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GRAND LODGE OF IOWA.

THE Thirty-Sixth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Dubuque on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of June last, under the presidency of Bro. Jeremiah W. Wilson the M.W. Grand Master. Of the 394 Lodges working under this jurisdiction two hundred and eighty-two were represented during the session. The Grand Lodge was opened in the usual manner; Bro. Past G.M. Guibert extending on behalf of the Masons of Dubuque cordial greeting and welcome to the members of Grand Lodge. In doing so he reviewed *in extenso* the incidents of the sessions of 1841 and 1861, which were also held in Dubuque, and in an interesting and instructive historical sketch contrasted them with the present. He concluded by calling upon the brethren to reflect for a moment on what he deemed some momentous questions;—Whether the Masonic Craft is not governed too much by the supreme legislature; and whether it is not possible that Grand Lodges are slowly arrogating to themselves more power than the few ancient landmarks contemplated the subordinate Lodges should bestow on them. He also referred to the absence in their jurisdiction of an Orphans' Home, pointing out the remedy for this omission was a far higher and holier claim upon the Grand Lodge representatives than those involved in a scramble for Grand Lodge Offices, the prompt collection of mileage dues, or long-drawn out debates upon technicalities. The Grand Master having tendered thanks for the reception that had been accorded the members of Grand Lodge, proceeded to open Grand Lodge in ample form. After some routine business had been transacted, the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence on a question as to whether a Grand Lodge Officer forfeited his title if he ceased to be a member of any Lodge in the jurisdiction was presented. The Committee consider that if a brother remains non-affiliated, or places his membership in another jurisdiction, his title is forfeited. The Grand Master then read the address he had prepared on the general condition of Freemasonry in the district under his rule, and of such matters abroad as he deemed would be of interest to Iowa Masons. In the course of this address the Grand Master referred to various ceremonies which had been performed by the brethren during the past twelve months—among others, the dedication of a Masonic Hall for Antiquity Lodge at Moravia, and the laying of the foundation stone of a public school-house at Wapello. Numerous applications for dispensations to confer degrees at irregular times had reached the Grand Master, but adhering to the rule of his predecessors, he had granted the permission in very few instances, usually deeming the reasons given for such irregularities insufficient. One point of this subject, we think, might with great benefit be generally adopted by the English Craft. The G.M. stated that "in no case had he given permission for a candidate to be advanced until he was thoroughly posted in the lectures in the preceding degrees, and had passed an examination in open Lodge." This is a rule we are taught to believe applies equally in England as in America, but how often do we find this rule is disregarded in English Lodges?

The various accounts of the Grand Lodge for the year were then presented and referred to the Committee on Finance. From these accounts we learn that the sum of dols. 1,300 had been spent, and dols. 1,278.72 remained in

hand in connection with the Yellow Fever Fund, the balance being the amount unappropriated at the time the Grand Master was informed that no further funds were necessary to alleviate the sufferings caused by this awful scourge. The "dues" received for the year 1877-8 amounted to dols. 10,056.25, which with a balance of dols. 3,942.45, and sundry receipts made a total of dols. 14,949.78. Of which sum all but dols. 4,147.78 had been disbursed in liquidating the necessary expenses of Grand Lodge. The Bond account showed in favour of Grand Lodge to the extent of dols. 20,286.86, and there is a balance of the Charity Fund of dols. 259.50.

The report of the Grand Secretary was the next item presented for the attention of the brethren. This report of our energetic Brother T. S. Parvin appears to contain a reference to every item of interest that has come officially under his notice during the year. It begins by a reference to the publication of the "Proceedings of 1878," which Bro. Parvin states has been universally commended, both as a literary work and a worthy exponent of printing skill. The fact of the cost being greater than was the case in other States he attributes to the much larger extent of the information that was given by the Iowa brethren, as compared with that of their neighbours. We regret that Brother Parvin should deem it necessary at the end of his report to say a few words in his own defence. We know of no Grand Secretary who more conscientiously and zealously carries out his work, and can quite agree with him in classing his detractors as prejudiced or misinformed. We feel assured that the majority of the brethren of the State of Iowa will show by their conduct to him that they are satisfied at the way in which he has performed his duties during the past thirty-four years, and we hope that in the future he will not have occasion to insert personal explanations, which however undesirable, at times are none the less necessary.

The report of Bro. Parvin, as Librarian, follows. In this the writer refers to his first report, issued one-third of a century since, and mentions the many warm encouragements and true friendships which have cheered him on his way since that time; he also states that many discouragements have beset his path, and remarks that he has sometimes felt as though love's labour would be lost. Still he has persevered, and we hope will continue to do so for many years to come. He details the various editions of the catalogue that have been issued under his rule, and considers that they ought to satisfy the most sceptical that the Grand Lodge of Iowa had not laboured in vain nor spent its money for nought.

The Grand Master having proceeded to the appointment of several standing Committees, as also Bro. C. E. Walker as Grand Marshal pro tem, the introductory report on Finance was submitted. The brethren appointed on this Committee report favourably of the various offices of Grand Lodge, which it was their duty to visit, expressing their satisfaction at the way the work connected with the position of Grand Secretary was carried out; they were pleased to bear testimony to the zeal and efficiency of one of the hardest worked and most faithful of the Grand Lodge officials. They suggested various measures which they hoped would tend to reduce the cost of the issuing of the "Proceedings of Grand Lodge," and referred to the amount paid as mileage allowance, an amount they considered in advance of what should be spent. They also drew attention to the amount voted each year to the Grand Master as recompense for his services. They considered that the honour of the position should be con-

sidered full compensation for the labours performed, more especially as Iowa was the only Grand Lodge in America which spent its funds for this purpose.

At the afternoon session the Committees appointed to consider the reports of the Grand Officers already referred to brought forward their recommendations, which were in most cases agreed to.

The first part of the proceedings of the second day's meeting was principally routine, comprising among other matters the report of the Committee on chartered Lodges. It was decided by the vote of Grand Lodge that the next session should be held at Des Moines on the first Tuesday in June 1880. The thanks of Grand Lodge was voted to the entertaining brethren and also to the various railroad companies who had made reductions to members proceeding to the Grand Lodge meeting. The election of Officers was then proceeded with, and on the roll of Lodges being called it was announced that Bro. Albert Cutler Abbott, of Marshalltown, was elected as Grand Master. The ensuing day the elections were proceeded with, the following being the result:—Crom. Bowen Senior Grand Warden, Noah Gillett Brown Junior Grand Warden, Lucien Caleb Blanchard G. Treas., Theodore S. Parvin G. Sec. The report of the Jurisprudence Committee was then laid before Grand Lodge, after which P.G. Master H. W. Rothert was re-elected to the position of Custodian for a further term of six years. The Grand Master having appointed the remaining Officers of Grand Lodge, the brethren were called from labour. On the resumption of business, the installation of Grand Officers was proceeded with; the brethren then marched in procession to the Methodist Episcopal Church. The escort was provided by Siloam Commandery of Knights Templar. Various resolutions of thanks having been passed, the Grand Master proceeded to close the Lodge in ample form, thus bringing to a conclusion the Thirty-sixth Annual Communication, "long to be remembered as one of the most pleasant and happy gatherings of the fraternity."

OUR SCHOLARS IN AFTER LIFE.

THE preliminary prospectus of "The Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund," which we published in our last issue, will have given our readers some idea of the fund it is proposed shall be started to render assistance to those of the pupils of our Masonic Schools who may deserve it. As Brother Dick Radclyffe has pointed out, it would appear presumptuous on the part of the few who are taking an active part in its establishment if they laid down any hard and fast lines as to the course to be adopted in distributing the benefits that may accrue. It is necessary before any rules can be framed, that a meeting, or it may be several meetings, of brethren interested in the proposed scheme should be held, and matters of detail left to them to decide. Up to the present time we understand that material progress has been made, the brethren, wherever an opinion is asked, giving their approval and expressing their appreciation of the idea; but it must be borne in mind, that unless the question be taken up energetically, the Fund will stand but a poor chance of success; we therefore urge upon brethren who are willing to take an interest in the undertaking to send in their names, even if they do not contribute to the Fund. Before any attempt can be made to start active measures it is necessary a large body of workers should be secured; brethren must be willing to bring the matter before their Lodges, not only once or twice, but until some opinion has been expressed by the majority of the members; we have very little fear what that opinion will be; every one we have spoken with on the project expresses the greatest approval. In order to make the Fund an established fact, and a lasting success, we feel sure publicity is the only element required, and as each of our readers can assist in this respect we fraternally invite them to co-operate with us in completing another link in the chain of Masonic benevolence.

It has been proposed to hold a Bazaar next summer, in aid of the funds of this scheme, and already influential assistance has been promised; this is a matter in which we can all lend a hand, by making contributions of articles for sale thereat, and by inducing our "sisters" to work. We are sure the ladies will aid in so good a cause, and

perhaps thereby they may earn the lasting thanks of one or other of the poor orphans the projectors may be enabled to take under their care.

We hope in the course of a month or so to be able to publish a satisfactory report of the real establishment of the fund, and that on many future occasions we may have opportunities of pointing to the good work accomplished. Any information may be obtained of either of the Secretaries, Bro. Dick Radclyffe, 129 High Holborn, London, W.C.; or W. W. Morgan jun., FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE Office, 67 Barbican, London, E.C.

As we go to press, we are gratified to receive intimation that the Deputy Grand Master of England, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, has expressed his approval of the scheme, and has promised his support to the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund.

THE DEGREE OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR PRIEST.

From the Canadian Craftsman, 15th March 1878.

By COL. MACLEOD MOORE, GREAT PRIOR OF CANADA.

MY attention having been directed to extracts in the February number of the *Craftsman*, taken from Masonic publications in the United States, in which my name has been quoted as an authority for the legitimacy of the degree of Knights Templar Priest, I beg to offer a few remarks to correct some erroneous impressions which appear to exist about the degree. In the first place, it is a great mistake to suppose, as stated, that the Templar Priest candidate "is fully instructed in the method of induction into the Templar Order, and the peculiar method of examination," as practised in the British dominions. I much fear that applicants who seek to be admitted with this object, will be greatly disappointed.

The degree is obsolete in England and Ireland, but was at one time well known in both countries, particularly in Lancashire, where it was long worked by Templar Conclaves in conjunction with the "Rose Croix," until the surrender of the latter to the A. & A. S. Rite, and the re-organisation of the Templar Order; but although not now recognised it is still practised in some of the older bodies, and continues to be attached to that of the Scottish Order of the Temple.

The degree is of a highly religious and Christian character, and the ritual most serious and impressive, having several points in common with that of the Knights of the East and West, which precedes the Rose Croix, or 18° of the A. & A. S. Rite, and also with the Priestly Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, as revised a few years back in England.

It usually followed the Templar ceremony without any intermediate degree, and was formerly considered the *neplus ultra* of Masonry in the Templar Order. The object of the degree is, however, not obvious, nor by whom or when it was invented, but old certificates date its origin from what is called the year of revival, A.D. 1686, when it is said to have been instituted as a Protestant degree of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, to be used as a test among the knights who had embraced the reformed faith, as, at that period, James II. of England having contemplated the revival of the English Language of St. John, in his dominions, had procured (A.D. 1687) the nomination of his natural son, Henry Fitz-James, by Bull of the Grand Master of Malta, to be Grand Prior of the English section of the Order. But this account of the degree is evidently but a surmise of the Masonic writers of the last century, who, confusing the Order of St. John with that of the Templars, invented and gave circulation to the most fanciful and erroneous theories in connection with the old Orders of Knighthood. Some supposed it was a degree given to Commanders, or to the Priests or Chaplains of the Order only, the Templar reception being usually considered as a military ceremony, and this degree the religious portion of it; but if the chaplains only received it they must have gone through the military part first, as it is a mere appendix to it. Other writers say that the knights of the old Order, being first admitted as soldiers, were, when they had served with honour, consecrated, and hence this portion of the ceremony, in modern times, has been presided over by a High Priest or Prelate of the Masonic Templar Order. This, perhaps, was the original view taken when forming this degree, known as the Most Holy Order of Knights Templar Priest, Holy Wisdom, or Knights of the Tabernacle.

The place of meeting was called a Tabernacle, and the members a Band, recipients of the degree in the absence of the Knight Templar Commander [Preceptor] filled the chair in preference to any other knight. The office-bearers are called Pillars, and a name is given to each of the seven principal officers, the certificates bore the names of these Pillars in a gradation in the form of seven steps, to which the seal was attached on green and white ribbon (Psalm lji. 9). The jewel of the Order is a silver star of seven points; in the centre, a cross and serpent twined round it, and pendant from the star, a silver Latin cross with serpent, the latter being considered a symbol of priesthood in the ancient mysteries.

Some little difference existed in the working of the degree in Scotland and Ireland from that of England, but of no particular moment. The presiding officer of a Scottish Tabernacle wears, suspended from his collar, a triangular jewel of silver, about three inches on each side, on which is engraved certain letters, their import every companion is required to know, as they may be said to form the test word.

I can speak thus confidently of the degree, being in possession of the Scottish ritual for many years, as also that of the one used in the oldest Tabernacle in England, attached to the Jerusalem Conclave, No. 9, of Knights Templar, Manchester, one of the very few now remaining, and whose by-laws were drawn up at its revival in 1813, with the names of all admitted from time to time appended to them, these rules, which are termed secret, are very stringent, and were only to be read in full to Templars seeking admission. The duties inculcated being most solemn and binding on the members, are not to be lightly undertaken. An instructive little work on the Orders of the Temple and St. John, &c., published by Bro. John Yarker, of Manchester, in 1869, gives an interesting account of this degree in connection with the Templar Order, and can be read with advantage.

It only remains to say that the high moral and religious teachings of the ritual recommend its not being allowed to drop altogether into oblivion, but as an appendage to the ceremonies and history of the Templar Order, it has but little value, and was wisely discontinued. Rituals stamp the character of degrees; therefore, the more simple they are, and more direct the reference to the history of the degree, the more likely they are to impress the candidate.

ANNUAL DUES.

FROM THE MASONIC NEWSPAPER.

THE system of annual dues is, we believe, one of the most pernicious that was ever introduced into the Fraternity. Annual dues are the recruiting sergeants of the army of the Unaffiliated. It is very fine to say that every brother can afford to pay his annual dues, and that if not all he has to do is to state his circumstances to the Lodge and the members will at once remit them? Now, practice is better than theory. We once knew a brother suspended for non-payment of dues the very evening he applied for assistance, being at the time very ill and unable to work, and some brethren who read this article will remember the incident. But it is not the annual dues of the Lodge alone that are so troublesome to meet; there are other Masonic bodies besides the Lodge, and the poor man has an equal right with the rich to seek more light in the so-called higher bodies, if his inclinations lead him in that direction.

Are the poorer brethren to be excluded from a knowledge of the work of the Chapter, Council, Asylum, and Consistory, because they cannot afford to pay ten or twenty dollars per annum? The system is wrong. If there is anything beneficial, useful or beautiful in these *Hautes Grades*, why not give them to every brother that desires to obtain more light from them. Freemasonry was never intended for the rich man alone, and yet by this system of annual dues the poorer brother is literally excluded from his rights. The Dives, who cares naught for the Craft except the regalia and title, can flaunt "Sir Knight" before his name, and place that wondrous number, that seems the acme of ambition to many, 32°, after his name, while the earnest, eager, plodding Lazarus, who delves deep and long in the quarries, finds he must remain there, because, although he might scrape together money enough to pay his fees for the degrees, he cannot afford an annual tax of some fifteen or twenty dollars in order to keep up his position in the Craft.

We don't care how high in reason the fees for degrees may be placed, but once having paid them, let that be an end of it; then a brother can feel free, but so long as he dreads an annual tax, it is a dread and a drawback. Times may become hard, he may lose his situation, there may be sickness and death in his family, and the annual dues that at the time of joining were a mere *bagatelle*, are now an important item of expenditure. He cannot meet them, and then he is summoned to show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues. Perchance he has been a regular attendant for years, an officer high in the esteem of the Craft, yet because he is financially embarrassed his brethren (?) disgrace him, and bring obloquy upon his family by suspending him for non-payment of dues, and his Grand Lodge blackens its banners by publishing his name to the profane as a suspended Mason. This is not the Masonry of our forefathers, when the youngest Entered Apprentice had a voice and voted in the annual assemblages of the Craft.

Fancy suspending a brother from his rights and titles, and privileges of the Craft, because he is poor, and this is really the reason. But to add iniquity to the injustice of the proceeding, his Lodge dues go on and accumulate during the period of said suspension the same as if he were still participating in all the pleasures and privileges of the Fraternity. Is this honourable, just, or right? Is it the Freemasonry that our fathers practised in those good old days when works and deeds formed the daily labour of the Order instead of ritual and regalia?

Our theory is that the fees for joining any Masonic body should be large enough to permit that body to put on one side a certain amount for the legitimate expenses of the Lodge, and a larger proportion for a fund to be permanently invested for the benefit of those in distressed circumstances, the sick, the dying, the widow and the orphan. There is no reason why this cannot be done. A man then knows the cost before joining, and he would know that once having received the degrees of any particular Masonic body, he would not be deprived of the privileges pertaining to them should he at any future period find his circumstances in life unfortunately changed for the worse.

We are amongst those, therefore, who believe that the interests of Freemasonry would be advanced by raising the fees of initiation into the Lodge and Membership of the higher bodies, and do away in toto with annual dues. Many a brother cannot afford to pay annually six dollars for his Lodge, four for his Chapter, three for his Council, five for his Commandery, and perhaps ten for other Masonic bodies. Such an amount becomes a heavy tax upon the purse-strings of many an earnest worker, and at last, finding himself unable to keep them up, he is forced, when perhaps his presence is most required in the Craft, to withdraw entirely or rob the home and children of the actual necessities of life. This is not as it should be, and can only be remedied by the total abolition of the system of annual dues.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening at the Freemasons' Hall, when there were present—Bros. J. M. Clabon President, Joshua Nunn Senior Vice-President, James Brett Junior Vice-President, H. G. Buss Assistant G. Secretary, W. Dodd, Neville Green, J. M. Case P.G.D., Erasmus Wilson P.G.D., C. A. Cottebruno P.G.P., J. B. Shackleton, W. Stephens, G. P. Britten, Charles Daisy, H. Garrod, H. Massey, Charles Atkins, Herbert Dickotts, W. Hilton, W. Hill Evans, M.D., A. Lamarque, R. E. K. Wilkinson, T. F. Knight Smith, J. H. Matthew, Alfred Withers, Joshua Holden, W. Brody Date, John Lee, George B. Brodie, J. G. Robinson, W. Foulsham, Henry Speedy, Wm. Hope, M.D., Deputy Master No. 2, E. Farwig, J. I. Cattle, Thomas W. Bond, George S. Elliott, A. Timothy, G. F. Siego, E. Squirrel, W. W. Gray, Robert Harmon, D. W. Belfrage, and S. G. Coope. The brethren first confirmed grants of £110 recommended by last Lodge, and afterwards granted £125 to new cases. There were eighteen of these on the list. Five were dismissed, and two were deferred. Two grants were made of £100 each, three of £40 each, and two of £35 each. There were also granted one of £50, one £20, one £15, and one £10.

The annual gatherings of the various Provincial Grand Lodges frequently tend to produce great Masonic activity in the towns where such take place, and undoubtedly serve to create an interest in the Craft which would not otherwise be aroused. The townsmen who are thus honoured naturally strive to make their hospitality worthy of their guests, and in no few instances to shew by their after actions that what they undertook when they engaged to entertain their rulers was but a fair index of their general zeal. The City of Canterbury bids fair to illustrate this. Freemasonry in that ancient city has progressed most favourably of late; since the visit of P.G. Lodge in 1878 the members of the various Lodges and other Masonic bodies held there have striven to show they are really in earnest. A special building has been secured for the meetings, and other improvements are either in contemplation or in course of completion. We learn that one of its Lodges at its next meeting, has it in contemplation to vote a considerable amount in charity. Besides the Institutions connected with our Order,—which will come in for a large share of the amount,—the claims of local institutions will not be forgotten. We trust our Canterbury brethren will be enabled on this, and future occasions, to prove the reputation of Freemasonry in their city is left in the charge of good and worthy brethren.

There is an anthem of fraternal feeling whose grand and heavenly notes have been pealing since the day King Solomon arranged its matchless harmony. Thousands and tens of thousands, who are making their solemn march toward the boundary of time, know the music, and unite in accord with it. They seize the echo as it rolls back to them from the millions who have gone beyond our straining sight into the shadows of the unknown world. They teach the key-note and the pitch to those who are to follow them, and thus friendship's music is never silent, its secrets never lost; the air will never cease to vibrate with it, until time shall be no longer. Many of those who claim to be Masons may have never learned the *pitch* of Masons' music. They may get skill to handle the instruments, they may give utterance to some kind of a tune, but the true "Key-note of King Solomon," they receive not. And why? Because there never was a taste for such harmony in their souls. There never was a capacity to appreciate such refined ideas. Their ears had become blunted to the sounds of such celestial notes, and were only delighted by the rude imitations which men without Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, have given forth to the world as fraternal music.

The Master of the Lodge is under more peculiar obligations to show respect and reverence to the Holy Scriptures than a private member. You will discover the reason for this by reading the solemn injunction made you at your Installation. It is with this as with the Junior Warden's Charge concerning temperance: he must practise temperance even more sedulously than private members, because he has accepted the office under those pledges. You (the Master) accepted Installation under all the declarations of the Monitor, and one of these is extremely forcible concerning faith in the Holy Scriptures.—Rob Morris.

The Perfect Ashlar is a symbol of perfection—the quest of the ages—that perfection which man through all time; and in eternity too, will doubtless seek, and at last attain. Here nothing is perfect. Every year there is, in nature, a killing frost. Man himself at last succumbs to the frost of age, if he has not previously fallen before the frost of disease. In Summer there is sickening heat, in Winter there is hail; in youth there is disappointment, in age death. All things return to the quarry of earth—"earth to earth, dust to dust, ashes to ashes." The truly Perfect Ashlar will only be found in the great hereafter, in the Temple above. But here we may find Ashlars at least *quasi*-perfect. There may be upon them the marks of the Craftsman's tools. They may be found numbered among the brethren, squaring their actions by the Square of virtue, walking uprightly before the All seeing Eye, and their Brother Masons, as admonished by the Plumb, and ever bearing in memory the lesson of the Level, as they hasten over the rugged road of time toward the undiscovered realm of eternity.—Keystone.

A PEEP AT A LOCAL "CURIOSITY SHOP."

By a PERIPATETIC BROTHER.

THE devotion of a whole lifetime to the collection and arrangement of objects of art and historical curiosities may be regarded as a dry and aimless pastime by those who have failed to acquire æsthetic tastes; but to the cultured few such efforts are suggestive of the highest possible admiration. For my part, I must own to the possession of but few of the attributes of the *connoisseur*, and have always regarded collectors of every variety as a species of Dryasdust, with no generous blood in their veins, and therefore a set of old fogies to be avoided. As a rule collectors are a bore. Rate-collectors are seldom received with a grin of welcome satisfaction. There are butterfly collectors, coin collectors, picture collectors, and no end of these "snappers-up of ill-considered trifles," each having a peculiar sphere, and each redolent of a peculiar and distinct odour of mustiness. The poor old naturalist famed in the Ingoldsby Legends was of little practical use or ornament until he fell to (or rather fell in) catching eels, and that occupation did not last him long. The geologist who starts off with his bag and hammer is a morose and reticent fellow, except when you get him astride his favourite theme; and so is the amateur astronomer, who spends his nights star-gazing. Every man, I suppose, has a hobby; and provided that hobby is not ridden to death, or is made irksome to others, very often an advantage arises not merely to the individual immediately interested, but to a wide circle around him of those who are imbued with kindred tastes and ideas.

Now, having given it as my experience that collectors, as a rule, are as crusty and capricious as possible upon all questions not bearing directly on the subject upon which they have grown insane, let me introduce you to one of a totally different stamp—a rare old specimen of English geniality, good humour, and intelligence. How I came across him was in this wise. During the recent barge sailing match from Erith to the Nore, I noticed upon the bridge of our committee steamer, a ruddy-faced, bustling little man, who appeared to me to be doing the work of commodore, secretary, and treasurer, all rolled into one; he was here, there, and everywhere, giving directions, and seeing that everybody was jolly and comfortable, and everybody seemed to appeal to him on every conceivable matter connected with the trip. I dubbed him at once an old Navy man, or a sea-captain who had "weathered many a storm;" and a hearty old soul I thought him, who at the age of seventy-four could trip up and down the saloon stairs as lightly as a boarding-school miss, or laugh as lustily as any of his "fellow seamen" upon the bridge. A chat with this, to my mind, Harry Bluff certainly did not prepossess me with any idea that he was a member of the Dryasdust Order, in the category of which I had been accustomed to enumerate "collectors" of every species before mentioned. My surprise, therefore, was great, when on accepting the invitation of Mr. W. W. Massingham, to smoke a quiet cigar with him at Caroline Villa, Granville Park, Lewisham, I found my sailor friend, who had been as handy at a coil of rope as at the binnacle, surrounded by a perfect museum of exquisite *morceaux*, in the accumulation of which he had spent more than half a century of his life. Where the dickens my friend lived is a puzzle, now I come to think of it, for the entire house, from basement to roof, was literally crammed with pictures, *bijouterie*, old china, historical and theatrical curiosities, articles of *vertu*, and a thousand and one other objects of interest, all of which he had industriously collected and ingeniously displayed in the various apartments into which Caroline Villa is divided.

It would occupy more space than you could afford to allude in detail to the many objects, possessing such a history of its own, which are stored away in Mr. Massingham's *bijou* museum. But in sauntering through the different departments, I may mention a few, for the information and interest of *connoisseurs* in such matters. In a cabinet filled with rare and curious old china, was the identical ring presented by Lord Nelson to Lady Hamilton, the miniature portrait on which is in a fine state of preservation, and is set round with pearls. This souvenir of the hero of Trafalgar is highly prized by its owner, as it should be. In this cabinet also were four quaint old butter boats, in the shape of ducks, together with a host of curious little knick-knacks; whilst a similar cabinet on the opposite side contained a complete tea and coffee set in real Chinese porcelain, together with other specimens of china which might well excite the envy of any collector in that particular line. This room is hung around with engravings of great antiquity, and possessing many quaint features of which I have not time to speak in this letter. Passing into an adjoining room, my host, whom I may call Curator, in order to avoid repetition, pointed out a valuable interior by Jan Steen, companion to one sold by Christie in 1872 for the almost fabulous sum of £1071. This picture measures 11½ inches by 10½ inches, and the subject is an old woman picking a man's pocket whilst he is helplessly intoxicated. The other, it will be recollected, which fetched so high a price, is of the same size, and represented a party of courtesans stealing a watch from a youth whilst asleep. It would appear to me that if these two rare works could be brought together, they would be an inseparable pair. Close by this was a splendid painting of Mrs. Siddons, in the character of *Calista*, in the tragedy of the "Fair Penitent," and above this is a grand profile of the poet Pope. I also saw a fine sketch by Rembrandt for his grand painting of the "Brazen Serpent"—this was purchased at Lord Osborne's sale at Antigua House, St. John's Wood, some time ago, and is vouched for as genuine. Near this is a perfect little gem, by Newton, representing a "Maid of Damascus being taught Christianity," faced by the famous picture of "The Smoker," by Teniers. In this group also I noticed a fine old painting of Bergia, Pope Alexander VI., painted by

Rathelle, about 1492; near which was a good painting on copper, by Rottenhammer, representing a monk at his devotions. Drummond's effective painting of "Don Juan and Haidee, surprised by her father," forms a companion object in this collection, as also does a large picture by Guido, "The Suicide of Lucretia," "Tempting Moments," representing a cluster of schoolboys pilfering from the sleepy old applewoman's stall, is one of Collins's well-known efforts; and here, too, are Albano's "Four Elements," painted in masterly style. A couple of G. Hendrick's river scenes, with the fishing-smacks lying lazily at their moorings, and bathed in all the rich hues of a summer sunset, are hung over Mulready's celebrated painting of "The last in," the authenticity of which, though vaguely doubted, is nevertheless unhesitatingly challenged by its owner. Then there is a very old view of Dover, by Powell, the noted marine painter, showing the old jetty, the castle, and the East Cliff, splendidly executed on panel; a beautiful umbrageous landscape by J. McIntyre; a fine head by Pombo, a disciple of Giorgione, whose style of colouring he carefully studied, and imitated with the greatest success. No master of his time (about 1500) displayed greater excellence in this style of the art. Here also is a choice painting, representing the old Dutch school-master dealing with a refractory pupil, the painter of which is unknown; a *recherché* little piece portraying Cattermole in the Fleet Prison, painted by himself; several paintings by Armfield; a large one by old Brueghel, representing a Village Festival, on panel; and several landscapes and river scenes in water-colours by John Varley. Disposed about the room in every niche and corner are valuable specimens of antique china, including massive Dresden pieces, representing Neptune drawn by his sea-horses, and attended by a tribe of mermaids and his queen, drawn by dolphins, and surrounded by her attendants. Knickknacks of every species of curiosity are crammed into the apartment, making up, as I have said, a museum, the study of which would occupy more time than is at the disposal of a casual visitor. Amongst the many other paintings, however, I should not omit to call attention to a portrait of the late "Iron Duke," painted by Count D'Orsay; the "Miser and his Daughter," by Miéris; a portrait of Titian, in water colour; a moonlit river scene by P. Pether; and a grand painting of St. Peters, at Rome, showing the castle of St. Angelo and the bridge spanning the Tiber, which many visitors to the Crystal Palace would detect as having seen in the picture gallery there a little time ago.

Following my friend to the "upper regions" of his domain, I was shown a fine old river scene, by C. Moreland, which is hung near to "The Farrier," by the same celebrated artist,—a very grand pair of large paintings, which were formerly hung in Greenwich Hospital; a grand landscape, by Hobbema, setting forth the dense labyrinths of a forest, with the river meandering through it. A couple of well-executed paintings, by Course, representing Falstaff bragging of his fight with the men in buckram, and Sir John vindicating Bardolph's nose. Near this is one of Nieman's winter scenes—*Colliers off Northfleet*; some exquisite enamels, by Tideman; old views of Greenwich and Chelsea Hospitals, by Samuel Scott,—the antiquity of which is indicated by the character of the shipping on the river; together with a host of smaller paintings, all of which possess features of great interest and attraction to the *connoisseur*. In an adjoining room, also literally packed with works of art, is a large painting, by Quintin Matsys, more than three hundred years old, which, though rather painful in its subject, is treated in masterly style, and the picture is reputed to be of great value. A choice painting, by Rembrandt, "Susannah and the Elders," also finds a place here; as also does a magnificent painting of Our Saviour in the Agony of the Cross. Amongst the gems of this department I was shown a unique painting on ivory of Jupiter and Antispa; and another recumbent figure, by David; some curious old paintings on slate; a horse-racing sketch in the early reign of George III.; a beautiful allegorical painting of "Tragedy and Comedy," by Louthembourg, dated 1805; a portrait, by Drummond, of Mr. Moody in the character of Jobson, in the farce of "The Devil to Pay," played at the King's Theatre, Haymarket, 1793; a large painting of "The Storm in Harvest," by Westall; landscape by C. Morland; "Relieving the Poor," by Wheatley; a rough sea scene, by Musin; and a large sketch of the office outside Ostend harbour, with shipping making for the haven before a portending squall. There is also an original painting, by Snyder, "The Fish Market," engravings from which may be familiar to your readers; a sea scene, by Taylor; a moonlight sketch, painted in the last century, by J. W. Smith; one or two suggestive paintings, by W. Etty; "King Solomon's Judgment," by Rembrandt; and very many others.

I have only time to glance cursorily at the many objects of interest which, if described in detail, would occupy a huge volume, but may incidentally mention that among the curiosities may be found several boxes made from the timbers of the Old Victory and the Royal George; the infant's cap, shoes, and shirt worn by the Prince of Wales; a slice of the Princess Royal's wedding cake; bread and potato taken from the Queen's table; the stage jewels worn by Mrs. Siddons, the actress; several nuggets of Australian gold; a profuse variety of shells, classified; George III.'s Prayer-book, presented to Mr. Massingham's father, in 1789; almanacs, dated 1750-1, from George III.'s library; a lock of Edmund Kean's hair; model of the old Lyceum Theatre, burnt in Feb. 1830; curious old antique jewels; Indian silks and filagree; medallions of the English and French kings; Garrick's sword, used by the celebrated actor in his last performance in the character of *Don Felix* in "The Wonder," at Drury Lane, and presented by him to Tom King, who played the part of *Lisardo* on that occasion; autograph letters from kings, statesmen, and authors of celebrity; and a host of models, relics, and curiosities, as the auctioneers would say, "too numerous to mention."

I hesitate to speak of Mr. Massingham's collection of theatrical relics and mementos, farther than to say it is the most extensive and marvellous in the world. He has a whole library of scrap books and albums containing information, "complimentary orders," playbills, and autographs, portraits &c., of all the eminent actors and actresses, from the time of Garrick, and even of an earlier date; and these are so

preserved as to afford the most ready reference required for any information respecting the English stage. In the collection of these Mr. Massingham has displayed most astounding patience, vigilance and research, taking into his omnium gatherum every shred and scrap of interest which should go to make his collection complete. With an ingenuity most enviable Mr. Massingham has contrived to fit up his museum in a style which cannot fail to be of interest to any one who may be as fortunate as I was to be invited to a "private view;" and I must say that I came away after a three hour's inspection highly delighted at having discovered a fertile source of amusement and instruction that I little dreamt had been quietly and industriously got together so near at home. Added to this—

"A merrier man,
Within the limit of becoming mirth,
I never spent an hour's talk withal;"

and, if not trespassing upon your space, which I know is valuable, I may at some future time present, in similar bird's-eye fashion, some other few entertaining features presented by Mr. Massingham's truly wonderful and "home-made" repository of art and curiosity at Granville-Park.

STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT LODGE, No. 726.

FROM THE STAFFORDSHIRE ADVERTISER.

THE Earl of Shrewsbury was initiated a member of this Lodge on Tuesday, the 12th instant. The event was regarded as one of great significance by the Masons of the Province, of whom there was a large gathering on the occasion. Every preparation had been made for their accommodation by the brethren of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, and the business of the day was transacted in the Borough Hall, Stafford. Lodge was opened in due form at three o'clock in the afternoon by Bro. T. E. Fowke W.M., in the presence of about 120 brethren. The following signed the attendance book:—G. S. Tudor R.W. D.P.G.M., J. Bodenham 726 P.G. Treasurer, W. Randall 468 P.G.C., J. Ingamells 460 P.G.J.D., W. Needham 966 P.G. Supt. of Works, W. Vernon 456 P.G.S.B., J. L. Kennedy 1031 P.P.G.D.C., J. Pearsall P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, J. Steen 526 P.P.G.R., J. D. Hewson 726 P.P.G.S.W., C. Fendelow 419 and 526 P.P.G.S.D., A. G. Prince 546 P.P.G. Junior Deacon, J. P. Hall 456 1587 P. Prov. G.A.D.C., J. Storer 726 P.P.G.S.B., G. Spilsbury 726 P. Prov. G.W., H. Woodhouse 726 P. Prov. G.S.D., T. Moore 726 P.P.G.S.D., E. Faulkner 779 P.P.G.J.D. Leicester and Rutland, — Hassall 779 Leicestershire, James Salmon P.P.G.J.W. North Wales and Salop, W. Jones 460 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J. L. Gibbons 353 P.P.G.S.W., W. H. Spaul P.G. Sec. North Wales and Salop, the Rev. C. Bullivant S.W. 1520, R. Tooth P.M. 637, F. W. Payton J.D. 482, J. F. Pepper W.M. Elect 482, W. Ormson I.G. 1520, Thomas Barton 1520, R. W. Barton 1520, W. Tempest P.M. 1060, J. Williamson W.M. 1587, S. Collis P.M. 1587, D. Taylor 1520, H. G. Wrighton 1520, G. Dance 662, T. Turner P.M. 460, C. Bunting P.M. 456, W. Fletcher P.M. 456, R. Plant 456 and 1587, E. Hodgkinson W.M. 456, G. Greenslade S.W. 456, G. Chell 966, T. Bunting Organist 456, J. Bryan W.M. 696, H. Langman P.M. 419, A. E. Allen 419, C. H. Dudley 395, C. Blackshaw P.M. 533, J. T. Eayrs Secretary 460, F. Skerrett 460, W. T. Agutter 460, J. T. Snape 460, S. Evans 662, T. Parton 662, T. A. Jones 662, R. Thomas I.G. 456, Henry Gough 662, F. Arkinstall 662, T. H. Rabone J.W., 456, F. J. Milner S.W. 966, T. B. Bull 1587, S. Downing 662, T. Spencer 662, T. J. Barnett W.M. 526, E. E. Almond 1587, J. Senior 526, R. Tolson W.M. 1060, W. G. McLaughlin 1060, A. G. Collin J.D. 1375, W. Brown I.G. 347, T. H. Cope W.M. 1520, J. B. Burns 1520, W. B. Talbot W.M. 662, S. Clapp S.W. 662, G. Baker 526, W. F. Cooper 1739, J. Astle J.W. 779, W. F. Smallman 662, T. Hunt 1009, H. Baggaley 460 P.G. Tyler, H. Thorn 526, and J. S. Brown; and the following members of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge:—T. W. Chalmers I.P.M., T. Wood S.W., S. Scott J.W., J. Mottram Sec., R. Sudbury S.D., John Baker J.D., J. L. White D.C., E. W. Taylor Org., G. Griffith and S. Plant Stewards, A. Ward I.G., R. Tomlinson Tyler, E. C. Perry P.M., G. F. Talbot, T. Harding, F. Greatrex, W. Shaw, T. Masters, H. B. Livingston, T. Hyatt, A. F. Whittome, J. Nutt, R. Podmore, I. Bervon, E. J. Mousley, T. Rigby, W. Southall, J. B. McCallum, A. Joyes, D. Batkin, and A. C. Podmore.

The ceremony of initiation was performed in an impressive manner by Bro. Fowke W.M., who was ably assisted by his Officers. The musical arrangements were also well carried out. Letters of apology were received from Mr. A. Staveley Hill, Q.C., M.P., the Rev. Brooke Lambert, and many other brethren of the Province. After Lodge had been closed, the brethren took luncheon together in the hall, Bro. Nutt, of the North-Western Hotel, being an excellent caterer on the occasion. After the repast the loyal toasts were proposed by the W.M., who expressed his belief that Masonry would prosper as long as they had such a man as his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as the Grand Master of England. The Rev. E. C. Perry proposed the toast of the Pro Grand Master (the Earl of Carnarvon), the D.G.M. (the Earl of Skelmersdale), and other officers of Grand Lodge. He said local and provincial Lodges often received a great deal of help from those experienced brethren who were officers of the Grand Lodge, and they knew that a short time ago they were much indebted to them for the assertion of the principles lying at the foundation of Freemasonry which they had all at heart. The W.M. next proposed the R.W. P.G.M. pro tem, Bro. Aeneas Macintyre, the R.W. D.P.G.M. and other officers of the P.G. Lodge past and present. He observed that nothing could conduce more to the good working of any large body of men than to have in the chief offices those who took an interest in the institution. He especially complimented the D.P.G.M., from whom he said he and his Lodge had experienced the greatest courtesy, and had received much valuable

aid and information with regard to the present meeting. Bro. Tudor briefly acknowledged the toast. Bro. Randall, P.G. Chaplain, also responded. He said in connection with the P.G. Lodge he had learned to esteem Masonry more than ever he did before, and it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to be present on such an auspicious occasion as the initiation into the Craft of a noble son of a noble father. He, who had felt for years that the power of Freemasonry was a great good amongst men, ventured to tell their young brother who had joined them that day that he had now entered within the threshold of that great temple whose every recess as it opened to him would unfold to him more and more the high principles of that glorious institution of which he had become a member. That institution would not interfere in any way with his religious convictions. While it was totally independent, it ran along a parallel line with it, for religion and true Masonry could never be opposed. He had been a Freemason thirty-five years, and the more he knew of Masonry the more did he encourage every man to attach himself to the Craft. They were taught to live respected so that they might die regretted, and if they only looked to the foundation of Freemasonry they would find that it was based on the volume of the sacred law. If they only advanced in the knowledge which they were taught in the different degrees, and acted up to the principles inculcated therein, they would be better men in their hopes for this world and the next. The R.W. D.P.G.M. proposed the health of the W.M., speaking of the satisfactory manner in which he had performed his duties, and congratulating him upon having initiated the son of their late esteemed P.G.M. He was sure it would be a satisfaction to the whole of the brethren of the Province to know that the Earl of Shrewsbury had become a Freemason, and it would be gratifying to them if the P.G.M. should think fit to appoint him to Office in the P.G. Lodge. The W.M. acknowledged the toast, and proposed the health of the Earl of Shrewsbury, expressing a hope that his Lordship would follow in the steps of his revered father, and receive the respect and admiration of the whole of the Craft, and never regret entering the Masonic fraternity. The toast was very heartily drunk. The Earl of Shrewsbury, in responding, thanked them for the kind manner in which his name had been mentioned by several brethren, and received by them all. It was with the greatest pleasure that he had that day been initiated into Freemasonry, and especially that he had become a member of the Lodge at Stafford, because he lived close by, and for very many years his family had been connected in various ways with that town. He looked upon the Staffordshire Knot Lodge as his mother Lodge, and he hoped to look upon it in the same way that a child should look upon its mother. His father took a great interest in Freemasonry, and he trusted that time would show that his son would endeavour to follow in his steps. Bro. S. Scott proposed the Past Masters of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, on whose behalf Bro. Storer responded. Bro. Chalmers, in proposing "The Masonic Charities," said they were magnificent institutions, which Masons looked upon with pride. While most other charities were dependent partly or wholly on bequests which had descended from past generations, the Masonic Charities depended upon the subscriptions of the present generation of free and accepted Masons. Bro. T. Wood responded. Bro. Capt. Talbot, in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," referred to the initiation of his relative, and said he could endorse the statements which had been made that the father of the initiate was a thoroughly good Mason. He had had a little to do with introducing his cousin to the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, and thought it was the right Lodge for him to join, as it was near the home of himself and his ancestors. He trusted that his cousin would look upon his connection with that Lodge as another affectionate link between himself and the borough of Stafford, as well as the province of Staffordshire. He hoped also that the visitors would feel that the brethren of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge had done their best to make them comfortable that day. The toast was acknowledged by Bros. Vernon, Blackshaw, and Ingamells. Bro. F. Greatrex proposed the toast of "The Officers of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge," which was appropriately acknowledged by Bro. John Baker. The interesting proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a close. During the evening a glee party contributed some excellent vocal music, Bro. Taylor presiding at the pianoforte.

The 18th half-yearly meeting of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association was held at the Trentham Hotel on Wednesday, under the presidency of the Very Worshipful Bro. Frank James, P.D.P.G.M. Staffordshire. This association was established in 1871, for the purpose of disseminating pure Masonic Charity in aid of orphan boys and girls, and the children of deceased Staffordshire Masons. Since the formation of the association the Masons of the Province have nobly supported the Charities, no candidate for such benefits having failed to obtain the necessary support. The majority of the brethren in Staffordshire are now enrolled as members of the association, and are consistent supporters of what may truly be termed the characteristic objects of Masonry, charity, brotherly love, &c. The meeting at Trentham was of the usual encouraging nature, many Lodges of the Province being represented. A ballot was taken for ten life subscriptions, resulting as follows:—Bros. A. Barlow, 546, T. Wood 726, J. Turner 1039, H. Quinton 1039, W. Vernon 456, R. H. Auty 621, J. Ingamells 460, Dr. Parkes 482, W. T. Beetonson 637, F. Derry 482. The annual report showed a balance in hand of £139 5s; sums since received increasing the available funds to £191. The President strongly urged that those Lodges which had hitherto not come forward in assisting the meritorious efforts of the County Association should be requested to do so. The report was adopted. The next meeting was fixed to be held at Barton, in January, when it is expected that over 60 life subscriptions will be allotted, owing to the alteration in closing the yearly lists of subscriptions. A dinner followed, which was presided over by Bro. F. James. After the Loyal Toast, the President, in appropriate terms, proposed

The Masonic Charities, calling especial attention to the Staffordshire Association, which had been instrumental in securing for eight children the advantages of a superior education at one or other of the great Masonic Institutions. In addition to this, he heartily recommended to the notice of the Lodges the B. Fund for educating those children of Masons in the Province who had not been eligible for the greater Institutions of the Order. Bro. Thomas 637, who had been Steward for the year, and Bros Bodenham and Marsh, the Treasurer and Secretary, severally responded. A few other toasts followed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The Grand Lodge meeting of this Province took place at Ventnor, on Monday, the 11th instant, under the presidency of the R.W. P.G.M. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, assisted by the D.P.G.M. Bro. Hickman. The usual routine business having been disposed of, the P.G.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers for the ensuing year, and it is this part of the proceedings that requires some notice.

The P.G.M. made his usual introductory speech, about the difficulty of distributing ten collars among thirty Lodges, and that the six Stewards' collars which he intended giving to W.M.'s and P.M.'s of Lodges must not be considered as a bar to their future advancement, but, on the contrary, should be regarded as a recommendation for honours in years to come.

Now, a Steward's collar, we all know, is never received as an honour by the Master or Past Master of a Lodge, and but for the dread of creating a scene in P.G. Lodge, they would almost invariably refuse to accept it, as its possession subjects them to continual annoyance from the jests of their brethren.

We all freely acknowledge the difficulty of dividing the honours equally, but fail to see how this desideratum can be obtained by nearly always giving the honours that are worth having to the same set of Lodges, the others getting only Stewardships, or nothing.

I will not presume to say that the fact, of what may be called the permanent officers of P.G. Lodge being members of these Lodges has anything to do with this, but many brethren have this belief, and reference to the accompanying table, showing the distribution of honours since 1868, will show that they have some excuse for their opinion.

There being some twenty-nine working Lodges in the Province, it follows that each Lodge can only expect one Wardenship in about fifteen years, but these fortunate Lodges average about one in three years.

It is abundantly evident that some alteration is necessary, and if the Province is so large that justice cannot be done to the Lodges composing it, let it be divided into two, say the five Isle of Wight Lodges, the nine Lodges of Portsmouth and Gosport, together with Fareham and Havant—in all sixteen—under the title of East Hants, and the remaining fifteen Lodges as West Hants. This, or some similar division, would clear the way for Provincial honours and give satisfaction to all parties.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
AN OLD P.M.

List of Officers appointed since 1868, with the date of appointment, not including the D.P.G.M., P.G. Treasurer, P.G. Secretary, P.G. Chaplain, P.G. Organist, and P.G. Stewards.

Name of Lodge.	No.	S.G. Warden. Date.	J.G. Warden. Date.	G. Registrar. Date	S.G. Deacon. Date.	J.G. Deacon. Date.	G.S. of Works. Date.	G.D. of C. Date	A.G. D. of C. Date.	G.S. Bearer. Date.	G. Pursuivant Date.	Total.
1 Medina, Cowes ...	35					1 1870	1 1875			1 1869		3
2 Economy, Winchester ...	76	1 1877		3 1869 1874 1879		1 1873	1 1871		1 1872			7
3 Royal Gloucester, South'ton	130	2 1869 1876	2 1871 1872		2 1875 1879		1 1868	1 1877				8 D
4 Unity, Ringwood ...	132								1 1878		1 1877	2
5 Albany, Newport, I.W. ...	151				1 1877					1 1875		2
6 E. Medina, Ryde, I.W. ...	175	2 1873 1879	2 1875 1878									4
7 Hengist, Bournemouth ...	195	1 1878		1 1877		1 1876	1 1876	1 1874			1 1869	6
8 Phoenix, Portsmouth ...	275		2 1868 1876	1 1875	1 1873							4
9 Harmony, Fareham ...	309	1 1875		2 1876	1 1869	1 1879		1 1868	1 1870			7
10 New Forest, Lymington ...	319				2 1872 1876	1 1868	1 1876		1 1873	1 1871		6
11 Royal Sussex, Portsea ...	342			1 1871			1 1870		2 1875 1877	1 1874	2 1868 1879	7
12 Peace & Harmony, South'ton	359				2 1868 1870	1 1869		4 1871 1872 1873 1878				7
13 Southampton, Southampton	394			2 1872 1878		2 1869 1873				2 1870 1876		6
14 Portsmouth, Portsmouth ...	487		3 1869 1874 1877			1 1879	1 1870	2 1871 1876	2 1872 1878	1 1870	10 B	
15 Yarborough, Ventnor, I.W.	551								1 1879	1 1877		2
16 Oakley, Basingstoke ...	694	2 1868 1872	1 1879		1 1878	1 1878	1 1876					6 A
17 Ryde, Ryde, I.W. ...	698	1 1870		1 1873		2 1875 1877						4
18 Panmure, Aldershot ...	723	1 1871				2 1872 1874				1 1868	1 1878	5
19 Twelve Brothers, South'ton	785											Not working
20 Carnarvon, Havant ...	804			1 1870		3 1874 1877 1878		1 1869		1 1873	6	
21 Gosport, Gosport ...	903		1 1870		1 1871	1 1878		1 1869	1 1868	1 1873	1 1872	7
22 Friendship, Petersfield ...	928											Not in active working
23 United Brothers, Southsea	1069		1 1873						1 1874			2 C
24 Vale of Avon, Fordingbridge	1112							1 1875				1
25 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot	1331				1 1874						3 1871 1874 1875	4
26 St. Hubert, Andover ...	1373	1 1874						1 1879				2
27 United Service, Portsmouth	1428									1 1879	1 1876	2
28 Clausentum, Woolston ...	1461											
29 Prince of Wales, Gosport ...	1705											
30 Landport, Landport ...	1776											Constituted 1877
31 Connaught, Portsea ...	1831											Constituted 1878 Constituted 1879

A. The P.G. Master is a member of this Lodge.
B. C. The P.G. Treasurer is a member of these Lodges.
D. The D.P.G. Master and the P.G. Secretary are members of this Lodge.

PAST-MASTERS' PRIVILEGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to the Book of Constitutions, "Grand Lodges," section 1, page 18, and "Provincial Grand Lodges," section 2, page 52, I shall be glad to learn whether, in the opinion of our Masonic jurists, the conditions in the former paragraph limiting the right of a Past Master to a seat in Grand Lodge equally apply to his right to a seat in Provincial Grand Lodge. In the former case it is clear enough that a P.M. must have executed the office of Master for a full year, and must not since have ceased to subscribe to a Lodge for the space of twelve months, to secure a right to a seat in Grand Lodge, but in the latter case no such restriction is specially imposed, it merely stating that, amongst others, "Past Masters of all Lodges within the Province are members of Provincial Grand Lodge." Reasoning, I suppose by analogy, it is held by some in this Province, that though no condition, beyond subscription to a Lodge within the Province, is specially laid down affecting a P.M.'s right to a seat in Provincial Grand Lodge, yet the conditions of his membership are precisely the same as those governing his right to a seat in Grand Lodge. That, for instance, should a Master not have executed his office for a full year, through his election and installation not having taken place at the usual time, or through any other circumstance, on leaving the chair he ceases to be a member of his Provincial Grand Lodge. I shall be glad to learn how far this opinion is supported by authority.

Yours faithfully,

W. S. L.

Craddock, South Africa,

15th July 1879.

KNOTS AND MILES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The period of the year having arrived in which excursions and journeys by water are frequently made, it may perhaps be interesting to some of your readers to be made acquainted with the relative proportions of knots and miles. A mile contains 1760 yards, and a knot 2000, the difference between the two often times creating a stumbling block in the minds of the uninstructed.

As an elucidation, I append a table, which, if cut out and retained, may serve to lighten the tedium of a voyage. It might also be utilised as a reference to settle many questions as to distances, which, *experientia docet*, are continually arising on board vessels, whether bound to the Nore, to Margate, Boulogne, Scotland, Hull, or more remote ports.

Knots	Miles	Knots	Miles
1 = . . .	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 20 yards.	13 = . . .	14 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 40 yards.
2 = . . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 40 "	14 = . . .	15 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 60 "
3 = . . .	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 60 "	15 = . . .	17 " 80 "
4 = . . .	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 80 "	16 = . . .	18 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 100 "
5 = . . .	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 100 "	17 = . . .	19 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 120 "
6 = . . .	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 120 "	18 = . . .	20 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 140 "
7 = . . .	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 140 "	19 = . . .	21 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 160 "
8 = . . .	9 " 160 "	20 = . . .	22 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 180 "
9 = . . .	10 $\frac{1}{4}$ " 180 "	30 = . . .	34 " 160 "
10 = . . .	11 $\frac{1}{4}$ " 200 "	40 = . . .	45 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 140 "
11 = . . .	12 $\frac{1}{4}$ " " "	50 = . . .	56 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 120 "
12 = . . .	13 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 20 "	100 = . . .	113 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 20 "

Yours truly and fraternally,

VIATOR.

WHICH IS CORRECT?

"IL TEGAME, OR A MASON'S HOLIDAY."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In perusing the article contained in the pages of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of this date, under the heading of "Il Tegame," I was greatly surprised to find a foot-note in the following words:—"Even little 'Which is Correct?' hides in his little hole." As, for the very life of me, I cannot make out the writer's meaning, or imagine for one moment to what he alludes, perhaps you will be good enough to allow me to ask Bro. W. Viner B. Bedolfe, M.D., P.M. 1329, what he really means? Generally, I am not a bad hand at abstruse subjects, but I fear that in this instance the *sesquipedalia verba* of the Doctor's lucubrations have quite overpowered my reasoning faculties, and rendered me incompetent to search out the mystery. I am bound to take his note as a personal allusion, and therefore have a right to challenge the writer as I now do.

During my life I have carefully avoided personal attacks in my correspondence, and I cannot understand why other writers should not be equally considerate. Never until now have I felt disposed to resent any criticism or remarks, but as I suppose I must consider Bro. Bedolfe a foe man worthy of my steel, and he takes such an initiative, if he wishes to try conclusions, "my soul's in arms, and eager for the fray!"

But no running away! I have a vivid recollection of a retreat by Bro. Bedolfe on a former occasion, and, by-the-bye, that occurred over a letter of his which I shall do myself the honour to insert in my "Uniformity of Masonic Ritual and Observance." Let me refer!—aye, here it is!—FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, 4th November 1876:—"After due consideration, I have decided not to continue this controversy." Some one, he says, had "accused him of being 'unimaginative.'" How any one could have so

designated his "goody twaddle," as another writer terms it, I am at a loss to conceive. However, he certainly did "throw up the sponge" then. I hope he will have more courage in the fair stand up fight I now offer to engage him in.

Respect for his high character, generally genial disposition, and undoubted, though somewhat misapplied, literary qualifications, will always secure for him from me the utmost personal consideration; but in the tournament in respect of which I now throw him the gauntlet, I shall seek every joint in his armour to inflict mortal discomfiture.

I have no patience with *mio caro fratello* when perusing such charges as he makes against our Order, of which, whilst virulently attacking it, he nevertheless condescends to remain a subscribing member, and to quote his Masonic rank. One need not go further than the very paragraph which contains the reference I so greatly resent, to prove his inconsistency. There is one word in that paragraph descriptive of its entirety, which terminates its first sentence, and which ordinary courtesy prevents my present use of, but as Jack Bunsby says, "The bearing of this observation lays in the application on it."

A somewhat vulgar saying fitly describes the feathered creature that neglects the cleanliness of its abiding place, and Jack Bunsby may be again quoted hereon. It would therefore be, I think, more generous and manly in *mio caro fratello* if he would graciously retire, and then show himself as an open and avowed enemy, rather than remain in the camp. Although, doubtless we should be prepared to say, "Erring brother, part in peace," he might much more consistently reject the overture, and do battle against us, than act as he is now doing.

Whatever "little hole" W. Viner B. Bedolfe, M.D., P.M. 1329 may allude to in his very enigmatical footnote, I have certainly come out of it now, and *mio caro fratello* will find it as much as he can do to get me back again if he ventures to break another lance with me. Goliath in learning as he may be, I can sling my stone. Let him watch its flight, it may hurt him.

Doctor, my littleness is at your service! Garde à vous! Fight fair, and let our friends judge—"Which is correct?"

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.

Clapham, 16th August 1879.

OCTOBER ELECTION 1879.

SECOND APPLICATION.

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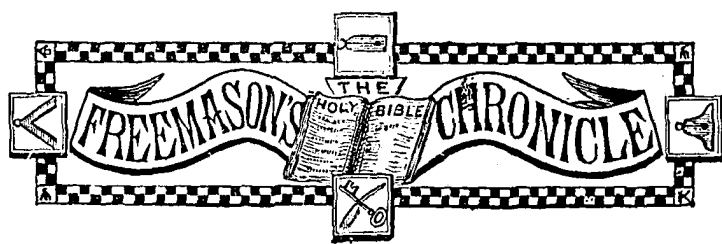
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of the Freemasons of Devonshire was held on 14th August at
Exeter, and the unusual occurrence of the installation of a Provincial
Grand Master—a circumstance which had occurred only thrice in a
century—drew a very large gathering of the brethren. It also added
largely to the business of the day, and prevented there being any
time to devote to the usual procession and attendance at church.Business commenced with the assembly of the Committee of Peti-
tions at ten a.m., in the Knight Templar's Preceptory at the Masonic
Hall in Gandy-street. The following members of the Committee were
present:—R. W. Bro. L. P. Metham, Past G.D. of England
P.D.P.G.M. chairman, W. Bros. Chas. Godtschalk, P.P.G.D. Repre-
sentative of the Committee in London, J. B. Gover P.P.G.A.D.C.
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P.M. 1550, and B. Barber P.G.St. 1753.The Secretary's report was read, and with the result of the peti-
tions submitted afterwards, adopted in the report presented by the
Committee to the P.G. Lodge.The next business on the agenda was the motion of Bro. Chas.
Godtschalk that the sum of one hundred guineas be recommended to
be voted by the Prov. Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent
Institution for aged Masons and Widows of Freemasons.Bro. Godtschalk, in bringing this motion before the Prov. Grand
Lodge, said that it would be a mere act of justice for him to state, in
as few words as possible, what the Royal Benevolent Masonic Institu-
tion had for the past few years been doing for the annuitants of Devon.
And, on the other hand, what they as a Province had been doing for
the Institution during the same period. He showed very clearly, by
the figures and amounts quoted, that the Royal Masonic Benevolent
Institution had been paying to the annuitants of Devon sums largely
in excess of the amount subscribed by the Province from all sources
during the same time; he vouched for the accuracy of the figures he
was using, having taken them from the books of the R.M. Benevolent
Institution, with the sanction and assistance of the Secretary, Bro.
James Terry. With these undeniable facts before them, he confi-
dently, and as an act of justice, asked for the hundred guineas; and

when he told the brethren that at the present moment they were receiving from this Institution through their annuitants no less than £156 per annum,—and even that large sum was much less than what had been received by their annuitants the two preceding years, caused by the deaths of annuitants recently,—that one aged Mason of Devon had already received £153, and still was in receipt of the annuity of £10;—might this ancient brother long enjoy the same;—he was a living example of the good the Institution was doing. Another brother had had £315; another £273. One widow had had over £300, and all were still in receipt of their respective annuities. This result had been brought about by the excellent working of the Committee of Petitions—by an intelligent system of organization of the voting power, and this voting power being judiciously manipulated by their representative in London at the various elections. He was bound candidly to admit, whilst bringing these facts and figures before the Committee, that the Prov. Grand Lodge and the majority of the Lodges throughout the Province had at all times supported the great Charities generously and liberally from the funds at their disposal, and from his experience, whilst acting as Steward, and in that capacity making appeals for the great national charities, had ever found the brethren ready to listen and vote monies when brought to their notice in a proper and legitimate manner, and with the exception of a few Lodges who religiously abstain from giving, acting as though charity or benevolence could not co-exist with Masonry. Happily these Lodges are but few out of our roll of 47. It would be perhaps invidious for him to name or number them, but they were conspicuous by their absence from all charity lists. He would ask them to bear in mind that every pound voted brings votes into the Province, thereby increasing their power. That if to-day we give this hundred guineas, long before the year is out not only will our poor and distressed brethren or their widows have received it back, but the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (on whose behalf he made this appeal), would have paid to their annuitants the amount fivefold. He therefore formally moved the resolution on agenda, adding he felt confident that an unanimous vote would be the result.

Bro. J. E. Curteis P.G.S.W. cordially seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

It was then proposed and agreed to place the amount on the list of Bro. Charles Godtschalk, who thereupon agreed to divide the amount with Bro. Solomon Jones, who had already announced his intention to act as Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. J. E. Curteis' recommendation of a vote of fifty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was also seconded and adopted; of the money thus voted will be placed on the Steward's lists of Bros. Godtschalk, Jones, and Curteis respectively. Bro. J. B. Gover proposed that twenty guineas be recommended to be given to the Masonic Girls' School. Bro. E. Aitken-Davies seconded this proposition. Bro. T. Perry proposed, and Bro. Lieut.-Colonel J. Tanner Davy seconded an amendment that the twenty guineas be given to the Devon Educational Fund.

The V.W. Bro. L. P. Metham, chairman of the Committee, P.P.D.G.M. reminded the brethren that one of the real interests of this local fund was that it should receive support from individual brethren, and also from private Lodges in the Province; that this was clearly laid down on its establishment a few months since, and although funds had come in fairly well, the particular class mentioned had not come forward to the extent they ought. He also deprecated now, as he had at first, asking Prov. Grand Lodge for monies for this local fund, while, as might be observed from the business already transacted, the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge really were required for the National Charities, to whom we, as a Province, were indebted. He trusted, therefore, the amendment would be withdrawn.

Bro. Chas. Godtschalk added that he had taken as earnest a part in the founding the Devon Educational Fund as any one in the Province; that he, having its future welfare still at heart, and having well studied the course for the future welfare of the Devon Educational Fund, he did not hesitate for one moment in saying,—If this local Fund was to be a success in the future it must be self-supporting, in this sense, that the Funds must come from individual brethren; thus annual subscriptions of 5s and 10s would be amply sufficient to provide for the orphans placed on the Devon Fund. That to ask Prov. Grand Lodge for monies for this small local Fund, was to tell the individual brethren there was no occasion for them to give individually. He was utterly opposed to taking the funds, not alone from Prov. Grand Lodge, but from any governing body of Masons in the Province for a local Fund; that to be a success it must be supported by individual subscriptions of very small amounts, so as not in any way to clash with the National Charities.

The amendment of Bro. Perry was then withdrawn.

A vote of thanks was moved to V.W. Bro. Metham for his valuable services on the committee, and a hope expressed that he would be induced to continue his aid. Bro. Metham, while acknowledging the compliment paid him, said that he could not gratify the hope of his remaining with the Committee. He had spent many pleasant meetings with them in carrying out their work, and he should always remember them with pleasure, but circumstances now rendered it positive that he must take his leave as chairman. A vote of thanks was also awarded Bro. Gover for his zealous services as Secretary. The following report was drawn up and approved for submission to the P.G.L. as the result of the Committee's business:—

The Committee of Petitions, in presenting their annual Report, record the continued success of the system adopted by the Province ten years since. During the past year they had succeeded in electing William E. Furze to the Boys' School, and Mrs. Ann Harfoot as an annuitant of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Widows. Mrs. Julia Thompson, another Devon candidate, was also elected on this fund, but principally by votes obtained outside the Province, and by special subscribers. For the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum at Stoke, the votes of this and the sister Province of Cornwall have materially assisted the election of Mercy Truscott, the orphan of a

deceased brother, thus reducing the number on our list of candidates. The number of votes received by the committee for the great Charities since August 1878 had been only 828 boys and girls, and 804 men and widows, consequently at least 500 additional votes, known to exist in Devon, had been diverted or lost. Eight Lodges and five chapters had failed to send their votes. It could not be too earnestly impressed upon those brethren whose duty it was to transmit these votes, how much labour, correspondence, and anxiety would be spared, both to the London representative and secretary, if they would forward their votes at the earliest possible time. A more pleasing duty remained,—to sincerely and fraternally thank those Provinces and brethren, who by the loan of votes (without consideration) had enabled the representative to elect candidates, when the Province, unassisted, would have surely left them unsuccessful. The Provinces of Cornwall, Cheshire, East Lancashire, and North and South Wales had lent material aid, and the committee also acknowledge the good services rendered by worthy brethren, coupling with that acknowledgment the names of the V.W. Bro. W. J. Hughton P.S.G.D. England, P.S.G.W. Egypt, and V.W. Bro. J. P. Platt P.P.G.W. Lancashire, the representatives respectively of Cornwall and Cheshire. The thanks of the committee were also due to Bro. C. Godtschalk P.P.G.D., for his zeal, his indefatigable exertions, and his successful management of the various elections for the benefit of the distressed in the Province. At a meeting held at Plymouth, 21st January, the Committee granted the sum of £5 to the widow of a late member of Lodge 39 Exeter; the sum of £5 to the widow of a late member of Lodge 494 Axminster; and the sum of £5 to the widow of a late member of Lodge 156 Plymouth. At a meeting held that day the Committee resolved to recommend the P.G. Lodge to grant a sum of £10 to a widow of a late brother of Lodge 39 Exeter. They granted the sum of £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 70 Plymouth, and they recommended a further grant to her of £10 by the P.G. Lodge, a sum of £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 39 Exeter, and the further sum of £5 by the P.G. Lodge, and the sum of £5 to the widow of a member of Lodge 223 Plymouth. The Committee recommended that the remaining available balances should be appropriated thus: To the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and Widows of Freemasons, 100 guineas. To the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the sum of 50 guineas; and to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the sum of 20 guineas, to be placed on the list of Bro. C. Godtschalk as Steward. Bro. Godtschalk had guaranteed to raise that sum to £50.

While the Committee of Petitions was proceeding with its business a Lodge meeting was held in the Craft Lodge-room of the Masonic Hall, where Viscount Ebrington was installed W.M. of the Lodge.

At noon the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled in the large room of the Victoria Hall, Queen-street. That spacious and handsome apartment was appropriately embellished for the occasion with Masonic emblems erected in good taste, under the superintendence of Messrs. Golf and Gully, of Exeter. The shields and insignia of the Knights Templars occupied prominent positions, as did also some handsome Masonic banners. An excellent choral party of brethren was provided to render the musical parts of the Ritual, under the superintendence of Bro. E. M. Viuncombe. Over 800 brethren were present in full insignia. In addition to the officers already mentioned were the following:—R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, R.W. Bro. John Huyshe, M.A., P.P.G.M., R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe P.G.M. of Cornwall, R.W. Bro. Colonel J. W. Peard D.P.G.M. of Cornwall, W. Bros. A. Elford P.G.J.W. of Cornwall, W. Elphinstone Stone P.P.G.W., I. Latimer, P.P.G.J.W., Dr. Bashfield P.P.G.W. of Surrey, W. R. Woodman P.G.S.B. of England, John Harris P.P.G.T., T. S. Bayly P.P.G.T., the Rev. Robt. Swansborough W.M. 1181, Joseph Harper P.P.G.J.W., the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., Dr. W. Langley Pope P.P.G. Chap., the Rev. P. Williams P.P.G. Chap., W. W. Hooper P.P.G.R., T. W. Gray P.P.G.R., J. T. Goodridge P.P.G. Reg., F. Dey P.P.G. Reg., Bartholomew C. Gidley P.P.G. Reg., J. S. Kertsman P.P.G. Reg., S. Jew P.P.G.Tr.; B. T. Hodge P.P.G.S.D., W. H. Reed P.P.G.T., James Greenfield P.P.G.J.D., John Cock P.P.J.D., W. Hine-Haycock P.P.G.S.D., S. P. Colston P.P.G.S. Works, R. Brewin P.P.G.S. Works, W. Easton P.P.G.S. Works, H. Bale, P.P.G. Superintendent Works, F. Pratt P.P.G.S. Works, Charles Willshire P.P.G.D.C., John Hislop P.P.G.D.C., S. Loram P.P.G.D.C., H. Bartlett P.P.G.A.D.C., Jas. P. Phillips P.P.G.D.C., John Killingley P.P.G.D.C., F. R. Tomes P.P.G.D.C., J. F. Long P.G.A.D.C., S. R. Force P.P.G.D.C., J. B. Witheridge P.P.G. Pars., W. Cole P.P.G. Pars., Thomas Russell P.P.G. Chaplain, W. E. Warren P.P.G.O., James Mills P.P.G.O., T. B. Paterson P.G. St., W. Haymes P.P.G. Pars., H. D. Thomas P.G. St., B. Barber P.G. St., E. Murch P.P.G.O., C. Parker P.G.O. Cambridge, J. Stroud Short P.P.G.O., P. B. Clemens P.P.G.O., H. J. Brewster P.P.G.R., W. H. Carwithen P.P.G. Chaplain, W. S. Passmore P.P.G.T., E. Tozer P.P.G.S. Works, T. M. Webber P.M., A. F. Carter P.M., Bros. Admiral Glasco, C.B., J. Page P.M. 39, A. E. Lean W.M., S. Roach and R. Pengelly P.M.'s, W. Odam S.W., and E. Trout J.W. 70, C. Cooper P.M. 105, W. Creasy W.M., T. Freeman, W. Blake, G. W. Legge, and G. C. Maynard P.M.'s, S. G. Blackmore S.W., and E. Bishop J.W. 106, A. F. Luke P.M. 112, D. Box and W. Marsh P.M.'s, J. J. Marshall S.W., and D. Banks J.W. 156, F. Littleton W.M., and O. Knowles J.W. 159, F. H. H. Orchard W.M., John Northcott P.M., and W. T. Orchard S.W. 164, G. Jackson W.M., Colonel Fitzgerald S.W., and W. Croydon J.W. 189, E. Binding P.M., and R. Grills S.W. 202, R. Blight S.W., and R. Lavers J. W. 223, W. I. McLean and J. Hamrick P.M.'s, and G. C. Scarle S.W. 248, T. Ebsworthy, John Brewer, and T. Hancock P.M.'s, and R. P. Morrison J.W. 251, B. B. S. Richards P.M., and H. Down J.W. 282, J. W. Valentiac J.W. 303, W. D. Webber W.M., J. Pigott P.M., and J. Toby J.W. 328, J. Russell, W. Knott, J. Towning, and A. Pidsley P.M.'s, and J. C. Palmer S.W. 372, J. Kingdon W.M., J. T. Widgery, J. Woods, J. A. Kingdon, and J. C. Furze P.M.'s 421, J. Woodman, J. Chadwick, C. H. Edmonds and A. Bailly P.M.'s 444, H. M. Burrow W.M., G. Pollard S.W., and H. Ascott J.W. 489, W. G. Moore P.M. 666, A. D. Sutherland

W.M., R. H. Watson, G. Heath, and W. B. Mayo P.M.'s 710, T. G. Sutton P.M., J. T. Ackland S.W., and W. Ward J.W. 847, J. R. Dugdale W.M., C. Watson, and J. R. W. Quinn P.M.'s, J. Osborne, S.W., and J. Crossley J.W. 954, J. P. Sawyer W.M., W. H. Ley and J. H. Dobbs P.M.'s, and W. H. Mackay S.W. 1091, J. E. Nicholls W.M., H. Conquer S.W., and S. Panter J.W. 1099, J. P. Crabb P.M. 115, H. Melhuish W.M., T. Parkhouse P.M. 1125, W. Harris, J. Foot, J. S. Saunders, G. Stockman, and J. Olver P.M.'s, H. Martin S.W., and Elliott J.W. 1138, H. Ford S.W. 1181, T. Gibbons W.M., S. Hyne P.M., and T. E. Peek J.W. 1205, T. S. Jackson W.M., J. Bassett S.W., and G. T. Davy J.W. 1212, G. J. Firks W.M., J. R. Lord P.M., B. Elliott S.W., and P. G. L. Pearso J.W. 1247, F. Horspool and J. H. Warren P.M.'s, E. T. Fulford S.W., and C. G. Kendrick J.W. 1251, H. Willey W.M., T. Lascelles and H. J. Yelland P.M.'s, H. Eland S.W., and F. Sanders J.W. 1284, J. Thorn W.M., J. Templeton P.M., J. Rowe J.W. 1332, A. W. Palk J.W. 1358, W. T. Bracewell W.M., W. Lumble P.M., J. Chapple S.W., and G. L. Pollard J.W. 1396, J. Dodge W.M., W. Bradnee and J. Murray P.M.'s, and W. A. Goss S.W. 1402, H. L. Friend W.M., and J. S. Whidborne P.M. 1443, J. H. Square W.M., and H. E. Lambie P.M. 1483, R. G. Tippet W.M., R. J. Bird P.M., L. J. Webber S.W., and M. C. Lakeman J.W. 1550, C. D. H. Holley, and G. W. Gould 1753.

R.W. Bro. the Rev. John Hyshe was the first of the Prov. G. Masters to enter the room, and was very warmly received. R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach was entrusted with the duty of installing the new Prov. G.M., and he opened the Lodge with the assistance of W. Bros. the Hon. W. Hylton-Jolliffe P.G.S.W., and S. Jones P.G.J.W. The patent was read by which Viscount Ebrington was appointed the P.G.M., and the W. Master's of the seven oldest Lodges (39, 70, 105, 106, 112, 156, 159) were then sent out to fetch and to introduce the P.G.M. designate. On his lordship reaching the dais Bro. Beach delivered the usual address, coupled with some additional remarks of his own. He congratulated the new P.G.M. on his appointment to rule over the large and important Province of Devon, and pointed out the responsibilities of his office, and the important line of conduct he was expected to follow. He would have the valuable assistance of many old Masons, whose opinions and suggestions would be met with the respect due to them; but at same time he was to be careful to exert his own judgment, and to take care that he governed with the utmost impartiality. In reprehension of what he might disapprove, he was also to be guided by mercy. He had something like an hereditary claim to the office, and it was hoped that he would add to the lustre that had been acquired by a previous member of his family, his respected grandfather. The installing D.G.M. concluded with passing a high eulogium upon the official career of the last P.G.M.

His lordship was then installed in ancient form. On arriving at the robing, W. Bro. Rogers stated that the Past P.G.M. had asked him to read the following paper, being himself too feeble to address them, and his sight too imperfect to read it himself. It was as follows:—"I am most anxious that the beautiful and costly chain which was affectionately presented to me on my installation as P.G.M. of Devon, on 24th May 1868, by the Masonic brethren, should become an heirloom in the Province to descend from each retiring P.G.M. to his successor. I have great satisfaction in knowing that the first of these is the grandson of my old and venerable chief and predecessor Earl Fortescue. To Viscount Ebrington's charge I commit this splendid Badge of Office, to be by him worn as P.G.M. of the Freemasons of Devon when and wherever he thinks fit. May the Great Architect of the Universe give him grace, health, and strength to preside over this large Province with benefit to the Craft and satisfaction to himself, winning the esteem and affection of every worthy brother through a long series of years. This is the earnest and heartfelt prayer of, my dear brethren, your aged and affectionate Past P.G.M.,

"JOHN HYSHE."

At the completion of the installation the new P.G.M. was saluted and assumed the jurisdiction of the Lodge. An anthem, Psalm cxxxiii., by Dr. Clarke Whitfield, was sung by the choir.

The P.G. Reg. read a patent appointing R.W. Bro. W. G. Rogers the D.P.G.M.

R.W. Bro. Metham then read the following address:—

"To the Right Worshipful Hugh Fortescue, Lord Viscount Ebrington, Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons for Devonshire.

"We, the Freemasons of the Province of Devon of every rank and degree, desire to convey to you our most sincere congratulations on your elevation to the august office of Provincial Grand Master. Under any circumstances an address presented to the eminent brother who has been selected to preside over the Province would faithfully reflect the spirit of loyalty and affection which always characterises the tone of Freemasons towards their chief; but in your case these feelings are greatly enhanced for the Province preserves a grateful recollection of the kind and honourable rule of your noble grandfather. We entertain the hope that the Masonic virtues which so distinguished him are inherited by you, and that you may be enabled to maintain for the Province of Devon that prominent position which has been achieved by our two last excellent and beloved Provincial Grand Masters. We shall at all times deem it our duty to co-operate loyally and cheerfully in furthering your efforts to maintain and extend the grand principles of the Craft, and we sincerely trust that the Great Architect of the Universe will be pleased in His infinite wisdom and goodness to grant you a long and prosperous Masonic career to rule and guide with pleasure and profit the brethren of this Province."

The address was signed on behalf of the forty-seven Lodges by the W. Masters of the year in nearly every case. Where the W.M. was not at hand P. Masters of the Lodges signed on behalf of the brethren. At the close of the reading of the address R.W. Bro. Metham said:—"There is not, I am confident, a Freemason present who will not re-echo with acclamation the good wishes this address expresses—that health, happiness, and a prosperous reign may wait

upon our newly appointed Grand Master. There is not, I trust, a brother in this room who will not agree that he ought, and that he will, as far as his own conduct goes, and as far as his influence extends among his fellow Masons, resolve that our Grand Master shall never have cause to regret that he has taken on himself the important and onerous office. With the moral and well-regulated efforts of the Craft to sustain him, his onward progress will be smooth and successful. The road he will have to travel has already been distinctly marked out by his illustrious predecessors, and he will have but to tread in their footsteps, keeping his eye steadily fixed on the landmarks of the Order, which they, by their lives and conduct, have so fully and brightly illustrated, to render his rule light and pleasant to himself and advantageous to those over whom he is placed. For myself, Right Worshipful Sir, I am grateful to the Great Architect of the Universe that I, who, more than a generation ago, received my first Provincial honours from your noble grandfather, am permitted to stand here to-day to take part in this ceremony, and to be the mouthpiece of my brethren of this large Province in welcoming as the successor of my beloved and revered friend a scion of the house of Fortescue. The young, who live for what the years to come may bring, and who find their greatest delight in devising ambitious schemes, which they sanguinely believe will crown their future with success, think that the old have no pleasures that can equal theirs. But that is a great mistake, as to-day can testify, for if the past carries in its bosom no sting born of an illspent or useless life, but if on the contrary there are abiding green spots in by-gone memories on which the mind can dwell with satisfaction when life's busy scenes have been well played, and the shades of evening are tranquilly but surely closing round, advanced life must possess many pleasures unknown to those who have as yet realised no expectations, and who are still straggling toward the goal which the old have reached and passed. You will all understand to what and to whom these remarks apply. We have to-day prayed the Great Architect of the Universe to speed on his noble mission our newly-installed Master, and with one mind and one voice cordially welcomed him to that chair to which he has so strong an ancestral claim. But we have one other duty to perform, without which I am quite sure you, Right Worshipful Sir, would be the first to declare that the ceremony of to-day was incomplete. We have to bid farewell to him—happily only in his official capacity—who, for so many years, has not only been our genial Master, but the steadfast counsellor, sincere friend, and affectionate brother of us all. At his installation, now many years ago, it was my pleasing privilege to present to him an address of welcome such as I have been honoured in presenting to you, his successor, to-day. Then I dwelt, as I truthfully could, without flattery or exaggeration, upon his private virtues and excellent public qualities, as well as upon the services he had rendered, not only to the Craft in particular, but to humanity at large, all welded together into one harmonious whole, by the daily practice of "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth," in their best and widest sense. I prophesied then that when the day came which should close his rule over us, the Freemasons who should live to see that day would be able to say, as we said so long ago, with fervent, sincere, and grateful feelings for all he has done for us and the Craft—"He fed us with a true and faithful heart, and ruled us prudently with all his power." Said I not well then, brethren? Say I not well now? Dear Brother Hyshe, as sincerely as we have to-day welcomed our coming ruler with loyal acclamation, do we, in the face of this great gathering, and in the face of the Masonic world, pray the Great Architect of the Universe to speed you, our parting Ruler, and bless you with mental and bodily health to look back, as I know you will, with kindly feeling and affectionate regard to us, your brethren, who, on our part, shall continue to love and respect, as we have always loved and respected, you.

R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe expressed his gratification at being present at the ceremony that had just taken place. From intimate relationship that existed between the Provinces of Devon and Cornwall, the mutual interest they took in each other's welfare, combined with the circumstance of his having taken his earlier offices in the Province of Devon, he should have felt regret at being absent on such an important occasion. He hoped that their new P.G.M. would be privileged to enjoy a long, happy, and useful career, and might be able to look back at its close with the same satisfaction, and enjoy the same respect as his predecessor.

The P.G.M. thanked the brethren for the address presented to them, and the congratulations that had been expressed. It was unusual for so young a man to receive the important appointment he had just entered upon. He could not expect to equal his predecessors, but he should be guided by the standard that they had set before him, and should do his best to walk in their footsteps. The P.G.M. confirmed the existing bye-laws of the Province.

The Secretary's report shewed a satisfactory condition of the Province. The Treasurer's report stated the receipts of the year to have been £543 14s 2d; balance left in hand £228 3s. The report of the Fortescue Annuity Fund shewed a satisfactory progress. The whole of these, together with the report of the Committee of Petitions, were unanimously received and adopted. A Committee, to consist of R.W. Bro. Rogers D.P.G.M., Bro. Pope the Secretary of the Fund; the Provincial G. Secretary and two Auditors, and W. Bro. Twose, with power to add to their number, was appointed to examine the securities of the Fortescue Fund, and consider what new arrangements were desirable. W. Bro. H. G. Beachy was elected Treasurer of the Province; and W. Bros. J. E. Curteis 189 and W. S. Pasmore 144, were appointed the Auditors.

The following brethren were then invested as the Officers:—H. Walrond G.S.W. 303, W. Hine Haycock G.J.W. 101, Rev. R. Swausborough G. Chap. 1181, Rev. C. W. H. Holly G. Chap. 1753, H. G. Beachy G. Treas. 1138, George Hurtzel G. Sec. 251, John Brewer G. Reg. 112, H. D. Thomas G.S.D. 444, A. Latimer G.J.D. 189, T. B. Patterson G.S. Works 1125, A. Bodley G.D.C. 39, B. Barber A.D.C. 1254, Major Swan S.B. 847, E. M. Vinnecombe G.O. 39, D. Box G. Purs. 156, W. Pollard 1281, J. German 39, W. Padley

1251, E. Furze 421, J. Harris Square 1496, and E. J. Knight 202 G. Stewards, Peter Blanchard P.G. Tyler, and John Rogers P.G.A. Tyler.

Bro. J. E. Curteis withdrew his motion for the founding of a Provincial Educational scheme. The testimonial to W. Bro. Gover (£50 subscribed among the brethren for his services and zeal as the Secretary of the Committee of Petitions) was presented, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Gover. The D.P.G.M. proposed that R.W. Bro. Metham should continue to be a member of the Committee of Petitions; but Bro. Metham said he must decline the compliment.

In the evening a large party of the brethren dined together at the Royal Public Rooms.

THE BEAR AND THE BEES.

A BALEFUL BALLAD.

"BEARS, it is well known, have a great fondness for honey. Bruin, on one occasion, found a hive in the hollow of an old tree. In his eagerness to rifle the contents he overturned it, when the insects, exceedingly irritated, stung him about the muzzle and paws so fiercely, that, snorting with the pain of physical inflammation, and the chagrin of mental disappointment, he had, with shame and anguish, woefully to confess that his greed and curiosity had perhaps cost him too dear."—*Æsop's Fables*.

"But, snug in her hive, the Queen Bee was alive,
And 'buz' was the word in the Island."

Allusion to the defeat of the Spanish Armada in the old ballad of "The tight little Island."

I led a very happy life,
I never wanted cash,
For joint stock schemes were always rife,
And capitalists rash;
"A far cry to Lochiel" when they thought they'd "struck ile,"
A long day 'ere impending smash.

I had a very merry time,
I knew no sense of care,
For the chink of gold was my matin chime,
And cheques formed my vesper fare;
And I found it my lines to live up to the nines
Whether as bull or bear.

One day I spied a vein of gold,
I saw *oi polloi* derided
The pabulum of news, that old
Respected sheets provided,
So each week to purvey a full flavoured relay
Of "Society" talk I decided.

But in the dreary season, Oh!
Material to obtain
For hebdomadal copy, where to go,
Ah! how I racked my brain!
Lo! So-ci-e-ty had gone off on the spree,
And its small talk—it didn't remain.

A bull, one day, I thought of the bear,
Who, with no need of money,
Desiderated, of course you're aware
A good tuck out of honey;
The Freemason's hive, I reflected 's alive,
And the secrets, some tell me, are funny.

But how to find the hive, and get
At all its hidden store,
Why, book-stalls are extant as yet,
Tomes to be had galore,
And a shilling would buy all I craved to supply
Ample "copy" for Freemasons' lore.

So the hive I found, and planted my paw
(I thought I was cutting a figure)
On what I conceived were the secrets, their law
Guarded with vigilant rigour;
But, "buz," was the shout, and the "varmint" swarmed out,
And they stung me with valour and vigour.

And now I wander by day and by night,
And my pen I'm compelled to shackle,
For my eyes are—both—bunded, and my nose is a sight,
While my tongue is scarce able to cackle;
And that is the plight I'm reduced to—poor wight—
Through Freemasonry trying to tackle!

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The hour of danger.—Disease commonly comes on with slight symptoms, which, when neglected, increase in extent, and gradually grow dangerous—a condition which betrays the grossest remissness—when these Pills, taken in accordance with their accompanying directions, would not only have checked, but conquered the incipient disorder. Patients daily forward details of the most remarkable and instructive cases in which timely attention to Holloway's advice has undoubtedly saved them from severe illness. These Pills act primarily on the digestive organs, which they stimulate when slow and imperfect; and, secondly, upon the blood, which is thoroughly purified by them, whence is derived the general tone they impart, and their power of subjugating hypochondriacism, dyspepsia, and nervous complaints.

Our advertising columns contain an announcement of an intended tour to Paris and Switzerland by a private Masonic party under the personal conductorship of Bro. Oscar Dietrich, for many years conductor for Messrs. Cook and Son, and now acting in that capacity for Mr. O. H. Caygill. From the programme submitted for the consideration of intending tourists, in this instance accompanied by ladies, and the moderate inclusive terms during the period of travel, extending over a fortnight from the 15th September next, we can scarcely imagine a more delightful and inexpensive opportunity of making acquaintance with the beautiful scenery of Switzerland and the gaiety of the French metropolis. A personal knowledge of Bro. Dietrich, and of his excellent qualifications for the conductorship of such a genial party as this is certain to be, causes mixed emotions of pleasure and regret. Pleasure to know that those who comprise the limited number of tourists must of necessity experience the most thorough enjoyment under his guiding influence, and regret that the exigencies of our "desk and office" preclude the possibility of our sharing in the gratification which will be their portion. May health and the best of spirits accompany the party during their travel, and may they return with minds and bodies invigorated by the contemplation of exquisite scenery and the inhalation of the purest atmosphere. So mote it be!

The next meeting of the Hilda Rose Croix Chapter (Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett M.W.S.) will be held in the Eboracum Lodge Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York, on Friday evening next.

On Saturday, the 16th inst., a meeting of the Yorkshire College of Rosicrucians was held, by kind permission of the W.M. of the St. Oswald's Lodge, in the Masonic Rooms, Pontefract. Papers were read by Frater T. B. Whytehead, on "Pontefract and its Castle," and by Frater Dr. Thomas, on "Some of the Wonderful Organs and Mechanisms to be found in the Human and other Bodies," and the Fraters were afterwards most hospitably entertained at tea by W. Bro. T. W. Tew D.P.G.M. for West Yorkshire.

In Memoriam.

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We record with deep regret the death, at the early age of thirty-two years, of Bro. William George Wingrove, which event occurred at Isleworth on the 20th ult. By many of the brethren Bro. Wingrove will be remembered as the cheery proprietor of the Pier Hotel at Greenhithe, and those who had the good fortune to attend any of the numerous pleasure parties which were wont to assemble at that favourite resort last year will call to mind the genial and courteous young host who exerted himself so assiduously in ministering to their comfort and enjoyment. Last year Bro. Wingrove was elected to the highest position in his Lodge, the Emulation, No. 299, at Dartford, and carried out his duties in a manner that was highly creditable to himself and most satisfactory to the brethren, who at the termination of his year of office presented him with a valuable Past Master's jewel. In the early part of the present year, however, Bro. Wingrove purchased the interest in the Northumberland Arms Hotel at Isleworth, and the improvements he effected in that fine old-fashioned establishment bade fair to win back to it a popularity that had of late years considerably waned. He was, however, not permitted to see the issue of his well-intentioned efforts, for after a brief illness he was taken, leaving a wife and several children to mourn their loss. Deceased was genuinely beloved and respected by all who knew him, and by none have more heartfelt regrets been expressed than by those brethren amongst whom he took so leading and so active a part.

The Masonic symbols and ceremonies point to God. Without God these things are unmeaning. So it is with the principles of Masonry and its history. "The supreme Architect," as He is termed in the prayers and dedications of Masonry, is God. Strike out God, and Freemasonry has no object. It is not a temperance society, it is not a benefit distributing society, it is a society whose principles are emanations from God. Therefore profanity in your members is a shameful vice, and the profane brother is to be disciplined.—*Rob Morris*.

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, 23rd AUGUST.

Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1824—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7.

MONDAY, 25th AUGUST.

174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
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.)
48—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
61—Probit, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham.
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Inst.)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
R. A. 449—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY, 26th AUGUST.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersca Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleonor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire.
956—Hesket, Grapes Inn, Croston.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
1343—St. John, King's Arms, Grays.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 159—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
R.A. 823—Evertton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 27th AUGUST.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire.
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
259—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley.
590—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
753—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Inst.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. (Instruction.)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow.
1213—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester.
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Inst.)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes.
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton.
R. A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
R. A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
R. A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
R. A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M. M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes.
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster.

THURSDAY, 28th AUGUST.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden.
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth.
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire.
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn.
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe.
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter.
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale.
904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1450—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester.
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.
R. A. 1036—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.

FRIDAY, 29th AUGUST.

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. 8. (Inst.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
1326—Lebanon, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton, at 3.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

SATURDAY, 30th AUGUST.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 14th August. Present:—Bros. Moss W.M., Forss S.W., Hogarth J.W., Webb S.D., Jenkins I.G., L. Norden Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Maidwell candidate. The W.M. worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was then closed.

21st August. Bros. Forss W.M., Da Silva S.W., Benjamin J.W., Weige S.D., Valentine J.D., H. Charik I.G., L. Norden Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, Basingham W.M. 205, and other brethren. After preliminaries, Bro. Charik answered the questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising, together with the traditional history, was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Da Silva worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Basingham W.M. 205 and Charik were unanimously elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. All business being disposed of, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Hermes Chapter, No. 77.—The last meeting of this Chapter for the season was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend. The Town Regatta took place on the same day, and Gravesend was consequently *en fête*. The proceedings connected therewith, together with the opportunity afforded to the Companions to visit the United States frigate Trenton, then lying off the town, made their day's outing most pleasurable. After a pleasant trip by saloon steamer from London and a few hours spent in inspecting the above named vessel and the several incidents of a regatta, the Chapter was opened for business by Companions Woodward Z., Holden H., Swallow P.Z. as J., Cottobrunne S.E., Murley

N., Hall P.S., Docker 1st A.S. There were also present Companions Scott P.Z., Kelso P.Z., Skilliter (mine host), &c. and Visitors—Companions from Pentangle Chapter No. 1174 Province of Kent, Penfold P.Z., White Z., Lieut.-Colonel Burton and Bate, Laxton Prov. G. Reg. of Middlesex, and J. G. Shand No. 25. The minutes of the previous convocation having been confirmed, Bro. M. Crook, Covent Garden Lodge, was duly exalted to the supreme degree. Routine business having been disposed of, Chapter was closed and the Companions dined together, mine host supplying a bountiful repast and dessert. The return journey by rail was made in safety, the Companions being thereby undismayed by the unfortunate collision which occurred on the same evening to the City of London, so near the spot which was the scene of the deplorable calamity the loss of the Princess Alice, about this time last year, and which would probably have interfered with their pleasure if they had returned by water.

York Lodge, No. 236.—On Monday last a meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall. Present—Bros. A. Buckle W.M., J. Todd P.M. Prov. G. Reg., T. B. Whytehead P.M. Prov. G.D.C., Sir James Meek P.M. P.P.G.W., J. E. M. Young P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain, W. Lawton P.M. P.P.G. Reg., G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O., T. Camidge P.P.G.O., and many other officers and brethren. Several notices on the agenda paper were discussed by the brethren, and, amongst other matters, it was decided that the initiation fees, which had been two years since raised to ten guineas, be reduced to the former amount of six guineas. It was also resolved that greater efforts be used in the cause of the Masonic Charities, and that an appeal be issued to the brethren of the Lodge. The Prov. Grand Master having signified his intention of presiding at the next Benevolent Festival, it is fully anticipated that the Lodges in the Province will make a great effort, and that a strong contingent of Stewards will support the Earl of Zetland on the occasion.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Forss W.M., Weige S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Williams S.D., Marsh J.D., Carr I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., Fred. Brasted Proceptor; Clark, Dignam, C. Lorkin, Quay, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Christian answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree. Bros. Hammond and Johnson of Lodge 918 were elected members. Bro. Weige was appointed W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Doric Lodge, No. 933.—A meeting was held on the 8th of August, at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, E. Present:—Bros. Forss W.M., Green S.W., McGrath J.W., W. Musto P.M. Sec., B. Cundick P.M. Preceptor and Treas., Friedeberg S.D., Hayward J.D., Hopkins I.G., Macdonald T.; Bros. West, Stephens, Job, Burr, Morton 1259, Davies 1021, Grounds and Webb. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were confirmed. Brother Grounds having shown himself proficient was entrusted. Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Grounds candidate, Bro. Stephens worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Morton and Davies were elected members, and Bro. Green was appointed to preside at the next meeting.

Strawberry Hill Lodge, No. 946.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Grotto Hotel, Cross Deep, Twickenham. Present:—Bros. Smeed P.M. acting W.M., Dan Argyle S.W., W. Röhrs J.W., Platt Secretary, Woglemuth Treas., Skinner S.D., Ackerman J.D., Past Masters Waghorn, Woglemuth, Garwood; Beard, D'Iffanger and others. Visitors—Bros. Tyler, Greenfield, &c. Business:—The minutes of the regular Lodge held in June last were read and confirmed. Brother William Beard was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M., and Bro. Valentine E. Paul D'Iffanger passed to the second degree. Bro. Rose was elected a joining member. The brethren afterwards proceeded to banquet, supplied by Bro. Garwood in excellent style. The usual toasts were given. Bro. Greenfield Treas. 1602, in replying to the Visitors' toast, called especial attention to the working of the acting W.M., which he stated he had never seen surpassed. Bro. P.M. Smeed is one of those from whom a great deal may be acquired by all who desire instruction. The brethren after passing a very happy evening, during which Bros. Pope, Skinner and Beard sang some excellent songs, separated at the reasonable hour of ten o'clock, in time to enable most of the party to be in town by eleven.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208.—A meeting of this Lodge took place at the Royal Hotel, Dover, on Monday, the 18th instant, under the presidency of Bro. Edwin Fenn W.M., assisted by Bros. James Holmes I.P.M. in the absence of the S.W., Bro. T. W. Prescott in the absence of the J.W., Bro. Walter S.D.; Bros. Inglesden J.D., Chamberlain I.G., and W. A. Smeeth P.M. Sec. The minutes of the previous Lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Captain Clowes, of the 30th Regiment, having answered the usual questions in a satisfactory manner, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. Potter was passed to the second degree. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when a pleasant hour was spent. The Visitors were—Bros. W. I. Spicer P.M. Fitzroy 569, J. W. Terson 199, Reid and Robinson.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—held at the Alwyne Castle, Canonbury, on the 15th August. Pre-

sent:—Bros. Cull W.M., Rowe S.W., Baderus J.W., Mendelsohn S.D., Rowley J.D., Boas I.G., P. Dickinson P.M. Acting Preceptor, G. H. Hunter Sec. pro tem, and Bros. Shackell P.M., Percy P.M., Eldridge P.M., Yeomans, Field, Pelikan, Williams, Chant, and Frampton. The ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising, were rehearsed, Bro. Pelikan candidate, the W.M. gave the traditional history and explanation of the third tracing board. The third section of the lecture was worked. Lodge closed in the third and second degrees, and Bro. Row S.W. was elected W.M. for the following week, the officers in rotation. Bro. Percy P.M. received the hearty congratulations of the brethren on his recovery from a severe illness. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form, &c.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326.—The last regular meeting of this Lodge for the present year was held at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, on Saturday, the 16th inst. Bros. John B. Shackleton P.G.P. Middlesex P.M. 1524 W.M., E. Lucop, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. John Hammond, officiated as S.W., and the remaining offices were filled by the brethren appointed at the previous meeting, viz., J. W. Baldwin Prov. G. Standard Bearer J.W., Frederick Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary, H. Gloster P.M. S.D., Thos. Stone J.D., Steinhauer I.G., F. Knight D.C., and John Gilbert Tyler. Amongst those present during the evening were Bros. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. Hon. Mem., T. W. Adams, John Thompson, C. W. Baker, J. E. Smith, F. Dye, J. McNaughten, W. J. Smith, A. J. Rogers, J. Lawrence, &c., and visitors Bros. W. A. Barrett P.M. 76, T. Butt J.W. 957, J. Hancock 1657, and T. M. Butt 1623. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and election made of Bro. C. Poulson 1309 as joining member. Bros. J. W. Smith and F. Dye were raised to the degree of M.M. Four propositions for initiation at next meeting were submitted, and it was intimated that probably a Lodge of emergency would be called for an early date. Three brethren were recommended to Prov. Grand Lodge for honours, and there being no further business before the Lodge it was closed with solemn prayer. After a ramble by the river side for about half an hour, the brethren again assembled, for refreshment. A very excellent and substantial "high tea" had been provided, to which all present did justice, and which appeared to afford more satisfaction than an elaborate and expensive banquet could have done. The usual Loyal and Masonic toast were honoured, to the accompaniment of a "grog and cigar," and a very pleasant and harmonious hour or two was passed before the 8.30 train whisked off the Metropolitan brethren to their respective homes. Bros. Barrett, Butt, Marsh and Stevens effectively aided the genial intercourse of the evening, the former producing a fine old song not often heard now-a-days, and the latter reciting in his most able manner his increasingly popular "Masons' Vows." Order, peace, and harmony ruled throughout the entire proceedings, and this meeting of the Lebanon Lodge will long be remembered with satisfaction by all those who had the privilege of being present.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning-town, E., on Tuesday, 19th August. J. Barker W.M., Andrews S.W., Pavitt J.W., Smith S.D., Johnson J.D., Spencer I.G., Worsley Sec., P.M. Musto Preceptor; Bros. White 408, Richardson, Ellis 124, Sadler, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Richardson answered the questions leading to the sublime degree, and was entrusted; the Lodge opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Worsley worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Joshua Andrews then took the chair, and installed the various Officers into their respective seats, in a very effective and pleasing manner. Bro. Andrews is the W.M. elect of the Upton Lodge 1227, the installation meeting of which takes place on Thursday, the 21st instant, when Bro. P.M. Musto will perform the installation ceremony. Lodge was then closed in the first degree, and Bro. White 408 was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when, it being the fourth Tuesday of the month, he will work the sections, assisted by Bros. Musto as S.W., Shepherd W.M. of 1349 as J.W. and P.M., Cundick as I.P.M. The following brethren will take the several sections:—1st Bro. Roberts, 2nd Worsley, 3rd Musto, 4th Barker, 5th Shephord, 6th Andrews, 7th Pavitt, 8th Spencer, 9th Johnson, 10th Musto, 11th Smith, 12th Worsley, 13th White, 14th Pavitt, 15th Cundick; to commence at seven o'clock precisely. We hope there will be a good attendance, as the working of Bro. Andrews is generally much appreciated. The Summer Banquet of this Lodge of Instruction (ladies to accompany the brethren) will take place at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne, on Thursday, 4th September. Further particulars will be inserted in this paper next week.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—A Lodge of Instruction was held on the 18th of August at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury. Present:—Bros. Thos. Blamiers W.M., Bro. Hammond S.W., Bro. Price J.W., Bro. Lagden Sec., Bro. Miskin S.D., Bro. Wilson, J.D., Bro. Widgery I.G., also Bros. E. Beer W.M. 1449. Visitors—Bros. Davey 1566, Ellington, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last Lodge of Instruction read and confirmed. The questions leading from the first to the second degree were regularly put and answered. The working tools were explained by Bro. Lagden in the second degree, and the charge delivered by Bro. Blamiers. The lecture on the tracing board was given ably and impressively; Brother Blamiers also explained the working tools of a Fellow Craft. Lodge was lowered, and nothing further having been offered for the benefit of Freemasonry, it was closed in due and ancient form with solemn prayer.

St. Martin's le Grand Lodge, No. 1538.—The installation meeting of this new Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 12th

instant, at the London, Fleet-street, and was numerously attended by the brethren. Col. Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex, E. P. Albert P.G.P., F. Walters P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, Frances P.P.G.J.D. Surrey, Captain Williams P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Major Williams P.M., and several other distinguished visitors were present. The W.M., Bro. F. B. Williams P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, was supported by the Wardens and Officers. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Lattel was raised to the third degree, the work being performed in an impressive manner by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. G. Gregory S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge. Bros. Col. Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex, and E. P. Albert P.G.P. occupied the Wardens' chairs. Bro. Green was installed into the W.M.'s chair by Bro. Capt. Williams. The customary salutations were given, and the W.M. invested his Officers:—Bros. F. B. Williams I.P.M., Gibbs S.W., Moffatt J.W., Major Williams P.M. Treasurer, Capt. Williams P.M. Secretary, Dr. Luish S.D., Robertson J.D., Parks I.G., Hookey D.C., Stannard Org., Dixon Steward. A sum of ten guineas was voted for the purpose of presenting Bro. Williams with a secretary's jewel, for the eminent services he had rendered to the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous and *recherché* banquet and dessert. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Bro. Colonel Burdett P. Prov. G.M. Middlesex returning thanks for the Grand Officers, and Bro. Frances P.P.G.J.D. Surrey responding for the Visitors. The health of the W.M.; the Installing Master; the Wardens and Officers, were in due course given, and ably responded to. The Tyler's toast concluded an agreeable evening.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Monday, the 14th inst., the W.M. Bro. J. S. Cumberland presiding, supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. Balmford P.M. and Treas., Bro. J. Hanly W.M. 237 (I.C.), and many other brethren. The attendance was not as large as usual, in consequence of many of the members being absent from home on their holidays. The business consisted in the initiation of Mr. Carter, after which some correspondence was read, and several valuable Masonic works, amongst them being Hughan's History of York Masonry, the property of the late Bro. T. Cooper, were handed over, by the deceased brother's wish, to the Lodge. A copy of Hughan's Provincial Directory for Cornwall was also received from the author, as well as an old plate of Montgomerie, Tyler of Grand Lodge, the gift of Bro. R. W. Hollon P.M. Bro. T. Humphries Assist. Secretary presented to the Lodge a bookcase for the use of the library, and for all these gifts votes of thanks were passed, and the Lodge was closed. On Monday last a committee meeting was held, for the purpose of making arrangements for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which is fixed for the 17th September next at York, under the banner of the Eboracum Lodge. We understand that the programme of the day's proceedings is likely to include the meeting of the P.G. Lodge in the Guildhall, at York, a procession to the Cathedral, special service, and a banquet at the De Grey Rooms. It is anticipated that there will be a very large muster of brethren on this occasion, York being so central and the train facilities so great.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—An emergency meeting was held on Monday, 18th inst., at Ashley's Hotel, Covent-garden. Present:—Bros. James Willing jun. W.M., Smith acting S.W., F. W. Sillis acting J.W., Stiles acting S.D., J. Greenfield acting J.D., Cook I.G., Jacques Organist. There was but a small attendance of the members of the Lodge. Visitors Bros. Heyse and Gwyn 1602, &c. Business: Bros. P. W. Earle and G. R. Carter were raised to the third degree, and Brother Ramsden was passed. A ballot was successfully taken, and Messrs. J. Blundell, G. W. E. Thorn, W. Redstone, and C. H. Holland were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned until October. Of the working of the W.M. it is unnecessary to say more than it was all that could be desired. It was fortunate the visitors and members had not to undergo the ordeal of a banquet, the want of ventilation being most distressing.

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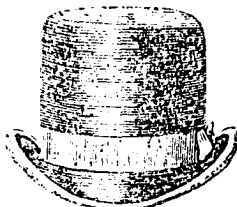
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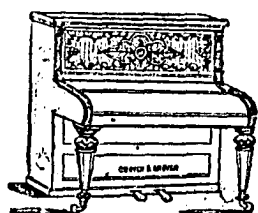
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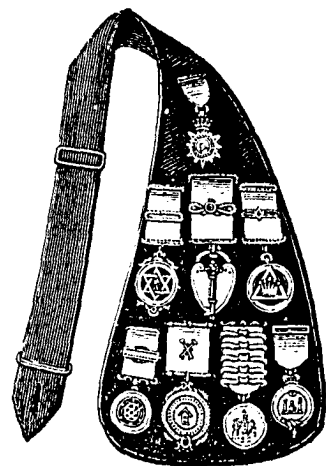
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