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HOMES FOR LITTLE BOYS.

ONE of the most interesting ceremonies of these later years is arranged to take place to-day (Saturday) at the pleasant little hamlet of Swanley, near Farningham, Kent. We allude to the laying of the first stone of the new Homes for Little Boys, in which His Royal Highness the Grand Master has graciously consented to play the leading part. The Prince will be received by the Earl of Aberdeen, Chairman of the Committee, Mr. W. H. Wilkins, Treasurer, and the Stewards, on behalf of the Institution, and, Masonically, by Viscount Holmesdale, Prov. G. Master, and the Grand Officers and brethren of the Province of Kent. The escort will consist of a detachment of the West Kent Yeomanry Cavalry, under the command of Colonel Fitzroy Maclean. A brief description of the ceremony as arranged may not be out of place. The Earl of Aberdeen having explained the objects and plans of the Home, and requested His Royal Highness to lay the stone, an address will be presented by the Prov. G. Lodge of Kent. In due course, the Prince having signified his pleasure, will be conducted to the site where the stone is to be laid, and will address those present in the following terms:—

"Be it known unto you, that we, being lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, although not ourselves operative Masons, have from time immemorial been associated with the erection of buildings raised for the benefit of mankind, and the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. We have amongst us secrets concealed from those who are not Masons, but they are lawful and honourable, and are not opposed to the laws of God or man. They were intrusted to Masons in ancient times, and have been faithfully transmitted to us, and it is our duty to convey them down to our posterity. We are met here in the presence of you all, to erect a Home for those left Orphans, which I pray that God may prosper as it seem good to Him. And as the first duty of Masons in every undertaking is to invoke His blessing, I call on you to join the Provincial Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace."

A prayer will follow, and the stone will be laid after the usual custom among Masons, after which the architect will be presented, and, having submitted his plans for inspection, will be desired to proceed to the completion of the work. Her Royal Highness will next receive purses in aid of the Home, and the prizes having been distributed to the youthful recipients, the Prince and Princess will take their departure, and the proceedings will be brought to a close. The Bands of the Royal Horse Guards and the Home will contribute much to the pleasure of the meeting.

Having briefly set forth the ceremony which will be observed, let us give attention to the object and principles of the Institution. As to the object, it is that most charitable one of feeding, clothing, educating, and training to industrial work, homeless and destitute little boys, as well as those in danger of falling into crime, whether orphans or not, who are disqualified by poverty or other circumstances, for admission into Orphan Asylums or other Institutions. Candidates for admission must be under ten years of age. As regards the principles on which the Institution is conducted, in the first place, the basis is scriptural, but unsectarian. In the next, the Committee must always consist of members of various Protestant denominations; and lastly, without introducing any Catechism, the children are to be educated in the fear of God and a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures.

Turning to the Institution and the work it has done, we

may state that it was established at Tottenham in March 1864, but two years had barely elapsed before the premises rented by the Committee were full, the number of the occupants being ninety, while the number of urgent cases pressing for admission was considerable. Under these circumstances, the Committee resolved on proceeding with their good work, and having purchased the freehold site on which the existing premises stand, Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales was invited, and accepted the invitation, to lay the foundation of those premises. This happened in 1866, and now, the need for extension having arisen, our M.W. Grand Master will, as already described, proceed this day to lay the first stone of additional Homes, so that the requirements of the necessitous may be more amply met.

The Seventeenth Annual Report shows more clearly the class of children that are received into the Homes, and the nature and extent of the work that is being done. Of the last fifty boys received, six had been deserted by their fathers, three by both father and mother, the fathers of four were in prison, and those of five others were hopeless drunkards, sixteen were fatherless, seven parentless, and six had never known their fathers. In respect of the work done, it appears from the Report of Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools, who examined the inmates, that "of 228 boys presented for individual examination as having made the requisite attendances, 219 passed in Reading, 198 in Writing, and 127 in Arithmetic, being equal to 90 per cent. in the whole school." The Industrial Departments of the Home are "necessarily varied," we are told, "and are also greatly regulated by the requirements of the Institution. The growth of vegetables for home consumption; the making of bread for all the boys; the making and mending of their Clothes and Boots; the Carpenters' work and the builders' work—these seem essential; while to do all the painting for the Home seems scarcely less so. These, therefore, with Upholstering and the Engineers' work form the main Industrial occupations; to which must be added such domestic duties as fall to the lot of those who are selected House Boys." The number thus employed is about one-half of the total inmates, full particulars being given in the Report. Then as to numbers; there were in the Home, at the close of the previous year, 308 Boys, the total with the forty-six received during the year being 354. Of these fifty-one left, 32 being placed in situations, 9 returned to friends; 4 entered Regimental Bands, 4 went abroad, 1 was sent to the Union, and 1 to College.

It should be added that each of the Homes is placed in charge of a man and his wife, who are to all intents and purposes the father and mother of the family of children entrusted to their charge. Consequently, the title of the Institution is something more than nominal, and it supplies what the poor little inmates have never had the opportunity of knowing. This, with the other advantages offered, make the Institution a real blessing to the class for which it is intended.

The financial arrangements seem to be admirable, economy being the order of the day. For the moral control we have a guarantee, not only in the worthy officials, who loyally carry out the intentions of the Committee, but also in the strength of the Committee, which includes among its Vice-Presidents such philanthropical gentlemen as Earl Cairns, Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P.; Bro. Abel Smith, M.P.; Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P.; Lord Enfield, Sir Charles H. Mills, M.P.;

Lord Napier and Ettrick, Earl Sydney, and Mr. John Walter, M.P.; Mr. Robert Hanbury being the President. The Earl of Aberdeen is, as already stated, Chairman of the Committee proper, among whose members we note with pleasure Bro. Horace B. Marshall, C.C., who is so loyal a supporter of our Charitable Institutions.

We will merely add, by way of conclusion, that we trust the occasion of to-day's ceremonial will pass off in all respects most satisfactorily, and that an Institution which for seventeen years past has been doing so much good will in the future have increased opportunities for proving its worth.

OUR INSTITUTIONS.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—The Quarterly Court of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, under the presidency of Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, there being present Bros. Joshua Nunn, Frank Richardson, A. E. Gladwell, Lt.-Col. Peters, Robert Grey, P. de L. Long, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, H. Massey, H. A. Dubois, and others. Outside the usual business of such a meeting, there was a protracted discussion in the case of a motion submitted by Bro. A. H. Tattershall with a view to the amendment of Rule 56, so that it should read in future thus: "No girl shall be eligible for election or for admission by purchase or otherwise who has a sister in the Institution, unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates." Among those who took part in it were Bros. F. Binckes, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Joshua Nunn, and Walter Hopekirk. In the result the motion was carried by twelve votes to nine. Bro. Hedges having announced that Her Majesty had been pleased to accept the position of Chief Patroness of the Institution, and had sent a donation of £50, a motion was unanimously carried to the effect "that this Court desires to record its grateful appreciation of the high honour conferred on the Institution by Her Majesty's gracious acceptance of the office of Chief Patroness." The proceedings then closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—The Quarterly General Court met on Monday, at 4 o'clock, at Freemasons' Hall, Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presiding. The other brethren present were A. M. Broadley, L. Ruf, Arthur E. Gladwell, William Roebuck, C. J. Perceval, Thomas Cubitt, E. C. Massey, and F. Binckes Secretary. The minutes of the General Court of 10th April last were read and verified, and the proceedings of the General Committee meetings held since that date were also read for information. The only business before the meeting was the closing of the list of candidates for next election. The list presented by Brother Binckes showed that, deducting names of candidates withdrawn or become ineligible through lapse of time, and adding the names of approved petitions received since last election, there were now 62 eligible candidates, and on the notice of Bro. Roebuck, this list was now declared approved and closed. The number of boys to be elected is twelve.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—Colonel Creaton presided at the General Committee held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last, when there were also present Bros. W. J. Murlis, G. Bolton, C. A. Cottebrune, James Willing jun., J. J. Berry, W. H. Goodall, Raynham W. Stewart, J. H. Matthews, A. H. Tattershall, W. Clarke, Jabez Hogg, Edgar Bowyer, W. Hilton, Thomas Cubitt, James Brett, G. L. Moore, Frederick Adlard, E. C. Massey, and Bro. Terry Secretary. Four deaths of annuitants since last meeting were reported—one had received £673, another £351, and another £10. The fourth was Bro. J. H. Jones, who was elected in May last, and had not received anything at the date of his death. Following the custom in such cases the Committee ordered the name of Bro. Caffé—the next highest unsuccessful candidate at last election—to replace the name of Bro. Jones. The Secretary submitted the report of the Finance Committee, which showed the following balances to the credit of the various funds:—Male Fund, £1,338 4s 2d; Widows' Fund, £1,059 12s 7d; Sustentation Fund, £46 7s 7d; together £2,444 4s 4d. The Secretary read a letter from the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, suggesting that the votes of the subscribers resident in that Province should in future be sent

in a batch to the Grand Secretary of the Province, in order that he might obtain the necessary signatures, as was done by Bro. Binckes in regard to votes in the Boys' School. Bro. Terry explained that the books of the two Institutions were differently arranged; the subscribers to the Boys' being arranged under Provinces, while in the Benevolent Institution they were kept in alphabetical order, and that on this account, the suggested alteration could not be properly carried out without making new registers. The Committee having considered the question on its merits, decided to inform the Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire that they did not see their way to complying with his request. Four petitions were considered, of which two were approved, one deferred for further inquiry, and one for the attendance of the petitioner. The Secretary reported that contracts had been received for the alterations and repairs to the stone work at the Institution, and that the lowest (£149) had been accepted. Bro. Terry further reported that a box containing donations of tea and sugar to the inmates had been received; that the contracts for coals had been executed, and that Bro. Matthew Cooke and his wife had entered upon residence at the Institution.

MALTA.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN.

THE first meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, as now constituted, was held on the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Valletta, Malta. By a recent decision of the G.M.M. the Province will, in lieu of being styled the "District of Tunis and Malta," be designated the "Province of the Mediterranean," now consisting of the three Mark Lodges in Malta, two Lodges in Gibraltar, and one in Sicily; the Lodges in Tunis forming the Province of North Africa, under the government, as Prov. G.M.M., of R.W. Bro. Thomas Fellowes Read 33 P.D.D.G.M. of Egypt.

An emergency meeting of the Keystone Lodge, No. 107 was called at 7.30 p.m., to receive Provincial Grand Lodge, at which hour there was a very large muster of Mark Masters resident in Malta, together with many Brethren from Sicily and Egypt. The Keystone Lodge having been opened, the Prov. Grand Senior Warden, acting as Prov. G.M.M., together with the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, was received in the customary manner, and Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

W. Bro. W. Watson Provincial Grand S. Warden having assumed the gavel, the minutes of previous communications of Prov. Grand Lodge, together with a very comprehensive report from the Board of General Purposes, were read and adopted.

The patent of the M.W. Grand Mark Master, appointing Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch, Knight of the Royal Order of the Crown of Prussia, Knight of the Royal Order of the Crown of Italy, P.D.D.G.M. of Malta, P.Z., P.M.W.S. 18, &c., &c., to the distinguished position of Prov. G.M. Master of the Mediterranean having been read, he was admitted and presented, by W. Bros. Glenday and Stilon, for installation, to the acting Prov. G.M. Master W. Bro. W. Watson P.G.S.W., who addressed him as follows:—

"R.W. Bro. Rosenbusch—I must congratulate you on having been selected to fill the exalted and honourable office of Pro. G.M.M. of the Province of the Mediterranean—an office from which the power and prerogative may depart, on the expiration of your term of office, but the dignity and honour, except by your own act, never.

"You cannot be insensible to the obligation which will devolve on you as the ruler of this extensive and important Province, nor of your responsibility for the faithful and efficient discharge of the duties appertaining to the office. The honour, reputation, and prosperity of the Province will, to a considerable degree, depend on the integrity, skill, and assiduity with which you may administer its affairs; and the unity, peace, and happiness of the members of the Province will be generally promoted in proportion to the zeal, ability, and determination with which you uphold, maintain, and propagate the genuine and sublime principles of our noble Institution. In inducting you, therefore, into your chair of office, and investing you with the symbols of authority for the government of this Province, I am performing a most solemn duty, because, in committing to your hands the superintendence and welfare of the Province, I invest you with powers and prerogatives of a very high order.

"The good resolutions which, no doubt, you have formulated in your own mind, that these powers and prerogatives shall not be either abused or perverted in your hands, I would gladly strengthen by a few words of admonition.

"The very consciousness of the possession of power will make a generous and properly constituted mind cautious and gentle in its exercise. To rule has been the lot of many, but to rule well has been the good fortune of comparatively few. To rule well should, therefore, be the continued aim of your honourable ambition. But always bear in mind that it is not by the strong arm or iron will that obedience and order, the two chief requisites of good government, are secured, but by holding the key to the affections and hearts of men. Be it, therefore, your honest endeavour to obtain and hold this key by ruling the Province with integrity, impartiality, and justice.

"It will be your duty to uphold and maintain firmly the ancient landmarks of our order and resolutely oppose any infringement of

them and all attempts at innovation. But in performing this duty avoid ostentation, or undue assumption of superiority. Seek the confidence and co-operation of your associate Officers. Be accessible and amiable to all, for although elevated, for the time, above the rest of the brethren, you must remember that you are elevated by them and are under obligations to promote, as far as lies in your power, the interest and welfare of each and all. Be deliberate in judgment. prompt in execution, patient with the restless or ambitious, and ever ready to award merit; and, above all, cultivate and exercise the golden tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth. By such a course of action you will secure the respect, confidence, and esteem of your constituents, and, in consequence, your rule will be an easy and pleasant one.

"Thus it is evident that the office of Prov. Grand Master is a very important and responsible one and requires to be inaugurated by solemn and special sanction."

At the conclusion of the address, which was loudly applauded, R.W. Bro. Rosenbusch was duly obligated and installed into the chair of A. in a most impressive manner by W. Bro. Watson. The acting Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. A. O. Giles, having made the necessary proclamation, the newly installed Prov. Grand M.M. was saluted by the assembled brethren in the ancient manner, receiving hearty congratulations from all on his elevation.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—

Bro. Geovanni Segond P.M. 107, 30	...	D.P.G.M.M.
R. Glenday P.M. 263	...	P.G. Senior Warden
Prof. H. Stilton, M.D., W.M. 107	18	P.G. Junior Warden
W. Pearse S.W. 107, 18	...	P.G. Master Overseer
P. G. Yeoman P.S.W. 263	...	P.G. Senior Overseer
J. W. Starkey J.W. 248, 18	...	P.G. Junior Overseer
T. F. Morton 248, 18	...	P.G. Chaplain
W. Watson P.P.G.S.W. M.W.S. 18	...	P.G. Treasurer
G. D. Roe J.W. 263, 18	...	P.G. Secretary
W. F. Cottrell W.M. 278 M.W.S. 18	...	P.G. Registrar
F. G. Mawer J.D. 248	...	P.G. Inspector of Works
A. England S.W. 263	...	P.G. Senior Deacon
Sir F. Blackwood, Bart, S.O. 248, 18	...	P.G. Junior Deacon
G. J. Bannister J.O. 248, 18	...	P.G. D. of C.
S. Santoro	...	P.G. Assist. Secretary
J. C. Stanley P.J.W. 263	...	P.G. Assist. D. of C.
George Havelock 248, 18	...	P.G. Organist
H. P. Evans 107	...	P.G. Sword Bearer
D. C. Wilson J.D. 263	...	P.G. Standard Bearer
A. O. Giles 263	...	P.G. Inner Guard
R. N. Beck	...	P.G. Tyler
O. Segond 107	...	P.G. Stewards
Sir N. Pringle, Bart., 248, 18	...	
J. Stephens 263	...	

Bro. Rosenbusch then addressed the brethren at some considerable length, expressing a hope that the members of the several Mark Lodges under his jurisdiction would assist him to the utmost of their ability in furthering the interests of Mark Masonry in the new Province, and stating it to be his wish and intention, so far as lay in his power, to cause the Province of the Mediterranean to compare favourably with any other Province under the auspices of Grand Mark Lodge. He said he had reason to believe that application would be made at an early date for the formation of Mark Lodges at Palermo and Messina.

The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Mark Master then proposed that a Past Prov. Grand Mark Secretary's jewel should be presented to Bro. A. B. Trneftt 18 P.P.G.M. Secretary, as a mark of appreciation of Grand Mark Lodge of the manner in which he had discharged the arduous duties of his office for the past two years; this having been seconded by the D.P.G.M.M. was carried unanimously.

Congratulations and thanks were tendered by the P.G.M.M. to those Mark Masters from Syracuse and Egypt who had honoured the meeting with their presence.

The business of Prov. Grand M. Lodge being concluded, it was closed in ample form, and the brethren subsequently adjourned to the refreshment-room to partake of an excellent cold collation which Bro. Beck had provided in most recherché style, affording entire satisfaction to the executive, the only regret expressed being that, consequent on the excessive heat, a number of the brethren who attended the Lodge did not take part in the festive proceedings, which although somewhat prolonged, were greatly appreciated by all present.

The Province of Mediterranean being now fairly started, we wish it, and fully anticipate for it, a long course of continued prosperity.

North London Chapter of Improvement.—Held on the 13th inst., at the Canonbury Tavern. Present—Comps. Higgins Z., Osborn H., Sheffield J., Fenner W.S., Bird S.N., Sheffield S.E., Edmonds Preceptor. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. R. S. Fennell being the candidate. Comp. R. S. Fennell, of the Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 86, was elected a member. Chapter was closed.

On the 28th July, and subsequently, there will be a very novel Exhibition at the Art Furnishers' Alliance, Limited, 157 New Bond-street W., consisting of a series of examples of Wall Decoration, produced by the exclusive use of ordinary brown paper, sugar paper, soap paper, and other cheap materials, the desire being to demonstrate that true art effects can, by these means, be harmoniously introduced. This novel adaptation is not unlikely to effect a considerable revolution in the internal decoration of our homes.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 23 Great Queen Street, W.C.

The Uselessness of Vivisection upon Animals as a Method of Scientific Research. By Lawson Tait, F.R.C.S., &c. Birmingham: The Herald Press, Union-street. 1882.

THOSE who take an interest in the battle that is being waged between the supporters and opponents of Vivisection, will find the case of the latter stated very fully by Mr. Tait in this pamphlet. The article it contains was read before the Birmingham Philosophical Society on the 20th April, and has been reprinted, by permission, from the Society's Transactions. Vivisection, of course, is not one of those subjects with which it is the Province of a Masonic journal to deal. We must content ourselves, therefore, with saying that, as far as it is possible for us to form a judgment, the case of the anti-vivisectionists, as set forth by Mr. Tait, is argued clearly enough and with much ability. We note, however, that he is apt to speak at times very dogmatically, a practice by no means calculated to advance the cause he has at heart. Here is a case in point:—

"Take the case of the alleged discovery of the circulation of the blood by Harvey, and it will be clearly shown that quite as much as Harvey knew was known before his time, and that it is only our insular pride which has claimed for him the merit of the discovery. That he made any solid contribution to the facts of the case by vivisection is conclusively disproved, and this was practically admitted before the Commission by such good authorities as Dr. Acland and Dr. Lauder Brunton. The circulation was not proved till Malpighi used the microscope."

We fancy it will take the authority of some one of higher authority than Mr. Tait to shake the national belief in the justice of Harvey's claim to be regarded as the discoverer of the circulation of the blood.

Celebrities of the Day: British and Foreign. Part 13. London: W. Poole, 121 Paternoster-row, E.C.

THE memoirs contained in this periodical are well written, but what will make this number for the current month more particularly acceptable to Craftsmen is, the fact that of the half-dozen worthies whose lives are described, two were Craftsmen, namely, the late General Garibaldi, Honorary Past Grand Master *ad vitam* of the Grand Orient of Italy, and the Earl of Zetland Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire. The latter is especially interesting, as it gives a full and detailed account of the Dandases, of which family his Lordship is the representative.

Bro. Harry Tipper, Conductor of the Criterion Hand-Bell Ringers and Glee singers had the honour, of performing Selections on the Hand Bells, and rendering some Part Songs on Thursday afternoon at a Garden Party given by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at Marlborough House, to meet Her Majesty the Queen.

At the bombardment of the Alexandrian forts on Tuesday, the British fleet fully sustained the reputation of the country as the first maritime power in the world. Yet of all the big and little ships that took part in the fight, there is not one which has covered itself with so much glory as the gunboat Condor, Commander Bro. Lord Charles Beresford P.M., Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, Portsmouth. This tiny little vessel for the term of an hour singly engaged one of the most formidable of the Egyptian forts—the Marabout—in a manner which aroused the enthusiastic admiration of those who witnessed it and elicited from the Vice-Admiral in Command Sir Beauchamp Seymour the congratulatory signal, "Well done, Condor!" To which we add "Bravo, Beresford!"

Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., for Cheltenham, has announced his intention to resign his seat at the next general election through failing health.

Bro. Carl Rosa has engaged Drury Lane Theatre for a spring season of English Opera, which will commence on Easter Monday next year, and will be, as heretofore, under his sole management.

The Lord Mayor will preside at a meeting at the Guildhall on Wednesday next, to further the movement which has for its object the erection of a tercentenary memorial to Sir Francis Drake on the Hoe.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards of the recent Boys' School Festival will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 24th instant.

It is proposed to form a new Journalists' Club, of which Bro. G. A. Sala has consented to become the President. The Honorary Secretaries *pro tem* are Mr. R. S. Chant and Mr. H. Wright.

ON MY BACK.

(By A SICK BROTHER.)

YES; here I am, my editorial friend—not of my “own free will and accord,” but by the advice of a medical practitioner, whom my friends consider “eminent.” All that I can say is, that his physic is as nasty as any I ever purchased at a chemist’s shop; that the oil of the liver of the cod, by which he orders me to be nourished, makes me almost twist my head off my shoulders with nausea; and that his twaddle about diet and regimen is “eminently” absurd. But I am admonished to be passive and obedient, as though these skinny fists and arms could floor a seventeen-stone policeman! “Then,” says my tormentor, “you may have a change of air and scene”—a remedy, it strikes me, these “eminent” gentlemen always fly to when they are convinced they cannot cure you, and that, if the patient must die, it is just as well, and perhaps better for them, if he performs that operation at a distance from home.

However, I gulp down my fishy, oily draught, wriggle after it like a skinned eel, and sink into a fitful half-slumber. But in my dreams the fairies whisper in mine ears the magic promises of “a change of air and scene,” and in the crannies of my brain there open out, like port-holes in a three-decker, panoramic reminiscences that follow each other in rapturous succession, flushing the cheek, and calling forth involuntary ejaculations, which seem passing strange, as coming from the parched lips of an invalid.

I have read your sketch on “The Days when we go Gipsying,” and it brings to mind pleasant and fanciful recollections.

Do you remember the dear old times, when the heart was young, and budding success in life enabled us to enter upon the many pleasantries, as well as the duties, of the Craft? When the “predominant wish of our heart” was granted to us by a worthy brother, whom we then gazed upon with astonishment almost bordering on adoration—and for whom a filial love still beats within our heart—how we longed to bound along the chequered floor, like a school-girl at her music, rushing into fantasias almost before she had mastered her gamut! How the genial Past Master pulled us up by his parental wisdom, and reminded us of the caution which so impressed us in the initiatory stage, but which, in our excess of zeal, we had well-nigh forgotten! How, when we had proved ourselves worthy, we were advanced through the gradations of our Lodge, and felt the flush of pride, at successive “visits,” by reason of the growing dignity bestowed by the jewel depending from our collars. Can you easily forget the overwhelming sense of honour, and of responsibility, which pallied upon you when you at length reached the goal to which all true Masons aspire, and you were “duly greeted and saluted,” as you first sat in the chair of King Solomon? With what timid, but earnest, pride you instructed the brethren “below the chair,” and aired your eloquence (!) at the banquet table? And with what a sense of relief you transferred the gavel to your successor, and passed into the serried ranks of “veterans,” with the Past Master’s jewel glistening on your breast? I need not recount, to those who know, the varying sensations of pleasure experienced in the various grades beyond, and who will all agree with me what a succession of agreeable surprises Freemasonry is. *O tempora mutantur!*

But of “summer outings” I began to write; and pardon my digression. If Demosthenes junior lamented the increase of books as tending to deprive the scholar of his literary omniscience, holiday-makers of the present day may with much better reason complain that the multitude of trips and excursions offered to the public have been the means of robbing him of much statute-made importance. Half a century ago, before such opportunities were afforded of pleasant excursions into the country or the seaside, before the “Maria Wood” was, or the grounds of our great Palaces spread their allurements before the holiday crowds, the brethren of our Lodge thought themselves mighty swells indeed when they started off upon their summer pic-nic! What a flutter of excitement among the wives and sweethearts, in anticipation of their share in the “privileges of the Order,” the “mysteries” of which they are ever longing to discover. Such a packing-up of savoury viands, such a clatter of knives and forks, such a careful handling of dainty dishes, prepared by loving hands—none of your wholesale caterers in those days—and such a buzz and stir among the dear creatures in view of showing their devotion to the Craft, to say nothing of the rivalry always inevitable in the matter of millinery! Down among the shady dells of Epping, the sylvan groves at Hampton, over the furzy slopes of Boxhill, the forest glades of Deepdene, and a score of Elysiums I could name, now rise before me, and I can almost hear the “ripple of mirth,” of which you speak, and see the “jewels and eyes,” &c., you so eloquently describe.

But, as I have said, here I am, “cabin’d, cribb’d, confin’d,” by “eminent” order, and can only toss from side to side, and dream of past delights.

One “summer outing,” however, I remember distinctly, above all the rest, where the happiness of my life, Masonically and otherwise, was sealed; and here a comely dame nestles close up and calls me “a dear, old sentimental thing!” for recounting the event. It had been decided to run down by boat as far as Gravesend, and what an undertaking it was in those days, on board a snorting tug, as we made our way along the windings of the busy Thames, and landed at the queer old jetty which served as a pier and promenade all rolled into one. How cosy the quaint old hostelry near the Customs House, which looked upon the tumbling waters of the Reach, and what a bounteous repast was spread before us by the jolly old brother who presided over the inn and its greensward leading down towards the margin of the river. I have been there many times since, but never did the place appear so serenely happy as it did that day. The banquet was held in a balcony facing the river, and at our feet the rippling wavelets of the Thames beat merry music against the old piles, in unison with our happy pulses. We had no “speeches” there, believe

me, for the day was too short for “post-prandial” dallying. A drive, “over the hills and far away” over the Wrotham mount, and away to Farningham, with a specially-prepared tea at the old Red Lion—who reigns over the historical house now I wot not—a dance upon the lawn, and homeward-bound again to Gravesend, to tender hearty good wishes to the landlord, who treated us right royally, and even fired a salute from the little cannon in his garden, as our “gallant bark” snorted her way back again *en route* for London-bridge.

Those times have changed; we are too important now to content ourselves with primitive Gravesend, and its frugal afternoon teas of shrimps and watercresses. Leaving Masonry for awhile, and speaking of modern holiday-making, is it not a fact that fashion and self-importance have stepped in, and humble resorts so prized years ago, succumb to breezy Brighton or mangey Margate? Bro. Smithers is successful in business, and takes his family to some London-on-the-Sea for a month. We, also, are prospering, and must follow suit; otherwise what will Bro. Smithers think? The boys, too, have grown bigger, and can help us to row out upon the bounding sea; they can vie with us in hauling up the shiny soles and granting gurnets. No wonder that Brighton and Margate have become favourites since they have been brought so near home by contending railway companies; but they are too “loud,” too rollicking and boisterous, for those who delight in enjoyments far from the madding crowd. Yet, after all, I question whether we extract more real happiness out of our wider and more expansive range of travel than we found in the simple enjoyments of “Ye olden time,” all the more relished because they were the best we could afford.

All said and done, to me Gravesend is the place to spend “a happy day.” Now that the cheap trains are so frequent, and the river boats so swift and pleasant; when a half-day may be utilised in combining the business of home with the healthful recreations of the country, nowhere, according to my idea, can these advantages be so happily blended as at Gravesend. And I will prove my right to say so.

I have paced the shingly foreshore as the moon has cast her silvery pathway across the Thames, whilst the dulcet strains of music have kept time with the flashing wavelets as they whispered a lullaby to declining day. I have watched the devotees of fashion—or would-be such—who, in their brief, butterfly span of holiday, strut along the terrace walks, apeing the greater swells in their incessant caprices in the matter of costume. Simple tradesfolk, who look uncommonly well in their accustomed prints and hollands in the forenoon, with the bronze of health upon their visages, are trussed up with marvellous and incongruous taste for the afternoon promenades; while the evening hours, still raw and chill, even in the middle of this abnormal summer time, call into requisition a nameless variety of wraps and overalls, as the young folks draw closer together and whisper on subjects the purport of which it is not my business to inquire. One amongst the group stands prominently forth in my remembrance—that girl with the pork-pie hat, out on one side of which peeps the white wing of a pigeon, emblematical of the dove inside the hat, which exposes one pinion and declares itself to be at peace. I afterwards find that the pork-pie hat is only an advertisement, and that its loud-talking owner (a countess could not be made more fuss about) “serves behind the counter” at a pork-pie shop in Bermondsey, where they do a “roaring buz’ness” after the pubs and music-halls are closed!

But, *entre nous*, there are a great many others who could be spotted in the same way, if we were only inclined to play the amateur detective. We have all our foibles, and when you go to Rome you must do pretty much as the Romans do.

Faucy takes me to the offing of the Nore, where white-winged yachts gyrate amongst the cumbrous barges and bigger craft which are toiling, with wind and tide all in their favour, towards the docks; whilst ‘longshore the would-be sportsmen fire gaily, but without effect, upon the wild sea birds as they skim the waves in joyous freedom. Visions of gleeful hours passed upon the rippling river, as we follow in our natty launch the yacht club gatherings from the pier, down past Erith and Southend to the Nore; with our *al fresco* luncheon, as the swan-like beauties slant away and around the buoys. See the sturdy spritsail barges, in all the glory of their summer paint and ochre, and listen to the boisterous mirth of the “barges,” with their wives and sweethearts, as they foot it to the cadences of gleeful music on board the committee steamer! This is a glorious time, spent once a-year by the hard-worked toilers on the Thames, and only a week or two back I read of the continued success of an institution which will, I hope, be long maintained. Who has not seen them sallying forth, dressed in their “best bibs and tuckers,” fully bent on pleasure and relaxation on the great carnival of the year? Nor will I be too censorious over their conversation, by the way, when, after the silver cups had been awarded, amidst complimentary speeches, and the champagne had flowed freely—in which a party of “young ladies,” under the chaperonage of a stout mamma, had moderately participated—I detected a certain levity of style, a want of “feather,” only to be expected, just as when you catch a moth and examine the unfortunate insect after having crumpled it in your fist. Mincing maidens and sedate shop girls sometimes forget their reserve when on holiday bent; and the Miss Tomkins’s on an evening’s cruise, and the Miss Tomkins’s on the next afternoon on the Terrace-walk, could surely never have been the same individuals! Ah, me!

In my days, Gravesend was to me the *dolce far niente* of peaceful enjoyment. No rude, rollicking cockneys, with their eternal passion for equestrian exploits, to the utter disregard of the quietly-disposed; no hawkers of indigestible whelks or shyers at cocoanuts; no immodesty or rough horseplay such as shock the senses at every turn, at some “resorts” I could mention, where there is scarcely a redeeming feature in the way of refinement. In the gardens of the Clarendon, or at the windows of the Falcon and other good hotels on the river-side the visitor may sit and listen to the near vibrations of the band upon the Terrace pier; can watch the coming and going of smartly-handled yachts, the scudding about of rowing and pleasure boats, the passage of great ships as they go lumbering

up with the tide towards the busy docks. Out upon the river, and alongside the beach are boats innumerable—for rowing and sailing can here be enjoyed at an exceedingly moderate tariff—whilst the moonlight and other trips are to be pleasantly remembered by thousands besides myself amongst those who have selected Gravesend for their summer outing.

How fitful are the reminiscences that hover around the sick couch! Off at a tangent to the dancing waters of the Solent, where yachts are slanting to the glorious breeze, and the darkling hills of the Isle of Wight frown out upon the sea, as if in envy of us who are afloat on so magnificent a day. On to the pier at Ryde, where the band plays so sweetly in the deepening twilight, and where gay parties are moving briskly to and fro in the enjoyment of the summer evening air. Pleasant are the day trips to Sandown, Ventnor, and the Chines, where *al fresco* dinners are “the thing,” between delightful drives, with which the island abounds. How brimful of mirth are the trips around the Needles—how exhilarating and pregnant with interest the imposing naval spectacles at Spithead, where Southsea is extravagant with the gaiety of thousands of visitors.

Again, there come back recollections of fine yachting cruises along the southern and western coasts, from Dover to Plymouth, putting in here and there for rest and recreation; quiet rowing along the sunny Thames—past Richmond, Twickenham, and Kew, with pic-nics in the Hampton Gardens. All these come welling up before me as I recline by the open window of this most salubrious of all watering-places—Torquay. Dear in memory is the old spot—long before it grew into the “forest of villas” it now is, when the Beacon Hill, just opposite my quiet lodging, was intact; before the new harbour had spread its arms to embrace the increased shipping of the port; before the wide tracts of green fields around Torre Abbey and the “Warren” had been disturbed by the operations of the builder. Edging the calm, still waters of the bay are pictures of natural beauty unrivalled in all my journeyings; while on the tide snowy-sailed yachts are borne in luxurious ease and grace, and from the villa-speckled hills—if one has the strength to mount long flights of steps and climb zigzag paths—there can be commanded a stretch of scenery, both land and sea, equalled only, so far as I know, by the classic Bay of Naples itself.

I have travelled much, and the pages of memory are adorned with many glowing pictures of pleasantry, and interest suggested by your article on “The days when we go Gipsying.” They may come again some day; and this echo from the sick couch is uttered in no complaining mood. I envy not those who, in robust health and spirits, are now away upon the wings of holiday keeping. But even in this warm sequestered spot, this home of the zephyrs, I must close my windows early, and wish to one and all *bon voyage*, though I am still lying

Torquay, 11th July 1882.

ON MY BACK.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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“TRADING ON MASONRY.”

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I “should not have considered it worth while” to notice the letter of your correspondent “CARITAS CUM DISCRIMINE” were it not to point out how common has become the odious custom of indulging in personal vituperation amongst men. You have yourself deplored the accident, and I notice in your contemporary the *Freemason*, of the 24th ult., an exclamation of which note should be made by Masonic writers. “Is it not a wonderful thing that Freemasons can never write upon any subject whatever, apparently, without at once degenerating into obvious personalities?” It will be my aim to leave unsatisfied the latent curiosity of my Brother with the Latin cognomen. Very likely it would not have enlightened him much, or have “added force” to my letter, had I not “refrained from publishing my name and address.” Suffice it to say his vision must be oblique if he imagined from my letter that I desire to constitute myself “the champion and apologist of Masonic tramps,” or that his conclusion is any more well-founded when he imagines I am “either very young indeed in the Royal Art,” or that I am myself the hero of the veracious story I relate “of the destitute Brother who unsuccessfully tackled the brethren at the bar of some imaginary hotel.” You, Bro. Editor, know I am not the “identical wayworn gentleman in question,” and, indeed, had I been, the “touching facts” would hardly have gained any additional force by choosing to “declare myself in your columns.” Our classical Brother should recollect that the amenities of journalism have not yet quite disappeared, and that to open rebutting evidence by a declamation against your opponent's *presumed* character is not the most Masonic or gentlemanly mode of argument. I will only add, on this part of the subject, that the galled jade always winces, and I can but come to the conclusion that my correspondent is a “very young Brother, unacquainted with the subject concerning which he writes so fluently,” otherwise he would not have been “successfully tackled” by one who fleeced him out of a suit of clothes and two pounds to secure lodgings in a place to which he was recommended, who “never turned up at his destination,” but who “got drunk on the way and cruised off to some fresh pastures, where by this time he may (*sic*) be fleecing another section of the Craft.”

Pardon me quoting so freely from the diction of my friend: it is as amusing as it is classical, and cannot be improved upon. But even a better point in the effusion is that he does not in the slightest sense touch the *principle* involved. In the first place, he evades the leading distinction between Masonic charity, which every Hiramite is bound to uphold, and turns off at a tangent upon “Masonic Mendicancy,” which nobody mentioned, and which nobody can more abominate than my friend's “very young brother!” I entirely sympathise with “CARITAS CUM DISCRIMINE” in the position into which he has been thrust. “In a large city that occupies a central point for travellers, and on the high road between North and South”—upon my word I cannot for the life of me refrain from quoting again—he has undoubtedly had “unusual opportunities of seeing specimens of the Masonic mendicant;” yet, methinks his experience must have been unfortunate, or “very young,” when he finds hurled at him “such torrents of blasphemous abuse,” by “begging blackguards” to whom he has declined to give money. The alliteration is unique, but such epithets applied to Freemasonry are not gentle. He has had his temper ruffled, or he would not—have written that letter!

After all, my brother so benignly shows he has a large heart, and that his only object is to advocate *discrimination* in the giving of relief, that I mentally shake hands with him, and may some time or other give him my “name and address.” I cordially agree with him in the belief, and I could strengthen that belief by reciting many instances, that “the every day charities of the brethren are very numerous.” It is the glory of the Craft that this is so; but that it should be turned into an inquisitorial machine, and follow in the vein of a Charity Organisation Society, would be lamentably destructive of the high-minded and holy principle of Charity as defined in the Royal Art. As I hinted in my last letter, there are hundreds of worthy Masons to whom a practical illustration of the sentiments so freely uttered in the banquet hall would be as a heaven-sent blessing—who are too sensitive to appeal, but who, if *discriminately* relieved, would instinctively reflect the *real* Charity of Freemasonry a thousandfold more than does all the glitter and glare of our preaching at the dinner table.

Let us draw the distinction between the deserving object of our Charity, and the “Masonic mendicant” of whom your correspondent speaks. A simple means of checking the latter would be to endorse his certificate with a record of the date on which he was relieved, and the amount granted. How could such an unworthy brother long exist on ill-gotten aid? But to tar all with the same brush is not charitable, and the farthest idea from my mind was that “every Masonic beggar should be at once relieved, for fear that he should be better than he seems or looks.” I am no stickler for any curtailment of the amenities of the Fourth Degree, for I believe they tend to generate the true spirit from which generosity flows; but when we find so much of what our American brethren call “high falutin’” over the charitable achievements of the Craft, compared with what is devoted to its pleasurable accompaniments, the world must draw its own conclusion as to the sincerity of our professions.

In a word, let “CARITAS CUM DISCRIMINE” agree with me that to inflict an inquisitorial examination upon a deserving brother who needs our assistance would be to drive him to desperation and to destitution before he would accept a gift ungracefully bestowed, while, on the other hand, to band the certificates of *known* mendicants with the badge of their profession would be to banish them from the harvest fields of their illegitimate calling, and in a short time make their game not worth the candle. With hearty good wishes to my “very young brother,” and to you, dear Sir, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

12th July 1882.

“CONSTANT READER.”

MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There is no doubt much truth in the remarks, published by you last week, of “CARITAS CUM DISCRIMINE.” Every now and then cases of Masonic imposture are made known to the Craft in the columns of the Masonic journals. These have the effect of making Lodge almoners more wary, and the result is a decrease, as your correspondent says, in Masonic Mendicancy. But without endorsing all “A CONSTANT READER” has said on the subject, let me just point out that this extra caution may oftentimes be exercised to the detriment of really deserving applicants. Your earlier correspondent mentioned the case of a wayworn brother being sent empty away, and we have his assurance that the circumstances, as narrated by him, did occur. On the faith of that assurance, I say the facts are not creditable to the brethren of the locality in which they took place, and furnish one more apt illustration that caution may be carried too far. Let me mention a case of which I learned the particulars a few months ago, and in which this excessive caution would have been equally to be deplored. A brother from one of the remoter Provinces had occasion to visit London on a matter of business. On arrival he unfortunately fell into the hands of the Philistines, was hounded, and when he came to his senses next morning found himself without his money and valuables. Of course, he had no business to fall into the hands of the Philistines, no business to allow himself to be hounded, and therefore no business to be next morning minus his property. Nevertheless that was the predicament in which he found himself, and but for the timely loan of a few shillings he must have remained a good twenty-four hours homeless and foodless. As it was he was able to telegraph to his bankers, and the needful reached him the following morning. Let me ask “CARITAS CUM DISCRIMINE” if, in the case cited by a “A CONSTANT READER,” it would have been serious departure from proper Masonic caution had the brethren mentioned dismissed their “wayworn brother” with the price of “glasses all round” in his empty pocket. I fancy, as a rule, your true Masonic Impostor lays himself out in a business-like way, to pocket large sums, and would curse you if you gave him

the price of a bed and breakfast, just as the true London beggar will curse the passer by if the latter gives a loaf of bread instead of the price of a quarten of gin.

Moral: Extreme caution in bestowing alms must be avoided quite as much as extreme laxity.

Fraternally yours,

LONDONER.

PROVINCE OF DEVON AND THE R.M.I.B.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It may be some consolation to Brother Godtschalk if I, who read your late analytical article quite independently of all considerations save of those interest in what I was reading, and impartially as between one Province and another, assure him that, in what you said respecting Devon, I understood you to write in the sense you have since explained. I had no idea you were doing anything else than endeavour to account for the Province which, with its fifty Lodges, ranks in respect of numerical strength next after the two Lancashires and West Yorkshire, contributed what, seemingly, was so small a sum. I have noted these articles of yours with especial interest ever since they were begun, and I have remarked with satisfaction, not only how generally accurate they have been, but how careful you have been to offer what seemed to you to be a reasonable explanation for any apparent shortcomings on the part of this or that Province. If a Province has been absent from the subscription list to a Boys' Festival, you have accounted for that absence on the ground that it had figured at the preceding Girls' or Benevolent Festival. If its contribution is only a small one, you point out, where possible, that more could not have been expected, as it had already given liberally the year previous, or that, instead of giving one fairly large amount to a single Institution, it had preferred distributing its favours impartially among the three. When, therefore, I read your remarks about Devon in the present instance, I saw at once as I have already explained, that by the sentence—"But here again we have a local Charity, which diverts to its own use some of the moneys raised by the Craft in the county"—you intended nothing else than that, as it had a local Charity of its own, it could not in reason be expected to give as liberally to our central Charities as doubtless it would otherwise be desirous of doing. I recognised that the local fund which, I believe is an educational one, was doing good service, by relieving the Schools of a certain proportion of the pressure upon their resources, and under such circumstances, I felt with you that it would be unjust to expect its contribution should have been as large as if there had been no such Devon Fund or Institution.

We all know how hard Bro. Godtschalk works for his Province, and none know better than he and Bro. Curteis how great are the difficulties which brethren circumstanced as they are, must encounter in "raising the wind." I trust, therefore, after the full explanation you appended to his letter in your last week's issue, that he will see clearly, at all events not less clearly than your humble servant and brother, and independent reader, that nothing was further from your mind—if I may take the liberty of attempting to interpret it—than to suggest that, in what you said, you had any idea that the Provincial funds were diverted from the central Charities to the local.

I ask you to find space in your columns for this letter, simply because I imagine the independent testimony of one who is not a Devon Craftsman will go some way towards strengthening your explanation, should any doubt still linger in the mind of Bro. Godtschalk.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

OUTSIDER.

OUR GIRLS' SCHOOL AND ITS RULES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

To amend Rule 56 as follows:—

"No girl shall be eligible for election, or for admission by purchase or otherwise who has a sister in the Institution, unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates."

8 Thurloe-place S.W.

8th July 1882.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the Quarterly Court held this day, at Freemason's Hall, the above motion was brought forward by Bro. Tattershall, and carried by twelve to nine. The question was well argued on both sides, but as far as I could judge, the pith of the discussion was,—What is the proper definition of the word qualification in contradistinction to the word eligibility? On referring to the rules laid down for our guidance, we find that some of them are slightly contradictory the one of the other; for instance, Rule 56 says: "No Petition shall be received on behalf of any Girl who has a sister in the Institution unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates," while Rule No. 63 says: "Any person may place a properly qualified Girl in the Institution, provided such Girl can be conveniently admitted, upon payment of 170 guineas in one sum, without voting in respect of any part thereof." Now, what I deduce from this last rule is,—that if the Girl can be conveniently admitted, and is properly qualified, there is nothing to prevent her—after payment of the above sum—being placed on the roll, whether she has a sister there or not. Now, we will imagine that the necessary qualifications are duly complied with, viz., that the father is, or was, a Mason of seven years' standing, or had suffered death from fire or shipwreck, or had become incapacitated from earning his livelihood from blindness or other infirmity, "that he was duly registered, and had paid his quarterages," "that he was lawfully married to the mother of the candidate," "that the certificate of his death or incapacity were in proper form," "that a certified copy of the register of birth of candidate, or other proof thereof, was produced," and "that the certificate of her health was satisfactory," then the child is eligible for admission, whether she have a sister or not. On the other hand, according to "Rule 56," no girl, whose admittance depends upon the number of votes she obtains, and whose support is received from the funds of the Institution, is eligible (though in other respects duly qualified) if she has already a sister in the School on the same terms.

My contention is, that when a petition is presented for the admission of a candidate (in all respects duly qualified), at the cost of extraneous friends, that she is a fit and proper child to be admitted, whether she has a sister or not, always provided that she can be conveniently admitted, that is, there is room for her in the Institution. One argument brought forward was, that where one girl had been brought forward in the usual way, and another by purchase, it might have been done in the former case; but a little thought will prove the fallacy of that, for who has not heard of favourites in a family, or one child having a more fairy godmother, or wealthy godfather, than the other? I am still further of opinion that no two sisters should be on the funds of the Institution at one time, for though at one election there may be a vacancy, yet at the next there may be, and generally are, more candidates than vacancies, and the two sisters may be in the School for three or four years, to the exclusion of other single candidates; but where the funds come from other sources, I can see no objection. After all, the rules at present admit sisters if there are vacancies, and candidates by purchase if they can be conveniently accommodated. So that you may have perfect qualification without eligibility, but not eligibility without the necessary qualification. This may be a subtle distinction, but there is a difference. For instance, it might so happen that the funds of the Institution did not admit the filling up the vacancies. Is, then, the girl to be disqualified where friends supply the funds because she has a sister in the School? I trow not. Again, it was brought forward that a petition in a purchase case was not necessary, but I opine that a petition is as necessary in the one case as the other, in order that proof of the necessary qualifications under any circumstances may be duly ascertained. According to my reading, I am of opinion that no sisters should be supported and educated out of the funds of the Institution for the same period, or any part thereof, but that there can be no objection to two or more, provided that only one is dependent on the general Fund, and the other or others from private sources.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

CONSECRATION OF THE WALDECK LODGE.

THE principal Masonic event of the week has been undoubtedly the Consecration of the new German Lodge, which took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday evening. Although there are so many Germans resident in England, and particularly in London, where there is a strong German element in the mercantile and trading community, there has, down to the present time, been only one Lodge essentially German in its character. That one Lodge, however, is German to the backbone, for in it the ceremonies and the whole of the transactions are carried on in the German language. The Lodge is called the Pilgrim, but one Lodge is insufficient to satisfy the Masonic requirements of the German portion of our metropolitan population; and a petition was presented to the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of English Freemasons, to grant a warrant for a new London Lodge specially devoted to the promotion of Freemasonry amongst Germans resident in London. In drawing up their petition a happy thought appears to have struck the gentlemen interested in the matter, and they seem to have won the sympathy of the Duke of Albany, Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire, by a compliment they paid to his bride, by asking permission to name the new Lodge the Waldeck Lodge, and to adopt as the insignia of the Lodge the arms of the house of Waldeck. The Grand Master, although he has of late years very wisely hesitated to grant warrants for additional new Lodges in London, and has for the most part only granted such warrants when the Lodges sought to be established have been of really representative character, was graciously pleased, under the circumstances of the case, to grant the requisite warrant, and the Duke of Albany consented to become one of its honorary members, and formally, through his Secretary, gave his sanction to the adoption by the Lodge as its insignia of the arms of the House of Waldeck. On Monday evening the new Lodge was consecrated, and the founders left nothing undone to secure for it an honourable position amongst London Lodges. Behind the Master's chair was displayed a very handsome banner bearing the Waldeck arms, which were also displayed upon the Master's collar. The ceremony of consecration was performed by Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary of England, and it may with confidence be asserted that that solemn ceremonial was never conducted in a more impressive manner. The Grand Secretary was assisted by Bros. Dr. E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., Grand Secretary for German Correspondence as S.W., John Messent Grand Sword Bearer as J.W., H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary as Inner Guard, the Rev. Thomas Cochrane, M.A., as Chaplain, and Frank Richardson Past Grand Deacon as Director of Ceremonies. There was also a very large number of Grand Officers and Provincial and District Grand Officers present, to witness the ceremony and grace the occasion. Bro. Julius Qnitman, a Past Master of La Tolerance Lodge, is the first Master of the Waldeck. Bros. H. L. Wolters and Gustav Paul Wehlen, both of whom are Past Masters of other Lodges, occupied the principal chairs. During the course of the ceremony the Rev. Thomas Cochrane delivered an admirable oration upon the principles and objects of Freemasonry, which was listened to with profound attention. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Fred. H. Cozens, who was assisted by Bros. Lawler, Carter, and Ashton.

and the manner in which they sang the anthems, &c., added not a little to the impressiveness of the proceedings. When the ceremony was concluded, and after the new Master and his Officers had been installed and invested, the Duke of Albany was elected an honorary member, which honour was also conferred on the Consecrating Officer Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, and the Grand Officers by whom he had been assisted. Bro. Quitman, the Master, in thanking Col. Clerke for the assistance he had given him, presented him, as Consecrating Officer, with a handsome jewel as a souvenir of the occasion. This is believed to be the first occasion on which a jewel has been presented to a Consecrating Officer.—*Evening News*.

THE THEATRES, &c.

COVENT GARDEN.—ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA. This evening, LE PROPHETE. On Monday, DON GIOVANNI. On Tuesday, MEFIGSTOFELE. On Wednesday, LA TRAVIATA. On Thursday, MEFIGSTOFELE.

DRURY LANE.—ELIZABETH.

LYCEUM.—At 8, ROMEO AND JULIET.

ADELPHI.—At 8, RICHELIEU.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7.30, A PHOTOGRAPHIC FRIGHT. At 8, THE ROMANY RYE.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 8, MONEY.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, ODETTE.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.40, THE MARBLE ARCH. At 8.30, THE COLONEL.

STRAND.—At 7.30, TWO TO ONE. At 8.10, THE MASCOTTE.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES. At 8.30, PATIENCE. This day (Saturday), at 2.30, also.

AVENUE.—At 7.30, SIMPSON AND DELILAH. At 8.15, MANTEAUX NOIRS.

GAIETY.—This evening, PARTNERS FOR LIFE. On Monday, BILLIE TAYLOR.

TOOLE'S.—At 7.30, DEAF AS A POST. OFF THE LINE. At 9, THE VILLAINOUS SQUIRE AND THE VILLAGE ROSE. ROBERT MACAIRE.

ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, MEDUSA. At 8.30, THE SQUIRE.

CRITERION.—At 8, CUPID IN CAMP. At 8.45, THE WEDDING MARCH.

COURT.—At 8, MY LITTLE GIRL. At 8.45, THE PARVENU.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, BABIL AND BIJOU.

COMEDY.—At 7.15, THE FAST COACH. At 8, BOCCACCIO.

OLYMPIC.—At 8, LOCKED OUT. At 8.30, MOTHS.

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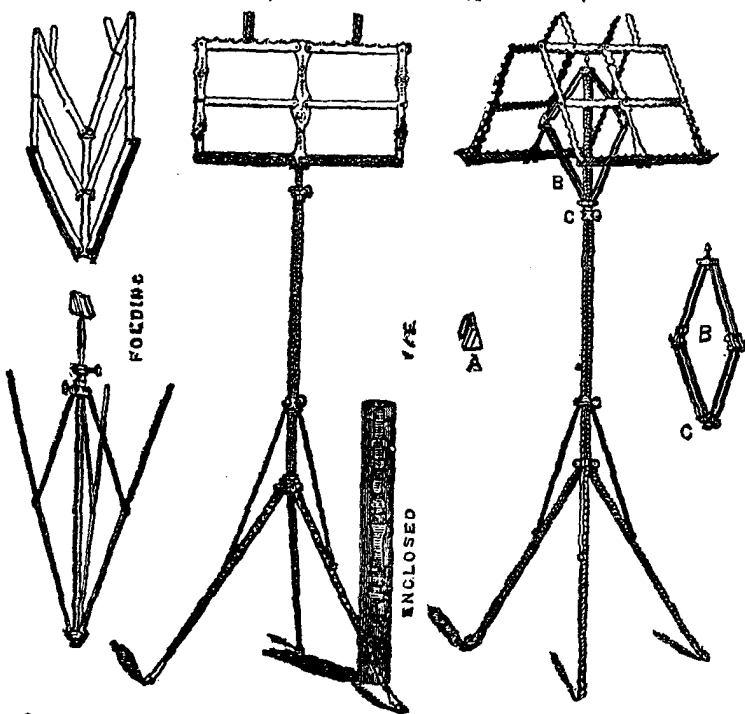
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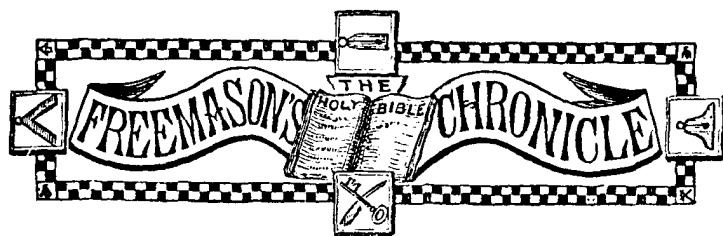
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At a very early hour of the morning of the 24th June, the incoming trains brought into the city of Philadelphia delegations of Masons from all localities, principally within a radius of 100 miles, to join in the public as well as secret commemoration of the sesqui-centennial of the founding of Masonry in this State, for although a number of Masons met as early as 1730, at the old Tun Tavern, in Water-street, it was not until St. John's Day, 1732, that the G. Lodge was formed.

Great preparations had been made for the celebration, and it was looked forward to with joyal anticipation. Although the orders of Chief Marshal Hartranft directed the assembling of the Lodges at 8 o'clock, it was fully thirty minutes after before the first one put in appearance; but from this time until quarter after nine they came into column rapidly.

There was a prodigal supply of music, and, what was matter for general comment, an entire absence of banners of any kind. To the lookers-on there was an impressively funereal aspect to this body of 6,000 men, marching without a bit of colour overhead. The flash of jewels and swords, and the sturdy blare of the trumpets, in a bright morceau from some popular opera, were the only reliefs. Broad-street, along the entire route was filled with people, and here and there a flag was thrown to the breeze; but, as a rule, the lookers-on exhibited a blending of admiration with awe, as though they were under the spell of mystery which clothes this Order. In the vicinity of the Temple, however, the thoroughfare was densely packed, and along the northern front of the Public Buildings, from which a splendid view of the march and countermarch could be obtained, thousands upon thousands of people were ranged.

The Eighth Division, which marched in the van of the procession, formed on the east side of Broad-street, with the head of the column resting on Chestnut-street. It was marshalled by Robert P. Dechert and the following aids:—O. C. Bosbyshell, P. L. Goddard, Louis J. Ladner, and C. W. Schuellerman. The Division included Lodges Nos. 498 to 558 and a number of visiting Lodges.

The Seventh Division, marshalled by J. P. S. Gobin and aids, Benjamin Kauffman, C. N. Brower, George Valentine, and N. H. E. Marter, came next. The Division formed on the west side of Broad-street, with the head of the column on Walnut-street. It comprised Lodges from Nos. 445 to 496, and several Lodges from the interior of the State.

The Sixth Division formed on Spruce-street, east of Broad. The head of the column rested on Broad-street. Lodges Nos. 392 to 444 were in line. The Division was marshalled by C. W. Batchelor and aids.

The Fifth Division, marshalled by William B. Smith, formed on Spruce-street, west of Broad, the head of the column resting on Broad-street. The Marshal's aids were:—William A. Whitherup, L. S. Prince, William H. Clothier, Peterson B. Calvert, James P. Malseed, Charles E. Wright. A number of Visiting Lodges marshalled with this Division.

The Fourth Division, marshalled by John W. Scholl, formed on Locust-street, east of Broad, with the right of column resting on Broad-street. The Division included such Lodges as chose to participate from Lodge No. 289 to No. 339. Marshal Scholl was assisted by the following aids:—P. M. Washabaugh, E. D. Sparks, J. H. Hooven, and G. P. Dennis.

Presley A. Guthrie marshalled the Third Division, including Lodges from Nos. 233 to 288. The Division formed on Locust-street, west of Broad, with right resting on Broad-street. Major J. W. Ryan and T. J. Henderson acted as aids.

The Second Division, under the marshalship of General George R. Snowden, assisted by E. W. Patton and G. W. Fox aids, formed on Walnut-street east of Broad, with right resting on Broad-street. The Division included such Lodges as desired to participate from No. 232 to No. 75.

The First Division, under James W. Latta Marshal, brought up the rear of the column as the command moved up Broad street, and took the head of the column as it countermarched down from Columbia avenue. The Division formed on Walnut-street, east of Broad, and included Lodges from No. 2 to No. 72, and visitors who were not the guests of any particular Lodge.

Marshal Latta was assisted by Charles Watson, Nathan H. Penny-packer, H. G. Schoemaker, and Hiram Fisher.

Among the Visiting Lodges were No. 21, from Harrisburg, J. C. Hesaman Marshal; No. 75, from Phoenixville, F. B. Rhoads Marshal; No. 310, from West Chester, George R. Hoopes Marshal, and No. 420, from Conshohocken, Charles A. Maxwell Marshal. There were also Lodges from Chester, Norristown, Reading, and Lancaster, and representatives from the Grand Lodges of New Jersey, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware, Ohio, and the District of Columbia in line. While the procession, under General Hartranft, was marching out Broad-street, the Grand Lodge went into session in the Temple, to which none but members were admitted. After the opening, the Hon. Samuel B. Dick, Grand Master, made an

address, stating the purpose of the ceremonies of the day, and tendering a fraternal welcome to the Visitors. Then followed—

An address by Past Master of Lodge No. 408, Brother of the Hon. Pearson Church, Presiding Judge of Crawford county. Subject:—"The growth of the Grand Lodge."

An address by Past Master of Lodge No. 71, the Hon. Thomas J. Clayton, President Judge of Delaware county. Subject:—"The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania."

An address by Brother Past Master Samuel Harper, of Lodge No. 219, at Pittsburg. Subject:—"The Relation of Our Subordinate Lodges to Our Grand Lodge," and the anthem, "Ad Primum," music and chorus being under the direction of Brother Aaron R. Taylor.

After the benediction and closing of the Lodge, the doors were opened, and then the members, with distinguished visiting brethren from abroad, awaited the approach of the head of the column, by the countermarch between ranks, down Broad-street, which brought the 1st Division to the front. A brief halt was then made, when the march to the Academy was taken up in this order:—

John F. Hartranft Chief Marshal.

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Among the Visiting Grand Lodge Officers from other jurisdictions who have accompanied the Grand Lodge were William Hardacre R.W. Grand Master New Jersey; Joseph W. H. Watson R.W. Grand Master Delaware; John S. Tyson R.W. Grand Master Maryland; Jacob H. Medary Grand Secretary Maryland; James D. Mason Grand Treasurer Maryland; W. Abrahams R.W. Deputy Grand Master Maryland; Edward M. L. Ehlers Grand Secretary New York; Albert G. Goodnall Grand Lodge New York; Zachariah Dedrick Trustee Grand Lodge New York.

Although the arrangements were such that the line of procession would not reach the Academy of Music, where the public ceremonies were held, until half-past 12 o'clock, a great throng of people had assembled in front of the house fully two hours before that time. All the hotels and other public places on Broad-street and many private houses were decked out in national and Masonic colours. As the hours wore on the spectators increased in number, and at noon, when the Academy doors were opened, the ingenuity of the police was put to the test in opening a channel for the passage of the line into the Academy.

When the members of the Grand Lodge reached Broad and Locust-streets, they marched to the stage door of the Academy, where the Officers and Committees took seats on the stage. Among the prominent men were Judge William Donaldson, of Pottsville, the oldest member of the Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania; Sam. C. Perkins, a Past Master Philadelphia, lawyer, and President of the Public Building Commission; and Bro. Clifford P. McCalla, a prominent worker in the Bi-Centennial cause, and the man who introduced the resolution in the Grand Lodge under which authority was first granted for the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary.

In the distribution of tickets the authorities of the Grand Lodge restricted their patronage to the members of the Masonic Order. When the line reached the Temple on the return march the subordinate Lodges scattered for their respective headquarters instead of assembling in the Academy. The consequence was that there was scarcely more than 200 persons in the auditorium when the Germania Orchestra, under the direction of William Stoll jun., opened the exercises with Weber's overture, "Jubal."

There were no decorations in the house except three rectangular tablets of white immortelles, upon the centre of which were the Grand Lodge initials "G. L. of Pa." and on the others the Masonic years 5732 and 5882. At the conclusion of the first orchestral rendering, Bishop Whitehead invoked the Divine blessing.

A very interesting feature of the morning exercises at the Temple was the presentation of a gavel to the Grand Lodge, the gift of the Masonic Veterans' Association. The gavel is made from one of the columns that stood in the old Masonic Hall, on Filbert-street, which has been recently torn down. The column was of hard wood, and from it were made two gavels, one to be used by the Veterans at their meetings and the other presented to the Grand Lodge. The latter is very handsomely mounted with bands of silver, and on the outer rim is affixed a Veteran's badge. Upon the silver band is the following inscription:—

"The Masonic Veterans of Pennsylvania, on the occasion of the Sesqui-Centennial of the first Grand Lodge in America, formed at Philadelphia, 24th June 1732, present this gavel, made of wood of the Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall, erected in 1802, on Filbert-street, above Eighth-street, Philadelphia, to the R.W.G. Lodge of Pennsylvania Free and Accepted Masons, 24th June 1882."

The Presentation was made by Brother Charles E. Meyer, President

of the Veterans' Association, in a neat address, and received on the part of the Grand Lodge by R.W. Brother Samuel B. Dick Grand Master.

[We are, unfortunately, compelled by pressure on our space to hold over, till next week, the remainder of this very interesting article.—ED. F.C.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

STOWMARMET was *en fete* on Friday last, the 7th inst., on the occasion of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk holding its annual meeting and Lodge there, under the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Waveney, and Officers of the Province. The town was decorated with flags and banners. At the Railway Station a string of banners stretched across the road, and flags were displayed on the steeple of the church. At the station, the band of the S.R.V., under Bandmaster Gooding, met the trains bringing in the visiting Brethren, and played in excellent style, and the church bells rang out merrily. The Lodge in the Assembly Room at the Corn Exchange, and its approaches, was profusely decorated with flowers, and some fine potted specimens of the *Phormium variegatum* (New Zealand flax). The balcony outside was draped with scarlet, with yellow fringe, with good effect. The Corn Hall was laid for banquet, and elaborately decorated in white and crimson, and the stencil-board festooned with fringes and tassels. A trophy of flags, with banners, and elaborate star, was displayed at each end in the centre, and banners were also displayed on either side, and there were also elegant trophies at each window. Each banner, of very handsome character, had an appropriate motto, in gold on a blue ground. The tables were choicely decorated with flowers, and ice pedestals with flowers were conspicuous and elegant. The *tout ensemble* was light, cheerful, and elegant in the extreme, and reflected great credit on those gentlemen who superintended them. These were the worthy W.M. Bro. F. Long, Bro. S. H. Wright Secretary, Bro. J. Mackney P.M. Master of Ceremonies, assisted by Bros. Peddar P.M., Simmonds S.D., F. Betts S.W., the latter kindly providing reception rooms for the Provincial Grand Officers at the entrance to the hall, where light refreshments were laid out. Bro. Gooding also rendered good assistance. The able decorator was Bro. Chas. Holborn, Norwich. Bros. Andrews and Read received the Provincial Grand Officers. The banquet and refreshments were catered for by Bro. E. Bridges, in his well-known excellent style. The trains brought in a large number of visiting Brethren time after time during the morning. The Board of General Purposes met at eleven o'clock, for the transaction of business. Bro. Clarke, Past Grand Pursuivant of England, was, as usual, the Director of Ceremonies of the Province, the duties of which office, it is needless to say, were performed with his well-known efficiency. Bro. W. H. Lucia was also the able Secretary, whose onerous duties always seem to sit lightly upon him. Procession being formed, the M.W.P.G. Master opened the Lodge, which was admirably decorated with trophies of flags and banners, with Masonic emblems and mottoes, the banners of the several Lodges represented being also placed round the walls. After the Lodge had been properly opened, the Worshipful Prov. Grand Master appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Dakin Registrar, Youell Treasurer, F. Long P.G.S.W., Woolnough P.G.J.W., Rev. Griffith P.G. Chaplain, Mann P.G. Organist, Baines P.G. Pursuivant, Chapman, Woodward, and Ecclestone, P.G. Stewards, Brown S.D., Annes J.D., Tennant P.G. Director of Works, Clarke P.G. Director of Ceremonies, Hartcup Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Barber P.G. Sword Bearer, Syer Tyler. The P.G. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, referring especially to the loyal address sent by the Province to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the dastardly attempt made upon her life, and the gracious reply in acknowledgment. Procession was then made, headed by the Stowmarket Rifle Band, to church, where the brethren attended divine service. Prayers were read by the Rev. W. Wright curate, and Bro. the Rev. A. Tighe-Gregory, first lesson (King's dedication of the Temple), by the P.G. Chaplain, and the second lesson by Bro. the Rev. A. Tighe-Gregory, Vicar of Bawdsey, both lessons being appropriate to the occasion. The anthem was Hopkins', from Psalm xxiv., "Lift up your heads," the P.G. Chaplain reading the concluding prayers. The service was choral, and well rendered by a surpliced choir. There were also two special hymns sung, copies of which were distributed in the church. The sermon was preached by the P.G. Chaplain, from 1 Peter ii. 5, and was a thoroughly Masonic discourse, "sermons in stones" being the idea carried throughout, comparing ourselves to stones in the great building of life. He traced mankind to the time of flint implements, when our forefathers had nothing better to work with, up to the present period of high civilisation and skill, and drew lessons for the guidance, warning, and comfort of his hearers. The preacher referred indignantly to the odium brought on Masonry on the Continent by the wretched apostasy of some members who violated, not only their oath as Masons, but their very allegiance to their country. He said he considered that Christianity was the highest form of Masonry, and Masonry he looked upon as St. Paul did the Mosaic law, as a "Schoolmaster to bring us to Christ." He referred to the universal bond of fellowship amongst all peoples, of all religious opinions, to be found amongst Masons, such as made the fiery Afghan spare his powerless enemy. He trusted they all, initiated and uninitiated, were "Living stones" being built upon the chief corner stone, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The P.G. Organist presided ably at the organ. After service the brethren reformed and marched back to the Lodge. A resolution was carried in answer to a communication from the Grand Lodge, suggesting that all Lodges (except

military ones) should pay 1s 6d quarterly, instead of 1s as heretofore, to the Fund of Benevolence. After some formal business was gone through, the M.W.P.G.M. announced that the offertory amounted to £6 10 2½d, which was given to the Stowmarket Schools, with thanks to the Rector of Stowmarket for kindly placing the church at their disposal. A vote of condolence and sympathy was passed to the V.W. the D.P.G.M. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain of England, on the great bereavement he had sustained in the loss of his amiable wife, and expressing an earnest trust that the Great Architect of the Universe would afford him consolation and support under his heavy loss. The M.W.P.G.M. made some very feeling remarks on this subject, and the resolution was carried in solemn silence. P.G. Lodges were represented, from Norfolk by R. P. Soman G.S. of Norfolk, Essex, and Hertfordshire. The Grand Master expressed his deep regret at the absence of the Deputy P.G. Master, whom he might say was from home, seeking from the Great Architect of the Universe that consolation which He never refuses to those who "seek him faithfully."

The banquet was admirably served in the Corn Hall by Bro. E. Bridges, to which a large company of brethren sat down, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, supported by his Officers. The following were the Prov. Grand Officers present:—Bros. W. P. Mills P.P.G.S.W. 376, H. C. Casley P.P.G.J.W. 114, W. H. Lucia P.G. Sec., W. Clarke P.G.P., W. Boby P.P.G.S.W., Rev. A. Tighe-Gregory P.G.P. Chaplain 81, J. H. Staddon P.P.G.S.W. 376, F. A. Mann P.G. Organist 1452, F. C. Atkins P.G.O. Norfolk, S. H. Wright P.P.G.J.W. 516, F. Long P.P.G.D.C. 516, J. Terry P.P.G.S.W., W. A. Bowler P.Z. 51, G. Abbott P.P.G.S.B. 225, J. W. Shepherd P.G.S.W. 1592, T. F. Lucia P.P.G.J.W. 1008, J. Napier P.G.S. 225, G. Stevens Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon 52, W. Dods P. Prov. J.W., B. W. Syer P.G.T. 376, W. W. Walesby P.P.G.S. of Works 927, S. Bacon P.G. Steward Norfolk, P. Soman P.G. Steward Norfolk, G. H. Grimwood P.G.S. of W. 1224, R. W. Saul P.G.S.D. 71, C. F. Browne P.P.G.S.B. 81, W. B. Jeffries P.P.G.S. of W. 376; W. Hart P.P.G.J.D. 332, W. Wilmshurst P.P.G.S.B. 81, N. Tracey P.P.G.J.W. 376, F. Whisstock P.P.G.R. 81, J. Franklin P.P.G.P. 100, C. Cooke P.P.G.J.D. 1823, J. R. Thompson P.P.G.S.B. 1008, W. J. Nunn P.P.G.S.D. 1592, A. Cracknell P.P.G.S.B. 1668, W. Armstrong P.P.G.D. 1592, J. M. Harvey P.P.G.P. 936, R. Stevens P.P.G.D.C. Norfolk, H. J. Wright P.G.P. 936, H. Sidney P.G.D.C. 376, G. J. Paine P.G.S.W. 1008, Horace Lucia P.G.S. 1592.

On Saturday last the Prince and Princess of Wales visited Twickenham, for the purpose of opening the new wing of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage, at Strawberry Hill. This ceremony having been carried out, the awards made in the exhibition of works of art and utility, contributed exclusively by members of the Police force, were presented by Her Royal Highness, who also signed the certificates of merit, among the fortunate recipients being Sergeant Ward, for plans of Yalding and neighbourhood, in connection with the mysterious disappearance and murder of the girl Georgiana Moore; Inspector Wells, for a plan and sketch of Knoll Villa, Kingston, where Police Constable Atkins was murdered last autumn by an unknown burglar; and Inspector Moser, of Scotland Yard, for three drawings, in black and white, two of them being of exceptional merit.

We hear that their Royal Highnesses the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, of Wales have enrolled themselves as members of the Humane Society, established in connection with *Little Folks*. The July part of this magazine, in addition to the names of their Royal Highnesses, contains the names and addresses of between four and five thousand new officers and members. The *Little Folks* Humane Society, which was inaugurated at the commencement of the present year, now numbers nearly twelve thousand officers and members, and a large number of children are daily joining its ranks.

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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 Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 15th JULY.

- 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New North-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1824—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

MONDAY, 17th JULY.

- 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clarke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1189—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury.
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 18th JULY.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
940—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-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)
1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (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.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemason's Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
860—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullov, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Clallender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham

WEDNESDAY, 19th JULY.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crown-dale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
619—Beacon, Greyhound, Dulwich
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleggall Road, Cubitt Town
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1639—Brownrigg, Swan Hotel, Kingston on Thames
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffeld, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 20th JULY.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
37—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, Phoenix, Staungate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1321—Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction) |
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raligan Tavern, Plumstead

FRIDAY, 21st JULY.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., 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)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
641—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
R.A. 621—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 22nd JULY.

- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New North-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE DOMATIC LODGE,
No. 177.

RICHMOND is a place of all others to visit, both by the initiated and uninitiated, when pleasure is the object. There is no place within easy reach of metropolitans which offers so many attractions. There is the Park, there is the river, and to the visitor who needs alimentary and spiritual comfort there is, above all things, the Star and Garter Hotel, a famous hostelry, which, we were on the point of saying, has been for centuries past the central attraction of the royal hamlet of Sheen. There is no place within the precincts of the metropolis which offers the same attractions as Richmond. Its Park is magnificent, its historical and personal associations only need to be referred to, while the magnificent hill and the meandering Thames, with its enticing eyots, offers a scene which, for its picturesqueness, it will be difficult to surpass. No wonder, then, that it should be selected as a resort by the cultivated holiday-maker, as well as by his lowlier fellows; and no wonder, in consequence, that a Lodge of Freemasons, which has, so to speak, the whole world to choose from, should select this particular spot for the celebration of its Summer Festival.

We have more than once been asked—What is the good of a Summer Festival? It does nothing to advance the cause of Freemasonry, and there are those who think it might be dispensed with. We are of a different opinion. We believe in Festivals, as promoting good-fellowship; and in Summer Festivals especially, because they afford an opportunity for the fair sex to take part in the celebrations. Thus it came about on Tuesday that, in spite of the deplorable weather, that the brethren of the Domatic Lodge found much to reconcile them to the fate (fête) arranged for them. Neither rude Boreas nor any other Ruler of the winds, not even old Æolus himself with all his bags deranged, had the slightest influence in deterring our Domatic friends from the essential purpose of the day, to wit, that of enjoying themselves and establishing firmly the enjoyment of their guests. The Star and Garter, moreover, is, as we have said, an acceptable hostelry, where even a "Heathen Chinee" might find it a matter of difficulty not to enjoy himself. And further, there were genial spirits in charge of the arrangements, to wit, Bros. Maclean W.M., G. Everett Treasurer, Morris Secretary, and the Stewards generally, who made it their business to meet, even by anticipation, the requirements of those present. The banquet, or by whatever name else it may be described, was in all respects commendable; there was abundance, and of the best quality, both as regards edibles and potables. The service, likewise, was of a satisfactory character, and none rose from the table who had not been fully satisfied in all respects. On the removal of the cloth, grace was sung, the toast list was attacked, and due honour was paid to that of the Queen and the Craft. Brother Kent followed with the toast of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. He spoke at length of the services rendered to the Craft by His Royal Highness, and the amazing progress it had made since his installation. He referred, in graceful terms, to the interest taken by the Princess of Wales in all good works, and likewise to the Masonic zeal of the Duke of Connaught, as well as to the interest exhibited by Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, not only on things Masonic, but likewise in matters scientific and literary. Bro. Ferguson proposed, in cordial terms, the health of the Worshipful Master, who acknowledged the compliment with equal cordiality. "The Visitors" found an able advocate in Bro. Ferguson and two capable respondents—shall we say co-respondents?—in the persons of Bros. Webb and T. C. Walls. Bro. Everett paid a high compliment to the Press, of whose welfare and even necessity they had had an illustration that day, and Bro. W. W. Morgan responded in suitable terms. The merits of "the ladies," and the value of their presence on this and similar occasions were set forth with becoming grace and ability by Bro. Herbage, and Mr. W. G. Kent, as representative of the Fair Sex, expressed his thanks on their behalf most warmly, and he it added, most appropriately. Terpsichore then appeared on the scene, and at her bidding the brethren and guests most willingly set themselves to the agreeable task of illustrating her mysteries. The series of movements in her behalf were at last brought to a conclusion, and the Lodge and Visitors dispersed for home, after, even in spite of the weather, one of the most agreeable meetings in which it has been our privilege to take a part. Amongst those present we may mention Bro. James Maclean W.M. and Mrs. Maclean, Bro. George Everett P.M. and Treasurer and Mrs. and Miss Everett, Bro. White P.M. and Mrs. White, Bro. W. P. Webb W.M. 1381 and Mrs. Webb, Mr. G. L. and Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Hugall, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Manley, Bro. A. and Mrs. Gidding, Harry Price, W. Wilkinson, Bro. W. M. and Mrs. Foxcroft, W. Day and Miss Foxcroft, J. Sidney Tomkins C.C., G. A. Garratt and Miss Garratt, Bro. W. Mann P.M. 1381. Mr. and Mrs. James Ringwood, Bro. F. Kent P.M. C.C. and Mrs. Kent, Mr. W. G. Kent and Miss Shepherd, Bro. E. Storr and Mrs. Storr, Bro. T. Morris, T. Morris jun., and Miss Morris, Bro. R. Harvey, Bro. G. W. and Mrs. and Miss Knight, Bros. G. and W. and Mrs. Millan, Bro. and Mrs. Perry, Bro. W. W. Morgan, Bro. G. and Mrs. Gardner, Bro. and Mrs. Rippin, Bro. T. C. Walls, Bro. Ferguson P.M., Bro. Wade (Mayor of Kingston) and Mrs. Wade, Bro. and Mrs. Herbage, Bro. and Mrs. Welch, Bro. Birch, &c. &c.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At the meeting held on the 11th instant, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, there were present Bros. Moss W.M., Shadler S.W., Daniel J.W., Clements Sec., Hansbecker S.D., Oxley I.G. Visitors—Bros. Turner, Standford, Walker, Roberts, Waldeck. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second degree, and Bro. Turner as candidate for

raising was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge opened in third degree, and Bro. Turner was raised, the W.M. giving the traditional history in a most impressive manner, and explaining the five points of fellowship at length. Lodge resumed to first degree, when Bro. Standford answered the questions and was entrusted. Lodge resumed to second degree, and Bro. Standford was passed. Lodge resumed to third, and closed to first degree. Bro. Shadler was elected W.M. for ensuing Tuesday.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—At the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on Monday, 10th inst. Bros. Taplin W.M., Brooks S.W., Rowles J.W., Fleming S.D., Bailey J.D., Phillips I.G. and Tyler. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bailey the candidate. Bro. Bailey (an E.A.) was interrogated before passing. Bro. Brooks S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was closed and adjourned until Monday, the 17th July.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the meeting on Friday, 7th July, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. C. Andrews P.M. W.M., F. Botley S.W., Tucker J.W., C. E. Botley S.D., Blasby P.M. J.D., Goss P.M. I.G.; also Bros. Maton, Turner, S. Turner 1129, Hewlings. After preliminaries, Bro. Tucker gave the lecture on the second tracing board. The questions leading to the third degree were asked and answered by the brethren. Lodge opened in the third degree, and closed to the first. An Audit Committee was appointed for 21st July, at 7.30 p.m. Bro. F. Botley was elected W.M. for 14th July. Lodge closed, and adjourned until 14th July at 8 p.m.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 11th July, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Wallington P.M. and Preceptor of the Lodge W.M., Wardell S.W., Brasted J.W., Catling S.D., Robinson J.D., Bunker I.G., F. Carr Secretary; also Bros. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., Cushion, Lorkin, Olly, A. Clark, Barnes P.M., Marsh, Smyth, Parfitt, Christian, Young, Allen, Boyce, Dignam, Darnell, and several others. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. then delivered his lecture explanatory of the rituals and ceremonies of the first degree, to the great pleasure and satisfaction of all the brethren assembled, who afterwards conferred upon him the only honour they could, that of making him an hon. member of the Lodge. Bro. Stevens showed his appreciation of this compliment by some very kind remarks, and a promise to visit the Lodge again. A vote of thanks was given to our respected Preceptor for occupying the chair on this occasion. W. E. Gray, of Lodge No. 1158, and Bro. B. Stewart, of 1278, were elected members. After a W.M. was elected for the ensuing week, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

CORNWALLIS LODGE, No. 1107.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley, on Wednesday, 5th instant, on which occasion Bro. H. Cleverly was installed as W.M. The business of the day commenced at 3.30, when Bro. J. J. Michael the W.M. of the past year opened the Lodge, and in due form obligated the W.M. elect. A board of Installed Masters having been formed, Brother Cleverly was duly placed in the chair, and in customary form appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Daniels S.W., Morgan jun. J.W., J. Storey P.M. Treas., C. Renter P.M. Sec., Hubbard S.D., Edwards I.G., Knight P.M. M.C., &c. The installation ceremony being completed, the W.M. proceeded to close his Lodge. Previous to doing so, several items of business, including a discussion regarding the entertainment of Prov. Grand Lodge on the occasion of the special meeting to be held in the neighbourhood on the 15th, were disposed of. A Committee was appointed to arrange what the Lodge should do in reference to the meeting referred to. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the new W.M., who, in due course, gave the usual toasts. A special feature of the meeting was the presentation to Bro. Michael, or rather to his wife, of a handsome tea service, as some recognition on the part of the brethren of the services he had rendered to the Lodge during the past year, which was the second during which he had acted as W.M. of the Lodge. The customary jewel having been presented to him on the former occasion, the testimonial he was now deemed worthy of took the form mentioned. He was, however, presented with a miniature jewel as a personal memento. The toasts were interspersed with songs and recitations, and altogether a most enjoyable day was spent.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—The usual meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton. Present—Bros. R. R. Johnstone W.M., H. Hooper S.W., E. M. Money J.W., E. A. Francis Preceptor, H. M. Williams Secretary, T. C. Edmonds S.D., G. Monk J.D., A. W. S. Hoare Organist, R. Poore I.G., and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were unanimously confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Francis as candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Williams as candidate. Lodge was opened in the third, and closed to the first degree. It was proposed by the W.M., seconded by Bro. Secretary, and resolved, that Bro. A. W. S. Hoare, Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765, be elected a member. Bro. Hoare thanked the brethren, and trusted

he should be able to profit by the excellent working of the Lodge. The thanks of the brethren were accorded to Bro. R. R. Johnstone W.M. for the admirable manner he had that evening rehearsed the ceremonies, especially on occupying the chair for the first time in his Masonic career. Bro. H. Hooper was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned, after a most enjoyable and profitable evening.

CLAREMONT LODGE, No. 1861.

THE installation meeting of this young and improving Lodge was held on Monday, 10th inst., at the School-room, Park-road, Esher. Lodge was opened at 3.15 by the W.M. Bro. J. M. Collins, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of passing Bro. Fisher was efficiently performed by the W.M. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of that indefatigable Mason Bro. H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Surrey. Bro. F. A. Manning P.M. was then presented by the W.M., and the ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. Frances. On re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. F. W. T. Goddard S.W., B. Williams J.W., J. Snowden S.D., S. Ward J.D., J. M. Bastone I.G., A. Fisher W.S. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens and Brethren were most impressively given by the I.P.M. Bro. Collins, Bro. Vincent P.M., and Bro. Frances P.M. The new W.M. then presented his banner to the Lodge, and this having been accepted, a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was placed by the W.M. on the breast of his predecessor, Bro. Collins, who gracefully acknowledged the same. Business of the evening ended, the Lodge was closed in due form, with solemn prayer. The brethren afterwards reassembled and partook of a most recherché banquet, which did great credit to the caterer, Mr. Bartholomew. Banquet over, the W. Master, in a few well-chosen words, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the R.W. the P.G.M. for Surrey, General Brownrigg, C.B., and the P.G. Officers, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Vincent P.M. P.G.S. for Surrey. This toast, we need hardly state, was drunk in the most cordial and enthusiastic manner. Bro. Vincent in responding said: "W. Master, I beg most sincerely to thank you for the very flattering terms in which you have proposed the toast of the Prov. G. Master and his Officers; and you, brethren, for the cordial manner in which you have responded to the same. I assure you, W. Master and brethren, that I feel highly complimented—nay flattered—at having my name associated with this important toast, more especially when I see around this festive board so many high and distinguished brethren. Really, W. Sir, I hardly think myself deserving of such an honour, and I feel a diffidence in replying in the presence of so many of the Stars of Masonry. I am but an humble member of the Craft, and I think the toast might have been left in far abler hands. W. Sir, as you have called upon me, I will, to the best of my ability, respond. I will take this opportunity of saying to my younger brethren that Masonry is far more than a name, and that the higher they advance in the Craft the more they will be convinced of this. Masonry is the very essence of all that is good; having for its basis brotherly love, and the greatest of all Christian virtues—Charity. Yes, my young brethren, you have only to make yourselves acquainted with our noble Institutions, the Boys' and Girls' Schools, where so many of the children of our deceased brethren receive the greatest boon man can give—a good liberal education. Many a poor widow, even while I am speaking, is blessing the day when her departed husband was admitted to our noble Fraternity, because she feels that we are acting, not only as brothers, but as fathers to her dear ones, and we as Masons will continue so to do whilst the Great Architect of the Universe blesses us with means. Then I would also call your attention to the Asylum for Aged Freemasons, and the widows of our departed brethren, where the aged ones are passing the remainder of their days in peaceful happiness, free from all care, and sheltered in their old age from the storms of life by the kind and thoughtful bounty of their more fortunate brethren. May these noble Institutions meet consideration at your hands, my young brethren, and you may rest assured that what you give will be returned to you threefold, and you will have the happiness of feeling that you are doing good to those who need it. I again thank you, Worshipful Master and Brethren, for the kind manner in which this toast has been received. The W.M. then entrusted his gavel to Bro. Collins I.P.M., who proposed the health of the W.M., stating that he felt sure that the brethren had made a happy choice in placing so excellent a brother in the chair, and trusted that Bro. Manning would long be spared to Freemasonry. The toast was honoured with a true Surrey fire. The W.M. in reply said he thanked the I.P.M. very sincerely for the kind and flattering terms in which he had proposed the toast, and also the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had responded. He had always taken a great interest in the Craft, and to the best of his ability would carry out the duties of his high and important trust. The next toast was one that, in the Claremont Lodge, is always received with enthusiasm—that of the Visitors. The W.M. remarked that he was pleased to see amongst his guests a member of Grand Lodge—Bro. Magnus Ohren, and also a Past Provincial Grand Officer—Bro. Robbins. To both these worthy brethren, and also to the other Visitors, he extended a most hearty welcome, and hoped that they would again favour the Lodge with their presence on some future occasion. The toast was most ably and gracefully responded to by Bro. Ohren and Bro. Robbins, both of whom gave some excellent advice to the brethren. The other toasts were those of the Past Masters and Officers, which again were duly responded to. The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a very happy evening. The Visitors were Bro. M. Ohren P.M. P.G.D.C., Robbins P.M., W. H. Boswell P.M., Steele P.M., Foroheron 12, Hitchins, T. Charlton 1702, J. G. Willett 1178, &c.

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IT is now more than twenty years since the National Lifeboat Institution undertook to supply first class Barometers to its Lifeboat Stations and to some other places. The result has been most encouraging in every way. 1st. The coast population of those places have numerously watched the indications of the Barometers, with the aid of the daily registered chart usually attached to them; and 2ndly, they have come to the determination at most places to be guided in their business movements by the indication of the Barometers. By means of those Barometers and their timely warnings, the National Lifeboat Institution has no doubt contributed to the saving of the lives of a large number of fishermen.

The Institution has now taken another important step in this matter by offering to supply an Aneroid Barometer to owners or masters of fishing vessels at a small cost, which, considering that it is of a superior and reliable character, must make this useful instrument a welcome addition to every decked fishing boat's equipment.

The value of the weather warnings of an Aneroid or a Mercurial Barometer cannot be disputed. Mr. Birkbeck, M.P., in suggesting that the Institution might take this step, stated that it had come to his knowledge that during the fearful gales of last winter, when so many fishing vessels were lost, those of them which had Aneroids on board were, by observing previously their indications, saved from peril, while many which did not possess them were lost, involving the loss of scores of valuable lives. It will thus be seen what beneficial results are likely to accrue to life and property if this important step of the Institution is appreciated and encouraged by the owners and masters of fishing vessels. At present it is notorious that small fishing craft hardly ever carry with them an Aneroid, and thus, when in mid-ocean, they are without the most hopeful means of forecasting the disasters which too often overtake them when gales of wind suddenly spring up.

It may be mentioned that the National Lifeboat Institution has spared no effort to obtain a good instrument, and one that will not easily get out of order on board fishing smacks, or require repairing at frequent intervals. In short, if taken ordinary care of, one of these Aneroids may confidently be expected to do its work for many years.

As the sole object of the Lifeboat Institution in this matter is to benefit fishermen, the Aneroids can, of course, only be supplied to owners or Masters of fishing vessels, and applications for them are received by the Honorary Secretaries of the Branches of the National Lifeboat Institution on various parts of the coast.

Bro. Benjamin Webster, Past G. Deacon England, and a Life Governor of our three Institutions, was buried in Brompton Cemetery, on Thursday. Our deceased brother was born in 1798, and had consequently attained the ripe age of eighty-four. He was a prominent actor and theatrical manager, having, in the latter capacity, presided over the fortunes of the Haymarket and Adelphi Theatres, for a period extending in the aggregate to close on forty years. He was an encourager of the drama in the further sense that, during his lesseeship of the Haymarket, he offered a prize of £500 to the author of the best drama sent in for the competition. The result, however, was not encouraging, as the play to which the prize was awarded, when it came to be acted, was hissed off the stage. Bro. Webster leaves a widow and child, and also a son and daughter the issue of a previous marriage.

Le Monde Moçonnique for June is a capital number, two of its articles being lectures or discourses, one delivered by Bro. Dr. Barré, in the Lodge *Les Admirateurs de l'Univers*, of which he is the Venerable or W. Master, and the other on the subject of Toleration, by Bro. Maréchal, in the Lodge of Besançon. Bro. Grimaux's remarks on a proposed Convention between the Grand Orient of France and the Symbolic Scotch Lodge we have thought worthy of being reproduced in English.

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The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoun, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of CHLORODYNE, with which I effected miraculous cures.

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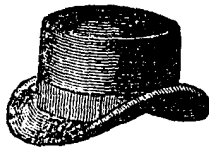
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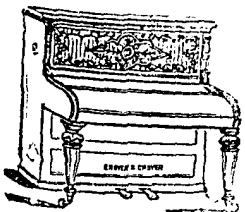
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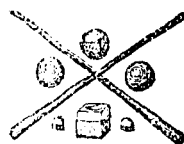
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