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ANALYSIS OF THE RECENT SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

THERE are two or three features in connection with the recent Festival of the Boys' School, which call for separate comment. In the first place the amount which ought to have been announced was the largest ever collected at one of these important Festivals. In the next, the number of brethren who undertook the office of Steward was small by comparison with what it was last year, or the year before, in behalf of this Institution. Lastly, there was a very much smaller gathering of the Stewards and their friends, while the magnates of Freemasonry were for the most part conspicuous by their absence. Under these circumstances we cannot but feel it is our duty to offer those who took part in, or in any wise contributed to, the success of the day's proceedings, our warmest congratulations. They were no doubt animated by the healthy spirit of determination to which we alluded a fortnight since. They meant accomplishing great things, and all honour to them for having done so. But to pass to the list itself. The sum, as announced in the course of the evening, was £12,856, but, unfortunately, by a clerical error, a large amount from one of our most considerable Provinces, which had actually been paid into the bankers, had been overlooked, or it would have been the Secretary's duty to declare the total subscriptions and donations as £13,160 15s. Other sums have since been handed in, and the result is that the list, as furnished in these columns last week, presented a total of £13,312 2s. We are aware this is in excess of the sum we have seen announced elsewhere, and which was stated to us shortly before going to press last week; but all our items have been carefully and independently checked, and the several columns have since been cast and recast, in order to ensure as complete accuracy as possible in our manipulation of the figures. Taking then the total, as stated above, at £13,312 2s, we find that London contributed £6,790 18s, the Provinces £6,116 19s, one District abroad £73 10s, and Various £330 15s. In securing this result there were engaged 228 Stewards. Of these 110 represented London, 110 the Provinces, one a district, and there were seven various. We have said that London, by the hands of its 110 Stewards, contributed £6,790 18s. Of this, £281 4s together made the lists of the President, the Honorary and Acting Vice Presidents, and the Honorary Treasurer of the Board. Four Chapters were represented, and the amount received from them, with one list still outstanding, is in the aggregate £75 11s 6d. For the rest, 99, or about two-fifths of our metropolitan Lodges, were represented by 102 Stewards, who gave £6,634 2s 6d. It is worthy of mention that sundry among these, such as Nos. 2, 5, 8, 10, 18, 21, 22, 23, 28, 33, 179, 256, and 657 have figured in every list during the years 1875, 1876 and 1877, while many others have been represented, eight, seven, six, or five times. About a dozen, perhaps, have not contributed at all, to either of our Institutions, within three years, that is, so far as we are able to gather from the published lists. They may, of course, have given in the course of the year apart from the Festival. It is also worthy of note that no less than fifteen out of the ninety-nine Lodges have not yet been in existence two years and a-half, and of these Cripple-gate, No. 1613, gives £200, Bayard, No. 1615, £135 9s, and Orpheus, No. 1706, which, as far as we know, has not yet been formally consecrated, figures for £115 10s. The last feature to which reference will be made in connection with the Metropolitan Lodges is the result of Bro.

Constable's Stewardship. He started last autumn with a determination to present a four-figured list to the Funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and to this end he issued some thousands of shilling tickets, the purchasers of which would be entitled to participate in a ballot for Life Governorships. The number of these would necessarily depend on the amount realised by the scheme. As a matter of fact, forty-six Life Governorships and a Life Subscribership, yielding together £488 5s, were balloted for, and this formed the principal item in Bro. Constable's list, the rest, a little over £700, being obtained among his personal friends. This is the largest individual list which, as far as we can remember, has ever been announced at one of our Festivals; and as it entailed upon him a more than usually heavy amount of labour, he is, of course, entitled to a *quid pro quo* in the shape of a more than usually hearty expression of thanks.

We now come to the Provinces, which together contribute less than the Metropolis, though it is more than probable that if we take into account that Bro. Constable's tickets found their way into every part of the country, there is no appreciable difference between the two. As we have again and again stated to our readers, there are forty-one Provinces under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge of England, and three districts not presided over by a P.G.M.—Beds, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man; or, in all, forty-four groups of Lodges. Thirty-one of these were represented at last week's Festival, the thirteen absentees, being Beds., Cambridge, Worcester, and Isle of Man, which have not been represented at any Festival during the triennial period just ended. The other nine are Bristol—which, however, contributed to all three Institutions in 1875, and the Benevolent in February; Cornwall, which gave by the hands of Bro. Hughan between £400 and £500 to the Boy's School last year; Cumberland and Westmoreland, which figured in the Boys' list last year, and at the Benevolent Festival in February; Hereford, which assisted the Girls in 1876; Monmouthshire and South Wales, which did its duty admirably to the Girls in 1875, and the Benevolent this year; Norfolk, which has appeared on the list at each of the last three Festivals of the Benevolent, sent a small contribution to the Boys' last year, and loyally supported Lord Suffield, its Prov. G.M., at the Girls' Festival in May last; Northamptonshire and Hants, which has helped the R.M.B.I. twice, and the Boys' and Girls' each once in these three years; and the Channel Islands and Jersey, which gave at the Festival of the Girls last year. Turning now to the contributing Provinces, in their alphabetical order, we note that Berks and Bucks is entered for £171 18s 6d, and there is one list yet to come in. It gave a slightly larger sum to the Benevolent in February, and £114 9s to the Girls' in May. It supported the Girls' and Boys' last year, and all three Institutions the year before, so that this Province has been absent only once out of the nine occasions at which it has been possible to figure during the period we have chosen for our comparison. We should add that it has sixteen Lodges, four of which, represented by five stewards, appear in the list. Cheshire is a large Province, with thirty-nine Lodges. Its contribution, £106 18s 6d, is, therefore, comparatively a modest one; but it, too, has figured at eight out of the last nine Festivals. Moreover, it has a prosperous Masonic Educational Institute of its own, and has further purchased the right of perpetual presentation by the payment in one sum of one thousand guineas, so that Cheshire is far from being the least mindful among our Provinces of its duty to our central Institutions. Six Lodges were represented by seven

Stewards, and there is one list still outstanding. Three of the seventeen Derbyshire Lodges, with four Stewards, gave £77 14s. Last year, and the year before, however, it figured far more conspicuously as a supporter of the Boys', nor has it been wholly unmindful of the other Charities. Bro. Curteis took upon himself, at the last moment, to prevent Devon being wholly unrepresented, and the sum standing against his name is sixty guineas, but the Province liberally supported the Benevolent in February, to the extent of close on £600. It also supported the Boys' in 1875 and 1876, and has indeed been unrepresented in only one of the last nine lists. Dorset has but thirteen Lodges, but though it gave £305 to the Benevolent in February, and over £180 to the Girls in May, it mustered £80 17s on this occasion. In 1876 it helped the Benevolent to the extent of £222, and the Boys' in 1875 to the extent of over £633. Durham is a tolerably strong Province, with its twenty-four Lodges. The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Crookes, sent up a list of £158 11s, though, as recently as May, a sum of £286 2s 6d was handed to the Girls', while the Boys' fared in 1876 to the extent of £275 2s, and in 1875 to the still greater extent of £372 19s 6d. Essex (16 Lodges) was represented by two of them, whose united contributions amounted to £75 16s. Last year it was down for £144 18s, while in February it gave £113 13s to the Benevolent, and a small contribution to the Girls' in May. It has been absent from only two out of the nine lists during the three years. Gloucester (14 Lodges) is not strong in point of numbers, but two of these forwarded between them £338 2s, though its contributions to the other two Charities this year amount to over £163, and though last year it supported the Boys' to the amount of £276 14s, and gave it forty guineas the year previous. As Bro. W. W. Beach M.P., who presided at this Festival, is the Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, our readers will not be surprised to hear he was most loyally supported by those whom he has ruled for the last eight years so successfully. The Province has twenty-nine Lodges, of which eight—namely, the Newport, Isle of Wight (No. 151), two Portsmouth (Nos. 257 and 487), Fareham (No. 309), Lymington (No. 319), one Southampton (No. 394), one Aldershot (No. 723), and the Gosport Lodge (No. 903),—contributed the very handsome total of £624 1s,—it had already figured though, in May, for over £222 to the Girls', and in February for £171 5s to the Benevolent, while, with only a single absence, in the three years its contributions to the three charities in that period exceed in the aggregate £2,000. This is a result in the highest degree creditable to the Province and its chief. Little Herts, with its nine Lodges, was represented by three of them, but only two lists, yielding together £59 17s, have been returned, the representative of the St. Albans Lodge not having sent his in. This small province, at eight out of the last nine Festivals has given in all over £930. There are forty Lodges in Kent, which is always to the fore on these occasions, its contribution in this instance being £571 19s. In February, it gave a little short of £500 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £175 4s 6d to the Girls in May. Last year its contributions to the Benevolent, Girls, and Boys, were £465 19s, £135 2s 6d, and £659 19s 6d respectively, and in 1875, £305 2s, £142 3s, and £206 17s: so that at the nine Festivals it has paid over a total of £3160 9s 6d. East Lancashire has a Charitable Institution of its own, but nine Stewards, representing eight Lodges, of which three belong to Manchester, sent up £202 2s, and one list is still to come. The Province gave £340s 5s to the Benevolent in February, and something to the Girls at the last Festival. Indeed it has been represented at all the Festivals during the three years. This is likewise the case with West Lancashire, which is down for £185 17s, with one list outstanding. In May, it gave £310 16s to the Girls, and last year, when Lord Skelmersdale presided, over £1,500 to the Benevolent. Leicester and Rutland, one of our smallest Provinces, with only ten Lodges, contributes £400 18s 6d. In 1876 it gave over £100 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and in 1875 over £180 to the Boys. We congratulate this small province on so admirable a result. Lincolnshire is apparently resting on its oars this year, and contributes £53 11s only, but it gave the Girls' £543 14s, and the Boys' £245 14s in 1876, and in 1875 £573 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Middlesex follows up its achievements of £329 5s and £744 4s 6d in February and May respectively with a further sum of £315 10s on

this occasion. Last year it contributed to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Girls', and Boys' £198 2s, £711 12s, and £121 5s 6d respectively, and in 1875 £166 7s, £581 19s, and £400 1s respectively. Its contributions to the three Institutions in the three years amount to over £3,570. Northumberland musters fifteen Lodges, and sent up £304 15s, or a little in excess of what it contributed last year, namely: £303 9s. Notts (8 Lodges) was represented by one, to the extent of £64 1s. It will be found in the list for the Girls' both this and last year, and likewise as supporting the Boys' in 1876. N. Wales and Salop (24 Lodges) gives £175 7s, and has regularly contributed to both Schools during the year. Oxford, with 7 Lodges, gives only £40 17s 6d, but then it made a considerable effort in February, when its Provincial Grand Master, Prince Leopold, would, but for his weak health, have taken the chair, and raised for the Benevolent £279 13s. Moreover, it has not missed a single one of the last nine Festivals, having regularly sent up one or more Stewards. Somersetshire (19 Lodges) is down for £58 16s, but then in February it contributed £253 14s to the Benevolent, and in 1874 over £540 to the Boys. South Wales E. Div. (10 Lodges) contributes £132 15s, and South Wales W. Div. (9 Lodges) £168. These are about on a par with their lists in the two preceding years. Staffordshire (21 Lodges) uniformly supports "Our Boys," while not neglectful of the other Institutions. This time it is down for £149 2s, having already this year contributed over £300 to the other two, namely, over £160 to the Girls', and £145 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Suffolk (18 Lodges) figures for £115 10s, but though this is a modest sum, it must be noted, to the credit of the Province, that it has not—of late, at all events—allowed any Festival to pass without sending a something. The same remark applies to Surrey, with its seventeen Lodges. It figures now for £90 6s, having given £40 19s to the Girls' in May, and £111 0s 6d to the Benevolent in February. In 1876 it raised £210 15s 6d for the Boys' School. Sussex (19 Lodges) is represented by a Brighton Lodge, which sends £70 18s, which, in round figures, is about as much in excess of its contribution (£233 7s 6d) to the Girls' in May, as the latter was over that to the Boys' (£206 5s 6d) in 1876. Warwickshire (29 Lodges) subscribes £77 14s, but last year it had over eighty Stewards working for it, who made up amongst them £2,000. Moreover, it gave £467 5s 6d, in February, to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and has, indeed, been only once unrepresented at the last nine Festivals. Wilts (10 Lodges) figures for the respectable sum of £142 16s, having given, this year, £122 14s to the Girls', and £201 6s 6d to the Benevolent. Last year, also, it supported all three, and the Boys' and Benevolent in 1875. North and East Yorkshire, it seems to us, might display more energy. It has five and twenty Lodges on its roll, but only three are represented, one Hull, one Scarborough, and one York Lodge, the amount being £72 9s, with the Scarborough list outstanding. This, however, is an advance on the four other sums contributed latterly. The last in order of the Provinces is West Yorkshire; eleven Stewards did duty for this last Festival, the result of their combined efforts being £766 10s. It will be enough if we add that this, added to the former contributions in 1875, 1876, and 1877, makes up a total of £4,684 1s 0d, of which £1,920 has fallen to the share of the Boys', £1,420 17s to the Girls', £1,342 10s to the Benevolent. It was unrepresented at the Girls' in 1876, so that its average contribution at the eight Festivals is over £585; and a very good average it is. We are now approaching the end of our examination. The district abroad which figures in the list is Hong Kong, with Seventy Guineas as the amount of its contribution. The seven various are, a Steward from a Knight Templar Conclave; Stewards from three Mark Lodges, but one list only is returned; Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, Steward on behalf of the R. and S. Masters, whose list is Eighty Guineas; the Royal Order of Scotland, for whom Bro. C. F. Matier acted with such success as to appear for One Hundred and Three Guineas; and one unattached, who figures for himself, with the very excellent contribution of One Hundred Guineas.

It will suffice if we add that, allowing for the lists which have not yet been returned, the Boys' Festival for 1877 will yield, in all probability, a grand total of £13,500, or very little short of an average of £60 per Steward. Last year, there were some 280 Stewards, and if we deduce the average from the total of the donations and subscriptions,

as stated in the Report, we find it only a little over £47 per Steward. Such a comparison needs no comment whatever.

MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 40.)

THE SCHOLAR.

"There is a fair behaviour in thee, captain;
And though that nature with a bounteous wall
Doth oft close in pollution, yet of thee
I will believe, thou hast a mind that suits
With this thy fair and outward character."

WE need not all of us be Lavaters in order to form a tolerably correct estimate of a man's character and ability. There are seldom wanting little evidences by which we may tell whether or not he is sincere, untrustworthy, generous, niggardly, self-possessed, or of a nervous temperament. True, there are many who assume a virtue if they have it not, but it seldom happens they are entirely successful in baffling the curiosity of the multitude. A period of weakness overtakes them, and they betray the lack of that virtue they have been so ostentatiously parading before their fellows. It may be, as Shakspeare says, that "men were deceivers ever," but they are not invariably successful in one form of deception they often practise. They are not good make-believes as to character. A man of the world will tell what manner of persons they are with whom he is brought in contact, and in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred his judgment will hold good in all essential points. Those, for instance, who are acquainted with the subject of our present portrait have no difficulty in determining the salient features in his character. The attributes he possesses are patent to everybody. We do not need to be told that he is a scholar of no mean order of merit. We know that he has achieved distinction in those branches of learning to which he has devoted the greater part of his life. It is so recorded, and the position he occupies is irrefragable evidence of the fact. But without this evidence, a mere glance at our brother's face will tell you he is a man of no ordinary intelligence, while the interchange of a few ideas with him will show that his intelligence has been cultivated to a very high degree. Nor is there greater difficulty in gauging his moral than his mental capacity. Not that we have the slightest intention of laying bare to our readers what is necessarily private. Let it suffice, however, to say that no one can come in contact with him, either in connection with business or in society, without resolving to himself that our brother is a most estimable person. He is a man of great diligence, and of method; he is capable of dealing with the minutest details of a subject, while, at the same time, he treats it broadly and generally. His power of making the most abstruse calculations is remarkable. He is a most laborious student and a successful teacher, and is as universally esteemed in private as he is respected in his profession.

Our hero is in the prime of life, having been born the year following the passage of the Reform Bill. By birth he is a provincial, though during the greater portion of his life his home has been in the metropolis. At the age of twelve, he entered the Upper School in connection with the Royal Hospital, Greenwich, then noted as the only educational establishment in the United Kingdom at which the science of navigation was efficiently taught. It was his good fortune to be placed under such able instructors as the late Edward Riddle—author of *Riddle's Navigation*—and his son the late John Riddle, both men whose names are to this day respected by many officers in the British navy. So satisfactory was the progress he made under these eminent tutors, that in 1849 he was one of a select few who were chosen for special training, in order to qualify themselves as instructors in navigation. At this period of his career, he highly distinguished himself as a mathematician, and, no long time after, received special notice from the late Rev. George Fisher, F.R.S., for the interest he exhibited, and the able assistance he rendered, in certain Pendulum experiments, conducted by that gentleman, in 1851, with a view to showing, by ocular demonstration, the axial revolution of the earth. In 1854, his connection with the Greenwich School came to an end. Not so, however, his desire to perfect, as far as possible, the knowledge he had thus far acquired. He immediately entered himself

at the Government School of Mines, and having attended a series of scientific lectures there, and likewise at the Government School of Design, then located at Marlborough House, he was appointed by the Board of Trade to the port of Leith, for the purpose of establishing a Navigation School. He succeeded in effecting the required object, and as soon as the School was fairly started, the Board transferred him to Glasgow, for the purpose of establishing a similar institution there. So well directed were his efforts in both these appointments, that in 1860 he was recalled to London to revive the Navigation School at the Sailors' Home. Here his labours have continued to the present time, and in these sixteen years some thousands of men have come under his tuition, and by these not only is he held in the highest respect, but he is likewise looked upon almost in the light of a personal friend. In 1862, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society. But this is by no means the sum of our brother's achievements. Among various papers of his, prepared at different times, on abstruse scientific points, one contributed to the *Nautical Magazine*, in 1861, on the "Equal Altitude Problem," must be mentioned. He has also, in the intervals of his leisure from tuition engagements, prepared two valuable text books in relation to the subjects which come under his special care. One of these is a *Guide to the Board of Trade Examinations of Masters and Mates in Navigation and Nautical Astronomy*. It comprises rules for working each problem, and examples fully worked, the Astronomical definitions, examination in chart and sextant, as well as the description and use of Napier's Diagram for the deviation of the compass, with examples. A third edition, enlarged and improved, of this useful little work, was published in 1875. His other text book, entitled *Seamanship Examiner*, is a guide to the seamanship required of all who present themselves as candidates for Masters' and Mates' Certificates of competency, at the Board of Trade Examinations at different ports. It contains plates of the Commercial Code of Signals, distance, boat, and Semaphore signals, &c., and a new "Rule of the Road" Diagram. This little guide is now in its eleventh edition, a statement which alone is sufficient testimony to its merits.

We now pass to his Masonic career, which commenced in the year 1860, when he was initiated into our mysteries in the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 203, now No. 174. Six years later he was chosen to fill the chair of the Lodge, and on resigning the gavel at the end of his year of office, he was appointed to the Secretaryship, a position which he has continued to hold ever since. In 1867, he was exalted in the Sincerity Chapter, and installed its first principal in 1871. He joined the Rose of Denmark Chapter in 1870, and at the present time is M.E.Z. When, last year, a Warrant of Constitution was granted to the Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607, which holds its meetings at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, our esteemed brother's name was inserted as that of the first W.M. The consecration ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. Terry, who received on the occasion the valuable assistance of Bros. John Hervey G.S., and H. G. Buss Ass. G. Sec. Our worthy brother was subsequently installed, and having, in due course, appointed and invested his officers, received the hearty congratulations of all who had assisted at the ceremony. The banquet which followed was so far distinguished by innovation that, on the menu card, appropriate Shakspearian mottoes were inscribed against each toast. Bro. Terry, to whom the toast of the new W.M. was entrusted, in addressing those present, is reported as saying: "He (the W.M.) is entitled to your respect, being a brother of the most exemplary conduct and rare discrimination, and, in whatever circle he moves, the good feeling of friends is always exhibited towards him, and you, brethren, have cause to rejoice in the selection you have made." It was said further:—

"In faith, he is a worthy gentleman;
He bears an honourable mind."

We know it is customary to pay brethren compliments on such occasions as these, but we must bear in mind that Bro. Terry spoke as having "long had the pleasure of an intimate acquaintance with him," and having "worked side by side in the cause of Charity." We know, too, that "A Zealous Officer" is not in the habit of paying people compliments which are not their due. We lay some stress, therefore, on the above expressions of Bro. Terry, which were reported in these columns many, many months before it occurred to us to present to our readers the present

portrait. They fully corroborate our own views, as well as those which prevail generally, and are valuable testimony to our brother's worth. Moreover, it is less than two years since a very handsome testimonial was presented to him by his Mother Lodge, "in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the Lodge, and especially in acknowledgment of the zeal and efficiency with which he has, for a number of years, carried out the arduous and important duties of Secretary, and also as a mark of personal esteem and friendship for the truly Masonic spirit always manifested by him towards his brethren of the Lodge." This testimonial consisted of a handsome gold watch and chain, and was accompanied by an address,—of which what we have quoted forms a part,—beautifully illustrated on vellum.

As regards the great Masonic Charitable Institutions, the Scholar is a Life Governor of each of them, but, in his efforts to promote the cause of charity, he has rendered infinitely more valuable service than by the mere payment of money. Our readers are well aware that, of late years, several Masonic associations have been started, with a view to enable brethren to obtain, without stress upon their purses, one or more Life Governorships to this or that Charity. It is with these associations that the Scholar's name will be principally identified. He was the Treasurer of the second which was started. He occupied the same position in connection with another which was established immediately after the first one was closed, and he is now Secretary to the City Masonic Benevolent Association. These may seem, at first sight, to be comparatively unimportant matters, but the good they effect is incalculable, and hundreds and hundreds of pounds have been raised for our different Charities through the instrumentality of these associations. Thus, the brethren who conduct, or are responsible for the conduct of such ephemeral societies, are worthy of more than a passing expression of thanks. The work is conducted very silently—indeed, but few outside the category of members are aware of their existence; but large sums are obtained, by weekly or monthly payments, and all who contribute have the opportunity of enrolling themselves as Life Governors to one or other of our Institutions. We affirm that a brother who labours hard to promote the success of these associations, who may say, without exaggeration, of three of them that he has played a principal part in their conduct, and that to him, in a great measure, their success is due, we say that such a brother is worthy the respect of his fellow Craftsmen. And we firmly believe the Scholar enjoys this respect, not only on account of these special labours, but for the uniform devotion he exhibits towards whatever relates to, or may promote the cause of Freemasonry. So far as is governed by the just demands of his calling, there is yet no time or labour too exacting but he willingly bestows it in the advancement of the Craft. He is strict in his attendance at Lodge and Chapter, a friendly adviser to the young aspirant to office, and a sage and trusty counsellor in more important business. He may, indeed, be said to have inherited his love of Masonry, for his father was a member of our Society, and, besides having been a Craft and Royal Arch Mason, had taken likewise the Knight Templar and other degrees. The certificates of these different grades are carefully preserved, and serve, no doubt, as an additional incentive to our friend to the honourable fulfilment of his duty. However, we have, we think, described his career in sufficient detail. It may be we have omitted something, but what we have written is derived from authentic sources. It is certainly a fair picture to look at, and those who stand at the threshold of their Masonic career will rarely find a better example to follow than the subject of this portrait. He, in fact, may proudly claim to say, in the words of our greatest poet—

"Hitherto, in all the progress
Both of my life and office, I have labour'd,
And with no little study, that my teaching,
And the strong course of my authority,
Might go one way, and safely; and the end
Was ever, to do well."

We trust he may be spared yet many years to adorn both the profession he has chosen and the Craft he loves so well. We do not seek to know if he aspires to yet higher distinction, but though in the fulness of time he may attain to higher rank, though he may multiply his honours still further, we do not believe it is possible for him to increase his devotion either to business or Freemasonry.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKSHIRE AND BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, which took place at the Town Hall, High Wycombe, on Monday, the 25th ult., passed off most satisfactorily. The arrangements made by the Great Western Railway Company—whose directors always render every assistance they can to make our Masonic gatherings successful—induced the brethren, not only of the Province, but also from the adjacent districts, to assemble in strong force, while the weather was everything that could be wished for. The hour fixed for the opening of Provincial Grand Lodge was 1.30, but it had been arranged that a meeting of the Finance Committee should be held, and the Treasurer's accounts audited, half an hour earlier. This arrangement having been carried out, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, under the presidency of its Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P. The first business was to call over the roll of Lodges in the Province, viz:—Etonian 209, Union 414, Honey 574, Buckingham 591, Methven 631, Windsor Castle 771, St. John's 795, Scientific 840, Abbey 945, St. Barnabas 948, Grey Friars 1101, SS. Peter and Paul 1410, Alma Mater 1492, Wycombe 1501, Ellington 1566, Watling Street 1639. From returns sent in, it appears these Lodges have an aggregate of 692 members, of whom the large proportion of 150, or thereabouts, have passed the chair. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Reading, in May 1876, were next read, and received confirmation. The Grand Treasurer's financial statement was then read; it showed an eminently satisfactory state of affairs. There was a considerable balance on the general account, an equally satisfactory balance on the Charity Fund, while the balances in hand of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and its subordinate Lodges, fell little short of £1,000. The re-election of Provincial Grand Treasurer next took place, and Bro. George Chancellor P.M. 1101 acknowledged the compliment, thanking the brethren for the confidence they continued to place in him. The Provincial Charity jewel was then presented to the following brethren:—John Bance and William Knight, both of 574, W. S. Cantrell P.M. 771, and Heber Clark 945. Bro. Bradley's motion, that the Secretaries, in addition to the Worshipful Masters of each of the Lodges, attend the Charity Committee's meetings was then brought forward; it was seconded by Bro. Cantrell, and duly assented to. The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested as follows:—Bros. John Palmer P.M. 1501 S.G.W., W. H. Cutler P.M. 771 J.G.W., Rev. A. Robins 771 Grand Chaplain, Rev. C. R. Honey 1101 Assistant Grand Chaplain, George Chancellor P.M. 1101 G. Treasurer, Heber Clarke P.M. 945 G. Registrar, R. Bradley P.M. 414 G. Secretary, W. H. Herbert P.M. 574 S.G. Deacon, W. Fitch P.M. 1410 J.G. Deacon, L. Bryett P.M. 209 G. Superintendent of Works, J. Fuller P.M. 1566 G. Director of Ceremonies, A. M. Yetts P.M. 414 Asst. G.D.C., J. T. Freeman P.M. 1101 G. Sword Bearer, A. B. Weston 1501 G. Organist, G. de Fraine W.M. 591 G. Pursuivant, C. Nowell 771 Asst. G. Pursuivant, W. H. Bingham P.M. 771 Senior G. Steward, H. D. Hume W.M. 209, M. Rest W.M. 948, S. A. Pocock W.M. 414, R. Roberts S.W. 209, and F. Manley S.D. 77. Grand Stewards, W. Hemmings 1101 and 414 G. Tyler. The Provincial Grand Master then referred with regret to the retirement of Bro. Biggs from the office of Provincial Grand Secretary. Bro. Biggs had well fulfilled his duties during the nine years he had so ably conducted the affairs of the Province; no doubt his successor, Bro. Bradley, would continue the admirable system of his predecessor, which had been found to work so well. However, he would now ask the brethren to do something more than pass a mere compliment, and to offer Bro. Biggs a substantial recognition of his great services. Sir Daniel Gooch then proposed that a sum of twenty-five guineas be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge,—which he knew would be supplemented by the brethren and Lodges throughout the Province,—for the purpose of making a presentation to Bro. Biggs that would be worthy both of his acceptance and of such an important Province as that of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire. He then proposed that a committee be formed, such committee to be composed of the Worshipful Masters of the various Lodges, to carry out this object; and concluded his remarks by requesting all who joined in the undertaking to do so heartily. On this motion being seconded by Bro. Dixon, it received the unqualified assent of the brethren. The thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge were then presented to their late Secretary, for the valuable services rendered by him; and also the regret felt by the brethren at his resignation. After a few congratulatory remarks from the Provincial G.M., on the prosperous state of the affairs of the Province, the announcement was made that the next meeting would be held at Windsor, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form. An adjournment then took place to the Red Lion Hotel, where it had been arranged that the customary banquet should be provided. The chair was taken by Sir Daniel Gooch, and justice was done to the good things of this life. On the removal of the cloth, the Queen and the Craft was given, and the National Anthem was sung. In speaking to the toast of the M.W. the G.M., the Prov. Grand Master referred to the portrait of His Royal Highness, which had just been presented to the town of High Wycombe by Lord Carington, in commemoration of the Prince's visit to India; all who had seen that portrait could not but admire it. The next toast on the list was the M.W. the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the D.G.M. the Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers of England past and present, after which Bro. Biggs P.P.G. Secretary proposed the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch Bart., M.P. In the course of his remarks, Bro. Biggs regretted the absence of the late Deputy Prov. G.M., to whom, had he been present, this toast would have been allotted. He gave a retrospect of the past, and contrasted their gathering of that day with one held years ago at Maidenhead, when but twenty-three Masons were present. Sir Daniel Gooch had come out of Wiltshire to preside over this Province, and its affairs had progressed successfully under his direction. Many circumstances had militated against the gathering

that day, but it was satisfactory to find a Lodge of such recent standing as that of the Wycombe holding such a high position as it does in the Province. The Wycombe Lodge had ably supported the Charities, and Bro. Cantrell, its present W.M., had himself presented 100 guineas to each of our three Institutions. Bro. Cantrell had also well served the various offices in the Provincial Grand Lodge to which he had been appointed. Sir Daniel Gooch, in making his selection of officers, was always regulated by the deserts of those who were aspirants, and he (Bro. Biggs) considered him fully entitled to all the honour they could bestow on him. Bro. Biggs concluded his remarks by expressing a hope that Sir Daniel might long be spared to rule over the Province, and that he would continue to enjoy happiness and prosperity. The Prov. Grand Master thanked the brethren very much for the way in which they had received the toast. He feared they had overrated his merits. It was always gratifying to hear these expressions of esteem for each other. However, losses would come, but he hoped they might all be mutually spared. If he talked for an hour he could scarcely add more than this. To the health of the V.W. the Past D.P.G. Masters and Past Grand Officers of the Province, Bro. Hodges P.P.G.S.W. briefly replied. Bros. Bruton of Oxfordshire, and Morgan of Herts, responded for the Visiting Brethren from the surrounding Provinces; and with the Charities was associated the name of Brother Heber Clarke, who said: He had been the means, assisted by others in the Province, of helping our Charities. He had represented the Institution for Boys, and also the Benevolent Institution. It was a grand sight to look upon the gatherings at our Festivals, and all who attended could feel they were engaged in a good cause. He referred to the additions that had been made to the Lists of Candidates, in consequence of the large amounts that had been subscribed during the present year, and he was gratified to know that the Lodges of their Province had well supported the Charities. In giving the health of the Prov. Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and Grand Officers appointed this day, the Prov. G.M. stated that his object had been to reward Masonic worth wherever he knew it to exist, in whatsoever part of his Province. Bro. Palmer Prov. S.G.W. said: To be a Grand Officer of the Province was the wish of every one present. The Prov. Grand Master had been singularly happy in his appointments hitherto. Those who had been appointed that day could not hope to surpass those who had gone before; but he hoped they would be reported well of when they retired. He then referred to the support given by the brethren of the Province to the cases of two of the children of a deceased P.M. of the Wycombe Lodge, and thanked them for their efforts, which had resulted in the election of both candidates. Bro. Seward also paid a deserved compliment to the brethren who had so successfully assisted the widow and children of their deceased brother. After a few remarks from Bro. Cutler, Sir Daniel Gooch gave the W.M., officers and brethren of the Wycombe Lodge, No. 1501, to which Bro. Cantrell replied: The brethren of the Wycombe Lodge esteemed it a great honour that they had been selected to entertain Prov. Grand Lodge. They had been established only three years, but two Lodges had been added to the Province since theirs was consecrated. However, he hoped this would not be the last occasion on which they would be called upon to entertain Prov. Grand Lodge, and expressed his gratification that their first P.M., one of the oldest Masons in the Province, had been appointed to the office of Prov. S.G.W. The next toast on the list was the Provincial Grand Treasurer and Secretary. But, before giving this, Sir Daniel Gooch adjured them to remember their old Secretary, and paid a highly merited compliment to Bro. Biggs for the able manner in which his duties had always been carried out. They were assured that Bro. Biggs' successor was in every respect competent to fulfil the duties required of him, yet they could not but regret that Bro. Biggs had resigned the office he had held so long. He was sure all present would join with him in wishing that their late Secretary would give his successor the benefit of his great experience, and thus enable him to carry out successfully the business of the Province. Bro. Biggs stated that his only reason for retiring was that he found himself getting to be an old man; he was reminded that, after twenty-five years' service, and after the exertion of all his powers, and not knowing how to play a fresh move, it might be desirable he should withdraw, and make way for fresh blood. He spoke of the way in which the brethren had assembled that day, and also at Reading last year. He would always do all he could to advance the interests of Masonry in Berks and Bucks, even to accepting the post of P. Grand Tyler, were it deemed necessary. He thanked the Prov. Grand Master for his kind remarks, and felt he had not worked in vain when he found himself associated with such a man as their Prov. Grand Master, who had always done his duty. For himself, he had throughout his career only recommended those for office who he felt would be an honour and a credit to him and the Craft in general. In short, he had endeavoured to hold the scales of justice with an equipoise, and he had always been actuated by what he considered would be for the welfare and prosperity of the Province. He had known the Prov. Grand Master for twenty-five years; he had watched his rise step by step; Sir Daniel was a man who was worth working for. He would remind the brethren that they could not all be made Senior Wardens; no office was without honour, and he reprobated the practice of making brethren S.W.'s without they worked gradually up. He had found that his office was no bed of roses; he was supposed to know every one in the Province, and to be acquainted with every circumstance, however slight, that they considered entitled them to advancement. Bro. Biggs concluded a capital speech by re-enumerating the special characteristics he had endeavoured to carry out, and promising that, so long as he was able, he would continue to work for the advancement of Masonry in the Province. The Prov. Grand Master then gave the health of the new Secretary and the Treasurer, which was acknowledged by Bros. Chancellor and Bradley, the latter referring to the great strides made by Masonry during the last few years, and expressing a hope that he might be assisted in his duties by Bro. Biggs. The health of the late D.P.G.M., Bro. Brownrigg, was next given from the chair, and was followed by that of the Pro-

vincial Grand Stewards. The Tyler was then summoned, and the proceedings brought to a close.

[We have received a communication as to the appointment of P.G. Secretary. Albeit the terms in which it is couched are objectionable, it would be exceedingly unwise to publish it. It must be a singularly happy, indeed a unique family, in which no little accidents occur to vary the usually even tenour of its harmony, but it is always well to confine family differences to the family circle. So in Masonry, which is a family, though not a small one, it is always more judicious to keep private whatever differences of opinion may arise. Berks and Bucks we know is an extremely well-ordered Province, but Berks and Bucks Masons are men, and therefore some among them agree to differ with their fellows; but we see no reason for making public what is essentially a mere difference of opinion.—ED. FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

SCIENCE AND ART EXAMINATION, MAY 1877.

I.—MAGNETISM AND ELECTRICITY.

ADVANCED STAGE.

SECOND CLASS.—W. Parker, C. D. Green.

ELEMENTARY STAGE.

FIRST CLASS.—Booser, Bowler, J. Barrett, Hazeland, Molineaux, Martin, E. T. Sage, Sawtell, Taylor, Uwins.

SECOND CLASS.—A. Bryant, Chaumette, Clemence, W. Ellis, Dancy, Grimes, Hamson, E. T. Harding, T. Harding, Heaviside, Heeley, Howard, Davenport, Pawley, Roberts, C. Sage, Sale, W. Sparkes, Stead, Warr, Watkins, Whyatt.—Total 34.

MATHEMATICS.

SECOND STAGE.

CLASS I.—C. D. Green.

CLASS II.—W. Parker.

FIRST STAGE.

CLASS I.—Bryant, Bowler, Davenport, Grimes, Heeley, Moon, Pawley, Pinson, E. T. Sage, Sale, Sawtell, Taylor, Uwins, Warr, Widdowson, Watkins, Whyatt, Molineaux.

CLASS II.—Batty, Booser, Cheetham, Dancy, Ellis, Fordham, Gates, E. F. Harding, Hazeland, Howard, Heaviside, Martin, Price, Sargant, W. Sparkes, Wellington, Williams, Edg. Wood, Fenemore.—Total 39.

PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY.

SECOND CLASS.—Booser, Bowler, Clemence, Davenport, Hazeland, Heeley, W. Barrett, E. T. Sage, Watkins, Wellington.—Total 10.

CHEMISTRY.

FIRST CLASS.—C. D. Green, Parker, Watkins.

SECOND CLASS.—Martin, Bowler.—Total 5.

ACOUSTICS, LIGHT AND HEAT.

SECOND CLASS.—Bowler, C. D. Green, W. Parker, Uwins.—Total 4.

THEORETICAL MECHANICS.

FIRST CLASS.—C. D. Green.

SECOND CLASS.—W. Parker.—Total 2.

ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY.

SECOND CLASS.—C. D. Green, W. R. Parker.—Total 2.

Of the many novelties which come before the public in one way and another not one-half of them live to become a year old, while fewer still see a term of two or three years' existence, and only those that are really *bond fide* live to be regarded by public support for such a period as may repay the expenses of their entrance into the commercial world. Some few years ago the readers of fashionable and other journals were somewhat surprised to see the trade mark of a new firm well set out in advertisements, which represented a gentleman walking in comfort at "five miles an hour easy." This was the trade-mark of Messrs. Waukenphast, who started business in Pall Mall, opposite the Royal College of Physicians. Five miles an hour we would, however, remind Messrs. Waukenphast, is not easy walking, particularly this warm weather, so we take it that the firm meant that the "easy" consisted in the ease given to the pedestrian by the boots he was wearing. This seems to be the solution of the trade-mark, and a very good one it has proved itself to be, for there is no greater example of success in modern times than that achieved by Messrs. Waukenphast. So great has their business become that they have had to take large premises in the Haymarket, which, for arrangement, both for ladies and gentlemen, are perfect. This firm appears to thoroughly understand the anatomy of the feet, and their boots, being made upon true principles, may well be said to give ease at any rate of walking. But while giving the wearer comfort his eye is consulted also, so that comfort and appearance go hand-in-hand. It is said by the ladies that the men have all the comforts provided for them, and as regards boots, this was true till Messrs. Waukenphast, realizing the extent of their success with the fairer sex, determined to give the ladies the same share of their abilities; and, judging by the number of the fair sex we saw at their new premises, they are doubtless meeting with sufficient encouragement in this new feature of their business.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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REGALIA.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There are two points in "R.S.Y.C.S.'s" letter, which seem open to objection. I do not, in the first place, think the question what jewels may or may not be worn is governed solely by the interpretation of the word "consistent" in the law quoted. The Constitutions lay it down absolutely that no jewel shall be worn "which shall not appertain to or be consistent with those degrees," &c., &c. That is, as I take it, all jewels which, on the one hand, do not appertain to, or, on the other hand, are inconsistent with, the degrees of our Grand Lodge, are forbidden to be worn. There are, I consider, two categories of jewels which must not be worn in Craft Lodges, namely: (a) those which do not appertain to the recognised degrees, in which is included the Royal Arch; (b) those which are not consistent with such degrees. The Christian degrees may be perfectly consistent with the Craft and Arch degrees, for Christianity is not inconsistent with Freemasonry; but that is raising a false issue. The question is not whether certain degrees outside the pale of pure and ancient Freemasonry as defined by our Constitutions are, or are not, consistent with what is inside it; but whether certain jewels worn by certain Craftsmen, who have taken certain degrees, which are admittedly outside the limits of pure and ancient Freemasonry as defined by the Constitutions, shall or shall not be worn in Craft Lodges. In other words, it is the consistency of the jewel with the degrees of pure and ancient Masonry which has to be determined, not the consistency therewith of certain outside or high degrees. "R.S.Y.C.S." must be able to show that this or that jewel or emblem appertains to, or is consistent with "those degrees which are recognised and acknowledged by, and are under the control of the Grand Lodge, as part of pure and ancient Masonry," before he can be legally entitled to wear it in a Craft Lodge. The law is precise as to what are the recognised degrees in pure and ancient Masonry, and no jewel pertaining to, or consistent with any unrecognised degree, may legally be worn in our Grand Lodge, or any Lodge within its jurisdiction.

The other statement to which, in my humble judgment, exception may justly be taken will be found in the last paragraph of his letter, in which he suggests that if, as I have striven to show, his opinion about the jewels is wrong, then "the badge of any Order, be it the Bath, St. Michael and St. George, or any other British or Foreign Order or Society, cannot be legal in a Masonic Lodge." I do not recognise the justice of this remark. The law very properly is limited to defining what are the Masonic jewels and emblems which may legally be worn in the Grand Lodge or any subordinate Lodge. It is wisely silent as to the rest of a brother's apparel, and the decorations he may be entitled to wear for honourable service to his country. No one in his senses could possibly mistake the insignia of one of our Orders of Knighthood for Masonic emblems, and no one is forbidden to wear such insignia, if he is so minded, in a Lodge of Freemasons. It is absolutely necessary a line should be drawn showing, on the one hand, what degrees are recognised as forming part and parcel of pure and ancient Masonry, and on the other, what are not so recognised; and the reason of this necessity is, that many of the unrecognised degrees claim to be part and parcel of pure and ancient Masonry, which they are not. But the orders of the Garter, the Bath, the Golden Fleece, the Thistle, &c. &c., have never claimed to be Masonic. But I will adopt R.S.Y.C.S.'s argument, not, as he has done, as regards part only of our law, but as regards the whole. If the law in its definition of Regalia "is intended to exclude all jewels and emblems, not only those which do not appertain to, or are not consistent with the recognised degrees of pure and ancient Masonry; but, likewise, those which are essentially non-Masonic; then, in order to do complete justice to this line of argument, I must carry it to its logical conclusion, and I have no option but to declare that the only clothing and insignia which may legally be worn in Grand Lodge, or any subordinate Lodge, is that prescribed by the Constitutions. In other words, the only apparel which a brother is permitted to wear in a Lodge is his apron, collar, and jewels. These form the "clothing and insignia" of a Mason, and nothing else. I have heard of the full dress aboriginal Africans and South Sea Islanders consisting variously of a plume of feathers, a few beads, perhaps a necklace and anklets. I yet cannot think that R.S.Y.C.S. contemplates our attendance in Lodge in such complete *déshabillé*, though this would be the result if the strict letter of the law, thus interpreted, were carried out. However, it will not do for me to trespass further on your valuable space. I have said my say, and submit myself,

Fraternally yours,

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THE COMMEMORATION LIFEBOATS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—As an old Mason, living in the neighbourhood of Hope, where one of our thankofferings is to be placed, I am constantly asked what the Freemasons will do when the Lifeboat is launched? and I confess I always feel ashamed to have to say, "I don't know;" nor can I obtain any information from the W.M. of Duncombe Lodge. Now, I am informed the Life Boat Institution are preparing for the occasion,

and it does seem to me that the Freemasons of South Devon, at least, ought to know in time what they will do, so that all may have fair warning.

The Devonshire Association (of which Bro. Archdeacon Earle is President), will hold its annual meeting this year in Kingsbridge, in the beginning of August, would not this be a good time to launch the Lifeboat? If you can give any information on this subject you will confer a favour on many of your readers in Devonshire, and especially on,

Yours fraternally,

PHOTOPHILUS.

July 4th 1877.

OUR INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—It is very pleasing to all members of the Craft to see such interest taken in the Institutions by new Lodges, as mentioned in your last issue, but I cannot allow it to be thought that the new Lodges are doing all the work, and beg to hand you the following items as having been subscribed by the members of No. 12, Fortitude and Old Camberland (limited to 40 members):—

Bro. W. B. Kidder W.M.	}	£153 11 0
Steward R.M.B.I.		
R.M.I.G.		
Bro. Geo. Angold I.P.M.	}	£101 17 0
Steward R.M.I.B.		
		£255 8 0

Further, our Brother Clever, No. 12, collected, in No. 12 Chapter, composed mostly of members of the Lodge, £42, which, with the £255 8s, makes a total subscribed of £297 8s.

Yours obediently,

F. C.

CONSECRATION OF THE PAXTON LODGE,
No. 1686.

IT seems to us only the other day that we were invited by a dear old friend—who has since gone to his last resting place—to accompany him to witness the consecration of a new Lodge. We pleaded as an excuse that our business duties were heavy just then, and, with his usual pertinacity, he rejoined that it was an opportunity that should not be lost, as Lodges were not consecrated every day; indeed, he added, you may never have the chance of witnessing so interesting a ceremony again. Thus urged, we accompanied our dear brother, and felt ourselves adequately recompensed for the time we reluctantly were induced to expend. Since then times have changed, and scarcely a week passes but we are invited to attend the consecration of a new Lodge. On Saturday last we visited the Crystal Palace at Sydenham, which has been fixed upon for the head quarters of the Paxton, and where arrangements had been made for the inauguration of this Lodge, one of the latest on the muster-roll of the Grand Lodge of England. W. Bro. H. E. Frances P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, had been authorised by the M.W.D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, to perform the ceremony of consecration, and he had secured the valuable services of our esteemed brother the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain, as his assistant on the occasion. The brethren assembled at four o'clock, in the Grand Saloon Dining Room, which had been tastefully arranged for the occasion. Bro. Frances took the chair, and appointed Bro. Magnus Ohren P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Surrey, S.W., and Bro. W. J. Foster, J.W. of No. 19, J.W. The Lodge was then opened in the three degrees, and Bro. Frances addressed the brethren as to the motive of their assembling. After prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. R. J. Simpson, the acting Secretary, Bro. Jonathan Taylor P.M. 933, read the Petition and Warrant of the Lodge, and the brethren having given their assent to the officers there enumerated, the Consecrating Officer called on the Chaplain to give an oration. Bro. Simpson said he had accepted their kind invitation to be present that day with a great deal of pleasure. He thanked the brethren for their kindness in permitting him to officiate. He looked at the situation of the Lodge, and he saw many old friends around him. He regretted that he could not stay with them, but he had explained the reason to the W.M. designate. He did not wonder that the Lodge called by the name of one who was known to many who were present, as also to himself, should be associated with the great building in which they were assembled. Paxton was a self-made man, the architect of his own fortune, and had made his mark in the generation in which he lived. You, brethren, who know him will confirm what I say, when I tell you he did his work with all the zeal and energy he could throw into what he took in hand. Honours never spoilt him; he was the same man till his death as he was when he was but the gardener at Chatsworth. I shall not dilate further upon this subject. We are all, under God, self-made men; doing a certain duty in this life, ere passing to another. Our beautiful system supplies us with illustrations in the implements with which we work. The twenty-four inch gage teaches us our duty to God, to our neighbour, and to ourselves. A part of our day is to be dedicated to our religious duties, a part to labour, and we are also taught that we are bound to do our duty in whatsoever station of life we may be placed. The chisel reminds us of education, which is one of the chief labours of man. I am induced here to record the remark of an ex-Lord Chancellor, one who is still living: "I think that the education which my father gave me has been, under God, the means which has led me to this high position; and I am more thankful for that than if he had left me a hundred thousand pounds." I am inclined to think that the man who is the architect of his own fortune is more likely to use well those gifts than the man who has inherited them from others. By this I mean to imply the labour of education. We

have labours to be undertaken in relation to our families, to our fellow men, to our ordinary duties of life. We must labour on the square; we must remember there is an all-seeing Eye, and we must remember we shall be called upon to give an account of our acts. If we act upon the golden rule,—to do unto others as we would wish to be done by,—we shall not find ourselves without happiness, both here and in the future. With the plumb rule we must also have justness and uprightness; without uprightness men cannot get on, and will surely fall into poverty and ruin. The skilful indicates the line of rectitude we should pursue, and then, our labours being brought to a successful issue, we are entitled to refreshment. A good and gracious God does not wish us to be morose, or mournful, or sad. True religion is the most cheerful thing in the world, and unhappy is he who preaches any other doctrine. But we must keep within compass, and here again, from this little instrument, we may receive enlightenment. We must also remember we are to serve a brother in distress; we must find time for this. Our Charities supply us with a means to do this; through them we have plenty of opportunities. There are yet other ways of assisting our brethren; I do not refer to mere pecuniary aid, but to the timely use of a kind word, a useful hint. A brother who thus acts has the consciousness of knowing he has endeavoured to do his duty. Lastly, we have the gavel and the pencil; the gavel reminds us that, in addition to the Volume of the Sacred Law, we have the light of conscience, which is one of the guides to lead us to the Grand Lodge above. The pencil records what the workmen do; if we remember this, many a harsh word would be strangled upon the lips; many an act of bitterness or hastiness would be dropped, and many thoughts excluded from the heart, if we bear in mind that the pencil is recording that which is contrary to the Divine law, and, on the other hand, recording what is pleasing to Him, and storing up for us a reward which shall not fade. I doubt not this Lodge, formed under these auspices, with men who will give a tone to its future, will go on and prosper—a tone of noble sentiment, a tone suggestive of dutiful work, and a tone of charitable and gentlemanly feeling which will tend to foster the amenities of life, and soften our intercourse with human kind, teaching us not only how to live ourselves, but to set an example to others. With such a tone and such a prospect before it, I doubt not that the Paxton Lodge will endure and flourish from generation to generation. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and on its conclusion Bro. Taylor presented Bro. Matthew John Klenck P.M. 1339 as the W.M. designate. Bro. Klenck took the customary obligation, and a board of Installed Masters was formed. He was then duly installed as the first W.M. of the Paxton Lodge. The following brethren were appointed officers:—F. W. Goddard S.W., C. H. Benham J.W., Hammerton Treas., H. E. Frances P.M. Sec., Rev. R. J. Simpson Chaplain, Sawyer S.D., Boswell J.D., Woodhams I.G., Radford Tyler. The addresses were delivered in capital style by Bro. Frances, who indeed conducted the business of the day in a most impressive manner. On the proposition of the S.W., seconded by the J.W., honorary membership of the Lodge was presented to the Rev. R. J. Simpson, who returned thanks for the compliment thus paid him. Several propositions for joining and initiation were then handed in, and communications read. The W.M. then formally presented his banner to the Lodge, and expressed a hope that he might live to see the banners of many Masters of the Paxton Lodge arrayed with it. After some other matters had been discussed, the Lodge was closed. An elegant banquet was then served, which reflected great credit on the Crystal Palace caterers. On the removal of the cloth, the toast of the Queen and the Craft was given; it was received with applause, and followed by the National Anthem. In proposing the health of the M.W.G.M., Bro. Klenck remarked that it was a toast which commended itself to the fraternity at large, who were proud of having the future King of Great Britain to preside over them. The Craft were naturally cast down by the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon; but there is a silver lining to every cloud, and the acceptance of the Grand Mastership of Freemasons was the silver lining to the dark cloud which hung over Freemasonry some three years since. His Royal Highness is deeply interested in all that concerns the welfare of the Craft, and never loses an opportunity of displaying that interest. The toast was followed by "Hail, Edward," which was excellently sung by Bros. Theodore Distin, Carter, Large, and Sekyll. In giving the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the W.M. spoke of his admirable working, and expressed his belief that English Freemasons were fortunate in having a nobleman of such eminent ability to preside over them. He also alluded to the Deputy Grand Master, and the qualities he exhibited in his important office, and rendered a just tribute of respect to the services of the Present and Past Grand Officers. With the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers was associated the name of Bro. Magnus Ohren. Our esteemed brother said he could speak from personal experience of the admirable manner in which the Provincial Grand Masters of Surrey and Middlesex did their duty. They, with the P.G.M. of Kent, had been invited to be present, though, unfortunately, other claims upon their time had intervened to prevent their attendance. As regards Kent, he was unable to speak with equal confidence, for though he had been a member of a Kentish Lodge for many years, he had not attended that Provincial Grand Lodge so frequently, as it was not the custom in that Province, so far as he knew, to issue notices to attend. At all events, he had never received a notice. He had no doubt in his own mind, that nothing would have given the Prov. G.M.'s of Middlesex and Surrey greater pleasure than to have been present, as they would have appreciated the admirable manner in which the ceremonies of consecration and installation had been worked by Bro. H. E. Frances. Moreover, the refreshments, to which the Rev. Brother Simpson remarked brethren were justly entitled after labour, had been placed before them in good style. Bro. Frances then assumed the gavel, and in a brief, but excellent speech, proposed the health of the W.M., speaking of him in terms that were justly eulogistic, and expressing his belief that he would fulfil his duty in the Paxton Lodge with the same ability he had dis-

played in the Stockwell. The toast was appropriately and feelingly acknowledged, after which Bro. Klenck proposed the health of the Consecrating Officer, and offered his tribute of thanks to Bro. Frances for his able services, and to Rev. Bro. Simpson for his admirable oration. Bro. Frances having replied, the toast of the Visitors was given, and that of the Press, to which Bros. Massey and Morgan responded. The musical arrangements, in which the brethren we have mentioned before took part, gave great satisfaction.

Kemeys Tynte Preceptory.—An emergency meeting will be held at 33 Golden-square on Wednesday, 18th inst., at 5 p.m., under the banner of E. Sir Knt. Col. Chas. Wilson Randolph Preceptor, to instal the Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker, Sir Thomas Douglas Forsyth C.B., K.C.S.J., Major F. I. Ricarde-Seaver, Captain W. A. Hicks, and others. A Priory of the Order of St. John will be opened at 6 p.m., for the reception of such Knights of the Temple as may wish to take that degree, who should notify their intention to the Registrar, Captain W. Portlock Dadson, 33 Golden-square.

NEW ZEALAND.

CONSECRATION OF LODGE RODNEY, E.C., AT WARKWORTH.

THE consecration and opening of a new Lodge under the English Constitution of Freemasonry, which took place at Warkworth, Mahurangi, on the 3rd May, with the usual impressive ceremonies of the Order, excited a good deal of interest amongst the brethren of the mystic tie, and a considerable number of the Freemasons of Auckland attended. They took advantage of a special trip which the steamer Anne Millbank made, leaving Auckland on Wednesday evening at six o'clock, in order to convey the Auckland visitors. Amongst those who went down were Bros. Leers D.P.G.M. English Constitution, G. P. Pierce P.G.M. Irish Constitution, Bro. Walker R.W.M. Lodge St. Andrew, Rev. C. M. Nelson Chaplain Prince of Wales Lodge, Skinner, Cole, Westmoreland, Hatswell, Dyer, Saxon, Chapman, Whitson, McCulsky, Barrett, Crawford, Kay, and a number of others, and they were accompanied by Mrs. Leers and Mrs. Chapman. After a pleasant trip down, the Anne Millbank arrived at her destination at about eleven o'clock. They were received by Bro. Moat, the Master Designate of the new Lodge, and provision having been made for their accommodation at the hotel and boarding-houses, they retired for the night.

Exactly at 12 o'clock high noon on Thursday, the brethren having assembled in the new Lodge-room or hall, which is erected close to Bremner's Hotel, the Grand Lodge, under the English Constitution, was opened, with Brother Leers as Grand Master, Brother Pierce D.G.M., Brother Cole G.S.W., Brother Hatswell G.J.W., and Brother Skinner as G.J.D. and Master of Ceremonies. The Lodge having been opened, the Secretary stated the wishes of the brethren to be constituted a Lodge, also the minutes of the meeting of the brethren at which this resolution was arrived at. The petition, the warrant of dispensation, and the appointment of the Acting District Grand Master were then read, after which the Acting Grand Master and Installing Officer read the names of the officers named in the warrant, and asked whether they were accepted. This being answered in the affirmative, the Lodge was constituted according to ancient rites. Brother Chapman presided as organist during the consecration service, which then ensued. This was conducted with the customary impressive rites. The oblations of corn, wine, and oil, consecrating the Lodge to Freemasonry, to virtue, and to universal benevolence, were then poured out. The consecration prayer was read by the Rev. C. M. Nelson, Grand Chaplain, and responded to by the brethren. The members of the Rodney Lodge then passed in procession, and did due homage to the Grand Lodge. The Master of Ceremonies then made the usual proclamation, and a lesson having been read by the Chaplain from 1st Kings, 8th Chapter, the anthem, "Hail, Masonry Divine," was sung. The Acting District Grand Master then officiated as Installing Master, and installed Bro. William Pollock Moat as W.M., according to ancient custom. Bro. Moat then installed Bro. the Hon. de Burgh Devereux as Senior Warden, and the other officers of the newly-constituted Lodge. It was intended to have formed in procession, and marched to church, but a religious portion of the service had to be excused, owing to the inclemency of the weather. Afterwards two new members were initiated, and four others were proposed. In the afternoon, the celebration banquet was held in the Lodge room, and a really excellent spread was provided by Host Bremner, to which about fifty sat down. Bro. Moat W.M. presided, and Bro. Devereux S.W. occupied the vice chair. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair, including "The Queen and Craft," "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master E.C.," "The Grand Master of the sister Constitutions and the Provincial Grand Lodges." Bro. Leers responded on behalf of the English Constitution, and Bro. Pierce for the Irish and Scotch. He also proposed "The Success and Prosperity of the Rodney Lodge." The Chairman responded, and in doing so referred in terms of gratitude to the assistance they had received from Bro. Leers and others in constituting their Lodge in Mahurangi. He concluded by proposing the health of Bro. Leers. The toast of Visiting Brethren was responded to by Bro. Walker R.W.M. Lodge St. Andrew. The toast of Poor and Distressed Masons, and that of Masons' wives and bairns followed, and a very pleasant sociable afternoon was enjoyed by all present.

The celebration ball was held in the evening at the Warkworth Hall. There were about thirty ladies present, including some from the surrounding and adjoining settlements. Mr. Wright's band supplied the music, and dancing was kept up briskly and pleasantly until three o'clock in the morning.—*New Zealand Herald*.

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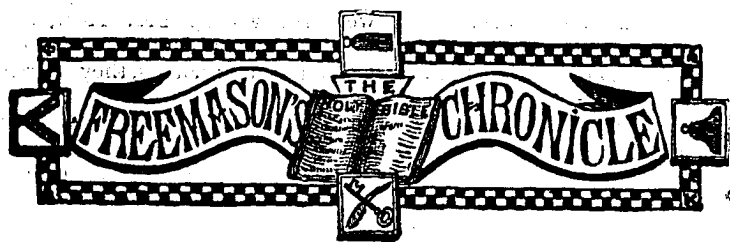
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Prisons Bill was read a second time on Thursday last, at the instance of Earl Beauchamp, the Earl of Kimberley being the only other peer who addressed the house on the subject. On Friday, the House rose after a brief sitting, in the course of which a question was asked by Lord Stanley of Alderley as to Colonel Wellesley's presence with the Russian army on the Danube, and the Game Laws (Scotland) Bill was read a third time. Nothing worth recording was done on Monday, but on Tuesday the Marquis of Salisbury moved the second reading of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Bill. Lord Carlingford and the Duke of Devonshire took part in the debate which followed. The Earl of Harrowby then put a question on behalf of Lord Stratford de Redcliffe, relative to the boundary line between Turkey and Persia, to which the Earl of Derby gave a full and sufficient answer.

In the House of Commons a variety of subjects were discussed on Thursday last, among them being the Colorado Beetle and the Fuller Case, the latter being brought under the notice of the House by Mr. Lowe. Subsequently a number of the Civil Service Estimates were voted in Committee of Supply, and the House rose shortly after half-past one o'clock. On Friday, Mr. Trevelyan moved a brace of resolutions, relating to the County Fran-

chise. These were opposed by the Government, but supported by the Opposition; Mr. Goschen being a prominent exception. On a division being taken, Mr. Trevelyan was defeated by 276 to 220. On Monday, after a variety of questions had been asked on subjects connected with the Army, the House went into Committee on the Army Estimates. Several items were agreed to, but when the vote of £132,000 by the Army Reserve and Pensioners was proposed, an amendment to report progress was moved and defeated by 128 to 8. Mr. O'Donnell then moved that the Chairman leave the chair, but was beaten by 127 to 6. This disgraceful obstruction to public business, however, continued till a quarter past seven in the morning, when the House was counted out. No less than seventeen divisions, varied occasionally with an unsuccessful attempt at a count out, took place, the seven members who thus disgraced themselves being Captain Nolan, Mr. O'Donnell, Major O'Gorman, Mr. Richard Power (Waterford), Mr. Parnell, Mr. O'Connor Power, and Mr. Whalley. It is evident that the rules of the House, which were framed for the government of a body of gentlemen, must be altered so as to effectually prevent the repetition of such scenes. No less than seven hours and a half of valuable public time were thus wasted, and when the few remaining members were permitted to disperse, the House had sat for over fifteen hours. On Tuesday, the debate on the Irish Sunday Closing Bill was resumed, and occupied the greater part of the morning sitting. In the evening, a resolution, moved by Earl Percy, on Vaccination, was debated at some length, and ultimately defeated by 106 to 56. A resolution of Mr. Whalley's, on the subject of the Confessional, emptied the House at half past twelve. On Wednesday, a motion to read the Union Justices (Ireland) Bill was defeated by 178 to 36, but the Divine Worship Facilities' Bill escaped a similar fate by 94 to 78.

The Queen has been entertaining a succession of visitors at Windsor Castle, and has also paid a flying visit to London, where she called on the Duchess of Cambridge at St. James's Palace, and the Emperor and Empress of Brazil at Claridge's Hotel. On Saturday, the Princess Louise, accompanied by the Marquis of Lorne and the Marquis of Abergavenny, laid the foundation stone of a new Friendly Society's Hall at Tonbridge Wells. The escort consisted of a detachment of the West Kent Yeomanry Cavalry, under the command of Captain Lord George Pratt, and there was a guard of honour of the 17th Kent Rifle Volunteers under Captain Stanley Williams drawn up to receive Her Royal Highness at the place where the ceremony was held.

On Thursday last General Grant paid a visit to Liverpool, and was entertained at a banquet in the Town Hall. The Mayor of Liverpool presided, as the host. About two hundred guests were present, among whom were Generals Fairchild and Badeau, of the United States army. Lieutenant General Sir Henry de Bathe, and Mr. J. Torr, one of the members of Parliament for the town. General Grant returned to town the day following. On Tuesday, the ex-President was the guest of the United Service Club. The Duke of Cambridge presided, and was supported on his right by General Grant and Lord Hampton, and on his left by the United States Minister and Lord Strathnairn. The health of the visitor was proposed by his Royal Highness, and drunk with great enthusiasm. The same day a deputation from the Trade Societies waited upon the General, for the purpose of presenting him with an address. He thanked those present for the honour they had done him, which he appreciated as highly as any he had received during his visit.

The show of sporting and other dogs which has taken place annually for several years, under the auspices of the Kennel Club, has been held this year at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. There were about 1,100, while the merit of the exhibits was equal, if not superior to any previous show. There were no less than 122 classes, comprising almost every variety of the canine species—St. Bernards, bloodhounds, bull-dogs, colleys, fox terriers, dachshunds, and Yorkshire terriers, Blenheims, King Charles's and Maltese, &c. &c. The prizes distributed amounted in money value to about £1,100. The show closed yesterday.

Of the three annual cricket-matches between gentlemen and players, two have already been played, and the third is in progress. The first, which was played at the Oval, ended in a draw, the Players having made 405 and 119 in their two innings, and the Gentlemen 427 in their one.

The second came off at Lords, and terminated after a most exciting finish in a victory for the Gentlemen, by one wicket. The Players made 192 and 148, the Gentlemen 198 and 143, with one wicket to fall. When the Gentlemen had lost nine wickets for 97 runs, there seemed a fair prospect of the Players winning, but Messrs. G. F. Grace and Patterson succeeded in putting on the requisite number of runs, the former making 24, the latter 23. The match now in progress is being played at Prince's.

Mr. Gladstone presided on Saturday at the opening of the Caxton Memorial Exhibition, which is held in the western galleries of the old Exhibition building. Mrs. Gladstone accompanied the right honourable gentleman, who was received by Sir Charles Reed, Mr. Blades, and other gentlemen. After a short statement by Sir Charles Reed, as to the nature and purpose of the Exhibition, Mr. Gladstone declared it open, and a royal salute was fired to mark the event. The company then adjourned to an elegant *déjeuner*, at which the ex-Premier presided, the Emperor of Brazil, during the short time he was enabled to stay, occupying a seat to the left of the chair. Lord Alfred Churchill, Lord Charles Bruce, and the Archbishop of York were among those present. The principal toasts were those of the Emperor and Empress of Brazil, and the memory of William Caxton, in proposing the latter of which Mr. Gladstone spoke at great length and most eloquently.

We regret to hear that the health of Mr. Ward Hunt was such a few days since as to cause a considerable feeling of uneasiness among his numerous circle of friends. The right honourable gentleman is now at Homburg, whither he was ordered to proceed, and the latest reports speak of a very decided improvement. We trust this may be continued, and that in a short time he may be able to resume his official duties at the Admiralty.

The Rose Show at the Alexandra Palace, on Saturday last, was a great success, and drew together a large number of visitors. Some of the best known nurserymen contributed to the display, which was in the highest degree effective, while the exhibits of the amateurs were also worthy of the occasion. Later in the day the concourse of people was largely increased by those who had come specially to witness the grand display of fireworks. There has also been an exhibition of cut roses at St. James's Hall, held under the auspices of the National Rose Society. No less than seven tables, affording upwards of a thousand feet of length, were set out, the number of blooms exhibited being about 10,000.

As we expected, the news from the theatre of war which has arrived during the week is most important, but not exactly of the character anticipated, and which a small clique of Russian sympathisers hoped for. The passage of the Danube is *un fait accompli*, but the Czar's army has not advanced far into Bulgaria. Moreover, the passage, which was attempted at several places, was successfully achieved at one only, and since then the bridge of pontoons which had been thrown over the river has been broken, the Russians say by a storm, the Turks by the fire of their monitors. It does not matter much as to the how, but the destruction—which, however, will probably be made good shortly—is a fact which nobody can deny. The Russians are advancing in the Dobrudscha, which is not to be wondered at, as there is nobody to oppose them, but in Bulgaria little has been attempted, and that little turns out to be a failure. An attack on a body of Turkish troops strongly entrenched at Biela has been repulsed, once certainly, if not twice. The town—not the fortifications—of Rustchuk and Nicopolis, have been almost entirely destroyed—of course, in the interests of humanity. The Czar has issued a proclamation, and has announced his intention of providing *à la Russe* for his new subjects, that is, if Europe be fool enough to let him take them, but there is a marked disagreement between the general tenour of this important statement and previous imperial utterances. These discrepancies may be expected, and will probably be multiplied as the war proceeds, on the assumption, of course, that the Turks are as well beaten as the Czar expects they will be. However, the troops of the Sultan have a knack of their own of fighting most desparately. They have been goaded into war, and they are determined to give all they can. In Asia the Russians have fared even worse. They started well, and inflicted one or two defeats on the Turks, but the latter seem to have pulled themselves together wonderfully; have assumed the offensive, and driven their enemies back, with heavy

loss. The siege of Kars is said to have been raised, and the military promenade in Armenia is progressing backwards towards the Caucasus. At Batoum, also, the Turks have inflicted another defeat on their assailants, and Bayazid, it is rumoured, is closely beleaguered, if not taken. Russia, of course, is immensely powerful, and the loss of ten or twenty thousand will make no great difference to her numerically, but the loss of prestige is more serious, especially in Asia, where we may hear of the insurrection in the Caucasus assuming more serious proportions. On the whole, the news, up to the moment of writing, is certainly favourable to Turkey. Meantime, there is a talk of Servia proclaiming her independence. If she act wisely, she will not do so. As to Montenegro, the little principality has been almost overrun by the Turks (and so we hear little of Prince Nikita and his nose-slitting vagabonds). Austria has prohibited the export of horses, and the British fleet is in Besika Bay, within twenty-four hours' sail of Constantinople. These are precautionary measures, which it is just for the two countries most directly interested in the Eastern struggle to take. We hope that nothing further may be necessary.

The Directors of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company, always solicitous for the comfort of those in their employ, this year selected the ever popular Rosherville Gardens for the Annual Excursion of their workmen, accompanied by their wives. Accordingly, on Monday last, the first contingent, numbering about 200, were conveyed in a special train from Sydenham to London, and thence on, by special boat, to Rosherville. There dinner was provided, and ample justice done to a capital repast. An adjournment afterwards took place to the grounds, where every amusement for the enjoyment of the party was to be found. The company re-assembled at 5 o'clock, for tea, after which they returned on board, and commenced the homeward journey. Mr. Charles Gandon, the Engineer, and Bro. Magnus Ohren, the Secretary, were present, and under their superintendence a most enjoyable day was spent. On Monday next, the second contingent will visit Rosherville, and we sincerely hope this party will spend as pleasant a day as that enjoyed by their fellows on Monday.

THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BOMBAY.

THE half-yearly communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay was held, according to the *Masonic Record of Western India*, on the 7th April, at the Freemasons' Hall, Byoulla. R.W. Bro. the Hon. J. Gibbs, Dist. G.M., presided, and there were present Bros. M. Balfour, Dep. D.G.M., A. King as Sen. D.G.W., J. N. Dady J.D.G.W., Rev. Chas. Gilder D.G. Chap., H. W. Barrow D.G. Treas., Dr. I. B. Lyon D.G. Registrar, C. E. Mitchell D.G. Secretary, and several other D. Grand and P.D. Grand Officers, together with several representatives of Lodges. The D.G. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes taken as read and confirmed. The Dist. G.M. delivered a long and admirable address, in which he noted the principal events of the half-year, laying particular stress on the various alterations proposed to be made in the bye-laws, which were subsequently approved. The accounts of the Treasurer and the Report of the Auditors having been presented and accepted, and the minutes of the proceedings of the Committee of General Purposes having been adopted, Bro. Sorabjee N. Cooper was elected D.G. Treasurer, and Bro. Seager re-elected as D.G. Tyler. The D.G.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers for the ensuing year, among which were Bros. Tyrrell Leith Dep. D.G.M., I. B. Lyon and W. C. Rowe D. Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively, Sorabjee N. Cooper D.G. Treas., A. McKenzie D.G. Registrar, C. E. Mitchell D.G. Secretary, O. Tomlinson and T. Counsell D. Senior and Junior Grand Deacons, C. Tudball D.G.S. of Wks., P.M. Jeejeebhoy D.G.D. of C., H. Thorpe D.G. Sw. B., and J. E. Treasury Walla D.G. Purs. Three brethren were then appointed by the Deputy Grand Master, and three elected by the Deputy Grand Lodge, as members of the Committee of General Purposes. After the remaining business had been transacted, the District Grand Lodge was closed.

SPHINX CHAPTER.

THE Convocation of the Sphinx Chapter, No. 1329, was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on 23rd June, when all the Officers, the Companions and Visitors assembled at 4 p.m. The M.E.Z., Dr. Bedolfe, opened the Chapter in due form, and the private affairs of the Chapter being concluded, the candidates elect, viz.: Bros. Heller, Mercer and Goldschmidt, having been entrusted by the P.S. Middlemas, took their station as postulants in open Chapter. Before closing, the M.E.Z. proposed a vote of condolence to "our dear Comp. Oliver, expressive of deep sympathy with him under the fearful injuries himself and family had sustained in the late Bath catastrophe." The Companions then adjourned to the usual friendly repast the happy arrangement of which proved the good taste possessed by the Stewards, caterers and all concerned. On the completion of the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to, the I.M.P. Nairne proposed, in appropriate terms, the health of the M.E.Z., Comp. Bedolfe M.D. The M.E.Z., Dr. Bedolfe, in returning thanks said, He naturally felt satisfaction in presiding in a Royal Arch Chapter. He must however apologise for any want of deftness, feeling himself a recluse, for his active life had been passed as a medical practitioner, struggling by night as well as by day with the powers of nature in a secluded district, amid emblems which had lost their significance, and much of which had changed nothing, either in scene, manners, or customs, since the Wars of the Roses, or even the Heptarchy itself, and to which Domesday Book was still an efficient guide. Whatever doubts, continued the M.E.Z., an important foreign Grand Lodge had unhappily thrown upon the Divine Symbol of Masonry, there could be none here in the Royal Arch, for ours was a symbol to which all who entered our portals must bow—the symbol even of that great Being who, before all creeds and temples, "prefers the upright heart and pure." It was the idea that Masonry embodied some such universal principle which first led his attention to it. Many years since he had met, at the house of an intimate friend, the late Rajah Rammohun Roy, the first of the great Hindoo Reformers, and there he heard him acknowledge that, in the highest and truest sense, the God of his fathers was the God of Abraham. At the late *Conversazione* of the Royal College of Physicians, he had felt deeply interested in the Assyrian tablets brought home by the late lamented Smi.h. The word for word translation, almost identical with our Biblical description of the deluge, showed the God of Abraham as the presiding power. Here, then, in ages so distant, in races so distinct, do we trace belief in the one great symbol. Let us never then, as Masons, allow "free thought" to sully our banner, and although the forms of Arch Masonry may sometimes induce weariness, yet the recollection of this symbol will ever give it freshness and delight, for Masonry, although not a religion, embraces at least the essential principle of all true philosophy. In reply to the toast of the second and third principals—Comps. Vockins and Goss—Comp. Vockins expressed the satisfaction he felt in holding the position which the Chapter had entrusted to him, and in which he assured them he earnestly desired to do his duty. He believed that Masonry, if carried out in an enlightened manner, and with a careful cultivation of those grand principles on which it was founded, was capable of producing much good. It taught them that, next to trust in God, man should trust in his fellow, and such he hoped would always be the guiding principles of the Sphinx Chapter. Comp. Goss—3rd principal—thanked the M.E.Z. for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed; whatever talents he possessed, whether in affording musical assistance, as he had hitherto done, or otherwise, as principal, they would always be heartily at the disposal of the Chapter. The next toast was, the M.E.Z. remarked, the toast of the evening, viz., that of Comps. Heller, Mercer, and Goldschmidt, the exaltees of that day's convocation. Of Comp. Heller he need not repeat the value he placed upon him as an exalte, for a London constituency had, in a most emphatic manner, declared him to be, as a member of the London School Board, the right man in the right place. It was indeed an honour to the Chapter he should come amongst them, and spare a portion of the small leisure his arduous public duties left him, to unbend himself in their social reunions. We are told that at the present time there is a tendency to a divorce of the *Faith of the Age* from its *Intelligence*. In the late grand struggle he had himself been privileged to work hard for Comp. Heller (and it was quite Masonic to say it), not because he represented the *Faith of the Age* as a grand principle merely, but because he represented the principle of *Faith* united to *true Intelligence*. Now *Faith* was a symbol; systems might change or fail, but eternal symbols never. Of Comp. Mercer he need only say, that he had recently won his spurs as a new member of our Camberwell Municipal Parliament; and having gallantly won them, all felt sure he would wear them wisely. Of the third exalte, Comp. Goldschmidt, they had long known him in the Lodge, and appreciated him for his gentlemanly conduct, and he felt sure he would always support amongst them the dignity he had so justly earned. Comp. Heller, in returning thanks for himself and his fellow exaltees, expressed the pleasure he felt in being able to spend a portion of his scant leisure among friends and companions he valued. In attending to his labours at the School Board, he felt animated to the discharge of his duties by the general approval which much of the work of that Board had on all sides met with. He trusted the time would come when the union of the new with the old would seem as natural as had lately been their divergence. He believed that religion and true knowledge were one and indivisible; for that knowledge, which alone enables us to appreciate duly the works of God, enlarges our ideas of God himself, and for himself he felt proud to be a humble helper in the great work of education. The M.E.Z. next proposed the health of the officers, viz., Comps. Temple, Middlemas, and the Treasurer J. C. Reynolds. The M.E.Z. said that he had spoken of Comp. Heller as representing the symbol of *Faith* united to *Intelligence*, but as symbols seemed uppermost this evening, he should refer to Comp. Middlemas as representing the symbol of *Intelligence* united to *Faith*. It was a happy circumstance that in Masonry politics never

entered, and that sectarian religion stood outside the door; and as in our great Temple of sacred repose the tear shed upon the bier of Fox might trickle to that of Pitt, so in the repose of our system our sympathies were with all and each of those who manfully obeyed the call of duty. Comp. Middlemas was a politician; he had heard him called a cynic philosopher; but no man had a kinder heart, or was a truer friend. Comp. Middlemas, as Steward for the "Boys," had kindly taken charge of our contributions to that fund. Comp. Middlemas, in replying to the toast, said he was not only willing to obey the M.E.Z. when called upon to reply, but also to perform his duty in open Chapter; for, when the office was well done, although now an old hand, he still found a freshness in it. As for two of the exaltees of the evening, he had worked for Comp. Heller for the School Board, believing him to be a sound man. As to Comp. Mercer he had also assisted him in his election to Camberwell Vestry, and had had great satisfaction in welcoming him into that p—pa—he begged pardon for stuttering—parliament, where our new companion was sure to learn good manners. He had supported them—not because they were Masons, but because he approved of them as men, and especially of their independent way of thinking. He believed there was much good sense in the Chapter, and it continued so, supported as it was by both the Sphinx and Crichton Lodges, he had no doubt it would prosper. Comp. J. C. Reynolds, in a neat speech, replied as Treasurer, when the gavel of the M.E.Z. summoned the Janitor, who, with bated breath and measured tones, closed the scene.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

STEWARDS' LISTS, 1877.

THE following amounts have been received since the publication, last week, of the Subscription List at the recent Festival:—

	£	s	d
List of Bro. W. W. Baxter P.M. No. 742	13	13	0
Addition to List of Bro. Geo. Angold P.M. No. 12	1	1	0
Do do Marston Buszard P.M. No. 26	2	2	0
Do do Geo. Gard Pye W.M. No. 51, &c.	5	5	0
Do do W. P. T. Phillips P.M. No. 81	5	5	0
Do do John Constable P.M. No. 185	21	0	0
Do do Charles J. Curtis P.M. No. 231	15	15	0

MARK MASONRY.

MARK Master Masons will be pleased to learn that the first regular meeting of the Duke of Connaught Mark Lodge of Instruction was held at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston E., on Thursday, 5th July, at 8.30 p.m., when there were present—Bros. J. B. Shackleton W.M., James Lovelock S.W., J. Stokes J.W., Ernest Dietrich M.O., O. Dietrich S.O., Geo. Ferrar J.O., F. Bonner S.D., C. Johnson J.D., F. Desaians I.G., and other brethren. Lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of advancement was rehearsed. Bye-laws were discussed, and it was arranged that the future meetings for instruction should be held on the first and third Thursdays in every month. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned until the 19th inst. at 8.30 p.m.

Hall-by-the-Sea, Margate.—This popular place of amusement, possessing vocal, terpsichorean, and zoological attractions, opened on Saturday, under the proprietorship of Bros. G. and J. Sanger, who, as caterers for the public, are well known. Since last season, additions have been made to the zoological collection, and the gardens have been tastefully laid out. An artistically-designed stage has been erected, and during the week Miss Grace Harrington sang some charming songs, and the Kelluo troupe of acrobats gave some clever exhibitions, both at the day and evening performances. Bro. Arthur Reeve is again manager, Mr. Gus Foster assistant manager, while the band is under the direction of Mr. John Barnard, of Drury-lane Theatre. At nine o'clock dancing began, under the direction of Mr. W. Chapman. The hall has been well attended.

The Margate Aquarium Rink and Skating Company opened its establishment on Saturday. A crowded audience was present, both at the day and evening performances. Amongst the artistes engaged are Miss Bessie Bonnell, Bro. Herbert Campbell, and Messrs. Murray and White. The new floor has a very flat surface, and affords attraction for those who are fond of rinking. The dimensions of the Hall are 150 feet by 60. Mr. Knight is the manager.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Gout, Rheumatism, Sciatica.—These maladies are always more or less connected with disorder or disease of the digestive organs, hence the facility with which they yield to Holloway's remedies. Temporary alleviation immediately follows the proper application of this soothing Ointment, while the Pills, taken internally, reduce the digestive functions to order and avert all inflammatory tendencies. Nervous ailments will derive ease and consolation from the influence of these means, which are free from mercury and all noxious ingredients. Holloway's celebrated Ointment and Pills present, at a trifling outlay, the means of preserving the health or uprooting diseases which have assailed the body, through accident, luxury, indolence, or other causes.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 7th JULY.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 1.
1223—Amherst Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 9th JULY.

174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate.
1499—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1825—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 8.

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
431—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
589—Druid's Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1393—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1449—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury.
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Mcklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.
K. T. 12—Red Rose Conclave, Athenæum, Lancaster.

TUESDAY, 10th JULY.

Provincial Grand Lodge, Surrey, Town Hall, Farnham.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
167—St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead, at 4.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
83—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
184—United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
638—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankay-street, Warrington.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1508—Maadoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.

WEDNESDAY, 11th JULY.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, Th. Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1209—Lewison, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1243—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1342—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.
1643—Perseverance, Station Hotel, Hebburn.
M. M. 192—St. Outhbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 12th JULY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkcaldie, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetam, Lancashire.
1093—St. George's, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1141—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1204—Royd's Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1369—Bala, P asgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.

FRIDAY, 13th JULY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
992—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1347—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, W.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
34—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
790—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.
M.M. 193—Croydon, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
R. A. 601—Eyton, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington.

SATURDAY, 14th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1566—Addiscombe, Alma Tavern, Addiscombe.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
R. A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
R. A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.

TUESDAY.

495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

FRIDAY.

458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.
TUESDAY—1—Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.
WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate, Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. Joan's-street.
R. A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.
THURSDAY—8—Journymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.
FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

During the Tourist Season, for the benefit of our travelling brethren, we purpose giving all the Masonic Meetings in the West. All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—102—St. Mark's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

" 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 541—Marie Stuart, Freemasons' Hall, Crosshill, Glasgow.
" 204—St. Paul, George Inn, Ayr.
" 205—Garthland St. Winnoch, Eagle Inn, Loch Winnoch.
" 307—Union and Crown, Freemasons' Hall, Barrhead.

TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

" 419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.
" 437—Govandale, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.
" 441—Glasgow, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.
" 572—St. Brydes, Freemasons' Hall, Udderstone.
" R. A. 69—St. Andrew's, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY—40—St. Thomas, Abbey Inn, Arbroath.

" 278—Scotia, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
" 333—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 511—St. Vincent, 210 Dumbarton-road.

THURSDAY—109—Kilmarnock, Crown Hotel, Kilmarnock.

" 570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.
" R. A. 50—Glasgow, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

FRIDAY—18—Dumbarton, Freemason's Hall, Church-street, Dumbarton.

" 170—Leven St. John, Black Bull Inn, Renton, at 7.
" R. A. 79—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.

SATURDAY—28—St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12.—The annual Summer Festival of this old Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th June, at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, under the presidency of Bro. W. B. Kidder W.M.; D. Nicols S.W., Bateman J.W., Leopold Ruff P.M. and Treasurer, A. Snelgrove P.M. Sec., H. Mower S.D., Coombes J.D. and P.M.'s Angold I.P.M., Lilley, Lemaitre, J. Cleaver, R. W. Stewart P.G.D. A sumptuous banquet *a la Russe* and dessert was provided by the manager, Bro. T. T. Pycroft P.M., that gave great satisfaction, the wines and viands being of excellent quality. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the toast of H.M. the Queen, who lived in the hearts of her faithful subjects; long may she continue to reign over us. He would couple with the toast the Craft. The National Anthem was sung. The W.M., amidst prolonged cheers, proposed the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master. He alluded to the fact of the Prince's being then under the same roof, as a guest at the Annual

Dinner of the Prince of Wales's own Norfolk Regiment of Militia. He is one who is beloved by all, but by none more than by the Masonic fraternity. The toast always was, and he was sure always would be received right royally. The Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers was then given, coupled with the name of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.M. P.G.D., who returned thanks. Bro. L. Ruff P.M. Treas. then rose. He had a pleasing duty to perform, to propose the health of the W.M. He was one who to know was to esteem; he possessed the regard of every one in the Lodge, from the initiate to the oldest Past Master. He was also entitled to their regard for the interest he takes in the Masonic Charities; he was Steward at the last Festival for the Girls' School, and is a Life Governor of the Boys' School. That alone is sufficient to show his ideas of Freemasonry. In his capacity of W.M. we wish him health and prosperity. The Lodge was proud of him, and he hoped the brethren would drink the toast as it deserved. (Cheers). The W.M. said, I have to thank my esteemed friend, Bro. Ruff, for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which they have received the toast. I hope, when I vacate the chair, I shall have the pleasure of hearing the same sentiments expressed, and that I shall feel I have discharged my duties to your satisfaction. When I was installed I resolved to do the work, and to instal my successor, and I feel honoured at being the W.M. of a Lodge that has been in existence over 150 years; a Lodge that had always done its duty to the Charities. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. Bro. Woods, No. 7, thanked them for their hospitality, and congratulated the Lodge on having a W.M. who not only does his duty in the Lodge, but also presides over them in a courteous and genial manner. Bro. R. W. Stewart then proposed the toast of Bro. E. E. B. Kidder, a son of the W.M., who he was pleased to see among them, in renewed health, he having just recovered from a serious illness. The toast having been replied to, the W.M. proposed the health of Bro. A. Snelgrove P.M. and Sec., and Bro. Dudley Rolls. This was followed by the health of the Treasurer, Bro. Leopold Ruff, who had worthily held office for 14 years; during that period he had gained the esteem of every brother. The success of to-day's proceedings was attributable to him. He was the Father of the Lodge, and the W.M. hoped that he might be re-invested for many years. Bro. Ruff said his heart and soul were with the Lodge, and he hoped to be spared to render any assistance the Lodge required of him. Bro. Nicols responded for the Wardens. Some excellent harmony was rendered by Miss Bateman, Bros. Radderforth, Beddell, Meen, Kidder jun., &c. H.K.H. the Prince of Wales, on leaving the hotel was loudly cheered, but none gave a heartier or more cordial one than the brethren of the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, who then returned to town, after enjoying a very agreeable and harmonious evening.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 5th inst., at Bro. W. G. Hallows, the Chequers, Marsh-street. Present—Bros. Upward W.M., Dendy S.W., Devalle J.W., Christian acting Secretary, Pinder Preceptor, F. Hallows S.D., Claridge J.D., W. G. Hallows I.G.; also Bros. Brown, Bell, Oldroyd, Hogg 1598. The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer. Minutes of the Lodge meeting of the 28th ult. were read and confirmed. Ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Oldroyd acting as candidate. Bro. Christian worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hogg, of the Ley Spring Lodge, No. 1598, was elected a member of this Lodge. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair, it being the first time of his acting in that capacity. Bro. Dendy was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, upon which occasion Bro. P.M. Pinder will work the installation ceremony. Lodge was then closed, with solemn prayer.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, The Hercules, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening last, 5th July, at 7.30. Present—Bros. Maidwell W.M., Grammer S.W. and Sec., Hollands J.W., Webb Preceptor, Richards J.D., Powell I.G., &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. H. G. Radderforth acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Grammer was elected W.M. for next Thursday. The Lodge was then closed.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction.—Rodney's Head, 12 Old street, Goswell-road, on Monday, 25th ult. Present—Bros. Harvey W.M., Percy S.W., Millward J.W., Isaac S.D., Stock J.D., Hunter I.G., Christopher Tyler, Tolmie Acting Preceptor, Fenner Secretary. Beckett Preceptor, Gibbs, Killick, Cook, Goode, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed, Bro. Goode acting as candidate. Bro. Gibbs answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in 2nd degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Gibb acting as candidate. Bro. Killick answered the questions leading to the 3rd degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the 3rd degree. The ceremony of raising was excellently rehearsed by the W.M. who also gave the traditional history, Bro. Killick candidate. Lodge closed down to the 1st degree. Bro. Percy was elected W.M. for ensuing meeting. Bro. Beckett having tendered his resignation a Preceptor of the Lodge, the same was accepted. Bro. Tolmie was unanimously elected Preceptor in his stead. We congratulate the Lodge upon this accession of strength; we know Bro. Tolmie has devoted much time to Freemasonry, and is an excellent exponent of its precepts. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his excellent working, this being the first time of his occupying the chair in this Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the meeting adjourned until the 1st Monday in September.

Thistle and Rose Lodge, No. 73, Glasgow.—This Lodge held its regular meeting in St. Mark's Hall, on the 3rd inst., Bro. J. Kinnaird R.W.M. in the chair, who informed the Lodge that since the last meeting death had removed from their midst Bro. McAdam, an old Secretary, to whose memory he paid a high compliment. Bro. G. W. Wheeler then moved, "That the members of the Lodge having heard with regret of the death of Past Master Bro. George McAdam, who for many years also filled the office of Lodge Secretary, hereby record their deep sense of the value of the services rendered to the Lodge by our late brother in various capacities, and for a lengthened period, and desire to express their heartfelt sympathy with his widow and family under their present bereavement, by the loss of so good a husband and parent, a loss that must be all the more keenly felt as it was so sudden. But from what we know of our brother, whose upright intentions, square conduct and level steps always kept his actions within the compass of strict propriety, we trust that in his case sudden death was sudden glory, and that he has only been removed from this sublunary sphere to be admitted into the Grand Lodge above. The knowledge that he was deeply respected by the brethren of his Mother Lodge, while it cannot repair the loss of his sorrowing relatives, may yet help to assuage the bitterness of their grief, and we therefore instruct our Secretary to enter this expression of our feeling on the minutes of the Lodge, and send a copy of the same to his bereaved widow."

Commercial Chapter, No. 79.—Held an emergency meeting at 30 Hope-street, Glasgow, on Monday, the 2nd inst., Comp. D. Lamb presiding, who opened a Mark Lodge, with Bros. J. Mann S.W., R. Reid J.W., when three brethren were duly advanced by Bro. Lamb. A Lodge of Excellent Masters was opened, when Comp. G. W. Wheeler conferred that degree on four brethren, after which the Chapter was opened, with Comps. Lamb Z., J. Munro H., R. Brodie J., J. Pitt as S.E., Rev. T. R. Trayner 87 as 1st S., Capt. Duncan 2nd, D. Bulrel 3rd S. At the request of the 1st Principal, Comp. G. W. Wheeler Z. of 73, exalted the same four brethren.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, the 30th of June, at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., H. P. Isaac S.W., A. W. Fenner J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Bedwell S.D., C. Lorkin J.D., Gibbs I.G., Pearcy Preceptor. The Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Powell candidate. The Preceptor rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Powell candidate. Bro. H. P. Isaac was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The Lodge then adjourned until Saturday, the 1st of September.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday the 28th of June, at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 p.m. Present—Bros. Cornuissen W.M., J. H. Watts S.W., J. Docker J.W., J. W. Neighbour S.D., D. M. Belhage J.D., J. Woods I.G., Bro. T. Cull Sec. and Acting Preceptor, F. J. Wray, R. J. Taylor, J. Iriath, A. Ponchot, W. J. Collins, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of Initiation, Bro. Taylor as candidate. Bro. Watts then worked the first, and Bro. Cull the second sections of the lecture. Bro. Watts S.W. was then unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. A. Ponchot, of Lodge No. 1507, was elected a member. Bro. J. H. Watts rose to propose that the cordial thanks of the brethren be accorded to the esteemed Preceptor, Bro. J. Mander, and to the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Cull, for their unflinching devotion to the interests of the Lodge, and that the same be recorded on the minutes, this was seconded by Bro. Wray, and carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned to the first Thursday in October. Brethren will please note this. The members of the Benevolent Association can, in the interim, forward their subscriptions to the Secretary, Bro. Cull.

Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.—On Wednesday last, the Fifteen Sections were worked in this Lodge of Instruction, under the able presidency of Brother Past Master Barnes. Bros. P.M. Austin and Hallett W.M. of the Mother Lodge acting as S.W. and J.W. respectively. Upwards of fifty brethren were in attendance. The following brethren assisted the W.M. in working the sections. 1st Lecture—Bros. Jesse, Berry, Ould, Livermore, Turquand jun., Andrews and Radderforth. 2nd Lecture—Bros. Mortlock, Myers, Berry, Ives and Seex. 3rd Lecture—Bros. Hallett, Myers, and Cohen. The services of the brethren in contributing to the success of the evening, were acknowledged by votes of thanks; to Bro. Barnes for his kindness in undertaking the duties of the chair; to Bro. Austin for his valued services as S.W., and to the brethren who had so cordially rendered their assistance. From the large attendance such meetings are now favoured with, it is evident that the working of the Fifteen Sections is gaining in popularity among the Craft, and this fact must be gratifying to all who rejoice in the prosperity of the Order. Among those present were Bros. Breden Sec., P.M.'s Rennes, Neville, and Rowe. This Lodge of Instruction meets at the Silver Tavern, Bardett-road, every Wednesday evening, at 7.30.

Carnarvon Lodge, No. 804, Havant.—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. Weeks P.M., the following brethren being in attendance:—J. Clay S.W., T. P. Hall J.W., C. H. Liddell D. P.M.'s Bros. Hillman Sec., H. R. Trigg, H. Martin, Green, J. Good, T. Francis, J. Harrison, J. Lenthal I.P.M.; and Bros. O. C. Harris, H. Kember, Rev. T. W. Johnstone, J. Dart, and S. Simla Casabianca an E.A. The Lodge was opened in the first degree,

and the minutes of the last Lodge having been confirmed, the E.A. was examined, and having proved his efficiency, was entrusted and retired. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Casabianca was duly passed by the W.M., after which the chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. H. Martin P. Prov. Grand Purs., for the purpose of installing Bro. J. Clay S.W. the W.M. elect. The ceremony was most ably performed. The following visitors were present: Bros. Mark E. Frost Prov. G. Treasurer, J. Lind P.M. 248, H. J. Guy W.M. 342, H. Woodward 1428, W. D. Parkhouse, E. Smith 342, Dent 1501, M. W. Bolton 127. The W.M. invested the following as officers for the year:—Bros. T. P. Hall S.W., C. H. Liddell J.W., Weeks I.P.M. Treasurer, T. Francis Secretary, J. N. Hillman P.M. D.C., Rev. T. W. Johnstone Chaplain, O. C. Harries S.D., W. Dart J.D., H. Kimber I.G., J. Clarke Steward, Blackmore Tyler. Three gentlemen were proposed for initiation, after which the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, where an excellent banquet was prepared by Bro. Purnell P.M.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 880.—The weekly meeting of the above Lodge, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday evening, 3rd July, was well attended. Bros. Davies W.M., Lorkin S.W., Worsley J.W., Saunders 860 S.D., Smith J.D., Weige I.G., Barker acting Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Lovelock, Haines, Christian 860, Hewlett, Johnson, Dallas, Allen, Aspinall &c. The Lodge was opened with prayer, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Allen acting as candidate. Bro. Smith worked the 2nd section of the lecture, Bro. Worsley the 3rd, and Bro. Hewlett the 4th, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Aspinall, of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Lorkin was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week; officers in rotation. A unanimous vote of thanks was given to Bro. Davies for the very able manner in which he had worked the ceremony for the first time; the same to be recorded on the minutes. The Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till next Tuesday evening, at 7.30 precisely.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Met at Brother Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 29th June. Present—Bros. Cave jun. W.M., Austin S.W., Percy J.W., Simpson S.D., Crouch J.D., Lane I.G., Hewlett Preceptor, and Bros. Cave sen., Ashcroft, Kent, Cleverley, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ashcroft as candidate. Bro. Hewlett worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Austin was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was given to the W.M. for the very correct manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. This being his first attempt, we feel a pleasure in recording this; knowing that Bro. Cave jun., who is a Lewis, is but a young Mason, and has but recently been raised. Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned until Friday next, at 8 p.m.

Dundas Lodge, No. 1255.—The W.M. elect, Bro. John Pearce, was duly installed W.M. of this Lodge, at the Huyshe Temple, Plymouth, on the 18th inst. The ceremony was ably rendered by the now I.P.M., S. J. Hearle, assisted by a board of installed and Past Masters, consisting of Bros. Charles Godtschalk G.J.D. of the Province, Past Master of Nos. 1255 and 70, Bros. W. H. Triplet P.M. 1255, S. B. Harvey P.M. 1255, W. Bell P.M. 1255, J. Pengelly W.M. 70, R. Twose W.M. 105, J. G. Avery W.M. 156, L. D. Westcott P.M. 70, P.P.G. Sup. of Wks., John B. Gover P.M. 70 and Sec. P.P.G.A.D.C. The W. Bro. John Pearce being placed in the chair of K.S. in strict accordance with ancient custom, the W. Bro. Chas. Godtschalk G.J.D. delivered the address to the W.M., followed by Bros. Triplet and Harvey, with the respective addresses to the Wardens and brethren. The W.M. Bro. John Pearce then invested his officers for the year as follow:—Bros. S. J. Hearle I.P.M., W. H. Triplet P.M. S.W., T. G. Smith J.W., W. Crimp and E. J. Willis Senior and Junior Deacons, G. R. Barratt D.C., with W. Cann as A.D.C., J. H. Dawe I.G., T. Smith T., Wm. Bell P.M. Treasurer, S. B. Harvey P.M. Secretary. The Lodge was then called from labour to refreshment; it adjourned to Bro. J. Watt's, Globe Hotel, for the installation banquet, and was there joined by Bros. Tucker P.M. 1486, H. S. Hill J.W. 223, Daw 1247, and the following members of 1255: Bros. Hammond, Duggan, Fry, Keen. The banquet was served in the customary style of the "Globe," this is simply saying Bro. J. Watt's liberality is only in keeping with his known good taste, and that the dinner in every respect was a success. The *Loyal and customary* toasts having been proposed and responded to, that of the Prov. G.M. Rev. J. Huyshe, L. P. Metham D.P.G.M., and Prov. Grand Lodge, met with a hearty response. Bro. Chas. Godtschalk was called upon to respond, he said, It appeared etiquette for a Present Prov. Grand Officer to speak to the toast in preference to a Past Grand Officer. The duty, to his regret, fell on him, he being the only officer of the year present. That this should be so, he very deeply regretted, and he did so from the fact that this was the first time in his recollection that we had not amongst us, at the installation banquet of the Dundas Lodge, either the M.W. the Prov. G.M. or the V.W. the D.P.G.M., or both. Upon this occasion we had neither, and in each case it was well known the absence was caused by illness. This, therefore, was the sincere cause of his regret, for if either of the eminent brethren had been present, the toast proposed would have had ample justice done to it, coupled, also, with the great pleasure to us of their being amongst us on this celebration. I mention the name of our P.G.M. Bro. John Huyshe with feelings of veneration and deep regard. All know his kindliness, his gentleness of heart. It will be a dire and sorrowful day for the Province of Devon when John Huyshe leaves us. When he departs,

a name with more sound, an honoured name, even with a title, may fill his place in the Province, as Prov. G.M.; but it will be difficult, nay, it will be impossible, to fill the hearts of the Masons of Devon with a name that shall equal that of plain John Huyshe. Quite apart from his genial and benevolent nature, he has been a thoroughly hard-working and practical Mason, both in and out of Lodge and Chapter, during a long and blameless life. He was initiated, when a young man, in that acme of temples, the Apollo Lodge, Oxford. Brethren, let us then hope, with all our hearts, that the blessing of health may be restored to both our Prov. G.M. and to our D.P.G.M. Dr. L. P. Metham, who is a worthy Mason, ever forward in the cause of charity, ever forward in inculcating the true principles of Masonry, and the chief exponent of its morality in this our Province. Let us hope that both may again be seen and heard at a future installation banquet of Dundas Lodge. Brethren, for Prov. Grand Lodge and myself, you have my heartfelt thanks. The W.M. of 1255 was then proposed. Bro. John Pearce, who responded, stated that having thus been honoured by being placed in the chair of his Mother Lodge, it would be the height of his ambition to fulfil its duties to the satisfaction of all; that, with the assistance of his Wardens and assistant officers, he would humbly endeavour to imitate his predecessor, the I.P.M., who had so ably filled the chair during the past year. The Worshipful Past Masters, the Treasurer, and Secretary of 1255, were then proposed and responded to. In doing so, allusion was made to the able manner the I.P.M. had filled the chair during his year of office; and that if Bro. S. J. Hearle had not shown great brilliancy up to the time of going into the Master's chair, he had done the work of his year with honour to the Lodge and reputation to himself, and crowned that year's work by the admirable way in which he had installed his successor. Bro. Charles Godtschalk, at the request of the W.M., proposed the next toast, "The Senior and Junior Wardens of 1255." He said, I am allowed to propose this toast. The doing so gives me the opportunity to offer a few words on the present formation of the Lodge, or, in other words, on our present officers. At first blush, it might seem somewhat anomalous to place the collar, and to appoint a well-trying and respected Past Master in the S.W.'s chair; more especially when I tell the brethren of the Lodge that Bro. P.M. Triplet holds the office against his inclination, and had it not been the earnest wish of the Past Masters of 1255, and the after conclusions formed in his own mind, that his holding the office of S.W. would be for the future welfare of 1255, he would not be now in that position. I now address a few words to the J.W. of 1255, and through him to the Assistant Officers. They will, I feel sure, if not at this moment, afterwards thank me for plain speaking. To my brother the J.W. then I say, that he, being an old member of Dundas, the Past Masters of the Lodge wish to see him in the Master's Chair. That hitherto, making all due allowance for certain drawbacks, he has not given that attention to the duties of the Lodge which this Lodge looks for from those who aspire to the Master's Chair. By his appointment this day, as J.W., the Lodge gives him the chance, by fair attention to his duties, to show he appreciates the honour of the Master's Chair. That our Bro. P.M. Triplet, now in the S.W.'s chair, is no bar to his attaining the Mastership at the very next change of officers. Let our brother the J.W. only show diligence, attention, and aptitude, the S.W. gladly steps aside; but, at the same time, he very clearly knows on what conditions he holds office, but without attention to his duties, he goes no further, and in that case our respected Bro. P.M. Triplet, the S.W. of 1255, bars the way against Masonic pretenders. And our brethren, the Assistant Officers, will know that when seniority and merit go together, that seniority will take the lead. That, in the change of officers in this Lodge merit will have a prior claim over mere seniority in office. That Lodge Dundas, in the future as in the past, intends, if possible, to have brethren to fill the chair who not only can do the work, but who also can rule their Lodge. I therefore propose the health of the Senior and Junior Wardens of 1255, and thereto I add a wish:—it is, that at the next change of officers, the S.W. will go out of office, and that our brother the Junior Warden, by his ability and attention shown this year, will take two steps, which means his going into the Master's chair. Our Sister Lodges in the Province was then acknowledged by Bro. P.M. John B. Gover, who reminded all present that he remembered well the formation of this Lodge, with a Sister Lodge, holding its meetings in the same Temple, that both Lodges had been consecrated at the same time, that at that time and after, if he might use the term, there had been a *race* with these two Lodges for Masonic excellence, that now, after the lapse of years, speaking with a fair and impartial knowledge, he was bound to admit that Dundas 1255 had borne the palm away. This he attributed to the bright and good example of the Past Masters of 1255. Take the selection of the Officers in 1255 to-day as an instance. In this arrangement of the offices it is palpable and clear the Past Masters have studied the coming welfare of their Lodge; by this wise and thoughtful arrangement every Bro. who held office in the Lodge last year has this day had his step in advance. With some new blood and talent brought into the Lodge, the Lodge finding itself, from circumstances fully explained, without a Bro. to fill the S.W.'s chair, have placed therein a worthy P.M.; unless this had been done, a junior member of the Lodge must have passed over the heads of others, his equal in ability, standing and social status. Thus failing a Bro. of sufficient stability, they have undoubtedly acted wisely and well in asking a P.M. to accept the office of S.W.; that, if next year a brother of ability does not turn up, they must ask the Lodge to elect Bro. W. H. Triplet to the chair he once before has filled so well. But, as expressed by Bro. Charles Godtschalk, he hoped the J.W. would, by attention and ability, show he was fully competent to occupy the Master's chair, and also rule his Lodge. A clever parrot might be trained to repeat certain routine matters, but his estimate of a W.M. was—One capable of forming sound judgment; that he be capable of imparting that judgment to his brethren; in fact, he should sway and rule his Lodge; if with kindness, all the better, but it is essential that he rule it. Brethren, the best wishes for the continued prosperity of Lodge Dundas is sent you from

the Sister Lodges of the Province. The final toast of our Poor and Distressed Brethren was given by the W.M., who, in his remarks alluded to one of the Commemorative Life Boats being placed on a new station on the coast of Devon, at Hope Cove. As this was in the neighbourhood of Plymouth, he hoped the Craft would, at the launching of this boat, join with the brethren of Kingsbridge in getting up a demonstration in honour of the event. Bro. Charles Gottschalk congratulated Devon upon the fact of having her iron-bound coast selected for the station of one of the Commemorative Life Boats, so nobly voted by the Craft of England. This was one source of aid to our poor and distressed brethren, and to our fellow creatures in distress; but when the sentiment of our poor and distressed brethren was given, we should always remember we have Charities closely allied to the Craft; so closely were they attached to the Craft that they could not exist without its liberal aid. With respect to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Devon had done nobly for this Institution at the last Festival, when it sent up, through myself and Bro. J. E. Curteis, G.S.W. of the Province, the largest amount of any Province in England—viz., £600. Yes; Devon did this for the noble Institution which supports our poor and distressed brothers and widows of brethren; that is the silver lining to a dark cloud; the obverse is, that Devon draws largely from the funds of the same Institution; that although Devon sent up £600 to the last Festival, she has considerably more than that sum back in two months from the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Therefore, brethren, when an appeal is made for our Charities—for our poor, either men, women, boys, or girls—give, and give freely. In conclusion, I will say, for the information of those who may not know that the funds voted for the two life boats—£4000—that not one penny comes from our Charities. The funds devoted to the life boats come out of the profits of Masonry made by the Grand Lodge of England. The dramatic talent of Bro. R. Twose, combined with the vocal abilities of Bros. J. Y. Avery, W. H. Triplet, and S. B. Harvey completed a most enjoyable day.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—Held its weekly meeting on Friday, the 29th of June, at the Castle Tavern, Holloway, N. Present—Bros. Rowe W.M., Chant S.W., Hollis J.W., Powell S.D., Hall J.D., Passingham I.G., T. Cull Preceptor; also Bros. Yeomans, Sparrow, Dickinson, Hunter, Shackle, Cook, Smith, and Graneli. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smith being candidate. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Yeomans acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Sparrow as candidate. The Lodge having resumed to the 1st degree, Bro. Chant S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Yeomans then, in pursuance of notice of motion given the preceding Friday, proposed that the Lodge, at its rising, adjourn till the first Friday in September, at 8 o'clock, this being seconded by Bro. Shackle, was put, and carried unanimously. Nothing more offering, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Friday, 7th September next.

Wharnccliffe Lodge, No. 1462.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, the 30th of June, at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone. Present—Bros. W. Thompson Bealand W.M., John Bastard S.W., John Wade J.W., John E. Wordsworth Secretary, R. Senior Treasurer, J. W. Wordsworth S.D., Rev. J. S. Lawson Chaplain, C. G. Cowlishaw and A. Woodhead Stewards, Wm. Dickinson I.G., Jesse Moore Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Hesketh and Hinchcliffe. Visitors—Bro. S. B. Ellis W.M. Wentworth Lodge No. 1239, and Bro. John Clark Secretary 1239, Sheffield. Business—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. J. A. Wilson, who was elected, and afterwards admitted and duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The ballot was taken for Bro. Sykes W.M. of the Huddersfield Lodge, No. 290, as an honorary member, and he was duly elected. Hearty good wishes were presented from the Wentworth Lodge No. 1239. The W.M. called upon Bro. Cowlishaw to explain what arrangements he had been able to make in regard to the Annual Pic-nic of the Lodge, when Bro. Cowlishaw stated that he had succeeded in arranging with the Railway Company to run a special saloon train to Worksop for the accommodation of the brethren, on the 26th July, and also for carriages, &c., to take them, through the kindness of the Duke, to Clumber and Earl Mansvers's Mansions. He also stated that luncheon would be provided under the "Major Oak," and dinner at the Lion Hotel, Worksop.

Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540.—The regular meeting of this well-established and prosperous Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. J. C. Mason (who was out of town), the Lodge was opened and presided over by Bro. T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex. The work, done in an agreeable and pleasant manner, was the raising of Bros. Mayer, Ricardo, and Harrison. The entire ceremony was given, including the Traditional History and the lecture on the Tracing Board. On the completion of the work the veteran Secretary, Bro. F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex, was heard to observe "that out of hundreds he had initiated into Freemasonry, no one had excelled Bro. Sabine, either in the work, or in the support given to the Masonic Charities. He had ever felt proud of having initiated him." Every one was pleased to be present, and witness such good working. This being the anniversary of the Boys' School Festival, caused a thinner attendance than usual. But as this Lodge had subscribed so well to the Charities during its short existence, it was not surprising that some of its officers should have attended at the Festival. Several names were given in to the Secretary for initiation at the next meeting. Business ended, the Lodge was closed and adjourned to Wednesday, 22nd August, to meet at half-past six o'clock

a.m. Although no banquet was announced, the brethren partook of a good supper. The usual Loyal toasts were given and responded to. There were present Bros. Kemp J.W., C. W. Hudson S.D., H. Faija I.D., C. Graham W.S., A. J. Hawkes I.G., &c. Amongst a large number of visitors we noticed Bros. Louis Beck W.M. designate 1687, &c., R. W. Williams P.G. Organist Middlesex W.M. elect 1538, &c., W. Mitchell Organist 1328, and some others whose names we were unable to ascertain.

West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612.—This Lodge held an emergency meeting on Saturday, the 30th of June, at the Institute, Ealing. Present—Bros. A. Beasley W.M., T. Kingston P.M. 862 S.W., Hy. Kasner J.W., J. Chambers Roe W.M. 780 Secretary, T. Brown P.M. 780 Treasurer, A. J. Burr S.D., H. E. Tucker as J.D., Wm. Seward jun., the first initiate of the Lodge, as I.G., Harrison Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Collinson 862, and W. T. Wrighton 23. Business—The Lodge was opened at a quarter past 3, and Bros. Beale and Fernes having shown their proficiency as F.O.'s were raised to the degree of M.M. Bro. T. C. Jenkin having answered the usual questions, was passed to the second degree. At this part of the proceedings the Lodge was called off for light refreshment, and on the resumption of labour, Messrs. Alexr. Jones (already ballotted for), Henry Septimus Maling, James John Clarke, and Victor Emile Etienne were severally introduced, and admitted to the privileges of Ancient Freemasonry. Before the Lodge was closed, the W.M. said he could not allow the opportunity to pass without thanking the brethren for the very kind letter he had received from Bro. Roe, on behalf of the Lodge. If there was one thing more than another that could help to alleviate the sufferings that we are all subject to in this world, it was the kind sympathy of one's friends in the hour of trouble. He must say that his friends had rallied round him in his illness, and had not only called to inquire after him, but had done many acts of kindness which he would not enumerate. It was one of the greatest sources of pleasure to him to know that his brother Masons were among the foremost to wish him a speedy relief from his sufferings. We may add that Bros. Kingston and Roe assisted in performing the ceremonies, the W.M. being still very weak, from the effects of his late illness. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

NEW ZEALAND.

PROJECTED GRAND LODGE FOR THE NORTH ISLAND (S.C.)

ON the 27th April, a meeting of Masters and Past Masters of Lodges under the Scottish Constitution, was held at Bro. Tyler's office, in connection with the arrangements for the constitution of a Grand Lodge for the North Island of New Zealand. The following were present:—Bros. Rev. J. Hill P.M. Sir W. Scott Lodge, A. Brodie P.M. Sir W. Scott Lodge, W. C. Walker R.W.M. St. Andrew Lodge, A. Dewar P.M. Sir Walter Scott, A. K. Tyler P.M. Thistle, Westport, T. Macfarlane P.M. St. Andrew, T. L. Murray R.W.M. Sir W. Scott, L. J. Bagnall P.M. Lodge of Light, I.C., T. Rawdon Tyler, Sir W. Scott. Bro. Tyler was called on to preside.

The Rev. J. Hill made a statement of the proceedings which had been taken for the establishment of a Grand Lodge for the North Island of New Zealand in connection with Scottish Masonry. The subject had been mooted many years ago, and Bro. Beveridge was nominated for the office, but on account of the death of that gentleman, the movement was interrupted and nothing was done. It was still, however, considered desirable that a Prov. G. Lodge should be established; but a difficulty was felt as to the brother who should be called on to fill the office of G.M. The brethren at the Thames had waited upon Sir Donald McLean to get his consent, but were too late, as he had just agreed to take the same post under the English Constitution. A meeting was at length held in Auckland, and those present were unanimously of opinion as to the desirability of establishing such a Lodge, and it was said that Brother Whitaker was a suitable person for the office of Master. It was understood that the Freemasons of Auckland were to do something to forward the matter, but nothing was done by them. After some time it became known to the brethren at the Thames that a movement had been commenced at Wellington to start a Provincial Grand Lodge for Wellington, leaving Auckland to come in or not, as they thought fit. It was found that the brethren in Wellington were about to recommend that Dr. Johnston should be Master, when Bro. T. L. Murray telegraphed, asking them to agree to the nomination of Brother Whitaker for the North Island. After some communications had passed, an intimation was received, stating that the brethren at Wellington would agree to the nomination of Brother Whitaker if the Thames brethren would support the nomination of Dr. Johnston as Deputy Grand Master. Bro. Whitaker was affiliated to the Scotch Constitution in the Sir Walter Scott Lodge. Bro. Hay, of Auckland, who had gone home, was written to, and asked to get the consent of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; and a telegram was also sent to Bro. Hislop, of Otago, asking him to co-operate with them, which he had agreed to do. By last mail letters had been received from Bro. Hay, and from the Secretary to the Grand Lodge, intimating that the nomination had received the approval of the Grand Lodge, that they could proceed at once to make arrangements for the installation, and that Bro. Hay was bringing out the Warrant. It was thought that the ceremony might take place before the Session of Assembly, but on Bro. Whitaker being communicated with, he had stated that he would prefer that it should be postponed till after the Session.

After some conversation, a resolution was unanimously agreed to that circulars should be sent to all the Lodges under the Scotch Constitution in the North Island, requesting them to send delegates, either in person or by proxy, to a meeting, to be held at Auckland, on the 31st of May, for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for the constitution of a Provincial Grand Lodge for the North Island, and the installation of officers.

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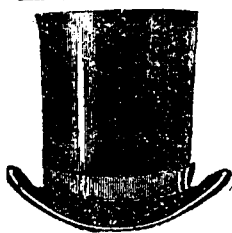
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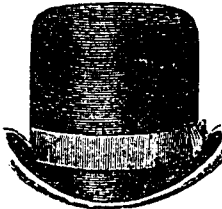
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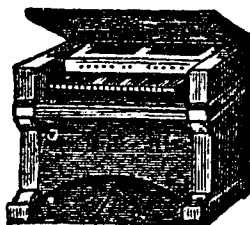
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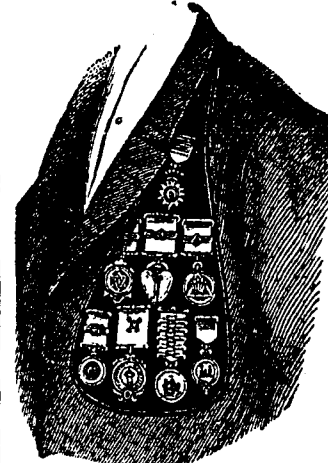
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