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“AUDI, VIDE, TACE.”

“**H**EAR, see, and be silent,”—a motto expressing, with a terseness and perspicuity characteristic of the Latin tongue, one of the leading principles of Freemasonry. It enjoins on us to see with our eyes and hear with our ears what is passing around us. At the same time we are to be discreetly silent. We are not to constitute ourselves the retail purveyors of the news that reaches us, or the events which are enacted in our presence. The rôle of the chatterbox, who precipitately dashes off to his nearest neighbour for the purpose of repeating to him some ordinary or extraordinary intelligence he has just received, is, to say the least, an undignified one. The busy-body, who regards it as one of the chief duties of life to read, mark, learn, and publicly discuss the affairs of other people is decidedly an objectionable creature. He has not the sense to know, or, having the sense, he lacks the will to recognise, that the remarks which others make are to a certain extent their own property, and consequently that they are entitled to the exercise of some voice in the appropriation or dissemination of that property. The parrot, who repeats what he hears or is taught, is, to use a phrase which might have been employed by the late Artemus Ward, an “amusing cuss.” The intelligence with which he is endowed is that of the parrot. He is incapable of reasoning in the sense in which man reasons, and hence it is that he exercises no caution in communicating what people may have said in his hearing. With the animal man, and especially with him who has been accepted as a member of our fraternity, it should be otherwise. What are stated as facts or opinions are entitled to due respect and should be held sacred from the indignity of purposeless repetition. We have no sympathy with the man who never has any news to communicate, and resolutely refuses on all occasions to offer an opinion, but we see there is ample room for amendment in the conversational relations which exist among men generally, and Masons in particular. Many a man has had the misfortune to earn for himself a reputation for extreme reticence, amounting almost to taciturnity, simply because he has lived among those who habitually repeated what they had heard to every one with patience and indiscretion enough to listen to them. It is very excusable that one who has earned such unpleasant experience should evince a want of confidence in those whom he meets more or less frequently. It may seem to be a matter of little moment to A when he repeats to B, on the authority of C, that D is in the habit of giving dinner parties, or keeps a good cellar of wine; or that E carries his prudence to an extreme, and seldom pays or receives visits in the sphere in which he moves and has his being. A piece of news is not unlike a piece of indiarubber. The latter is capable of being extended, the former of being amplified. There, however, we fear the similitude ends. The rubber, when the force which extends it is removed, has the faculty of resuming as nearly as possible its original dimensions, and its owner sustains no loss or damage; but news which has once been exaggerated, but seldom resumes its original shape or substance. Let us take, for example, the news reported by C to A, of D who gives dinner parties, or has a cellar of choice wines; or of E, who is of a frugal turn of mind, neither paying nor receiving visits among his acquaintance. C has told these things in the innocence of his heart. He has done so, perhaps, from a generous desire

to be in some way of service to D or E by lauding the hospitality of the former or the prudence of the latter. As for himself, it is not his custom to repeat what he is told, and consequently it never occurs to him that his casual, and of itself perfectly harmless remark will go the round of society, and with such alterations in colour and character that when in due course it reaches him again he cannot see the slightest connection between the amplified and original statements. He believes he has spoken in confidence to A, but A takes a different view of his duties as a member of society. He is essentially a newsmonger, and forthwith repeats to B what C has told him, with such additional colouring as in his wisdom he thinks will make it more attractive or—we are sorry to say it may be—more irritant, more objectionable. Thus what in the one case is simple hospitality or necessary frugality becomes extravagance or meanness. B like A is a newsmonger, with similar characteristics, including a proneness to make everything appear in as unfavourable a light as possible. Thus when he imparts to F that D is extravagant or E mean, the extravagance which was merely thoughtless becomes wanton, while the meanness which was only occasional or caused by limited circumstances becomes habitual or miserly. F still further embellishes the statement when he repeats it to G, and G and all the remaining letters of the alphabet follow suit, till at length C, to his utter amazement, is told in confidence that D is a disgraceful profligate in his expenditure or a very monster of a wine-bibber; or that E, whose honourable thrift has always been his admiration, denies himself and household the commonest necessities and is a misanthrope of the lowest and most discreditable type. Is it not a matter of daily occurrence and within the knowledge of every one among our readers that a man's reputation is made or marred by this “damnable iteration,” with additions, of statements usually simple and harmless and made in good faith and without the remotest idea they would be retailed from mouth to mouth in the manner we have described? It will be urged by some—and not without some show of reason we admit—that C, who first made the statement, is the most to blame. He ought to have known the world well enough to be aware that what he said was sure to be repeated. This, we confess, is not the view we take. If we are never to speak of a third person because some of those present may repeat it to others with the customary and invariably uncomplimentary embellishments, there is an end of all social intercourse among men. A feeling of universal distrust would follow, and the sense of sympathy with our fellow-beings, which Nature has implanted in our minds, would be superseded by a sense of antipathy. We should give up trying to do a friend a good turn, for we should know beforehand that if we spoke in praise of his good qualities they would be so magnified, that when their true nature and extent were practically tested, the result, falling short of general expectation, would be detrimental. There would ever be before our eyes the fear that, if we spoke in terms of admiration of his conduct on certain occasions, or in certain particulars, our motive in doing so might be misappreciated, or our statement misinterpreted or misrepresented. In short, as we have said already, there would be an end of all that sympathetic intercourse which prevails largely, if not generally, in society. From the very outset of his career it is enjoined on every Mason to be cautious; at every step he takes that injunction is impressed upon him more and more earnestly, and it goes without saying that in nothing is it so necessary that due caution should be exercised as in the repetition of statements made in our

hearing, or the description of matters which happen in our presence. It is our duty to heed them, and, if necessary or desirable, to observe silence. It is not intended we should never communicate our experiences to others, but we must do so cautiously and respectfully. Those experiences are acquired from others, whether they reach us in the shape of opinions or statements of fact, and it is returning good for evil when we go about repeating them out of sheer wantonness, and merely for the pleasure of being a medium for the dissemination of tittle-tattle.

No doubt a great number of people repeat what they hear in all innocence of heart, and without the slightest idea that by so doing they may be the cause of any harm. But there are likewise very many who do this kind of thing with a motive. They are well aware of the numerous embellishments a simple statement will receive in its transmission from one person to another. Their mental perception is limited, and in the sphere in which they move they are not a little proud when, now and again, the opportunity is presented to them of being able to circulate a little news in connection with some one of their acquaintances or neighbours. It matters not to them that what they recount is in regular course greatly exaggerated. They always have it in their power to say with truth that the original statement was quite innocuous, and they wonder how so simple a matter could ever have been swelled to such inordinate dimensions, or so egregiously misrepresented. But the exaggerations and misstatements are beyond the power of recall. The harm, in fact, is done. E's frugality, and the retiring habits which he has adopted from a strict sense of justice, are, in the hearing of many, described as meanness and misanthropy. For one who has afforded him the opportunity of correcting this opinion respecting his neighbour's character or habits, there are ten who have not; and even of those who come under the former category, there are not a few who are unmasonic enough to suggest, on the principle that where there is smoke there must be fire, that the exaggeration or misrepresentation was not after all so very remarkable. How often has it happened that a man's prospects have been injured, or his progress retarded, by the garrulous talk of an irrepressible chatterbox, who is always distributing broadcast tidbits of news from his cabinet of small talk. To many, indeed, this newsmongering is the be-all and end-all of their existence. Their weak little minds are such that the circulation of *on dits*, especially of a personal character, is as necessary to their happiness as food to the maintenance of life. These people are very much to be avoided. They do an immense amount of harm, oftentimes we allow unintentionally, but still more often we fear we must say, from a desire to cause annoyance, if not pain. We wish we could take upon ourselves to be charitable enough to attribute people's conduct to a sense of justice and propriety. We could wish that people exercised a greater amount of discretion. We cannot expect everybody to be at all times sufficiently circumspect, but on the other hand people need not make it a general rule to cast circumspection to the winds, as though remarks of a personal character and "shaves" that affect the position of others were never the cause of any harm.

We fear we have so far forgotten ourselves as to have fallen into a style of treatment which many will call sermonising. But our object in writing these presents is to induce brethren to imitate as little as possible the habit so frequent amongst all classes of society of retailing every little scrap of intelligence which reaches them. Let them hear, see, and be silent on all matters of importance which, spread abroad, are likely to injuriously affect others. The common conversation of the babbler is never entertaining, and seldom harmless. Our Masonic discretion should act in entire accord with our Masonic charity. The latter bids us think no evil of our neighbour: let the former restrain us from saying aught which even in the slightest degree may be calculated to do him a disservice. We are none of us so near perfection that we can afford to examine too minutely into the affairs of other people; and as it is well nigh certain we must prefer not to have every trifling act or habit of our own made a subject of remark from one person to another, so let us show others the same degree of consideration in this respect as we would have extended to ourselves. Let us note in silence what passes around us—in all that almost infinite variety of cases at least in which silence merits to be described as "golden." A man who is desirous of illustrating by his conduct the respect he entertains for the principles of Freemasonry

must be above the petty meanness of tittle-tattling. He must ever bear in mind the true meaning and force of the motto which serves as text for this article—"Audi, vide, Tace." In doing that he cannot err.

ADMONITIONS.

(FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.)

REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS OF LODGES.—Another and one which I fear is a growing evil, and to which I would here allude, is the difference manifested by members of Lodges in their attendance upon the regular meetings. The slightest pretext is often sufficient to keep them away. In all the departments of business, punctuality and regular attendance upon its demands is the only sure guarantee of success. So in Masonry. If a Lodge is deserted by its members, or seldom attended and then out of season, it must languish and bring reproach upon the Fraternity. It is far better that a Lodge should not exist than to maintain a feeble, morbid and sickly existence by the cold indifference and inattention of its members. True we are taught that Masonry is by no means to interfere and embarrass our usual vocations, but where is the man of industrious business habits who could not, by a little forethought, so calculate and arrange his business that it would not suffer by a few hours of attendance upon his Lodge? Frequently those who urge a pressure of business as an apology for neglecting the Lodge can find abundant time and opportunity, even on Lodge nights, to attend places of amusement, sit round saloons or other public places of resort, indulging in frivolous conversation (or perhaps doing worse) or walking several miles around a billiard table when they are too busy or too much exhausted by fatigue to walk a single block to the Lodge room. This evil, where it exists, should be remedied, and it can be done in no other way but by pointing it out and convincing members of their duty and urging upon them a prompt performance. With a view to its correction I have thus referred to the subject, knowing that the evil exists to an alarming extent in some Lodges, but hoping and trusting that this vile and pernicious practice is limited to a few.

SYMBOLS.—It is, I am sorry to say, an acknowledged fact that we as Freemasons do not always practise those cardinal virtues, Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance and Justice, which are laid down for our guidance, and so beautifully typified in our Masonic symbols. If every Mason was thoroughly instructed and made familiar with the hidden meaning attached to the knowledge conveyed in our Masonic emblems and symbols, we would soon see a vast improvement in the daily life and practice of Freemasons. How often do we see persons flaunting the square and compass and blazing sun before the public gaze who are entirely ignorant of their moral significance or meaning, without which these frequent symbols become but glittering bangles, pandering to vulgar vanity and ostentation. The true Mason, wearing these sacred emblems, feels their influence urging him to honour and duty both in public and private life. It is the proper business of the Lodge to teach, and of the brethren to learn the import of our emblems, symbols and usages; they form altogether a code of principles which, if lived up to, cannot fail to make us better men and better Masons. We exemplify our principles in the proceedings of our Lodge and have one universal language to recognize one another in all nations. We have explanations of many of our emblems and charges even in our printed books, which may be known to all who choose to read them. We are bound to study and know them ourselves; we explain them in our lectures so that these principles, made impressive on the mind, serve a valuable purpose as a ruler of our conduct, not only among the Fraternity but before all men. We are bound by the Masonic teachings, hence how important that we should know and understand the duties we owe to ourselves and to all the members of our ancient brotherhood! The importance of understanding thoroughly the significance and language of our Masonic emblems and symbols is most beautifully illustrated by the poet,—

"You wear the square, but do you have
That thing the square denotes?
Is there within your inmost soul
That principle that should control
All deeds and words and thoughts?
The square of Virtue, is it there,—
Oh you that wear the Mason's square?"

"You wear the compass; do you keep
Within the circle due,
That's circumscribed by law divine,
Excluding hatred, envy, sin,—
Including all that's true?
The compass, does it trace the curve
Inside of which no passions swerve?"

SECRECY.—Masonry is condemned by its enemies because it is a secret society. It is true that Masonry does its work in secret, but it cannot be said we conceal our principles or designs. Masonry upholds and supports everything that is calculated to promote the happiness and best interests of mankind, and also requires us to do our duty to God, our neighbours and ourselves. What member of a family would not repel impertinent curiosity should it attempt to penetrate the secrets of the family circle? What man of respectability would allow a total stranger to listen to his private conversation with his wife and children about domestic affairs? There is no man but has some secret of the past hid away in the depths of his heart. Every conscience, every church, every society, every organization, every party, political, religious or otherwise, has its secrets upon which the sun is not allowed to shine. The great tenets of a Freemason's profession are *Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth*. These are published openly to

the world. Our family secrets belong to ourselves and do not directly or indirectly concern any one else. The outward defences thrown around our Institution are absolutely necessary to preserve the secrets of Masonry from unhallowed hands and the approach of the impostor and the unworthy; and every Mason should be proficient and have a thorough knowledge of these defences; but we must bear in mind that they are but the casket that contains the precious jewel, the hull that conceals the kernel, the shell to preserve the egg. The destruction of the one is the inevitable ruin of the other as illustrated by Scotland's bonny bard, Bro. Robert Burns:

"Aye free aff han your story tell
When wi a bosom crony
But still keep something to yoursel
Ye scarcely tell to ony."

OUR DUTIES AS FREEMASONS.—Our duties and obligations as Freemasons are not confined within the narrow limits of a Lodge Room; they continue through life, extend to all situations and embrace all circumstances. We are bound to exemplify, practically, in our daily intercourse with each other and with the world those great moral principles and cardinal virtues so constantly inculcated and symbolically illustrated in the Lodge. To relieve the distressed, comfort the afflicted, provide for the widow and orphans of our deceased brothers, and educate the children of indigent Masons, are duties expressly enjoined upon us. We are taught to practise no falsehood, hypocrisy or deceit, but to let truth, honesty and sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us; to restrain our affections, passions and appetites by temperance and sobriety; to maintain a steady and noble purpose of mind and energy, firmness and fortitude; to regulate our lives and actions by prudence and discretion; to render strict justice to every man without distinction, and practise Charity. These are some of the more prominent virtues inculcated and enjoined upon us to which we have yielded a willing assent, and by which we profess to be governed; and while we make them the constant, habitual and governing principles through life, we show to the world that there is something in Freemasonry more than a useless, formal, unmeaning round of ceremonies. We have, my brethren, voluntarily assumed responsibilities of which we cannot now divest ourselves, and we have united with a society whose characteristic badge is an emblem of innocence, and whose system of morals covers the whole range of our duties to God, our neighbour and ourselves. Each brother, when he takes upon himself the solemn pledge of a Mason, binds himself in the State to be "a quiet and peaceful subject, true to his Government and just to his country." "Masonry," says a distinguished writer, "is a singular, amiable institution, which in its Lodge rooms annihilates all parties, conciliates all private opinions, and obliterates all sectarian doctrines." While Masons practise out of the Lodge room the excellent precepts inculcated and enforced in it, they furnish a better commentary upon the principles of their Institution and do more towards abating prejudice, repelling calumny and silencing the bitter lisping of its enemies, than can be effected by the most profound reasoning and elaborate argument. Let us, then, my brethren, endeavour to live as near as possible up to our Masonic obligations, and never by our lips cast reproach upon our ancient and honourable Fraternity.

NEW MEMBERS.—We cannot be too often reminded of our solemn duties in all important matter of admitting new members into our time-honoured Institution. The qualifications of a candidate for the honours of Masonry should be of a positive nature. It is insufficient that nothing of a vicious character is known respecting a candidate; the question should be—"Is he a man of good moral character? Is he a man of truth, honour and integrity; will he add strength and respectability to the Institution?" Let the honours of Masonry be conferred only on those thus carefully selected and Freemasonry will be as enduring as the everlasting hills. How impressive and emphatic the language of the good old charge, "A Mason is bound by his tenure to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understands the art he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine!"

There is one other point in this connection on which I feel called upon to speak a word of caution. I fear that among some, perhaps, of the more inexperienced brethren the dangerous un-Masonic course may sometimes be pursued of inviting men to petition for the degrees of Masonry. This is un-Masonic; in direct violation of the fundamental principles of Masonry, and must meet the disapproval and condemnation of every good Mason. Great care should be taken not to be too forward in recommending the institution to those who are not members, but when called upon we may, on suitable occasions, express our opinions of its principles, and when requested to propose the name of a friend for initiation we should cheerfully do this office, but beyond this we should be careful never to go in the way of offering the least inducement to the uninitiated to seek admission, for we are met at every step in Masonry by this positive injunction that the candidate must come of his own free will and accord.

THE SECRET BALLOT.—I have been pained to learn that in some cases rejected applicants have been apprised of the result of the ballot and the names of those who were supposed to have voted unfavourably. The ballot is sacred. No brother should seek to know how another votes, and if he should happen to know, he has no right to communicate that knowledge to any one. It is wrong and un-Masonic for one to make known even his own ballot, as each member voting affirmatively, by exhibiting or announcing his own vote, throws the censure or responsibility for rejection on the brother or brethren who may not so declare or expose their ballot. Every Worshipful Master of a subordinate Lodge should prohibit any discussion as to how members have voted or may vote; and no inquiry into the ballot should ever be allowed under any circumstances whatever. After the ballot has been taken, examined and the result announced by the Master, it is final and conclusive.

A MASON'S WORD.—It is the duty of every Mason to so conduct himself that his word shall be above suspicion; he should always be governed by that divine attribute, the law of truth. Be behind a

Mason's back what you are to his face; guard a brother Mason's good name; above all, avoid the low, contemptible, unmanly and un-Masonic vice of slander. "What is to become of all our teachings if we permit the vile and pestilent breath of slander to profane the lips with which we have pronounced all our solemn Masonic obligations?" "Of all the villains that live under God's bright sun, the slanderer is the basest—and next to him the being who listens and encourages. None are safe from his attacks; there is no mark so high that his arrows will not reach, no reputation so bright his slimy breath will not tarnish."

While I am bound to vindicate a brother's character behind his back as well as before his face, I have a right to demand that every Mason shall furnish a character worthy of being vindicated, and not a character that if I attempt to vindicate it I shall feel that I am debasing my honour as a man. Live up to the teachings of Masonry, then our brothers will vindicate our character both to our face and behind our backs with pleasure to themselves and honour to the Masonic Fraternity.

STAND BY AND MAINTAIN THE ANCIENT REGULATIONS AND LANDMARKS OF FREEMASONRY.—The Ancient Landmarks of Masonry consist of the Ancient Charges, the Old Regulations, the Constitutions, Regulations and Decisions of the Grand Lodge, the General Usages and Customs of the Fraternity and the By-laws of the Lodge. A Landmark cannot be repealed or changed; it is a law or custom, that has existed from time immemorial.

The present time is remarkable for the great number of societies and associations which have been formed for a variety of purposes and objects, and as many of the members of our Fraternity are connected with these different modern associations, great care should be taken that no change in our peculiar modes of action in our business transactions are suffered to creep into our ancient customs and regulations.

"As regards the principles and tenets of Freemasonry, no improvement can possibly be made; therefore no place for change is found; and for this reason Masonry is an institution founded in the immutable laws of truth and justice. I would therefore recall to your minds the injunction of our Supreme Grand Master,—"Remove not the landmarks which thy fathers have set up and established."

It is believed by many intelligent Masons that the higher or fancy degrees called Masonry, as organized and worked separately and apart from the Blue Lodge, are seriously injuring Ancient Craft Masonry. There is no safety in innovation anywhere in our system; make but one change and you will soon make another more dangerous and fatal than the first. Touch not a single block, remove not one ancient Landmark, but transmit to posterity unimpaired our sacred tenets.

"In Freemasonry there is neither a new day nor a new duty; the days of Masonry are as to-day, yesterday and for ever. They change not, nor are they new. The duty which is laid down in the very foundations of the Ancient Craft Masonry of our fathers is our duty to-day."

The prosperity of Masonry depends in a great measure on the strict and cheerful obedience to the ancient landmarks. More time should be given for the instruction of candidates in the mysteries unfolded to them before other and more important information is imparted. They should have time to mark and inwardly digest what they have already received before they are allowed to receive more. It is an old adage that, whatever a man knows but little about he will care but little for; and the less instruction the young Mason receives the fainter will be his conception of the beauty and importance of the great principles which lie at the foundation of the Masonic Institution. If every candidate was strictly required, in accordance with the letter and spirit of the ancient regulations, to be thoroughly instructed in one step in Masonry before he is allowed to take another, we would not see so many rough ashlar lying along our pathway to the middle chamber, nor so often hear of Masons who have taken all the degrees and who write 32° or 33° after their names, who are unable to work their way into a Master's Lodge.

E. A. STEVENSON.

GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterley Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. S. Rawson presided as M.E.Z., Capt. Philips as H., and Capt. Platt as J., there were also present Col. Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., Comps. E. E. Wendt as N., J. A. Rucker as P.S., the Rev. C. W. Arnold as 1st A.S., C. A. Murton as 2nd A.S., Col. Creation Treasurer, James Lewis Thomas as Sword Bearer, S. Mullins as D.C., H. G. Buss Assistant S.E., Fenn, H. G. P. Dumas, Joshua Nunn, W. F. Nettleship, A. J. Duff-Filer, Peter de L. Long, J. M. Case, E. J. Barron, Hyde Pullen, H. Muggeridge, and W. Ough. Grand Chapter was very numerously attended. Comp. Rawson announced that the Prince of Wales had appointed the following Comps. to be his Officers for the ensuing year:—the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Z., the Earl of Lathom H., Lord de Tabley J., Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., Sir F. W. Truscott (Lord Mayor) S.N., the Rev. R. P. Bent P.S., Comp. F. R. Gould 1st Asst. S., Comp. Frank Richardson 2nd Asst. S., Lieut.-Col. John Creation Treasurer, Comp. A. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Registrar, Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney Sword Bearer, Comp. J. Henderson Scott Standard Bearer, Comp. Magnus Ohren D.C., Comp. H. G. Buss Asst. S.E., and Comp. Henry Sadler Janitor. On the motion of Col. Creation, duly seconded, charters for new Chapters were granted to the Yarrowee Lodge, No. 713, Ballarat, Victoria, the Hova Ecclesia Lodge, No. 1466, Brighton, the Eaton Lodge, No. 533, Congleton, Cheshire, the Bedford Lodge, No. 157, London, and the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, Stanmore. The Prince of Wales appointed Col. Creation President, and Comps. R. Grey and A. J. Duff-Filer members of the Committee of General Purposes, and Comps. H. C. Levander, E. Letchworth, C. F. Hogard, James Lewis Thomas, George Lambert and F. Adlard were elected members of the same Committee by Grand Chapter, which was thereupon duly closed.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held their monthly meeting last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart (in the chair), R. B. Webster, S. B. Wilson, W. F. C. Montrie, S. Rawson, Don. M. Dewar, Herbert Dicketts, L. Ruf, A. H. Lilley, S. Rosenthal, A. J. Duff-Filer, Edward B. Grabham, H. Massey, J. Terry, C. H. Webb, H. Young, W. Maple, John Constable, Joyce Murray, Richard Morris (Head Master), Thomas Meggy, W. Mason, Chevalier Hooper Wilkins, Thomas W. C. Bush, F. Adlard, W. H. Perryman, and F. Binckes (Secretary). Two adjourned petitions were passed, and two new ones accepted (one conditionally on receipt of fuller information). Two outfits of £5 each were granted to former pupils of the Institution, now in situations. The following brethren were nominated for election on the House and Audit Committees. For the House Committee, by Bro. A. H. Lilley:—Bros. Joyce Murray and E. B. Grabham. By Bro. Leopold Ruf:—Bros. J. G. Chancellor, H. W. Hunt, W. F. C. Montrie, Joyce Murray, W. Paas, F. W. Ramsay, G. J. Row, W. Roebuck, S. Rosenthal, D. Rolls, G. Sanders, and R. W. Stewart. By Bro. W. Mann:—Bros. E. C. Mather and T. Meggy. By Bro. S. B. Wilson:—Bros. J. G. Chancellor, W. Paas, Joyce Murray, D. Rolls, E. C. Mather, Alfred Williams, E. B. Grabham, R. P. Spice, T. Cubitt, Alfred Durrant, and G. J. Row. By Bro. H. Dicketts:—Bros. J. G. Chancellor, W. Paas, Joyce Murray, W. F. C. Montrie, W. Roebuck, R. W. Stewart, D. Rolls, E. C. Mather, Alfred Williams, E. B. Grabham, R. P. Spice, and G. J. Row. For the Audit Committee. By Bro. S. B. Wilson:—Bros. J. Constable, C. F. Matier, D. M. Dewar, T. Meggy, W. Mann, Alex. Wallace, R. B. Webster, H. Venn and C. E. Soppet. By Bro. H. Dicketts:—Bros. J. Constable, C. F. Matier, D. M. Dewar, C. E. Soppet, R. B. Webster, W. Mann, Alex. Wallace, H. Venn and Thomas Meggy. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

SOCIETY OF PAINTERS IN WATER COLOURS.

The ninety-fourth exhibition of the Society of Painters in Water Colours, 5 Pall Mall East, was opened to the public on the 26th ult. The display of pictures must be highly gratifying to the Society, and we feel assured will be deservedly appreciated by all visitors. No less than 297 works adorn the walls of the Gallery, and as the hanging committee, or those entrusted with the important task of arranging the paintings selected, have done their duty most judiciously, and as the light is excellent, it is possible for every one to see and judge for himself as to the merits of the several contributions. The President, Sir John Gilbert, R.A., sends two examples of his tried skill, in one of which, "The Battle of the Standard," the grouping of the figures round the standard is admirable, while the general effect is such as only an artist of such eminence could have succeeded in producing. His other picture, "The Prisoners," is also to be commended. Mr. Edward Duncan, in his delineation of "Old Billingsgate," from sketches made in 1835, and in his "North Berwick lifeboat going out to a vessel in distress," gives undoubted evidence that his ability has lost none of its ancient cunning. His picture of Billingsgate may indeed be described as one of the gems of the Exhibition. Carl Haag is represented by—among other contributions—"The Sphinx of Geezeh and the Pyramid of Cheops." Mrs. H. C. Angell, whose reputation for floral and fruit portraiture stands deservedly high, fully sustains it in No. 227, "Raspberries in basket," "Pomegranate and Grapes," No. 245; "Chrysanthemums," No. 217; and Mr. George H. Andrews is especially to be commended for his representation of "The Inner Port, Honfleur," though hardly less effective are his "French Fishing Smack," No. 58, and "A Ballast Wharf on the Thames," No. 8. Messrs. Walter Field, E. A. Waterlow, T. J. Watson, and W. E. Walker, the newly elected Associates, are worthily represented. Mr. Paul J. Naftel's best contribution is, in our opinion, his scene "Through the Wood, Pont-y-Gypyn, North Wales." Mr. A. Newton's "Mountain Pass," is admirable, and the same remark applies to Mr. F. Powell's "Ailsa Craig," No. 70; Mr. F. Taylor's "Market Day on the road to Quimper, Brittany," the several works of Mr. R. Thorne Waite; Birket Foster's "West Portal of Rheims Cathedral," Mr. Oswald W. Brierly's "H.M.S. Black Prince," No. 158, and Mr. S. Read's "Interior of Burgos Cathedral." In fine, the talent shown, whether taken collectively or individually, is of a very high order. At our visit we were shown a new thing in the way of art catalogues, which, unlike those ordinarily issued, has the unwonted merit of being compact in shape, and excellently well printed on hand-wove paper, while it contains the same information as the usual unwieldy catalogue, and is easily portable. The public will doubtless appreciate this novelty, and we should like to see it adopted by all our art galleries.

CRYSTAL PALACE.

The opening Festival of the new season was given at the Crystal Palace on Saturday, and drew together thousands of visitors. A rehearsal of the instrumental portion of the Concert, which later on delighted the visitors, was given early in the day. The bands of the Coldstream, Grenadier and Scotch Guards, conducted by Messrs. F. and D. Godfrey and Mr. J. Clarke, reinforced the Crystal Palace Orchestral Band under the direction of Mr. Augustus Manns. The vocalists included Madame Patey, Madame Marie Rose, Madame Trebelli-Bettini, Signor Foli and Mr. Edward Lloyd, who sang with their usual success some well-known compositions. The Great Fountains played during the day for the first time this year. Great credit is due to Messrs. Brock and Co. for the way in which they, at dusk, illuminated the gardens with thousands of coloured lamps.

We are often requested to give our opinion as to the comparative merits of the different manufacturers of Masonic jewellery. We know it is a delicate question and one difficult to be answered, for, as in the case of ordinary jewellers, there are several which stand together in the first rank, while others are left very far behind. We have therefore contented ourselves with referring inquirers to the advertisement columns of the different Masonic publications, and suggesting that the best way of arriving at a conclusion would be for them to visit the different places where this class of jewellery is vended, and judge for themselves. Among the establishments we have at different times named as likely to afford satisfaction to intending purchasers is—taking them at hazard—that of Bro. Lamb, of St. John's-square, Clerkenwell, who has been long engaged in the business; to whom has been entrusted the duty of furnishing particular jewels to be worn—as in the case of the Stewards' jewels for the Prince of Wales's installation in 1875 as Grand Master—in commemoration of noteworthy occasions; and of the work that is turned out from whose workshops it may always be said, it represents money's worth. If—and Fashion changes in Masonic jewellery as in all other things—a brother should desire to exchange a trinket manufactured a few year's back for one of the newest and most artistic design, he can have allowed him the intrinsic value of the former in part payment. There is nothing tawdry, nothing tinsel-like about the jewellery of Bro. Lamb. All is genuine of its kind,—good metal, good workmanship, and excellence of design being its characteristics. Then there is Bro. Kenning, whose fame is thoroughly well established. His business is on a large scale, and of his jewellery it may truly be said that, according to the price charged, it leaves little to be desired. The well-known firms of Spencer and Co., and Edward Stillwell and Son, also stand deservedly well, the goods manufactured by both of them being of a high order of excellence; while those of A. D. Loewenstark and Sons, and Joseph L. Caney, stand well before the Craft on the same grounds. Others there are who make Masonic jewellery a speciality; others again, doubtless, who include it among the branches of their general business. But to all intending purchasers of regalia we say advisedly—select whom you will of the firms we have specified, or any other you may know of, and judge for yourselves. Pay a fair price, and you will get a good article. But avoid the maker of tinsel, or you will find yourselves in the position of a Past Master whom we are pleased to number among our friends, who, on recently retiring from the Mastership of his Lodge was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, so ill-made, so intrinsically worthless, that until he had had it almost entirely re-manufactured, he felt ashamed to wear it.

As the Duke of Connaught was proceeding on Thursday morning from Bagshot Park to the Camp at Aldershot, his horse shied at a load of straw which had been overturned in the road at Farnborough. Both the Duke and the servant who accompanied him were thrown out of the dog-cart in which they were riding. After a short delay the Duke was able to proceed on his journey. The vehicle was seriously damaged.

We announced in our issue of the 17th ult., that the Right Hon. the Prov. Grand Master for Kent, who has recently been summoned by the Queen to the Upper House, would assume the title of Baron Amherst of Montreal. This, we are informed, is somewhat incorrect, as his Lordship will retain the same name as that by which he has for many years past been known to us.

We gather from the *Keystone* that Bro. Ramsay, editor of the *Masonic Eclectic*, who has been laid on a sick bed for nine weeks, is progressing favourably towards recovery. We heartily join in the good wishes of our contemporary for the speedy restoration to health of this worthy brother.

According to the *Freemasons' Repository*, the first number of a new Masonic Monthly publication, entitled the *Gavel*, has been issued by Bro. W. La Rue Thomas of Danville, Kentucky. Bro. Robert Ramsay has been engaged as a regular contributor.

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THE MASONIC RITUAL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Brother Jacob Norton, in his communication to you of the 26th March, objects to that beautiful passage in Ritual, "And lift your eyes to that bright morning star whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race." It is not "salvation" but "tranquillity," as Bro. Norton will find if he refers to the "English Ritual." I am afraid he allows his susceptibilities to outrun his discretion. For myself I am content; I do not wish to parade my religious opinions; sufficient to say, they would not be acceptable to many of the sects of Christians, but I am content with the literal interpretation of that passage, much as I feel convinced that in many respects our Ritual needs revision.

Through the whole of our ceremonies in Craft Masonry we have one emblem continually before us, the "Sun." As the sun rises in the east, to open and enliven the day, so is the W.M. placed in the east, to open his Lodge," &c. The blazing star or the glory in the centre reminds us of that grand luminary the "Sun," which by its divine influence dispenses its blessings to mankind. The sun to us Masons of every sect and opinion represents our God; it is the bright morning star anxiously looked for after the gloomy darkness of night. It is the bright morning star dawning on the heart of gloomy sorrow, and driving away the black clouds of despair. It is the brightest portion of nature, teaching us that the "Lord of Life" will trample the king of terrors—Death—beneath our feet. Why should we fear Death when we can lift our eyes to that bright morning star—"The Most High," of which the sun is the representative; and know that in Him the human race finds peace and tranquillity.

This theory of the "Sun" or the "Blazing Star" is no new idea; it is held by the most primitive race of human beings. The Santhals, a very low race, worship the sun under the name of Chando; they told the missionaries who settled among them that Chando had created the world, and when told that it would be absurd to say that the sun had created the world, they replied:—"We do not mean the visible Chando, but an invisible one."

Max Muller, in his translation of the Vedic Hymns, says:—

"The sun rises, the bliss-bestowing, the all-seeing,
The same for all men;
The eye of Mitra and Varuna,
The God who has rolled up darkness like a skin.

"The brilliant (sun) rises from the sky wide-shining,
Going forth to his distant work, full of light;
Now let men also, enlivened by the sun,
Go to their places and to their work."

Again he says,— "Seeing the light rising higher and higher above the darkness, we came to the highest light, to Sûrga, the God among Gods."

In Hyde—De Vetere Religione Persarum—is a figure of a lion with a bee between his lips, and over his back is a star emblematical of the "Sun God." "The Sun's strength is in his word," the bee signifying "the word."

Near the small town Babain in Upper Egypt there still exists in a grotto a representation of a sacrifice to the sun, where two priests are seen worshipping the sun's image. The Pæonians of Thrace were sun-worshippers; and they adored an image of the sun in the form of a dish at the top of a long pole. When the good king Josiah set about the work of reformation we read that his servants proceeded thus. "And they brake down the altars of Baalim in his presence, and the images (margin—sun images) that were on high above them he cut down," (2 Chron. xxxiv. 4). Benjamin of Tudela, the great Jewish traveller, speaking of the Cushites of the East says:—"There is a temple of the posterity of Chus addicted to the contemplation of the stars. They worship the sun as a god, for half a mile round their town is filled with great altars dedicated to him. By the dawn of morn they get up and run out of town, to wait the rising sun, to whom, on every altar, there is a consecrated image, not in the likeness of a man, but of the solar orb, framed by magic art. And as the sun rises, these orbs take fire, and resound with a great noise, while everybody there, both men and women, burn incense to the sun." And here in this country, in many so-called Christian churches, a plate of silver or gold "in form of a sun" is placed on the altar, so that every one who adores at that altar, must bow down in reverence before that "image of the sun." From all this it is manifest that the "sun" or the "bright morning star" was one of the recognised symbols of the Greater Divinity; and as the Vedic poet sang, "He who wakes us in the morning, who recalls the whole of nature to new life"—"He who by his might looked even over the waters, which held power and generated the sacrificial fire, He who 'alone is God of all gods.'"—Even so sang king David, "My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning," Psalm cxxx. 6.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

TOM B. ROSSETER, J.D. No. 972,

St. Augustine, Canterbury.

5th May 1880.

MODE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Cranford College, Maidenhead,
4th May 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having read with much interest the various letters in your journal on the subject of helping unsuccessful candidates for admission into one or other of our three great Charities, may I crave space to make some remarks on the subject?

Is not, I would ask, the whole system of admission to the benefits of a Charity by votes wrong, and most opposed to the three principles of Charity? Who were meant to be assisted by these Institutions? Was it not the poor, friendless, aged Masons, their widows and orphans? Yet, as a matter of fact, those who have the most friends get the most votes, and consequently become the successful candidates. To my mind there is hardly a more painful task than to scan the "list of candidates" periodically placed before us. Take, for instance, the Girls' List of 10th April. There are, to begin with, 45 candidates, and only 13 vacancies! A little way down the list we find a mother, a widow, with seven children; she has one vote to bring forward, and in your issue of 17th April, I see she scored at the late Election twenty-one more. Evidently friendless! Yet should not this fact make her still more worthy of a Mason's help. Does not her case rather remind us of the poor diseased man in the Gospel, who, though for thirty-eight years in sight of the healing waters, yet had no friend to dip him therein? I need not take up your time and space by quoting further examples, your readers have only to examine the lists for themselves to find many such; but, for the remedy.

The first would be to abolish the whole system of admission by votes, and substitute instead admission through a committee, whose duty it should be to examine every case, and admit each in turn on its own merits. Large Charities have, I believe, already adopted this system, with the satisfaction of seeing its approval marked in the increase of their subscription lists.

A better remedy still, and one worthier by far of our great Order, would be to reject none who were found deserving of help. I hold it a disgrace to us that we should say to Nos. 70 and 71 (see Boys' List April 1880), Yes, your cases are deserving, your fathers were Masons of some standing, one even assisted two out of our three Institutions, but you have no friends, you cannot get votes. Go, we will not help you to that which at least should be the right of every Mason's child,—a good education.

Perhaps it would be a heavy strain to give to all the high class education now given at Wood Green, but is this necessary? Would it not be possible to give a more technical and cheaper education to those in the lower ranks of life.

Money would never be wanting if it were known that in case of unexpected misfortune our children would certainly receive at the hands of our brethren an education of some kind to fit them for their life's struggle.

The views I have laid before you, Mr. Editor, may seem quixotic at first sight, but on second thoughts it will be seen that they are in true accordance with that virtue of which the Masons proudly boast,—Charity.

I am Sir, yours truly,

EDWARD DE EWER,
A P.C. Berks and Bucks, Chaplain 1566.

A PLEA FOR THE CANDIDATES TO THE R.M.B.I.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As an instance of those cases to which Bro. Parsons alludes in last week's CHRONICLE, that of the unsuccessful candidates who, after several attempts, fail in obtaining admission to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, I beg to state the following case:—A brother belonging to Petersfield, Hants, was accepted as a candidate to the Institution, but was not successful at the first election. His name was on the list the following year, but before the polling day he died, I regret to say, an inmate of the Petersfield Workhouse, and was buried by the parish.

Had there been some fund to assist our aged brother in "keeping the wolf from the door," and to provide the common necessities of life a little while longer, most likely he would not have rested in a pauper's grave, and the Craft would have been able to soothe and sustain him in his last hours.

Yours fraternally,

THOMAS AYLING.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.
NINETY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.

Amount announced in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE			
of 24th April	£13,637 8 6
Lists since received:—			
Province of Monmouth (Bro. W. Pickford)	£99 15 0		
Amount announced	57 15 0		
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Lodge 708 (Bro. A. G. H. Gibbs)	...	15 15 0	
Various small additions to lists	...	53 9 0	
Total	...	£13,748 12 6	

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THE NICHOLSON CHAPTER, No. 371,
MARYPORT.

WHEN we suggested, two or three years ago, in the CHRONICLE the formation of a Chapter at Maryport, to be called "the Nicholson Chapter," we did not expect that our suggestion would bring forth such early fruit. Wednesday, 21st April, witnessed the first anniversary convocation, and it was a success in every respect. Four exaltations besides the installation of the principals were witnessed by a goodly number of Companions, who evidently thoroughly enjoyed the ritualistic treat. In the absence of the M.E.Z., E. Comp. John Bowes P.Z. P.P.G.S.N., took the first seat in the council of Comps. and was ably supported by the Officers, members, and Visitors. The exaltations completed, the principals elect were duly presented and installed, and the other Officers invested and charged. The following are the Officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. P. de E. Collin Z., T. Maudle H., W. Armstrong J., J. R. Banks S.E., Captain Sewell S.N., A. Walters P.S., R. Brown and W. G. Mitchell Assistant Sojs., Jos. Nicholson Treas., and J. Harrison Janitor. After the conclusion of the ceremonies a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Bowes for the efficient manner in which he had rendered the long and important ceremonies. The Companions then adjourned to the Senhouse Arms Hotel, where ample justice was done to an excellent banquet, well put on the tables.

Zetland Chapter, No. 236.—The regular meeting of this strong Chapter was held on Wednesday evening, the 28th ult., at York, when there were present:—E. Comps. J. Todd P.Z. as Z., H. W. T. Orde-Powlett H., G. Balmford J., W. Lawton P.Z., R. W. Hollins P.Z., T. B. Whytehead Z. 1611, J. S. Cumberland H. 1611, &c. The first business was the installation of the principals elect, which was performed very ably by E. Comps. J. Todd P.Z. Prov. G.J., assisted by E. Comp. T. B. Whytehead Z. 1611. The three chairs were filled as follows:—Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Z., G. Balmford H., J. M. Meek J., and the following Officers were afterwards invested: J. Todd P.Z. Treas., J. Hollins S.E., Rev. W. Valentine S.N., A. Buckle P.S., M. Rooke D.C., T. W. Wilson and A. Hanson Assistant S.S., J. Redfare Janitor. Two brethren were subsequently exalted by the newly installed Z., who performed the ceremony in an admirable manner, the latter portion of the mystical lecture being given by E. Comp. Todd P.Z. There was a large muster of members and visitors at the supper table, and a most pleasant evening was passed. Amongst the visitors were Comps. Shaw-Hellier and L. Murphy (4th Dragoon Guards), Rev. J. Blake 1611, W. P. Husband 1611, and others.

North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471. The anniversary meeting of this Chapter was held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Thursday, 15th ult. Present—Comps. L. A. Leins M.E.Z., R. H. Halford H., W. Webb J., Osborn S.E., R. Pearcy S.N., J. L. Mather P.S.; also Comps. G. H. Hunter, J. W. Hobbs, J. E. Sheffield, W. Hirst, S. Hollidge, R. G. Thomas, J. Eldridge, J. L. Cogan, J. Greenfield, W. Shurman, J. Garrod, J. Lenzell, W. Fysh, &c. The Chapter having been declared open, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Comps. R. G. Thomas Org. 1602, S. Hollidge 1602, W. Webb 1471, L. A. Leins M.E.Z. 1471, W. Shurman 1471, J. Garrod, Enfield, were elected members. The Chapter was then closed, and the Comps. adjourned to dinner. After the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts, the M.E.Z. gave the toast of the evening, Prosperity to the North London Chapter of Improvement, which was ably responded to by the Preceptor, Comp. J. L. Mather. Other toasts followed—Past Principals, responded to by Comp. Hobbs; The Officers, by Comps. Halford and Osborn; the New Members; the Visitors, by Comp. Lenzell, &c. During the evening some excellent singing was rendered by Comps. Hirst, Shurman, Pearcy, Sheffield, Hobbs, Halford, Cogan, &c. Comp. Thomas presided at the pianoforte. The Comps. separated at an early hour, after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

Eboracum Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1611.—An emergency meeting of this Chapter was held at York, on Tuesday evening, when there were present Comps. T. B. Whytehead Z., J. S. Cumberland H., G. Balmford H. 236 as J., J. Todd P.Z. Prov. G.J., R. W. Hollon P.Z. Past G.D.C., Rev. James Blake as S.E., C. G. Padel S.N., A. T. B. Turner 1st Asst. S., W. P. Husband 2nd Asst. S., P. Pearson Jan., W. Lackenby, R. Ware, A. Hanson, and other Visitors and members. The Chapter having been opened the M.E.Z. said that they all regretted the absence of their Principal Sojourner, occasioned by a sudden and painful domestic affliction. It had necessitated an alteration in the arrangements for the evening, but he was glad to be able to fall back on the assistance of their E. Comp. Todd, who would take the chair of Z., whilst he would undertake the duties of P.S. This was accordingly done, and Bro. Humphries of the Eboracum Lodge was introduced and duly exalted, the historical lecture being delivered by E. Comp. J. S. Cumberland. After the ceremony, E. Comp. T. B. Whytehead again assumed the chair, and the report of the Bye-laws Committee was brought up and adopted, after which the Chapter was closed and the Comps. adjourned to supper, provided by Comp. H. Churchill, at which the principal toasts were honoured.

Mr. AUGUSTUS HARRIS will, this evening, produce, at Drury Lane, on a very grand scale, a new ballet, entitled "Les Sirènes." Nothing, we understand, will be spared in any department to make it worthy of the boards on which it is to be produced, and of the reputation for spectacle the present able management has already acquired.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

Eboracum Conclave, No. 13.—On 29th ult., a meeting of this body was held at York for the enthronement and consecration of Sovereign and Viceroy elect. Ill. Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead P.S. and Intendant-Gen. Unat. presided, in the unavoidable absence of the M.P.S. the Earl of Zetland, and there were also present Ill. Sir Knts. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Intendant General of the Province, J. W. Woodall Intendant General Unat. and E. Sir Knts. J. S. Cumberland V.E., C. G. Padel S.G., Geo. Simpson I.G., L. Murphy H.P., A. T. B. Turner Recorder, T. Humphries as Standard Bearer, W. P. Husband as Herald, S. F. Bousfield, R. Walker, W. B. Dyson, J. Ward, G. Balmford, H. Churchill, H. Jackson, &c. Bro. E. T. Clark of the St. Oswald's Lodge, 910, was installed a Knight of the Order. The Auditor's report was adopted, showing a balance of over £3 on the right side. The Viceroy elect and the Sovereign elect Sir Knts. C. G. Padel and J. S. Cumberland were then respectively consecrated and enthroned in the chairs of Eusebius and Constantine by Ill. Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead, assisted by Ill. Sir Knts. Orde-Powlett and Woodall, and were afterwards saluted. E. Sir Knt. J. S. Cumberland then appointed and invested the Officers, as follow:—G. Simpson S.G., M. Millington J.G., T. Murphy H.P., G. Simpson Treas., W. P. Husband Recorder, W. B. Dyson Assist. Recorder, A. T. B. Turner Prefect, T. Humphries Std. Bearer, S. F. Bousfield Herald, J. J. Wilkes 1st Aide, R. Walker 2nd Aide, Geo. Balmford Organist, H. Jackson Sentinel. On the proposition of Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead M. Ill. Sir Knt. C. E. Meyer Grand Sovereign of the Order in the United States, and V. Ill. Sir Knt. R. S. Brown Grand Recorder of the Order in Scotland, were elected honorary members of the Conclave. The name of a candidate was proposed and seconded, and the Conclave was closed. The St. Peter Sanctuary K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John were afterwards opened, and the degrees conferred upon Sir Knts. C. G. Padel, W. P. Husband and E. T. Clark. The Commander elect Sir Knt. Cumberland was installed on the throne, and the Sanctuary and Commandery were closed.

THE MOHAWK MINSTRELS.

FAREWELL BENEFIT OF BROTHER R. G. THOMAS.

THE farewell benefit of Bro. R. G. Thomas, the courteous and talented Manager of the Mohawk Minstrels took place on 28th ult., a special and excellent programme being provided for the occasion, the rendering of which was everything that could be desired. Among the most noticeable features of the entertainment must be mentioned two new songs composed by Bro. Thomas himself, one of which, "When thy lay at eve thou singest," found a most admirable interpreter in Mr. C. Temple, while the other, a new vocal valse entitled "My love and I," was given with the greatest success by Mr. G. Clare. Conspicuous among the numbers were several of Henry Russell's songs, which it is hardly necessary to say were sung with their wonted ability by those members of the Company to whom they were severally allotted. Where all acquitted themselves so well it seems invidious to make any selection, but "A Life on the Ocean Wave," by Mr. C. Garland went splendidly. Mr. J. Kavanagh was most deservedly applauded for his rendering of "Man the Life Boat," while Mr. Chester and Mr. Vincent Layton were very effective in "To the West," and "Cheer, Boys, Cheer," respectively. Bro. J. Francis evoked well-merited applause by his humorous rendering of "Emancipation Day," and Harry Hunter's new Military Absurdity, "Victoria's Black Hussars." Mr. W. Ray was amusing in his comic Refrain, "Daffney, do you love me?" and Mr. W. Freeman, both in "Quips the Quaker," and his banjo song, "The Rustic Young Damsel," was, as invariably happens, most heartily appreciated. Bro. Egbert Robert's fine voice was heard to great advantage in "The Gambler's Wife," his admirable singing and expression eliciting a chorus of approval from those present. Little Thomas and Mr. J. Kavanagh were duly appreciated in the screaming absurdity, entitled "The Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers," and a Grand Chorus—"Let's be gay, Boys," arranged expressly by Mr. W. Williams, and sung for the first time at this Concert, was grandly given by the Mohawk Choir and Orchestra. Mr. Arthur Lloyd, Fred Kent, the so-called "Mad Artist," who, to the wonderment of the audience, then and there painted a picture, while the orchestra played a galop by way of accompaniment, and Mr. T. MacLagan contributed to the entertainment in a manner worthy of their known ability, and reaped a rich and fervent burst of applause in consequence. As an interlude between the Grand Chorus aforementioned and the concluding item, "The Simple Mokesters," another screaming absurdity, which derives its parentage from the ever-fertile genius of Harry Hunter, the able Interlocutor of the Mohawks, Bro. Thomas appeared at the footlights, and in a few well-chosen sentences, and with great feeling, expressed his thanks to all who had done him the honour to attend that evening. Let us hope that Bro. Thomas, the severance of whose connection with the Mohawks is unquestionably their loss, will continue to fare as prosperously in the future as he has done hitherto. His managerial and musical ability is well known, and appreciated not only by the Minstrels with whom he had been so long connected, and who evinced their sense of his merits by doing their utmost on Wednesday to achieve the difficult task of surpassing themselves, but also by the public, with whom as manager he has been continually brought into contact.

As was announced in our columns last week, to-day (Saturday) has been chosen for the Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey. The place chosen for the gathering is the Spring Hotel, Ewell, and the hour 12.30 p.m. The business will include the appointment and investiture of the Prov. Grand Officers, and a luncheon has been arranged to follow at 2 p.m. Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., is the Prov. Grand Superintendent.

JAMAICA.

THE ordinary meeting of the Royal Lodge, No. 207, was held on 5th April, at Friendly Hall, Kingston, Jamaica, presided over by Wor. Bros. J. Thursall W.M., E. X. Leon S.W., W. Duff J.W., and other Officers. Being the night of election for Officers for the ensuing year, according to bye-law, Bros. E. X. Leon and G. M. Duff were proposed for Master, and resulted in the election of Bro. G. M. Duff. Bros. Iffa and Ryder were proposed for Treasurer, Bro. Iffa being elected, and Bro. G. Magnus was re-elected Tyler. The following Past Masters and several brethren of sister Lodges were in attendance:—Wor. Bros. R. Langley, G. Sargeant, C. H. Davis, W. Andrews of Royal, McFarlane Hamilton, A. E. Burke and Davis Glenlyon, B. Stines and M. Ross Collegium Fabrorum. The installation will take place at the next ordinary meeting, in May. There was a large attendance of members belonging to the Royal.

The little town of Green Island, on 31st March, put on its holiday garb, on account of the laying of the corner stone for the new schoolhouse in connection with the Episcopal Church of that town, which was to be laid by the Masonic brethren of the Westmoreland Lodge. A procession was formed, and marched to the spot under the charge of Wor. Bro. Dr. Mennell W.M. of the Westmoreland Lodge, and a goodly number of brethren. The stone was examined, and proving satisfactory, was laid by Mrs. Cooke, wife of the late custos of the parish, assisted by the W.M.

The half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for Jamaica was held on the 7th April, at Friendly Hall. The Rt. Wor. J. W. Whitebourne D.D.G. Master presided. The several Mark Lodges in the Island were represented by their Masters, Wardens, and Overseers. The following Officers were appointed for the year:—

Rt. Wor. G. J. De Cordova (Phoenix)	...	P.G.S.W.
A. De Cordova (Clifton Instruction)	...	P.G.J.W.
G. J. Sargeant (Royal)	...	P.G.M.O.
B. Stines jun. (Royal)	...	P.G.S.O.
S. E. Pintz (Sussex)	...	P.G.J.O.
O. Delgado (Phoenix)	...	Treasurer
J. L. Ashenheim (Clifton and Phoenix)	...	Reg. of Marks
E. X. Leon (Royal)	...	Secretary
O. Delgado jun. (Phoenix)	...	P.G.S.D.
G. J. Peynado (Sussex)	...	P.G.J.D.
G. A. Campbell (Royal)	...	Inspector of Works
D. Bamed (Phoenix)	...	Dir. of Ceremonies
G. R. Taylor (Sussex)	...	Sword Bearer
Dr. J. Allen (Sussex)	...	Standard Bearer
A. H. Jones (Sussex)	...	Organist
W. P. Dadson (Sussex)	...	Inner Guard
L. C. Hollar (Phoenix)	...	} Stewards
T. N. Aguilar (Royal)	...	
G. P. Myers (Phoenix)	...	
G. Magnus	...	Tyler

The Provincial Grand Master the Rt. Wor. Hon. Dr. R. Hamilton was unable to attend, as he has been suffering from illness for some time.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Phoenix Holy Royal Arch Chapter was held at Port Royal, Jamaica, on 8th April, presided over by M.E. Companion David Bamed P.Z. as M.E.Z.; M.E. Companions L. C. Hollar H., G. P. Myers J., W. J. Lovesy Rutherford as S.E., and other Officers. According to Bye-laws, this being night for election of Officers, the following were chosen:—M.E. Companions L. C. Hollar Z., G. P. Myers H., Dr. J. Tyndall J., H. D. Campbell Scribe E., J. Hall Scribe N. (re-elected), Lieutenant W. Hastings P.S., R. Thompson Treasurer (re-elected), and W. Hollar Janitor. Bro. M. C. Murdoch, Assistant Paymaster of H.M.S. Flamingo, was duly exalted, and Comp. Lieutenant W. Hastings elected as joining member. The P.Z. Comp. O. Delgado jun. was unable to attend from illness.

BALLOT FOR LIFE SUBSCRIBERSHIPS FOR THE R.M.I.G.

BRO. Dick Radclyffe wishes us to inform the holders of tickets that the ballot will take place on the 5th July, and the successful numbers will be announced in this journal on the 10th July. Meantime he hopes those brethren who hold tickets will effect the sale thereof. Each ticket will admit to the Bazaar in aid of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. Proceeds of sale of tickets, however, *without deduction*, will be handed over to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

It will be seen from the announcement in our advertisement columns that the day fixed for holding the Eighty-second Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has been altered from Wednesday, 30th June, to Thursday, 1st July, and that the place chosen for holding it will be the Crystal Palace. Already there are, exclusive of the President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer, 230 brethren who have signified their intention of serving on the Board, and in the interval between now and the day selected there is ample time for an addition of a further forty or fifty. It will be noticed that Lieut.-Col. Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire, is President of the Board—an omen, we take it, that his Province will cordially support its neighbour and popular chief, the Right Hon. Earl of Lathom. Indeed, all things augur well for a grand success for the Festival of the School with which Bro. Binckes has been so long associated.

TOTTENHAM AND EDMONTON MASONIC DRAWING

For Life Governorships of either the Boys', the Girls', or the Benevolent Institution.

THE above drawing took place on Saturday evening, 1st May, at Bro. Oddy's, Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, in the presence of Bros. Blenkinsop, Garrod, Lewis, Taverner, and others. Bro. Linzell presided, and the following were declared the successful numbers:—Nos. 293, 600, 660, 977, 1171, 1674. Henry V. Clements, Steward, J.W. 754, 1237, and P.S. 1237.

ISRAEL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 205.

THE anniversary banquet of this Lodge was held on the 29th ult. at Bro. W. Yetton's, the Rising Sun, Globe-road. The brethren sat down about forty strong. Bro. L. Norden W.M. 205 occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. P.M. Musto as S.W., and John Taylor (554) as J.W. After ample justice had been done to an excellent spread, Bro. L. Norden briefly gave the Queen and the Craft, and the other Masonic toasts. Bro. G. H. Stephens then proposed the health of the W.M. It was a toast, he said, which always met with a hearty reception, and, on the present occasion, peculiar interest attached to it. Bro. Norden, the W.M. of the evening, was occupying that position in virtue of his office as W.M. of the mother Lodge, and it would be within the recollection of the brethren that he obtained his first Masonic knowledge at this Lodge of Instruction. This Bro. Stephens claimed as an evidence of the importance of the work done, and a proof of its efficiency, under Bro. Musto's able Preceptorship. After a song from Bro. Veal, Bro. Norden thanked the brethren, and then gave the toast of the evening, viz., Success to the Israel Lodge of Instruction, claiming for it a foremost place for good work and efficiency, and calling upon its esteemed Preceptor, Bro. Musto, to reply. Bro. Bradbrook here gave a capital song, and Bro. Musto, in the course of an instructive speech, expressed the pleasure it gave him to see the work begun in the Israel Lodge of Instruction produce such good workers as Bro. Norden and many other of its pupils. The next toast was "The neighbouring Lodges of Instruction," viz., the Yarborough 554, coupled with the name of Bros. Barnes and J. Taylor, Doric 933 Bro. Payne J.W. 933, Burdett Coutts 1278 Bro. Chitson, Tredegar 1623 Bro. H. Yates (brother of the host of the house where it meets), and another which, through the hospitality of Bro. Musto, joined with the others in diffusing Masonic light and instruction to the brethren of the East. The last-named—generally known as the "Iron-bound Club," and not registered upon the Grand Roll—not only improving the mind Masonic, but, under the superintendence of Bro. Musto, its indefatigable Treasurer and Steward, administering the creature comforts to its members. Each of the brethren having replied, the Treasurer and Honorary Secretary were next toasted. These Officers, Bro. Norden said, in conjunction with the Preceptor, really carried on the Lodge. He had alluded to the exertions of Bro. Preceptor, so would now speak of the Treasurer, Bro. W. Yetton, and the untiring Honorary Secretary, Bro. G. H. Stephens. With the former he would connect the hostess, Mrs. Yetton. The Hon. Secretary was well known to them for the interest he took in Freemasonry. This was heartily received, as was the toast of the "Stewards," and after some other songs, the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant meeting to a close. Apologies for non-attendance, and good wishes were received, by the Secretary, from nearly forty brethren.

THE THEATRES, &c.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA, COVENT GARDEN.—This Evening, at 8, L'AFRICAIN. On Monday, at 8.30, IL TROVATORE. On Tuesday, LE PROPHETE. On Thursday, RIGOLETTO. On Saturday, ROMEO E GIULIETTA.

DRURY LANE.—At 7, LADY AUDLEY'S SECRET. At 8.40, LA FILLE DE MADAME ANGOT.

HAYMARKET.—At 7.50, CUT OFF WITH A SHILLING. At 8.30, SCHOOL.

LYCEUM.—At 7.30, THE KING AND THE MILLER. At 8.15, THE MERCHANT OF VENICE.

ADELPHI.—At 7.30, THE QUIET FAMILY. At 8.15, THE SHAUGHRAUN.

STRAND.—At 7.15, RUTH'S ROMANCE. At 8.0, MADAME FAVART.

GAIETY.—At 7.15, OPERETTA. At 8, TALE OF A TUB. At 8.45, VOYAGE EN SUISSE.

OLYMPIC.—At 7.15, PAIR OF THEM. At 7.45, GEORGE BARNWELL. At 9.30, TROVATORE. On Monday, THE GRASSHOPPER.

GLOBE.—At 7.30, THE HAPPY MAN. At 8.15, NAVAL CADETS.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7, DELICATE GROUND. At 7.50, THE STREETS OF LONDON.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, A HAPPY PAIR. At 8.40, FORGET-ME-NOT.

ST. JAMES'S.—At 1, OLD CRONIES. At 8.35, STILL WATERS RUN DEEP.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 8, IN THE SULK. At 8.45, THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE.

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CRITERION.—At 8, JILTED. At 8.45, BETSY.

FOLLY.—At 7.30, DEAF AS A POST. At 8.30, THE UPPER CRUST, &c.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.30, FARCE. At 8.15, LA FILLE DU TAMBOUR MAJOR. At 10.30, MEMNON.

ROYALTY.—At 8, THEMIS. At 9.45, CUPID.

NEW SADLER'S WELLS.—At 7.15, BOX AND COX. At 8, THE DANITES.

STANDARD.—At 7.15, SPITALFIELDS WEAVER. At 7.45, NINON.

DUKE'S.—At 7.30, A ROUGH DIAMOND. At 8, CONRAD AND LIZETTE.

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**THE EIGHTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,
CRYSTAL PALACE, SYDENHAM,
THURSDAY, 1st JULY 1880.**

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4th May 1880.

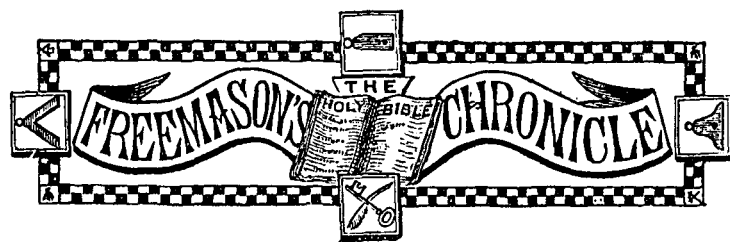
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**THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE BOYS'
SCHOOL.**

READERS of Bro. Cole's "Illustrations of Masonry,"
or of the address which accompanies the Reports
from time to time issued in connection with the Royal
Masonic Institution for Boys, are doubtless, in a measure,
acquainted with the particulars of the foundation of that
Charity; but we question if there are many of the present
generation who have looked fully into the operations of
the Fund for the first few years of its existence, if indeed
it is possible to do so. From the work already referred to
we learn that:—

"The United Mariners' Lodge, No. 23, observing with concern the
distressed circumstances of several of their brethren, and the ex-
posed situation of their children, at the same time viewing with
pleasure the daily progress making in the Freemasons' Charity, in
St. George's Fields, for Female Children, induced them at a meeting,
held on the 3rd day of July 1798, to consider of means for to establish

a Masonic Charity for cloathing and educating the Sons of Indigent Freemasons, and for that purpose they immediately opened a subscription, which at their second meeting increased beyond their most sanguine expectations, that enabled them to receive six children to the benefit of this Charity; but as it is their intention to extend the same, the fraternity at large, the humane and benevolent in general, are therefore most earnestly solicited to contribute towards accomplishing this laudable undertaking, whose object is to cloathe and instruct the Sons of Indigent Freemasons, and to train them up in the knowledge of virtue and religion, and to inculcate strongly on their minds obedience to their superiors."

From the above it will be seen that even at the first meeting the Founders were enabled to do something, but to do them credit it should be known that the work commenced so well was vigorously continued, and to such an extent were they successful that on the 1st October of the same year a meeting was advertised for the 5th October, when twelve more children were to be received into the Charity. This information we gather from an advertisement, in the following terms, which appeared in the *Times* of Wednesday, 3rd October 1798, and which we are enabled to place before our readers through the courtesy of a correspondent, who forwards a copy of the same:—

Masonic Charity for Cloathing, and Educating the Sons of Indigent Freemasons according to the old Institutions.

A General Meeting of the Subscribers to this Institution will be held at the "Kings Arms," Greenbank, Wapping, on Friday next, the 5th day of October instant, at 6 o'clock in the Evening, in order to receive Twelve Children into this Charity.

J. MONTEFOIRE,

Attorney at Law, Sec.

Sampson's Gardens,
October 1st, 1798.

We gather from this that in the short space of three months after the proposal was put forward no less than eighteen sons of Freemasons were being clothed and educated at the expense of what to-day is known as the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; at that time the children were put out to schools in the neighbourhood of their residences. We should very much like to trace still further the growth of our Charities, and shall be pleased if any of our readers can assist us in the undertaking. The information would not only be interesting from an antiquarian point of view, but would serve as a guide to those connected with younger branches of Masonic Charity Systems, as for instance the Mark Benevolent Fund, Pupils' Assistance Fund, &c.

FREEMASONS IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

AS far as we have been able to ascertain at present, the following members of our Fraternity are entitled to sit in the House of Lords by (a) hereditary right, (b) election as representative Peers for Ireland or Scotland, (c) as one of twenty-five Bishops of the Anglican Church:—

- Duke of Cornwall (Prince of Wales), K.G. G.M. England.
- Duke of Connaught, K.G. P.S.G.W.
- Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M. (Notts).
- Duke of Manchester, P.G.M. (Norths and Hunts).
- *Duke of Marlborough, K.G.
- *Duke of Abercorn, K.G. (sits as Marquis of Abercorn), G.M. Ireland.
- *Duke of Leinster (sits as Viscount Leinster).
- Duke of Athole (sits as Earl Strange), P.G.M. Perthshire West.
- Marquis of Londonderry, P.G.M. Durham.
- Marquis of Headfort, S.G.W. Ireland (sits as Baron Kenlis).
- Marquis of Donegall, P.G.M. Antrim (sits as Baron Fisherwick).
- *Earl of Home (sits as Baron Douglas).
- *Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G.
- *Earl of Erne, K.P. (sits as Baron Fermanagh).
- *Earl of Meath (sits as Baron Chaworth).
- Earl of Haddington, S.G. Deacon Scotland (Scotch Rep. Peer).
- *Earl Granville, K.G.
- *Earl Cowper, K.G.
- *Earl of Lathom, Dep. G. Master England and P.G.M. Lancashire West.
- Earl of Charlemont (sits as Baron Charlemont), K.P.
- Earl of Fife, K.T. P.G.M. Banffshire (sits as Baron Skene).
- Earl of Breadalbane, P.G.M. East Perthshire.
- Earl of Dunmore (sits as Baron Dunmore).
- Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M. and P.G.M. Somersetshire.
- *Earl of Mar and Kellie, Dep. G.M. Scotland (Scotch Rep. Peer).
- Earl of Limerick, P.G.M. Bristol (sits as Baron Foxford).
- *Earl of Jersey, P.G. Warden.
- *Earl of Donoughmore, P.G. Warden.
- Earl of Mount-Edgumbe, P.G.M. Cornwall.
- Earl of Wemyss and March, P.G.M. Scotland.
- Earl of Dunraven (sits as Baron Kenry).
- Earl of Clonmell (Irish Representative Peer).
- Earl of Hardwicke, P.G.M. Cambridgeshire.
- Earl of Ferrers, P.G.M. Leicester and Rutland.
- Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. N. and E. Yorkshire.
- Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland.

Earl of Huntingdon, P.G.M. Midland Counties, Ireland.
Earl of Onslow, G.S.W. England.
Viscount Powerscourt, K.P. (Irish Rep. Peer), P.G.M. Wicklow and Wexford.

Viscount Falmouth.

*Viscount Lifford (Irish Rep. Peer)

Viscount Strathallan (Scotch Rep. Peer).

Baron Amherst P.G.M. Kent.

Baron Hartismere (Henniker) P.G.W.

Baron Methuen P.G.M. Wilts.

Baron Sherborne, P.G.M. Gloucestershire.

Baron Waveney, P.G.M. Suffolk.

Baron Londesborough, P.G. Warden.

Baron Danboyne (Irish Rep. Peer), P.G.M. North Munster.

Baron Harlech, P.G.M. North Connaught.

Baron Plunket, Bishop of Meath (G. Chaplain, Ireland).

Baron Tenterden, K.C.B. P.G.M. Essex.

*Baron De Tabley, P.G.M. Cheshire.

*Baron Northwick.

*Baron Emly.

*Baron Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk.

*Baron Carow.

*Baron Wolverton.

*Baron Lilford.

*Baron Poltimore.

Baron Leigh P.G.M. Warwickshire.

Bishop of Peterborough.

The three that follow are, in the case of Nos. 1 and 2, members of the Irish, and in No. 3 of the Scotch Peerage, but they are not entitled as such to sit in the Peers' House of Parliament.

Earl of Bandon (Irish Peer), Grand Secretary, Ireland.

Earl of Arran (Irish Peer), 32 Scotland.

Earl of Northesk (Scotch Peer) 31 Scotland.

N.B. Those marked with a * were initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford.

We shall be obliged if any of our readers will favour us with the names and Masonic rank of other noble Lords who may be entitled to the same rights and privileges as those contained in the foregoing list.

We omitted from our list of members of the new Parliament who belong to the Craft, the name of Brother Eneas McIntyre, Q.C., who was successful in winning the second seat for the City of Worcester. His rival was Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, who was member for that City in the last Parliament. The contest was a very close one indeed, Bro. McIntyre securing the victory by a majority of only nine votes—2511 to 2502.

We must add to the list the name of Bro. Joseph Dodds who is the representative in Parliament of Stockton-on-Tees, for which constituency he was first returned in 1868. Bro. Dodds is a Past Master of the Tees Lodge, No. 509, Stockton.

Bro. R. F. Gould, on whom His Royal Highness the Grand Master has just conferred the honour of a Grand Senior Deaconship, and who has made so great a mark in Masonic literature, by those most useful works of his "The Four old Lodges" and "The Atholl Lodges," was initiated into Freemasonry whilst stationed with the dépôt of his regiment (the 31st Foot) at Walmer, in 1855, in the Royal Navy Lodge, Ramsgate, then No. 621, now No. 429. On joining the service companies abroad, he subsequently bore an active part in Masonry in Malta, Gibraltar, the Cape of Good Hope, India, and China. He has filled the chair of W. Master in not less than four Lodges, viz., Inhabitants Lodge, No. 153, Gibraltar; Northern Lodge of China, No. 570, Shanghai; Meridian Lodge, No. 743, 31st regiment; and Moira Lodge, No. 92, London. In May 1858 he was appointed Prov. S.G.W. for Andalusia. He was exalted a R.A. Mason in 1857 at Valetta, and since then has filled the chair of First Principal in Zion Chapter, No. 570, Shanghai, and Moira Chapter, No. 92. Bro. Gould is a member both of the Board of General Purposes, and of the Colonial Board, having served three years on the former, and four years on the latter, and has likewise qualified as a Life Governor of the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Gould served in the North China and Tae-ping campaigns of 1860 and 1862 respectively, with the 31st regiment. On his retirement from the army he studied for, and was called to, the Bar in 1868, and has since practised on the Western Circuit.

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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.

SATURDAY, 8th MAY.

- 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 R. A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 10th MAY.

- 45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
 53—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
 1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
 R. C.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
 R. A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
 R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 M. M.—Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
 R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 11th MAY.

- 46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 167—St. John, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powhall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
 93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
 194—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction.)
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Shoe, Sidcup
 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
 1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
 1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
 R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 M. M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 M. M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 12th MAY.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
 223—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 533—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Goutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
 1298—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R. A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
 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
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 433—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
 668—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
 754—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn. (Instruction.)
 795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
 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 (Instruction)
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
 1243—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 R. A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 13th MAY.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, 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.)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill
 1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
 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 (Instruction)
 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—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
 1093—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—Roid, 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.
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colleshill.
 R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
 R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 R.A. 1393—Hammer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T.—Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

FRIDAY, 14th MAY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 834—Kanelagh, Six Bells, Hammernsmith (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)
 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1942—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
 697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
 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.
 1289—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
 R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
 R. A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme.
 K. T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.

SATURDAY, 15th MAY.

193—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE, No. 406.

THE installation and annual Festival of this time honoured Lodge took place on Monday, the 19th of April, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on which occasion a large gathering of brethren, members and visitors, assembled to do honour to the W.M. elect. The Lodge was opened at three o'clock by Bro. John Page P.G.S.B. W.M., with nearly all his Officers in their places, viz., Bros. R. L. Armstrong I.P.M., R. G. Salmon S.W. W.M. elect, G. W. Lax J.W., S. M. Harris Sec., E. Dunford S.D., J. Wood P.M. as J.D., R. Knox P.M. P.P.G.P. D.C., A. Hume I.G., W. E. Sisson S.S., R. W. Sisson J.S., and G. S. Sims Tyler, amongst the P.M.'s present were Bros. J. Ridsdale P.P.G.J.W., W. E. Franklin P.P.G.J.W. Durham, W. S. Hughes P.G.J.W., G. J. Dean P.G.J.D., W. M. Bell P.G.A.D.C., T. J. Armstrong, William Cooper P.G.P., T. Bell, &c. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed. Bros. Knox P.M. D.C. presented Bro. R. G. Salmon W.M. elect to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. He having taken the necessary obligation, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and all below the rank of P.M. having retired, the ceremony was proceeded with, and upon the readmission of the brethren the newly installed Master was proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom. Too much praise cannot be accorded to Bro. John Page for the perfect and impressive manner in which he conducted the ceremony; seldom have we heard it given with such good effect. The Lodge was then closed to the first degree, and the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bro. John Page I.P.M., G. W. Lax S.W., S. M. Harris J.W., John Ridsdale Treasurer, E. Dunford Secretary, R. Knox D.C., J. S. B. Bell S.D., A. Hume J.D., R. Ferry Organist, W. E. Sisson I.G., R. W. Sisson S.S., R. Beilby J.S., and G. S. Sims Tyler. The installing Master then delivered the addresses to Wardens and brethren, with much feeling. The report of the Finance Committee, which was a most satisfactory one, was read by the Secretary and adopted, and the W.M. having acknowledged the hearty good wishes tendered him by the visiting brethren, closed the Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the Turk's Head Hotel, Grey Street, where they did ample justice to a choice banquet. The viands, wines and attendance (three indispensable elements to a good dinner) were excellent. Grace having been said, the W.M. commenced his toast list with the Queen, which was drunk as Loyal Masons do; the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. received Masonic honours. The next toast on the list was that of the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M., and the Officers of the Grand Lodge. The W.M. then gave the health of Earl Percy Prov. G.M., the D.P.G.M., and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland. He was pleased to see so many of the Prov. G. Officers present, their periodical visits to the Lodge must have beneficial effect, he coupled the name of Bro. W. S. Hughes, who he regretted had been unable to attend lately at this Lodge. Bro. Hughes, in replying to the toast, said that the brother at the head of affairs in the province was not only a hard-working Mason, but in every sense of the word a gentleman. Earl Percy took the liveliest interest in everything that concerned the welfare of the Craft, and he, with the other Officers of the Province, considered it an honour to be chosen to serve under him. He hoped to be able to discharge his duty to him and to the brethren at large, and concluded by thanking the W.M. and brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received. Bro. R. L. Armstrong I.P.M. then rose to propose a toast, which, he said, it would afford the brethren great satisfaction to drink, namely, the health of and a cordial welcome to Bro. John Ridsdale P.M. P.P.G.J.W. It was twelve months since the brethren had the privilege of seeing him amongst them, during which time he had been severely ill. Few who saw him during that period of ill-health ever hoped to see him resume his collar. It was therefore with gratification that he welcomed him here again as an officer. He was a man not of theory but of practice. Bro. Ridsdale's upright, honest character had endeared him to the members of his Lodge, and he would advise them all to be his pupils and follow his good example. Wishing him better health, and a long connection with the Northern Counties Lodge, he called on the brethren to drink the toast with all honours. Bro. Ridsdale said, to meet such a reception, on his recovery from a prolonged illness, afforded him the deepest gratification. If they were glad to see him back again, he was more deeply pleased still to meet with them once more; he had suffered much during the last twelve months, but it had been a gratification to him to hear of the success and well-doing of his mother Lodge. He had never yet missed an installation, and he had made up his mind, with the assistance of the Great Architect of the Universe, to be with them on this occasion. Bro. Ridsdale

resumed his place amidst rounds of applause. The next toast was that of the P.G.M. and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham, to which Bro. W. E. Franklin responded in suitable terms, intimating that shortly there would be a new P.G.M., who, he hoped, would keep up the dignity of Masonry in the sister Province as it had been heretofore. Bro. John Page then submitted the name of the W.M.; he expressed a wish that it had fallen into the hands of one who could have been more eloquent, although he would give place to no one for the admiration he had for Bro. Salmon the W.M. He had worked up through the subordinate offices of the Lodge, and had earned his promotion. Bro. Salmon said it was with mixed feelings that he rose to respond to the toast so kindly proposed—feelings of pleasure at the position in which he found himself, and of doubt as to his ability. If he only conducted the Lodge in half the efficient manner that Bro. Page had done, he would be satisfied; he could only at present thank the brethren for their kindness. Bro. R. L. Armstrong P.M., in a few well-chosen remarks, proposed the I.P.M., who thanked the brethren, and assured them the Lodge should always have his humble support. The Past Masters next received their mead of praise, which was acknowledged by Bro. Knox P.M. The W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the Officers, who had all worked hard in the past, and he hoped would support him in the future. Bro. Lax S.W. responded. Bro. Bell P.M. 1757 acknowledged the toast of the Visitors, and the Masonic Charities were very ably supported by Bro. T. J. Armstrong. The Tyler was then called, whose toast concluded one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent in this Lodge, enlivened by capital harmony and recitations. The Visitors were, amongst others, Bros. W. E. Franklin P.M. 48 P.P.G.J.W., W. M. Bell P.M. 1757, Wood W.M. 48, G. J. Dean P.M. 541, T. Bell W.M. 1626, Ford J.W. 481, Cooper 124.

ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 481.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle on Tyne, on Monday, 12th April. Bros. John Usher W.M., and the following Officers: Bros. R. Eynon I.P.M., J. Duckett S.W., Jos. Cook J.W., Jno. Spearman Treasurer, E. J. Gibbon Sec., Thos. Prentice S.D., C. B. Ford J.D., R. Ferry Organist, D. McDonald S.S. acting as I.G. in absence of T. Stafford, Jno. Mackey J.S.G., S. Simm Tyler. A very large number of Visitors were present among whom were the following:—Past Masters Bros. Wm. Cooper 1042, G. J. Dean 541, Jno. Page 436, Jno. Bolam 1712, J. E. Robson 48, Jno. Wood 48, A. Mustart 431, J. G. Tulloch 431, Thos. Robson 431, Jno. Mackay 424, J. T. Taylor 1676, P. O. Smith 481, Thos. Armstrong 1626, and many other distinguished brethren. The minutes having been read, the ballot was taken for Mr. R. F. W. Liddle and Mr. Wardlaw, and they both received the unanimous approval of the brethren. Bro. J. M. Atkinson being in attendance was conducted to the pedestal, where he answered the questions in a very able manner, received the test of merit and retired for preparation. The two candidates were admitted and received the privilege of initiation at the hands of the W.M., who afterward gave the charge. The Lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bro. Atkinson was readmitted and duly passed by the W.M. The Lodge was then closed in the second degree, remaining open in the first. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the Visiting Brethren to the W.M., who rose to announce that he had a pleasing duty to perform that night, and although he did so with considerable diffidence, he felt and believed that however imperfectly he might put the matter before them the subject would receive the hearty approval of all the brethren present. Enlarging upon the value of working Past Masters, he said there were many Masons, who when they had passed the chair, considered they had reached the goal of their ambition, lost interest, and were only conspicuous by their absence; others there were who took a sort of supine interest, and were only useful as lending some weight to meetings by their presence, but the few were those who, notwithstanding they had attained to highest honours, still gave their assistance in any Lodge and in any capacity where their services might be required. These were the men Freemasonry needed, and whom they delighted to honour. Bro. Usher very ably led up to what some of the brethren he had no doubt had already anticipated, and he had extreme pleasure in informing the Visitors and members that he was about to present, on behalf of himself and a few of the brethren of St. Peter's Lodge—Bro. Joseph Cook P.M. 481 P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland, with a very handsome and elaborately chased gold Past Master's jewel, to commemorate his silver wedding in Freemasonry. Twenty-five years ago that night their worthy brother first saw the light, and now he shone on them. Bro. Cook was then led up to the dais by Bro. Eynon, when the W.M., attaching the jewel, amid the enthusiastic plaudits of the brethren, feelingly remarked "that he trusted the Great Architect of the Universe would long spare him to come and work among them." The jewel bore the following inscription—"Presented to Bro. Jos. Cook P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland, by a few Brethren of St. Peter's Lodge 481, as a slight token of regard, on attaining his 25th year of active membership. April 12th 1880." Bro. Cook, who was visibly affected, thanked the brethren in very feeling terms for their kindness, and assured them that as long as health and strength was permitted him he should consider it his duty, as it was certainly his pleasure, to further the interests of Freemasonry in general and the time honoured Lodge of St. Peter's, where he first saw the light, in particular. This handsome jewel would remind him of what he had long been aware, that he held a high place in the esteem of the brethren of St. Peter's Lodge, this to him was sufficient reward for any little services he had rendered." The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshment; the usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts were given and honoured, while at intervals the brethren were delighted with the excellent harmony of Bros. Nicholson, Liddell, Bennett and Morgan, not forgetting a very humorous and well rendered recitation by Bro. Lax. Thus passed one of the most successful meetings of this prosperous Lodge.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—The regular meeting was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City, where there was a numerous attendance. The W.M. Bro. H. Hyman occupied the chair, R. Baker S.W., L. M. Myers J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., J. S. Lyon Treas., J. Benjamin S.D., W. R. Blank J.D., N. Baum I.G., J. Davis D.C., Bean Steward, P. E. Van Noorden Org., P.M.'s L. Alexander, H. M. Levy, A. G. Dodson, S. Hickman, O. Roberts, L. Lazarus. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Justus Storkirk having answered the questions satisfactorily was passed to the second degree by the W.M. A distressed brother was relieved. Bro. Hickman proposed and Bro. Alexander seconded a proposition that 21s should be given to the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund; this was carried unanimously. Hearty good wishes were then tendered by the Visitors, and Lodge was closed. The brethren sat down to a banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Bro. M. Silver. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts, and in offering that of the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, the W.M. said that at the Grand Festival the noble earl presided for the last time under the name of Lord Skelmersdale, by which he was so well known to the Masonic body. On this occasion, however, he (the W.M.) would ask them to drink the health of their noble brother under his new title; with the toast he would associate the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, and he would call on Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P., Past Master of the Lodge, to respond. After Bro. Albert had appropriately acknowledged the compliment, the toast of the Benevolent Fund was given, for which Bro. L. Alexander P.M. and President responded. Bro. S. Hickman P.M. now said it was the privilege of Brother L. Alexander to propose the health of the W.M., but he felt that evening an honour and a pleasure had been conferred upon him on his being entrusted with this toast. Bro. Hyman they were proud of; since his occupation of the chair he had added lustre to the Lodge; he not only worked the ceremonies well, but in all questions brought before the Lodge he was impartial. The brethren could testify how ably he had presided that evening, and he (Bro. Hickman) thought that at the expiration of his year of office they would say, they might have had good Masters, but very rarely one who was more qualified to fill the chair. The W.M. in reply said how pleased he was to hear the kind expressions of the members; it was with pride he presided over so old a Lodge in the Craft. The brethren were about to separate for four months; but he hoped to see all their kind and genial faces at the next meeting. He could hardly command words to express himself, but he thanked them one and all for their kind expressions. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and called on Bro. Bamberger W.M. 1366 to respond. After a reply from Bro. Bamberger, the W.M. gave the toast of the Past Masters. Bro. L. Alexander returned thanks. The Wardens were next complimented; they were fully qualified to fill every office, and the W.M. hoped to see them eventually fill the chair he now occupied. Bro. R. Baker S.W. said it was one of his greatest pleasures to be present as an Officer; in due course he hoped to arrive at the position of W.M., and also to fill the chair as worthily as their present Master. Bro. L. M. Myers J.W. followed; he hoped by his working to satisfy the Lodge. The toast of the Secretary and Treasurer—Bros. E. P. Albert and J. S. Lyon—followed, and the latter brother returned thanks. In speaking of the junior Officers, the W.M. referred to their excellent working; more particularly he spoke of the attention paid by Bro. Dodson P.M. and D.C. This having been responded to, the Tyler's toast was given, and a very agreeable evening was closed. The W.M. provided an excellent concert, under the direction of Bro. G. Van Noorden Organist of the Lodge. Madame Frances Brooke, Miss Julia Sydney, Bro. C. A. White, and Mr. Payne rendered goodly help. Among the Visitors were Bros. James Gaskell P.M. 1076, B. Kanffman 1732, C. White 1777, Bamberger W.M. 1366, J. Myers 205, W. L. Lyon 185, Corderoy No. 19, D. H. Aronatas 666.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—Held on Thursday, 29th April, at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham. Present—Bros. Turquand W.M., Byng S.W., J. Pinder J.W., Thompson Preceptor, Garrod Sec.; also Bros. Everdell, Jaffa, Oxley, Fidler, Oaff, Evans, Bryant, Taverner, Herbert, Peach, Bradstock, Sproat, Robinson, Noyes, Tegg, Lewis, Clark, Forger, Day, Linzell, Morley, White, Shepherd, Leaman, Jones, Gimmingham, Verry, Fuller, &c. Lodge was opened in ancient form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed; the Lodge was then advanced in the several degrees and resumed accordingly. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—Bros. Samuel J. Turquand P.M. 1556 W.M., S. J. Byng P.M. 902 S.W., J. Pinder P.M. 1662 J.W., J. H. Thompson P.M. 1237 and 1707 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. W. A. Sproat, O. Oxley, A. Bryant, J. Noyes, D. Shepherd, W. Lewis, J. H. Peach. Second Lecture—J. Taverner, J. Pinder, J. Robinson, S. J. Byng, A. G. Fidler. Third lecture—Bros. W. Bradstock, E. J. Everdell, J. Garrod. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had worked the sections, and also to the S.W. and J.W. and brethren for the efficient manner in which they assisted. There being no other Masonic business the Lodge was closed in ancient form. Bro. Bryant will occupy the chair at the next Lodge meeting.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 4th May. Bros. Smyth W.M., Clark S.W., Christian J.W., Wardell S.D., Polak J.D., Quay I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Fraser, Catlin, C. Lorkin, Carr and Greenwood. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Catlin acting as candidate. Bros. Carr, Smyth and Clark assisted Bro. C. Lorkin to work the first, second and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—Held at Bro. Clayton's, the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road. The proceedings of the Lodge on the 30th ultimo were of a most interesting character. The announcement that Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 (whose labours for many years past in the improvement of the rendering of the Ritual has produced such excellent results) would preside at the working of the Fifteen Sections attracted a large and appreciative gathering of the brethren. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. Friedeberg, Levy, McDonald, Durell, Richardson, Judd, Grounds, Myers, Macarthy, Smith, Roberts, Worsley, Magrath, McClelland, Twinn, Harbord, Webb, Clark, Loane, Holdond, Thorman, Mead, Ellis, West, Spencer, Boas, Goldstein, Stephens, Wilkins, Fowler, Taylor, Clayton, Wilcox, Job, &c. Bro. Barnes opened the Lodge punctually at seven o'clock, and was supported by Bros. P.M.'s B. Cundick Preceptor as S.W., I. P. Cohen as J.W., C. H. Webb as I.P.M., and W. Musto, the indefatigable Hon. Secretary. After the usual formalities, the sections of the three lectures were rendered by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Loane, Myers, West, Levy, Webb, Friedeberg, McDonald. Second Lecture—Bros. Cohen, Durell, Ellis, Cundick, Stephens. Third Lecture—Cohen, Job, Musto. These brethren as a rule are so well known as section workers that it will be readily understood their rendering of the sections was of unusual excellence, special mention must however be made of Bro. Dr. Loane and Bro. Friedeberg, who being young Masons deserve credit for the clever manner in which they worked. Bros. M. Clelland 901, Thorman 893, Roberts 16 S.C., and Mead 865, having sought admission into the Lodge, were unanimously elected members. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Barnes for presiding; to Bro. Cundick for acting as S.W., and to the working brethren. Each briefly responded. Bro. G. H. Stephens availed himself of the opportunity to thank the brethren of the Doric Lodge of Instruction for their kind donation of £5 5s upon his list as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He was very grateful for their support, and considered it a strong proof of the good work done by the brethren not alone in the correct exposition of the Ritual they had just heard, but in that characteristic of Freemasonry,—the cause of Charity. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until the 7th inst.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 4th May. Bros. W. J. Smith W.M., McDonald S.W., Seymour-Clarke J.W., J. W. Brown S.D., Dixon J.D., Roberts I.G., Worsley Secretary, Myers P.M. acting Preceptor. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, after which Bro. Worsley worked the first, second, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. McDonald was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when some well-known brethren have given their promise to attend. Our readers will regret to hear that Bro. J. H. Pavitt has just passed through a heavy, though we trust the worst, stage of a severe illness. Bro. Pavitt, by the attention he has evinced for the comfort of the members of this Lodge of Instruction, has gained the respect and esteem of the brethren to whom he is known. We are convinced that all who read these lines will join in hoping that change of air, and the genial weather we may reasonably look forward to at this season, will have the desired effect, and that our brother will return well braced up for the duties he so worthily strives to fulfil. In the course of the evening Bro. Worsley intimated to the brethren that he had that day seen Bro. Johnson, well known as an attendant at this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Johnson, who likewise has been seriously indisposed, reported himself much improved in health, and as looking forward to being able shortly to rejoin the members at their weekly gatherings.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.—At the Pembury Tavern, Amburst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 3rd May. Bros. R. Olley W.M., Finch S.W., McMillan J.W., J. Lorkin S.D., Blackburn I.G., C. Lorkin Preceptor, Stephens Treas. Also Bro. Martin. The business of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Martin acting as candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Finch was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After which Lodge was closed.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 22nd April. Present—Bros. A. Beasley W.M., H. Kasner S.W., H. E. Tucker J.W., C. E. Botley S.D., Seward J.D., J. R. Fernes I.G., J. Wells Secretary, T. Kingston P.M., C. Andrews P.M., G. Read P.M., A. J. Burr, E. A. Jones, S. Smout jun., S. Dorey, W. Nye, E. C. Porter, F. Botley, E. T. Brown, R. P. Webb, J. W. Woolmer, F. C. Woolmer, Gasson, H. Stephens, G. S. Wright, Mitchell, E. Smith, E. Meadows, J. W. Fisher, J. J. Clarke, E. E. Gwifowski No. 249, Wood 173, Hannis. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. The annual banquet took place, when the late Secretary, Bro. A. J. Burr, was presented with a gold watch and chain, for which the brethren had subscribed. Bro. A. Beasley, on behalf of the subscribers, presented the testimonial, and Bro. A. J. Burr thanked the brethren for their handsome gift.

Meeting held on Thursday, 29th May. Present—Bros. H. E. Tucker W.M., C. Andrews S.W., E. C. Porter J.W., W. Seward S.D., H. Youens J.D., E. Meadows I.G., J. Wells Sec., H. Stephens. The Lodge was opened in due form. It was unanimously agreed to suspend bye-law No. 1 until September, and to meet every Thursday during the summer months at 7.30 p.m. Bro. H. E. Tucker was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Thursday, 6th May.

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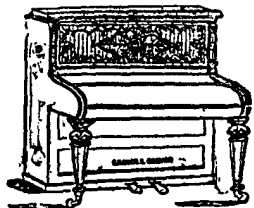
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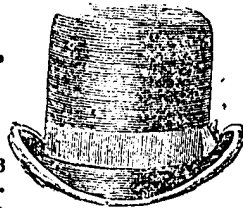
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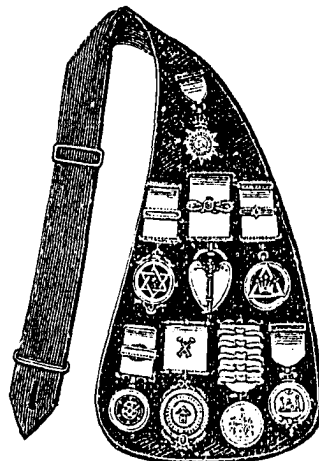
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