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COURTESY IN ARGUMENT.

IT is impossible not to be struck with the contentious spirit which animates many Masonic disputants. Let any one glance regularly at the correspondence columns of this journal and he will find something more than mere warmth of argument displayed. We cannot, of course, object to a brother who supports the cause he is advocating, not only with all the logical power he possesses but likewise with a zeal which it is found difficult to repress, that he is far too urgent in his advocacy. We take but little interest in those half-hearted partisans, who for the assistance they render might just as well be against us as on our side. There are, unfortunately, far too many people who imagine that when they become Masons they sink their rights to all individuality. They belong to a Fraternity which is actuated by one spirit, and consequently they imagine they have lost all right to have any opinion of their own, that is, of course, on Masonic matters. If the Master of their Lodge propounds some amazingly childish theory about the origin, antiquity, or distribution of Freemasonry, they are fully prepared to accept it, though had such a theory been broached in common life they would have lost no time in exposing it to the most severe ridicule. If a brother commits himself at the banquet by some glaring "atrocious," such as would justly close the door of every respectable house against him, the atrocity is allowed to pass unrebuked; it is considered to be charitable to overlook in a brother what would be seriously and worthily condemned in a mere profane. Others, again, there are who presume upon this milk-and-wateriness of the milder and softer brother, and overbear all decency because they know well enough that no notice will be taken of their gross misbehaviour. In short, what between the class of brethren who think they have no right to an opinion of their own, and those who are bent on forcing their opinions on every one, it frequently happens that a Lodge which ought to be a perfect temple of peace and harmony is little else than a bear garden.

Perhaps the greatest nuisance of all is the Masonic humbug, who pretends to be advocating and supporting the interests of Freemasonry, when, in truth, he is all the time subserving his own; who is ever careful to draw attention to the purity and disinterestedness of all he says and does, yet never says or does anything unless he sees his way to gain for himself some profit. This is done in a manner so patent to the simplest understanding that there cannot be a shadow of a doubt as to the purpose the humbug has in view. In the outer world, he would be chaffed unmercifully, and he would find it impossible to palm off his selfishness as the purest and most conspicuous disinterestedness ever exhibited by mortal man. But he is spared the jeers of his fellow-Masons, not because Masonry enjoins on its disciples that they should wink at humbug, but because so many brethren lack the courage to speak out the honest truth. So far we have spoken of two classes of brethren; of the mild, milk-and-watery fellows who never have a word to say for themselves, who acquiesce in every proposition that is made; and of those who, presuming upon this well-known feature among a very numerous class of Craftsmen, conduct themselves, whenever it suits them, in an offensive and overbearing manner. There is yet a third class of brethren, to whom it is our intention specially to devote the greater part of this article. These are they who find it impossible to express an opinion without violence; who cannot differ without allowing some unpleasant per-

sonality to escape them; who cannot discuss an argument without attributing some selfish or improper motive for its adoption. We cannot see why any brother should ever forget what is due to himself or others, simply because he finds those others are not of the same way of thinking with himself. It is in the course of things that different minds should be moved by different impulses; but it by no means follows that such impulses should have anything improper about them. As we said at the outset, we like to see thorough-going advocacy; we believe in it, nay, we almost feel inclined to worship it. There is in it a very strong leaven of justice and generosity, and we infinitely prefer the out-and-out supporter to the *fainéant*. But we know there is a point beyond which it were indecent for the most strenuous advocate to go. It is his duty to employ all the arts he is capable of in demonstrating the folly of his opponent's case. Let him by all means discharge at it whole batteries of ridicule. Let him describe it as untenable, illogical, as lacking common sense; let him do all this, and what more he can, but let him studiously avoid attacking his opponent personally. It is not necessary to lose one's temper and use strong language, and denounce the motives of one's adversary as impure and unworthy of a Mason, in order to uphold and demonstrate to the world the correctness of one's opinion. If there is reason on our side, it will fare well with us in the long run. Some people are slow to be convinced they are in error, but we shall not induce earlier conviction in their minds by abusing them for thinking as they do. On the contrary, we are likely to create the feeling that there is a weak point in our case which will not bear too close an inspection, and it will be thought we indulge in these abusive personalities in order to hide this weakness as much as possible. Be this as it may, the advice we tender to those about to argue is—Don't, if you can help it; but if differences cannot be settled except by argument, employ every weapon which may legitimately be used in a war of words, but let there be no personalities, no abusive reflections about your opponent's motives, no imputation of improper motives. These things are commonly enough done by men who are not Masons, and who do not think it necessary to bind themselves in any particular way to their fellows. But we who are Masons are presumed to be influenced by certain feelings towards one another, and not the least powerful of these feelings is Charity. Now Charity, as we all know, includes every other virtue. It is the pure spirit of Charity which impels people to do unto others as they would have others do unto them; yet we do not imagine that any Mason would care to receive abuse at the hands of others, or to be told that he was guilty of all kinds of contemptible conduct. If brethren would but bear this in mind, if they would but recognise, as was pointed out last week, that, after all, the great secret of Freemasonry is Charity, there would be a good deal more in this world of pure practical Masonry. We should be spared the pain of believing that half of what now goes by that valued name is neither more nor less than a sorry make-believe. How, indeed, can we regard it in any other light, when we find brethren, who have attained a greater or less degree of eminence, publicly questioning the sincerity of one another's motives, deliberately befouling one another's reputation; and, in short, doing and saying what might reasonably be expected of a low pettifogging attorney, but of no other class of men, certainly not of those who profess to be charitable towards each other, and to the whole world besides. We have occasion to differ with a great many people. Sometimes we have found it necessary to defend ourselves and the policy we profess with such

vigour and ability as we may possess, but it would never occur to us to abuse our opponents. We may question the validity of their arguments, but not the propriety of their motives. This is work which we cheerfully abandon to those who delight in manifesting to the world what Masonry is not. We do not think that we and others are any the worse for differing with one another, or for upholding, when necessary, the opinions we entertain. We do not think it our duty to obtrude those opinions on others, whether they like it or not. We avoid plunging into matters controversial as much as possible; but if they cannot be avoided, if even minor and comparatively unimportant differences will inevitably arise, there is no reason why they should not be conducted in a manner befitting gentlemen and Masons. We are aware these remarks will read somewhat like a sermon, but we have frequent experience of the bitterness of spirit which is imported into discussions between brethren; a bitterness which is out of place, seeing that it at once puts an end to fair discussion, and which is especially objectionable in those who bind themselves most solemnly to speak well of a brother, or, if that cannot be done with propriety, to observe silence. Whenever an opportunity presents itself, we make it our business to tone down the asperities which some delight to interchange, and we fancy we have done this successfully on more than one occasion. We take pride in hearing brethren enunciate, *ore rotundo*, the beautiful precepts of Freemasonry, but we carry ourselves with head still more erect when we find brethren practise what they preach. There are many beautiful theories in this world, but their undoubtedly fair proportions are spoiled for want of practice. So fares it with Masonry. There are many Craftsmen whose enunciation of the true Masonic principles it is a pleasure to listen to, but there is a terrible want of harmony between their theory and their practice; and among the most notorious offenders in this respect are those brethren who begin by arguing with, and end by abusing, each other.

FOREWARNED—FOREARMED.

"GOT your Calendar for next year, Sir?" blandly enquired the smiling Tyler, as we passed a table on which lay a pile of natty Pocket-books, by the entrance of the Lodge. Ever desirous of swelling the modest gains of the Brother who for many years has guarded our portals with fidelity and zeal, we incontinently handed out two shillings in return for one of his little volumes. Hugging our satisfaction at being now *au courant* of all Masonic movements, able to furnish information to country visitors, and provided with a *vade mecum* of fraternal utility for our own jaunts in the Provinces, we shortly afterwards, whilst our worthy Secretary was reading the minutes, glanced into our new purchase.

Looking, first, at the list of Grand Officers, we noted, with satisfaction, the appearance of "Our Right Hand Man," as Assistant Grand Secretary, and passed on to the Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges. In the first ten names of these we noticed, with surprise, four palpable mistakes, and were then stopped by finding the name of our dear old friend Bro. Shuttleworth—who died peacefully at Berne some five years since—figuring as an immortal "Representative." "What's this?" thought we; "unaccountable neglect at our Grand Secretary's office,—something wrong in the editorship of this Calendar!" and we turned wonderingly to the title page. Instead of the well-known title of *Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket-Book*, "published by command of the Grand Master," the purchase of which—as its proceeds go to the Charity Fund—had in previous years always solaced us with the notion that we were giving a trifling help to a good cause, we read "Cosmopolitan" Masonic Calendar, and a long string of qualifications as a "Comprehensive Masonic Book of reference." Well! our first insight was not encouraging, but we had got something worth having at any rate, and we pocketed our purchase, not altogether dissatisfied.

Next morning, we determined to look more at leisure at this comprehensive though unfamiliar guide, and we give the result, after having verified it at the Grand Secretary's office and with many brethren. On the first page of the Diary, beginning with 1st January 1878, we found four-

teen mistakes* as to meetings in the London district; on the second page, twenty-two; on the third, fifteen; and then, disheartened as to the utility of the Diary, we passed to the lists of Grand Officers. Besides numerous small errors and omissions we found wrong names of the District Grand Masters of *Bengal, Madras, China, New South Wales, Bahamas, Newfoundland, Prince Edward's Island and Sumatra*. The last does not exist, nor has there been any Lodge whatever in the island for many a long year; the penultimate two, together with British Columbia, which is also down, have independent Grand Lodges, and their District Grand Masters ceased altogether several years ago. Our District Grand Masters of Japan, Griqualand, Northern China and South East Africa, are entirely ignored by this erratic handbook; perhaps, in order to balance those who are inserted unduly—thus securing quantity if not quality.

Passing to the Lists of Lodges, and comparing it with our Grand Secretary's List, we counted up to one hundred errors, and left the task unfinished. Skipping a few pages, we found "Provincial Grand Superintendents (of the Royal Arch), and here we fared little better than with the Provincial Grand Masters, for besides various names long since resigned or deceased, we found a total omission of the Provinces of Berks and Bucks, Hertfordshire, Lincolnshire, Cornwall, Derbyshire, Kent, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Suffolk and the Punjab. Oh! most comprehensive Masonic Calendar, what have those excellent Grand Superintendents done to be found unworthy of thy cosmopolitan regard?

Up to this point it was evident that we had been veering on the wrong tack for the success of our investigation, so we turned again to that cosmopolitan chart—the title-page. Further study thereof disclosed the existence of matter relating to various foreign countries; in fact, "full particulars of every Grand Masonic body throughout the globe." So! the Editor's sight may be adapted only to long distances: we may have been disappointed in the accuracy of what more immediately concerns us; but land us in foreign parts, and, aided by our cosmopolitan friend, we shall display an intimacy with local Masonic affairs calculated to astonish the natives! Still we could not help feeling just a little diffident in this pleasing anticipation, and took the trouble to call upon a foreign Brother of higher Masonic rank and attainments than our humble selves.

He read partly the foreign Grand Lodges, and said, "This is not correct, and betrays negligence. The Grand Countries' Lodge of Germany must be copied from an old list. Others the same. The Grand Lodge of Santo Domingo may be right: they have given more than a page to it; also the Grand Orient of Spain," which takes more than three; "but I believe neither of these important bodies is recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, for good and sufficient reason. *British Columbia, Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec*, and others are classed among the *United States of America* (page 192), a politico-geographical error which can hardly be gratifying to loyal Colonies of the British Crown. The Supreme Grand Council of the Valley of New Zealand, which figures here between Egypt and the Netherlands, I do not know what to make of. I was unaware of the existence of this *foreign* country, and thought it was under the Masonic authority of England."

Oh! Brother Tyler! Brother Tyler! Expecting mental *pabulum*, did we take thy bread, and find it was a—"Cosmopolitan?" Retain, in welcome, thy trifling emolument; we begrudge it not; may no spectral pocket-books disturb thy peaceful slumbers, nor perplex *thine* unwary brain!

This inestimable book may be an unerring guide to the Foreign Grand Lodges of Santo Domingo, Spain, and New Zealand Valley—can our brethren in the Colony tell us about this last, or is it possibly some submerged tract of a

* The following are the fourteen errors:—

Jan. 1. Lodges 101 and 1693, which do not meet on that day; Chapter 162, which does, omitted.

Jan. 2. Lodge 1585, which does not meet. Lodges 1491, 1687 and 1707, omitted.

Jan. 3. Lodge 227, which does not meet. Lodges 1539, 1672, 1708, omitted.

Jan. 4. Lodge 706, omitted.

Jan. 5. Lodges 1559 and 1641, omitted.

We shall indeed be pleased to hear from any brother who will be kind enough to correct us if we have erred in any instance, that we may be reassured as to the accuracy of our new purchase, and be able to make the *amende honorable* without delay.

prehistoric continent, visible to "Cosmopolitan" second sight.

However, we have hope left, founded on a review just published by its own impartial publisher; who speaks in "honest criticism and well-earned praise" in favour of "*the most modest, most useful, and most important of Masonic literary undertakings.*" He eulogises, in ecstatic terms which border upon adulation, its "completeness and correctness, which *challenge scrutiny and command admiration*"!!! At the end of it we observe a goodly paging of his trade advertisements. Can this be the shot which this Cosmopolitan cartridge is projected to scatter? We are already ashamed of our suspicion, and a friend points out to us that its utility is doubtless to be found in the information it conveys to brethren of the High Degrees. He informs us also, that three years since its circulation reached 6,000. We remember the chagrin of some of the Board of General Purposes on finding that the circulation of our Grand Lodge Calendar had been so injured as to leave a deficit instead of a balance to the Charity Fund; but, as the very worthy and enterprising proprietor of the *Cosmopolitan* wished it to be understood that his book was *not published in any spirit of rivalry*, but purely upon its own merits, the extraordinary efforts made to puff the circulation of the latter cannot have influenced the sale of the former, which sank to 1700. For we feel no difficulty in crediting him with largely philanthropic sentiments, no less than with a keen eye to profit. He will be the first to thank us for the trouble we have taken, in the interest of that accuracy which he has so striven to attain. Indeed, what is worth doing in Masonry, ought to be worth doing *well*!

We would congratulate the brethren of the High Degrees upon having an annual so modest, useful, and important as this is characterised by its publisher, and sincerely hope its correctness in their regard is greater than we have found; otherwise we shall have to look upon the unfortunately comprehensive Calendar as an impartially "Cosmopolitan Masonic Mistake."

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

THERE was a numerous array of members in attendance at the General Assembly of this Grand Orient, held during the week ended the 15th September. The preliminary formal business, including the election of Bro. de Saint Jean as President of the Assembly, and the appointment of the several bureaux, having been disposed of; and the usual election of Members of the Council, in place of those retiring by rotation or who have died, having been held, the Assembly set itself to the important task of settling the terms of the second paragraph of Article I. of the Constitution. Bro. Desmons read the report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the subject. This Report is too lengthy for reproduction, but we state the following as the grounds on which the alteration of the paragraph was demanded, namely—because it was in direct contradiction to the next paragraph of the same Article; because, while embarrassing to Masters and Lodges, it was equally so to those of the outside world, who, with every desire to enter the Masonic fold, would yet find themselves arrested at the very threshold by a barrier of dogmatism which their conscience must forbid them to overstep; and because it is entirely useless and foreign to the true purpose of Freemasonry. The Report concluded by recommending, that as Freemasonry was not a religion, and had therefore no concern whatever with doctrines or dogmas, the paragraph in question should be couched in certain terms, which, having been somewhat amended, ultimately read as follows:—

"Freemasonry, an institution essentially philanthropic and progressive, has in view the search after truth, the study of universal morality, science, and art, and the exercise of beneficence.

"Its fundamental principles are absolute freedom of conscience and the responsibility of men towards their fellow-men.

"None are excluded from it by reason of their religious faith.

"Its device is, Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity."

The duty of revising the Rituals and General Regulations was left to the Council. After the sitting on Friday

the Council proceeded to elect its officers. These are Bro. de Saint Jean President, Bros. Consin and Caubet Vice-Presidents, Bros. Pouille and de Hérédia Secretaries. The other members are Bros. Andrieux, Dr. Barré, Blanchon, Breumont, Bruand, Cammas, Collineau, Coulon, Dalsace, De Houdin, Desmons, Dové, Du Hamel, Foussier, Herpin, J. Jean, Albert Joly, Antide Martin, Masse, Massicault, Moreaux, Neumark, Roche, André Rouselle, Thiault, Ed. Valentin, Viénot, and Wyruboff. Bro. Viénot then delivered a very eloquent address, in which he traced the rise of Freemasonry in France, and the condition of the country at the time of its being implanted there, and for many years afterwards, and then expatiated at some length on the principles by which it was actuated. His oration was very warmly received, and the other business having been concluded, and several useful suggestions offered and considered on their several merits, the Session of 1877, which will always be a memorable one in the annals of French Freemasonry, was brought to a close. The usual banquet followed.

In Memoriam.

ONCE previously in the course of our brief career have we had occasion to chronicle the somewhat sudden death of one of our most intimate friends and supporters. Then it was the death of a brother whom to know was to love and respect; who, in his Masonic career, had always realised our idea of a zealous and kindly brother, and who, both in Lodge and Chapter, had won a fair reputation, having held office in more than one instance with credit to himself and satisfaction to his fellow-members. Moreover, he had again and again lent us valuable assistance in the fulfilment of our arduous duties. The brother whose death we are now about to record was, if possible, still more intimately associated with us. During the term of our existence—or we should say rather, during more than the last two years of it—he has been our principal correspondent north of the Tweed; and while he has filled this office—we need hardly say with what conspicuous zeal and ability, for his numerous and able reports and articles tell their own tale—not a week has elapsed but we have had reason to be grateful for his services. The name of George W. Wheeler is familiar as a household word in Scottish Masonic circles, but especially in Glasgow, where he resided, and in whose Lodges and Chapters he had held the highest and most responsible positions. We have no intention, at the present moment, of describing in detail his admirable career in Freemasonry. Much of it may be gleaned from our columns, where, week after week and month after month, appeared the name of Bro. or Comp. Wheeler, either as a visitor, or more commonly as occupying the chair of one or other of the principal officers, or as discharging, in the capacity of an honoured member of Provincial Grand Lodge or Chapter, some such important function as that of Installing Officer. Bro. George W. Wheeler was essentially a working Mason, one thoroughly versed in the ritual and ceremonies of Scottish Freemasonry. He was a man of great energy, and devoted the greater part of his leisure time to the duties of the Craft he loved so well. It is scarcely possible to glance through a report of a Glasgow, or neighbouring Lodge or Chapter, but we find his name figuring prominently among the brethren. In one we may see him, as we have said, installing the Master or Principals, in another returning thanks for the visitors, in a third acting as substitute for some absentee officer. Wherever he found it possible to render some service, no matter how severe or how insignificant, the request that he should undertake it was always most loyally responded to. Even as recently as the 18th ult., and only in last week's issue it is recorded, in the notice of St. Mungo Lodge, No. 27, that "Bro. Dr. McInnis requested Bro. Wheeler, of No. 73, to undertake the work"—that is, of raising a candidate for the third degree—"first examining the brother in the proficiency he had made in the first two degrees. After the candidate had been raised, Bro. Wheeler, who was suffering from violent cold, called on Bro. W. Ferguson, P.M. of the St. John's, Dalnuir, to give the final charge." This,

and a suggestion in the last letter we received from him, that we would content ourselves with those of his reports standing over from the week ended the 20th ult., as he feared his momentary indisposition might prevent him sending his weekly batch of copy as usual, was all the intimation we had received of his being even slightly indisposed. Great, therefore, was the surprise as well as sorrow, we experienced on learning, as we did on Tuesday morning, that our zealous and able *collaborateur* had died on Friday last, the 26th ult. Not so much as a single note of warning, and we hear that a valued and respected labourer is no more! Truly the ways of the G.A.O.T.U. are inscrutable; but, grieve as we must over a loss so untimely, and one it will be so difficult, if not impossible, adequately to replace, we have at least this poor remnant of a consolation left to us, that the inter-relations which existed between him and us were governed by the utmost cordiality and kindness. We had but to express a wish, and the wish was carried out; and we take this comfort to ourselves that this thorough loyalty was fully reciprocated. It was seldom he visited London, but he was always a welcome visitor; and he never came but he brought with him tangible evidence of his zeal in our cause. Others may equal him in the qualities by which he was characterised, but assuredly none will surpass him. We have lost, thus suddenly, the assistance of a friend, and we take the earliest opportunity we have of doing justice to his acknowledged merits. So active a Mason necessarily had a numerous and ever extending circle of friends. To them and to the members of his family, who must feel his loss most acutely, we offer our humble but sincere tribute of sympathy. He was worthy of all respect, and we have respected him. Now that he has passed away, to that unknown land whence none return, there is but one duty we can fulfil towards him; and that is, to pay the same respect to his memory as we paid to him when living. And this duty we fulfil, none the less sincerely because it is a duty.

CONSTITUTION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT GOSPORT.

FROM THE "PORTSMOUTH TIMES AND NAVAL GAZETTE."

FRIDAY, 19th October, was a red letter day in the annals of Masonry at Gosport, it being the occasion of the constitution of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 1705, and the installation of the W.M. Designate (Bro. C. B. Whitcomb). The P.G.M. (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) was accompanied by the following Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge:—Bros. W. Hickman D.P.G.M., J. Harris S.G. Warden, G. Rake J.G. Warden, M. E. Frost P.G. Treasurer, J. E. Le Fenre P.G. Secretary, Rev. S. Scott P.G. Chaplain, C. T. Allee S.G. Deacon, W. B. Rogers G. Registrar, S. R. Ellis G.A.D.C., C. C. Petley G.S.B., K. G. Westley Organist, E. W. Wyatt and R. J. Turney Stewards, and J. Exell Tyler. Among the Past Officers who attended were Bros. H. M. Emanuel and G. S. Lancaster P.G. Wardens, E. G. Holbrook P.G. Registrar, E. S. Main P.G.D.C., Rev. E. B. C. Churchill P.G. Chaplain, H. J. Guy, J. Dyson, H. Sleeman, J. Wilson, H. Compigné, R. Holbrook P.G.D.C., R. Barber, &c. The visitors included Bros. G. Bond W.M. 487, H. W. Townsend W.M. 1428, J. Clay W.M. 804, G. F. Sherman, C. Groom, W. E. Atkins, Bridle, Palsgrave I.G., Meredith, Le Messurier and G. Dean of 487, W. Payne S.W., G. Arnold J.W., J. Willmott S.D., and W. Gunnell of 342, W. F. Burrell, Captain Balliston, J. S. Pearce 1269, C. J. E. Mumby 1069, &c. There was a large attendance of brethren. After the usual ceremonial had been gone through, the P.G.M., in the course of an able and appropriate address, reminded the brethren that they were assembled to perform a most important and interesting duty. The work in which they were engaged was one which was eminently interesting to all members of the Craft who took an active part in its ceremonies and observances. They knew that Freemasonry was a science, which had existed for hundreds and hundreds of years, and in fact its origin was so remote that no one knew when it first commenced: but they knew full well that for many centuries the mysteries of Freemasonry were practised by very many nations of the world. That had not been disputed, and their secrets had been handed down from generation to generation. They knew that in olden times their art was used more for the purposes of operative Masonry than at the present time. Under the auspices of Freemasonry, their forefathers brought many magnificent works to a successful termination, and some of the most beautiful structures of mediæval times were raised by Freemasons. But modern Freemasonry had other aims. The art of Masonry having become so far distributed among operatives, it was no longer necessary that Freemasons should take an active part in carrying out the work in which they had formerly engaged; and the consequence was that the art of Freemasonry, instead of being applied to the erection of such splendid structures as those with which ancient

Freemasonry was identified, was now used for what was perhaps more important, and for a purpose which made a lasting impression on the hearts of men. They now addressed themselves to mankind, and they had ample scope for carrying out their great and noble work. It was said that Freemasonry had an important influence upon the conduct of every man who engaged in it, and he believed that no one could deny the truth of that statement. If a man devoted his time to the study of the principles which were inculcated by that Order, he could not avoid being deeply impressed by those principles, or becoming the better for their adoption. It was said by some people that the lessons which Freemasonry sought to inculcate were superfluous, because they were taught by religion or by other means. Now, that would be exceedingly good if the hearts of men were prone to good, but such was not the case, and the lessons taught by Freemasonry—those excellent lessons which were inculcated in every branch of the Order—could not fail to have some effect upon those who took part in it. Men were taught the lessons of morality, and indeed everything connected with Freemasonry tended to improve them in every respect, and influence them for good in their daily lives. Such at least was the belief of Freemasons, and, that being so, he claimed that they were engaged in a noble work, and one which justified them in performing the duty they were engaged in that afternoon. He had every reason to believe that the Lodge which they were about to launch into existence would meet with great success, and prove a powerful engine in diffusing the light of Freemasonry in this neighbourhood. He congratulated the brethren who had taken part in connection with the opening of that Lodge, and he wished them all prosperity in their good work. At the banquet the chair was occupied by the new W.M., Bro. C. B. Whitcomb, and the vice chairs by Bro. Captain E. Percy Thompson S.W., and Bro. G. Grant J.W. The chairman was supported by the Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight, the Worshipful Bro. Hickman, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and a large number of Provincial Officers, and Officers and Brethren from neighbouring Lodges. The plate for decoration of the tables was kindly lent by Bro. H. M. Emanuel (of the firm of H. M. Emanuel and Sons, of Ordnance-row, Portsea.) After the banquet the usual toasts were duly honoured. The affair passed off with great *eclat*.

THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE TWO ST. JOHNS' CHAPTER, NO. 327, WIGTON.

INSTALLATION OF PRINCIPALS AND BANQUET.

THE busy little manufacturing town of Wigton was *en fête* last Saturday, at least as far Royal Arch Masonry is concerned. In our last issue we gave a detailed account of the constitution of a Provincial Grand Chapter for the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, with the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., at its head. This event, there can be no doubt, will bring about a great improvement, by conducing to regularity and good order. At least the members of No. 327, with excellent Companion H. Bewes as leader, have determined that nothing shall be wanting to render their Chapter what it ought to be. The Chapter met at the Lion and Lamb Hotel, at a little after high twelve, on Saturday, 27th October. It was opened in solemn form by E. Comps. John Gate M.E.Z., Henry Bewes H., and James Gardiner J., assisted by E. Comp. Bowes P.Z., Prov. G. Scribe N., when the rest of the Companions were admitted. Among those present we noticed Comps. Joseph Pearson, H. Hoodless, Joseph Lazonby, W. J. Carrick, J. Robinson, J. H. Banks, J. Harris, Joseph Quay and Thos. Richardson P.Z. Janitor. The minutes of the previous Convocation having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. invited E. Comp. John Bowes to take the chair, as Installing Principal. The Comps. now retired, and in solemn Conclave E. Comps. Henry Bewes, James Gardiner and Joseph Pearson were respectively installed into the chairs of Z., H. and J. The Royal Arch having been securely cemented, according to ancient custom, the Companions were admitted, when the new chiefs were proclaimed, greeted and saluted. The following Companions were invested as Officers for the ensuing year, viz.—H. Hoodless E., Joseph Lazonby N., W. J. Garrick P.S., J. Robinson and Capt. Banks Assist. Sojs., H. Bewes M.E.Z. Treasurer, Thomas Richardson P.Z. Janitor. Comp. Quay signed and received his Grand Chapter Certificate, and a candidate was proposed for exaltation. Comp. John Gate P.Z. proposed, Comp. Gardiner H. seconded, and the M.E.Z. supported the following resolution, which was carried by acclamation, viz.:—"That the best thanks of the Chapter be given to E. Comp. Bowes for his able services as Installing Principal that day, and that he be elected an honorary member of the Chapter." Comp. Bowes having acknowledged the compliment, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to the banquetting room, where an excellent dinner was well served by mine host, and ably presided over by the M.E.Z., supported by the Companions named above. After the cloth was withdrawn, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and thus was brought to a close one of the most pleasant meetings we ever remember attending. It is evident that the newly-installed and invested Officers are one and all resolved to do their duty in their new stations, and that being so, success is certain. So mote it be!

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THE LATE ELECTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Many cordial thanks to all my fellow-workers and friends, especially to those two gentlemen,—brethren of Stonehouse, Devonshire,—for placing our protégé, the boy George Cox, triumphantly at the head of the poll at the recent election for the Royal Masonic Boys' School, as the response of public opinion. Truly, the orphan has already lost *two years' benefit* of the Institution; and would, in all probability, have failed altogether had it not been for the energy, money, and time of those who determined that the neglected orphan should *not finally* fail.

The allegation of "wanton slander," I shall not deign further to notice than repeat that it was exceedingly disingenuous, as the assertion I made was but a transcript of that which fell from the lips of the complainant in my hearing, and directed to myself.

But with that which was prevented and with that which was done, as an extraordinary effort, the widow's heart overflows with gratitude to every supporter for the rescue of her orphan.

It has been stated that abuse is the income tax levied on all philanthropists for their generous exertions. Be it so. Our reward is in the Grand Lodge above. "Being defamed, we entreat others to go and do likewise in the work of charity, righteousness and truth."

Yours fraternally,

DANIEL ACE, D.D.

Laughton Vicarage, 29th October 1877.

"PECULIAR."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am sorry to have given Bros. Webster and Mason so much trouble, but if they are enabled to state that over 20,000 votes were issued, why was it published that there were only 17,728 votes issued? That was the number printed, in large numbers, in the Board Room. So I again say, where did the extra votes come from?

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

W. C. PARSONS P.M. 180.

LODGE QUARTERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—When I visit London I find that nearly all Lodge meetings and instruction gatherings are held either at public houses or hotels. Here in the country I can understand it, but in London it is surprising that something has not been done by the Craft to remove this evil. Can any brother explain the cause?

Fraternally yours,

THOMAS PIKE,

City of Westminster 1563, St. Tudero 755.

Gyllin Mill, Conway, N.W., 27th October 1877.

LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I heartily endorse the remarks of REYNARDO, P.M., as to Founders' jewels, which are certainly not recognised by the Constitutions, any more than are the so-called Master Masons' jewels.

I see no objection to a brother wearing either or both of these, with any others his inventive genius may discover as appropriate, in a roundabout kind of way, to Freemasonry, provided he wears them in private, just as he may wear what rings and trinkets he chooses. But they form no part of a Mason's clothing, and should be rigidly ordered to be removed by Masters of Lodges, whenever they find members unconstitutional enough to wear them.

I am surprised that Craftsmen should condescend to enter Lodges decked out like jewellers' shops. Were I about to make a tour in Africa, I should furnish myself with any quantity of beads and coloured glass, and whenever I was anxious to win favour with a native chief, or escape from any quandary I might have got into, I should try and bribe him with a string of beads for himself or for his favourite spouse. These ignorant savages are childishly enthusiastic over such gewgaws. They know no better, and no one, therefore, is surprised at their silly love of finery. Moreover, they have very little else beyond their native modesty, in which to array themselves; so that we can readily understand how proud must be the happy possessor of a string of beads, a piece of glass, or a strip of red calico, or even of an old worn-out cocked hat. But English Masons live in a civilised country. It is supposed, they look down upon all gaudy tinsel and

finery, not as beneath their notice, but as beneath contempt. How, under these circumstances, any brethren can lower themselves by wearing trinkets they are not Masonically entitled to wear, is a riddle which would puzzle the Sphinx herself, or even old Œdipus, to solve. If they only knew the amount of ridicule they excite in the minds of sensible men, when they thus bedizen themselves, it is probable they would think twice or even thrice, before making fools of themselves. It is honourable to wear the jewels of office, but not so those which are unrecognised by the authorities.

Fraternally yours,

CRAFTSMAN.

SEVEN DAYS' NOTICE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If "An Anti-Penultimate Past Master" will refer to p. 83, § 1, of the Constitutions, he will there read, under "Of Proposing Members:"—"No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge without a regular proposition in open lodge, nor until his name, occupation, and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge of which he is or was last a member, or in which he was initiated, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting; at which meeting the brother's grand lodge certificate, and also the certificate of his former lodge are to be produced, and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot." This is the law, and it seems to me to be capable of only one interpretation. A brother must be regularly proposed in open Lodge. *That done*, his name, &c., &c., must be sent to the members of the Lodge "in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting,"—that is, to explain the full meaning of the word I have italicised, at the meeting following *next after* that at which the regular proposition was made. At this "next meeting" the ballot takes place; but no ballot is *legal*, whatever Lodges may do or brethren say to the contrary, till the "regular proposition" has been made in "open lodge." The process is by three regular and well-defined steps. First step—Proposition in open Lodge. Second step—Sending name, &c., &c., to members in summons for Lodge meeting next after that at which proposition is made. Third step—Production of G. L. certificate, &c. and ballot. The same, *mutatis mutandis*, applies to candidates for initiation, with the further provision that these latter may, on due cause shown, be balloted for and initiated at an emergency meeting, "Seven Days' Notice" having been given. There is no emergency in the case of a joining member.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

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MASONIC FOOTBALL CLUB v. ALMA.

The first match of the season between those clubs was played on the ground of the Masonic, at Wood Green, on Saturday last. The day was wet, consequently the ground was in a very bad state. The home team won the toss, and elected to kick with what little wind there was. The ball was kicked off by the Captain of the Alma, but was soon brought back. Little else but scrimmages occupied the first half-time, which left the teams even as at the commencement. Goals were changed, and the Masonic had to kick against the wind, but in spite of this disadvantage, the Alma were sore pressed, and had as much as they could do to defend their goal. A good run made by the Alma caused some little discomfiture to their opponents, who had to touch down in self-defence at two minutes to the time. Time having been called, the match ended in a draw, in favour of the Alma. For the Masonic, Messrs. G. Gardner, Humphrey, Parker and Ellis played well.

MASONIC TEAM.—Hart, back; Mr. Brocklehurst and Scurr, half-backs; Parker and Ellis, quarter-backs; Mr. G. Gardner, Mr. Humphrey, Godsmark (Capt.), Sparkes, Molineaux, Howard, Davies, H. Wood, Edge, Wood, Eastland, forwards.

ALMA TEAM.—C. Baker, back; Jesse (Capt.) and F. Baker, half-backs; Kingston and Bolders, quarter-backs; Laurence, Pago, Kidman, Wix, Chelie, Treadway, Moon, Brindley, forwards.

MASONIC FOOTBALL CLUB v. BRUCE CASTLE.

A match was played by the above on Wednesday last, the 31st ult., on the ground of the Masonic Football Club. It was, considering the time of year, an exceedingly bright day, and a fair concourse of spectators assembled to watch the play. The ball was started at 2.45, by the Bruce Castle, and was soon brought back to the centre of the ground by E. V. Gardner. Here some fine scrimmaging took place. After some good play by the Bruce Castle and Masonic quarter and half-backs, a try was obtained from a splendid run by Currie; the place, however, failed. Soon after this half-time was called, and for some minutes the Bruce Castle team were completely hemmed near their goal line. Currie, however, again got away, and carried the ball to the centre of the ground. From now till time was called two tries were obtained by Bruce Castle, each of which resulted in a goal. The Masonic Football Club thus lost the match by two goals and one try to nil. For the Bruce Castle Winstowe and Stephens (backs), Chamorro half-back. Currie and Lee L. quarter-backs, and Hazland H. played well. Of the Masonic Football Club G. Gardner, Cline, Dark, Ellis and Parker were conspicuous.

BRUCE CASTLE TEAM.—Winstowe, Stephens, backs; Chamorro, half-back; Currie and Lee L., quarter-backs; Cakin, Gomar, Atkin, Strange, Espinosa, Hazland J., Hazland H., Johnson, Hill, Leo H., forwards.

MASONIC TEAM.—Hart, back; E. V. Gardner and Scurr, half-backs; Cline and Parker, quarter-backs; G. Gardner, Dark, Corcoran, Godsmark (Capt.), Sparkes, Davies, Howard, Ellis, Molineaux, H. Wood.

THE OWL CLUB.

THE owl is one of the least melodious of songsters. Its "hoot" may be appropriate, but it is not musical, while its more prolonged effort at making itself heard is commonly described as a "screech." If we were to describe the more effective notes of our most famous singers as screeches, we have every reason to believe they would not regard the description as in any wise complimentary. Be this as it may, the Owl Club is not so called because it is composed of a number of owls, nor yet, perchance, because, as a cockney might say, its members 'owl more or less musically. It is so called, we imagine, on the *lucus à non lucendo*, because its members are not owls in respect of their musical powers, but because they are a very agreeable, very companionable set of fellows, who have some very practical, and at the same time very charming notions about singing. We spent one of the most delightful evenings imaginable with them on Monday, when they gave their second concert of the present season at the Guildhall Tavern. It might almost have been looked upon as a select family party, for there is no admission except by vouchers, of which a certain number are placed at the disposal of each member. There may have been, perhaps, a hundred people present, and the programme included an admirable selection of glees and songs, while Mr. Fountain Meen presided at the pianoforte. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Messrs. Burgess Perry, Albert James, Edwin Moss, Edward Collins, Arthur Thompson, and George Musgrave, four of whose names will be familiar to our readers, as their owners form the well-known "Masonic Quartette," and often help to make the meetings of our Lodges pass most pleasantly. All the gentlemen on Monday were at their very best, and the audience, therefore, were justly enthusiastic, as each succeeding effort on the part of the artists appeared to surpass that which had gone before. First in order of performance came Spofforth's well known glee, "Come, bounteous May." This served as a foretaste of what was to follow, being rendered feelingly, and, we might almost add, faultlessly. Thus the friendliest relations were at once established between the artists and the audience. Then followed a second glee, Calcott's "Lovely seems the moon's fair lustre," which was sung quite as effectively. Hatton's song, "The lark now leaves his watery nest," was next in order of sequence. This had been entrusted to Mr. Burgess Perry, whose alto singing is so justly appreciated, and he sang it with the greatest delicacy of feeling. Another glee ("Shades of the Heroes"—Cooke), was succeeded by Mr. Albert Hubbard's version of "Jack's Delight." This, we venture to say, was equal to any other version we have heard elsewhere, and was promptly and heartily applauded. A part song, Reichardt's "The Image of the Rose," in which Mr. Albert James (tenor) took the solo part, was one of the greatest successes of the evening. The effect of Mr. James's singing to a humming accompaniment by the other voices was most charming, so much so, indeed, that the audience demanded it a second time. Spofforth's glee "Hail, smiling morn," is a great favourite, not only among glee singers, but among amateurs of glee singing likewise. Under these circumstances, it is hard to say whether the artists were more flattered by the reception it met with, or the audience more delighted at the manner in which it was sung. After another part song—Horsley's "Sweet is evening's tranquil time"—Mr. Fountain Meen appeared, and gave a solo recital on the pianoforte—Mendelssohn's prelude and fugue in E minor. His execution was well nigh perfect, and the manner in which he interpreted the great master's work was worthy of the highest praise. Then came the glee "Vulcan, contrive me," and then Mr. Arthur Thompson's song, "To Chloe in sickness," by our greatest classical composer, the late Sir Sterndale Bennett. This was another of the principal successes of the evening. Mr. Thompson sang with exquisite taste and finish, and so delighted the audience, that they unanimously called upon him to repeat it. The Quartett, "O Eros" (Mendelssohn) rendered by Messrs. Collins, James, Thompson, and Hubbard, was a specimen of high-class singing, each member of the quartette exhibiting the same harmony of feeling, as well as singing in complete harmony with the others. The chorus, Mendelssohn's "Fair Semele's high-born son," brought this admirable programme to a satisfactory conclusion, and the audience departed soon afterwards, delighted, as may well be imagined, with the exceedingly tasteful entertainment which had been provided for them. We hardly think it possible to have spent anywhere a more agreeable evening. Everything passed off admirably. The room was well suited for the purpose, and the arrangements left nothing to be desired. The programme was long, and varied enough to please all tastes, yet was it not too protracted, nor was there a single song or glee which any one present would prefer to have had omitted. Considering the exquisite taste and musical ability of its members, we cannot but regard the title of "The Owl Club" as a misnomer; but inasmuch as they are manifestly inspired in all their plans by Minerva, the Goddess of Wisdom, of whom the Owl is emblematic, we cannot but applaud their choice of name. We hope, on future occasions, to enjoy the privilege of listening to "The Owls" in their pleasant home at the Guildhall Tavern. A concert under their auspices is a treat of which only those who have heard them can form a just appreciation.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Eastern Division of the county of Lancaster will be held in Crawshaw's Hall, Blackburn-road, Accrington, on Thursday, 22nd Nov. Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened by the Right W. P.G.M. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, at 12.30 p.m.

The annual banquet of the Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435, will be held on Thursday, 29th inst. at the Union Tavern, Air-street, W. Bro. T. Cull, the Secretary, will occupy the chair.

THE LONDON MASONIC CLUB.

THE monthly reunions of the members of the above Club are generally looked forward to with pleasurable anticipations. The assembly on Wednesday last was most numerously attended, both by members and visitors, and a more thoroughly enjoyable evening it were hardly possible to conceive. The dinner and dessert provided was of the most *recherché* character, and Bro. J. Langton, who presided, exerted himself most strenuously to promote the comfort of all by whom he was surrounded. On the removal of the cloth, the Chairman proposed the Health of the Queen. In doing so, he remarked that every loyal heart beat with respect for her; she was the daughter of a Mason, and three of her sons hold distinguished positions in our Order; she therefore had special claims upon us, claims which we as Masons are always proud to recognise. This toast was followed by that of the health of the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family, which received ample recognition. With the Pro. G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers was associated the name of Bro. Henry Murray P.D.G.M. China, who thanked Bro. Langton for the kind way in which he had associated his name with the toast, in connection with the distinguished noblemen who were at our head. This was his first visit to the London Masonic Club, but he hoped it would not be his last. He had read in the Masonic papers of the hospitality shown by several of the Metropolitan Lodges to a brother from China, who visited them a few months back: and it had afforded him infinite pleasure, as he was acquainted with that brother. He (Bro. Murray) had travelled over many parts of the world, and had during his travels visited many Lodges. He had also been in Lodges in Scotland and Ireland. There were many who differed in their ideas of Freemasonry, but there was no difference of opinion as to the respect and esteem in which the Grand Lodge of England was held. He felt proud, indeed, in being called on to respond, and in having his name associated with the Grand Officers. The Chairman then gave the health of the Visitors, conpling with the toast the name of Mr. Cramp, who acknowledged the compliment. The toast of health and prosperity to the Chairman, found an able exponent in Bro. Murray, who spoke of the hearty reception accorded the Visitors, and dilated on the many genial qualities of Bro. Langton, who was well known and universally respected. Bro. Langton, in responding, said that what he had done for the Club had been to him a labour of love. He hoped the Club would flourish, but in order to ensure this, the individual exertions of every member was required. He trusted the expressions he had listened to that evening would be realised in the future. Bro. Langton sincerely thanked all for the kind recognition of the toast. The Chairman then proposed the Masonic Press; he was grateful for the kindness at all times exhibited, and for the faithful records published. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 responded. During the evening, Bro. Taunton gave some of his artistic delineations of eccentric characters, which were received with roars of laughter. Bros. J. Wood, Magnus Ohren, Mundy, Ward, and Willingback also contributed to the enjoyment of the evening.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND BERWICK-ON-TWEED LODGE OF M.M.M.

THE regular meeting of this time-immemorial Lodge was held on the 24th October, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Amongst those present were Bros. W. S. Hughes P.P.G.S. of W. W.M., W. E. Franklin S.W., W. Coburn J.W., Dr. Luke Armstrong M.O., S. B. Bell as S.O., R. L. Armstrong J.O., R. G. Salmon S.D., J. Blinkensop J.D., J. Wood I.G., S. M. Harris Steward, G. Limes Tyler; V.W. Bros. C. Banester P.M. P.G.M.O., W. Foulsham P.M. P.G.M.O., &c. The Lodge being opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for five brethren for advancement; it proved successful, and there being two of the candidates in attendance, they were advanced to this honourable degree by the W.M., in a very impressive manner. This being the night for the election of W.M., the unanimous choice of the Lodge fell on Bro. W. E. Franklin S.W., who suitably acknowledged the honour done him. Bro. R. Lock was re-elected Treasurer and G. Limes Tyler. In accordance with a notice of motion, Bro. S. M. Harris moved that the sum of two guineas be voted towards the Indian Famine Relief Fund, which being very ably supported by Bro. Foulsham P.M., was carried. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, the usual Masonic toasts meeting with a hearty reception. The annual festival will be held on the 28th November.

We paid a visit to the Polytechnic the other evening, and were glad to see this popular entertainment fully appreciated by the public. The programme was especially attractive. It included a highly instructive lecture on Egyptian Obelisks in general, and of that denominated "Cleopatra's Needle" in particular. After this, we were duly initiated into the mysteries of the torpedo, and the part that instrument of destruction is intended to play in actual warfare. The whole concluded with the "Siege of Troy," which at once carried us back to our school days—and we remembered the line,

"When Greek meets Greek then comes the tug of war."

The words were well rendered, the various parts well sustained, and the scenery most effective. We spent a pleasant evening, and can heartily recommend our readers to "go and do likewise."

TO CULTIVATE BENEVOLENCE.

From the VOICE OF MASONRY.

SUPPOSE one was called upon to establish an association for the cultivation of benevolence and its kindred virtues, what steps would he naturally take to accomplish his purpose? On what principles would he build his superstructure? What should be the chief corner-stone, and what material should he use in the erection of the moral edifice?

I know not what others might do, but were the task allotted to me, the existence of God—the great uncaused Cause of all causes—the Universal FATHER should be the chief corner-stone. To the theory of His existence and parental character all nations of the earth subscribe; so every nationality could become supporters of such an institution without contravening any other point of the established religion. This would be a strong reason why a belief in God should be the corner-stone in the foundation, as it must be followed by its corollary—mankind are brethren. But a stronger reason why it should be adopted for such a purpose is that it is true. Excepting a few wise ones of present and past ages who insist that this harmonious universe presents no evidence of wisdom and design, all nations, at every period of the world's history, have held the existence of a Supreme Ruler as the great leading fact in the universe. With those whom we care to influence it needs no proof. In the organization that I would establish this should be the sure foundation—the tie that should bind the whole membership together in one brotherhood. In that band there should not be a single individual who could not say, under the sanction of a solemn oath: "My trust is in God!" Not one should take upon himself the responsibilities appertaining to a member who could not adopt the spirit of the prayer of the Son of God and say, "Our FATHER who art in heaven." To avow his allegiance to these fundamental facts and principles should be required of every applicant for membership before he should receive the seal of acceptance. Then the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man would stand as the foundation of the moral superstructure I would propose to build.

But from these conceded facts I would draw legitimate inferences. If God is our FATHER, he has a right to command our obedience and services, consequently it should be a prime article in the creed of the organization that every member should obey the divine law and gauge his actions by that unerring rule. If man is our brother, it is our duty to treat him as such: to rejoice with him in prosperity, and sympathise with him in adversity; when he is sick to visit him, when in distress to give him aid, when wrong to point out to him the better way; when right to applaud and encourage him to persevere. This would form another strong bond of union, which, properly applied, would, or ought to make the Fraternity strong and indissoluble.

These should be the principles upon which I would establish a society to cultivate benevolence. But the best principles may be abused, and bad men for their own selfish and sinister ends, might strive to alienate the association from its original purposes. To prevent this a strict and thorough examination should be made of the character of every applicant for admission, and none should pass the threshold who had not an honest head and a generous and benevolent heart. That he oppressed the poor should bar him out of the conclave. That he refused succour to the needy should be sufficient reason for his rejection. That he by legal means or otherwise appropriated what should have been another's should doom him to ostracism. Such should have no place in the association I would establish.

In the terse and true language of a benevolent society of this age, "Man needs a closer acquaintance with man the world over." Half of the differences between nations, communities and individuals arise from non-acquaintance and non-intercourse. To make an association homogeneous, its members must be intimately acquainted and know each other. To be able to sympathise with our neighbour in his affliction, we must know not only that he is afflicted, but also in what manner or shape the misfortune comes. To enable us to rejoice in the prosperity of a friend, we must know in what conditions he is successful. Hence to produce homogeneousness in the proposed society, there should be frequent intercourse among the members. Each should know the others, and be cognizant of their condition, should be acquainted with their private and public characters, their modes of thought, their preferences and their prejudices. To insure this knowledge and acquaintance there should be frequent meetings of the members, when they could converse in the most free and confidential manner, with the certainty that a revelation or confession which might be made would not be reported to the ears of an enemy or become public to the disadvantage of the one who made it. The meetings should be held on the basis that the subject of discussion should be treated confidentially, so that if vice needed reproof, or virtue the meed of praise, or misfortune needed assistance, or pride a rebuke, each could receive its just deserts, and not be held up to the gaze of a censorious, scandal-loving, and unforgiving world.

But men are forgetful of vows they have taken, and it would not be likely that a hundred men would ever be found who would agree upon all subjects that might be introduced in such an association. Men differ in political and religious matters, and sharp words and sometimes heavy blows are the result. We do not propose to organize a church or a political club, but only a society for the inculcation of benevolent practices, and to prohibit the discussion of these exciting subjects would not run counter to the objects of our organization, therefore, lest the passions of some brother should get control of his reason, I would forbid the introduction of these subjects, and refuse to give him the means by which the reason is so often dethroned. I should hope by debarring the members from introducing subjects foreign to the object for which they were associated together "to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace," a thing which most of the churches which countenance political discussions in their bodies fail to do.

In pursuance of my design to give the outline for an organisation

for the cultivation of benevolence, for the meeting of such a body as it contemplates I would provide a pleasant and comfortable room, where all could assemble and enjoy each other's company. It should be pleasing as well as pleasant, and instructive as well as pleasing, for on its walls should be pictures, each teaching some lesson in benevolence. And there should be portraits of those who had been distinguished for their virtues, and especially for their generosity towards their fellows who needed aid. These should be kept to remind the brethren that the duties so well performed by those represented by the portraits had devolved upon them—to continually point to the path of duty, and say to them, their successors, "this is the way, walk ye in it." Every implement necessary in the transaction of business should be an open book, to be read by every member, containing good and salutary lessons of prime duty. The carpet upon the floor, the tables of the officers, the official badges, all should contain lessons of practical value which it should be one of the first duties of the initiate to learn, so that when a member should enter he should have spread out before him in speaking hieroglyphics his whole duty as demanded by the association. This handwriting on the wall should be so plain that he who ran might read.

Most men are powerfully influenced by forms and ceremonies. Thus almost every society, though formed upon the most simple model, has its form of reception of members. The Church baptises its communicants, ordains its ministers, and consecrates its bishops. The Government crowns its King, the president swears to be faithful to the constitution, and to see that the laws are executed, and all subordinate officers, from the president to the town bailiff, follow his example. In a matter of this kind I would not go contrary to the practice of mankind everywhere and in all ages. I would receive a neophyte with solemn, imposing and impressive ceremonies—by mysterious rites which should all be calculated to impress upon the mind the great leading facts and principles upon which the institution was founded, and the objects for which it was established. From the time he crossed the threshold until he was hailed as a brother in full fellowship, every lecture should impress upon his mind the principles by which he was to govern his conduct, every sentence should enforce some duty, every rite should illustrate some vital truth, every ceremony should bear its appropriate lesson. Whatever scenes he was to pass through should be full of valuable information; every act should be laden with knowledge necessary and useful in the new relation on which he was entering. He should not pass a figure in the carpet that did not impart to him a truth, every picture on the wall should incite him to the practice of benevolence and charity, and he should find at the station of every officer a hieroglyphic, teaching important and recondite truths relative to his advancement in the mysteries of the institution.

To secure the full value of such an organisation the meetings should be as sacred and secret as the family circle when gathered around the sacred fireside.

But it would not be known in an association with a large membership, who were entitled to enter. In the family circle each knows all the members, and hence no impostors can thrust themselves into it. So there is no need of secret methods of recognition. Not so in a large society, where the most of the members may be personally unknown to each other. In that case it is needful that other means should be adopted to secure the circle from intruders who have no warrant for their presence. This desideratum might be secured by adopting certain words or signs known only to the initiated, which, truthfully pronounced and correctly given, should secure admission to him who was able to give them into any branch of the institution. Who does not know that with such principles and such means, well acted upon and enforced, a society of infinite value to mankind could be built up and sustained.

The foregoing is a brief outline of the means I should strive to put in execution were I called upon to found a society for the cultivation of benevolence. It appears that some person or persons far back in the dim ages of antiquity had similar ideas, for he or they organised just such an association. That it was calculated to be permanent is attested by the fact that it has long outlived the history of its origin; that it answers the end designed is proved by the testimony of hundreds of thousands who have been the recipients of its blessings. There is no need to get up another society for the same purpose, since one exists, universally prosperous and flourishing. We call it *Freemasonry*.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS.

Arrangements have been made for working the sections at the following Lodges of Instruction:—

On Monday, the 12th November, at the Tredegar, No. 1625, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, at 7. Bro. T. J. Barnes as W.M.*

On Friday, the 16th November, at the William Preston, No. 766, Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Bro. Rudderforth as W.M.

On Monday, the 26th November, at the Hyde Park, No. 1425, the Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington.

On Tuesday, the 27th November, at the Constitutional, No. 55, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Bro. Tate 862, as W.M.

On Thursday, the 29th November, at The Great City, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.

On Friday, the 30th November, at the Hervey, No. 1260, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 7. Bro. G. King jun. as W.M.

* The names of the brethren who will work the various sections at the Tredegar Lodge were given in our issue of 27th October.

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DRURY LANE.—At 7.0, *SARAH'S YOUNG MAY*. At 7.45, *AMY ROBERTS*, and *THE CONSCRIPTION*.

COVENT GARDEN.—At 8.0, *PROMENADE CONCERTS*.

HAYMARKET.—At 7.30, *BY THE SEA*. At 8.15, *ENGAGED*.

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LYCEUM.—At 7.0, *A MARCH HARE HUNT*. At 8.0, *THE DEAD SECRET*, and *JUST MY LUCK*.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7.0, *THE COLORADO BEETLE*. At 7.45, *GUINEA GOLD*, and *MISCHIEF MAKING*.

OLYMPIC.—At 7.30, *GOOD FOR NOTHING*. At 8.30, *THE MOONSTONE*.

STRAND.—At 7.0, *TIMOTHY TO THE RESCUE*. At 7.45, *FAMILY TIES*, and *CHAMPAGNE, A QUESTION OF PHIZ*.

GAIETY.—At 7.15, *AN EVASIVE REPLY*. At 8.15 *A MUSICAL BOX*. At 9.15, *LITTLE DOCTOR FAUST*.

GLOBE.—At 7.0, *FARCE*. At 7.45, *STOLEN KISSES*. At 10.0, *ISAAC OF YORK*.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, *A WHIRLIGIG*. At 8.0, *OUR BOYS*, and *A FEARFUL FOG*.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 8.0, *AN UNEQUAL MATCH*, and *TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS*.

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CRITERION.—At 7.30, *THE PORTER'S KNOT*. At 8.45, *THE PINK DOMINOES*.

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ROYALTY.—At 7.30, *CHOPSTICK AND SPIKINS*. At 8.15, *LA MARJOLAINE*.

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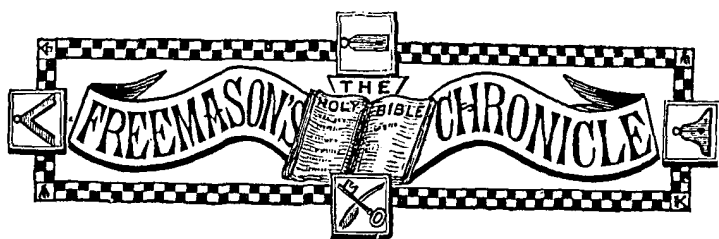
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

ON Monday evening, at the request of the Princess of Wales, Her Majesty advised the celebration of Halloween, and celebrated it was with very great success. A procession, consisting of some two hundred torch bearers, headed by the Princess of Wales, her young daughters, and the Princess Beatrice, each of whom bore a torch, marched through the grounds with the Queen's pipers leading the way, and having then made the circuit of the Castle several times, a huge pile, erected on the green west of the Castle, was fired by the Princesses of Wales and Beatrice, and the

torch-light dance was commenced with great vigour, the Princess, as well as most of the ladies and gentlemen of the Court, taking part in it. Then a fantastically-dressed company appeared in charge of "the witch," which was enthroned on a carriage, and when the *cortège* had passed round and round the fire, the witch was pitched into it. Numerous toasts to Her Majesty, the Princess of Wales, the Princess Beatrice, having been proposed and drunk with great enthusiasm, a ball followed, which was honoured by the Royal party, and kept up merrily for several hours. The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh have reached Malta on board H.M.S. Sultan, the Osborne following with the Royal children and suite. On landing they were received with grand naval and military honours, and proceeded, amid the cheers of the population, to the San Antonio Palace, where the Duchess will reside for some time.

Summonses have been issued for a Cabinet Council to be held on Monday, this being no doubt in view of the celebration of Lord Mayor's Day on Friday next, as well as to discuss the political situation. All the members of the Cabinet, it seems, have accepted the invitation of the Lord Mayor elect to be present at the banquet in Guildhall in honour of his inauguration into the Chief Magistracy of the City, with the single exception of Lord Beaconsfield, whose reply, however, was expected.

The Indian Famine Relief Fund had reached the total of £434,000 on Wednesday, of which £405,000 had been remitted to Madras on Monday. The Lord Mayor has received an autograph letter of thanks from the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, Governor of Madras. Among the principal contributions are £500, fourth instalment, from Rochdale; £500, sixth ditto, from Halifax; Buckingham, second instalment, £150; Sir Sam. Scott, Bart. and Co., 100 guineas; Denbigh, second instalment, £48. Next Wednesday, Grand Chapter will be invited to contribute 300 guineas towards the same fund.

Lord Justice Amphlett having found it necessary to retire in consequence of the state of his health, his place has been filled by the appointment of the Hon. Mr. Thesiger, who will be about the youngest member of the judicial bench who has been raised to that dignity for many years. Mr. Thesiger was in the enjoyment of a very lucrative practice. There seems to be a question whether he will accept knighthood, his position as son of a peer already giving him precedence over knights bachelor. The Hon. Justice Denman declined the honour on this ground, and possibly the son of Lord Chelmsford may do the same.

The decision of the Home Secretary has been given in the case of the Penge convicts. The brothers Staunton and Mrs. Patrick Staunton have had their sentence commuted to penal servitude for life, while Her Majesty has been advised to grant a free pardon to Alice Rhodes. This must be taken as an indication that, in the opinion of the Home Office authorities, the brothers and Mrs. Patrick Staunton are guilty of the most terrible form of manslaughter, for they have received the heaviest punishment awarded short of death. We think the ends of justice have been fully satisfied.

It never rains but it pours. The first colliery accident, which occurred near Wigan, and caused the loss of twelve lives, was followed very swiftly by one of the most appalling accidents of this kind of which we have read, no less than two hundred lives being sacrificed in the explosion which took place not so very long since at Blantyre, near Glasgow. Now a third has happened at South Kirby, near Pontefract, and caused the death of four, and serious injury to five men. This, however, was not the result of an explosion, but was due to the breaking of a rope when a truck full of stone was being raised to the pit's mouth. Just as the truck had reached within twenty yards of the surface, the rope broke, and the truck was precipitated to the bottom, a distance of some four hundred yards, crushing four unfortunate men to death, and seriously hurting other five. The usual inquest will be held, and the Government Inspector of Mines for the district will be present.

The trial of the detectives is still progressing, while that of Dr. Langley, Swindlehurst and Saffery has resulted in their conviction and sentence, the first two to eighteen, and the last to twelve months' imprisonment with hard labour. This will no doubt have the effect of making middlemen and others chary about taking bonuses and sharing them with others.

Sadler's Wells, which years since, under the able management of Mr. Phelps, was for a long time the only home in London of the legitimate drama, but which, since those

halcyon days, has undergone many vicissitudes, has, during the last few days, been the scene of two disgraceful exhibitions of pugilism. On the first occasion two men fought for about an hour and a-half, when the police at length interfered, and the assembly and the combatants retired. On the second occasion the contest was an unequal one, and the weaker man won by a foul. Gloves, be it said, are worn by the pugilists, but there is, in fact, little difference between this kind of fight and the old exhibitions of brutality in the prize ring. Indeed, those who engaged in the latter had the grace to hide their brutality as much as possible, while these fellows display their ruffianism as publicly as they can. We trust that the police will put down all this kind of exhibition with the utmost determination. If one or two convicted of the offence should be sent to hard labour for a few months, it would be only serving them right.

There is much activity in the theatrical world just now. In fact, the season is in full swing. Mr. Wills's play, with which Mr. Chatterton commenced the season at "Old Drury," has proved unattractive, and the manager, with that discretion for which he is distinguished, has revived *Amy Robsart* with, we should imagine, considerable benefit to his exchequer. At the New Adelphi, *Formosa*, which created such a sensation a few years since, has been again brought up, and has met with a very hearty reception. At the Globe, the burlesque of *Isaac of York* has made its appearance again, to the gratification of the audience. Mr. Murray Wood's company has removed from the Royal Aquarium Theatre to the less aristocratic, but, let us hope, equally remunerative Philharmonic, and is there playing Muskerry's three-act play of *Garrick; or, only an Actor*. Mr. Murray Wood takes the title rôle with great success, and is well supported by the other members, of which Messrs. Chamberlain and Such Granville, with Miss Louisa Stanhope, are the most prominent.

The second balloting has taken place in France, and have resulted in the return of eleven Conservatives and four Republicans, so that the Opposition will number 320, while the Ministerialists muster 210. This, of course, is a weakening of the former, but a majority of 110 is quite as useful as a majority of about 200. So there can be no question the Ministry has been soundly beaten. What will happen remains to be seen.

Fortune is not as favourable to the cause of Turkey as she was earlier in the campaign. There can be no question the defeat of Mukhtar Pasha in Asia has been very disastrous, for the Russians have beleaguered Kars a second time, and are moving again towards Erzeroum, and it will tax all the energies of Mukhtar, and all the resources of Turkey, to stop the further progress of the Russian arms. There is a talk of a further rising in the Caucasus, but it does not appear to interfere much with the plans of the Grand Duke Michael. The news from before Plevna is also unfavourable to the Turks. General Gourko with his cavalry, and a portion of the Imperial Guard, have taken Dubnik, after a day's sanguinary battle, which, he admits, cost him 2,500 men. Since then he has captured Teliche. As these places are on the Sofia-road, Osman's communications are thus severed, whether completely or not is yet to be ascertained. This must have the effect of placing Osman Pasha in a very critical position. There is little doubt the Russians are just now making a supreme effort to recover the ground they have lost. Their success will depend much on the ability of Osman to feed his men and keep up his ammunition. The Russians are looking forward to his overthrow, and possibly of his capture, but they have done this before and have not succeeded, however, their prospects are brighter now. On the Lom, the position is almost, if not quite, unchanged. Sulciman has been on a round of inspection, and is looking to his transport and commissariat. General Zimmerman is moving towards Silistria, which will no doubt take care of itself, and so will the other Turkish fortresses. On the whole the Russians seem to be faring much better than they have done since their opening successes.

The annual banquet of the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, which now meets at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, will be held on Tuesday next, the 6th inst. Bro. J. H. Dodson, S.W. of the mother Lodge, will take the chair, at 7 o'clock. We hope the brethren will spend a pleasant evening under his leadership.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at seven o'clock in the evening, *punctually*.

Business:—The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation will be read for confirmation.

After which the following Report of the Committee of General Purposes will be submitted to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 18th July to the 16th October 1877, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	295	18	10	Purchase of £300 Consols at 94½ and Commission	-	283	17 6
" Unappropriated Account	-	181	11 11	Disbursements during the Quarter	-	185	0 4
Subsequent Receipts	-	307	3 0	Balance	-	116	19 0
				" in Unappropriated Account	-	198	16 11
	£784	13	9		£784	13	9

which Balances are in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Companions Hugh George Colvill as Z., Thomas Hawken as H., John Richard Collins as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin, to be called "The Saint Petrock Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Bodmin, in the County of Cornwall.

2nd. From Companions John Chalmers as Z., William Nash as H., Richard M. Blaker as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge Light of the North, No. 1308, Dalhousie, to be called "The Egerton Chapter," and to meet at Dalhousie, Punjab, in the East Indies.

3rd. From Companions Major William Edward Williams as Z., Henry Keeble as H., Thomas Perridge as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Star Lodge, No. 1275, Greenwich, to be called "The Star Chapter," and to meet at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, in the County of Kent.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received the following petition:—

4th. From Companions Lieut.-Colonel Hugh Sawyer Somerville Burney as Z., Frank Richardson as H., Richard Philip Leeson as J., and twelve others for a Chapter to be attached to the Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, London, to be called "The Bayard Chapter," and to meet at No. 33 Golden-square, London.

This petition is regular in form. It is, however, contrary to the usual custom of the Grand Chapter Committee to recommend an application for a Chapter from so young a Lodge, but under the peculiar circumstances of the case, the subject is referred to the Grand Chapter for its consideration.

The Committee have also to report that they have received a Memorial from the Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604, praying that the petition for a Chapter, to be attached to that Lodge, which was negatived at the last Grand Chapter, might be again submitted to the Grand Chapter, and that the Committee would recommend Grand Chapter to reconsider its decision.

The Committee taking into consideration the peculiar and special circumstances of the case, recommend that Grand Chapter be asked to reconsider its former decision in this case.

The following Notices of Motions have been received for the next QUARTERLY CONVOCATION—

1.—By Companion John Mason H., No. 73:—(*postponed from the last Grand Chapter*.)

In order to harmonise the Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter with the Laws of Grand Lodge, and to accord with a recent decision of the Grand Registrar in reference to the powers of Grand Superintendents of Districts or Provinces,—That paragraph 37, page 12, of the R.A. Regulations, commencing at the words "they are also empowered" be expunged, and the following regulation substituted.

"The Grand Superintendent may summon any Chapter or Companion within their district to attend them within the limits of such district, and to produce the Charter, Books, Papers and Accounts of the Chapter, or the Certificate of the Companion."

"If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, the Chapter or Companion may be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the Supreme Grand Chapter. The decision of the Grand Superintendents shall be final unless an appeal shall be made therefrom to the Supreme Grand Chapter, but no appeal shall be entertained unless transmitted to the Grand Scribe E. within three calendar months from the date of the decision appealed against."

"The Grand Superintendents are also empowered to visit the several subordinate Chapters in the Province or District, to see that the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter are observed."

2.—By E. Companion Benjamin Head, P. Sword Bearer—

"That the sum of Three Hundred Guineas be granted from the Funds of the Grand Chapter in aid of the Indian Famine Relief Fund."

(Signed)

JOHN CREATON, President,

Old Warrants.

No. 99.

No. 290 "Ancients;" No. 367 after the "Union" (1814), No. 255 A.D. 1832, and No. 211 from A.D. 1863.

L.S.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

WM. DICKY, D.G.M.

THOS. HARPER, S.G.W.

ROBERT GILL, J.G.W.

for JOHN BUNN, Esq.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful The Most Noble and Puissant Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathray and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kinclaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful William Dickey, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful John Bunn, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Robert Gill, Esquire, Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Michael Dove one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Betts his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Joseph Ion his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the house known by the sign of the Dundee Arms, Wapping, in the County of Middlesex, or elsewhere in the said County, or City of London, upon the second No. 290 and fourth Fridays in every Calendar Month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Michael Dove, John Betts, Joseph Ion (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their powers and dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this eleventh day of September, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-five, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred and Ninety and Five.

ROBERT LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

L.S.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. I. Fol 321.

The present title, No., &c. are, The St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, Albion, Aldersgate-street.

No. 100.

No. 200, "Ancients;" No. 249 A.D. 1814, No. 176 A.D. 1832, and No. 151 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

LAU. DERMOTT, D.G.M.

THOS. CARTER, S.G.W.

R. DAVY, J.G.W.

We, the Grand Master, to all whom it may concern.

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Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Richard Stephens, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Stevens his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Jonathan Wavell his Junior Warden, No. 200 to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Castle Inn (or elsewhere), in the Isle of Wight, upon the first and third Tuesday in each Kalender month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And we do hereby further authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Richard Stephens, John Stevens, and Jonathan Wavell (with the consent of the members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their powers and dignities as Freemasons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this ninth day of July, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred Seventy and Seven, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred Seventy and Seven.

G. A. S. JONES,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 8, Letter H.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Albany Lodge, No. 151, Newport, Isle of Wight.

No. 101.

No. 232, "Ancients;" No. 291 A.D. 1814, No. 204 A.D. 1832, and No. 175 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS HARPER, D.G.M.

ARCHIBALD HERRON, S.G.W.

JEREMIAH CRANFIELD, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathray and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Constable of the Castle of Kinclaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Archibald Herron, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Jeremiah Cranfield, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), do hereby authorise and empower our Well-beloved and Trusty Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Bro. Henry Collier one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Bro. Isaac Fry his Senior No. 232 Warden, and the Worshipful Bro. George Payne his Junior Warden (to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the house called, or known, by the name or sign of the Bugle Inn, in the town of Ryde, in the Isle of Wight, in the County of Hampshire (or elsewhere), on the third Wednesday in every Kalender Month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Freemasons according to the most ancient and honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorize and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Henry Collier, Isaac Fry, and George Payne (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Freemasons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this eighth day of September, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirteen, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and thirteen.

ROBT. LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 8, Letter H. May 1786.

Entered Ed. Harper, D.G.S.

The present title, No., &c. are, The "East Medina" Lodge, No. 175, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

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, 3rd NOVEMBER.

- 112—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 5th NOVEMBER.

- 45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
 171—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1125—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.
 on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.
 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
 110—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
 478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
 507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
 850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
 1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
 1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
 1051—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.

TUESDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
 Annual Banquet.
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 217—Stability, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1261—Golden Rule, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W.
 1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.
 1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.
 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
 153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
 236—York, De Grey Rooms, York. (Centenary Banquet at 5.30.)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
 393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
 553—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
 731—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
 804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-rd., Havant.
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 923—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
 943—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
 960—Buto, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
 1483—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch.

WEDNESDAY, 7th NOVEMBER.

- Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 193—Confidance, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
 533—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.15. (Inst.)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1135—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
 1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
 1238—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
 1535—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.
 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.)
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
 293—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
 326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
 496—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
 423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.

- 611—The Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow.
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
 1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton.

THURSDAY, 8th NOVEMBER.

- 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., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 860—Dalhousie, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 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.)
 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke-grove-road, Notting-hill, at 5. (Installation.)
 R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
 M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street-hill, Exeter.
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 516—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Chetham, Lancashire.
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1204—Royd's, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1457—Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.
 1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

FRIDAY, 9th NOVEMBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 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.)
 903—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.)
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1298—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7. (Instruction.)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
 697—United, George Hotel, Colechester.
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1087—Beaudecert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
 1289—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.

SATURDAY, 10th NOVEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, Croydon.
 1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

- R. A. 303—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

MONDAY.

- 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
 1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
 1211—Godrich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 1302—De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
 R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.

TUESDAY.

- 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
 R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salica-street, Bradford.

WEDNESDAY.

- 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
 R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

THURSDAY.

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

FRIDAY.

- 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
 1091—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
 R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

- MONDAY—129—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.

- TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Constitution-street.

- THURSDAY—8—Journymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.

- FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Motropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—Met at Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, E.C., on Tuesday, the 30th ult. There were in attendance Comps. J. K. Stead Z., P. Wagner H., W. H. Postans J., J. Boyd P.Z. Treas., T. W. White S.E., D. Hallett P.S., F. Brown S.N., A. H. Lilley, G. S. Row, J. H. Legott, N. Moss, A. Durrant, C. W. Noehmer, G. Darcy, G. J. Potter, E. L. Walker, J. Constable, G. Newman, J. High, W. Grist, J. B. Sorrell, J. Seox, E. H. Finney, W. Jetton. At the last election Comp. John Constable had been chosen to occupy the first chair, but upon solicitation, he relinquished that position in favour of Comp. J. K. Stead, who rehearsed the exaltation ceremony. In pursuance of notice of motion given at a previous meeting the sum of £5 was voted, to be placed on the list of Comp. N. Gluckstein, who has undertaken a Stewardship for the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution. The election of officers for the ensuing fortnight resulted as follow:—Comps. J. Constable Z., D. Hallett H., F. Brown J., E. H. Finney S.N., W. H. Postans P.S.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—At the meeting on Thursday, the 1st November, at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. J. Appleby W.M., Pullen S.W., Hallows J.W., Bell S.D., G. Clark J.D., Haines I.G., Upward Org., Pinder Preceptor; also Bros. Sheppard, Delvallé, Franklin, Christian, Groome. The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer; the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sheppard candidate. Bro. Appleby worked the first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Pullen S.W. will preside at next meeting.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 20th October. Present—Bros. Halford W.M., Wing S.W., Kidder J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Millward S.D., Powell J.D., Humphrey I.G., Christopher Tyler; Pearcey, Stock, Trewinnard, Burtle, Gibbs, Hunter, Hallam. Minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hallam as candidate. Lodge advanced to the second degree. Bro. Burtle answered the usual questions, and withdrew. Bro. Trewinnard was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree. The W.M. very ably rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Trewinnard acting as candidate. Lodge resumed to first degree. Bro. Tolmie worked the seventh section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hallam, of Friars Lodge, No. 1349, was duly elected member. Bro. Wing S.W. was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on the last Monday in this month.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 30th October, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Present—Bros. Tranter W.M., Moiry S.W., Leviscott J.W., W. G. Dickens J.D. 860 Sec., Sandlo S.D., J. H. Dodson J.D., Chapman I.G., Bingemann Preceptor, and several brethren. Lodge being formally opened and minutes confirmed, Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Coope candidate. After the working of three sections, the W.M. invited the brethren, when three new members were regularly elected. Bro. Miroy was chosen to fill the chair at the meeting on Tuesday week, as in consequence of the annual banquet taking place next Tuesday no meeting of the Lodge will take place on that evening.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 30th October. Bros. Sayer W.M., Pewsey S.W., W. Fraser J.W., Fraser S.D., Quincey J.D., Harris I.G., Radderforth Preceptor, Hollands Sec., Fenner, Maidwell jun., Campbell, Glass, West, Stamp, Wharman, Cohen. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fenner candidate. Bro. Wharman answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Sayer vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Pewsey, who worked the ceremony of raising in a very satisfactory manner, Bro. Cohen W.M. 205 as candidate. Bro. Sayer resumed the chair, and closed down in the third and second degrees. Bros. Fenner 1227, Bro. Cohen W.M. 205, and Bro. Stamp of the "Perfect Ashlar" were elected members. Bro. Pewsey will preside next Tuesday. The ceremony of installation will be worked by Bro. D. Posener on Tuesday, 6th November. The annual supper will take place on the 20th November.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—For some time past fickle Fortune has thought fit to play fast and loose with this, erst extremely successful Lodge. Its removal from the old quarters now proves to have been ill advised. The wise adage, "Let well alone," was unfortunately disregarded. Instead of being content with slow but steady progress and quiet enjoyment of well established prosperity, an ambition was raised to move in higher spheres. An aspiration perhaps laudable in itself, but which experience, in this instance, has shown to be not unaccompanied with a certain amount of risk; for ever since the unlucky step was taken, the unstable goddess more frequently frowned than smiled, and the Lodge could find no permanent abiding place. Owing to a variety of causes, the Lodge has had to shift about from place to place, in a manner which must eventually have ended in a total collapse. A suggestion to receive the Lodge was everywhere

eagerly welcomed, but when the abstemious habits of the regular attendants was made manifest, discontent on the part of the proprietor soon became apparent. At length it was resolved to return to the former habitation, the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., and there the Lodge met again in peace and comfort, after an absence of some years, on Wednesday, the 31st Oct. Bro. Walker occupied the chair, S. Wharman was S.W., Sayer J.W., J. Constable P.M. Treas., J. K. Pitt Sec., F. Croaker S.D., Harris I.G., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, Christopher Tyler; R. Z. Bloomfield P.M., W. W. Morgan, Blinkhorn, Fenner, Gomm, &c., &c. The third ceremony was rehearsed, and the first section worked. Bro. W. W. Morgan was elected an honorary member; he expressed his gratification at receiving the highest honour it was in the power of the Lodge to bestow. Bro. S. Wharman W.M. Kent Lodge No. 15 will occupy the chair on Wednesday next.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—The meeting on Saturday last, at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, was well attended. Bro. Tolmie presided, while Bros. Saul and Halford respectively filled the chairs of Senior and Junior Warden. C. K. Killick jun. Sec. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the presentation of an elegant set of levels was made to the worthy Secretary, Bro. C. K. Killick jun., whose valuable services to this Lodge of Instruction we are pleased to see thus recognised by the members. The Fifteen Sections were then worked, the following brethren taking part:—FIRST LECTURE—Bros. J. Lorkin, Brand, Bedwell, Fenner, Ives, Tolmie, Ives. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Brasted, Powell, Pearcey, Isaac, Saul. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. I. P. Cohen, J. Stock, Trewinnard. The work was well done by all engaged, but if special praise is called for, we must certainly award it to Bros. Isaac, Cowen, Trewinnard, and Ives; the latter Brother kindly assisted with the 7th section (in addition to the one set down for him), in place of a brother who was unable to attend. Bros. Posener 15, Emsley 548, Bolstridge and Morgan jun. were elected members. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Tolmie for his valuable services as W.M. After this had been gracefully acknowledged, a vote of thanks was passed to the brethren who assisted. The Lodge of Instruction was then closed. An hour was afterwards pleasantly spent. Bros. G. Weige, Fysh and others successfully exerted themselves to amuse the company.

De Burghi Chapter, No. 424.—The annual Convocation of this old and flourishing Chapter was held on 25th Oct., at 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead-on-Tyne. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. After the minutes of the last Chapter were read and confirmed, E. Comp. J. E. Robson was installed as Z., M. Guthrie as H., and G. A. Allen P.Z. as J. The installing chief was E. Comp. E. D. Davis, Past Prov. G.H. The whole of the ceremonies were conducted in an efficient and impressive manner. The M.E.Z. then invested his Officers as follow:—Comps. Clappam P.Z. Treasurer, J. Wood E., Corbett N., Montgomery P.S., Whitlaw A.S. The sum of £5 5s was unanimously voted from the Chapter towards the Indian Famine Relief Fund. The Treasurer's report was presented; it showed a balance in his hands of £40. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the installing chief for his services. The Chapter was then closed, and the Comps. adjourned to the Grey Horse Hotel, where they sat down to a choice repast. The cloth being removed, the M.E.Z. gave the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts, which were duly honoured. M.E. Comp. Davis, in proposing the health of the Principals and Success to the Chapter, said he was confident the Principals would distinguish themselves in the Chapter as they had done in their respective Lodges. The M.E.Z., in replying, thanked the Companions for the honour done him; he trusted he might have a prosperous year, and that he should conduct the affairs in a creditable manner. The M.E.Z. gave the health of the Installing Principal, which was duly replied to. On rising to give the Officers, the M.E.Z. remarked they had a bright example before them in E. Comp. Davis; all he should say was, "go thou and do likewise." This toast was replied to by Comp. J. Wood E. The Visitors was given by Comp. Allen J., and replied to by Comps. Smith, Blinkensop, Salmon, and Harris. E. Comp. Davis most beautifully recited the "Battle of Blenheim," and Comp. Walker, from Durham Cathedral, kindly gave some excellent harmony, which rendered the evening very enjoyable. The Janitor's toast brought to a close a most delightful gathering. The Visitors were E. Comps. P. O. Smith Z. 24, T. Blinkensop H. 24, R. Lock Treas. 406, R. G. Salmon 406, W. Foster 991, and S. M. Harris 406.

Lodge La Tolerance, No. 538.—Met on Thursday, 1st Nov. at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields. Bro. Wood W.M., Wolters S.W., Quitman J.W., J. Kench P.M. Treas. E. Child Sec., T. Cooper S.D. P.M.'s C. Burmeister and Lindus; also Bros. Beaumont, Skinner, Mickle, Cremer, and Shubbrook. Formalities being duly observed, Mr. De Benares was balloted for and in course initiated. Bro. Langdon was passed to the 2nd degree. In accordance with notice of motion, the sum of £3 3s was voted to the Lodge of Instruction attached to this Lodge, for the purpose of defraying incidental expenses attending the transfer of the Royal Union Lodge of Instruction to La Tolerance. The Lodge was then closed. Bro. W. J. Parish W.M. 1604 was present as a visitor.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—Held its usual meeting on Friday, 26th October, at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. J. Murch W.M., Hall S.W., Hayes J.W., Braun Sec., Radderforth Preceptor, Tribbel S.D., Parsons J.D., Hill I.G.; also Bros. Harris, Kennard, Cleghorn, Chipper, Evans, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and con-

firmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Harris being candidate. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and closed down to the first. The seventh section was worked by Bro. Rudderforth. Bro. Evans answered the questions with considerable ability for a young Mason. Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and Bro. Hayes answered the questions in the ninth section. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Hall was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday.

Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.—The first meeting of the season was held at the Artillery Grounds, Finsbury, on Friday, the 26th instant, when the following Officers were present:—Bros. Ensign W. I. Spicer W.M., R. G. Webster S.W., A. D. Everingham J.W., Captain Robert Hesham Treasurer, Capt. J. Egleso Secretary, J. C. Sanderson S.D., F. J. Stühwasser J.D., W. Jolliffe D.C., and Quarter Master Brighton I.G. Visitors—Bros. Rev. H. J. Hatch P.P.G.C. Essex, Ensign E. A. Baylis P.G.S. W.M. 1521 (Studholme Lodge), F. Wiseman P.M. 160, and T. Bevan 1464. The Lodge was opened in due form in the first degree, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Serjeant Edward Blanks, which proved unanimous in his favour. He was accordingly introduced and initiated by the W.M., in a very able manner. Several members were proposed for the next meeting, after which the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was enlivened by some capital songs by Bros. H. J. Hatch, W. G. Brighton, H. P. Matthews, and F. J. Stühwasser.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Held its weekly meeting on 25th Oct., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Bros. W. Goss W.M. of 780 in the chair, H. Tucker S.W., H. Kyezor J.W., B. Blasby S.D., F. Irwin J.D., Gunner I.G. Visitors—Bros. Weare P.M. P.G.D. of Leicestershire, Rand, Nye, Pearson, Metcalf, and others. Lodge having been opened in ancient form, Bro. Pearson offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bros. Nye and Rand replied to the necessary question previous to being passed. The Lodge was then opened up to the 3rd degree, and resumed to the first. Bros. Weare and Nye were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. H. Tucker was elected to the chair for next meeting. He expressed his thanks for the honour. Great praise is due to Bro. Goss for the careful manner in which he carried out his duties, while the energy displayed by the other members of this young Lodge is producing results that must be gratifying to all.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At the meeting on the 30th ult., at Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, Bro. Finch W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., Sanders J.W., Christian S.D., Brown J.D., J. Lorkin I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Barnes, Lines, Young, Cook, Andrews, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Carr acting as candidate. The Preceptor then took the chair; Bro. Young answered the necessary questions, was entrusted, and in due course passed to the second degree. The customary questions were then answered by Bro. Andrews, who was raised to the sublime degree. The Preceptor giving the traditional history. On Bro. Finch resuming the chair, a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for his able working. Bro. Andrews was elected a member. Bro. C. Lorkin to preside at the next meeting, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—Held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 31st ult., at the Black Bull Hotel, Holborn. Present—Bros. Abell W.M., Thompson S.W., Marston J.W., Köbler S.D., Yates J.D., Köhler I.G.; Past Master Bro. W. Long Preceptor. The Lodge was regularly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Yates offered himself as a candidate for the third degree, was examined and entrusted, and in due course the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Stanton was examined as to his proficiency in the first degree. The second section of the first lecture was worked by the Preceptor. Bro. Thompson will preside on Wednesday next. It is proposed to work the Sections in this Lodge of Instruction in December.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. Victor M. Myers W.M., Galliford S.W., J. Lazarus P.M. J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.M. P.G.P. Hon. Secretary, Hochfield S.D., M. Levy J.D.; and P.M.'s Bros. S. V. Abrahams, S. Pollitzer, A. D. Loewenstark, J. De Solla; with a numerous assemblage of brethren and visitors. After the formal opening of the Lodge, the business consisted of raising Bro. Marks, the W.M. performing this ceremony most impressively. The report of the Committee for revising the bye-laws was read. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a very excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Nicols. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts; that of the Grand Officers and the Earl of Skelmersdale was responded to by Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. The health of the W.M. was given and replied to, and Bro. S.V. Abrahams returned thanks for the P.M.'s. Bro. Murlis W.M. Earl of Carnarvon Lodge responded for the Visitors, who were Bros. Friedlander, Jaffa, Mullick (United States America), Perry Cole P.P.G.C. Devonshire, &c. Some capital songs were given during the evening.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth. The brethren present were Bros. H. R. Jones, W. Huntly, I. G. Carter, Alf. Newens and J. Frost. Bro. H. R. Jones the esteemed W.M. rehearsed the first and second degrees.

St. Bead's Lodge, No. 1119.—At the last meeting, held at Yarrow-on-Tyne, the sum of £5 5s was unanimously voted towards the Indian Famine Relief Fund.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held its usual meeting at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 26th October, Bros. A. Posener W.M., Kent S.W., Smith J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Secretary, Trowinnard S.D., Hine J.D., Lane I.G.; also Bros. Bolton, Cleverly, Morgan, Posener sen., Carriciero, Simmonds, Franklin, Crouch, Campbell, Veale, Percy, &c. All preliminaries being duly recognised, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Simmonds candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Carriciero, of Lodge St. John of Wapping, No. 1306, and Bro. Franklin, of Kent Lodge, No. 15, were duly elected members. Bro. Kent (S.W.) was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had filled the chair for the first time in this or any other Lodge. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned.

Marquis of Lorne Lodge, No. 1354.—The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. Evans, will take place at the Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire, on Wednesday next, 7th Nov. W. Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, will perform the ceremony.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—This Lodge held its first anniversary meeting at the Three Bucks, Gresham-street, on Tuesday. Bro. J. L. Mather W.M. presided, and there were present the following officers:—Bros. W. Bonsor S.W., Brain J.W., Luke J.D., Sparrow I.G., D. P. Holmes Treas., and H. S. Sanders Sec., together with about seventy members. The Lodge was merely opened and closed with the customary formalities, and then the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner provided for them by the host, Bro. J. G. Willet, with his wonted taste and liberality. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Then Bro. Bonsor proposed the toast of the evening, namely, Prosperity to the Islington Lodge of Instruction, coupling with it the name of Bro. Mather W.M. In doing so, Bro. Bonsor gave a short sketch of the Lodge's history, showing how it had prospered from the very outset of its career, and how it was already a tower of strength in Freemasonry. He referred also with great pride to the Life Governorship Association which had been formed under the auspices of the Lodge, which numbered one hundred members, and which had been already the means of raising no less than twelve Life Governorships for one or other of our Institutions. Bro. Bonsor, indeed, made an excellent speech, and on resuming his seat was greeted with long and well-deserved applause. Bro. Mather responded briefly yet appropriately. Other toasts followed, and the evening passed away most agreeably, all the members taking their departure highly gratified with the proceedings which had marked the celebration of their first anniversary gathering.

Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524.—The brethren of this Lodge assembled in large numbers at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Thursday evening. Bro. John Bairstow Shackleton, the W.M. of the Lodge presided, supported by his Officers: Bros. J. Lorkin S.W., F. Bonner J.W., N. Greene S.D., A. H. Broad J.D., Ernest Dietrich I.G., W. H. Lee P.M. Sec., T. Chapman I.P.M. Treasurer, Geo. Young Organist, Bros. F. Brasted and E. Dignam acting as Stewards. The business of the evening consisted of raising Bros. Beensen and Jameson; passing Bros. C. J. Olley, R. Fisher and T. Norman; and the initiation of S. Blow, all of which ceremonies were most efficiently worked by the W.M. and his assistants. Amongst the members present were Bros. Davies, O. Dietrich, Stevenson, G. Ferrar, E. George, J. Dexter, R. Fisher, C. Olley, R. Olley, J. Bell, T. Norman, R. Polak, F. Beensen, W. Jameson, C. Browne, T. Bigg, A. Ferrar, R. George, J. Payne, Harding, Moon, W. Boasly, Loefflin, Robinson, C. Smyth, &c. The visitors included Bros. J. Lorkin No. 192, E. Brown 1685, W. G. Kent 1297, J. Marsh 1326, R. Rowley W.M. 917, and J. Fieldwick 1364. The work over, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banquetting room, where a most substantial repast awaited them, which was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Geo. Ferrar, the host, and to which the brethren did ample justice. The usual Loyal, patriotic and Masonic toasts were given, and were heartily responded to. The brethren separated at an early hour, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—At the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E., on Wednesday evening, 31st ult. Bros. E. Dietrich W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., Brown J.W., Brasted S.D., C. Lorkin J.D., Woolley I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treasurer, and Bros. Rowley W.M. 917, Robinson, Polak, Little, R. Olley, Dexter, Gilchrist, Beensen, McMillan, Bishop, Lee, Marsh, J. B. Shackleton, Maples, Loeffler, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form at 8 p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. McMillan being candidate. Bros. Gilchrist, Lee, and Fieldwick then worked the first, second, sixth and seventh sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Rowley 917, and Bishop 1364, were elected members. Bro. C. Lorkin was appointed W.M. for Wednesday, 14th November. On the 7th November, Bro. Lee P.M. 1524 will work the installation ceremony.

Earl Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.—Held at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting-hill, on Friday,

the 26th October. Bros. Poulter W.M., Adkins S.W., Wood J.W., Penn S.D., Smout sen. J.D., Lichtwitz I.G., Savage P.M. Preceptor, Smout jun. Sec., Spiegel, Kelly, Michel P.M., Linscott, Knight P.M., and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Spiegel candidate, after which Bro. Smout jun. answered the questions for passing, and in due course the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Knight P.M. 1107 was elected a member. It was proposed and carried that this Lodge of Instruction meet in future at half-past 7 and close at half-past 9, this change is made in compliance with the request of several brethren residing in the neighbourhood. It was then proposed and carried that Bro. Adkins act as W.M. on Friday, the 9th of November, when it is expected there will be a full attendance to hear the working of this talented brother.

Paxton Lodge, No. 1686.—On Saturday, 27th October, a meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Crystal Palace. There was plenty of work on the agenda paper, but the dreary state of the weather had its effect in keeping away many. Bro. Klenck, the W.M., initiated three gentlemen into the ancient and honourable order, viz., Messrs. Graves, Pratt, and Whitcombe. He also passed Bros. Silver 1339, and Partridge, of the Paxton, performing his work in an able manner. The Officers were—Bros. Benham J.W., Sawyer S.D., Bonwell J.D., Woodham I.G., Frances Sec. The members present were—Bros. Coward P.G.O., Dodd, Walker (who were this evening appointed respectively D.C. and W.S.), and Bro. Partridge. The Visitors were Bros. Silber 1339, and Mitchell 1360. Letters of apology for absence were read from the P.G.M. for Middlesex, and several other brethren. The bye-laws having been read and passed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast, after which the usual toasts were duly honoured. An agreeable evening was spent.

NEWS FROM THE ORIENT.

"Where rainbow tints are born,
And the gorgeous blazonry
Of dew-bespangled morn—
There dwelleth Masonry."

MASONRY hath its forms, ceremonies, emblazonries, and adornments; its gilded tinsel and its exoteric formulae, yet underlying all these gew-gaws and these external blandishments there underlies, enshrined in the hearts of its votaries, a clear well-spring of all that is true, beautiful and good in human nature. Its soul-ennobling principles, its high behests, its ordinances, when properly contemplated by the sincere and earnest neophyte, raise the man above the common herd of humanity, and, like its twin sister religion, "pure and undefiled," elevates his inmost feelings and aspirations, and draws him by their sublimity, from Nature

"Up to Nature's God."

Born with creation, Masonry has, in the march of mundane cycles, events, and fluctuations of empires, thrones, principalities and powers, maintained its proud pre-eminence, and, despite their decadence and decay, from time immemorial its divine precepts have been handed down through all generations, and the germ, the kernel, has been preserved, nourished and reared, until the fructuating seed has at length taken root in every civilised land, and its benignant branches have extended to the uttermost parts of the habitable world, and the noblesse of all lands have felt it an honour to wield the hiram of a "Master in Israel," regarding that position equal in power, but more especially in honour, superior to all the external emblems of civic, regal, or imperial sway,—for

"Where'er a virtue throws
A halo round the soul,
Or aught of goodness glows,
Like stars around the Pole,—
Where'er Hope flings a beam,
O'er life's unstable sea,—
Where flows the healing stream
There dwelleth Masonry."

This, however, by way of prelude to the scanty budget of news which is written for the information of your numerous readers, who will be pleased to learn that Masonry, in all its branches, is flourishing, even although oft neglected by the parent tree.

All the grades, up to the 30°, are in full working order, prosperous and presided over by men of high position, but what is far better by "Sons o' Light" of preeminent intellectual ability.

The "Coming Man," who is shortly to wield the Masonic sceptre of Scottish Freemasonry in India, when M.W. Bro. Morland retires enshrined with the laurel wreath of success, after an unexampled and brilliant career,—is Brother Balfour, *par excellence* the most astute financier in our commercial world, who will bring with him to the Orient chair a thoroughly practical and philosophical knowledge of all that appertains to the important duties of his high office, and will doubtless impart to it a dignity which will command the respect of every member of the Craft.

Every brother, therefore, anticipates a brilliant career for M.W. Bro. Balfour, whilst they must at the same time extremely regret the loss that will be sustained by the retirement of so energetic and so devoted a brother as M.W. Bro. Morland has proved himself to be.—*Communicated.*

Friendly Lodge, Jamaica.—The Lodge room has been handsomely decorated, and gas has been introduced; it will shortly be open for use. At present the meetings and Chapters are held in the banquet-room.

Sussex Lodge.—We are glad to state that the members

of this Lodge have completed the purchase of a building in Upper Hanover-street. Very extensive alterations are being carried out, which it is anticipated will be completed in a couple of months.

Royal Lodge.—We are pleased also to be able to state that the members are making arrangements for the purchase of a Lodge room.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.

AT the stated Assembly of Mary Commandery, No. 36, K.T., held at Philadelphia, 11th October, Sir Charles E. Meyer, the Recorder of the Commandery, was the recipient of a magnificent gold watch and chain, presented by a number of the members of the Commandery, who appreciate the energy he has displayed in the various positions he has filled among the Masonic Fraternity, and especially in Mary Commandery. The idea of the presentation was further advanced by his more recent efforts in the interests of his Frateres during the pilgrimage to Cleveland.

The intention of presenting the gift was kept entirely *sub rosa*, Sir C. Meyer not being aware of the scheme of his friends until called upon in the evening by Eminent Sir William C. Hamilton, who, in a neat address, presented the token. Sir Meyer was rather surprised, but managed to return his thanks. The watch and chain, to which is attached a beautiful seal, was manufactured by Sir Wm. F. Englehart, jeweller, 251 N. Second-street, who is to be congratulated upon the taste he has shown. Upon the face of the watch is a portrait of Sir Meyer's better half. Upon the cap is this inscription:—

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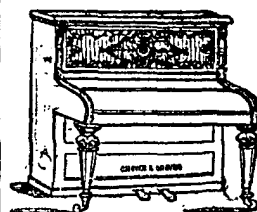
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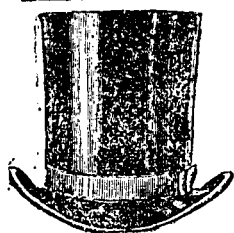
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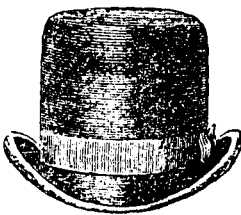
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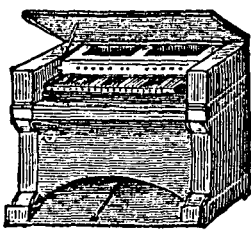
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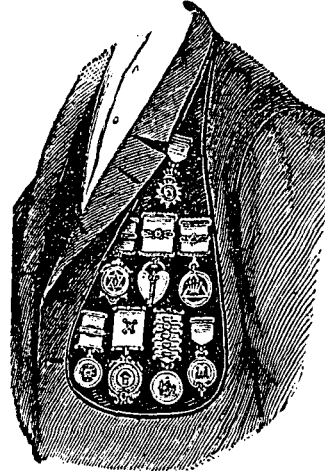
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