to. He therefore trusted that the enterprise would be supported warmly, and it would be a great pleasure to the board of directors to find at their next meeting a large number of application for single shares, even in preference to applications for greater numbers of shares. He assured them that this was rather a proud moment for him. He did not pretend to arrogate to himself any particular position in regard to the undertaking, but as he had been connected with the first endeavour to form the hall, which failed and the second endeavour to form the hall, which failed also, finding himself connected with the third in which they had at last arrived at laying the memorial stone, he had reason, he thought, to feel a little bit satisfied. He felt that what he had endeavoured to do in connection with the other undertakings of the last ten years was meeting with something of a reward by the proud position of himself and his co-directors. He was proud to see Sir John Bennett present, as well as the Colonel of his own regiment, to whom the company were indebted for the presence of the band, and as sure as his name was Stevens, there would, please God, be a meeting in that large room before eight months were over of a large number of Masons. The way to help them was to fill up the share list, and he was happy to say that the Chairman, Bro. Beard, and several others who were present, had just sent in applications for shares. He then proposed "The Civic Authorities," coupling with the toast the names of Sir John Bennett and Bro. Beard.

Bro. Beard replied, although much had been said, not only by their esteemed Chairman, and others, about the perseverance and assiduity with which the committee had carried on their duties, he thought too much encouragement could not be given them by praising them for what they had done. They were indebted to Bro. Stevens for the success of this affair, for, to the present time; and he was speaking without intending the slightest compliment when he expressed the fervent hope that his health might be spared to exercise his talents and usefulness to such an extent as to render the present a successful undertaking. (Applause.) The very happy way he had of placing the case before them would induce any one to give it support by taking a little money from his pocket, although, when he came there, he (Bro. Beard) had not thought of taking shares in the Company, when he found men at the head of affairs with such a pilot to guide them, if he had been asked to double the number of his shares he should have done so. He believed the undertaking would turn out a successful one. Bro. Stevens had frequently made some excellent remarks on the duty of charity, and when the civic authorities had their health drunk, it would not be out of place when the person who responded for the toast said, that nothing gave the civic authorities more pleasure than to assist in the work of charity. (Cheers.)

Bro. J. T. Moss proposed "The Press," and said that every one in England felt proud of it. Whenever there was anything done, there was always a satisfaction in finding that it was

recorded by gentlemen connected with the press.

Bro. Massey responded for *The Freemason*.

Bro. Stevens proposed "The Health of the Chairman," who was one of those Masons who had endeared himself thoroughly to every brother who knew him in his own province of Middlesex, Surrey, in Ireland, and elsewhere. It was therefore peculiarly gratifying to have him as their Chairman on an occasion like the present. Masonic ceremonies like that they had just observed were far more frequent in the provinces than in London. By the dispensation of the Grand Master they were allowed in the country, and as a rule countrymen had a greater opportunity of seeing Masonic ceremonies than we of the metropolis. The Grand Master only granted his dispensation to those brethren who he thought would see that the ceremonies were properly carried out. If anything went wrong the Grand Master would be to blame, and so he looked after the character of the person to whom he granted the dispensation. Without their Bro. Colonel Burdett there would have been little chance of their meeting as they had done, and with the knowledge they had themselves of his ability in Masonry and his fitness to see the ceremony properly performed, it was a duty they owed him to pass a vote of thanks to him for what he had done. He would therefore ask them to drink his health.

The Chairman said he was greatly obliged for the brethren's kindness. They were so much indebted to their Bro. Holden, who had acted as Chaplain, that he should now propose his health, as one who had that evening offered a suitable and appropriate prayer on the laying of the foundation stone of this Masonic Hall. They ought to be very much indebted to him for coming to assist, and for the very eloquent way in which he had performed his duties.

The Rev. P.M. Holden said—Bro. Colonel Burdett, ladies and gentlemen, it has been quite an unexpected pleasure for me to have my health proposed this afternoon. I have done so very little that I have hardly deserved the mention of my name. However, I beg to thank you very much indeed for the warm and kind manner in which you have responded to the toast. There is one other toast, if the toasts are now supposed to be at an end, which with your permission I will now propose. I ask to propose it because in former days a knight and a gentleman was considered, and he was said to be the champion of God and the ladies; and I really do not know that a clergyman could be spoken of in better terms than calling him a champion of God and the ladies. Most of you know very well that by the rules of precedence, those who are of the very highest rank should always go last, and it is upon that rule of precedence that we generally propose "The Health of the Ladies" as one of the last, though not the very least of the toasts. It is an acknowledged fact that in all pleasures and amusements the ladies take a first and foremost place. It is their fascinating presence, their bewildering beauty, and their graceful assistance, which lends a charm, and the greatest charm to all our public meetings, and to all our pleasant and social gatherings. I do not think we of the rougher sex are at all sufficiently aware of the very great debt we owe to the ladies, and it occurs to me at the present moment that in reading (this is true all the world over) the travels of Mungo Park, he particularly says that though a homeless stranger, though very often cruelly ill-treated by the men, whenever he was in distress, whenever he stood in need of any assistance, he always found the hearts of the women not near so black as their faces—(cheers)—whatever ill-usage he met with, he tells us that he was always sure to find assistance from the women of the village wherever he happened at that time to be. Now, of course the ladies of England cannot for a single moment compete in complexion with those ladies who were so good and kind to Mungo Park; but still I will venture to say that their hearts are as warm, and still warmer by the cultivation of their minds; and therefore, gentlemen, I should say, without detaining you any longer, I give you "The Health of Ladies," who are present on this occasion, and

many thanks to them for having contributed so very largely to the enjoyment of to-day; and, perhaps, you will allow me to put that toast in a manner in which I once heard it put on the other side of the Atlantic, in the United States. A gentleman on that occasion who had given the toast of "The Ladies," concluded by saying, "And now, gentlemen, I give you the toast of 'The Ladies,' the most enduring tribunal, who rule without law, decide without appeal, and are never wrong." (Laughter.)

Bro. Bethell responded.

The Chairman in proposing "The Health of Bro. E. Clark, the Architect," said they could not do less than drink the health of one who had been instrumental in carrying out the proceedings and the works before them which they had seen. They ought thoroughly to study plans, specifications, elevations, and so forth, in order to understand the real value of the architect's work. The building of the place was a minor consideration; it was on the architect's portion of the work that the greatest amount of intellectual labour was expended. He must mention that Bro. Clark was a Past Superintendent of Works in his own Province of Middlesex, and he was most proud of having him in that position. He was also a Past Master of his (the chairman's) best lodge, he was going to say, but that would be hardly right, as they were all best. They were all working equally well, but he might say that Bro. Clark was one of the best working members of the whole of the province. (cheers.)

Bro. Clark in reply said that although he had been much praised by the Chairman for his work, that work had been to him a labour of love. He could only add that this was one of the few efforts which would be brought before the notice of the public to rescue the Craft in general from the influence of the taverns. Most working Masons were very desirous their meetings should be free from what he must term the taint of the tavern. As a rule it was not a fit place for Masons to meet in. It certainly had some small amount of bad influence on the brethren; at any rate their wives were happier when Masons met at Masonic Halls. This small work would be a very great success; to his mind it was bound to be so. They could isolate their Masonic meetings and go on with their working without any disturbance. With regard to this locality, it especially required such an establishment, for he thought they had not anything of the kind nearer than a mile off. The Horns was nearly a mile—a most respectable house—but still it was some distance away; but in other directions there was not a good-sized place within from perhaps two to three miles in which general meetings and entertainments could be held.

Bro. Stevens proposed "The Health of the Chairman and Lady Burdett." Having alluded to the high estimation in which he was held by the Masonic world he expressed his gratification at seeing him amongst them on this occasion. He also spoke of the great honour which the Grand Master had conferred upon him in deputing him to be his representative at the laying of this memorial stone.

The Chairman in reply said he felt great difficulty in responding to the toast, which had been so kindly and flatteringly brought forward by Bro. Jas. Stevens. He knew he had done a great deal in Masonry, but still if it had not been for the support he had received from such brethren as Bro. Stevens and other brethren of the Province to which he belonged, he should never have held the office he now did. Masons always supported their Grand Officers, and he himself felt very much flattered by the way in which he had been received and supported, and especially in being then present. He would never forget this event in his life. It would be an event which would be marked in red letters hereafter. He did what he could for Freemasonry, not from the mere simple fact of being brought forward as Provincial Grand Master, but to advance the interests of the Masonic Charities and Masonry in general. If it were not for the Charities, the Order would not be looked upon as anything at all. In the Girls' School there were 128 or 130 girls clothed, educated

and supported, in the Boys' School 146 Boys, and in the Benevolent Institution for old men and women, who had served their time in Masonry, a long list of recipients of bounty on the books. Masons must be proud of what they were doing. Masons not only did this but they had their convivial meetings, all of which tended to the cause of the charities, and he looked on the whole of Masonry as tending towards faith, hope, and charity, and he trusted that every member not only there present but who must be initiated into the order in the grand temple which was going to be erected, would be induced not only to look to his own preferment in the Order, but also to his preferment in the Masonic Charities, that he would be hereafter enabled to wear what was called the Masonic jewel, that individuals only obtained by certain subscriptions to the charities and by assistance given to the charities, which they believed to be the foundation of all Freemasonry. The ladies were not forgotten by the Order, but were upheld as the principal patrons and supporters, and in any case where they could do anything in the Benevolent Institution for ladies connected with the Order to whom anything unfortunate had happened, they always did it. He hoped that none present would think that the Masons were present merely to take part in a ceremony or banquet, or something of that sort, but that they wished by this means to encourage others to come to them, and he hoped assist in the Masonic Charities, and to help those who were really in want. They did not come in their gold collars and aprons merely to show themselves, but for some really good Masonic purpose. Wherever he found the brethren he was happy to meet them, and wherever he met them he found a cordial reception. He also thanked them for their kindness in not forgetting his wife.

Bro. Oliver, in replying to the toast of "The Health of the Builder" said he had done all he possibly could to render this building a success. He and Bro. Clark, the Architect, had been up till twelve o'clock the night before about it, and again at six that morning. He was very much pleased that the affair had gone off so well, and that the Chairman and brethren approved of their efforts. (Cheers.)

The company then separated.

The luncheon was supplied by Messrs. J. and T. Hannan (Littlejohn's), King William-street, City, under the superintendance of their chef, Mr. T. W. Phillips.

PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS TO THE R.W. THE J.G.W. OF ENGLAND.

On Wednesday, the 20th instant, a lodge of emergency was held by command of the W.M. of the St. Oswald Lodge No. 850, in the Lodge-room, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

The lodge was opened in due form at two p.m., by Bro. Hornsey Casson, W.M., P.P.G.O. of Derbyshire, who stated to the brethren present that the special object of their meeting that day was to present the congratulatory address to their acting P.G.M., Bro. Okeover, who, as they all were aware, had lately been raised to the dignity of J.G. Warden of England. For this purpose, he proposed, now, to adjourn the lodge to the Museum, at Okeover, whither, in the name of their R. Worshipful brother, he now had the pleasure to invite all the brethren present.

The Museum had been fitted up by Bro. Okeover as a most convenient and pleasing lodge-room, and when all the brethren were duly assembled, the W.M. resumed the lodge, and the Right Worshipful the Prov. D.G.M. was received with the honour due to his exalted station.

The W.M. then stated to Bro. Okeover the object of their visit, and thanked him in the name of all the brethren for the opportunity he had afforded them of presenting this address at his own house, where so many evidences were afforded, that he and his predecessors had indeed made the "liberal arts and sciences" their special care and study. By command of the W.M.,

Bro. Holland, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., of Derbyshire, rose and said, that as mover of the address from the lodge, it was his pleasing duty first to address the R.W. brother. He was, at the same time, proud and somewhat sad to remember that he was at present the only subscribing member of the St. Oswald lodge who was a member when Bro. Okeover was initiated, now some ten years ago. He would not take up any more valuable time, but simply say that he trusted Bro. Okeover would consider that every word in the address now about to be presented was the heartfelt feeling of every brother in the lodge, and not a mere formal expression of congratulation.

Bro. Lister, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., the seconder of the address, spoke in similar terms.

The Worshipful Master then said that nothing remained to be done, but to beg Bro. Okeover's acceptance of the address of congratulation, which he assured him, speaking as the voice of the whole lodge, was the unanimous expression of the feelings of the brethren. It gave him great pleasure to inform Bro. Okeover that it was signed by every present subscribing member of the lodge, and he could assure the Right Worshipful Bro. that the absence of the few brethren who were not present on that occasion was in every case the result of very urgent and unavoidable circumstances. It would ill become him, in Bro. Okeover's presence to say all that the brethren thought with regard to their newly-honoured D.P.G.M., but he could assure him that had he been present at the lodge when the address was voted, he would at any rate have proved the fallacy of the adage, that listeners never hear any good of themselves. Bro. Okeover had endeared himself to every brother with whom he had come in contact, and he (the W.M.) held up the career of Bro. Okeover as a high example to every young Mason. Well had he carried out all the principles, as taught him by the different degrees through which he had passed. His true Masonic Charity, his cultured mind and devotion to the liberal arts and sciences, and his willingness and desire at all times to lend himself to the instruction and welfare of all his inferior brethren, proved him a just and upright Mason, who had profited by the teaching of each successive degree. In the name of the St. Oswald Lodge, he begged Bro. Okeover's acceptance of the congratulatory address.

Bro. Okeover said that "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," was not literally true in his case, for out of the abundance of his heart at that moment he found it very difficult to speak. He could assure the brethren that nothing in the whole course of his life had ever given him greater feelings of gratification than receiving that kind expression of the congratulations of his brethren. He felt that he was unworthy of the flattering terms in which he had been spoken of that day, but he assured the brethren one and all that the high honours conferred upon him, foremost among which he esteemed that expression of feeling on the part of the brethren of his Mother Lodge, would have the effect of making him more zealous in his Masonic duties, and more anxious to make himself worthy of the good opinion which it gratified him to find the brethren of his province had of him. He could only thank the brethren for the beautifully executed work of art in which their sentiments were expressed, and he could assure them that it would be treasured up by himself and his children as one of the most valued of their heir-looms. After labour comes refreshment, and he hoped that all the brethren present would now adjourn to the dining room, where they would find something which he hoped would prove acceptable to them after their long walk.

The W.M. then thanked their host for his hospitality, which they all accepted with pleasure. The brethren after partaking of an excellent collation, enjoyed a walk through the picture galleries, which contain many well known master pieces, and after spending a most pleasant afternoon adjourned back again to their lodge-room, when the lodge was closed in due form.

The address, which is, in the form of an album is a very beautiful specimen of the highest style

of illumination, it was executed by Messrs. Benson of Derby, and was as follows:—

“To the Right Worshipful Haughton Charles Okeover of Okeover, Esq., D.L. Junior Grand Warden, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire, &c., &c.

“Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,

“We the undersigned, W.M., Past Masters, Wardens, and brethren of the St. Oswald Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masters, No. 850, in regular lodge assembled, having learnt that it has pleased the M.W. the Marquess of Ripon, Grand Master of England, to confer upon you the high office and dignity of a Grand Warden, hasten to convey to you the congratulations of this your Mother Lodge, which has the honour to number you among its Past Masters. We feel assured that all the other lodges in this Province, which has, under your rule as its Deputy Grand Master, made such distinguished progress in Masonry, most cordially share with us the feeling that the honour conferred upon you is but a just reward of the eminent services you have, during the whole of your Masonic career, rendered to Masonry in general, and this Province and lodge in particular, and that we and they are sensible of the high honour which from you reflects upon all over whom you preside.

That it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to grant you life and health long to enjoy the honours and perform the duties of Masonry, and that the rays of Heaven may shine upon you and yours with every blessing is the earnest prayer of Your most obedient servants and attached brethren, J. Hornsby Casson, W.M., P.P.G.O., Derbyshire; J. S. Whitham, I.P.M., P.P.G.S. Bearer, Derbyshire; H. M. Wood, J.W.; W. R. Holland, P.M., J.W., P.P.S.G.W.; and others.

(Signed by every member of the lodge.)

Royal Arch.

CAVEAC CHAPTER (No. 176).—The regular meeting of this Chapter was held at the “Guildhall” Tavern, Gresham-street, City, on Thursday, May 21st, there being present Companions R. S. Foreman, M.E.Z.; T. Quihamp-ton, H.; W. S. Wyman, J.; F. Walters, P.Z., Treas.; P. A. Nairne, P.Z.; C. T. Dorcy, P.Z.; W. Goss; W. J. Stride; P. C. Nixon; J. Hills. The visitors were Companions R. Harland Whiteman, J. 766; G. Lemann, 1st A.S. 79. The minutes were read and confirmed *nem con*. Ballot unanimous in favour of Bro. W. J. Stride, I.G. 176, who was in attendance, and duly exalted into Royal Arch Freemasonry. W. S. Wyman was installed Joshua, a candidate for exaltation and companion for joining were duly proposed. The work was admirably done by Companion M. Scott, P.Z. Business ended, the chapter was closed until October. The banquet, dessert, and coffee followed.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 12, 1874.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, June 6.

- General Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 1412, La Iberia, Hill-road, St. John's Wood. Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew-bridge.
- Manchester Lodge of Instruction (179), Yorkshire Grey, 77, London-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8; Bro. H. Ash, Preceptor.
- Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. G. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, June 8.

- Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction (1445), Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at 7; Bro. T. Austin, Preceptor.
- 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. Gotheil, 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.
- Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Hotel, 325, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, June 9.

- Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
- „ 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
- „ 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hotel, Hammersmith.
- „ 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
- Chap. 857, St. Mark's, Duke of Edinburgh Tavern, Brixton.
- Yarlborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8.
- 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. Crawley, Preceptor.
- 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.
- Percy Lodge of Instruction, Grapes Tavern, Little Windmill-street, W.

Wednesday, June 10.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Lodge 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
- „ 1017, Montefiore, Freemasons' Hall.
- „ 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
- „ 1260, Hervey, Swan Hotel, Walham-green.
- „ 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.
- „ 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping.
- Rose Croix Chap., Grand Metropolitan, Freemasons' Tavern.
- Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.
- 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-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.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- 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.
- Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction (1288), Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, N., at 8. Bro. P. Dickinson, Acting Preceptor.

Thursday, June 11.

- Lodge 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-road, Camberwell.
- Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
- „ 619, Beadon, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.
- K. T. Precep. 117, New Temple, Inner Temple, London.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Angle Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Steam, Preceptor.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.
- Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.
- Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich.
- Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, (749), Coach and Horses, Strand, at 8; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

- Pannure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s; Freemasons' Hall, a 7.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Friday, June 12.

- Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- 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, Precep.
- Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (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. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.
- United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7.
- 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-road, N.W., at 8; Bro. P. M. Wuest, Preceptor.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Rose Tavern, Fulham-road, S.W.
- Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- High Cross Lodge of Instruction (754), Coach & Horses, High Road, Tottenham.
- Union Club of Instruction, Windsor Castle, Victoria Station at 8 p.m.; H. Ash, P.M., Instructor.
- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 13, 1874.

Monday, June 8.

- Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess Room, Preston.
- „ 721, Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row, North Chester, at 5.
- „ 1021, Hartington, Masonic Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
- „ 1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
- Red Cross Conclave of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Tuesday, June 9.

- Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.
- „ 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
- Chap. 613, Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport, at 7.

Wednesday, June 10.

- Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
- „ 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.
- „ 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- „ 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 6.
- Chap. 673, St. John's, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.30.
- St. John's Lodge of Instruction (673), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
- Neptune Lodge of Instruction (1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.

Thursday, June 11.

- Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.
- „ 786, Croxteth United Service, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.
- „ 1035, Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.
- „ 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Patricroft, near Manchester.
- Mariners' Lodge of Instruction (249), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 8.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, June 13, 1874. All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, June 8.

- Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st.
- „ 219, Star, 12, Trongate.
- „ 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st.
- „ 541, Marie Stuart, Masons' Hall, Crosshill.
- „ 205, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.
- „ 307, Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Barrhead.
- „ 503, St. George, Odd Fellows' Hall, Helensburgh.

Tuesday, June 9.

- Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.
- „ 419, Govandale, Portland Hall, Govan.
- „ 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.
- „ 426, Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Renfrew.
- Chap. 69, St. Andrew, 170, Buchanan-st.

Wednesday, June 10.

- Lodge 178, Scotia, 170, Buchanan-st.

333, St George, 213, Buchanan-st.
510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill:
Chap. 117, Partick, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
Red Cross Conclave 114, 213, Buchanan-street.

Thursday, June 11.
Lodge 109, St. Marnock, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.
203, St. John's, 29, Gramsc-street, Airdrie.
290, Dalry, Masonic Hall, Dalry.
Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st.

Friday, June 12.
Lodge 18, Kilwinning, Mission Hall, Dumbarton.
170, St. John, Public Hall, Alexandria.
203, St. John's, Olive Hall, Airdrie.
Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngrad-road.

Saturday, June 13.
179, St. Mungo, London Hotel, Mauchlin.

Advertisements.

Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

The Era Lodge of Mark Masters,

N. 176.

Bro. J. T. Moss, W.M. DESIGNATE.

The Consecration will take place at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Friday, June 12th, at six p.m., Bro. R. W. Little, V.W., G.M.O., assisted by Bros. H. C. Lavender, M.A., P.M., as M.C., and R. Limpus, Organist, will perform the ceremonies of Consecration and installation.

The Banquet will take place at eight o'clock precisely, tickets for which (price one guinea) may be had of Bro. F. Walters, P.G.P., Sec. pro tem, 372, New Cross Road, S.E.

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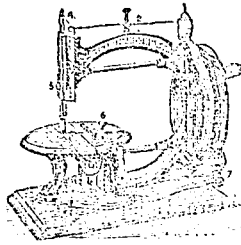
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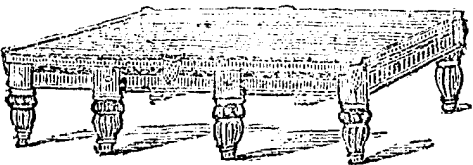
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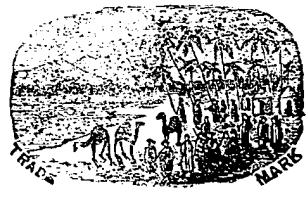
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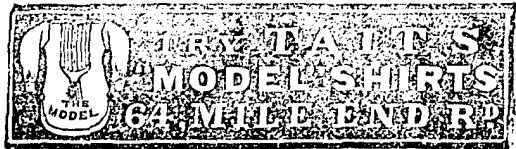
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