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THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

THE ballot paper for the Boys' election contains, as we stated last week, the particulars of seventy-seven candidates, who will compete for the sixteen vacancies which are announced. Of this number fifty-four are accredited to the Provinces, eighteen to London, and five to Foreign stations, viz.:—West Indies, Nova Scotia, Singapore, West Coast of Africa and South Africa. The first four on the list come forward for the seventh time, and unless successful this October will each be debarred, by age, from again competing. No. 1, Alfred Thomas Cole, one of five children dependent on their mother, has hitherto been very unsuccessful in securing votes, 42 being the total standing to his credit, and this after taking a part in six previous elections. No. 2, Percy Charles Wilkinson, has fared better, there being a total of 1289 votes now standing in his name; both his parents are living, and they have two other children to maintain. No. 3, Emanuel Wait, one of six relying on a widowed mother, stands very little chance, with his 541 votes in hand, unless his friends can secure more help than they have got together on previous occasions; while No. 4, Lovell Hope Ridpeth, who has but 234 votes in hand, may be said to fare even worse. He is the only child dependent on his parents, both of whom are alive, but the father is paralyzed. The other "last application" cases are eight in number:—George Shadwell Parker, No. 7 on the list, who brings forward 1255 votes from four previous attempts, is the only child dependent on a widowed mother; we may assume that, in all probability, this case will occupy a place on the list of "successful." No. 9, Edmund Purcell Spalding—fifth application, 765 votes already polled—is one of six children who are dependent on their parents, both of whom are alive; the father is an old member of the Province of Suffolk, and we trust his long connection with the Craft will stand him in stead now that he is compelled to appeal to its charity. William Tracy, No. 15, has already stood two elections, and brings forward 135 votes as the result thereof; his is a London case; the mother, who is the only parent living, having eight children to support. No. 16, William Henry Bazley, who has also taken part in two previous elections, and is a London candidate, has 400 votes to his credit; his mother has five children to provide for. No. 34, Arthur Barker, has already stood at one election, but on that occasion no votes were polled for him; we have no doubt but that this is in reality a good omen for the lad, as we may assume thereby that his father's Province—West Yorkshire—has the case in hand, and they surely will not allow a family of four children, who are left parentless, to appeal to them in vain. No. 44, A. E. Scrope Shrapnell, who has a brother already in the School, is a Wiltshire lad; his mother still has four children to provide for. At the April election she secured 158 votes on behalf of this lad. The other two on the list of "last applications" are Nos. 54 and 56, Frederick Frankland Godfrey and William Henry Healey—the one accredited to Kent, the other to West Yorkshire. Both of these lads are parentless, and in each case there are seven children left to the charity of their friends. Should we ever cease to appeal on behalf of the Charities while such cases as these are brought forward?

Having thus dismissed the twelve candidates who have but this one chance, we will proceed with the less important

ones—so far as time is concerned. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight has five cases, in addition to No. 7, to which we have already referred; No. 17, George Frederick Gauntlett, has at two attempts had 377 votes polled for him; he is one of four children now dependent on their mother. No. 27, Herbert Mastern Fellows, brings forward 49 votes as the result of his two previous attempts; his mother has two children, in addition to this lad, to maintain. No. 28, George William Steinhaner, is one of eight children left parentless; he has only stood one election, on which occasion five votes were announced as recorded in his favour. No. 46, Walter Herbert Woollons, has 84 votes forward from April last; he and three other children rely on their mother. No. 63, Albert Edward Sparks, is a first application case, and closes the list of Hampshire candidates. The brethren of that Province appear to have numerous claims on their charity, and although they may devote all their energies to secure the return of their several candidates, it seems almost impossible that, unaided, they can succeed with even a minority of them. West Yorkshire has altogether five candidates for the "Boys;" two of whom (Nos. 34 and 56) have been referred to among the "last applications;" the other three are Nos. 47, George Mey, 49, John Roebuck Murgatroyd, and 53, William Thomas Pike—all first applications. In each case the father is dead, and the mothers have five, four, and five children respectively to maintain. Devonshire and Lincolnshire have each four accredited to them. Of the latter, one—Alfred Thomas Cole—figures among the final applications; the others are No. 10, William Black, who brings forward two votes from three previous attempts; No. 13, Philipson Marshall, who has secured 101 votes in a like period; and No. 40, Robert Williamson Pratt, who appears for the second time without a vote having been recorded in his favour. We can hardly understand the position in which the brethren of Lincolnshire leave the candidates which put up from their district, unless it is that their system of organisation is incomplete. Surely, it would be better to make a firm stand on behalf of one candidate than to put three or four to the expense of issuing circulars, cards, and the other accessories of a Charity election! Still, we suppose the brethren of Lincolnshire are capable of shaping a course of their own; it is very certain that they have some very good men among their number, who will not allow cases of distress to go unsupported, if by any means in their power they can aid them. The Devonshire candidates are Nos. 22, 31, 37, and 71. No. 22, Herbert Norrish, who has figured at the two last elections, has 819 votes to his credit; his mother is the only parent living, and she has five children to provide for. No. 31, Edwin Ernest Hawke, has not secured any votes, although he was a candidate at the election of April last. His widowed mother has five children to maintain, and would, we should imagine, greatly appreciate the liberality of the Craft if the election of her son could be secured. No. 37, William R. Deacon Foot, second application, comes forward similarly circumstanced as regards votes; he and one other child are dependent on their mother. No. 71, Sydney Earle Loveridge, one of four children left fatherless, is a first application case, and will, no doubt, receive attention in due course. The fact of no votes being polled, except for the candidate supported by the Provincial Committee, is ample proof of the thoroughness of the system under which the Devonshire Craftsmen manage their votes. North and East Yorkshire and Kent each have two candidates beyond their

single first application case; Worcester and Surrey bring each a like number forward, but neither of their nominations are so old as to be debarred from competing, even if they are unsuccessful on the next occasion. The Yorkshire candidates are No. 29, Frank Colbeck, who has 1065 votes already recorded in his favour from one ballot; and No. 64, Sidney William F. Richardson, a first application. The latter lad is one of a family of six children, who are left parentless; while the former has his mother living, and there are six children requiring support from her exertions. Nos. 38 and 59 are the other representatives of Kentish Lodges. Arthur James Kennedy (No. 85) being a candidate for the second time. At the last election 316 votes were recorded in his favour; he is one of five children left to the care of a mother, the father being drowned in November 1877. No. 59, Charles Edward Webb, has his mother living; this is his first trial for a place in the Boys' School. Only one of the Worcestershire lads has stood a previous election, and he, George Bertie Brooks, No. 18, has 619 votes in hand from two attempts; he and another child are dependent on their mother. No. 51, Herbert Wilfred Knott, has both parents alive, but the father is suffering from paralysis of the brain. There are eight children in the family to provide for. No. 66, Ernest Bloomer Granger, has likewise both parents alive, although his father is confined in a lunatic asylum; he and two others rely on the exertions of their mother for the necessities of life. Surrey brings forward 358 votes in favour of Richard Arthur Grave, after two elections; this lad, both of whose parents are dead, has a brother already provided for by the Masonic School. No. 43, Percy Herbert Stone, brings forward 512 votes from last election, so that it appears evident the brethren of Surrey intend to carry these two cases. Their other candidate, William Reuwick Watson, No. 70, now appears for the first time; but we think from the name attached to the particulars of his case that he is in good hands. His mother has three children to maintain. There are seven Provinces each with two cases accredited to them. Bristol, whose candidate, Emanuel Wait, we referred to in the earlier part of our remarks, heads this list. Its other candidate is George John Gray, No. 12, who has 15 votes to his credit after three elections; he is the only child dependent on his mother. Dorset brings forward Nos. 35 and 62. Jno. Tom Goldsbrough, No. 35, has 79 votes to his credit, having taken part at the last election; there are five children dependent on the parents, both of whom are alive, the father, however, has emigrated to Australia. No. 62, Ernest Stambler Moore, one of five fatherless children, now appears for the first time. No. 23, John Henderson, from Durham, has 929 votes in hand as the result of two polls; he and two others are at present provided for by their mother. Herbert Lawson Laing, No. 67, is one of seven children left to the care of a widowed mother, who will ere long, we trust, be relieved of the care, through the liberality of the Craft, of this one of her offspring. Albert Edward Coc, No. 41, from Essex, brings forward 102 votes from last April, while No. 68, Robert Leigh Ibbs, the other candidate from this Province, is a first application case. Each of these lads are left fatherless, and in both cases there are three children dependent on the mother. East Lancashire has, thus far, only polled 22 votes in favour of James Herbert Bell, No. 8, who now appears for the fifth time; there are two children in the family, left fatherless since 1876. For their other candidate, John Read, fourth application, we see two votes recorded; in this case there are four children left to the care of the mother. We presume the brethren of the Province have plans laid down which would answer any remarks we might offer; time alone will reveal the secret of what at first sight appears a peculiarity. The Western Division of South Wales puts forward John Morgan Alexander Thomas, No. 24, and has already recorded 575 votes in his favour. He has a brother in the Institution, but notwithstanding this fact his mother is called upon to provide for six children. No. 65, Edward Thomas Ball, is the other candidate against which appears the name of this Masonic district; the mother in this case having to provide for this and two other children. Charles James F. Allin, a Warwickshire lad, comes forward on the present occasion for the sixth time, with 1219 votes in hand, so that we may assume his election is secured. No. 32, Walter Boston Brown, brings 16 votes from April last, a number that will we may safely predict be considerably increased shortly; he and three other children are de-

pendent on their mother. There are seven Provinces each with one candidate. Berks and Bucks leads the way as regards number of votes in hand, its candidate, James Albert Seddon, No. 42, having 313 forward from the last election; while No. 39, Frederick John Neville, the Cambridgeshire lad, has 106 in his favour from the same election. Nos. 52, 58, 60, 61 and 74 are all first applications, and hail respectively from W. Lancashire, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Middlesex, S. Wales (East), and Guernsey.

The London cases besides those already referred to are Nos. 11, 21, 25, 30, 33, 36, 45, 48, 50, 55, 57, 69, 72, 73 and 77. Of this number the last eight are first applications. Most of the boys are members of large families and in each case are dependent for maintenance, with the other children, on their mothers. No. 21, Ernest George Beckett, has 919 votes standing in his name as the result of two previous elections. No. 45, Paul Belmore Garstin, who has a brother in the School, follows pretty close with 861 votes as the outcome of one previous application; while in the other cases, 375, 112, 119, 103 and 57 are the number of votes credited to the respective candidates.

From abroad we have No. 6, Henry Gavin Hackett-Barclay (West Indies), who has a brother in the School, coming forward for the sixth time, with 676 votes to his credit. The lad is one of four children now dependent on their mother. Closely following in point of number of votes in hand is Herbert Rich Hounslow, No. 20 (Nova Scotia), who has had 614 polled at the two elections in which he has taken part. He is an only child, but is left without either parent to care for him. No. 26, Ernst Colville Collins Wilton, is a member of a family of whom only two now remain unprovided for. His mother having already been fortunate in securing the election of two of her daughters to the Girls' School. The father was a member of No. 508 (Singapore); and this child has 166 votes standing in his name. No. 75, William Pearse Gunnell, is an only child, dependent on his mother; his father, a P.M. of No. 773 (W. Coast of Africa), died in 1870. No. 76, W. Leslie Wilson, is one of four left to the care of the widow by a late brother of a South African Lodge. With this case our task of reviewing the candidates for the Boys' School comes to an end.

The description given as regards the occupation of the late Bro. Wyatt, whose daughter is now a candidate for the Girls' School, is, we are informed, incorrect. Bro. Wyatt was, at the time of his death, foreman to Messrs. Cubitt and Co., and not an hotel keeper, as stated in the ballot paper.

GO TO WORK IN EARNEST.

THE Masonic vacation is over. Lodges that "called off" during the heated term will now resume labour. Sultry August is passed, and the very name of September has an inspiring effect. The evenings have grown longer, and the gentle breezes of Autumn will soon reduce the temperature of the Lodge room to the endurable point. Throw the doors and windows wide open and give all the apartments a good airing. Let them be made comfortable and inviting to the Craft as they again come together. A thorough house cleaning may be necessary to do this. Shake the dust out of the carpets and use the scrubbing brush where it is needed. A little fresh paint often makes a wonderful change for the better at a trifling expense. A few ornaments and pictures for the walls make a Lodge room look much more attractive. Then polish up the jewels and working tools and make them bright and shining. Don't forget the aprons, which, as speculative Masons, you must ever wear unspotted before the world. So much for the surroundings.

Having put everything in order to please the eye and attract the brethren to the meetings of the Lodge, you are now in a condition to take up the work in hand. The officers probably are "a little rusty" from want of practice. Start a school for instruction, and keep it up until all are thoroughly posted. Invite the members generally to attend, and assign them parts in the work. Make them feel that there is something that they can do, and they will come and take great pride in doing it. Break up the practice at once of a few officers doing all the work in conferring degrees. No one should take more than one part while there are others that have nothing to do. The work of the Master and Wardens is at their respective stations. They should take no part in the "floor work," as they very generally do in the smaller Lodges. The floor members can do their work just as well when once instructed in it, and it of right belongs to them.

There is another matter of great importance to be looked after, and that is the finances of the Lodge. This is the weak point in most Lodges. The Secretary neglects to collect the dues; members become delinquent; which is the first step towards staying away from the Lodge. The Lodge gets in debt, and is continually in a "hard up," dilapidated condition. This state of affairs works a great detriment to any Lodge

The prompt business men among the members are disgusted with this sort of shirklessness and quit attending. The same class of men who would like to become Masons withhold their petitions, and thus affairs go on from bad to worse until the usefulness of the Lodge is almost wholly destroyed from want of a proper management. A reformation in this regard cannot be begun too soon. Require the Secretary to furnish a statement of the account of every member, and take steps to have them all balanced before the close of the year. Make all pay up who are able to do so, and you will find many of them in the Lodge room who have not been there for years. If any are too poor to pay, remit their accumulated dues and place them on an equal footing. They will appreciate the brotherly act and show their gratitude by again coming up to the Lodge. As the evidence of returning prosperity begins to manifest itself, the world will soon discover it, and the men you want will apply for admission. The writer could give an interesting personal experience in which a poor, sickly Lodge of forty members, meeting in a little uncomfortable hall, was transformed into a large and prosperous Lodge of one hundred members, and occupying one of the finest halls in the State. A little good management was all that was necessary, and in resuming labor if all the Lodges will go to work in earnest, as we have indicated, they are bound to prosper as they have never done before.—*Masonic Advocate*.

FREEMASONRY IN LANCASHIRE.

ON Wednesday the Provincial Grand Lodge of the West Province of Lancashire held its annual meeting at the Winter Gardens, Morecambe, under the auspices of the Morecambe and Lancaster Lodges. The R.W.G.M. of the district, Lord Skelmersdale, presided, and was supported by the Right Hon. Colonel Stanley, D.G.P.M. and the other Grand Officers. There was a very large and influential gathering of brethren from every part of the province, only one Lodge out of a total of eighty being unrepresented. A Craft Lodge having been opened. Lord Skelmersdale was received in due form by the assembled brethren; the minutes of the Grand Lodge held last year, at Liverpool, were read and confirmed, and a number of grants were recommended for indigent Freemasons or their widows. The Officers of the Grand Lodge were invested for the ensuing year.

The annual banquet was held in the evening. The Chairman having proposed the loyal toasts,

Colonel Stanley, M.P., in proposing "The health of Lord Skelmersdale, M.W. Prov. Grand Master, and other Officers of the Grand Lodge," was received with cheering. When the applause had subsided, Colonel Stanley said at their desire he had the honour to propose the next toast which stood upon the list, and he was sure it was one which needed no words of his to commend itself to the true sympathies of all Freemasons. He felt that in any assembly of Masons in the province it must be a source of satisfaction to them to muster amongst them one of the Grand Lodge Officers of England, and that they were enabled to claim him as their own Grand Master. Lord Carnarvon had the thorough interest of all Masons at heart, and when other duties intervened—duties of a very onerous character—he never allowed them to interfere with his devotion to the Craft. They had a great deal to thank the Grand Lodge for, and which acted as a kind of controlling power over the Provincial Lodges, having oftentimes a very difficult task.

Lord Skelmersdale, who was heartily received, in replying to the toast of his health, said he was glad the province continued to flourish, though it was quite true that there were not quite so many Masons on the books as there were last year at the corresponding time, but he thought, considering the badness of the times, very few places in the whole of England could show so good a return as they did. They had had upwards of six hundred initiations in the provinces this year, which he was sure showed that, be the times bad or good, Masonry was good, and people would come amongst them and support it. He hoped it would long continue, and that Masonry would continue to increase in the provinces. He was glad to find their Secretary able to show such a clean sheet to-day.

Brother Davis (Liverpool), in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the Right Hon. Colonel Stanley, the Provincial Deputy Grand Master.

Colonel Stanley thanked them most sincerely, in the names of the Grand Officers and in his own, for the very kind and hearty manner in which they had drunk the toast. He was exceedingly gratified at the kind terms in which Brother Davis had proposed it, and he felt some diffidence in standing there after his repeated absence from former Grand Lodges which had been held during the past two years. He accepted it as an additional matter of pleasure to himself that he was enabled to meet with so many Masonic brethren of the Province that day. He thought they were able to congratulate themselves that, notwithstanding the bad times of which the Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, had spoken, they were enabled to meet together and put a cheerful face on matters, and that whatever ups and downs there were in the world, Masons were determined to hold together as long as they could. At that hour of the night it would not be becoming in him to occupy their time longer. (Cries of "Go on.") He begged to thank them once more for the kindness with which they had received the toast, and to assure them on the part of the Provincial Officers, both past and present, that it afforded them the most lively satisfaction to have received from the brethren such a hearty welcome, which was the best reward they could have for the services they had endeavoured to render them.—*Daily News*.

MADAME WORRELL'S ANNUAL CONCERT.

The annual concert given by Madame Worrell took place on Wednesday at the Angell Town Institution, Brixton, and was most successful, the whole of the accommodation afforded at the rooms being

brought into requisition. The programme opened by a part song executed by Miss Matilda Roby, Miss Marian Burton, Bro. Arthur J. Thompson, and Mr. James Budd, and then, with but short intervals, the entire programme was carried out. From the list of stewards whose names appear on the programme we may really class this as a Masonic meeting, a considerable majority of those interested in the evening's success being eminent in the ranks of Freemasonry. Under all circumstances, it is not to be wondered at that the reception accorded to Madame Worrell was most enthusiastic; her rendering of "The Worker," by Gounod, being the event of the evening. After continued applause an encore was given; Twickenham Ferry being selected by the lady, and but for the fact of putting her good nature too much to the test we believe this would have been redemanded. The applause she received must have been most gratifying, and may be accepted as a true criterion of the way in which this lady's endeavours are appreciated. The other artistes who took part in the evening's entertainment were Miss Annie Matthews, Mdllc. Helene Arnim, Mr. E. Caink, and Brothers Edward Wharton, J. H. Maunder, Thomas Nettleship, and Henry Baker. Miss Ada Hazard, R.A.M. (Silver Medalist), presided at the pianoforte; and Mr. E. Deane at the viola. Conductor, Bro. Tarlo Leo. The whole of the arrangements were most successfully carried out, and Bro. Tarlo Leo deserves especial mention for the able way in which he acted as conductor.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Thursday afternoon, 25th September, a meeting was held at Walsall, presided over by Major Geo. S. Tudor, Grand Superintendent of the Province; the various Chapters being represented by the following Companions—Hy. Wilson, C. Newnham, W. H. Hales, Thos. Cooke, W. Jones, J. P. Hall, Wm. Vernon, F. S. Wright, Thos. Turner, A. Patterson, J. Sherwin, Foster Gough, J. Walker, H. Kitson, J. Stringer, Hy. Lewis, Thos. Taylor, Chas. Fendelon, F. Derry, Frank James, William Bayliss, Josh. Newman, T. M. Humphries, J. H. Rowbotham, James Rowley, W. N. Armstrong, J. H. Smith, Thos. Hy. Cope, W. J. Boys. The following appointments were made:—Companions Frank James Prov. G.H., Chas. Fendelow Prov. G.J., H. Kitson Prov. G.E., C. Newnham Prov. G. Treasurer, Josh. Newman Prov. G.N., William Jones Prov. G. Principal Sojourner, J. Stringer Prov. G. 1st Assistant Sojourner, J. Sherwin Prov. G. 2nd Assistant Sojourner, T. M. Humphries Prov. G. Registrar, James Rowley Prov. G. Standard Bearer, F. Derry Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, B. H. Brough Prov. G. Organist, Thomas Nichols Prov. G. Janitor.

THE SAINT ELMO LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

THE second meeting of the above Lodge was held on 19th September 1879, at the Masonic Hall, La Valletta. Present—W.C.N. Bro. Lient. C. E. Coffey, R.A., Bro. Captain C. J. Blake, R.A., S. (acting), Bro. W. J. Jones J. (acting), and numerous brethren. Lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken for a member of the "Keystone" Mark Lodge, which proved unanimous. W. Bro. A. M. Broadley P.G.M.M. of Tunis and Malta, W. Bro. W. Read W.M. of the "Keystone" Mark Lodge, both honorary Members of the "Keystone" Mark Lodge, another Brother of this Lodge, as well as the brother of the "Keystone" Lodge, in whose favour the ballot was taken, were then admitted, and by the W.C.N. advanced to the degree of Royal Ark Mariners. The authority from the Grand Mark Lodge of England to instal Bro. A. M. Broadley in the chair of N. was then read, and W.C.N. Bro. Coffey performed the ceremony of installation in a most impressive manner. W.C.N. Bro. Broadley, addressing the meeting, expressed the pleasure he felt in having taken this degree in the Saint Elmo Lodge attached to the "Broadley" Mark Lodge, and in particular to W.C.N. Bro. Coffey for installing him in the Chair of N., in order that he might found a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners at Tunis, whither he would shortly proceed. W.C.N. Bro. Broadley also complimented all the officers on their excellent working on this occasion. Lodge was then closed by W.C.N. Bro. Coffey, with the usual solemnities.

BEAUDESERT LODGE, LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

IT is with the deepest regret we have to report the demise of our Immediate Past Master, and much respected Brother, Dr. Harris, who after a protracted illness of seven weeks, passed calmly, on the 22nd ultimo, from his mansion of clay to a House not built by hands—Eternal in the Heavens—whose Builder and Mason, is God.

Our deceased Brother was an active and true Mason, and was never absent from Lodge, except when duty called him away. He was also a devoted husband and most affectionate father, and his unassuming and kindly manner was only eclipsed by his immaculate unselfishness, which endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

In his profession he was a clever, sound, practical surgeon, and his loss will be deeply felt in that part of the great building wherein he was placed to toil by his Master.

The cortege, with every mark of respect, was followed by the Members of his own Lodge, as also by brethren from surrounding Lodges, by whom, through subscription, it is proposed to erect a tablet to his memory.

Time takes earth's fabrics, built with care,
And spills their dust on rushing air:
The Age, the Masons, all forgot,
As though oblivion wrote—"Twas not!

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Requiescat in pace.

H. W. A. S.

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PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, to which your columns have lately given due prominence, is one which I am sure has only to be widely known to enlist the usual hearty support of the Craft to so deserving an undertaking. And whilst the subject is being fully discussed, allow me to furnish one grain of fact, which may, I trust, carry the weight which the old proverb ascribes to it.

I know of one of the pupils of the Girls' School, who, having completed her term of instruction in the Institution, now finds herself, for want of a suitable situation where she could do herself and her training full justice, compelled to rely for support upon her widowed mother, until she can (failing anything better) obtain a situation as a domestic servant. Now I think, Sir, that this is one of the instances, occasionally recurring, where a little assistance from the proposed fund, judiciously applied at the outset of an ex-pupil's career, and when the gifts and attainments of the pupil are best understood, that could not fail of being most beneficial, and would be productive of results in consonance with the loyal support previously given to our deceased brethren's children, and gratifying to those who have the welfare of our Masonic pupils at heart.

I enclose card, and shall be happy to furnish full particulars.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

VERAX.

A PROMINENT MEMBER AT INSTRUCTION LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think a very good opportunity now presents itself to pay a well merited compliment to a brother who has for some years devoted a great part of his leisure to the advancement of Masonic knowledge; and if you, Brother Editor, will kindly insert this letter, I hope some practical result may follow. It is, doubtless, known to many London Masons that Bro. C. H. Webb, whose services are so often in request at the various Lodges of Instruction, of which he is either Preceptor or member, has taken in hand the case of Mary Ann Amelia Wyatt, who is a candidate for the Girls' School; and I think if those brethren who have votes to spare would send them to him, he would look upon it as a most gratifying testimonial. I am afraid to detail the merits of the case, as I know you are averse, and justly so, to any display of partiality in your columns; but I think the fact of this child being left, together with three others, without either parent, is sufficient to warrant the interest Bro. Webb has shown in the case.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I remain,

Yours, &c.

A PUPIL.

[We are pleased to accede to the wish of our brother, and hope, as he suggests, that his remarks will be followed by a hearty response. We will gladly forward any votes sent to us for the child of our deceased Bro. Wyatt.—ED. F.C.]

FREEMASONS PAINTED BY ONE OF THEMSELVES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad to see that the attention of the Craft has been called by your correspondent "P.M." to the uncharitable sentiments contained in an editorial article in your contemporary of the 20th ultimo. "P.M." is not the only brother who has perceived this want of charitable feeling, and whether the article was or was not written by the editor himself, he is, at all events, answerable for having allowed it to pass into type. I hope that under the very heavy pressure of literary matter which falls on that brother's shoulders the evil influence of such an article accidentally escaped his attention, for I can hardly believe that such an experienced Mason would wilfully have desired to advertise any foibles which Masons in common with the outer world possess. And with this remark I dismiss consideration of the article referred to. But I would remind the Craft to whom it is addressed that, whether Masons or not, the great human family seem naturally to lose sight of the fact that they themselves have the weaknesses which they discover in others. To-day is published *The Masonic Magazine* for October, and in it I find an article entitled, "Notes on Literature, Science, and Art," with the author's name in full, and a list of five works of which he is also the author, and an "&c., &c." appended to that list, winding up with what is virtually a condemnation of the pleasure Masons experience at seeing their names in print. Referring

to Bro. Fabien's account in your contemporary of the initiation of a Frenchman in the basket of the great balloon of Paris, he says, "Bro. Fabien's communication is much more interesting than the dull and dreary lists of names of members present at a Lodge, with which so many reports are sadly overloaded. If it be necessary, as I confess I fear it is, to minister a little to the vanity of Masons to entice them to read a Masonic periodical, I, for one, had rather risk my neck in a balloon than herd safely on the solid earth with those un-Masonic Masons." Every month this brother's "Notes" appear in the *Masonic Magazine*, with his name, literary achievements, and residence fully advertised. Now I do not blame him at all for so placing himself before the public; but I think that he, as much as any one, should not discover vanity in other brethren who like their Masonic friends to see that they have been attending to their Masonic duties. I have no reason to be ashamed of my own name, and I am not ashamed of having passed the chair, but as I might if I signed the former be identified, and consequently come within our brother's condemnation, I shall avoid the possibility of being identified by subscribing myself,

ANOTHER P.M.

1st October 1879.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Although I agree with the principle of the letter by P.M. in your last week's issue, about the bad taste of a Masonic paper publishing to the outside world a rather unfortunate but true fact that brethren often do not act up to the tenets of Freemasonry outside the Lodge, and often occupy exalted positions therein, where, had their proper characters been known, they should never have been admitted into the Craft, still we are taught in such a case to observe silence, and perhaps it would have been better had this been done in this instance. At the same time there is a great deal of truth in the writer's remarks, and if they have the effect of moving some of our brethren to be more particular in the admission of members, it would be of vast benefit to the fair character of Freemasonry in general. In some parts of the Continent a candidate is obliged to send his photograph, which is exhibited in the outer room of the Lodge, for a long period, so as to give every member a chance to fully recognise the person wishing to join; besides, a full inquiry into his character is made by the proposer and seconder. Were a similar plan adopted here, we should not be in the too frequent position of having Members and Officers, even W.M.'s, whose presence in a Lodge is objectionable and anomalous.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER AND P.Z.

BRO. PATRICK AND THE STINGY LODGE.

THERE was once upon a time an exceedingly mean and stingy Lodge, that was scarce ever known to do any thing for charity. All its money was either expended for banquets and for the various paraphernalia of conferring the degrees, or was loaned around to various members of the Lodge, some of whom paid neither principal nor interest.

One evening Bro. Patrick Fitzsimmons brought in an appeal for two widows, both in great distress. One was the widow of a Mason, who had died suspended for non-payment of dues; the other the widow of a very worthy citizen who was not a Mason at all. After Pat had stated his case, and the matter had been argued both *pro* and *con*, but principally *con*, the case of each was put to vote. The first case was voted down, on the plea that the woman's husband was not a Mason in good standing; the other was next voted down, on the ground that the woman's husband was not not a Mason, though a very worthy man. This aroused the Irish of Bro. Pat, who was a warm-hearted son of old Erin, and who knew very well that the reason why the Lodge voted down each appeal was because it was stingy, and had no true Masonic charity. Boiling over with feeling, Pat arose and addressed the Worshipful Master in the following strain:

"Worshipful Master, this Lodge puts me very much in mind of an old Irish anecdote:

"There was a Bishop in Dublin who engaged a painter to make a large picture for the Cathaydral. The subject chosen was the crossing of the Red Sea by the Israelites. After a shuteable time the picture was completed and hung in the Cathaydral, covered with a broad and heavy curtain. A great crowd of people had collected to see the picture unveiled. The priests entered in procession, the organ sounded and the singers sung. All faces were turned in anxious expectation to the great curtain. When it was drawn aside nothing could be seen but a vast expanse of wather—reddish-green wather.

The Bishop in great rage turned to the painter and said:

'I thought I asked you to paint a picture of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea?'

'Thru for you! that's just it,' said the painter.

'But where are the Israelites?' asked the indignant Bishop.

'They're gone over,' said the painter.

'Well, but where are the pursuing Egyptians?'

'They're gone under,' said the painter.

'And now Worshipful and brethren, it sames about so wid ye here. If I ax ye to help a Mason's widow ye say: 'he's gone over,' and if I ax ye to help a widow of another man, ye say: 'he's gone under,' and betwixt them ye jist give nothing at all!'

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KNIGHTS' TEMPLARY IN CORNWALL.

THE Province of Cornwall as regards Knights' Templary has been dormant for some years, the last appointed officers dating from 24th Oct. 1871, when the Earl of St. Germans (then Lord Eliot) was the Provincial Grand Commander. The list of officers then appointed numbered some seventeen knights, since which time no less than nine have either resigned or died. Among the resignations was that of the Earl of St. Germans. The late Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., was to have been the successor to the Provincial Grand Commandership, but declined the honour on account of his numerous engagements, and it was generally felt that the choice should fall upon Colonel John Whitehead Peard, J.P., of Trenynton, Par, who is the Provincial Grand Master for the Mark Provincial Grand Lodge. This well-known brother, happily for the degree, has been appointed by patent to the office in question, and Friday was selected for his installation. Since 1871 a variety of alterations have been made in the statutes of the Order, and many of the titles have been changed, the head of the province now being styled the Provincial Prior, and the various provinces are united in this country under Lord Skelmersdale as Great Prior of England. England, Ireland and Canada have united to form the "Convent General," over which presides the Grand Master the Prince of Wales, and Her Majesty is the Patroness. It is hoped ere long that Scotland will join in this organisation—being now independent of all others—and ultimately it is hoped that all the English-speaking tongues throughout the world will accept the Prince of Wales as sole Grand Master, leaving each Great Priory for the various countries or states to make their own separate statutes. When this occurs there will be upwards of 100,000 members, many of whom are of the first rank in society, and enthusiastic and zealous Craft Masons.

Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Prov. Prior of Sussex, &c., had been deputed by Lord Skelmersdale as acting Great Prior, and effectually fulfilled his high and responsible position on Friday 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall Public Rooms, Truro, in the presence of the most distinguished body of Knights Templar that has ever assembled in the Province. Among the numerous Sir Knights who attended in honour of the occasion were the Hon. R. W. Hoskins Giddy Prov. Prior of South Africa, J. M. P. Montagu Prov. Prior of Dorset, Hugh David Sandeman Past Prov. Prior of Bengal, General H. E. Doherty, C.B., Past First Grand Captain of England, Emra Holmes Hon. Prov. Prior of Canada and Representative, &c., William Tweedy Past Prior of the Cornubian, Colonel S. G. Bake Prior of the Restormal, Richard John Prior of the Cornubian, Edward Dixon Anderton Past Prior (C), T. C. Stephens Past Prior (R), Charles Truscott jun. (R), Past Prior W. Polkinghorne Past Prior (R), John Stephens Past Prior (R), Dr. Mason Past Prior (R), A. Luke Past Prior (R), Richard Carter, the Rev. W. H. Blossome, Dr. Henry de Legh, the Rev. F. B. Paul, George Brown, Samuel Harvey, W. D. Rogers, William Rooks, and H. Elliott. The various banners of the great Officers and of the Prov. Priors, &c., added much to the effect of the scene, which was very imposing, on the reception of Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke as acting Great Prior, and of Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Peard the Prov. Prior nominate. The minutes of the last Prov. Priory having been read, the patent of Colonel Peard was announced, and he was then in a very efficient manner obligated, invested, and proclaimed as the Prov. Prior for Cornwall. He afterwards appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing term:—William Tweedy (C) Prov. Sub-Prior, Rev. W. H. Blossome, M.A. (C) Prelate, Edward Dixon Anderton (C) Chancellor, Charles Truscott jun. (R) Constable, Dr. William Mason (R) Marshal, Thomas Couch Stevens (R) Registrar (reappointed), William Polkinghorne (R) Treasurer (re-elected), Rev. F. B. Paul (R) Almoner, Richard Carter (C) Organist, Col. S. G. Bake (R) Captain of Guard, R. John Sub-Marshal, John Stevens Aide-de-Camp, Alfred Link 1st Herald, Dr. Hugh de Legh Sword Bearer, Samuel Harvey Standard Bearer, H. Elliott Equerry. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the members of the Great Priory for their kindness in attending, and particularly to the Acting Great Prior. Sir Knight Emra Holmes proposed a grant of five guineas to the "Cathedral Fund," but was ruled out of Order, as no notice had been given, but he gave due notice to that effect for the next Prov. Priory.

The banquet at the Red Lion Hotel, presided over by Colonel Peard, was a brilliant one, and gave satisfaction to the members who participated, the brethren of the Rose Croix Chapter, of which the Prov. Prior is a member, having joined the Sir Knights at the festive board. A very hearty reception was given to Lieut. Colonel S. H. Clerke, especially for his valued and able services as the Installing Great Prior; and the other members of his distinguished staff were most warmly greeted and entertained by the Cornish fraters.

In the afternoon the Cornwall Rose Croix Chapter assembled in considerable strength, nearly all the Officers and resident brethren being present, and received a visit from several members of the Supreme Council of England, viz.:—Bros. J. Montagu Pulteney Montagu Grand Chancellor 33°, Lieutenant-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary General 33°, and Hugh David Sandeman Grand Secretary for Foreign Correspondence 33°, the Hon. Richard W. H. Giddy Chief Inspector General 33° for South Africa, and General H. E. Doherty, C.B., the Deputy Inspector-General 33° for the Western District, as well as other distinguished Visitors. The Supreme Council were pleased to find the Chapter in such an efficient state, and appeared highly gratified at the cordiality and heartiness of their reception. One candidate was exalted by the M.W.S. in a pleasing manner, and a young member was also unanimously elected.

A Special Consistory of the P.R.S. 32° was held on this occasion for the purpose of investing Bro. W. J. Hnghan, our distinguished and erudite brother, with the collar of that degree, and Col. Clerke, in announcing the fact, stated that it had given the Supreme Council great pleasure to confer this degree, *honoris causa*, upon Bro. Hnghan, of whose services to this Order and to Freemasonry generally he spoke in the highest terms. Bro. Anderton M.W.S., on behalf of the Chapter, thanked the Council for this mark of their

favour, and Bro. Emra Holmes said that Bro. Hnghan was appreciated and honoured in both hemispheres as a Masonic writer. He was held in the highest estimation in the United States, and the Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite had done honour to itself in honouring him. Bro. Hnghan's advancement is very popular in Cornwall.

The Supreme Council, in the course of their western tour, have already visited the St. Peter and St. Paul Chapter at Bath; the Ivor Hael Chapter, at Newport (Wales); the Morganway Chapter, at Swansea; the William de Irwin Chapter, at Weston-super-Mare; the Alfred Chapter, at Taunton; and the Coryton and Rouge-mont Chapter, at Exeter. To-day they attend the St. Aubyn Chapter, at Morice Town, and on Monday the Hayshe Chapter, at Plymouth, at which a Consistory of the Thirtieth Degree is to be held—an occurrence so rare that doubtless many will be present who have attained that distinction. These visits have given a great impetus to the Rose Croix Chapters, as well as to the Pories of the Knights Templar, which have also been visited, and all concerned have every reason to be pleased with the success of the tour.

ORDER OF THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

THE annual meeting of the Grand Imperial Council of Scotland of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 24th ult. The Most Illustrious Sovereign Colonel Francis Bardett on the throne. The following members of the Grand Council were also present:—The Hon. Lord Inverurie Most Eminent Grand Viceroy, Captain Charles Hunter Junior-General, the Rev. T. N. Wannop High Prelate, R. S. Brown Recorder, James Crichton Treasurer, Dr. James Carmichael Almoner, John Crombie, C.A., Aberdeen, Orator, William Edwards Chamberlain, C. G. C. Christie Int. Gen. Peebleshire, and the following members of the Grand Senate:—N. Minola, Dr. George Dickson, James Melville, and F. L. Law, and a good attendance of members of the various Conclaves. Colonel Bardett having completed his three years of office, Lord Inverurie was unanimously elected in his place as M.I. Grand Sovereign, and was enthroned accordingly. His Lordship then appointed Captain Hunter as his successor in the office of M.E. Grand Viceroy, and thereafter the other office-bearers were appointed—Lieutenant J. G. Murray Senior General, John Crombie Junior General, Rev. T. N. Wannop High Prelate, J. B. Mercer Chancellor, R. S. Brown Recorder, J. Crichton Treasurer, Dr. James Carmichael Almoner, W. Edwards Marshal, Dr. Dickson Standard-Bearer, J. H. Balfour W.S. Sword-Bearer, and Colonel Robeson Chamberlain. The following Sir Knts. were elected to seats in the Grand Senate,—viz., J. Dalrymple Duncan, William McLean, Cornelius Harman and Dr. Thesdon Byrne of Elsiefields, Dumfries. A report from the Executive Committee, showing satisfactory progress of the Order during the past year, was approved. The Sovereign then, in appropriate terms, proposed that a vote of thanks should be accorded to Colonel Bardett for his services as M.I. Grand Sovereign, and, in name of the Council, presented to the Colonel a certificate (beautifully emblazoned on vellum by Brother Melville), setting forth the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the office, and the thanks of the members therefor. Colonel Bardett suitably acknowledged the compliment. After the transaction of some routine business, the Knights adjourned to the Windsor Hotel, where they dined together. The newly-appointed Sovereign and Viceroy acted as chairman and croupier respectively, and the company was joined by a number of other Knights and Freemasons, among whom were—Sir Knights W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P. for Carnarvon, and Deputy Grand Master of North Wales and Salop, D. Murray Lyon G. Sec. G. L. Scotland, Dr. Byrne of Elsiefields, who had been appointed a member of the Grand Senate, &c. After dinner, served in excellent style by Brother Thiem, the Chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts, calling for an extra cheer for the two young Princes who have just gone out on a voyage. "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces" were next given from the chair—Colonel Bardett replying for the army, Dr. Byrne for the navy, and Captain Hunter for the reserve-forces. Colonel Bardett then proposed "The health of the Grand Sovereign," remarking that he looked upon Lord Inverurie as the mainstay of the Order, and the very best man they could have placed in the high position to which he had been elected. He felt sure, he said, that the new Sovereign would exert himself energetically and worthily, so as to do his best for the interests of the Order, and that he would not only preside over the Grand Council but would look after the other Conclaves in the different parts of the country. Lord Inverurie was willing to work, and he, Colonel Bardett, had great gratification in confiding the high office into his care. The toast was cordially drunk, and Lord Inverurie, in acknowledging it, expressed the hope that at the end of his term of office no one would be able to say that the Order had suffered any mischance. The Chairman then proposed the toasts of "The Most Illustrious Past Grand Sovereign," which was acknowledged by Colonel Bardett; "The Most Eminent Grand Viceroy," replied for by Captain Hunter; and "the Present and Past Members of the Grand Council," for which Brother Crombie, Aberdeen, responded. Thereafter the "Prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Scotland" was proposed in a congratulatory speech by Lord Inverurie, and acknowledged by Brother D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary. A number of other toasts were duly honoured, Sir Knt. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., Hon. Sec., replying for "The Sovereigns and Viceroys of Conclaves," in doing which he expressed his pleasure on account of having been admitted as a member of the Order; and Colonel Bardett acknowledging the toast of "The Grand Council of England," which was proposed by Lord Inverurie. "The Recorder" and "The Visitors" were also toasted, and the proceedings were closed at eleven o'clock.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge, of which Bro. S. D. Ewins is I.P.M., was held on 25th Sept., at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. Lodge was opened by Dr. C. R. Cutmore, the W.M., who, in due course, put the minutes for confirmation. These being accepted, the other business of the day was proceeded with. On the Lodge being advanced, Bro. Lawrence Stevens Burt was raised to the degree of M.M. Lodge was then resumed, and the following gentlemen, after being balloted for, were initiated into Freemasonry:—Messrs. Charles William Lenox Hall, George Hutchinson, and Alfred Wortham, the ceremony in each case being performed by Bro. Dr. Cutmore, in an impressive manner. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, Bro. W. Manfield Newton, receiving the majority of votes for the first office, Bro. Capt. Kain was re-elected Treasurer, and the Tyler also was re-elected. The usual quota of brethren were appointed as an Audit Committee, and thus the business of the day was brought to an end. The decease of Bro. William Edward Newton, which took place on the 1st April last, was then formally announced by Bro. Capt. Kain, who also addressed a few words to the Lodge, feelingly pointing out the merits of their departed brother. It was proposed and unanimously carried, that the sympathy of the Lodge with the bereaved family should be recorded on the minutes, and a copy of the same forwarded to the widow. This latter duty was, on the request of the Secretary, kindly undertaken by the Treasurer, to whom the various members of the family are well known. Some other matters of routine business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed and the brethren repaired to the banquet hall. Here a pleasing novelty was provided by Bro. Dr. Cutmore, who has made his year of Mastership memorable in the annals of the William Preston Lodge. The variation in the usual formalities which our brother had provided on this occasion was that of allowing the wives and non-Masonic friends of the members to join the festivities of the evening, and we think he, as well as the brethren who have assisted him and Brother George Newman—who we believe first suggested the innovation—are very much to be thanked for the excellent way in which the whole of the arrangements were conducted. A first-rate banquet, served in the best style of the Cannon-street Hotel, was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and at its conclusion the regular toasts were gone through; the speeches on this occasion, out of respect to the ladies, we presume, being kept very short and to the point. Capt. Kain proposed the health of the W.M., briefly referring to his good qualities, displayed both inside and outside the Lodge. In reply, the W.M. stated that the present was among the proudest moments of his life; he had never before experienced such pleasure at a Masonic meeting as he did now that they were graced by the attendance of the ladies. The toast of the initiates followed, and each in their turn replied. To the toast of the visiting brethren Bro. W. W. Morgan jun., and others, tendered a brief reply, after which the health of the Past Masters was most heartily given and received. Bro. Capt. Kain was again "able"—as he facetiously termed it—to address a few words to those assembled. He hoped their present attempt at initiating the ladies would not be the last by very many. Bro. Miller followed, and then Bro. Newman was called for. It was but natural that this brother should express the pleasure he felt that his proposal had resulted in so pleasant a meeting. He hoped that each succeeding September meeting of the Lodge would be graced by the attendance of the ladies who, he trusted, would go away satisfied at the entertainment the members had been enabled to offer. Bro. Worrell followed, and then Capt. Kain "ably" explained the banners of the several Past Masters, which in this Lodge form an important part of the surroundings. To the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Capt. Kain and Worrell respectively replied, and then the non-Masonic Visitors and the Ladies were each honoured, Bro. Capt. Kain proposing the latter toast. To the Masonic Press, Bros. Morgan and Kelly responded, the representative of the *City Press* following. The Officers of the Lodge was next given, and then the Tyler's toast. A most enjoyable musical programme was provided and carried out in a manner that gave great pleasure to those assembled. The artistes comprised Madame Worrell, Miss Marion Burton, and Bros. Alfred Kenningham, Seymour Smith, and J. Turle Lee. To particularise any piece as being the most deserving, would be invidious, suffice it to say that each carried out their part in a faultless manner, the encores, which were in a few instances accorded, being fully appreciated. Among those present were Bros. Dr. C. R. Cutmore W.M., E. Kidman S.W., W. Drake J.W., Capt. G. J. Kain P.M. Treas., Wm. Worrell P.M. Sec., W. J. Roberts S.D., W. J. Collens I.G., E. B. Broomhall D.C., George Newman P.M. Steward, J. Pringle P.M.; Bros. H. E. Heath, J. W. Hutchinson, W. Manfield Newton, Turle Lee, William Johnston, L. S. Burt, J. G. Appell, A. G. Rees, F. G. Barnes, P. Steinmann. Visitors Bros. H. Garrod P.M. 749, Louis Beck W.M. 1559 P.G.O. Middx, H. Harman 1541, F. A. Kelly 1524, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, Seymour Smith 712; Messrs. Alfred Smart, M. A. Trass and Mrs. Trass, J. Tozer and Mrs. Tozer, D. M. Forbes, F. Ullmer and Miss Ullmer, Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Rees, A. S. A. Dodson, Madame Worrell, Miss Marion Burton, &c. The Infant Salvini, a child of five years, entertained those assembled by giving two recitations, in a style which for one so young was perfect.

We are pleased to announce that the weekly meetings of the Upton Lodge of Instruction have been resumed, at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C. Bro. A. W. Fenner is the Preceptor, and Lodge will be opened each Thursday evening at 8 p.m.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

THE members of this popular Lodge met for the Installation of W.M. and appointment of Officers for the next twelvemonths on Friday, 26th ultimo, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. In addition to the Installation business, the agenda paper was a very full one, consequently Bro. Charles F. May, the W.M., had called the brethren for one o'clock. Lodge was accordingly opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. There were three candidates for raising, but consequent upon the inconvenience of the time set down for this ceremony, only one of those entitled to the degree attended. However, Bro. Charles Edward Botley passed his examination, and received the benefits of the sublime degree. The next business undertaken by Bro. May was to pass Bros. Robert Charles Owen Emmerson, Jonas Hole, and John Brill, which task was performed in a careful and impressive manner. Bro. May now signified his willingness to proceed with the ceremony of the day, the Installation of the W.M. elect. Bro. William Gomm was presented, and he took the obligation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the ceremony was proceeded with. On the readmission of those below the rank of Installed Master, the new W.M. was saluted, and he appointed his Officers as follow:—B. Blasby S.W., C. Costelow J.W., W. Goss P.M. Treas., W. Hilton P.M. Sec., L. Franckel S.D., J. J. Gunner J.D., Beckett I.G., J. Tarling W.S., Le Grys D.C., Gilbert Tyler. Bro. May then delivered the addresses, and resumed his seat amidst hearty congratulations of members and visitors. Bro. Gomm, who is an old and highly esteemed member of the Lodge, and a constant attendant at the Lodge of Instruction held under its warrant, was anxious to show his capacity for office. The ballot was brought into requisition for Mr. John Gunthorpe, who was proposed by Bro. Squires, and seconded by Bro. Clarke; for Mr. Charles Maton, proposed by Bro. Goss P.M., seconded by Bro. Blasby, J.W.; for Mr. Henry H. Tolhurst, proposed by Bro. Brill, seconded by Bro. Franckel; and for Mr. Alexander George Emerson, proposed by Bro. Gomm, seconded by Bro. Goss P.M. The result was satisfactory, and Mr. Charles Maton, who was present, embraced the opportunity and took his first step in Freemasonry. The celerity with which the business of the day had been carried out was now manifest, as ample time remained at the disposal of the brethren ere the hour fixed for the banquet. Consequently it was intimated to the W.M. that Mr. William Pollok Meaden, a candidate for our mysteries who had been ballotted for at a previous meeting, was in attendance, and Bro. Gomm kindly undertook to again work the ceremony of initiation, to his advantage. Some proposed alterations in the bye-laws were then considered, and after some little discussion the desired changes were agreed to. The resignation of two members was announced, and the W.M. intimated that he had undertaken to serve as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys next year, when he trusted he might be well supported by the members of his Lodge. After some routine business, Lodge was closed. At 5.30 a capital banquet was served in the New Hall at the Star and Garter, and all present seemed to appreciate the excellence of the arrangements. Bro. James Tarling, as usual, acted most efficiently as Director of the Ceremonies, and spared no effort to minister to the comforts of the guests. On the removal of the cloth the loyal toasts were briefly introduced by the W.M. In speaking of the M.W. the Grand Master Bro. Gomm remarked that wherever he visited he heard a good word said for the Prince of Wales. Individually he (the W.M.) thought well of His Royal Highness, and he had never met with a brother who, in this respect, differed with him in opinion. Bro. Charles May felt few words were required of him to bring the toast of the W.M. to their notice. Bro. Gomm had the welfare of the Craft and its Institutions at heart. The Masonic Charities were known in all parts of the world, and it was gratifying to all to know how well they were supported. Bro. Gomm had not been unmindful of their claims, and under his rule the Royal Alfred Lodge would continue the support it had always rendered to the Institutions. Bro. Gomm, in replying, was sure Bro. May had said more than he had deserved. However, he would strive to sustain the position and reputation of his Lodge, and would do all he could to maintain the good opinion the Lodge was held in; in this he hoped to receive every help from the members. The next toast given by the W.M. was the health of the Past Masters. Bro. Gomm stated he had received great help from the Past Masters. However, on this occasion what he had most directly to do was to propose the health of Immediate Past Master Bro. May, and he would take the opportunity of presenting him with the Past Master's jewel, which he hoped he would long live to wear, and become as well known in connection with Freemasonry as was his father, the late Bro. Samuel May. Bro. May, in reply, remarked:—As a Past Master he felt he brought with him but a limited experience. He, like Bro. Gomm, had received help from the P.M.'s, to whom he tendered his sincere thanks. He had endeavoured during the last twelve months to do his duty, and was gratified to know his exertions met with their approval. He recognised, in the presentation of the jewel that had been voted to him, the sentiments of the brethren. He would exert himself to promote the welfare both of the Lodge and its members. Bro. Littlewood was the next Past Master who addressed a few words to the Lodge. He was followed by Bro. Brown, who delicately and in the kindest manner referred to the comments that appeared in this journal on certain incidents that attended the proceedings at the last meeting. He (Bro. Brown) was aware that a disagreeable feeling existed in the minds of some of the members in regard to what had appeared in print, and he was of opinion that opportunity should be afforded for any explanation that might be forthcoming. After a few words from Bros. Beasley and Gardiner, the W.M. proposed the health of the initiates, and Bros. Maton and Meaden replied. The remaining toasts comprised the Visitors, which was responded to by Bro. W. T. Scott and others; the Treasurer and Secretary, acknowledged by Bros. Goss and Hilton; while that of the Officers of the Lodge drew out the oratorical ability of the several members who had been honoured by being invested with collars. The final

toast was given by the Tyler, and the brethren separated after an agreeable day had been spent. Amongst the Visitors present were:—W. T. Scott P.M. 9, Mackenzie Reed 26, Thos. R. A. Hinks 217, J. Bingemann P.M. 55, J. Tickle P.M. 1196, John Wigg S.W. St. Clement Danes, Alfred Kent 1425, Henry Kasner W.M. elect 1612, Henry E. Tucker 1612, Edward Gasson 1612, Grosvenor Phillips 1712, James Clark 1612, H. K. Erwin 1287, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211.

ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

THE installation meeting of this new and flourishing Lodge—which is named, by special permission, after H.R.H. the Prince of Wales—was held on Wednesday, 1st October, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, where there was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. The banner of his Royal Highness was prominent over the Master's chair. The W.M. Bro. Frank Kirk occupied the chair, supported by Bros. J. Hancock S.W., Docker J.W., L. Beck P.M. Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Sec., Crossland S.D., Outhwaite J.D., Forscutt I.G., Berrow Organist; also Bros. Green, Lloyd, Valeriani, Berrow, Farr, F. W. Green, Duret, Livermore, Warner Sleight, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former and an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. John Hancock S.W. and W.M. elect was presented. Bros. B. Swallow P.M. and J. Wright P.M. 1158 occupied the Wardens' chairs. In due course Bro. Hancock was installed into the chair by Bro. Lonis Beck P.P.G.O. Middlesex, who was the first Master of this Lodge, and who gave a perfect and impressive rendering of the ceremony, fully entitling him to the warm encomiums passed on him at its conclusion. Bro. Berrow Organist played some appropriate music. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom, and he appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Frank Kirk I.P.M., Docker S.W., Crossland J.W., L. Beck P.P.G.O. P.M. Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Sec., Outhwaite S.D., Forscutt J.D., Duret I.G., Berrow Orgt., Livermore D.C., B. Swallow P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex W.S., McGillivray Asst. W.S., Green Second Asst. D.C., Rev. P. M. Holden P.P.G.C. Middlesex Chaplain, Potter Tyler. Ballots were now taken for the admission of Messrs. W. Mole and T. Lloyd, and the newly installed W.M. showed his capacity for office by initiating those gentlemen into the Order. Heartly good wishes were given from the numerous visitors, and Lodge was closed. The brethren, forty-one in number, sat down to a banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. W. Gosden, that gave great satisfaction. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, after which Bro. Lloyd sang the solo verses of the National Anthem. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of England, said, he called upon them to drink to the health of the Duke of Rothesay—one of the titles by which his Royal Highness is known by—and which to them has a special signification, inasmuch as it is the title by which their Lodge is known. He, therefore, felt very proud in calling upon them to do justice to the toast. After this the W.M. called on all present to do honour to the toast of the R.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Officers of Grand Lodge of England. This toast received full recognition, and Bro. Berrow, Organist, delighted the brethren with an artistic selection on the piano. The W.M. then proposed the toast of their newly-initiated members, and said all were pleased to see the two gentlemen who had joined their ranks that evening; they would doubtless prove to be of the true Rothesay blood, and become an honour and a credit to the Lodge. Bro. Warner Sleight here amused the brethren with a very laughable anecdote, after which Bros. Cole and Lloyd severally returned thanks; the latter said he had always had a great desire to become a Freemason, and hoped to be a credit to the Lodge. Bro. F. Kirk P.M. then rose to propose what he might say was the toast of the evening,—the health of the W.M., whose qualifications were so well known that they required very little embellishment from him; this they had already seen. Since Bro. Hancock had occupied the chair he had initiated two gentlemen, while his able presidency spoke for itself. Their W.M. was one who could, in every respect, do his duty, and in every office he had held he had performed what was required of him satisfactorily; he would call on them to give the toast a hearty reception. Bro. Lloyd sang most artistically "Once Again," and the W.M. rose to reply. He thanked Bro. Kirk for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him; it was also flattering to notice the way the brethren had received the toast. He tendered all his sincere thanks for their kindness. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors; the members were proud to see among them fourteen; to one and all he tendered a cordial welcome. Bros. J. Wright, Scott, S. Watkins, Dean and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 responded; all complimented the Worshipful Master on the able manner he had performed the ceremony of initiation, and Bro. Beck the ceremony of installation. The Worshipful Master now had a pleasing duty to perform, that was to propose the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Kirk, who had discharged his duties in every respect to the satisfaction of the Lodge. As a Founder he had travelled miles to be present that day. Before asking them to drink the toast, he would place on his breast a jewel which all felt he was worthy of—a jewel won by his excellent working, and the interest he always took in their prosperity. He hoped Bro. Kirk would wear it for many years, not only in this Lodge, but in every Lodge he might visit, and that it might be handed down as a heirloom to his children. Bro. F. Kirk thanked the W.M. for the valuable gift, and also for the kind manner the toast had been proposed. The recollection of this night would never be effaced from his memory. He had only been absent once from Lodge meetings, and he should have indeed regretted it had he been compelled to be away that

evening. He could hardly find words to express how grateful he was to Bro. L. Beck, who had in every respect assisted him to carry out the duties they were pleased to say he had performed so well. On leaving the chair he trusted in his capacity of P.M. he would always be associated with the Lodge. In proposing the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, the W.M. said the Lodge could compliment itself on having two such efficient members. The Secretary was a pattern to any Lodge, not only in his official capacity, but as a P.M. He, as well as Bro. Beck, deserved a hearty response to the toast. Bro. L. Beck thanked the brethren for re-electing him as Treasurer; he felt a pride in filling so distinguished a post. Bro. W. C. Parsons followed; he hoped his endeavours had given them satisfaction; his only aim was for their benefit; he trusted the Rothesay Lodge would be one of the Lodges that would be copied throughout the Craft. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Wardens, who were both capable of filling the office of W.M. After a reply from Bros. Docker and Crossland, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. Among the Visitors were Bros. Perryman P.M. No. 3, Gibson 1420, Penet 145, Ditrage 145, W. H. Dean P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Dorset, Festa 834, Inge 1563, J. Wright P.M. 1158, H. Stewart 780, S. Walker P.M. 212, E. Farwig W.M. 180, Lakin 180, Wake, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Bro. Berrow, as accompanist during the evening, rendered valuable assistance to the several vocalists.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the above Lodge, at the Red Lion Hotel, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 29th October, commence at 7 o'clock. Bros. Brown 862 W.M., Gush I.G. 1541 S.W., Tate S.D. 862 J.W., and Wm. Long P.M. 435 Preceptor and Hon. Sec.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday the 2nd inst. Present —Bros. Clark W.M., Gieseko S.W., Klein J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Wallbrecht Sec., Pearcy J.D., Hine I.G.; also Bros. Andrews, Peacock, Legge, and others. Preliminaries were observed. Bro. Fenner worked the two first sections of the lecture, after which Bro. Clark vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Andrews (the W.M. of the mother Lodge), who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in a very masterly manner, Bro. Peacock being the candidate. Bro. Klein, of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382, was elected a member; Bro. Gieseko was appointed to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned. This Lodge of Instruction has been recently reformed under very auspicious circumstances; we predict a successful future for it, as those brethren who have assisted in its resuscitation are energetic in their Masonic duties. We hope Craftsmen who reside in the vicinity of the Lodge, and who are in search of Masonic knowledge, will avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting here and judging for themselves.

West Kent Lodge, No. 1297.—The brethren of this Lodge assembled on Saturday afternoon last, at their new place of meeting, the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, to transact the ordinary business. The brethren have for a long time been dissatisfied with their old quarters at the Forest Hill Hotel, which was not by any means so well adapted for Masonic gatherings as could be desired. Meeting now, by permission of Grand Lodge, in the elegant rooms of the South Corridor of the Crystal Palace, the brethren were charmed with the accommodation afforded them. Punctually to the moment, Bro. R. H. Crowden the W.M. assumed the chair of K.S., Bros. Woodrow and Kent being respectively S. and J. Wardens. The Rev. Arthur Druce, M.A., and Mr. J. Overage, civil engineer, were initiated, and the other business being disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room adjoining, where an excellent repast, admirably served, awaited them, to which ample justice was done. The usual toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren separated after having spent a most enjoyable afternoon and evening.

If Masonry is in your heart, you will be a moral, temperate, and prudent man, keeping a guard over your lips and actions. You will abhor profanity and intemperance, and reprove those faults in Masons who may be guilty of them. You will be affable and courteous, treating all good Masons as your equals, paying due respect to those in office, regarding the opinions and making allowance for the prejudices of every place you visit.

MEANNESS takes on various forms of manifestation. One of its most signal illustrations is in the person of the anonymous letter-writer who gives vent to his envious and malevolent feelings by discharging from the covert of a safe retreat a poisoned arrow at some person whom he dislikes. The man who allows his animosities to lead him into this sort of ambush warfare, from which all honourable minds instinctively recoil, is most certainly to be pitied.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Saturday, the 11th of October 1879, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to consider Notices of Motion as follow, and to Elect Eighteen Girls into the School by ballot from a list of Forty-eight Approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over), and close at Three o'clock precisely.

By Bro. Thos. Meggy, Vice-President.

"That a Committee be appointed to consider the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the Election of Candidates and for other purposes, and to report to the next General Court."

Upon recommendation of the Building Committee.

By Bro. Col. Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee, Chairman.

"That a Dwarf Wall be built on the South side of the Institution Grounds, at a cost not exceeding £300."

By Bro. Jas. A. Birch.

Proposed alteration of Rule 71, sub-section 2, to read as follows:—

"The Election and Removal of the Secretary shall be vested in the General Committee; the Voting to be by Balloting Papers duly forwarded to each qualified Member, not less than fourteen days before the date of Election; such Balloting Papers must be signed by the party entitled thereto, and may be presented by a Member of the General Committee on his or her behalf at the time of Election."

F. R. W. HEDGES,

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SPECIAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

WILL be held in the Corn Exchange, at Reading, and close tiled at 11 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, the 14th October 1879. The Grand Lodge will then be adjourned, and the Procession will be marshalled by the Grand Director of Ceremonies and his Assistants to escort the M.W. the Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon to the site of the New Public Buildings, the memorial stone of which will be set by the M.W. the Pro Grand Master.

By order of the R.W.P.G.M.,

ROBERT BRADLEY, Provincial Grand Secretary.

At Two o'clock, on the termination of the Ceremony, Luncheon will be provided at the St. Lawrence's Institute, at 5s each, including waiters and dessert, but not including wine. Tickets—for which an early application is requested—can be obtained of Bros. W. Ferguson, Broad Street; Blackwell, London Street, and Stransom, Market Place.

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COVENT GARDEN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION,

No. 1614,

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THIS LODGE will re-assemble for the Winter Session on Thursday, 9th October, at 8.0 p.m. The members will be glad to welcome Brethren from other Lodges.

W. H. GULLIFORD, Hon. Sec.

VITRUVIAN LODGE, No. 87.

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" 16. W. H. Bazley
" 73. A. A. Gee
" 77. J. B. Frost
" 60. J. C. Johnson

GIRLS.

No. 17. C. A. Fellows
" 27. M. A. A. Wyatt
" 15. A. M. Dawson
" 8. J. S. H. Priestley.
" 9. E. E. Williams
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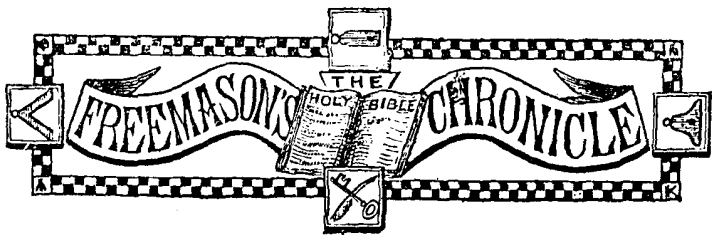
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THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE BEFORE THE CRAFT UNIVERSAL.

[COMMUNICATED.]

IT is well worthy of note that the regrettable action taken by some Masonic Powers against the Grand Orient, nearly two years ago, was not allowed to interfere, in the least degree, with the fulfilment of its duty of Love and Charity towards the members of the Brotherhood, to whatever country, race, nationality, or Rite they may have belonged. Nor is it possible to say now, as then predicted by a hostile press, that the result of the assumed right of excommunication exercised against that Body, has by any means proved to be detrimental to the union and cohesion of the subordinate Lodges.

That the Grand Orient is far from being disintegrated is, most evidently, an incontestable fact. On the contrary, prosperous and successful, the Grand Orient has since wisely maintained, towards the Masonic world, a dignified and unconcerned attitude, busily engaged in the good deeds and practical duties of true Freemasonry, and almost unmindful, so to speak, of all the frivolous talk, misleading statements, and unedifying criticisms made against its conduct. Thus, it has done well to strengthen the position it has taken, by showing, on all occasions, fraternal kindness to all, even to those who would be its detractors and accusers, and further to deserve commendation by not looking for any appreciative motives in their behaviour towards it, nor any due right in their censure against its opinions. Condemned without being heard, it has not paused to ask of its judges the evidence upon which they have delivered judgment, nor the text of the law which they are supposed to have rightly invoked, and whose penalty they have so authoritatively ap-

plied. Acting in this wise manner, the Grand Orient has allowed the question of its guilt or innocence, if not to lapse into oblivion, at least to be, for the present and till the proper time of appeal, dismissed from the mind.

Now, if "forbearing one another in love" is a Biblical injunction, it will perhaps be admitted that French Freemasons, who are charged with not using the Bible in their Lodges to "obligate" their initiates, and who do not take it as the "unerring standard of truth and justice to regulate Masonic actions," have nevertheless given, in this particular instance, a striking proof that real principles of Freemasonry can be carried out without reading the S. V. to Jews and Mahomedans, Christians and Freethinkers, believers and unbelievers.

The Grand Orient is aware—although some of those who entered their judgment upon record against it, namely the United Grand Lodge of England, never took the trouble of notifying the law ground of their sentence—that its sole offence consisted in having abrogated from its *own* Constitution a superfluous article which it had, in the year 1849, thoughtlessly inserted, and whose text, as far as it was known, never existed before in any Masonic Constitution. Holding that Freemasonry is one entire body throughout the world:—an institution destined to unite all good men in whatever part of the globe they may be, or from whatever region of the earth they may come; an association essentially based upon liberty of conscience and free thought, and whose purely philanthropic design has nothing whatever to do with religious creeds or dogmatic belief; and finding that these have been and always will be the most potent cause of disunion among men, and having more particularly to suffer abuses consequent upon their own self-made clause, French Masons thought it proper, after having given to the subject all the consideration, study, and thought demanded, to cancel, in 1877, what they had themselves incautiously laid down in 1849, as one of the pre-requisite and substantial of Freemasonry, in their own Constitution.

This is the plain fact, and however much it may clash with other people's pre-conceived notions, it is nevertheless one that ought to be generally known. The legal character of the question, in a strictly Masonic point of view, is not admissible. To elucidate therefore any point at issue bearing upon it, opinions certainly should not take the form of binding legal decision, with a penalty:—

"Shun thy neighbour never,
Perhaps he has not acted rightly,
Still he is thy brother."

The Grand Orient now simply believes that no man is responsible to any earthly power or person for his religious or irreligious opinions; and that it had an incontestable right to make any such alteration in its Constitution, in order to stop abuses of intolerance and exclusiveness in its own Jurisdiction, without being excommunicated by any members or powers of the fraternity. That it is, in this moment, by right, and in fact, to all intents and purposes, as much within Masonic orthodoxy as it was, at least, from the time of its organisation up to the year 1849, when no Masonic authority whatever ventured to impugn its legality, or to command or suggest that to be orthodox it should add any clause to its constitution, asserting dogmatically the existence of a Deity, a Supreme Being, or a G.A.O.T.U., and besides the immortality of the soul. And how reasonably, and in justice, not to agree with it, at least, in this respect?

The Grand Orient is of opinion that to lay hold of in all countries, in all governments and in all philosophy the evident principles, eternal and immutable of universal morality, and to make of them the unanimous and infallible dogma of fraternity, it is, above all, absolutely necessary to discard all that which divides the minds, and profess all that which unites the hearts, of men. It has found, after careful examination—and the facts are staring us all in the face—that by local and individual tendencies, at home and abroad, derived more or less, from our manual and ritualistic observances, the great vital principle of the Society, namely, "Liberty of Conscience," was in danger of being overwhelmed and buried out of sight, if not by malice aforethought, but by sheer carelessness in the performance of a most important duty. That, unfortunately for the good repute of our Institution, and the harmony and concord of Masons, there are, on this and the other side of the Atlantic, brethren whose apparent object is the exclusion of a vast number of worthy, esteemed and learned men, by trying to even force upon them declaration of faith, theological admissions and forms of worship which they cannot utter without a violation of their own conscience.

Thus in Germany, Jews must not be initiated, Masonry being made there, by its votaries, essentially Christian; whilst in England, and also in America, gatherings of Provincial Grand Lodges, in many localities, cannot be regular or perfect if—with the Bible open—a processional adjournment from the Lodge to the Parish Church, therein to attend Divine Service, is not made part of the celebration. Now, in these cases, while entering their strong protest against the anti-Masonic rule of the Germans, French Masons would, by mere tolerance, be disposed not to criticise too severely the proceedings of the English, and perhaps would even, out of fraternal courtesy, on the occasion, join in a procession which, in their consciences, they would deem simply a superstitious show. But, surely they would not fail to say: "that, at all events this is not Freemasonry; if it is not, according to our dogmas of complete liberty of conscience and absolute nonsectarianism, altogether anti-Masonic." And who would prove them the contrary? And upon what principle could lie or stand the demonstration?

In their opinion, by discarding in the practice of Lodges all that which pertains to religious worship and ceremony, the French have come nearer the fundamental essence of Freemasonry, the better to serve its purposes and carry out its cosmopolitan aim, which embraces all humanity. They have proclaimed a truth which alone can be depended on to maintain the integrity of the Order. And they fulfil besides, by so doing, a condition upon which the majority enter the Association, and thus keep the promise made to every initiate that "in its vows of fidelity there was nothing incompatible

with his civil or religious duties and convictions." What a shocking thing to individual sense of propriety if a brother in the discharge of the duty of his office as Chaplain, on being called to offer prayer in the Lodge, should conclude by invoking the mediation of Confucius or Buddha, Allah or Christ, or else attempt to personify the G.A.O.T.U. in a Trinitarian theory; or, again try to assimilate Him simply to a symbol of Nature, or its three *generant* reigns into our globe? Well may such an idle supposition be sneered at! Yet, it is an incontrovertible truth that, much as men may appear to agree in their respective countries upon the respective name of a Deity, and much as they may be supposed to be in harmony in their own religious forms of worship, yet, it cannot be said that the same form of prayer will suit any man and all men, even in the same Church, and far less in the same Lodge.

A Methodist divine, once a Grand Chaplain of a certain Grand Lodge, uttered his prayer for the Lodge in accordance with his own conviction of duty. Great objections being made, he said:—"Masonry recognises the 'rights of conscience.' I prescribe no form in which other men shall pray. The Grand Lodge elected me Grand Chaplain, knowing my sentiments. I deny the right of any to prescribe a form which my conscience does not approve."

Well, was it not surprising to that Grand Lodge as a Masonic body, that might have been composed of men of all shades of opinions, and belonging to many distinct sects, to find itself that day compelled to be Methodist in prayer, and that, too, in the very name of "the rights of conscience?"

To those who might feel inclined to think that such a case is of rare occurrence, we may say that it is by no means so; it happens unhappily too often, but generally passes unnoticed. We have collected for ourselves, in our travels both in England and America, and on occasions such as Provincial Grand Meetings, Dedications of new Lodges, and the like, some printed programmes of the ceremonies which we attended, and we find therein special prayers composed for the occasion by Chaplains, whose sectarianism was perhaps more in violation of Masonic teaching than was that of the Methodist divine; and who, like the latter, might have defended themselves from intolerance, also on the plea of "liberty of conscience."

Of two things one or the other:—Either Masonry is built upon religion, and is a religious sect itself, with its own doctrine and teaching; or, standing above or outside religion, like most associations of men, and leaving to each man the belief he deems best for himself, according to the degree of his light, science, or attainments, Freemasonry is then totally unbiassed by any religious tendency whatever.

In the first case, whether that religion were mere Buddhism or Islamism, Judaism or Christianity, it could not claim to be Catholic, in the true sense of the word, that is "like the sun, universally spread over the surface of the earth," nor could it pretend to make a "unit" of so many discordant elements, as contained in creeds where men cannot, and never will agree. Freemasonry, then, must be true to its professed principles, and must not be a religion, or anything like it, in order to boast, but without fearing the charge of imposture, of being a cosmopolitan and universal Brotherhood, proclaiming loudly the liberty of conscience as its *sine qua non* article of association. In the absence of any precise text law, it was similar syllogism, which for years was argued, debated upon, thoroughly examined, and carefully dissected by the Grand Orient, before it came to the natural conclusion upon which it has acted.

Elsewhere, as well as in France, there are, it is true, men who believe that truth and justice equally practised, likewise manifested, are the only rules of life: an incentive to virtue, a principle of civilisation, the assertion of human reason, human dignity, and the best guide for the accomplishment of the progressive mission of man. And to Freemasonry these men say, not without just cause it must be admitted, especially in France, where Clericalism has made recently so many bold strides:—

"Be truly our safeguard,
Help us to save free conscience from the paw
Of hireling wolves, whose Bible is their maw."

On the other hand, Freemasonry itself possesses in its midst those against whom protection is required. For it is likewise true that there are religious Masons who, as adepts of this or that denomination profess to think, and do not neglect to preach, that all must be made subservient to the Bible, its teaching and influence; and, by way of consequence, to the influence of its hierophants and those who profess to promote it by speaking in its name. Divided between themselves, each one claiming to be in the right, the sects to which those men belong are nevertheless Christianity, every Church of which affects to convince its followers that without its own definitions and explanations of the law, in fact outside its own pale, there can be but heresy and damnation. And though diametrically opposed to each other, they agree together however to give currency to the ischivous assertion that there can be no honest or good man except he be a religious man, *idem est*, one of them. No Institution could be called Freemasonry that would deliberately admit into its bosom, and put in contact with each other such dissolving agencies, against Fraternity, peace and harmony, as those afforded by the various religions and creeds of men. No religious belief, of whatever shade, is now, nor ever will be, the groundwork, the grand and peaceful platform of Freemasonry; so think the Masons of the Grand Orient.

They believe they have shut the door through which abuses found their way into our Association, and have opened that by which men of good report of every country, rank, sect, opinion, view, or croche can enter to unite with each other, and contract among themselves a bond of friendship that no dividing influence of sectarianism can weaken, and no moral partiality of consideration or merit, based on religious repute, can destroy. There we may mingle and blend together as one and the same species, free conscience being enjoyed by all without restriction; all engaged in the humanising works of Freemasonry in the grand mysteries of life; all reduced to a common level and

occupied by a common design; each one learning with zeal the real principles, and the true object of the Mystic Art, the better to teach them in truth and light by deeds of example. The Freemason, thus trained, thus emulated in the practice of those virtues of our Order, could not prove—we agree most decidedly with Dr. Anderson—to be an “irreligious libertine nor a stupid atheist.”

Without going any further into these controversial questions, it is, however, curious to remark that of all the Masonic Powers that have sounded the alarm at the mere amendment made by the Grand Orient of its Constitution, and which have shown their appreciation of its act by excommunicating it, not one belongs to what is termed a “Roman Catholic” country, save Ireland. But Ireland is Masonically rather Protestant, as well as England and Scotland; and, by a singular coincidence, it was from our dear brethren of the emerald island, whom, it was then said, and it is still believed, were directly or indirectly influenced by Roman Clericalism, that the first blow at the Grand Orient was struck,—in due Popish fashion too. Their bull of excommunication went from this to the other Continent in no time, and, apparently, none of the fifty Grand Lodges of the United States disagreed with it. Many of the American Grand Lodges, it is true, were not then in friendly relations with the Grand Orient, owing to its having been the first power to acknowledge the coloured-men Grand Lodges of America; but no other cause of disaffection existed that might be converted into a general one.

With regard to the alleged influence exercised in the case by Irish clericalism, certain articles may be recalled to mind against the Grand Orient from that section of the profane press that is representative of Romanism in Ireland, articles which acted on public opinion as it were like the heralds-at-arms of the Irish Grand Lodge. In the meantime it may be curiously observed that not one of the so-called Catholic countries, on both Continents, whose Grand Lodges are in relations of amity with the Grand Orient, did take alarm at its conduct and show the least objection to its having, more emphatically than before, proclaimed the Masonic dogma of “liberty of conscience.” From the smallest Republics of South America to Italy, Portugal, and Spain (land of intolerance and persecution, last seat, not very long ago yet, of a Grand Inquisitor's Hermandad), all fraternal relations and friendly correspondence with the Grand Orient of France have been maintained and remain still unaffected. We would not take, certainly, upon ourselves to say that this accusation is founded on truth. We can only state the facts and the circumstances under which they happened.

It was at the General Assembly of September 1877, that the resolution for the amendment of the First Article was by unanimity voted, and that, in consequence, the Constitution was restored to what it was prior to 1849, a fact which the Grand Orient did not officially communicate to any Masonic Power, as it believed they had nothing to do with the matter. Now, we find, as early as the 2nd of November following, the Irish Grand Lodge notifying its decree of excommunication against the French brethren. Whether it be Orange or Ribbon, we think it worth quoting; it runs thus:—“Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Ireland has received official notification that the Grand Orient of France has altered the first article of its Constitution from its previous form, and omitted therefrom, as one of its fundamental principles, a belief in the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. The Grand Lodge of Ireland hereby resolves:—That the Grand O. of France having by such alteration rendered admissible as members of Lodges within its jurisdiction individuals who do not believe in the existence of a personal Deity, has thereby caused a breach in the foundation of ancient Masonry, and acted in violation of the first principle of the Order, and therefore the Grand Lodge of Ireland hereby declares that it cannot continue to recognise the Grand Orient of France as a Masonic Body, and directs all the Lodges working under Irish Constitution to decline receiving as Masons any persons hailing from the Grand Orient of France or from any subordinate Lodge under its jurisdiction.”

Those who are familiar with this question of the Grand Orient may recollect the correspondence that ensued between Sir Edwards Borough, Rep. of the G.O. at Dublin, and Bro. De Saint Jean, President of the Council of the Order, that correspondence having been published and commented on by many Masonic papers. Most probably so hasty and informal a decision would not have carried much weight, and Masonic opinion, enlightened by the explanations given, would have unravelled the real motive of precipitate action from its authors, had it been allowed to remain, at least for a time, unnoticed. But the charge thus sounded from Ireland was soon joined in by Scotland and finally, by England. For we find the United Grand Lodge, on the 6th of March following, passing, at its Quarterly Communication, “amid loud cheering and enthusiastic satisfaction,” says the report, a series of four resolutions prepared and proposed against the Grand Orient by the Pro Grand Master of England, which resolutions he described as the minimum of precaution it was the Grand Lodge's duty to immediately adopt. It may be remarked that no correspondence whatever had passed between these two Powers; and that the first of the resolutions positively affirmed that the Grand Orient had eliminated the Great Architect of the Universe from their service, while a complete assertion to the contrary existed in the very letters previously published from Bro. De Saint Jean and the Grand Secretary to the representatives of Grand Orient in Ireland and Scotland, those letters being besides initiated as usual, and as it is still the practice—à la Gloire du G.A.O.T.U.

(To be continued.)

MARRIAGE.

HICKMAN—CRESSEY.—On the 27th September, at the Abbey Church, Romsey, by the Rev. E. L. Berthon, vicar, assisted by the Rev. — Bartholomew John, eldest son of William Hickman, Esq., J.P., of Aldermoor House, near Southampton, to Isabel, daughter of the late Francis Cressey, Esq., of Doansfield, Romsey.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. EDWIN WILLIAMS.

A COMMITTEE of influential and local brethren, who have for some years past had opportunities of knowing Bro. Williams, determined to present him with some tangible mark of their esteem. Accordingly, the necessary arrangements were made, and subscriptions came in freely, many of his neighbours being anxious to join the contributors to the Fund. Bro. Williams having recently taken the ancient hostelry yecept the “Eagle” at Snaresbrook, it was determined to celebrate the presentation in the true old English fashion, by having a dinner at his house. A numerous attendance of brethren, and also of personal friends, was presided over in a truly genial manner by Bro. J. G. Stevens, ably supported by Bro. T. J. Barnes as Vice President. The excellence of the dinner and choiceness of the wines were universally admitted by the company, who seemed to be pleased with the whole of the arrangements. After grace, the usual loyal toasts were given and dutifully responded to. Bro. Stevens next said,—I now approach the toast of the evening, and in doing so approach it with diffidence. Not that I am diffident of the fact, but feel I am not able, seeing so large and influential an attendance, to do honor to the importance of the toast. Now, around this table are some who have known Bro. Williams longer than I have; my knowledge of him extends over about six years, and I can say he is an honorable man, a man of integrity, and one whose word can be taken, and in saying that—you have known him for a longer period—we may say, he has endeared himself to us all. Having left business in Whitechapel, and feeling he had luxuriated long enough in the City, he has come to sojourn in Essex, and we all wish him hearty success. Now, a committee of gentlemen having deputed me to offer Bro. Williams some mark of their esteem, it is my duty, in their name, to present this evening a Silver Service, a Loving Cup, and last, but not least, a letter from Mr. Gurney framed, with this Testimonial on Vellum, containing the names of 70 Subscribers. Whilst the Committee have thus done their duty to Mr. Williams, they are aware there is a Mrs. Williams. We all know how fond ladies are of a cup of tea, and this Tea Service may, when that lady does the honours of her tea table, remind her in what estimation her husband is held. Honour, truth, integrity, uprightness, justice—four of these words we may pass by, but I have something more to say of the integrity of Bro. Williams. In acknowledging his great kindness, urbanity of manner, gentlemanly conduct and manliness; in the name and on behalf of the Committee, I present this Tea Service and Testimonial. After reading the Testimonial, which was a handsome specimen of art, the president resumed. During my speech, I have mentioned integrity, of this the following letter from Mr. Gurney may be taken as a proof:—

“112 Whitechapel, E., Sept. 8, 1879.

“E. Beherends, Esq.

“Dear Sir,—I have much pleasure in handing you herewith a contribution towards the proposed testimonial to Mr. Edwin Williams; I regret that I shall not be able to attend the presentation, but I shall join most heartily in the good wishes that I am sure will then be expressed for his success in his present enterprise. The numerous influential names on the list of subscribers must always be to him valuable testimony that he has won the approbation and friendship of many who are customers here, and the addition of mine must be accepted as evidence that he has succeeded most thoroughly in accomplishing the very rare feat of serving faithfully and satisfactorily a double interest. I have every confidence that his business knowledge and the attention he will be sure to give will ensure for the “Eagle” at Snaresbrook a long era of constantly increasing prosperity.

“I am, Dear Sir, faithfully,
(Signed) “JAMES GURNEY.”

The several gifts were then formally presented, the president saying the occasion afforded him double pleasure in being chosen to make the presentation. He then read a letter from Bro. Beherends, apologising for unavoidable absence, and requesting that the loving cup might pass round the table filled with champagne at his expense; while this was being effected, other apologies for non attendance were read. Bro. Williams then said,—I have to-night one of the most difficult tasks (and yet a most pleasant one) I ever had to perform. To thank you for this beautiful present would tax me far beyond my powers to clothe my thoughts in words to thank you for the great kindness of Chairman and Committee to me this evening. Passing to the letter from Mr. Gurney, my late employer, I may say the testimonial has given me pleasure, and the letter great surprise; during my stay with him I have experienced all gentlemanly treatment, and have rendered him all the service I could render. I have to study the health of my wife and family, and have come here; and shall continue to work hard to render this place all I would have it to be. (Cheers). The Committee were next toasted, Bros. Lazarus and Myers H. n. Sec. being named as the two active members who had brought this affair successfully through. Both gentlemen having responded, the toasts of The Absent Subscribers, the Residents of the Neighbourhood, responded to by Bro. Hollington, Whitehead, and Cox; and the Press, responded to by Bro. Stephens, brought the post-prandial operations to a close, the brethren dispersing to seek their homes by rail and road. One party, remembering that the “Eagle” was an ancient posting house, drove down in splendid style, in a well appointed stage coach, with two pairs of match greys, who took us home in such a manner as to remind some of the old days when posting and the stage coach were the recognized means of travelling. The musical arrangements were under the control of Bro. J. Stedman, assisted by Bro. Egbert Roberts and Masters Dunster and Malina.

Bro. J. Marsh, No. 185, will re-open the Philharmonic Palace of Varieties, Islington, this day (Saturday). Bro. Marsh intends to provide ballets, burlesques, and variety entertainments. Mr. Alfred Young is the manager.

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, 4th OCTOBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinni Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith.
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 6th OCTOBER.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
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.)
1439—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.
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Room, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks.
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1330—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Inst.)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold.
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
1793—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R. A. 262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R. A. 390—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R. A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M. M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
R. C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 7th OCTOBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
217—Stability, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1041—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth. (Inst.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1295—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Batterssea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval
144—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1693—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, Islington
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
209—Etonian, the Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
243—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
559—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.

673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton, Coldfield.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9, Working-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skidlaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1241—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyno.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1437—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1438—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
R. A. 103—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
M. M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M. M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham
M. M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
M. M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 8th OCTOBER.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
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.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Conits, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1553—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
283—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Raursgate
483—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Gobe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
754—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, at 7.30. (Inst.)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1069—Murmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1244—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1312—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey & Ripon, 140 North Hill St., Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1395—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1421—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Inst.)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
R. A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.
R. A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M. M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 9th OCTOBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 9. (Instruction.)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8. (Inst.)
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 9. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1523—St. Mary Magdalen, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1553—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, at 8. (In.)
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.)
R. A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
786—Croxeth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
94—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.

1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Dorby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1201—Royal, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill.
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
 1613—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colehill.
 R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
 R.A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonian-road, Batley.
 R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

FRIDAY, 10th OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
 834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
 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.)
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1288—Finchbury 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.)
 1612—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.)
 K. T.—Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 61—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
 697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
 1280—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 7.
 R. A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

SATURDAY, 11th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1426—Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
 1612—West Middlesex, the Institute, Ealing.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—Thursday, 2nd October, at 27 Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. Gimmingham W.M., Moss S.W., Veal J.W., L. Norden Sec., Higgins S.D., Valentine J.D., Da Silva. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Norden acting as candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first, Bro. Da Silva the second, and Bro. Moss the third and fourth sections of the first lecture. Bro. Moss was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At Bro. Batt's, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday, the 29th ult. Present—Bro. F. W. Sillis W.M., Gyer S.W., Symons J.W., Fenner Sec., Way S.D., Ives J.D., Fox I.G.; also Bros. King and others. The usual formalities were duly complied with. Bro. Wing proving himself efficient was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Fenner having proved himself an efficient F.C., was entrusted. Lodge being advanced, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the traditional history being given. Lodge was closed to the first degree. The W.M. worked the first section of the lecture. Bro. Gyer was elected W.M. for the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysb's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, 27th Sept. Present—Bros. W. Williams W.M., Mullord S.W., Braisted J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., D. Moss S.D., McMillan J.D., Giller I.G.; also Bros. Slaiter, Stock, H. Hall, Gibbs, Trewinnard, Bartle, &c. Lodge was opened in ancient form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Slaiter acting as candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture. Bro. Mullord was elected to preside at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M. for the efficient manner he had performed the duties of the chair for the first time in this Lodge, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205.—Held at the Rising Sun, Globe Road, E. The regular meeting of this Lodge, on the 28th inst., was devoted to working the Fifteen Sections, Bro. D. Moss 1275 occupied the chair, ably supported by Bros. C. H. Webb P.M. as S.W., J. Taylor J.W., W. Musto P.M. Preceptor, G. H. Stevens Hon. Sec., G. F. Dix S.D., T. Wooding J.D., and A. Valentine I.G.

There were also present Past Masters Cundick, Myers, Wilkins, Yetton, Ember, &c. Also Bros. Slaiter, Norden, Abrahams, Martin, Durell, A. Cohen, H. Cohen, M. Cohen, Goldstein, Richmond, Boas, Hodd, Job, Horner, Hawes, Macdonald, Forss, Fowler, Johnson, &c. Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes were read and received confirmation. The following brethren assisted in working the Sections. First Lecture—Bros. Valentine, Norden, Dix, Forss, Taylor, Macdonald, Musto. Lodge was advanced, and the following brethren assisted in working the Second Lecture—Bros. Norden, Webb, Forss, Cundick, Slaiter. Lodge was again advanced, and the following brethren assisted in working the Third Lecture—Bros. W. H. Myers, Job, Yetton. Lodge was resumed, and several brethren were elected members. Bro. Webb was appointed to fill the chair at the next meeting. Bro. Musto proposed that a vote of thanks be passed and recorded upon the minutes to Bro. Moss for the excellent discharge of his duties that evening, in recognition of which he moved that Bro. Moss be elected an honorary member. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Moss thanked the brethren for the vote and complement of making him an honorary member. He, though but a young Mason, had attended Lodges nearly every evening since he had been initiated, and therefore might be expected to be pretty well up in the work he had undertaken. Lodge was then closed in due form.

Zetland Lodge, No. 515 E.C.—An emergent meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, No. 27 Strada-stretta, Valletta, Malta, on Wednesday, the 17th ult. Present—V.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley D.D.G.M., G. Segond W.M., R. S. Westrup P.M., C. E. Coffey W.M. 349 acting S.W., Professor H. Stilon J.W., G. H. Westrup S.D., A. B. Tagliaferro J.D., Major A. Ewing Organist, R. Page Miller Secretary, W. Clare Saville I.G., R. Beck Tyler. Bros. Captain C. J. Blake, G. Williams Freeman, Romlay King, G. H. McLaughlin, A. T. Chapman, J. Walker, J. W. Starkey, C. Lippett, W. Pariente, O. E. Segond, J. Houghton, J. Davison, J. H. Hodgson, J. A. Mathews, R. Price, T. Jones, E. Barter, C. E. Mortimer, S. G. Yeoman and W. Farquharson. The Lodge was opened in the first degree and then passed to the second, when Bro. Pariente, was called to answer the necessary questions before being raised. The Lodge was advanced and the D.D.G.M. kindly consented to honour the Lodge and Candidate by assuming the gavel and conferring the sublime degree. The ceremony was very impressive; rendered so by the exquisite manner in which the degree was worked, also by the efficient manner in which Bro. Ewing presided at the organ, at the special request of the W.M. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when the Secretary read a letter from the D.D.G.M. warning the brethren from countenancing certain persons styling themselves "the Grand Orient or Council of the Reformed Egyptian Rite;" a Lodge not recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, or of Rome and Palermo. The D.D.G.M. W. Bro. Broadley, then spoke at some length as to the evil consequences that would arise if the brethren took any notice of these persons. The Lodge was then closed in the usual manner, and the Brethren adjourned to a substantial repast, where the usual loyal and other toasts were given. The D.D.G.M., on rising to respond to that of his health, asked the brethren to toast the W.M. of the Lodge, W. Bro. Segond, who was unable to attend the banquet, on account of family bereavement, coupling with it W. Bro. Westrup the P.M. The D.D.G.M. spoke at great length on the merits of Bro. Segond, and of his known great charity and zeal for Freemasonry, he also spoke in high terms of the energetic endeavours of Bro. Westrup, who when he joined the Lodge found it in any thing but a prosperous state, and gave it over to his successor in its present flourishing condition. Bro. Westrup replied, in a very appropriate speech, on behalf of himself and the absent W.M. thanking the D.D.G.M. for the flattering terms in which he was pleased to speak of Bro. Segond and himself. A vote of thanks to the visiting brethren, who so kindly came forward to aid in making the meeting a success, was unanimously carried. The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most pleasant and successful meetings held in the Hall.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 24th September, at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Tottenham. Present—Bros. Geo. Barford W.M., Farren S.W., Clements J.W., Thompson S.D., Tegg J.D., Garrod I.G., Roberts Treas., Linzell Sec. pro tem, also Bros. P.M.'s Stephens, Barham, Thompson, and Steedman, and a goodly muster of the brethren. Visitors—Bros. the Rev. Thomas Smithson, M.A., and G. Tegg, of the St. James Lodge. The Lodge was opened in ancient form; the minutes of last Lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, and other preliminaries duly observed, the ballot was taken for Mr. F. Smart, which proved unanimous in his favour, but he, not being in attendance, will be initiated into the mysteries of the Craft at the next meeting. The Lodge was then advanced to the third degree, and Bro. Mitchell was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. After a short discussion relative to altering one of the bye-laws, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The health of the W.M., proposed by Bro. Stephens P.M., was cordially received; he, in reply, thanked Bro. Stephens for the kind expressions which fell from him in proposing his health, and trusted he might have as successful a year of office as the one just past; with the assistance of his Officers it would be his earnest desire to do all he could for the welfare of the Lodge, and to gain the esteem of the brethren. The health of the P.M.'s was responded to by Bro. Barham; that of the Visitors by Bro. Rev. T. Smithson, who very eloquently spoke of the courteous manner with which the W.M., as a stranger, had welcomed him that evening. Having been a great traveller, he had visited many Lodges, both in this and other countries, and had always been received with that cordiality which distinguishes Freemasons and gentlemen. Other toasts followed, and the Tyler's brought the meeting to a happy termination.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening, 30th of September, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Dallas W.M., Wardell S.W., Greenwood, J.W., Williams S.D., Christian J.D., Clark I.G., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor. Also a large muster of the brethren. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Polak answered the questions, and was duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the brethren were called from labour to refreshment. Upon resuming labour, Lodge was regularly closed to first degree. Bro. Fleck, W.M. of Windsor Lodge, was elected a member. Bro. Dallas tendered his resignation as Secretary, stating that his business engagements compelled him reluctantly to do so. His resignation was accepted with regret. Bro. James Lorkin was unanimously elected Hon. Sec., for which he returned thanks. A pleasing incident of the evening was the presentation of a handsome gold ring, also Honorary Membership of the Lodge, to Bro. Dallas, the brethren, considering his constant and unflinching attention to his duties had aided to raise the Lodge to its present proud position, chose this method of expressing their regard and esteem towards him. The Preceptor, Bro. Wallington, in presenting the ring, expressed the wish of the brethren that although they were about to lose Bro. Dallas's services as Secretary, they hoped he would come among them as often as possible, and that he might live many years to wear the gift so unanimously presented. Bro. Dallas returned thanks for the great honour done him, in a few pithy remarks, and hoped he might yet spend many happy hours with them. Bro. Wardell was elected M.M. for ensuing week. Lodge then closed in due form.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 1st October, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street. Present—Bros. C. J. Fox W.M., E. Abell S.W., R. P. Tate J.W., J. S. Brown S.D., Pate J.D., Marston I.G., Long Preceptor, and several others. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Pate offered himself as a candidate, and the W.M. ably performed the ceremony of initiation. The Lecture was then proceeded with, by Bros. Abell, Tate and Brown; the last named Brother has been appointed to work the Fifteen Section on the 29th inst. Bro. Abell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Lodge was closed.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held at Bro. J. Clayton's, "Duke's Head," Whitechapel-road, on Friday the 26th ult. The following Officers and brethren were present:—Bros. Job W.M., Ellis S.W., Magrath J.W., Tait S.D., Macdonald I.G., W. Musto P.M. Hon. Sec., B. Cundick P.M. Preceptor, C. H. Webb P.M., Grounds, Clayton, Stephens, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. The usual preliminaries having been observed, Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising was very well rendered by Bro. Job, Bro. Grounds candidate. The W.M. also worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Ellis was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and Lodge was closed in due form.

St. Augustine Lodge of Instruction, No. 972, Canterbury.—On Wednesday, 1st October. Bros. H. F. Pringuer W.M., Rossiter S.W., Crump J.W., Price S.D., Miskin J.D., Vile I.G., P.M.'s Peirce, Pitcher, Welsh, and Secra; Bros. Hyde, E. Beer, S. F. Pringuer Sec. The Lodge opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. P.M. Welsh worked the fourth and fifth sections, and Bro. Rossiter the sixth and seventh sections of the lecture in first degree. Lodge closed.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—Held on Friday, 26th Sept. Present—Bros. Hunter W.M., Rowley S.W., Williams J.W., Eldridge Treas., Gardiner S.D., Ager J.D., Cull Preceptor, Chant I.G., Bros. Yeomans, Stragnell, Pierdon, Shackell, &c. Ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Pierdon being candidate; also the ceremony of raising, Bro. Stragnell being candidate. Bro. Rowley was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A letter was read from the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, inviting the members to work the Fifteen Sections on Monday, 27th October, which the acting Secretary reported had been answered, accepting the invitation. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 30th Sept., P.M. Musto W.M., Smith S.W., Keable J.W., Watkins S.D., Bailey J.D., Barker I.G., Worsley Sec., and P.M. Myers I.P.M.; also Bros. Butler, Johnson, Rawe, Sadler, White, Brownson, Pavitt, Roberts, Roberts 190, and Norman. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Rawe took the obligation of W.M. elect, and Bro. Musto rehearsed the installation ceremony. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Worsley being the candidate, and Bro. Johnson acting as Deacon. Bro. Andrews worked the fourth section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Bailey, of Lodge 47, was elected a member. Bro. Smith was unanimously appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. A unanimous vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the able and excellent working of the W.M., this being the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Rawe thanked the brethren. Bro. Keable made an earnest appeal on behalf of a distressed brother, when a sum amounting to £2 was collected. Bro. Musto, the Preceptor, announced that the Fifteen Sections would be worked in this Lodge on the fourth Tuesday in October. Bro. Andrews of the Upton Lodge will preside. Full particulars will be duly given in this paper.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—The session of this Lodge of Instruction commences on Monday evening, 6th October, at 7.45, at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Trewinnard W.M. 1693. The attendance and co-operation of members and other brethren is fraternally invited.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—The first meeting of this Lodge, after the summer recess, was held on Thursday, 25th September, at the Masonic Hall, Aire-street, Regent-street, W. Present—Bros. White I.P.M. as W.M., B. Turner S.W., J. E. Shand J.W., B. H. Swallow P.M. Treas., E. J. Scott P.M. Sec., Hutchinson S.D., Waugh J.D., James D.C., Hancock as I.G., Potter Tyler; Bros. Ward, Docker, Gardner, Eastgate, Hammond, Köhler, Pratt, Day, Taylor. Visitors—T. Bull P.M. 145, J. Edell I.G. 108, Festa 834, Robinson P.M. 1585, Hoare 1765, &c. Bro. Blackford and two other brethren were raised to the sublime degree. The bye-laws were read, and auditors appointed. The election for W.M. resulted in favour of Bro. Turner, the present Senior Warden, whose installation will take place in November. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the outgoing W.M. Bro. Phillips. Bro. Swallow was re-elected to the office of Treasurer, as was also Bro. Potter as Tyler. About forty brethren afterwards dined together, when the usual toasts were honoured, interspersed with recitations and music, from the Rev. P.M. Holden and other brethren.

Sir Hugh Myddelton, Lodge, No. 1802.—A meeting was held on Friday the 26th ult., at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. Present:—Bros. A. F. Rowley W.M., Weston S.W., Osborne J.W., Parslow Sec., J. Greenfield Treas., Norris S.D., Poulston J.D., Rimell Steward, Field I.G., Steedman Tyler. Past Masters Coombes, Sim and Lee. Bros. Allison, Heyse, Gwyn, Hollidge, Pelikan, E. Payne, W. Payne and many others. Visitors Bros. Weaver P.M., Kidder P.M., Pearcy W.M., and others. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. C. Gwyn, P. J. S. Taylor and W. G. Larter were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and Bro. Heyse was passed to the second degree. Attention was called by several of the brethren to the frequent applications received from members of Canadian and American Lodges for relief, and the necessity of carefully inquiring into all such cases. Relief was given in one such case by the brethren individually, the same not being allowed out of Lodge funds. Lodge having been closed in solemn form, the brethren proceeded to a very plain dinner, the waiting at which was indifferent. In the course of the evening Bro. R. Pearcy W.M. No. 228 (Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction) was presented with a testimonial of congratulation on his recovery from his recent severe illness, the excellent work of Bro. Oppenheim. It was understood that more substantial testimonial was in course of preparation, from the members of the Lodge of Instruction.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 25th September. Present—Bros. H. Kasner W.M., J. Green S.W., Gasson J.W., Gunner S.D., W. Seward J.D., J. W. Woolmer I.G., H. E. Tacker Treas. and Preceptor, J. Wells Sec., Tink Brown, G. S. Wright, E. C. Porter, J. J. Clarke, E. J. Acworth and F. C. Woolmer. Bro. Tink Brown volunteered as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The Lodge called off for refreshment. On resuming labour, Bro. W. Seward occupied the chair, and the Lodge was opened in the second degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. E. C. Porter candidate. The Lodge was resumed to first degree. On the motion of Bro. J. W. Woolmer, seconded by Bro. Preceptor, Bro. F. C. Woolmer of Stability Lodge, No. 217, was elected a member. Bro. J. Green was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and having appointed his officers in rotation, the Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer, and the meeting adjourned to Thursday 2nd October.

Rose of Sharon Rose Croix Chapter, No. 33, at Malta.—A regular meeting of the Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Malta, on the 15th September. Present—Bro. A. M. Broadley M.W.S., Capt. Blake, R.A., as Prelate, C. Riechelmann first General, Surgeon-Major Mackinnon as second General, Lieut. Coffey R.A., Raphael, Major Ewing Organist, W. J. Jones Captain of Guard and Acting Recorder, together with a large attendance of members of the Chapter. A ballot was taken for the following candidates:—Captain A. Finch-Noyes, Capt. Hodgson 10th Regt., Lieut. McLaughlin, R.A., and Surgeon Walker, A.M.D. These brethren being present were duly perfected by the M.W.S. as S.P.R.C. of H. It was decided to change the election meeting from January to March. The labours of the evening being ended, the Princes adjourned to a banquet.

Melita Grand Preceptory of Knights Templar, Malta.—A regular meeting of the Preceptory was held on the 12th inst., Present E. Sir Kt. J. Segond E.C., E. Sir Kt. A.M. Broadley P.E.C., Sir Kts. Captain C. J. Blake, R.A., as Prelate, Charles Riechelmann 1st Captain, Surgeon-Major Mackinnon as 2nd Captain, Lieut. Coffey, R.A., as Expert, Surgeon Grier as Captain of the Lines, Major Ewing Organist, and Beck Janitor, with other members of the Preceptory. The P.E.C., at request of the E.C., installed as Knights of the Order Captain H. Gardner of the 1st R. S. Regt. and Captain C. E. Mortimer. The Preceptory being closed, the Knights adjourned to a banquet.

We remind our readers that the ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed by W. Bro. James Terry, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366; P.P.J.G.W. Herts., on Tuesday, 7th October, at six o'clock, at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, which will meet at the Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-street, E.C. The attendance of brethren, who are requested to appear in Masonic Craft clothing, is earnestly solicited.

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THE course of training followed by the Masonic Educational Charities, in common with many similar institutions in various parts of the country, is looked upon as more or less successful in proportion to the results that can be shown as emanating from the pupils themselves. It is not only necessary that a girl or a boy should receive a good education, but it is likewise desirable that they should prove that such education has been of service to them in after life. Indeed, that it has been the means of their securing a position which without such education they could not have attained. With a view to assist in this object the committees of very many of the English Charities make it a part of their duty to interest themselves in the future of the pupils who have been educated under their care. This they do by obtaining for those whom they deem deserving situations in offices presided over or belonging to one of their number, who they are assured will act as parent or guardian to their charge, and by apprenticing or otherwise starting in life those who, being orphans or from other causes, may need more aid than is forthcoming from relatives generally. The practicability and success of such a scheme can be vouched for in numerous instances where it has been in work for years past; and were it necessary the records of some of our largest Charities would give ample evidence of the satisfaction derived from keeping an account of each scholar's proceedings in after life. It has frequently been found that a little advice, counsel or help has proved to be the starting point of success.

With regard to the Masonic Institutions, it has often been regretted that some further surveillance has not been exercised over those who have been so fortunate as to receive therein education and early training; and it is felt that without something being done to watch the future of those who leave the Schools, and, if need be, lend them a helping hand, the work of Masonic Charity is incomplete. This want may perhaps best be expressed in the words of the Right Hon. Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, K.T., Past Grand Master of Scotland, who, as President at the Eighty-first Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, brought the question particularly before the Craft. The Right Worshipful Brother, in proposing prosperity to the Institution, after detailing the advantages and benefits which were derived from the School, said:—

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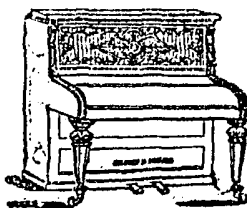
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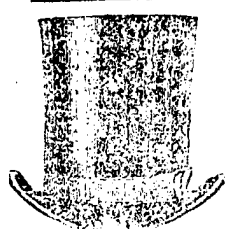
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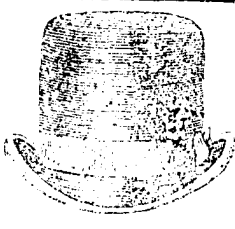
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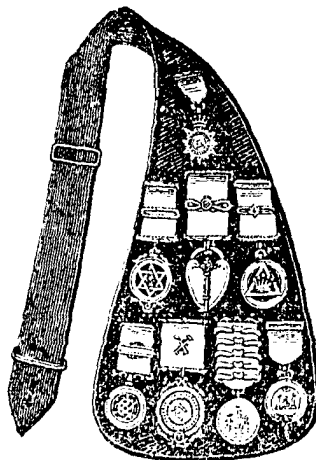
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