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In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, a meeting was held at Southampton, which was largely attended, when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

“That the Lodges and Chapters of the Province and Freemasons generally be solicited to subscribe to a fund, to be appropriated as the Committee shall determine, for the benefit of the Widow of our late lamented Bro. J. R. Stebbing, whose circumstances at the time of his decease render this appeal absolutely necessary.”

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The name of the late Bro. J. R. Stebbing is so well known in all Masonic circles that it seems unnecessary to set forth at length his long and valuable services. For many years he was a constant attendant at Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, assisting the interests of the Brethren and Companions. He was Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes in 1861, 1862 and 1863, and also an active member of the Building Committee of the present Freemasons' Hall, London.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PRESCOT.—*Lodge of Loyalty* (No. 86).—The usual monthly meeting of *Lodge of Loyalty*, No. 86, was held at the King's Arms, Prescott, on Wednesday, 26th ult., and Bro. J. W. J. Fowler, P.M., afterwards called attention to the fact that since their last monthly meeting, Bro. T. Sephton, who for an uninterrupted period of 25 years had been Tyler of the lodge, had been called away by death, after a long and severe illness. The deceased was well known, not only to the members of the old *Lodge of Loyalty*, but to the brethren in this district generally, and until disabled by sickness he was a most efficient officer. On the motion of Bro. Fowler a vote of condolence with the widow and family of the deceased was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to them. Bro. Coward, who for some months past has temporarily discharged the duties of Tyler, was formally appointed to that office for the remainder of the year.

TOTTENHAM.—*High Cross Lodge* (No. 754).—Wednesday, 26th inst., was a red letter day with the members of the *High Cross Lodge*, held at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham. The occasion was fixed for the installation of Bro. J. Maller, the newly-elected W.M., and for the opening of the splendid room, built for the accommodation of the brethren and visitors by Bro. Oddy, the enterprising proprietor of the establishment. The hall is a fine apartment, 42 feet by 29 and 17 feet high, all inside measurement. On Wednesday evening, decorated as it was with choice flowers, and beautifully carpeted, the tables surrounded by nearly ninety brethren, many wearing jewels of the Craft, and the brilliant lighting bringing out all the details, the scene was certainly a very attractive one. The lodge was opened soon after two o'clock. The preliminary business on the agenda having been disposed of, the installation was proceeded with, Bro. J. Linzell, I.P.M., discharging the duties of Installing Master with great ability. The ceremony over, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the year. The next business gave unmixed satisfaction. It was the presentation of a jewel to Bro. T. Cunningham, the Worshipful Master of last year, and the exceedingly cordial manner in which he was greeted, on rising to receive the token of the brethren's esteem, proved that the gift was something more than a mere matter of form. Bro. Cunningham regarded it in that light. He said he was quite sure the jewel had not been presented to him as an empty bauble, but as a sincere expression of the feelings they entertained towards him. He had not occupied the chair during the year of office with full satisfaction to himself. His deficiencies had manifested themselves on various occasions, but helping hands had always been near; and for the services rendered to him, culminating in the beautiful gift that day, he tendered his heartfelt thanks. He had now a very pleasing task to perform. He had been requested to ask Bro. Linzell to accept the full Masonic clothing suitable to his position as a Grand Officer. Some of the brethren, recognising the exertions of Bro. Linzell to increase the prosperity of the *High Cross Lodge* and to benefit Freemasonry

generally, suggested that some slight mark of their appreciation should be offered to him. The idea was warmly taken up; the result was before them; and it was hoped that Bro. Linzell would live many years to wear the articles—indeed, that they would grow rusty in his service. Personally, he (Bro. Cunningham) was much indebted to Bro. Linzell for the aid he had given him during the past year, and therefore made the presentation with increased pleasure. Bro. Linzell (having been invested with the magnificent purple and gold clothing) returned thanks. He had been taken quite unawares. He had not expected any present, and felt proud of such a signal mark of their esteem towards him. Whatever he had done to raise the status of the *High Cross Lodge*, or to further Freemasonry in other directions, not been for his own aggrandisement. He had only been actuated with the desire to add to the comfort and welfare of his fellow men, and if he had succeeded, even to a small extent, the contemplation would afford a sufficient reward for his labours. Still the present was most gratifying to his feelings, and he trusted he should be spared many years to wear it in the discharge of his duties. Bro. Maller presided at the banquet, which was of a very superior character, and nothing was wanted to render it a perfect success. There was a large attendance. The various loyal toasts having been given and received with real Masonic ardour, Bro. Cunningham proposed the health of the W.M., and, referring to the splendid room in which they were assembled, prognosticated a most successful reign to the worthy brother who had succeeded him (the speaker) as the head of the lodge. Bro. Maller responded. He felt proud of having been unanimously elected to the high position he now occupied, and trusted his conduct would justify their choice, and merit their approbation. Next came the health of Bro. George Martin, who had been initiated that evening, and the new member briefly returned thanks. Bro. Linzell then gave the "Visitors," which included many prominent members of the metropolitan and provincial lodges. Cordial hospitality had always been a characteristic of the *High Cross Lodge*, and he had no reason to believe that the feeling would ever change. On behalf of that lodge he gave all the visiting brethren a most hearty welcome. Several of the visiting brethren returned thanks, expressing their high appreciation of the unusually friendly manner in which visitors were always treated at the *High Cross Lodge*, and promising to return favours received whenever opportunity offered. Bro. J. Medcalf expressed himself so pleased with the treatment the *Hertford Lodge* had received that he wished, on their behalf, to offer a Tyler's sword to the *High Cross Lodge*, as a memento of the visit. The gift was accepted. Bro. W. Hall said he was charged by Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School, Wood Green, to express his regret that a long-standing engagement in Dorsetshire prevented his attendance that evening. He (Bro. Hall) was afraid he was not entitled to be described as a "good Mason," but, knowing that, without healthy bodies there could not be healthy minds, he laboured conscientiously as a medical man, to maintain the healthy condition of their bodies. A brother of the *Beadon Lodge* suggested that every Mason should become a life governor of one of the charities connected with the Craft. Bro. Edward Clarke spoke of the public-spirited Bro. Oddy as a man of whom the Craft ought to be proud. He had put his hand into his pockets to the extent of several hundreds of pounds, for the comfort of the brethren of the *High Cross Lodge*, and they had much to be thankful for. There was also a fine Masonic hall at Wood Green, and no parish around London could point to such magnificent rooms as Tottenham now possessed. Wood Green was only a small place, but the members of the *Lewis Lodge* were always ready to give a sincere welcome to any visiting brethren. [A telegram was here received from the *Romford Lodge*, wishing the officers and members of the *High Cross Lodge* health and prosperity, and the *Romford Lodge* received a special toasting for their expressions.] The health of the Past Masters of the *High Cross Lodge* followed, and was acknowledged by Bro. Cunningham, who gave "Bro. Linzell, the Installing Master."

Bro. Linzell returned thanks in suitable terms; and, with reference to the suggestion of the members becoming life governors, observed that the *High Cross Lodge* had always taken great interest in the Masonic charities. Some time ago Bro. Roberts—whose indefatigable exertions on behalf of Masonry were so well known—carried up no less than 29 life governorships, and the *High Cross Lodge* has now a society of its own, through which a life governorship was obtained every month, by the payment of small subscriptions. Again, when a Steward was sent up on behalf of the *Girls' School*, he took with him nearly £100, so that the *High Cross Lodge* could not be accused of neglecting the charities of the Craft. Bro. Roberts subsequently made an effective speech on the general position of the lodge, tracing its establishment and growth up to the present time. He congratulated the members on the progress that had been made; but, having obtained that magnificent room, they must not assume that the climax had been reached. On the contrary, much remained to be done. Tottenham was extending in size and population, and if the members put their shoulders to the wheel, with the sincere intention of advancing Freemasonry, the time would come when even the large hall in which they were assembled would be found too limited for the accommodation of the brethren. Bro. Cunningham proposed the "Health of Bro. Oddy," making special reference to his enterprise and kindness in building the new room for the accommodation of the *High Cross Lodge*. He was ever anxious to conduce to the comfort of those with whom he was associated, and his last effort had been most successfully inaugurated that evening. Bro. Oddy acknowledged the toast. He intimated his desire at all times to secure the comfort and pleasure of the brethren, and assured them that it would be his ambition, from time to time, to merit their good wishes. As regarded the new room, he had been his own architect and builder, so that, if there were any faults, they rested with himself, and did not attach to any other individual. Other toasts followed, and the most successful meeting ever held under the auspices of the *High Cross Lodge* was brought to a satisfactory termination.

LIVERPOOL.—*Hamer Lodge* (No. 1393).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 25th ult., at the Clarence Hotel, Everton-road, Liverpool, Bro. R. H. Evans, W.M., presiding. The following officers and brethren were also present:—Bros. John Jones, I.P.M.; Henry Jackson, S.W.; John McCarthy, J.W.; Edward Dutch, S.D.; Thomas Large, J.D.; R. Price, I.G.; C. Tyrer, Treas.; and E. Wilson, Sec. Among the visitors were Bros. J. S. Russell, W.M. 292; O. R. Jones, 15; J. Vaughan, S.D. 86; J. Thomas, 203; T. Robinson, 249; T. H. Bibby, 673; J. Boyle, 823; Thomas Churton, 823; J. Whites, 1035; A. Wylin, 1264; and others. The business on the programme was of an extensive character, six brethren being raised, two initiated, two joining members elected, and several gentlemen proposed for membership. At the conclusion of the business the W.M. presented Bro. John Jones, I.P.M., with a life governorship in the *West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution*, and an elegant marble timepiece, together with a pair of statuettes in bronze. The time piece bore the following inscription:—Presented to Bro. John Jones, I.P.M., by the officers and members of the *Hamer Lodge* No. 1393, as a token of their appreciation of his valuable services, Masonic ability, and private worth." The presentation was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Jones.

DAWLISH.—*Salem Lodge* (No. 1443).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 26th ult., at the Town Hall, Dawlish, and was interesting as being the completion of the first year of its existence. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Short, W.M., assisted by his officers. After some routine business and balloting for several brethren as members, Mr. W. Discombe was introduced and initiated. The work was admirably done by the W.M. The chair was then occupied by Bro. T. C. Hallett, I.P.M. No. 303, Ben-volent, Teignmouth; and Bro. S. Loram, S.W., was presented to receive the benefit of installation.

Having been obligated, a board of Installed Masters was formed, amongst whom we observed the W.M., Bro. J. Mills, P.G.O., P.M. 1125, Tiverton; Bro. Wellsman, P.M. 858, South Middlesex, and Bro. Bodley, P.M. 39, St. John Baptist. The ceremony was performed in a faultless manner, the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, being given in a manner we have rarely heard surpassed. The W.M. appointed as his officers W. Ball, S.W.; G. B. Avant, J.W.; J. S. Whidborne, Treasurer and S.D.; H. L. Friend, Secretary; R. B. Ferris, J.D.; H. Hatchet, I.G. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at Bro. Ball's, in the Strand. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in excellent taste by the W.M., and in proposing "The Health of the P.G.M." a graceful allusion was made to the visit of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the honour it had conferred on the Province. In the course of the evening a handsome jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Short, who returned thanks in a characteristically modest speech.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—*Star Lodge* (No. 219) held their regular meeting on Monday, August 10th, Bro. J. Wilson, R.W.M., presiding. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors, the work consisted of one raising, which was ably performed by Bro. Wm. Phillips, R.W.M., of the new Lodge Clydesdale, and two passings, at which ceremony Bro. Bain, P.M. of 103 presided.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mary's Lodge* (No. 102).—met in their own hall, Buchanan-street, on the 10th inst. Bro. J. Mitchell, R.W.M.; J. Watson, D.M.; W. Gladsten, S.W.; J. Jameson, J.W.; Wm. Nelson, Sec. Visitors—Bros. Bell, and R. Grange, 3½; Basnett, 27; G. Weston, R.W.M.; Wheeler, Sec. of 73; J. Park, 137; J. Stuart, 408; and several others. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, and Bro. R. Murray having proved his proficiency therein, and being entrusted with the reward of merit, on the lodge being raised to the second degree, he was passed as a Fellow Craft by the R.W.M., who, on the conclusion of the ceremony, told the brethren that as a rule he objected to refreshment, but on this occasion if they would retire to the adjacent room, he should like as many as possible to stop to do honour to Bro. the Rev. G. Gordon Cuchrachan, who after an absence of 18 years in America, had come back to-night to re-visit this his mother lodge. This having been agreed to, at the subsequent meeting, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. G. Western, R.W.M. 73, replying on behalf of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The R.W.M. then proposed the "Health of their guest, Bro. the Rev. G. Gordon Cuchrachan," who they were pleased to welcome again to his mother lodge. The Rev. brother expressed his pleasure at receiving so cordial a welcome; he had that day been telling his son, that he was a stranger in his native city. 20 years ago, when he walked up the principal streets, he had every five minutes to acknowledge the salutation of some acquaintance; now he had passed the streets three days without needing to bow once; but to-night the kindly greeting, not only of the sons of his mother lodge, but also of her visitors, told him that a brother Mason was never a stranger, and by the contrast he appreciated it the more. He then dwelt on the extension of the Masonic spirit in America, not only in the Craft lodges, but in chapters and commanderies. "The Masonic Press" having been given, Bro. Basset replied for the *News*, and Bro. Wheeler for *The Freemason*. He said that he attributed the satisfactory progress of the Masonic Orders in America, of which their brother had been speaking, to the greater number of Masonic publications that they supported. This opinion was fully corroborated by the Rev. brother. Bro. Wm. Bell, of 3½, responded for the visitors, G. Western, R.W.M. 73, proposed "Prosperity to Lodge St. Mark 102," speaking highly of the work he had that night seen them perform. Bro. Mitchell gracefully acknowledged the compliment, and then gave the "Parting Toast."

GLASGOW.—*St. Andrew's Chapter* (No. 69)—met on Tuesday, 11th inst., Comp. T. D. Humphries, Dr. Ph., Z, presiding. A lodge of Mark Masters was opened, and Bro. W. L. Ensor, of Lodge Tinwald, 1243, was affiliated, after which a Lodge of Excellent Masters was opened by T. D. Humphries, as M.E.M.; G. W. Wheeler, S.W.; J. G. Herron, S.W.; when Comp. Park, Z. 122, conferred that degree on Bro. Ensor. A Royal Arch Chapter was then opened, Comp. Humphries, Z.; G. Heron, H.; Wm. Blackward, J. Oliver, S.E.; John Buchanan, acting N.; Wm. Thomas, T.; G. W. Wheeler, acting First S.; D. Pash, Second S.; D. B. Fleming, Third S. Visitor, J. Tweed, 73. Bro. Ensor was then duly exalted by Comp. Park to the Holy Royal Arch Degree.

GLASGOW.—*St. Mungo Encampment* (No. 1729).—An emergency meeting was held on Wednesday, August 12th, to confer the degree on Comps. Wm. Ledger, Ensor, J.P., of Dublin. The encampment was opened at 5 p.m. by Sir Knight R. Bell, the M.N.C., assisted by Sir Knights G. W. Wheeler, Recorder, acting as Prelate; D. B. Fleming, C.C.; J. Buchanan, S.C.; T. Leuttit, J.C.; G. B. Adams, first A. de C.; and Wm. Blackwood, W. The encampment was favoured by the presence of two distinguished visitors, Sir Knight George Kenning, P.P. of 48, Kemeys Tynte Preceptory, England, and Sir Knight Edwin Humphries, of the De Molay Commandery, Massachusetts. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, Sir Knight Wheeler expressed a hope that the visitors and the newly Installed Sir Knight would kindly overlook any shortcomings, as it being an emergency meeting, and all the regular officers absent but the Commander and himself. It had not been performed with that precision they could have wished. Sir Knight Ensor thought the ceremony had been perfect, it had left an impression on his mind that would never be eradicated. Sir Knights Kenning and Humphries expressed the pleasure they had experienced in having an opportunity of visiting a Knight Templar Encampment in Scotland, and in seeing their mode of working.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL GREAT PRIORY OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

This Provincial Great Priory met at Dudley, on the 21st ult., in the Preceptory of Richard de Vernon, when the late Provincial Sub-Prior, Sir Knight A. H. Royds (Provincial Great Prior of Lancashire), presided, in the absence of the Provincial Great Prior of Worcestershire, Sir Knight H. C. Vernon. The routine business of the Priory was transacted, and, on the resignation of office by Sir Knight A. H. Royds, Sir Knight R. Woof, F.S.A., Past Grand Chamberlain, and past Deputy Grand Commander of Canada, was appointed Deputy Provincial Great Prior of Worcestershire. Other officers of the Priory were appointed, and the report of a committee on the subject of new bye-laws was received.

MASONIC CHURCH RESTORATION.—The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the porch of Swanscombe Church, Kent, which is being restored by the Erasmus Wilson Lodge, No. 1464, was performed on Saturday afternoon by Professor Erasmus Wilson, the W.M. of the lodge. Swanscombe parish is in a pretty part of the country between Dartford and Gravesend, and bordering on the high road from London to Canterbury, and both the neighbourhood and the old church are rich in historic relics and associations. Professor Wilson was born at Greenhithe, and he has shown his regard for his native place by contributing over £2000 towards the general work of restoring the church. The ceremony was performed with full Masonic honours, and the guests of the Greenhithe Lodge included his Imperial Highness Prince Rhodocanakis, Grand Master of Greece, who wore the scarf of the 33rd degree, and several of the Grand Officers of the Province of Kent.

Bro. Haigh, of Regent-street, took an excellent photo, at an interesting point of the proceedings.

Bro. H. E. Knight, Worshipful Master of the Mount Moriah Lodge, 34, has been unanimously elected Alderman for the Ward of Cripplegate.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England met on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, M.B., Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, on the Throne. He was supported by Bros. Hugh D. Sandeman, District Grand Master of Bombay, as Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Major-General Brownrigg, Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, as Past Grand Master; Lord Henry Thynne, M.P., Senior Grand Warden; F. Patterson, as Junior Grand Warden; and a very full lodge of members from all parts of the kingdom.

Grand Lodge having been opened, the Grand Secretary (Bro. John Hervey) rose and said—Most Worshipful Acting Grand Master, I have got a letter from the Most Worshipful Grand Master to lay before the Grand Lodge, which I have received with great regret, and which I am sure will be received with dismay by every member of the Grand Lodge. I do not know sir, that it will be necessary for me to preface the letter by any further observations, and with your permission, I will read it to Grand Lodge. It is dated from Nopton Hall, Lincolnshire, Sept. 1, 1874.—

"Dear Grand Secretary—I have to inform you that I find myself unable any longer to discharge the duties of Grand Master, and that it is therefore necessary that I should resign that office into the hands of the members of Grand Lodge. With the expression of my grateful thanks for the favours which I have ever received from them, and of my regret for any inconvenience which my retirement may cause to them,—I remain, yours faithfully, "RIFON."

The reading of this letter caused the most profound sensation and astonishment in Grand Lodge, and for some moments a dead silence prevailed.

Bro. Æneas J. M'Intyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, rose and said: Most Worshipful Acting Grand Master—I can assure you and Grand Lodge that it is with feelings of the deepest sorrow that I rise for the purpose of proposing a resolution which I feel confident Grand Lodge will adopt, because they have no alternative but to adopt the resolution which I am about to propose. We all of us must feel exceedingly sorrowful that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, who had presided over the destinies of the Craft with such very great credit to himself, and with such great advantage to our Order, should for reasons which must be most cogent, although I am unacquainted with what those reasons are—but I do know this, that they are entirely unconnected with the noble Order to which we belong—has felt it incumbent upon him to resign the high post which he has held with such distinguished honour, and to which, no doubt, he would have been re-elected from year to year by the body over which he has presided so long and so well. Deeply as we regret the step which the Grand Master has felt it his duty to take, we must know—all who know him so well and love him so dearly—that he never would have taken that step unless there had been reasons so cogent to his mind, and therefore to our minds, as should induce him to lay his resignation before us. Into those reasons I am perfectly confident that there is no brother throughout this great Order to which we belong would seek to pry with impertinent curiosity. (Hear, hear.) The Grand Master has his own reasons for resigning. We can only express our deep regret that he feels bound to take that course, and on departing from us as our chief, let us recollect this—that whilst he presided over us he did everything that was for the honour of the Order to which we all belong, the advantage of the Craft, and with the greatest credit to the high office which he held. Then, brethren, I think, accepting as we must do, and that is what I now move, that the resignation of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master be accepted by this Grand Lodge with the deepest feelings of regret, and in hope that in his retirement from among us we shall still be able to look upon him, as we have done in years gone by, as a bright ornament of this great Craft over which he presided. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, in seconding the motion, said it would be a great pleasure to his

lordship to know that he retired from his office with the esteem and love of every brother who belonged to the Order, and he might reiterate what was said, that they would still have the pleasure of his presence amongst them.

The Acting Grand Master, in putting the motion, said, if he expressed his own feelings, which were feelings of regret, he was sure they would be responded to most heartily. When the Grand Secretary read the Grand Master's letter, the feelings produced on his mind were those of the deepest sorrow and regret. (Hear, hear.) He could not possibly doubt, knowing as he did the character and conduct, the high conduct, of their late Grand Master, that he must have the most cogent reasons for adopting the plan that he had pursued: They would not think of prying into his reasons—his lordship had merely placed in their hands again that trust which they had so confidently reposed in him, and which they knew and felt he had carried out so as to gain the approbation and respect of every individual in the whole of this kingdom and every lodge under the English Constitution—certainly every member of this Grand Lodge. He (Bro. Huyshe) had no right to say a word more, and he thought he would best consult their feelings, as well as he certainly should consult his own, by merely saying he put it to them to carry the motion which had been proposed by Bro. McIntyre, and seconded by Bro. Stewart—that the resignation of the Grand Master be accepted, though in terms of the deepest regret.

The motion having been carried unanimously,

The Grand Secretary again rose and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master—I have now to read a letter I have received from the Deputy Grand Master, The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon. It is dated Highclere Castle, Newbury, 1st September, 1874. It is as follows:

"Dear Sir and Brother—I have within the last twenty-four hours learned the intended resignation of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. In common with the Craft I deeply regret it, but am bound to accept his decision. Under the circumstances the government of the Craft, as provided for in the Constitutions, devolves on His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, if he will accept the office. I hope His Royal Highness will be pleased to do so; but if otherwise, then the duty will devolve on me to take the necessary steps for the election of new Grand Master. Pending the great and serious inconvenience which any lengthened period between the resignation of one Grand Master and the election of his successor must need be, and desiring as far as possible to abridge it, I will, if called upon, give instructions for the summoning of special meetings of the Grand Lodge for the nomination and election of a Grand Master at as early dates as are convenient and practicable. I greatly regret that very important business prevents my attendance in Grand Lodge tomorrow evening.—I remain, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally.

"CARNARVON."

The Grand Secretary, having read the section from the Book of Constitutions applicable to the case, said it would now become necessary to appoint three members of Grand Lodge to wait upon and invite the Prince of Wales, as Past Grand Master, to act until a new election took place.

Bro. Tomkins, Grand Treasurer, after again expressing the feeling mentioned as entertained by the former speakers, of regret at the Grand Master's resignation, proposed that the Earl of Carnarvon (Deputy Grand Master), Bro. John Havers (Past Grand Warden), and Bro. Æneas J. M'Intyre (Grand Registrar) be deputed to wait upon his Royal Highness for the purpose.

Bro. John M. Clabon seconded the motion, which was put, and carried unanimously; Bro. Thomas Meggy first observing that, whereas it had been said by a previous speaker, that they had no alternative but to elect his Royal Highness, they would be most pleased to see his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at the head of the Craft.

The motion was then carried unanimously.

Bro. Havers also expressed the pleasure which the Grand Lodge would have in being presided over by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales,

and, in the absence of Lord Carnarvon, accepted the office of one of the committee to wait upon the Prince of Wales. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

The Acting Grand Master then said—It now devolves upon me to do what, I deeply regret to say, of course the Grand Master could not do, but it falls upon me to propose to you a resolution which stands upon the minutes here as coming from himself. I have therefore this resolution, which he himself has written, and which I will read to you as coming from himself. I am perfectly sure, when I say that, coming from the late Grand Master of England, you will receive it with that feeling of homage and deference which you always have paid to every word that proceeded from his lips. I am sure, therefore it will receive at your hands a most cordial acceptance. The resolution I have to propose is this—"That this Grand Lodge desires to express the sincere regret entertained by all the members of the Craft at the loss it has sustained by the death of the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., G.C.B., Past Deputy Grand Master, and to record on its minutes its high appreciation of the very eminent services rendered to Freemasonry by the late noble brother during a very lengthened period."

Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, District Grand Master of Bombay: Most Worshipful Grand Master—This proposition you have just made comes under the category of many propositions which really only require seconding as a matter of form. Long speeches are obviously unnecessary in any case where apology or advocacy are not required. There must be many in this hall who have worked as Freemasons with the late Earl of Dalhousie, who knew him in his old days as Lord Panmure—probably before that as Fox Maule—and I think that there is no one in this Grand Lodge who would have the boldness to say that they have ever known any man whose heart was more entirely devoted to Masonry than was the late Earl of Dalhousie. Most Worshipful Grand Master, I would not like to make any further remarks, because I feel I should be in danger of making a long speech, after I have said that a long speech is unnecessary. I think that no words are necessary in this case, and I will therefore second the resolution.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

The Acting Grand Master again rose and said—I have now a further resolution emanating from the late Grand Master of England, similar in many respects to the last; but in this respect it differs, for we have to pass a vote of condolence with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who have lost, in the decease of our late friend and brother the Earl of Dalhousie, a Past Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. I therefore propose the following motion—"Resolved, that this Grand Lodge also expresses its sincere condolence on the decease of the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie, K.T., G.C.B., Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland"—a brother not only eminent in the Craft, in which he had performed signal services, but who, by his sterling good sense and uncompromising honesty of purpose, had endeared himself to the whole of the fraternity, and whose work and exertions in the cause of Freemasonry were always highly appreciated. You all know that we owe a great debt of gratitude to our sister Grand Lodge of Scotland, and that we shall not allow an opportunity of this kind to pass by without offering our deep and fraternal regards on the great misfortune which has befallen her. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. H. D. Sandeman seconded the motion.

This motion was also carried, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to the transaction of other Masonic business.

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EARLY GRAND ENCAMPMENT, SCOTLAND.

The quarterly convention of the Grand Council of the E. G. Encampment was held on Saturday, the 29th ultimo., at the Sun Hotel, Kilmarnock. The various E. G. Encampments were well represented, attributable, no doubt, to the annual election of Grand Officers, which takes place at the quarterly assembly of Grand Council. The Encampment being opened by the retiring M.N.C., Sir Knight Pollock, of Newmilns, who in relinquishing the commandery through declining health, does not again seek election. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring Commander for the very able manner he has discharged his sometimes arduous duties during the year, and that his health would be entirely restored by a change of climate, so that his services might again be had by the E. G. Encampment.

Sir Knt. Pollock in a neat and appropriate speech thanked the Sir Knts. for the kind manner they had spoken of him, and regarding his services to the E. G., he would only say that he considered it his duty, and the duty of every Commander to work faithfully for the benefit of the E. G. If the G. A. of the Universe should spare him, he did not doubt but that he would place himself at their disposal again.

Before proceeding with the election Comp. Dr. A. Cameron, who attended, was duly dubbed a Sir Knight of the Temple, by Sir Knt. Com. Martin, of Ayr, in his usual faultless style, thereafter the election commenced. The Sir Knights who were nominated being Sir Knights Dr. A. Cameron, of Glasgow, and J. Hodge, of Kilmarnock. The ballot being proceeded with, it was found that Sir Knt. Hodge, of Kilmarnock, was duly elected, having the majority of votes recorded in his favour.

The newly elected Most Noble Commander, Sir Knt. Hodge, was received by the assembled Sir Knights with acclamation, and passed under an "arch of steel." The interesting ceremony of installation was proceeded with, the officiating Commanders Pollock and Martin accomplishing the beautiful ceremony in a masterly manner. The other Grand Officers who were likewise installed, were Sir Knight Pollock, of Stewarton, as Deputy Grand Com., Sir Knight Martin, Grand Treasurer, and Sir Knight Clark, Kilmarnock, Grand Secretary.

The new Most Noble Commander, Sir Knight Hodge, having ascended the Throne, "more Majorum," addressed the assembled Sir Knights as follows—Most Noble Knights, the position you have placed me in, a position far above what I am properly qualified to fill, and for which great honour I beg sincerely to thank you. I cannot at this moment adequately convey to you my feelings, standing as I do in the most honourable position, as Grand Commander of the E. G. Encampment in Scotland. I need not observe that my services at all times will be placed at your disposal, that by untiring energy in the faithful discharge of those duties connected with my office, to merit from you that esteem and reliance my position requires. I only hope we may proceed as we have commenced, so that our relationship in the end, will have been profitable to all parties.

The Sir Knights thereafter adjourned to a cold collation.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The August meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday, 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. There was but a small attendance on this occasion, most of the brethren being out of town. Bro. Richard Spencer, V.P., took the chair, and was supported Bros. T. F. Peacock, Griffiths Smith, Thomas W. White, Jesse Turner, H. Massey (Freemason), and R. Wentworth Little, Secretary.

The business before the Committee was merely formal, and after cheques had been signed for £1027 10s. 11d., and a notice of motion had been received as to a gratuity of 15 guineas to Miss Kernot, who discharged the duties of matron during Miss Jarwood's illness, the brethren adjourned.

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The Freemason,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1874.

RESIGNATION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

Our many readers will share in the regret and astonishment with which Grand Lodge heard, on Wednesday evening, the announcement of the Marquess of Ripon's resignation of the Grand Mastership. As our distinguished brother gives no other reason, in his letter to the Grand Secretary, but that he "finds himself unable any longer to discharge the duties of Grand Master," we can only record the event, adding to it the expression of our heartfelt sorrow at such a separation from our noble and excellent brother. No Grand Mastership has ever opened with fairer promise of permanent well-being and successful administration, and we deeply deplore the loss of so able, and so high-minded a Master. We shall recur to the subject in our next. It will be seen by the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, that, in accordance with the Book of Constitution, our royal brother the Prince of Wales is to be requested, by a deputation of three of our most distinguished brothers, to act as Grand Master until the annual election.

THE SECRECY OF FREEMASONRY.

We said in a previous article, that, we should recur to the question of the "secrecy" of Freemasonry, as one of the great objections made against Freemasonry is, that it is a secret society. We therefore think it well to return to the subject to-day, and would call the attention of our readers, to a very able letter in another part of our impression, bearing on the same subject. That Freemasonry is and professes to be a secret society, is a fact which "nobody can deny."

But "non constat," that because we are a secret society, that therefore we are a bad society, or hurtful institution, or objectionable organization. In order to prove so sweeping an assertion, our opponents, who object to secrecy so much, and are fond of saying, "if there was any real good in Freemasonry it would not be kept secret," must go on to prove, that, all secrecy, and all secret societies, "ipso facto," by the very nature of the case, are utterly wrong—wrong that is alike objectively and subjectively, in the abstract and in the concrete. In the mouth of our Roman Catholic opponents, such arguments come with a very bad grace indeed. What are we to say, of their own secret society the "Jesuit Order"? On their own principles it is radically bad, utterly wrong and indefensible. Those of us who have given any attention to the history of the Jesuits, know well that "secrecy" is the foundation on which their whole organization depends. I leave out of the question the "Secreta Monita" to-day, but plenty of evidence is forthcoming, to prove that they have a secret proposition, a secret probation, a secret reception, a secret obligation, and secret "counsels." So much so is this the fact, that, as the Jesuits are also divided into classes or degrees, some writers have foolishly endeavoured to prove them to be a Masonic Order. And what are we to say of the secrets of the confessional? What of the secret conclave? Many other points of secrecy might be brought forward, in the Romish system, which as it seems to us, render the position of our Roman Catholic assailants untenable, as, on their own arguments, secret societies of all kind are ipso facto bad! If our Roman Catholic opponents reply, we fall back on the decision of Roman councils, and of Papal rescripts, by which secret societies are condemned, our answer is: granted, that you have a right to forbid your own laity joining secret societies, you can have no right to dictate to us. But before you even do so with your own "fideles," before that you excommunicate many of your most faithful sons, just remember the good old adage, "people who live in glass houses, should not throw stones," and be consistent as regards all secret societies, which you denounce as wrong, quâ secret societies. Assailants like Mr. Kerr, who base their objections against Freemasonry as a secret society, must, we presume alike take up the position, that all secret societies are bad in themselves! Mr. Kerr quotes a scripture text to prove his point, but we need hardly add, that, it is one of those violent and unworthy adaptations, which reflect little credit either on the moral honesty of the writer, or on the skill and truth of his "exegesis." "Come thou not into their secret," was never meant to be applied to the Masonic body. Thus then, we have to meet two classes of objections to secrecy as a characteristic of an Order like ours, and we will take them "seriatim." The Roman Catholic, forgetful of the beam in his own eye, sees only the mote that is in a Freemason's eye, and ignoring the fact that secrecy is not unknown to his own religious body, condemns us on that very ground! But in order to do so, as between man and man, and on moral grounds, he has in the first place to demonstrate clearly, that all secrecy

is objectionable, and all secret societies irredeemably bad. But unfortunately for him, not only can he not safely lay down such a premise, but the whole history of the Christian Religion is against him, even on this very point. What was the *Disciplina Arcani*? It is an undoubted fact, that, in the early history of Christianity, its religious teaching, and its most sacred rites were sedulously guarded from the intrusion and presence of the profane, and practised and taught in secret! If the mere fact of "secrecy" then be objectionable, the objection must forcibly apply to the earliest developments of Christianity itself, but the truth is, such a proposition cannot be accepted as an "universal," and the whole question of "secrecy" turns not upon secrecy really at all, but upon the object for which secrecy is used and maintained. States have a right, and it is their bounden duty to object to, and "surveiller," to use a French word, all secret societies whose real aim and end they deem to be incompatible either with the liberty of the subject, or the safety of the public. States have often to interfere with secret political societies, which use the cloak of secrecy, either to hatch treasonable movements, or to promulgate seditious principles, in the body politic. And no sane person, above all no true Freemason, ever does or can approve of such societies, or aid them, or abet them, or take part in their proceedings, or be affiliated to them, because they are in themselves opposed to the true teaching of the moral duty of all patriotic citizens, and because they are condemned by the laws of the country to which we belong, or where we for the moment reside. In their case secrecy is bad, most bad, "per se," and all such secret political associations, which seek to promote aims, or inculcate teaching, adverse to the peace and order and safety of society, or which are condemned, either "nominatim," or by the common law of the land, are to be shunned and to be disavowed by all honest men, and loyal citizens wherever they may be. But Freemasonry, though a secret society, is not obnoxious, in England, to the laws of the State, on the contrary, is expressly excepted by the legislature from enactments bearing on secret societies. Our secrecy is therefore recognised by the law, and is admitted, by this very recognition, to be alike harmless and legal. What, then, can any one really say against Freemasonry on this score? It is recognised by the State, is excepted by name from the operation of an act directed against secret political societies, its non-political character is fully admitted and it is notorious as before the world, that whatever its secrecy may cover, whatever its secret tenets may be, it is a society whose object and end are not hurtful, but beneficial to society and to mankind. And then, as we know, in England, our Order is made up of of the highest and best in our land, in association with all classes of our fellow-countrymen. When we remember that men of the most exalted position, the noblest birth, the best education, the most true moral worth, are happy to avow themselves to be Freemasons, how idle, how worse than idle, how utterly childish is the objection, alike of our unreasoning Roman Catholic and Presbyterian assailants that we are a secret

political society, that our secrecy is in itself wrong, and lays our Order open to serious doubts and objections, that we must have some unworthy motives for retaining such secrecy, and that we are, in some mysterious way or the other, at the bottom of much of the mischief that goes on in the world. We can afford to smile at our impugners, to shrug our shoulders at such imbecile attacks, and leaving our public works and acts to tell to others what our true principles are, we can safely maintain, without a doubt or a fear, that secrecy which time and tradition have thrown around our Order, and which we have inherited to-day from others, who, in their generation upheld with unwavering fidelity and devotion in all of secret organization and power, the unchanging tenets and constitution of our peaceable and loyal and world-wide Order. There are many other collateral issues, raised by these questions, which we shall propose to consider, ere long, at some convenient season.

THE PLYMOUTH QUESTION.

The correspondence which we publish to-day shows how much of doubt there still exists as to the facts of the case. Before any clear opinion can be formed or conclusion come to, we must ascertain, what is the correct state of affairs. Now it appears to us that the first point is to ascertain who actually laid down as a regulation, like a law of the Medes and Persians, that our soldier brethren must appear in "black coats, &c.?" Then the next question, was there any military prohibition of our soldier brethren marching in the procession. "Soldier Freemason" says the Major-General commanding at Plymouth only objected to the non-commissioned officers being ignored, and would not have objected to their appearing in uniform. Bro Col. Elliott says they were prohibited by the "Queen's Regulations," and "Leo" says that he knows that the Major-General commanding at Plymouth forbade them to appear altogether, and would not alter his decision. What, then, are the true facts of the case? When we have them, we can arrive perhaps at a proper conclusion as regards the whole subject.

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.]

THE ROYAL VISIT TO PLYMOUTH.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your report of the Masonic reception of H.R.H the Prince of Wales there were one or two inaccuracies, which I trust you will allow me to correct.

In the first place your reporter's estimate of the number of brethren present was far short of the mark. 1800 would have been a poor number indeed for the provinces of Devon and Cornwall to put into the field; the actual number was 2600 at least. Unfortunately we were not counted as we filed out of the Military Barracks, but we know that the procession was 700 yards in length; and again, the whole of the 2500 seats provided in the Guildhall were occupied, while quite 100 brethren had to stand all the time. From both these sources we find that 2600 is certainly within the total of those present on the auspicious occasion.

Again, you say "the route was well kept by the police." Now this was shamefully done, or

rather, was not done at all, for throughout the line of march the procession was seriously inconvenienced by the spectators crowding upon it, the police making no effort, except here and there, to keep the people back.

Let me pass on now to your account of the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon, held at Plymouth on the 14th inst.

I was very glad to read Bro. Wood's remarks about the exclusion of the military brethren from the Masonic procession. The blame, however, does not rest on the committee of management, but on the military authorities. I was sorry, however, to see such a thorough soldier as Bro. Col. Elliott make so grave a mistake as to say that the prohibition, (which emanated from the General in command of the Western district—not from the Commander-in-Chief) was in compliance with the "Queen's Regulations." There is nothing whatever in those regulations bearing upon the subject. Soldiers of all grades are forbidden to institute or take part in processions for party or political purposes, but most certainly Masonic gatherings do not come under that head. The prohibition was most unjustifiable, and can only be characterised as a tyrannical act on the part of the chief military authority at Plymouth, which was excessively galling to to our gallant and worthy brethren, especially to the Royal Marines, for their commanding officer, knowing there was nothing in the code militaire to prevent it, had sanctioned their joining the procession. Great dissatisfaction was felt and expressed by all present who knew the state of affairs, and H.R.H. was disappointed (being a soldier himself) at the marked absence of the military element. Your Correspondent "Soldier Freemason" is quite wrong in supposing that a slur was cast upon our military brethren, for it was the fiat of the Major-General that stood in the way, and I am in a position to state that several attempts were made to induce him to withdraw his prohibition (but without success) by those who have the welfare of the non-commissioned officers at heart, and of whom I am proud to consider myself one.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

LEO.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your correspondent "Soldier Freemason" is evidently not aware that it is a distinct military offence to appear in a public Masonic procession in uniform. The offence is appearing improperly dressed, and the punishment very heavy. Commanding officers look upon an apron or collar worn over a tunic much the same as a billycock hat, worn instead of a forage cap. An instance occurred at Dover, three or four years ago, which would show your correspondent what an escape he has had, and how thankful he ought to be that the regulations he complains of were laid down. He allows himself that the Major-General Commanding disapproved, and although he asserts that the Major-General would have consented for once, he does not bring any proof to show that this was known by the Devon and Cornwall Prov. Grand Lodges.

Yours fraternally,

P.G.D.

To the Editor of The Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your impression of the 22nd Aug. you report, respecting the Royal visit to Plymouth, that the non-commissioned officers who are Freemasons, were prevented from appearing in the procession as soldiers, and you insert a letter from "Soldier Freemason," who appears much hurt that he with others were degraded and insulted, and alluded to the unfortunate affair respecting Father Cuffe's conduct, which was most reprehensible, as regards his treatment of Armourer-Sergeant Johnstone.

It is not, I think, very good taste to compare the conduct of the Romish Priest with that of the Major-General commanding in Plymouth—for red-tape has nothing to do with it.

Bro. Col. Elliott said "he was in a position to state that the order emanated from the Commander-in-chief, and that it was in compliance with the 'Queen's Regulations,' which prohibited non-commissioned officers from taking any part

in public demonstrations." Now, if "Soldier Freemason" is a true and loyal subject of Her Majesty the Queen and a true and faithful Freemason, he must not be angry at being kept from joining the Freemasons on that occasion, for he has declared, both as a soldier and a Freemason, that he will submit to all lawful authority. I trust, therefore, that "Soldier Freemason" will withdraw his remarks made in your paper, and that he will take the earliest opportunity to visit his own lodge, or a neighbouring lodge, as speedily as possible, and with manly boldness, as a British soldier, state he was wrong.

I also think, for the unity of the Craft, you should withdraw your note at the end of the letter of "Soldier Freemason." I think, had the matter been carefully thought over, the letter would never have been sent to *The Freemason*.

The law of the land forbids a Clerk in Holy Orders in the Established Church to become a Member of Parliament. I might say it is a hard thing to have such a restraint put upon me, but I never for a moment look upon it as a grievance. So our dear brother "Soldier Freemason" should not feel it a hardship to obey his Commander-in-chief, being sure that the regulation must be a wise one, though neither he nor I know the reason why. He cannot, however, take it as anything personal to himself, nor to his comrades in the army.

AUGUSTUS A. BAGSHAW,

P.G.S.W. AND P.P.G.CH. DERBYSHIRE:

[We cannot agree with our excellent Bro. Bagshaw's view of the case; on the contrary, as our leader last week shows, feel that the question deserves to be thoroughly ventilated.]

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the name of the military brethren of Plymouth, I beg to tender you their grateful thanks for the very kind manner in which you advanced our cause, the more so as we are suffering from what we consider a very great slight, as well as a deprivation of the great pleasure of meeting our Royal Brother at the Prov. Grand Lodge. That the Major General commanding this district was not averse to our taking part in the procession in uniform, is, I find, fully borne out by the fact that he sanctioned the Band of the Royal Artillery appearing in the procession and marching from Millbay Barracks, to the Guildhall, which it did, as well as the Band of the South Devon Militia.

If at the Prov. Grand Lodge Bro. Col. Elliott had answered the question fairly, he should have said that "officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers, are forbidden to institute, or take part in any meetings, demonstrations, or processions for party or political purposes, in barracks, quarters, camp, or elsewhere," and not have put it off on non-commissioned officers and soldiers; he should have quoted fairly or not at all.

But it seemed all of a piece. The soldiers were not wanted to spoil by their uniforms the respectability of the procession. Bro. Hughan states in his letter that the Committee "had no option but to require the brethren to assemble and take part in the procession, clothed according to the usual custom, thereby naturally prohibiting any from appearing in regimentals."

Now it is certainly not the custom in Plymouth for soldiers to attend their lodges in mufti, but they do almost invariably in the uniform of their respective regiments or corps, a fact well-known to the members of the Committee residing in Plymouth, and who must have stated to Bro. Hughan, that which they well knew to be not true, for I am sure Bro. Hughan is too old and good a Freemason to say anything but the truth in such a case, and therefore I cannot but presume that he was misinformed, and I should, as well as my comrades, be extremely glad if Bro. Hughan would state by whom he was so informed, in order that the affair may be thoroughly sifted, for we feel, sure, and that, too, bitterly, that we have not been treated as Masons and brethren, but rather as cowards and intruders in the Order.

Sincerely hoping that you will insert this in your next edition. I remain Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally and sincerely,

ANOTHER SOLDIER FREEMASON.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother.—

I hope you will kindly give the enclosed a place in your next number of *The Freemason*.

I went a long way to Plymouth in order to be present at the Masonic reception of H.R.H. and you may imagine how disgusted I was when I found that my comrades in arms were prevented from joining in the procession. I, with others, endeavoured to get the prohibition cancelled. In the Plymouth garrison there were about 120 non-commissioned officers who are Masons, all of them very estimable men, and I know that all we who could put on a black coat for the occasion would have been delighted to have seen those sergeants and corporals walking side by side with us, and were very much disappointed at their absence.

Yours truly and fraternally,

AN OFFICER AND A P.P.J.G.W.

"WHAT BETTER THEME THAN MASONRY?"

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your leader "On the Onward Progress of Freemasonry" in your last impression, I observe the following sentence—"What better theme than Masonry?" says a good old poetic brother, now, alas! no longer to the fore."

As the author of the Masonic song bearing the title quoted, I am, naturally enough, surprised to find myself referred to in the above named terms, for, whatever qualities may be credited to me by your contributor, as I am only now about to celebrate my jubilee, I do not think the second adjective altogether applicable, and as to the remainder of the sentence, it reads like a lament over one departed, which, I thank the G.A.O.T.U., is not yet my case.

Of course I presume your contributor really refers to my song, the title of which, "What better Theme, &c.," I have always believed to be original, never having met with any similar words in any of my Masonic researches. If otherwise, and he will kindly inform me thereof, he will confer a favour which will quite satisfy me for the surprise his remarks have occasioned.

If, on the contrary, he does allude to me, I should wish it to be known, that if I am "no longer to the fore," I am not far in the rear, and am as ready for service in the vanguard of Freemasonry as ever.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS.

P.M., P.Z., &c.

Clapham, August 29, 1874.

[We apologise to our most excellent and worthy Bro. Stevens for taking away his due honours from him, and inadvertently consigning him to the "limbus poetarum." The truth is we made a slight "beefsteak," and confounded our living Bro. Stevens, with our defunct and regretted Bro. Carpenter. Will Bro. Stevens, on the Masonic principle of returning good for evil, favour us with a little "refrain" for the next *Freemason*.—ED.]

THE SECRECY OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In my former letter I suggested that the first objection which can with any degree of reason be urged against Freemasonry arises from the fact of its being a secret society. In other words, that this is an inherent objection to any society, however innocent or even praiseworthy its objects may be, whose meetings are held in private, and whose members have a bond of union, known only to themselves, and kept concealed from the world at large.

Now if in reply to this broad assertion we ask, "What is the objection," or, why is there such objection? we get from some of our opponents, generally people of a pragmatical disposition, the same sort of answer as ladies sometimes give to the question asked by their male friends, "Why is smoking an ungentlemanly habit?" "Because it is." In other words, such persons entertain an objection which they cannot express in words, but which is sufficiently apparent to themselves, and valid enough to keep them out-

side the pale of our Order. And such a feeling ought by all means to be respected. God forbid that Masons above all men should mock at a difficulty, honestly felt and consistently regarded! But surely we may demand that an attempt should at least be made to formalise the objection, in order that we may, in our turn, have the opportunity of attempting a reply to it. Let me then state the objection thus, "Much mischief, political and religious, has been wrought by secret societies, therefore secret societies are mischievous." Now we will examine the logic of this reasoning presently, but first let us observe that it is "nihil ad rem." In granting that there are, and have been, at home and abroad, secret societies of men, banded together to promote civil and religious discord, Freemasonry has nothing in common with these, "But," pursues our objector, "Freemasonry abroad has been actually forbidden in some countries, because of its fomenting political strife; and as Freemasonry is one and indivisible, the stigma attaches to the whole body." To which we reply, "Freemasonry is one and indivisible in this sense only, a Freemason in London is a Freemason in Paris, or Vienna, or any where else. But each country has its distinct constitution, and if foreign Masons allow their Craft to be prostituted to civil purposes, it in no way affects us, whose Masonic constitution absolutely forbids anything of the kind. Nay, further; if any English Mason was visiting a lodge, say in Vienna, and he found that any plotting against the government were going on therein, it would be his bounden duty, as a Freemason, to leave that lodge at once, because he is bound not to propose, or in any way to encourage any act which may tend to subvert the peace and good order of society, and to render a due obedience to the laws of any state which may for a time become the place of his residence, or afford him its protection."

Let me now put the objection grounded on the secrecy of Freemasonry in a syllogistic form. It will run thus, "All secret societies are mischievous; Freemasonry is a secret society, therefore Freemasonry is mischievous." My good friend, I deny your major premiss. I have shown you that we have nothing to do with any mischief-plotting abroad; and to turn our eyes homewards, what secret societies are there here, absolutely unsuspected of any mischievous tendency! You must modify your major premiss, and so vitiate your conclusion. Granted that some secret societies are or have been troublesome in church or state, granted even Freemasonry abroad has been so abused in troublous times, we assert that there are many secret societies in England at the present time, not only illegal, but allowed and protected by the law. What are the Odd Fellows, Druids, Foresters, Good Templars, but secret societies? And has any one ever laid political or religious disturbance to their charge? On the contrary, are not their objects well known, and innocent, or even laudable? If members of Benefit or Temperance Societies may, without detriment to the commonwealth, league themselves together by the tie of a common secret and a solemn obligation, surely the Masonic body may do the same, whose object is not to receive a "quid pro quo" for their subscriptions, or to pick out one only virtue for practice, one only vice for abhorrence, but who are bound by the strongest ties to the fear of God, obedience to the laws, and the practice of every moral and social virtue. Nay more; if once political or religious discussion were admitted into our lodges, the very framework of our Order would fall to pieces, our obligations must be altered, our ceremonies re-modelled, our ancient charges abandoned, our exhortations and lectures scattered to the winds, in one word, Masonry would be Masonry no more. Of all men Masons have reason to cry, "Give peace in our time, O Lord," because when men are excited by the heat of religious or political animosity, they are not in a suitable frame of mind for the duties of a Masonic lodge. So then, we may triumphantly reply to all such objectors, "yes, Freemasonry is a secret society; its members, dispersed over the face of earth and water, need no letter of recommendation or introduction; wherever there is civilisation, there is Freemasonry, and there every Mason, however

poor, may find friends and a home." Publish our secrets to the world;—we need not blush; they are harmless in every respect—but by doing so you take away the very charm and recommendation of Freemasonry, you destroy the mystic tie which binds brother to brother; you deprive us of our means of mutual intercommunication, with which no stranger intermeddeth. Who dare venture to raise any objection to a husband and wife, or father and children, separated by the changes of life, communicating, if they choose, by means of a cypher, in order that the expression of their secret thoughts might not become legible or intelligible to any one in the world? Why then find fault with us Masons, in the North, East, South, and West, bound together by ties, which strangers cannot comprehend, because we have the power of making ourselves known to each other, in a way which you cannot divine? There is no secrecy in our objects, in the time and place of our lodge's assembling, in our long roll-call of members, in our fidelity to the constitution and laws, in our brotherly concord and mutual affection. Our only secret, dear to us as life itself, is the chain whose links of magic sympathy bind us each to the other. Join us, then; become partakers of our secrets, work heartily with us, explore our mysteries, become imbued with our spirit, so far as we are ourselves worthy of our Order, and you will find that, not for one moment, or by the breadth of one single hair, will you be a less faithful servant of God, a less dutiful subject of the Queen, a less loving husband, a less tender father, a less firm and abiding friend, a less honest and upright man. Sir, even as I write, I feel assured that these poor words of mine will awaken an echo in thousands of Masonic breasts, and that they will add their testimony to mine that, though we would face death, God helping us, rather than betray the secrets of our Order, yet, so far as we are concerned, we need no fear the publication of our secrets to the whole world. Nothing is said in a Masonic lodge which would raise a blush on the purest cheek, nothing done therein which the most scrupulous penitent need fear to acknowledge in the Confessional. Nay, if strangers could be admitted within our walls, and witness there our labours, begun in order, conducted in peace, and closed in harmony, the shame would be to our detractors, and the ready blush would mantle on many a cheek among those who, in their ignorance or prejudice, have censured that which they knew not, and derided that which they did not understand.

Sir; there are other secrets besides those of Freemasonry, which the Roman Priest in the Confessional, forbidden by the laws of his church to be either husband or father, cannot fathom or comprehend; and the authorities of that church may with as much reason forbid the sacramental tie of marriage, as the deep mysterious bond of fraternal love, as forbid her children to be Masons, because we are bound together by ties in which the church and the world have no share.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

P. PROV. G. C. OXON,

CHAPLAIN AND SEC., 489.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your leader of the 22nd inst., you again draw attention to the title "Grand Lodge" being applied to "Prov. Grand Lodges," and I quite agree with you, that it is very objectionable.

Can you, however, be surprised at the mistake being made, when the chief organ of the Craft, *The Freemason*, in its reports of the meetings, uses the same incorrect title.

In those cases where the words of the speaker are given, I suppose, he (the speaker) must be held responsible, though even in this case, I would suggest, the editor might correct the error, but in many instances the title of Grand Lodge is used when reference is being made to what takes place, and is not an extract of a speech.

In one report of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Devon (which indeed calls forth the remarks in question) you say, in speaking of the

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Treasurer's report, "There was a balance in favour of the Grand Lodge of £209," again, "The Prov. Grand Master called the attention of the Grand Lodge," and "the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge were given, the Mayor &c.," and "Bro. Latimer expressed his thanks for the resolution of the Grand Lodge."

Your reply, will, I presume, be that you inserted the report as it was received, but as you insert it without making any remark that it is communicated, your readers must hold you responsible, and I certainly think you should correct such mistakes, instead of countenancing them, even if you do not see your way to alter the title given, when reporting the actual words used by the speaker.

Yours fraternally,

M. J. M.

COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR.

The attention of Secretaries, &c., is called to a circular which has been sent to each lodge and chapter, for information as to the place, day and months of meeting. We would urge upon our friends the necessity of an early reply, as no alterations or additions can be made, after Saturday, September 12th.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 11, 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, September 5.

General Committee, Boys' School at 4.
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, September 7.

Lodge 144, St. Luke's, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.

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. Gottheil, Preceptor.

British Oak Lodge of Instruction (813), 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.

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, 323, Strand, at 8.

Tuesday, September 8.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.
Chap. 857, St. Mark's.

Mark Lodge 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction (554), Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor.

Domatic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tavern, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. Larham, Preceptor.

Faith Lodge of Instruction (141), 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 (860), King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. Crawley, Preceptor.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction (65), 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.

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

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

Wednesday, September 9.

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Lodge 113, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1228, Beacontree, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.

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

Chap. 1260, Hervey, Britannia Hotel, Walham-green.

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.

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

Southwark Lodge of Instruction, (879), Southwark Park Tavern, Southwark Park, at 8; Bro. Charles William Kent, Preceptor.

Thursday, September 10.

Lodge 1076, Capper, Marine Hotel, Victoria Dock.

" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.

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

" 619, Beadon, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Highgate Lodge of Instruction (1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.

Friday, September 11.

Lodge 1420, Earl Spencer, Freemasons' Hotel, New Wandsworth.

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.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction (1365), White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Stacey, P.M. 180, Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (733), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.

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.

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, September 12, 1874.

Monday, September 7.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel Assembly Rooms, Preston.

" 1051, Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Lancaster.

" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool, at 6.

Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, at 6.

Mark Lodge, No. 65, West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.

Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, September 8.

Lodge 241, Merchants', Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 5.

" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.

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

Wednesday, September 9.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.

" 1052, Callender, Public Hall, Rusholme.

" 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, 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, September 10.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.

" 333, Royal Preston, Victoria Garrison Hotel, Fulwood, near Preston.

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

" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hotel, Patricroft, near Manchester.

Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 5.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 150, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

Friday, September 11.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry, at 7.

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND VICINITY.

For the week ending Saturday, September 12, 1874.

All the Meetings take place at 8 o'clock.

Monday, September 7.

Lodge 332, Union, 170, Buchanan-street.

" 129, St. Mirren, Moss-street, Paisley.

" 205, St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.

" 307, Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Barrhead.

" 503, St. George, Odd Fellows' Hall, Helensburgh.

Tuesday, September 8.

Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st.

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

" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-street.

" 208, St. John, Olive Hall, Airdrie.

" 426, Princes of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Renfrew.

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

Wednesday, September 9.

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

" 510, Maryhill, Main-street, Maryhill.

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

Thursday, September 10.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Montrose, Town Hall, Airdrie.

" 109, St. Marnock's, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.

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

Friday, September 11.

Lodge 18, Kilwinning, Mission Hall, Dumbarton.

" 170, St. John's, Public Hall, Alexandria.

" 427, St. Clair, Masonic Hall, Cambusnethan.

Chap. 144, St. Rollox, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road

Saturday, September 12.

Lodge 28, St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

" 305, St. John's Woodhall, Masons' Hall, Holytown.

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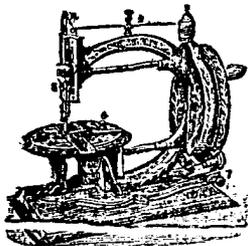
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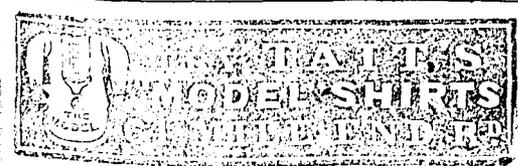
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