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THE PROVINCE OF ESSEX.

The circumstances under which the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex was held were of an exceptionally interesting character. In the first place it followed within a few weeks after the Festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in which the Provincial Grand Master and the lodges under his obedience had borne the chief part in securing to that deserving Charity a most triumphant celebration. In the next place it had been resolved that the meeting should be made the occasion for recognising the very valuable services which one of the most popular, most respected, and most capable of Essex brethren had rendered to the Craft generally and the Province particularly. The gathering, indeed, was one of the most successful that has ever taken place in this well-ordered and long-established home of Freemasonry, and all who bore a part in the proceedings had good reason to be proud not only of what was passing in their presence, but likewise of their connection with a district which has been so fortunate throughout its whole career, and has at the same time so fully merited its good fortune. On this particular occasion there was, as might well have been expected, a very full attendance of Provincial Officers and members of lodges, and the re-appearance once again in their midst of Bro. PHILBRICK, Q.C., the Deputy Grand Master of the Province, was regarded with the utmost pleasure, demonstrating, as it did, that there was at length an end to those cares and anxieties in respect of one of his children which had prevented his attendance last year. As for the proceedings, they were of the usual character, but, as we have before remarked, of more than the usual interest. The reports which were submitted and approved showed that the Province was in a very prosperous state. There were substantial balances in hand, both on the General and the Benevolent Fund Accounts, while the statistical returns gave a steady increase in membership from 1657 to 1725. Moreover, in his address the Prov. Grand Master expressed the pleasure it had given him to recommend the establishment of the Leigh Lodge, and the satisfaction he felt at the measure of success it had already received. At the same time he referred to the lodge that was about to be constituted in the Wyvenhoe and Row-bridge district, and which in course of time he had every reason to hope would prove a credit to the Province. But above all he congratulated the brethren on the loyal support they had accorded to him as chairman at the recent Festival of the Boys' School. The contribution obtained in behalf of that Institution by the 56 Stewards—ladies and brethren together—amounted to £2235, and considering that Essex, which was an agricultural county, had not been in the most prosperous circumstances for some time past, he regarded such an amount as expressive in the highest degree of the good will of the Masons of the district towards our Charities and himself. Lord BROOKE also dwelt on the eminent services rendered by Bro. A. LUCKING to the Province, and expressed his great gratification at being the medium for presenting to that brother the testimonial which the members of the Province had raised in token of the regard in which they held him, and as a recognition of what he had done to promote the well-being of Freemasonry in Essex. We heartily congratulate Bro. Lord BROOKE and our Essex brethren generally on what passed at their recent gathering. The latter have prospered under the distinguished brethren who have been successively appointed to preside over their interests, but we question if, in the whole course of their career, they can point to any occasion on which the proceedings have redounded so largely to their credit as at the meeting held last month under the banner of the Priory Lodge at Southend. May their future career exhibit always the same dutiful regard for the interests of the Masonic Order!

THE CRAFT IN SUFFOLK.

It is to be regretted that Bro. Lord HENNIKER, Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, was prevented by illness from attending the meeting at Clare, last month, of his Prov. Grand Lodge. Very general sympathy was expressed with his lordship at the circumstances which had detained him a prisoner at home, and the reports of the proceedings, which have doubtless been forwarded to him, have probably in some measure reconciled him to his enforced absence. But had he been present he could not have been otherwise than immensely gratified by the evidence furnished by the several accounts and reports that were laid before the brethren of the prosperous condition of Freemasonry under his rule. In particular, the 12th Annual Report of the Committee of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association, which was submitted by Bro. J. M. HARVEY, showed that during the present, as during the preceding years, the brethren of the Province had been generous in their support of our Institutions. The

amount raised by the brethren who acted as Stewards at the Festivals of these Charities has undoubtedly been exceeded in previous years, but this, as was explained by Bro. HARVEY in his speech, is to be accounted for by the unusually large sum which was raised last year, and the bulk of which was handed over to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Still, for a Province which musters only 22 lodges, and which, be it remembered, is regularly represented at the various anniversary gatherings, a sum of between £500 and £600 is highly creditable, and the Province which annually contributes it, and occasionally a larger amount, is worthy in all respects of our commendation. But while everything passed off admirably at this annual meeting, and the general condition of the Province was shown to be so satisfactory, an announcement by Bro. Lord HENNIKER's respected Deputy, Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, must have created a certain feeling of regret amongst those who heard it. Bro. MARTYN's connection with Suffolk has been so beneficial to the Province, and so honourable to himself, that the mere mention of the possibility that that connection might be severed, as Bro. MARTYN had gone to reside in the West of England, must have been heard with regret. Bro. MARTYN has always been an earnest and popular Mason, and in the event of his finding it necessary to resign his office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Lord HENNIKER will have no easy task before him to find a successor who shall as worthily occupy that important post.

CONSECRATION OF THE LONGSIGHT LODGE. No. 2464, AT BIRCH.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Club Buildings, Birch, Lancashire. There was a very large attendance of influential brethren, including—
Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.S.B., P.G.W.; J. B. Lonsdale, P.S.G.W.; G. Galloway, P.J.G.W.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; Rev. J. O. Jelly, P.M., Prov. G. Chap.; F. Hilton, P.G.D.C.; James Schofield, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Smith, P.J.G.D.; H. J. Robinson, P.G.R.; J. Newton, P.A.G. Sec.; George Macfarlane, P.G.S. of W.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org.; Ernest Moss, P.G.S.B.; Peter Wills, P.A.G.D.C.; W. Hoyland, P.G.P.; T. Armstrong, P.D.G.D.C.; M. Thomas, P.P.G.D.; E. Timperley, P.G.D.; J. W. Abbott, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Andrew, P.P.S.G.D.; W. H. Peak, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec. West Lancs.; Richard Newhouse, Prov. G. Sec. Cheshire; John Clayton, P.P.J.G.W.; A. Wolstenholme, P.P.G.D.; H. Lane, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Goldthorpe, Prov. G. Reg.; and H. H. Warbuton, P.P.S.G.D.

Having assembled in the lodge room, the Consecrating Officer, Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M., with his assistant officers, together with such of the Prov. Grand Officers as were present, entered in procession, and the Presiding Officer took the chair, and opened the lodge in the Three Degrees, and he appointed Bro. Lonsdale, P.S.G.W., as S.W., and Bro. Galloway, P.J.G.W., as J.W. He then addressed the brethren with regard to the object for which they had assembled, after which the Chaplain, by his direction, offered up prayer.

Bro. J. CHADWICK, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec., addressed the Presiding Officer.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER replied, and gave directions that the brethren of the new lodge be arranged in order, and that the Prov. G. Reg., Bro. J. H. Robinson, might read the petition and warrant. The brethren approved of the officers named.

The following oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. J. O. JELLY, Prov. G. Chap.:

Brethren,—We know of no institution in the world's history which has such an enduring basis as that on which our art rests—the practice of every moral and social virtue. In every country, wherever it has received fair play, it has been found a civilising agent of the highest order. Its origin, lost in the darkness of a far-off past, gives it a claim to our highest veneration, having had an important influence on the progress of society and in the setting forth of those fairest principles which confer peace and happiness on the human race. There is no better witness of human progress than the improvement of methods in the construction of buildings, which Masonry has seized upon to bring home to us, those excellent qualities which each onward step has been taken to exemplify. When art and science were in infancy, all was dreary and desolate, happiness and peace were hardly known; then it was needful to hide from the many dangers to which mankind was subject, either in the depths of the forest or the caves of the earth. In those solitudes the mind, seeking for satisfaction, at length was able to devise rude forms of protection, whereby the light of day could be enjoyed without fear. Men began to build strong houses which could assist them in preserving inviolate the lives of those dearest to them. In like manner our art strives to implant those simple principles by which alone we can preserve contented minds, by teaching us that there is One alone in that Grand Lodge (which all good Masons hope to reach), who confers on those who humbly approach Him the knowledge of what is essential to his eternal welfare. Once our race was utterly unprotected, exposed to wind and storm, a prey to the savage bird of the air, or the devouring beast of the field. So we enter this world, utterly unequipped for the battle of life, until we are illumined by the light which is from above, and have received such training as the Grand Geometrician of the Universe has in His Almighty wisdom bestowed upon us. Poor and dismal must our lot have been had not our wise Creator

given us the sacred gifts of reason and memory to keep in mind and arrange in order the knowledge which He so lovingly bestowed upon us. Step by step the march of intelligence is seen in the progress of the liberal arts. Sudden inspirations, flashed into the dark recesses of the human mind, have borne their fruit, until to-day we enjoy the many triumphs won by the flights of reason and the light of revelation, which has from time to time been vouchsafed. As a witness of our improvement there is no better than the changes which have taken place in our methods of construction. At first mere strength was desired, but with the attainment of that it soon began to be seen that something more might be attained to idealise, as it were, the works of nature, to read into wood and stone those beauties which the Great Architect of the Universe so bountifully set before us as models. So to strength was added form and beauty—the polished stone, the shapely pillar, the florid ornament, all representing something which the artist saw in nature's schools; nay, more, the best attainable decorations were added to make up such elegance and harmony as their æsthetic taste required. But Masonry has applied all these triumphs to our morals, she has read into these forms which are seen around, and in the tools which the workman uses, lessons of high moral worth, making the indwellers of the building worthy of that construction which art and science had enabled him to rear. A true Mason has a high regard for all our ideals, but is taught the importance of the liberal arts—music, poetry, and eloquence; the value of temperance, gratitude, prudence, and justice; the three cardinal virtues—faith, hope, and charity; and, in addition to these, to cultivate mercy, honour, and virtue. With such an object in view, who can deny the importance of our Art, founded on the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. It harmonises with the teaching of religion, holding before us a high standard of moral truth and worth; it must make all those who honestly embrace its tenets true and goodly men, and such as will earn the blessing of a good conscience void of offence. It is in such a spirit as this I hope this new lodge is being consecrated to-day; not merely to be the home of a Society which looks only on its own enjoyment, but to set forth to the world the many great and useful lessons acquired in the ordinary working of the lodge. We should not meet merely for the pleasures of the table or the benefit of mutual converse and harmony, though these are important in keeping alive the bonds of union which ought to exist amongst us; but rather to strengthen the conception of our obligations, and how best to put in practice the promises which we have made. If this lodge, now to be consecrated this day, is to have a long and useful career, it will only be on condition of laying its foundations deep, by looking to Him, who alone can give stability and strength, for His blessing on our labours. It may be then possible thus to find a true Masonic home, a lasting habitation. In those records which hereafter, from time to time, you will make, the future historian of the Craft will find much that is useful to instruct, improve, and exhort. The work that you are doing in days to come may bring blessings on many who, without your existence, could not have enjoyed that blessed influence which comes from a true appreciation of your honest endeavours. May you realise this, and try to make for your new lodge, to be added to a long list of lodges doing good work in the province, a name that shall be second to none for goodness of work, harmony of the members, and zeal to set forward the true meaning of the words which are given to us on initiation, and than which there can be none nobler—even of Mason and brother.

A pretty anthem followed, rendered by the choir.

The Presiding Officer proceeded to dedicate and constitute the lodge, and the ceremony was brought to a close with the final benediction. The P.G.M. then retired from the chair, and appointed Bro. James H. Sillitoe, P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W. (Chairman of the East Lancashire Systematic Institution), as Installing Master.

Bro. T. Uttley, P.M., W.M. designate, was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. Fred. Hilton, Prov. G.D.C. The working tools were presented by the Installing Master. The Prov. Grand Master presented the warrant.

The following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Henry Grinshaw, S.W.; Wm. Yada, J.W.; F. Gorton Berry, Treas.; John Phythian, P.M., Sec.; Lloyd Higginbottom, S.D.; Henry Sheard, J.D.; F. W. Lean, P.M., P.S.G.D., D.C.; Edgar H. Ritson, I.G.; and W. H. Wilson, Asst. Sec.

The W.M. was addressed by the Installing Master, the Wardens by Bro. J. W. Abbott, P.P.G.D.C., and the brethren by Bro. W. H. Peak, P.P.G.D.C.

Bro. Sillitoe performed the ceremony of installation, as well as invested and addressed the officers, in a most impressive manner.

Great praise is due to Bro. Fred. Hilton, P.G.D.C., for the admirable manner in which all the proceedings were carried out, as everything was done admirably, and not a single hitch occurred during the ceremony.

The musical ceremony, under the direction of the Prov. Grand Org., was effective, the vocalists were Bros. Mark Stafford, P.P.G.S.; Wm. Dunville, P.M.; J. Robinson, and W. Howard.

There were seven proposals for initiation, and, after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the numerous visitors, the lodge was closed by the W.M.

Subsequently a banquet was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, at which the W.M. presided.

The usual loyal and Masonic toast list was gone through, and all were heartily given and received. Owing to limit of our space we are unable to give them in detail, but a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

CONSECRATION OF THE WALTHAMSTOW LODGE, No. 2472.

The consecration of the Walthamstow Lodge, No. 2472, took place at the Masonic Hall, Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow, on Monday, the 31st ult. The interesting ceremony was performed by Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Sec., assisted by Bros. Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., as S.W.; Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C., as J.W.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., as Chap.; J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C., as D.C.; and J. Pinder, Prov. G. Treas. Essex, as I.G. The founders present were: Bros. William Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas. Essex; J. H. Wildash, P.M.; S. H. Baker, P.M.; Samuel Herbert, D. H. McGowan, N. Fortescue, P. Felsenthal, C. MacColla, H. F. J. Hallows, J. Clark, T. Franklin, P.M.; W. Gower, A. J. Stacey, T. W. Stacey, and W. Harris, P.M.

The visitors present were:

Bros. H. E. Dehane, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; J. Boulton, W.M. 2442; J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753; J. Bunker, P.M. 1158; W. E. Knight, 65; A. Oakden, jun., 2374; F. V. Chalmers, S.W. 214; H. King, P.P.G.D.C. Bucks; J. R. Carter, 2374; C. Horet, 2374; W. D. Cunningham, 2158; R. H. Nicholls, 2353; H. Ramsbottom, 2353; G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Evans, J.W. 1260; H. H. Finch, 2256; W. J. Short, 1662; P. J. Parsons, 1298; F. Kebbell

1662; W. Fortescue, 1262; Percy Trickett, 2374; S. C. Kaufman, W.M. 1766; W. Groome; C. H. Bestow, J.D. 2374; H. Massey, P.M. 1938; W. G. Hall, 1446; B. Mann, 1446; G. W. Knight, P.M. 1507; T. Haytor, 813; H. M. Cropley; and W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381.

The Consecrating Officer having taken the chair, and appointed his officers *pro tem.*, the lodge was opened, and a hymn sung.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER then said: On the present occasion it is unnecessary for me to occupy your time with any observations, for you know we have met for the purpose of constituting and consecrating a new lodge, which will hereafter be known as the Walthamstow Lodge, No. 2472 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. I not only say that those who are associated with me in this ceremony, and I myself, wish this lodge every possible prosperity—a prosperity which I feel convinced it will enjoy under the very able rule of the Worshipful Master whom I hope to have the pleasure of installing shortly—Bro. Wm. Shurmur, who has served the office of Master of no less than three lodges. I feel sure that under his able guidance this lodge cannot fail to achieve an important position in the Craft and have before it a career of unbroken prosperity.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg., Acting Chap., having delivered an eloquent oration on the nature and principles of the institution, the new lodge was solemnly dedicated and constituted.

Bro. Shurmur was installed as the first Worshipful Master by the Grand Secretary, and the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. H. Wildash, P.M., Acting I.P.M.; Wm. Harris, P.M., S.W.; D. H. McGowan, P.M., J.W.; S. H. Baker, P.M., Treas.; S. Herbert, Sec.; C. MacColla, S.D.; Wm. Gower, J.D.; Jas. Clark, I.G.; A. J. Stacey, D.C.; J. W. Stacey, Organist; T. Franklin, P.M., and P. Felsenthal, Stwds.; and Ross, Tyler.

The W.M. then said that all present had been gratified with the admirable working of the ceremony, and he had therefore much pleasure in proposing that a cordial vote of thanks should be accorded the Consecrating Officers, and that they should be asked to honour them by accepting the honorary membership of the lodge.

The S.W. seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

The GRAND SECRETARY acknowledged the compliment, and accepted the honour, on behalf of himself and colleagues, with a great deal of pleasure.

Several candidates resident in the neighbourhood were proposed for initiation and joining, and the lodge was closed.

After a well served banquet the usual toasts were honoured, the first being "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

In giving "The Grand Officers," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said Masons were under a deep debt of gratitude to them for the invaluable services they had rendered to that, which was evidently to them, the sacred cause of Freemasonry. The brethren present had had an opportunity that day of witnessing their excellent work and he was sure they would all agree with him that it was everything that could be possibly desired. He should associate with this toast the honoured name of Bro. Philbrick, to whom they were especially grateful for presiding over the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction which, under his able guidance and distinguished patronage, had attained such a degree of importance as to be deemed worthy to be entrusted with a warrant for a regular lodge. That was the highest compliment that could be paid to a lodge of instruction. After the summer holidays their worthy president would perform the ceremony of consecration in the lodge of instruction. He (the W.M.) thought that in a great measure they had to thank Bro. Philbrick for his kind offices, through which they might possibly have obtained their warrant.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg., said that on the part of the distinguished noblemen whose names rightly headed that toast, he begged to thank them for the truly fraternal recognition of their eminent services to the Craft. It was through that recognition among them that Masonry had taken a very considerable step, not merely in its internal organisation, but in the respect and esteem which it enjoyed with the public at large who were not Masons. They might, he thought, fairly attribute in a great measure the position which the Craft held now to the presence amongst them of the distinguished noblemen who had held the offices of Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, and to their exertions for the Craft, and their influence upon its work. Depend upon it, the first way to be respected was to respect others; and in this way the service which had been rendered by those whose positions in the country entitled them to be looked up to, and whose position as officers of the Queen and nation showed that they were highly thought of, had caused Masonry to respect its own great principles and had led to that esteem in which the Craft had held amongst society at large. He thought, therefore, they could not be too grateful to those who in high stations had taken the highest offices amongst them, for the services rendered, and the effect those services had cast upon Masonry at large. With regard to the rest of the Grand Officers, the brother on his left, the Grand Secretary, would return thanks presently, and he would not trespass upon that which Bro. Letchworth might legitimately say. He had been called upon to act as Chaplain that day, and was sure that every Grand Officer would have been equally glad, in any capacity, to serve this new enterprise, and wish this new lodge God-speed by giving it any help that lay within his power. The W.M. had alluded to the lodge of instruction, and the contiguity of the neighbouring province over which he acted as Deputy Prov. Grand Master. He supposed it was by a very few hundred yards that they were not in the Province of Essex. They in that Province wished this new lodge "God-speed." The W.M. had spoken of the lodge of instruction having introduced the new lodge. It was not the first time, especially in modern politics, that the tail had wagged the head. Apart from that, he could only hope they would look up to the great principles about which he said enough in the lodge room, and which should pervade and control the lodge. If that should be so the Grand Officers would have great satisfaction in looking back upon the inauguration of the new lodge, which they, through him, wished a continued career of great prosperity.

The W.M. next proposed "The Consecrating Officer," and said he felt sure he was echoing the sentiments of all present in stating their admiration for the very perfect and impressive manner in which Bro. Letchworth performed the ceremony, and their deep sense of gratitude to the other officers who had so ably assisted him.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., said the brethren had been compelled that evening to listen to his voice at considerable length, and he felt it would be ungenerous to inflict anything like a speech upon them on the present occasion. He should, therefore, content himself in the fewest

possible words to return his thanks for the more than kind reception given the toast, proposed in such very kind and flattering terms by the Worshipful Master. It had afforded him the greatest possible pleasure to assist in the consecration of that lodge. He was deeply indebted to those Grand Officers who had done him the honour to assist him in the ceremony. They all knew how ready Bros. Dr. Gooding and Belton were to take any duties or perform any work, and on the present occasion he had to refer more particularly to the services rendered him and the lodge by Bro. Philbrick. They would one and all agree that the duties discharged by him could not have been fulfilled in a more perfect manner by any Past or Present Grand Chaplain. He had also to refer particularly to the services rendered by his old friend, Bro. Matthews, who, at almost a moment's notice, undertook to perform, and had performed in a most admirable manner, the duties that Bro. Richardson had promised to undertake. He had also to acknowledge the services of Bro. Pinder, P.G. Treas. Essex, who acted as I.G. On behalf of those who had been associated with him in the consecration, and on his own behalf, he returned their warmest thanks for the compliment paid them. They had all heard of the distinguished brother whom he had the honour to install as their W.M. and whose health he now desired to propose. He was well aware that in that part of the country, the Worshipful Master's name was a household word. He believed there was no brother in the neighbourhood who had shown more zeal for the furtherance of the interests of Masonry than Bro. Shurmur, and he felt confident that under his able and genial rule this new lodge would very shortly attain a high position among the lodges of the metropolis. That it should be so was the wish of every brother in the room. He asked them to join with him in drinking the health of their W.M., Bro. Shurmur.

Bro. Wm. SHURMUR, P.P.G. Treas. Essex, W.M., in reply, said he was extremely grateful to the Grand Secretary for the very kindly and complimentary way in which he had been pleased to propose that toast, and he thanked the brethren for their hearty reception. He considered it a very great honour to be appointed the first Worshipful Master of that lodge. He had no fear as to its ultimate success, seeing that he had the Chairman of the Local Board acting as the I.P.M., that one of the founders was a representative of the County Council of Essex, and that several others were leading lights in that parish. He knew they would all put their shoulders to the wheel, and without any trouble make the lodge a great success. That was his ambition, and he knew they would work with him to obtain that result. It was always well for the future of the lodge when they found the founders recommending their sons for initiation. When they started the lodge they made up their minds it should not be a large one, and directly they arrived at the number of 40 or 50 they would raise their fees. He might say for the information of the Grand Officers that the Beaconsfield Lodge, which was good enough to recommend the petition, recommended that their fees should be higher than their own, and at the preliminary meetings that arrangement had been carried out. He thanked them all for their "Hearty good wishes," and assured them that the founders would do their best to make the lodge a success.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Visitors," and said they had been favoured by the presence of a large number of visitors, and he was very pleased in all sincerity to greet them with a hearty fraternal welcome. It was encouraging for a new lodge to be visited by old friends. The members knew they had their good wishes for success, and it was gratifying that many had introduced candidates for initiation and joining. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Bolton, an old and valued friend and brother, who was much esteemed not only in Essex but in the Metropolis; J. J. Thomas, a member of the Board of General Purposes; Dehane and Pinder, Prov. G. Treas., both hailing from the Province of Essex; and many others.

Bro. BOLTON, P.P.G.D. Essex, thanked the W.M. for his kind invite to visit that lodge, and assured him that he had thoroughly enjoyed himself. He congratulated Bro. Shurmur on having been chosen to be the W.M. of this very important lodge, and thought the brethren had done wisely in selecting such a Master. His conviction was that Bro. Shurmur had in himself everything that fitted him for a good Mastership. He must say how much he esteemed and respected the W.M. who had in fact won his affection, for he had proved himself a good man and true, and one always to be relied upon, which was a mannerism they could all admire. It was his hope that in the near future Bro. Shurmur might become Grand Treasurer, and it would be their pleasure to support him in his election. He saw no reason why the Worshipful Master should not be the next Grand Treasurer, for that portion of the Metropolis in which they were situated, as well as the Province of Essex, would vote solid for him.

Bros. J. J. THOMAS, P.M.; DEHANE, CROPLEY, KING, and FINCH also responded. Other toasts were given, and the brethren separated after a very pleasant and enjoyable gathering.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

MASONIC IGNORANCE AND ENLIGHTENMENT.

Much of the obscurity of the origin and early history of Freemasonry has been caused by the secrecy generally observed by the brethren of that period. But little was communicated to paper, and the proceedings recorded were of the scantiest character. The Grand Lodge of England, the mother of modern Freemasonry, seems to have been inspired till a comparatively late time with hostility to the art of printing, and the Swedish system of Masonry has published none of its transactions down to the present time.

The liberty of the Masonic press and the free expression of thought which is now conceded to Masonic writers, is a victory gained only after an arduous struggle. It was the general opinion of those high in office, but not deep in Masonic knowledge, that all the learning of Masonry should be confined to a mere recital of the ritual and an acquaintance with the lodge lectures. They supposed that the whole curriculum of Masonic science or philosophy was embraced within the narrow limits of oral construction, or rather they knew nothing of any science or philosophy, and were wont to deem him the most learned Mason who could but recite by rote the stereotyped catechism he had acquired by constant repetition.

But this condition was not satisfactory to brethren of intelligence. There were those who believed that the ritual was a mere skeleton, which, to make it presentable to men of cultivated intellects, required to be clothed with lofty thoughts; that there was a system of profound philosophy in Masonry, which could only be developed by research; that of this system the ritual was only the index pointing out the objects that were to be investigated; and, finally, that to give these investigations any value it was absolutely necessary that they should be given to the world like the investigations of

any other science, or philosophy, by means of publications which Masons could read, and thus enlarge within their homes the ideas, the sentiments of which they had first acquired in the lodge.

The cloud of ignorance seeking to obscure the rays of intellectual light was not confined to England; it extended its baneful influence also to other countries.

In France, Clavel published a Masonic history in 1842, and commenced a Masonic journal in 1844. In neither case had he sought the sanction of the Grand Orient, and for this offence a sentence of perpetual exclusion from that body was pronounced.

In Germany, Krause and Mossdorf, two of the most learned Masons that the Fraternity in any country can boast of, suffered by a similar punishment for their valuable contributions to our Masonic literature. In the United States the antagonism to Masonic publications has been less, owing to the indifference of the Craft to the cultivation of the literature of the Fraternity; and none have opposed its dissemination.

A great change in this respect in the last half century has taken place in the internal and external relations of Freemasonry. Years ago the Grand Lodge of Delaware expressed its opinion that Masonic literature was doing more harm than good to the institution. But this illiterate view has long since been abandoned. From the character of a mere social club, or a benevolent association, it has become a school of philosophy. Books on its history and science, once so rare, are now abundant. Six thousand of them have been printed alone in the English language, and these being added to those published in other languages their whole number cannot fall much short of 15,000. Every country where there is a congregation of Masons has its scholars investigating the character, the aim, the design of the institution, and its periodical works, conducted for the most part with ability, in which the results of these investigations are given to the Craft.

The means of acquiring Masonic knowledge are within the reach of every Mason. He who is ignorant must attribute his ignorance to his own indifference. He who contents himself with the acquisition of the ritual as given in the lodge, may be in possession of all the forms of initiation, and call himself a "bright" Mason, but his brightness will be utter darkness when compared with the knowledge of him who from books has learned the true meaning and significance of that ritual and the real philosophy of that institution.—*Freemasons' Journal*.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales was held at Rhyl, on Tuesday, the 1st inst., under the presidency of the Prov. G.M., Bro. Lord Harlech. There was a large gathering of brethren representing the whole of the lodges in the province. Among those present were: Bros. Sir W. Grenville Williams, Bart., J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; C. W. Richards, Prov. G. Reg.; R. Langford Jones, J. W. M. Smith, J. Parry Jones, Rev. W. J. Caxodine, J. Lloyd Griffith, James G. Tuxford, Col. the Hon. W. E. Sackville West, James Salmon, S. J. Amos, F. H. Groshoby, and others.

In the morning a meeting of the Committee of the North Wales Masonic Charity Association was held, when business pertaining to various Charities was transacted. The Provincial Grand Lodge assembled in the Town Hall at half-past one, a procession of Grand Officers being formed from the County Club.

In his address to the brethren, the PROV. GRAND MASTER congratulated the province upon its numerical strength. Compared with seven years ago, the number of members showed an increase of 256. He could not impress too strongly upon them the desirability of looking into the characters of the candidates, and of seeing that they were free and honourable men. He deplored the loss during the past year of several prominent members of the Craft in the province, and alluded to the absence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Platt, through the drowning of his son.

A vote of condolence was passed to Bro. Col. Platt in his bereavement.

The Prov. G. Master appointed the following as his officers:

Bro. the Dean of St. Asaph...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" C. H. Rees ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. D. Edwards ...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. T. Edwards ...	...
" J. Salmon ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. W. Richards ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. Roberts ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. H. V. Groshoby ...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" R. Langford Jones ...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Hall ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" L. F. Cox ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" T. Williams ...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Griffith Richards ...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" James E. Hughes ...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Jno. E. Davies ...	...
" C. Rowland ...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. D. Henderson ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. A. Nott ...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" James Cutts ...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. H. Ellis ...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" A. L. Clews ...	...
" A. S. H. Bromwich ...	...
" W. Rowland ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" H. L. Stubington ...	...

The business of the lodge was brought to a close in the usual manner.

Afterwards the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Town Hall.

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH ONE ANOTHER.

A little item has been going the round of Masonic journals that a Grand Master, visiting a certain lodge in which little work had been done in the course of the year, upon inquiring how they had spent their time at the meetings, received the naive reply—"We tried to get acquainted with one another."

The full stress of this little item, from frequent reading of it, impressed our mind more and more with each reading, and the suggestiveness of the inquiry and the pertinency of the reply seem worthy of a more extended consideration. The thought of the Grand Master, in making the inquiry how they had spent their time at the meetings, was evidently that so many

meetings without work could hardly be made profitable or attractive. This is not an uncommon opinion among a large class of Masons, and accounts for many vacant seats usually at stated meetings. Such brethren evidently do not understand and appreciate the full import and purpose of Freemasonry. There are many important matters requiring the attention of lodges beside the making of Masons, and the brethren who take an interest in them never find stated meetings dull and uninteresting. They realise that the prosperity of lodge and the good of Masonry within its jurisdiction depends upon a careful and intelligent consideration of its business affairs. They are always on hand to attend to this most important duty. If there was but little business to transact, as is often the case, especially in small lodges, an hour can be spent pleasantly and profitably under the head of—"Good of the Order." There are many ways in which this can be done. One of these, which we have seen tried with good effect, is to have some brother, appointed at the previous meeting, prepare and read a short paper on a Masonic subject, of his own selection, to be followed by comments and criticism by the brethren. It will not only create great interest among the brethren, but will add greatly to their fund of Masonic knowledge, and thus increase the usefulness of many in the lodge who before were only silent members.

There are many other ways to interest and entertain the members which an intelligent Worshipful Master will find always at his command. Music, recitations, and schools for instruction may be suggested. Much depends on circumstances and surroundings, but the proper method will readily suggest itself. When other resources have been exhausted, there is always left the one of trying to get acquainted with one another. Let the lodge be "called off" (informally) and have a social time, while all strangers are introduced and the warm grasp of fraternal recognition given. Bring the members thus into closer companionship and make them feel that they are indeed "Brothers of the mystic tie," and are recognised and honoured as such. It will bring the rarely-attending members oftener to the lodge room and influence them to become more active in the work of the lodge. It may not be inappropriate in this connection to speak of another class of Masons, who very seldom, if ever, attend meetings of their lodge. They appear to be willing to let others transact its business and do all the work so long as they are left free to attend on festive occasions or at any other time when it may please them to do so. They seem impressed with the idea that their connection with Masonry is solely for their own amusement and enjoyment. So far as duties or obligations rest on them, they give but little thought or attention. They do not seem to realise the fact that if all were as indifferent as themselves there would soon be no lodge and but very little Masonry.

Many of this same class are ambitious to be known as "High Masons," and go on taking degrees so long as they can find any in sight ahead of them that have any relation to Masonry, by name or otherwise, until they have captured the entire list. As a rule their interest in the lodge and in time-honoured Ancient Craft Masonry decreases in geometrical progression with each additional degree, until it becomes so infinitesimal as to be invisible to the naked eye. The insignia of their rank, however, is visible to the eyes of all, prominently displayed on watchguard and lapel, and their Masonic ambition is fully satisfied. It is, perhaps, just as well that way as any other. There is no law of compulsion in Masonry to make it different. —*Masonic Advocate.*

AN ADDRESS.

The following address was given by R.W.M., Bro. J. D. B. Gribble, at the banquet of Lodge Morland, No. 569 (S.C.), Secunderabad, on the occasion of the raising of Bro. Baron J. V. Rosenberg, March 25th, 1893:

LIGHT.

It is our usual custom to propose the health of a newly-raised brother. I have peculiar pleasure in performing this task on the present occasion, on account of the close ties that connect Brother R. with myself. Believing as I most thoroughly do in the principles of Freemasonry, it is always a satisfaction to see with each new admission our circle spreading wider and wider, and you can imagine, therefore, that it is a special satisfaction to me to have been the means of giving Light to a member of my own family. When proposing a newly-raised brother's health, it has always been my custom to address to him a few words regarding his new duties, and I think on the present occasion I cannot do better than choose the subject of Light. We are told in our volume of Sacred Law that in the beginning was the Word, and the word was God. We are told further on that in Him is the Light of the World. We also know from the same Sacred Book that the material light of the world, the sun, the moon, and the stars, were created on the fourth day. But the Light that is God has existed from all time. It follows, therefore, that there are two kinds of light—the Divine light and the material light. Hence, it has always been the custom not only in Freemasonry, but also in all ancient mystic rites, such as those of Egypt and of Persia, to admit candidates in a state of darkness, and only after they have been properly instructed; in other words, been illuminated with the Divine light to restore them to the blessings of material light. Their attention is then first attracted to our three greater lights—the Volume of Holy Law, the square and the compasses, and after that only the lesser lights—the sun, the moon, and the Master of the lodge. Now, brethren, what we should strive for is a growth in the Divine light. This we can only do by following out the three great principles of Freemasonry—Brotherly Love, Charity, and Truth. These principles have been fully illustrated and explained in the three Degrees which have been bestowed upon our brother, and it now remains for him to make them a part and a portion of his daily life. Regarding brotherly love, I would remind him that as the square is used to test the angles of stones and buildings, so the test which he should apply to his own conduct is to put himself in the other's place, and to ask the question: How should I like so and so to do or say to me what I now propose to do or say to him. As regards Charity, I would point out that this word does not only mean the material virtue of almsgiving and relief; these are merely the outward and visible sign of the real Charity that is within. This Charity, brethren, should begin at home, and consists of raising ourselves to that standard which is laid down in our volume of Sacred Law, to the exercise of the Charity that thinketh no evil, that is not puffed up, that hopeth all things, believeth all things, that suffereth long and is kind, that rejoiceth not in the iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth. How much of the higher Charity is it that we possess, my brethren? Alas, I fear but very little! Every day we fall short in some respects of the

great Ideal that is set before us, and it is only therefore by self-improvement that we can hope to rise. In the words of the great poet, who only a short time ago "crossed the Bar:"—

I hold it truth with him who sings
To one clear harp in various tones.
That men may rise on stepping stones
Of their dead selves to higher things!

And now, brethren, but one last word regarding the third great principle: Truth. We should be true not only to others, but, above all, to ourselves. True to our obligations, true to the lessons we have learnt, and true to the principles we profess. I would say to our newly-raised brother as, indeed, I would say to each of you here:

To thine own self be true
And it must follow as the night the day
Thou canst not then be false to any man!

It is in this way that our brother will be able to gain more of that divine light which will enable him to shine forth as a credit and ornament of our ancient Order.—*Indian Masonic Review.*

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland from February, 1893, to January, 1894, judging from No. 1, recently issued, will make a very interesting and bulky volume, as the first instalment runs to 120 pages.

Bro. D. Murray Lyon, the efficient Grand Secretary, is the Editor, and is "quite at home" at that sort of work. As the Historian of the Scottish Craft, his name and fame are widespread, hence whatever emanates from his pen is certain to be carefully read, and eagerly welcomed withal.

The particulars afforded of the various Committee meetings, and also of the assemblies of Grand Lodge, are ably described, and the complete roll of members of Grand Lodge, as a compilation, is not only most useful, but must have necessitated a deal of labour, as also a full list of the various Provincial Grand Lodges at home and abroad.

The success of the Grand Lodge has been something phenomenal of late years, and we hope ere long Bro. Lyon will see his way clear not only to recommend a considerable increase of the minimum initiation fee, but also to require that a moderate annual subscription be paid by every member of a Scottish lodge, according to the almost invariable custom throughout the Universe.

A large admission fee and a moderate annual subscription are the two financial prerequisites of most well-governed Grand Lodges, and now that the Grand Lodge of Scotland is so prosperous, the time appears to have come to reconsider the financial arrangements of that ancient and respected organisation.

INNOVATIONS.

The closing years of the 19th century are wonderfully prolific in the production of secret, or semi-secret societies, all patterned primarily or secondarily after our ancient institution that has survived the storms of many centuries. With the multiplication of "orders" comes a tendency to make innovations upon the ancient usages, customs, and land-marks of our Fraternity—here a little and there a little. Let me warn you, brethren, against such insidious innovations, and caution you to resist them, now and forever. Freemasonry has existed from time immemorial because it has been a law unto itself. Its principles and precepts are well known to those who seek for light. They must be preserved in all their integrity and purity.

If Freemasons desire to attach themselves to modern "Orders" they are free to do so, but they must not attempt to introduce any modern or so-called "improved methods" into our Fraternity. Freemasonry does not proselyte. Whoever seeks and obtains its rights and privileges must conform with its ancient usages and customs. It solicits no man. Those who desire its privileges must seek them of their own free will and accord. Such as attain them, voluntarily pledge themselves to keep, support, maintain, and abide by the rules, regulations, and edicts of the Grand Lodge. There can be no mental reservation. The pledge must be free, voluntary, absolute and unconditional.

Within a tyled lodge no practice is permitted or designation allowed that is not Masonic—hence any person presenting himself for admission bearing any emblem, badge, or designation of a society, order, or association not recognised as Masonic, should be denied admission unless such badge or designation shall be removed or concealed.—*Grand Master Africa, Penn.*

F. J. BEGUE CLAVEL.—A well-known French writer and brother, but of whom not much is known apparently beyond his literary productions. He issued, Kloss tells us, in 1843, at Paris, "Histoire Pittoresque de la Franche Maçonnerie," etc., an interesting work, though not altogether reliable, as he has sacrificed accuracy to theory, and history to effect. Kloss also informs us that, in 1844, he edited "Almanach Pittoresque Universel de la Franche Maçonnerie." He was also W.M. of the Lodge "Emeth," and pronounced a discourse on the 3rd of November, 1824, on the occasion of the death of H.M. Louis XVIII., and the succession of Charles X. This was published, according to Kloss, in 1824. He also, together with a "Frère Caille," seems to have put out "Les Meneurs du Grand Orient jugés d'après leurs Œuvres," etc., which, though without date, is said to be printed in the "Annales, etc., des Pays Bas," vol. vi. He also edited the "Revue Historique, Scientifique et Morale de la Franche Maçonnerie" (Paris, 1830, 1833), according to Kloss, in six parts, meant to be a French continuation of the "Annales des Pays Bas." Mackey, who deals with him only in his "Supplement," says that he also, in 1844, was the author of "Histoire Pittoresque des Religions, etc., de tous les Peuples du Monde." Kloss does not mention this work, neither does he record the Masonic journal, the "Grand Orient," or "Orient," which Mackey says he also edited in 1844. We are inclined to think that there is a little confusion about dates, though we confess to great difficulty in finding out much about him. Clavel, in his "Histoire Pittoresque," gives us a full account of a quarrel he had with the Grand Orient of France, in or about 1826, and of the sentence of exclusion passed upon him, and others; but it is one of those squabbles which are a discredit to Freemasonry, and certainly will not interest our readers. Indeed, it is nothing but a conflict between the Grand Orient and the Rite Ecossais, of which Clavel seems to have been a warm supporter. His fame as a Masonic writer rests upon his "Histoire Pittoresque."—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; W. Belchamber, Charles Sheppard, S. Vallentine, P.G.P.; W. Fisher, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; T. W. Whitmarsh, C. H. Webb, T. B. Purchas, P.A.G.D.C.; H. G. Thompson, C. J. R. Tijou, A.G.P.; W. Webber, A. R. Trew, R. D. Cummings, A. H. Hickman, S. V. Abraham, P.G.P.; A. Durrant, Charles Kempton, W. J. Murlis, T. B. Daniell, W. Vincent, J. Dixon, James Bunker, and John Mason, acting Secretary.

The minutes of the preceding Committee having been read and verified, the Acting Secretary reported the deaths of two male and three widow annuitants. The Warden's report for the past month having been read, the petitions of the widows of two recently deceased annuitants for half their late husbands' annuities were acceded to, and the Committee, having passed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, adjourned.

FUNERAL OF BRO. J. DERBY ALLCROFT.

At the pretty little village of Onibury, Salop, and in the most unpretentious of churches to be found in the kingdom was laid, on Thursday, 3rd inst., all that remained of the late Bro. the V.W. Past Grand Treasurer of England, John Derby Allcroft. On the following morning, at 12 o'clock, there mustered in strong force at the gates of Stokesay Court (the finest house in Shropshire) representatives of the county, tenantry, church, and the great Masonic body, of which latter Bro. Allcroft in his time had the distinguished honour of winning the first blue ribbon ever offered for competition amongst the most worthy of its members, viz., that of the office of Grand Treasurer. At the time of his death our brother was the high sheriff of the county, therefore a body of the Shropshire constabulary, under the direction of one of its chief officers, headed the procession to the place of interment. The young squire of Stokesay, Mr. Herbert J. Allcroft, as chief mourner, and accompanied by his brothers, making up the first carriage, appeared upon the scene, other carriages followed; afterwards personal friends and members of the Masonic body, in the persons of the Prov. Grand Master for Shropshire, Bro. Sir Olley Wakeman, Bart., Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe, P.P.G.W. Middlesex, Secretary of the Aldersgate Lodge and Chapter, and Bro. J. Percy Fitzgerald, the father of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, and of which Bro. Jolliffe is the Treasurer. These two brethren represented the lodges referred to, and expressly journeyed from London on Friday for that purpose. The lodge at Ludlow, of which Bro. Allcroft was a member, was represented by several of its Past Masters and officers. The procession was considerably increased by the addition of members of the county families and the tenantry of Stokesay. Arriving at the parish church, which quickly became filled to its utmost capacity, the funeral service was most impressively conducted by three reverend gentlemen of the district, the interment taking place in quite a comfortable corner of the pretty churchyard there in an ordinary grave, which shows the unpretentious and evangelistic character of our late brother. As the young Squire, Mr. Herbert J. Allcroft, stood bare-headed at his father's grave with downcast eyes one could but help wondering if he was contemplating the difficulties of walking in the footsteps of his worthy and distinguished father, one whose Charity and large-hearted sympathy knew no bounds; to whom the distressed were never refused a patient hearing, and who well knew liberality and even princely munificence. To all charitable objects, be they Masonic or un-Masonic, the name of John Derby Allcroft is to-day as familiar as the word Charity itself.

The display of choice flowers and exotics, containing many kindly sentences and quotations, was exceedingly beautiful. Bros. Jolliffe and Fitzgerald were the bearers of two exceedingly handsome wreaths, which were sent by the members of the Aldersgate and Derby Allcroft Lodges, showing the affectionate regard held by them for the memory of their first Master, the late Bro. John Derby Allcroft, the Philanthropist.

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. G. C. TURNER.

On Saturday afternoon, the 22nd ultimo, amidst general marks of respect, the mortal remains of this much-respected brother were consigned to their last resting-place in the Clevedon Cemetery. Deceased was a prominent member of the Coleridge Lodge, No. 1750, and an honorary member of the Loyal Lily of the Valley Lodge of Oddfellows; and every institution having for its object the welfare of the town found in him a warm and active supporter. The mourners were Messrs. William W. Turner (brother), William Turner (son), E. Hagley (brother-in-law), W. L. and E. J. Hagley (nephews), W. W. Purnell, — Fry, W.

Furse, H. L. Cooksley, and C. Purnell. Between 20 and 30 members of the Coleridge Lodge, wearing white kid gloves and sprigs of acacia, attended the funeral; amongst the brethren present being Bros. A. B. Wicken-den, Alonzo Dawes, J. Jupp, Rev. T. H. I. Child, T. Grant, D. Charles, J. R. Lovegrove, R. Ewings, W. Stuckey, F. W. Mills, H. L. Hayman, Bert. Hayman, E. H. Hazell, H. W. Mackenzie, O. Klemm, W. Somerton, W. W. Winsor, J. H. Davis, and G. W. Knowles. Bros. the Rev. A. R. Cartright (who was in Scotland), W. F. Langworthy, F. G. Leman, H. Amos (who were also out of town), R. S. Newnham, and H. Coates were unavoidably absent. Every house along the route bore marks of the respect held for the deceased and sympathy with the bereaved widow and family.

AMERICAN GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS.

If a part only of the money which is wasted in printing the proceedings of Masonic Grand Bodies could be applied to some useful purpose, it would be productive of results which would astonish the members of the Craft. For all practical purposes most of this money is absolutely wasted. The "record" could as well be kept in manuscript as in printed volumes, which, as a rule, are not accessible to the Craftsman who has occasion to consult them. After about 25 years' diligent reading of Masonic proceedings, this writer has been forced to admit that it has been done at an enormous waste of time. In order to obtain the kernel of wheat which is always to be found in even the dullest of these transactions, it has been necessary to dig down through quantities of chaff. Bread and butter are too dear and life is too short in which to ascertain what has been the legislation of any particular Grand Body on any particular subject. Take, for example, the question of "affiliation," in the great jurisdiction of Pen-ny-mo-sy. We open at the earliest accessible volume and read through reports on every possible subject but that we are investigating, and take up the next volume and repeat the process until hours of time are lost and weariness of brain and body result, when we probably reach the conclusion that the "pork is not worth the shilling," and so die in ignorance of what the law of Pennymosy is. All this because the learned and highly esteemed Grand Secretary of Pennymosy, who is one of the cleverest fellows on earth and who has been exceedingly kind to us on a score of occasions, has not the faintest idea of what an index is, and if some were to tell him, would not know how to make one.

Some one has said that "a book without an index is of no more value than an index without a book," or words to that effect, and he is right. In this age when we have so many better things to do than to read reports of credential committees and other highly interesting, but necessary, information with which the proceedings of every Grand Body are encumbered, every name and every subject should be indexed. This takes work and it takes brains, but without it the book is an absolute waste of good paper and printer's ink. I have a great number of proceedings, for which I am profoundly indebted to the dear good souls of Grand Secretaries, who after persistent dunning have yielded them up to me, and which I have for the most part read and then solemnly placed on high shelves, with the sad reflection that no one would disturb their repose until the sheriff sold them to the paper mill, or the hand which placed them on their lofty perch was dust. Now, if these volumes were even passably indexed, they would be valuable, for there is much embalmed therein which is not only interesting but profitable reading. As matters stand it is absolutely lost and will never be found. Whatever is worth printing in the proceedings is worth indexing. I wrote on this subject to one of the ablest of the Grand Secretaries and correspondence writers which this country has produced (and that's paying him a high compliment) a short time since, and this is what he fired back at me:

"I do not understand your meaning respecting the Grand Secretaries indexing their proceedings. Am I to understand your reference to be the 'proceedings' or reports on correspondence? If you refer to the business transactions of our Grand Lodge, you will please look again and see my index. If your reference is to the report on correspondence, I reply that to index such a work is not only impracticable, but without value. To index a report on correspondence prepared by myself would be a small job and easily performed, as there is but little matter of interest justifying any indexing, and but few subjects could be classified. I have, after a fashion, indexed the Grand Lodge proceedings for fifteen years. I do not think that my achievements in that line will entitle me to the 'higher seat' in the good world that you mention. However, the effort has been annually made."

Now here is a man who has left an indelible impress upon the records of the Craft, whose thoughts should live and whose opinions ought to be quoted long years after he has paid the debt of nature, who through the mere force of his intellect has made the Masonic name itself the synonym of learning in his jurisdiction, but who, though he himself has doubtless lost months of valuable time wading over pages of trash hunting for the wheat, cannot appreciate a suggestion that an index to the very valuable contribution which he annually makes to current Masonic literature, would add immensely to its present and future value. This brother has at different times written regarding "perpetual jurisdiction," "forced affiliation," "public installation,"

"the necessity of the Past Master's degree as a prerequisite for installation," and many other topics, and without knowing his views there can be no such thing as an intelligent discussion of these questions, but in order to know them one would require a "horse memory," or must needs make an examination, page by page, of the thousands of pages he has written. Even if one had the inclination, but few have the time in which to do this. I submit that the good brother's thoughts must perish with him solely because life is too short in which to hunt for any, even Solomon's, ideas in an unindexed book.

If these Masonic book-makers were to act upon the suggestion "that there is but little matter of interest justifying any indexing" in what they write, and eliminate that which is of no interest before it is printed, they would make an awful hole in their manuscripts, for it is doubtless true that much is printed which is without permanent value, but it would be an immense loss, notwithstanding sins of omission and commission, if the correspondence feature of our proceedings were to be abolished. But all of us who indulge in that kind of literature will doubtless heartily agree in saying that nothing should be given a place in a Masonic report which is "not worth indexing."

At a certain meeting of the Grand Lodge of the brother whose thoughts are "not worth indexing," the committee on by-laws made a report that "all lodges in the county of Jerusalem shall have the concurrent jurisdiction hereby created in the city of Salamander," &c. Turning to this index made "after a fashion" I find that this important piece of legislation is indexed "By-laws, Report of Committee on, 77." It bobs up again under the heading "Report," but it does not appear under the title "Jurisdiction" or the name of the county or city affected, and it is "after this fashion" that something over 300 pages of important matter are disposed of. As well look in the tomb of an Egyptian mummy for light on the subjects embraced in the book, as in the 200 entries with which the "after a fashion" index of my esteemed friend consists.—FREDERIC SPEED in the *Voice of Masonry*.

MOTHER KILWINNING LODGE.

"Mallett" in the *Glasgow Evening News* of the 2nd inst. says:

"I am in receipt of the following communication from Kilwinning, which cannot fail to be of interest to all who revere the memory of the old Lodge No. 0:—On Saturday, about three o'clock, the foundation-stone of the old lodge was discovered. We found that it had been laid in the south-east corner of the building, being the first stone laid. The stone measures 22 by 18½ inches, and has been quarried from Stevenston Quarry. In the stone we found a brass plate, oval in shape, about 9 inches over all in size. The inscription on the plate is as follows:

"Archibaldi Comites de Eglintoune, honoratissimi ductu et auspiciis, ejusque Legate Joannis Allan, &c., &c., Restourata Architectonice, Antiquum et Architectorum, Domicilium Primarium de Kilvinne denuo edificatum. Fundamentis Locatis, Martu XXIV., MDCCCLXXIX., ac Architectonice VMDCC LXXIX."

"Under the guidance and auspices of the Right Worshipful Archibald Earl of Eglinton, and of his Depute, John Allan, &c., &c., Masonry revived, and the Ancient and Primal Lodge of Master Masons of Kilwinning rebuilt. Foundations laid on the 24th day of March, 1779, and of Masonry 5779."

"The stone, I am further informed, was taken possession of by the Secretary, Bro. Laurence Matheson, in accordance with instructions from the lodge. A few facsimiles of 'Masons' marks,' copied from the old building, I reserve till next week, when they will be given in sketch."

Obituary.

BRO. PERCY HARRY WHITE, I.P.M. 1395.

The news of the startlingly sudden death of Bro. Percy H. White, M.B., M.R.C.S., &c., was received by his many friends with the deepest feelings of regret. Bro. Dr. White, who was the I.P.M. of the Weyside Lodge, installed his successor, Bro. Gilbert H. White, as recently as June 27th in a manner which will long dwell for its impressiveness in the memory of the members present. Bro. Dr. White also attended the usual banquet in the evening, when he appeared in excellent health, and was, as usual, exceedingly cheerful and genial. A few days after he was attacked with typhoid fever, and died at his residence, 3, Moore-street, Cadogan-square, London, on the 24th ult., in his 38th year. The deceased was initiated in 1886 in the Weyside Lodge, No. 1395, Woking, and served the office of W.M. in 1892. He was also a rising member of the Weyside Chapter (Royal Arch), and of the Cœur de Lion Chapter (Rose Croix). He was the fourth son of the late Mr. Richard White, of Norwich. For several years Bro. Dr. White carried on his profession at Woking, but some five years ago he disposed of his practice to Dr. A. Howlin, joining as partner an eminent surgeon-dentist in London. Here he immensely increased the practice, and had made quite a name for himself as a skilful dentist. The funeral took place on the 29th ult., when the remains of our deceased brother were interred in St. James' Cemetery, Dover. Among the numerous wreaths sent was a beautiful one from the officers and brethren of the Weyside Lodge.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in Edinburgh on the 3rd instant, when the vidimus submitted by the Grand Cashier showed that the income during the three months ending 31st ult. amounted to £1112, leaving a balance of £540. There had been 1002 entrants to the Order during that period. The Annuity Board reported that there were 112 annuitants on the roll receiving £1175. The Grand Secretary submitted a report on the visit of the Grand Master during the last week of June to the North of Scotland, and the report of the Grand Committee on the proxy system was adopted.

We have received a letter from Bro. H. F. Heisterman, G. Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, in which he takes exception to the statements we made in an article we published some time ago on the condition of Freemasonry in that portion of the British Empire, and the praiseworthy conduct of certain prominent members of the British Columbia jurisdiction. We are unable to publish that letter because it contains reflections on the conduct of certain of those members to which it would be extremely improper on our part to give publicity. But we shall not fail to justify our own remarks, and that at the earliest available opportunity.

We heartily thank Comp. Thos. R. Richards, Scribe E. of the Glasgow Poyal Arch Chapter, No. 50, on the roll of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, for the copy he has been so kind as to forward to us of the by-laws of that body, as well as of the lodge of Royal Ark Mariners and the Council of Red Cross Knights established under its authority. Comp. Richards informs us that the chapter, which was constituted in 1824, and meets at St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street Glasgow, is the oldest and most historical in the Province. The by-laws appear to have been very carefully framed.

The Report of the Committee of the Port Elizabeth Masonic Education Scheme, which was presented at the annual meeting of the supporters of that Charity on the 1st June last, is very satisfactory. The subscriptions and donations, though necessarily on a modest scale, are declared to have been greater than in any previous year, owing to the greater interest taken by the brethren generally in the good work that is being done by the Association, and we trust this interest, and with it the increase in contributions, in future years will be fully maintained. The whole of the money raised appears to be devoted to the purposes for which the Charity was established, the only other outlay being for "Printing" in 1891 and 1892, and for "Books" for the period 1889-91.

As for the work done during the past year, the Report states that 11 children were borne on the books of the Charity, of whom two have now been removed in consequence of having completed their studies, while a third was unfortunately drowned. The amount expended on the education of these children was £61, while the whole number of beneficiaries is 26. The Endowment Fund amounts to £300, and the balance in hand at the close of the account fell not far short of £60.

The Masonic bodies which have taken part in the establishment of this scheme are the Lodges of Goodwill, No. 711, and Good Hope, No. 863, both located in Port Elizabeth; the Port Elizabeth Royal Arch Chapter, No. 711; the St. Croix Rose Croix Chapter, No. 81; the Vasco do Garmo Preceptory and Priory of the Holy Sepulchre, No. 151, on the roll of Great Priory of England and Wales; the Spes Bona, No. 253, Mark Lodge, all being located in the same place. The members of these various bodies must be exceedingly delighted to find their efforts in behalf of their poorer brethren have borne such good fruit, and we congratulate them on the services they are thus rendering to Freemasonry, and the loyal part they are taking in maintaining the prestige of the Order.

According to Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, who may claim to speak with plenty of experience in these matters, the lot of a Deputy Provincial Grand Master is not cast in the most pleasant of places. One part of his duty, he tells us, is "to act as one of the Provincial Grand Master's Privy Council," and in that capacity "to recommend brethren for Provincial Grand honours." But he points out that in fulfilling this part of their duties, Deputy Provincial Grand Masters are obliged to start on the assumption that "every brother deserved to be Provincial Grand Senior Warden," and that every lodge which did not receive that honour would consider itself most grossly insulted.

Under such circumstances, we cannot say we envy D.P.G. Masters. However, they appear to thrive under the heavy weight of responsibility which is imposed upon them, nor do they seem to be too much cast down by the vast amount of odium they must incur in advising as to the distribution of Provincial honours. So the brethren must be good fellows, and must realise that it is not an unpardonable sin to recommend one brother for appointment to office and not recommend the rest.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

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MASONIC CERTIFICATES.

Bro. J. Ramsden Riley, P.M., &c., and member of the "Quatuor Coronati Lodge," No. 2076, London, has prepared, and only waiting for publication, "A Classification of Masonic Certificates; with Notes and Illustrations descriptive of those engraved documents of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England, from the earliest to the present time." I have long been familiar with this department of Bro. Riley's studies, and know how thoroughly he has worked up the matter, having spared neither time nor expense to make the subject his own from beginning to end. He has determined not to begin printing until 300 subscribers are obtained. This I am very sorry for, but it will be so expensive in consequence of the numerous illustrations, that Bro. Riley considers the brethren interested in such a volume should send him their names first of all, so as to ensure him against loss, which so often follows Masonic publications. I hope that many subscribers will be forwarded to Bro. J. Ramsden Riley, 49, Grey-road, Walton, Liverpool, as soon as possible. The work will cost 10s., when ready.

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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Corinthian Lodge (No. 1382).—At the last meeting of this lodge held at the George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Bro. J. S. Limn, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. G. A. Saunders, P.M., I.P.M.; W. J. Millington, P.M.; J. Morrison, P.M.; and R. Perry, P.M. The officers were Bros. W. Blois, S.W.; G. Bonner, J.W.; R. J. Pitt, P.M., Treas.; A. H. Oakley, Sec.; F. Bassett, S.D.; B. Bareham, J.D.; E. Brindley, I.G.; J. Greateorex, Stwd.; and J. Williams, P.M., Tyler. Among the members were Bros. W. C. Flint, C. Keogh, W. S. Howell, E. Stoneham, J. Bunting, Geo. Pitt, J. Salt, W. Lea, C. Pike, J. H. Nightscals, Lewis W. Innocent, and G. W. Williams. Visitors: Bros. H. Boyle, 38; A. Straun, 14; R. C. Hinderwell, 1259; J. Mills, 1765, and many others.

The lodge being opened, Bros. Munro and Hawkins were passed and Bro. Keogh raised.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The loyal toasts having been proposed and responded to, Bro. Limn, in response to the toast of "The W.M.," thanked the brethren for their congratulations on his recovery to good health.

Bros. Pitt and Oakley responded as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

For "The Officers'" responses were given by Bros. Blois, Bonner, Bassett, Bareham, Brindley, and Greateorex.

Among the brethren contributing to the harmony were Bros. Greateorex, Bareham, and others, and Bro. Brindley delivered a telling recitation.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—The usual monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Rooms, Peace Hall, on Wednesday, the 2nd instant. Present: Bros. J. Constable, W.M.; A. L. Peace, Treas., acting S.W.; S. H. L. Ashlin, I.P.M.; J. D. Bletcher, Almoner; W. Martin, J.W.; Theo. Barber, S.D.; B. Maskill, J.D.; F. T. Turner, I.G.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; G. Eland, E. Hirst, W. T. Chambers, and F. Pine, Tyler.

The lodge being duly opened, Bro. Chambers was passed to the Degree of F. by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Ashlin and Barber. Bro. A. Goodhind, S.D., being about to leave Yorkshire for Dudley, it was unanimously resolved to invite him to a complimentary parting supper, to be held the evening of the next regular meeting.

Royal Arch.

PENZANCE.

Holy Mount Chapter (No. 121).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., when the following Principals were installed: Comps. G. R. Mockridge, M.E.Z.; G. H. Small, H.; and W. Colenso, J. The installation ceremony was very ably performed by Comp. M. Sampson, P.Z. The following officers were invested: Comps. M. Sampson, Treas.; P. T. Chirgwin, Scribe E.; R. Colenso, Scribe N.; J. M. Cornish, P.S.; R. Walters, 1st A.S.; I. Oppenheim, 2nd A.S.; and J. E. Rogers, Janitor.

There was a goodly number of companions present, among whom were several visitors, viz.: Comps. C. P. Richards, P.Z. Abbey Chapter, P.P.S.G.W. Lancs.; J. M. Richards, P.Z. Cornubia Chapter; R. Rowe, M.E.Z. Cornubia Chapter; G. F. Gent, Union Chapter; and W. G. Hancock.

The companions afterwards adjourned to the Western Hotel for the banquet, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

STONEHOUSE.

Elliott Chapter (No. 1205).—The annual meeting of the above chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms, Caroline-place, to install the Principals for the ensuing year: Comps. C. B. G. Dick, M.E.Z.; Geo. Perkins, H.; and J. J. Facev, J. The Installing Officers were W. Powell, P.Z., and James Gidley, P.Z. 2025, assisted by the following Board of Installed Principals: Comps. Col. J. Elliott, P.Z., Past G.P.S. Eng.; Jno. R. Lord, P.Z. 1247, P.P.G.T., P.G.D.C.; S. Jew, P.Z. 105, P.P.G.T.; D. Cross, P.Z., P.P.G.T.; W. Allsford, P.Z. 202, P.P.G.P.S.; R. Dickson, P.Z., P.A.G.S.; F. Couch, P.Z.; A. W. King, P.Z.; R. Pike, P.Z. 230; E. Binding, P.Z. 202; and W. J. Pengelly, M.E.Z. 2025. The officers were invested as follows: Comps. A. W. King, I.P.Z.; James Gidley, P.Z., Scribe E.; W. H. Ambrose, Scribe N.; D. Cross P.Z., Treas.; A. E. Maddock, P.S.; J. Maunder, 1st A.S.; E. J. Wheeler, 2nd A.S.; and J. Gidley, Janitor.

A supper was afterwards held.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 25th ult., at the "Frascati," 30, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. A. Becker, W.M.; H. Matthews, S.W.; A. Petit, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; F. Marx, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; Guggenheim, S.D.; Goldstein, J.D.; M. Burgoyne, I.G.; and W. Shales. Visitors: Bros. Goldstein, 1563; Haswell, 1541; and Berry, 801.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Marx worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. Bro. Shales answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Shales being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bros. Goldstein, Berry, and Haswell were unanimously elected joining members. The S.W., Bro. Matthews, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. Reid, W.M.; Powell, S.W.; Hide, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; M. Spiegel, P.M., Sec.; Hillier, S.D.; Fox, J.D.; Cumming, P.M., I.G.; and Bone.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bone being the candidate. The Preceptor worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture, and Bro. Hillier, the Preceptor of St. John's Lodge, worked the 3rd Section. After the usual rising, Bro. Powell was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. THE REV. C. H.

CORYNDON BAKER, D.D. AND MRS. BAKER.

An exchange of livings having been sanctioned between Bro. the Rev. Dr. Baker and the Rev. R. Brown-Borthwick, vicar of All Saints', Scarborough. A meeting of the parishioners, congregation and friends of St. John's Church, was held in the Infant School-room, Gaskell-street, Union-road, on Wednesday evening, the 2nd inst., under the presidency of Mr. Churchwarden Clark. The chairman, in opening the proceedings, expressed the universal regret experienced at the prospect of losing the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Baker, and a sincere hope that the Vicar's health may be speedily regained, as the result of the change. He referred to the satisfactory progress in work achieved during the past nine years. The financial position of the parish had also greatly improved. In June, 1884, £750 was owing. Now, probably, £80 would cover all liabilities. Large sums at various times (£1400) had been cleared, by means of bazaars and fetes, for the benefit of various parochial objects, and a splendid freehold site had just been secured for the erection of new day schools. The Chairman, in concluding, paid a high testimony to the value of Mrs. Baker's services—at the beck and call of everybody, rendering loyal support to her husband, by promoting, in every possible way, all objects that would prove beneficial to the parish and people.

Bro. Churchwarden OCKENDEN fully endorsed all that his colleague had stated, referring specially to Mrs. Baker's accomplished and skilful playing at the organ, and how very much she will be missed throughout the parish. He dwelt upon Bro. Dr. Baker's hard

and generous work for the Day Schools. The Hospital Sunday Fund had found a doughty champion in Dr. Baker, whose eloquent appeals had met with the gratifying response of a grand total of over £650. True enough, mere facts or figures are not the criterion of the really spiritual success of a ministry; the verdict rests with a Higher Power; still we may estimate the comfort and consolation afforded in the hour of sorrow, the help and guidance rendered in the period of doubt and difficulty, and the instruction imparted where knowledge has been sought; all these are matters between the individual conscience and God, between the creature and his Creator. He felt he would soon be parting with one for whom he entertained the highest esteem, and whose friendship he had enjoyed and valued for several years past.

"I venerate the man whose heart is warm,

Whose hands are pure, whose doctrine and whose life, Coincident, exhibit lucid proof

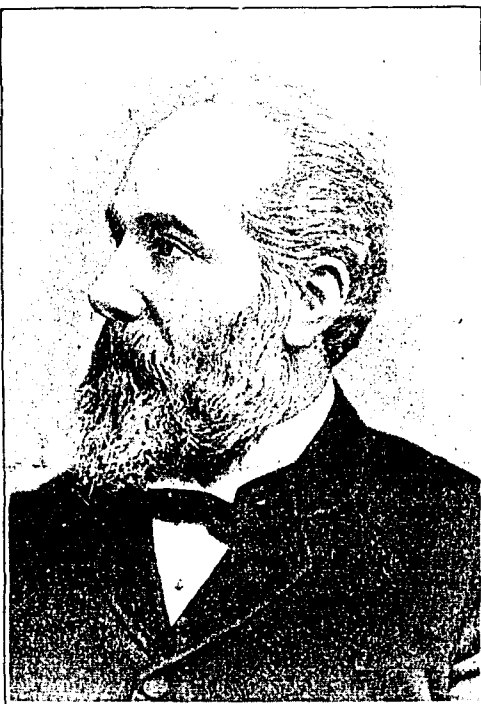
That he is honest in the sacred cause."

Bro. OCKENDEN then proposed that a purse of money be presented by the congregation and friends to the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Baker, accompanied with some gift (hereafter to be decided upon) of a permanent character and appropriately inscribed.

This proposition was seconded by Mr. BIRCH, and enthusiastically carried.

The proceedings closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. FRANK E. BAILEY,

whose portrait we give this week, is the W.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 167, having been installed in October, 1892, after having filled most of the offices. Bro. Bailey's Masonic career dates from 1884, in which year he was initiated in the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, and now holds the office of Junior Deacon. He is a member of Ewell Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1851, and is now Third Principal; and in Mark Masonry he is J.W. of the Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 205. Bro. Bailey, during his comparatively short career as a Mason, has not been neglectful of our Charities. He has qualified as a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and is a Life Governor of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, having served three Stewardships—twice for the Old People and once for the Boys. Bro. Bailey's interest in Freemasonry appears to have extended to other members of his family, three of his brothers residing in New Zealand being not only Freemasons, but Past Masters of their lodges. We cannot help adding to this record the fact that Bro. Bailey is as much respected as the head of a large and successful business firm as he is affectionately regarded by his brethren of the mystic tie.

THE LATE W. BRO. HENRY JOSIAH WHYMPER, C.I.E., DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF THE PUNJAB.

The death of the late W. Bro. H. J. Whympers will arouse feelings of the deepest sorrow and regret, not only in his own district and lodge, but over the whole world, for it is not too much to say that his collection of Masonic works, and his vast knowledge of the literature of Freemasonry, are known to all real lovers of the Masonic art.

He had proceeded from Rawal Pindi to Bombay to see an old friend, the late General Sam Black, off to England, and it seems inexpressibly sad to have to record that they both died before they reached their homes within a week of each other. W. Bro. Whympers was taken ill at Bombay the day after General Black had sailed; he was admitted to the European General Hospital on the 19th of April, where he rapidly sank, and died on the 27th from the effects of dysentery and

fever. His remains were buried the next day in the Sewree Cemetery, and were followed to the grave by all the leading Freemasons in Bombay, to whom best thanks for "paying this last sad tribute to departed merit."

The late Bro. Whympers was initiated in Mayo Lodge, No. 1413, E.C., at Rawal Pindi, in 1873; he took the Royal Arch Degree in the Rose of Denmark Chapter, No. 975, and in due course became a Knights Templar, Knight of Malta, and a member of the 32°. He was a member of the Inner Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, and at the time of his death was Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab.

He was a most prolific writer on Masonic subjects, and in the columns of the *Indian Masonic Review* his loss will be severely felt, for not a single number appeared without some contribution from his pen. His book, "The Religion of Freemasonry," is well known, and his pamphlets, "Acts of Parliament referring to Freemasonry," "Symbolism," "Early printed Literature referring to Freemasonry," and "Catalogues and Bibliographies" are worthy of a wider knowledge than they have, perhaps, obtained, the latter being often referred to by Bro. W. J. Hughan as the best thing of its kind existent.

But his last and greatest literary work, on which he was engaged at the time of his death, is unfortunately unfinished. This work is a "Masonic Bibliography," a work showing every traceable book, pamphlet or paper connected with Freemasonry in the English language, showing all their several editions, and where each book, &c., is to be found. It is to be hoped, however, that this book will not be lost to the Masonic world. It is in a fair state of advancement towards completion, and all the necessary instructions as to its completion have been left with W. Bros. Hughan and Leslie, the latter of whom had for the last year been helping the late Bro. Whympers in its preparation. The publication of such a work would indeed be a great memorial to our lamented brother.

To his Lodge Stewart, No. 1960, of which he was a founder, his loss is irreparable, and in the District of the Punjab he has left a gap which it will not be possible to fill. Well versed in all branches of Masonic literature, a staunch and generous supporter of all the Masonic and social undertakings of his lodge, ever ready to help and advise, to assist and instruct, his genial face will be missed, his kindly words and actions ever remembered by all Freemasons in the Punjab, but by none more than by his sorrowing brethren of the Stewart Lodge.

And, lastly, we should not forget those who are the first care of every Freemason, the widow and orphan. The late Bro. Whympers has left a widow, a son, and four daughters, one of whom is married. To them in their affliction the thoughts and feelings of Freemasons naturally turn. Their loss is the greatest, our sympathy with them the deepest.

Ever ready to help in word and deed, his presence will be missed by old and young, by all classes, creeds, and sects. We feel that a good and true man has gone from us, a kind-hearted and honest minded friend.—*Indian Masonic Review.*

J. H. L.

THE LATE BRO. THOMAS FOXALL.

At the regular meeting of the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742, held at the Crystal Palace on Thursday, the 3rd inst., Bro. Blott, W.M., in the chair, it was proposed by Bro. WILLIAM LAND, P.M., Secretary (in the unavoidable absence of the senior P.M., Bro. H. T. Thompson), seconded by Bro. GEORGE WEEKS, P.M., Treasurer, and unanimously resolved: "That the Crystal Palace Lodge of Freemasons, No. 742, desire to place on record the extreme regret with which the members have received information of the death of Bro. Thomas Foxall, Past Master and Past Treasurer of the lodge, Life Governor and Past Steward of the several Masonic Charities, an earnest Freemason, and a faithful friend; and the Secretary is hereby requested to express to the family of the deceased the deepest sympathy and sincere condolence of the lodge in the irreparable loss they have sustained."

In accordance with the lodge summons, the brethren attended in Masonic mourning.

The Craft Abroad.

PUNJAB.

Stewart Lodge (No. 1960).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Jhangar's Rooms, Mutree, on June 24th, the lodge being in mourning in consequence of the regretted decease of Bro. H. J. Whympers, C.I.E., Deputy District Grand Master and Founder. It was reported that the W. Bro. Major Bowles, P.M., &c. (since appointed Prov. S.G.W. Surrey), as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, had obtained the handsome sum of £86 5s. as the representative of No. 1960. After the ordinary business had been transacted, the following was on the agenda paper: "To ballot for as an Honorary Member of the lodge Very Wor. Bro. William James Hughan, residing at Dunscore, Torquay, P.G. Deacon of England, a member of Fortitude Lodge, No. 131 (E.C.), and of the Inner Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076 (E.C.), proposed by Wor. Bro. J. H. Leslie, and seconded by Wor. Bro. H. F. L. Montgomery." This proposition was carried, as acclamation, much to the satisfaction of the members, as the Bro. Hughan had agreed to accept the compliment, as the condition, and has already elected its Steward for the "Girls" for 1894. Bro. Capt. J. H. Leslie, the W.M., is the able editor of the Punjab Masonic Calendar.



It is gratifying to know that Bro. Edmund Yates has at length recovered sufficiently from his recent long and trying illness to be able to visit Marienbad for the purpose of perfecting his cure.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, on their arrival at Buxton from Eastbourne, had a most enthusiastic reception, it being the first visit his Grace has paid since his accession to the Dukedom.

It is expected that the Queen will continue to reside in the Isle of Wight until about the 24th instant, when her Majesty and the Court will take their departure for Scotland, where they will remain until about the usual time in November.

Sunday last was the 40th anniversary of the birth of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, who was born on the 6th August, 1844, and the church bells at Windsor rang out a merry peal in honour of the event, the usual Royal salutes being deferred till Monday.

The High Court of Judicature will be closed to-morrow (Saturday) for the Long Vacation, and there will be no further general sittings till the 24th October, when Michaelmas Term begins. Mr. Justice Wright and Mr. Justice Kennedy will be the Vacation Judges.

The Austro-Hungarian Ambassador and the Countess Deym and their family have left the Embassy in Belgrave-square for Austria, where they will remain till the beginning of November. During his Excellency's absence Count Wydenbruck will act as *Chargé d'Affaires*.

Several hundred children of the National Refuges, including some 160 boys from the training ships *Arethusa* and *Chichester*, were entertained in Osterley Park, Isleworth, on Wednesday, by Bro. the Earl and Countess of Jersey. His lordship is President of these homes, and takes a deep interest in the welfare of the institution, which attains its jubilee this year.

By invitation of the directors of the Thames Ironworks and Shipbuilding Company, the Lord Mayor inspected on Saturday last the new first-class cruiser, *Theseus*, which has been constructed by the company under the Naval Defence Act, and is now lying in the Victoria Docks. The vessel was again open for inspection on Monday, and the money received for admission will be handed over to the Poplar Hospital.

Mr. Gladstone, who was accompanied by his wife, distributed the principal prizes at the recent Working Men's Exhibition at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Saturday last. Great preparations had been made for the reception of the right honourable gentleman, who was greeted with enthusiasm, both on his arrival and departure, by the enormous gathering which had assembled on the occasion.

The trustees of the Dysart Estates in Ham and Petersham have offered the Richmond Town Council five acres of land at Ham at £1000 per acre for the erection of a joint isolation hospital for the boroughs of Richmond and Kingston, and have also expressed their willingness to hand over to them a portion of the Petersham Meadows, the object being to prevent the erection of houses in this beautiful neighbourhood.

Among the latest donations received by the Lord Mayor towards the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the sufferers by the Victoria disaster are £370 per Lady Gertrude Molyneux, being the balance of the Wedding Gift of the Girls of Great Britain and Ireland to the Duchess of York, sent by special desire of her Royal Highness; £415 from the inhabitants of Kensington; £270 from Cheltenham, where it had been collected by Vice-Admiral A. Phillips; over £47 from the officers and crew of H.M.S. *Colossus*; over £20 from those of H.M.S. *Arethusa*; and £100 per the Mayor of Leicester. The Fund at the beginning of the present week amounted to about £62,000.

The death is announced of the Baroness Bolsover, step-mother of Bro. the Duke of Portland, who had been some time in a delicate state of health, and who, for that reason, had been unable to be present at the recent christening of the infant Marquis of Titchfield. Her ladyship was 59 years of age, and in 1862 became the second wife of Lieut.-General Arthur Cavendish-Bentinck, who died in 1877, two years before his relative, the late Duke of Portland, to whose title and estates he would otherwise have succeeded. Her Majesty was pleased to create Mrs. Cavendish-Bentinck, the Baroness Bolsover, with remainder to her stepson, the present Duke of Portland, thus reviving an old title which had been held by an ancestor of the family.

Monday was the last Bank Holiday of the year, and, as the weather was unusually fine, the traffic all over the country, both by boat and rail, was exceptionally heavy. All the popular seaside resorts within easy reach of London were crowded with excursionists, while the usual throngs of visitors, but in largely augmented numbers, were to be seen at all outdoor places of amusement in the suburbs, as well as in the various gardens, museums, galleries, &c., in and around the Metropolis. The Crystal Palace, with its permanent and specially arranged attractions, was visited by some 30,000 people, the Imperial Institute, Captain Paul Boyton's Show at Earl's Court, the Royal Aquarium, the Egyptian Hall, Kew, and the Zoological Gardens, South Kensington Museum, the Imperial Institute, Madame Tussaud's, all drew more than their usual complement of sightseers. Unfortunately, the day was not allowed to pass without several accidents, in certain of which several lives were lost, the most serious disaster being that which befel a party of excursionists, who had gone out in a pleasure boat in Swansea bay, and were upset, with the result that as many as 23 out of the 29 pleasure-seekers were drowned.

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The Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, now meets at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street.

The value of the personal estate of the late Mr. Henry Parry Gilbey, of the firm of W. and A. Gilbey, who died on December 12th last, aged 68 years, has been sworn at £463,600.

The Opera Testimonial Fund will endow a scholarship. Bro. Sir Augustus Harris intends to suggest that the entire proceeds be devoted to this purpose, and that the scholarship be founded either at the Royal College of Music or at the Imperial Institute.

Several important county matches have been played or are still in progress during the present week. Nottinghamshire was badly beaten by 10 wickets at the Oval, the Australians were defeated by Kent by 36 runs at Canterbury, while Lancashire beat Yorkshire by five runs.

Prince Bismark visited Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill at the Victoria Hotel, Kissingen, on Monday, and in response to the loud calls of the dense crowd which had assembled outside the hotel, the Prince and his lordship appeared on the balcony together, and were greeted with the utmost enthusiasm.

The full-size model of the statue about to be raised in the Houses of Parliament to the late Bro. Earl Granville has been completed by the artist, Mr. Hamo Thornycroft, R.A., and Mr. Gladstone and others who have seen it are said to have pronounced it to be an excellent likeness of the deceased statesman.

The Duchess of York has graciously promised to open the annual sale of work of the Highland Industries Association some time during the autumn. The Countess of Aberdeen was President of the Association till quite recently, but has been obliged to resign that office in view of her approaching departure for Canada.

Mr. Edward Lloyd arrived in London from New York on Monday. Mrs. Lloyd arranged a large garden party for the following day, in celebration not only of his home-coming but of their silver wedding. Nearly 250 guests, all intimate friends, were invited. The festivities at Hassen-dean, Tulse Hill, lasted from mid-afternoon until nearly midnight.

Sir George Grove, Director of the Royal College of Music, has addressed a letter to Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, conveying the resolution of the Council, in which the thanks of that body are expressed to Sir Augustus for his valuable assistance in connection with the operatic performances of the pupils during the past year and for other acts of kindness.

A lodge does not become great by the large number of names on its roll of membership, nor by the accuracy of the rendition of the ceremonies (both of which are commendable and to be desired), but by the obedience and fidelity of its individual members to the usages, customs, and landmarks of the Fraternity, and their putting into practice out of the lodge the principles of religion and morality they are taught within it.—*Keystone*.

The late Bro. J. D. Allcroft acquired during his lifetime the patronage of many important livings, with the object of assuring for them a continuity of sound Evangelical divines. It was thought that on his death Bro. Allcroft would, like Charles Simeon, leave valuable properties in trust for this purpose, but it is now stated that they form part of the estate left to his eldest son, Mr. Herbert Allcroft, who will, therefore, now present to the vacant living of St. Matthew's, Bayswater.

In regard to the fund raised by the Mansion House Committee for the purpose of presenting a wedding gift to the Duke and Duchess of York from the citizens and inhabitants of London, a communication has reached the Lord Mayor that their Royal Highnesses would desire the money to be expended in the purpose of tapestry for the ornamentation of their London residence—York House, St. James's Palace. At a meeting at the Mansion House on Thursday this suggestion was adopted, and steps were taken to purchase such tapestry as their Royal Highnesses might consider suitable for the purpose indicated.

Do we always remember when we see a strange face in our lodge room that we are at home, and on us rests the duty, as it should be a pleasure, of making our lodge room a pleasant Masonic home for the time being to the visiting brother? We are too apt to leave it to the Worshipful Master or other officers. It is a duty and a pleasure we should all delight in. A visiting brother, having been duly examined and formally introduced, is too often left to his own devices in making acquaintances. Are we not his Masonic hosts? Is he not of the same "household of faith"? What better claim could he have to a brotherly grasp, a cheerful word, a kind attention to his comfort? Is he a sojourning brother? He may be making up his mind where he shall cast his lot. Your kindly greetings, brethren, decide him, and you have "lengthened your cords and strengthened your stakes."—*Herald of Masons*.

At half-past one o'clock on Thursday morning a rather heavy thunderstorm burst over London, and was especially violent in the south-eastern district. The storm was preceded by sheet-lightning and low rumbling of thunder late on Wednesday night. Between half-past one and three in the morning the lightning flashes were extremely vivid and frequent, scarcely a second elapsing without a bright broad flash illuminating one or other point of the horizon. The disturbance seemed to pass rapidly over to the north-west. Rain showers, which although very heavy, were of very brief duration, accompanied the storm, which subsided shortly after three o'clock, although the lightning continued for over two hours longer. Rather more than a tenth of an inch of rain was measured at Westminster. It appears from the report of the Meteorological Office that thunderstorms had occurred in almost every part of England during the preceding 24 hours.

THE POWER OF PERSONAL INFLUENCE, for good or evil, is frequently shown by the manner in which large social, political, and even philanthropic organisations are conducted. The good influence of an earnest leader can work wonders, whilst the plausible utterances of a professional agitator often results in the ruin of numbers of vacillating men. These facts have been proved so often that there is no necessity to enlarge upon them, except to say that there are few things which so amply prove how a good influence may be obtained over humanity like Holloway's Pills and Ointment. Through the wonderful power they possess, these remedies are regarded as a cure for all ailments by persons who have once felt their healing influence.

A cheque for £104 17s. 3d. has been sent to the Lord Mayor for the Mansion House Victoria Relief Fund, as a proportion of the profits derived from a benefit given at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster. The amount would probably have been larger but for the announcement of the closing of the fund.

The Duke of Cambridge has written from Germany, where he is staying, to Major-General Forster, Chatham, Vice-President of the Army Veterans' Association, expressing his approval of the proposal to admit naval pensioners and veterans as members, and suggesting that the society should in future be called the Army and Navy Veterans' Association. His Royal Highness adds that he views with great pleasure any efforts to bring the sister services into closer union with each other, and thinks that the way proposed is a move in that direction.

Before leaving for the Engadine the Archbishop of Canterbury performed a graceful act in appointing the Rev. Henry Venn, son and namesake of the great missionary, to the valuable living of Minster, Isle of Thanet. This incumbency has been held since 1869 by the Rev. A. H. Sitwell, a relative by marriage of the late Archbishop Tait, who was roundly accused by the High Church papers of that date of an "act of nepotism." Mr. Sitwell retires in accordance with the terms of the Incumbents' Resignation Act.

On Thursday night the General Steam Navigation Company's steamer *Philomel* ran aground on the Mole Rocks off Dover Harbour, when approaching the Admiralty Pier. There were a good number of passengers on board, and some excitement prevailed at first. The vessel got off about half an hour afterwards, and landed her passengers. She was able to return subsequently to Ramsgate, where she will be overhauled. Fortunately the weather was fine.

A fine and elegant furnished lodge room, a large roll of membership, a full treasury, are all very nice for a lodge to be able to show, but that does not indicate that the members are engaged in carrying out the true principles of the Order. As we judge man by his good deeds, so we judge a lodge by its good deeds. It is related that the Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Massachusetts once visited a country lodge and found it small, poorly lighted, and miserably furnished, so that he was much surprised at its appearance; but when he examined the books and saw the donations that had been made to a sick brother, and the flour and wood that had been sent to widows and orphans, and the tuition that had been paid for the schooling of the latter, he declared that there was true Masonry enough in that little room to adorn the finest Temple in the entire jurisdiction.—*Lodge Secret*.

There was a strange ceremony in Oakland, California, recently, and there is now buried somewhere within the Masonic Temple in that city the heart of a man who died for Masonry. The ceremony was the receipt of the heart by Gethsemane Chapter, No. 5, Rose Croix, of the Scottish Rite of Masonry, and the formal assuming of the care of it by the chapter. It was a brilliant gathering, and one that was unique in its way. In the history of Masonry it has no equal. The heart was that of Ygnacio Herrera, Cairo, who was Governor of the State of Jalisco, Mexico, 35 years ago, and who was killed, the Masons say, because he was one of the first Masons in Mexico. The murder was committed 35 years ago, and until the present time the heart was carefully preserved in Mexico—where, the Masons say, will always be a mystery except among the Craft. It finally came into the possession of Mrs. Rosalia L. Coney, wife of Alexander K. Coney, now the Consul-General of Mexico in San Francisco. After introductory ceremonies, Mr. Coney presented the casket and a painted portrait of Ygnacio Herrera, Cairo, while his wife handed to the care of the chapter the large bottle with the human heart floating therein.—*Masonic Record*.

Mr. Joseph Newton, late of the Royal Mint, has recently pointed out that there is one use for money not generally known. This is the availability of coins for letter weighing when the ordinary postal weights do not happen to be at hand. Commencing with the sovereign, this weighs a very safe quarter-ounce, for foreign postage, two equaling, of course, a half-ounce, and four one ounce. The next denomination, the crown piece, is just on the right side of one ounce in weight, and the half-crown of half-an-ounce. Five separate shillings, or two shillings and a sixpence, for the ounce and half-ounce will do as well. Descending from gold and silver to hard-working bronze, it is found that either three penny pieces, or five half-pence, or 10 farthings will respectively make up one ounce. Another peculiarity in regard to the halfpenny is noted by Mr. Newton. That is its diameter, which is precisely one inch, so that by using it as a measure it will be seen that 12 half-pence laid flat, and in touch, are equal to one foot.

I heard a story a few days ago that fully illustrates forgetfulness, and shows the icy frigidity and hardheartedness of those who know not nor appreciate the labours of those who have gone before. In the Home at Utica is the member of a lodge whose advanced years precludes the possibility of his taking care of himself. In years gone by he has stood shoulder to shoulder with those who upheld the lodge. He was a faithful member, and was in good standing, of course, when admitted to the Home. A short time after he had been sent to the Home some one from the lodge of which he was a member wrote asking what they should do with this aged brother. The letter was somewhat after this fashion: "Brother A. having been accepted at the Home, what shall we do with him? Shall we grant him a dimit, or shall we wait until his dues accumulate for two years and then unaffiliate him for non-payment of dues? We do not want to pay Grand Lodge dues for him." Great Crier's Ghost! Was ever such a case of penuriousness thought of? What sort of clay were those people made of? How did the author of that letter or the person who could for one moment entertain such a thought ever become a Mason? Is it possible that humanity can fall so low? The Lick telescope could not find the soul of such a man? And all the microscopes in the world would fail to reveal any Masonic spirit in a lodge composed of men who would make such a proposition. And as you may know, that lodge has not paid its quota to the Hall and Asylum Fund. I don't know what the District Deputy of that district will do, but it seems to me he ought to read the "riot act" to that lodge, and set about to find, if possible, what has become of the hearts of those who for the paltry sum of 50 cents a year would desire to get rid of a worthy brother.—*New York Dispatch*.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, August 19, 1893.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12.**RAFT LODGES.**

1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.
Eccleston, Bro. Dickie's, 13, Cambridge-street, Pimlico, at 7.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's Park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., 8.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14.**RAFT LODGES.**

1789, Ubiqne, Criterion.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, at 8.
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 13, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauder Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 7.
Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
St. Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwards-square, Ken-sington, at 8.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 8.
St. Michael's, North Arms, Addison-rd., North, Uxbridge-rd., 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon., at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 70, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 6.
Israel Chapter, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, at 8.
Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15.**RAFT LODGES.**

1330, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall.

1695, New Finsbury Park, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone E., at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, corner of Queen's-road and Middle-ton-road, Dalston, E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8.
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 6.30.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwards-square, Kensington, 8.
Lily, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Mount Edgumbe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Robert Burns, Old King's Arms, Poland-street, W.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walm Green, S.W., at 7.30.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsey, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16.**RAFT LODGES.**

619, Beadon, Royal Crystal Palace Hotel.

1387, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.

2140, Huguenot, Criterion.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
Conscience, Deacon's Tavern, 3, Waibrook, at 7.
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, at 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streamham Common, at 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.

Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Blacks-road, Hammersmith, at 7.
Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.
Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Yorkshire Grey, Woodstock-st., Oxford-st., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.30.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Boro', at 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8.
Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge-street, Doctors Com-mons, at 7.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Strong Mac, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7.
Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bays-water, at 7.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17.**RAFT LODGES.**

1716, All Saints, Office of Board of Works, Poplar.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, Covent Garden, at 8.
Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, King's Arms, John-street, Bedford-row, at 7.
Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creation, Rush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Lime-house E., at 7.30.
Elliott, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
Leopold, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Regent's Park, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30.
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
St. John's, Court House, H. resden, N.W., at 7.30.
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington, 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, 8.
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 7.30.
Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18.

Board of Management R.M.I.B., at the Institution, Wood Green, at 2.30.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Swan's Nest, Great Swan Alley, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.
Earl of Carnarvon, Kensington-park Hotel, Lancaster road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Sion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, 8.
Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19.**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

2202, Regent's Park, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, August 19, 1893.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given, Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., of Craft Lodges and R.A. Chapters will be found in "The Freemasons' Calendar," and those of Mark, Rose Croix, &c., in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," both published annually at the office of *The Freemason*.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14.

RAFT LODGES.	Lincoln ... 297	Salisbury-by-Sea ... 1618
Hastings ... 40	Teignmouth ... 303	Harborne ... 1792
Bristol ... 68	Lyme Regis ... 605	Chapel-en-le-
Stockport ... 104	Dartmouth ... 797	Frith ... 1952
Plymouth ... 105	Wirksworth ... 884	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Exmouth ... 105	Chatham ... 1174	Lynn ... 107
Newport, I.W. ... 151	Chatham ... 1174	Gainsboro' ... 422
E. Stonehouse ... 189	Leeds ... 1221	Swanage ... 1146
Swansea ... 237	Sandgate ... 1436	MARK LODGE.
South Shields ... 240	Canterbury ... 1449	Lincoln ... 172

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Old Brompton ... 184	Workington ... 962	Hebburn-on-
Taunton ... 261	Saltash ... 1071	Tyne ... 1643
Bradford ... 302	Mossley ... 1218	Lyndford ... 1776
Pembroke Dock ... 378	Canterbury ... 1449	Walton-on-
Liverpool ... 724		Naze ... 1799
		Snarebrook ... 1804

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15.

RAFT LODGES.	Buckingham ... 1787	W. Hartlepool ... 764
Hanley ... 418	Skegness ... 1893	Havant ... 804
Liverpool ... 667	Minhead ... 2390	MARK LODGE.
Barrow-in-Fur-	R.A. CHAPTER.	Hastings ... 161
ness ... 1225	Bath ... 41	Deal ... 396
Liverpool ... 1570	Plymouth ... 105	

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Whitehaven ... 110	Bacup ... 286	Stockton ... 942
Weymouth ... 179	Maryport ... 371	Bradford ... 974
Liverpool ... 241	Broadstairs ... 429	Stafford ... 1076
Batley ... 264	Croydon ... 463	Bootle ... 1473

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16.

RAFT LODGES.	Workington ... 962	Farnboro' ... 2203
Penzance ... 121	Driffield ... 1040	E. Stonehouse ... 2258
Poole ... 137	Stoke Damerel ... 1212	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Scarboro' ... 100	Durham ... 1334	Newcastle ... 481
Lewes ... 311	Lancaster ... 1353	Saltash ... 1071
Salford ... 325	Hornsea ... 1511	Millom ... 1390
Stafford ... 726	Barnmouth ... 1988	Leytonstone ... 1683
Liverpool ... 823	Consett ... 2135	

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 20	Newbury ... 574	Herne Bay ... 2099
Shrewsbury ... 117	Canterbury ... 972	Hendon ... 2200
Bingley ... 439	Manchester ... 1166	Beckenham ... 2266

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17.

RAFT LODGES.	Bradford ... 600	Risca ... 1562
Hull ... 57	Runcorn ... 758	Landport ... 1776
Burslem ... 98	Derby ... 803	Milnsbridge ... 2261
Jersey ... 245	Stockton ... 940	R.A. CHAPTER.
Macclesfield ... 267	Portland ... 1037	Tenby ... 1177
Bacup ... 286	Batley ... 1184	MARK LODGES.
Preston ... 343	Waltham Cross ... 1337	Aldershot ... 54
Rochdale ... 307	Liverpool ... 1393	Longton ... 308

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Woolwich ... 17	Batley ... 264	Liverpool ... 1182
Canterbury ... 31	Leeds ... 289	Sudbury ... 1224
Gravesend ... 77	Uxbridge ... 382	Romford ... 1437
Sheerness ... 158	Maidstone ... 503	Bradford ... 2321
	Liverpool ... 673	

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18.**RAFT LODGES.**

Leeds ... 1311		
Manchester ... 2447		
MARK LODGES.		
Wolverhampton ... 186		
Hull ... 319		

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Richmond, Yorks ... 123	Leeds ... 306	Manchester ... 1992
Bristol ... 187	Bradford ... 1034	Bristol (Province)
Keyleigh ... 265	Penistone ... 1402	

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19.**RAFT LODGES.**

Feltham ... 1326		
Kirkburton ... 2035		
LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.		
Birkenhead ... 478		

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