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THE OCTOBER ELECTION OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

VERY much of what we said last week in connection with the supply of candidates for the Girls' School, applies with equal force to that of the Boys', the next election of which is fixed for Monday, the 12th proximo. Here we find a long list of fifty-six approved candidates, of whom thirty-nine are new since the last election, seventeen only having competed on previous occasions. In April last there were forty-four candidates for twenty-six vacancies, and among the unsuccessful was James Murray Green, a lad whose age precluded him from taking a part in any further contests. Referring back, we find this lad took part in six elections, starting on the last occasion with 23 votes to his credit, and increasing that number by 169 polled on his last application. We will not inquire why he was not supported by the Province of which his father was a member, but we should like to know how he came to have 169 votes wasted on him when it must have been clear to his friends he stood not the shadow of a chance of being elected. With this one exception all the lads unsuccessful in April last make another appeal, two of them now coming forward for the sixth time, one for the fifth, two for the fourth, seven for the third, and five for the second.

As already stated, there are fifty-six lads on the list of approved candidates for the coming election, but of this number two (No. 21, Harold William Adames, and No. 23, Harry Randle Brown) have been withdrawn, so that there will be fifty-four to go to the poll, of whom thirty-seven are to be elected. There are, therefore, vacancies for more than two-thirds of the candidates, a state of affairs that must be gratifying alike to those who are seeking the benefits of the Institution, and to those by whose exertions the funds are raised, which renders such a large number of vacancies available.

Six of the lads remaining on the list now make the last appeal which their age will allow of, and of these, No. 1, Frederick Teilo Davis, comes forward for the sixth time, with seven votes to his credit, five of which were polled on his behalf at the last election, in April. He is one of five children left to the care of a widowed mother, the father having been a member of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, Eastern Division of South Wales, until the time of his death, in 1881. We hope, for the sake of the widow, that the Province may be able to support his case next month. No. 3, Arthur Warner, one of six fatherless children, has a total of 238 votes to his credit, as the result of four previous attempts. His father was a member of the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, London, and rose to the dignity of Worshipful Master therein. Is this another instance of the evil effects of no organization of voting power in the great metropolis? No. 12, Harry Edwards Henshaw, one of the children of a late member of the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, London, now comes forward, for the third time, with 719 votes standing to his credit. He and two other children are still dependent on their mother, who, however, has a daughter in the Girls' School. No. 13, Alfred Ernest Astington, polled 275 votes in April last, when he appeared on the list for the first time. He is one of five children left to the care of their mother, whose husband, a former member of the Old England Lodge, No. 1790,

London, died in June of last year. No. 25, Josiah Murfin, is a new case. He is one of four dependent children whose father died last December, the latter having been a member of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, London, for upwards of eleven years. This case should stand out at the close of the poll as an example of what Londoners can do, for if the brethren of the Westbourne Lodge take the matter in hand they ought to be sure of securing the lad's election. No. 34, William Henry Grant Smithers, is also a first application case. His father was initiated in the St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 1636, Sussex, and is accredited with seven years' Masonic membership. He has deserted this lad and four other children, who are now dependent on their mother. Under all the circumstances of the case we hope that the brethren who have put the lad forward will be able to secure sufficient support to ensure his election. No better illustration of the true principles of Masonry could perhaps be found than that of caring for the family of an erring brother, and the election of this boy would abundantly prove that even this comes within the scope of Freemasonry. We thus see that of the six last applications four are London cases and two Provincial. We hope that all of them, if they are really worthy, may be provided for in the Masonic School ere it be too late.

London has twenty-two other cases on the present list, making a total of twenty-six from the Metropolis, as compared with twenty-eight from the Provinces and Foreign Stations, so that on this occasion London is not far behind in the way of applications. Three of these remaining London cases are lads who have each lost both parents, and each of whom now appeal for the first time. No. 35, George Bryce Worthington, is one of three dependent parentless children. The father was initiated in the Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50, and afterwards joined the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, so that the lad should have some good friends to interest themselves on his behalf. No. 22, Claude Ernest Arrowsmith, is one of two children similarly circumstanced. His father was also a member of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, and had there attained to the office of Senior Warden. He was a liberal supporter of the three Institutions, and now, in the time of his children's distress, we hope one of those Institutions may prove a liberal benefactor to his family. No. 51, Edward Dyer, is the only dependent child of a late member of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, but having lost both of his parents, he is dependent in the fullest sense of the term. The lad has a number of worthy brethren working on his behalf, who are most anxious to secure his election next month, but they fully recognise the magnitude of the task they have to perform, and rely, in a great measure, on the support of their friends and any who were acquainted with the lad's father. We trust they may not be disappointed in their desire, but that their efforts to do good may be warmly supported by all who are able to tender even a little help. In such a case we feel sure relief will be afforded in one of the most deserving quarters. No. 5, Samuel William Knight, is a candidate for the fourth time, and brings forward a total of 311 votes. His father was a member of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, and rose to the office of Senior Warden therein. He died in October 1883, and there are now three of his children dependent on their mother. No. 6, Percy White Musgrave, one of five fatherless dependent children, has a sister in the Girls' School. His friends have

secured 840 votes on his behalf as a candidate for the Boys' School, at two elections at which he has gone to the poll. His father was an initiate of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1309, and a joining member of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507. We hope that from these two Lodges sufficient support will be forthcoming in October to secure this lad's election. No. 7, John Nicol McMillan, is the son of a brother who joined the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, and who is now insane. The lad has a sister in the Girls' School and he now comes forward as a candidate for the Boys', for the third time, with 744 votes to his credit. There are four children entirely, and two others partially, dependent on their mother, who we trust will be relieved of the responsibility of this lad's education at an early date. No. 9, Francis Buckland Brocksopp Kent, has also made two previous applications, and as a result thereof brings forward 780 votes on the present occasion. He is one of five dependent on their mother, the widow of a late member of the West Kent Lodge, No. 1297. No. 10, Algernon Sackville West, another third application case, has a sister in the Girls' School. He and one other child are now dependent on their mother, who is a widow of an old Past Master of the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287. Bro. West was a liberal supporter of the Institutions during his lifetime, and we hope that the 188 votes already polled on behalf of his son may, ere long, be increased to such an extent as to secure for the lad a place in the Institution. No. 20, Laurence Charles Edward Ambrose, and the remainder of the London cases, are first applications. Young Ambrose is one of five children dependent on a widowed mother; his father was initiated in the Honor Oak Lodge, No. 1986, and remained a member thereof until the time of his death, which took place in April of last year. No. 26, John Edward Tufnell Hobbs, is the lad to whom we referred in our recent report of the meeting of the High Cross Lodge, No. 754, of which Lodge his father was an initiate. He and one other child are now dependent on their mother, but from the way in which the High Cross members are working on her behalf we think she will soon be relieved of anxiety so far as one of them is concerned. We shall expect to see the lad here referred to among the successful at the close of the poll, in which case the High Cross members will be entitled to great praise. If they fail—but their Past Masters will not allow such a possibility, so we will not further discuss the case, except to wish the lad every prosperity. No. 27, Joseph Thomas Andrews, is a candidate emanating from the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, of which his father was a Past Master. He and three other children are now dependent on their mother. No. 30, Frederick Tom Webb, is one of two dependent children of the late member of the Israel Lodge, No. 205, who was also one of the founders of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624. Here are two strong Lodges from whom to look for aid, and we trust they may find it in their power to afford it. No. 32, George Stafford Huggett, is one of three children dependent on a widowed mother. The father was a zealous worker on behalf of the Charities during his lifetime, and the two Lodges with which he was associated—the Prosperity, No. 65, and the Tredegar, No. 1625—may look upon him as one of their most worthy members. The assistance for his family which is now asked from the Institutions will, we have no doubt, be most willingly given, and that too at an early date. No. 33, Edward Wollaston Hobson, is a son of an initiate of the Zetland Lodge, No. 608, who was also a joining member of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14; he and seven other children are dependent on the mother, but two of the eight are partially provided for. No. 37, William George Figgess, one of six fatherless children, is accredited to Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, of which his father was Inner Guard, while No. 38, Joseph Wood, also one of six dependent on a widowed mother, comes from the Finsbury Lodge, No. 861. No. 40, Bertram Hartley Robey, has a sister in the Girls' School. He is one of a family of five, dependent on their mother, of whom two only are partially provided for. The father was initiated in the Albion Lodge, No. 9, and became a joining member of the Bromley St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1805. No. 42, Herbert Benjamin Plows, is the second candidate on the list from the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87. This lad is one of three children dependent on their mother, who was left a widow in March of the present year. No. 49, Ernest Dobby, is another case in which a sister is already cared for in the Girls' School. There are still three children dependent on the mother, who is the

widow of a late member of the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287. No. 50, Walter Berry Freeman, is one of nine children, of whom only one is partially provided for. Both parents are living. The father is a Past Master of the Justice Lodge, No. 147, and figures as a Life Governor of the Institution for which his son is now a candidate. No. 53, George Leonard Reay Mackey, one of three fatherless children, is a son of an initiate of the St. John and St. Paul Lodge, No. 349, who also became a member of the Royal Naval College Lodge, No. 1593; he died in April 1883. No. 56, Sidney Robert Bolton, has both parents living, and is one of three dependent children. The father was initiated in the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, in October 1874, but we know nothing as to why his son is deemed eligible for admission to the Boys' School.

Having now concluded our summary of the London cases, and having reviewed about one-half of the candidates on the list, we propose to leave our consideration of the Provincials until next week, but may here state that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight sends up four cases; Durham, Lancashire (East), Northumberland, Sussex, Yorkshire (North and East), and Yorkshire (West) two each; and Cambridgeshire, Devonshire, Hertfordshire, Lancashire (West), Lincolnshire, Malta, Monmouthshire, Oxfordshire, South Wales (West), and Staffordshire, one each; a total of twenty-six, as referred to above.

FREEMASONRY.

A brief address delivered by Wm. J. Parker, M.D., of National, Arkansas, at the Masonic Celebration, near Caulksville, on St. John the Baptist's day, A.D. 1885.

THE people of earth divide and reorganise into thousands of parties—the various church and political creeds, sects, societies, trade-unions, &c., &c. Association, if you please, is wisely proclaimed by the eternal, triune God, and characterises the magnificent cosmic law; nay, more: Satan would be struck with awe were such celestial law denounced. But, whenever, and just so long as an organisation is destitute of that heaven-born principle, Fraternity, there will be friction and antagonism; and, sooner or later, the house will divide against itself. Why, “discord tore asunder the empanelled hosts of heaven, and blasted for ever the diadems of rejoicing angels.”

Fraternity is not a filial or gospel movement, but a plurality love; hence it is that brotherly love is so beautiful and divine. The kind words and “good counsel” of a brother beloved develops toward the model man, and expands the human heart. It expands the human heart to comprehend all that is good, and pure, and beautiful. And it is justice, the essential principle of fraternity, that renders, in equity, all dues to whatever individuality they belong.

Harmony, the all-important stimulus of this social state, is that which so strikingly characterises Freemasonry, and, in fact, all well regulated institutions to a certain degree. It is one of the crowning beauties of nature. Masonry does not regard the external, centripetal love of self, to the degree of egotistic selfhood, but the internal, social, centrifugal, *love of others*, and, if you please, self-poised reverence for Deity, hence, friendship, morality and brotherly love. Masonry is a moral institution—its radii diverging from Truth—its centre, pointing out to the fraternal brotherhood the moral law, and nature's God as the Divine Architect.

Freemasonry, though speculative, is a science. It is a progressive science, attainable only by degrees. As the poet has it, it is a

—“mysterious, glorious science,
Which to discord bids defiance.”

It has something to do in every branch of polite learning. Scientific endeavour, however grand its strides here in the nineteenth century, dear friends, dares not claim any priority over the principles of Ancient York Masonry; for they are as old as geometry, and, therefore, as old as creation. Why, the beautiful problem of symmetry would account for the antiquity of Masonry, and, therefore, suffice for argument.

I tell you, brethren and friends, Freemasonry is, to me next to the Christian religion. It is not a divine institu-

tion, but busies itself in augmenting true happiness of the social state here on earth; hence the indispensability of virtue, temperance, charity, &c. We are indeed sorry to say, however, that some of the vilest wretches that God, in His infinite compassion, ever suffered to breathe the breath of life, have whipped round and gained admission to our sacred rites, but *they are not* Masons. Not being Masons at heart, they are not Masons in the true sense of the letter. Free and Accepted Masonry extends from East to West, and between North and South, in every country and clime. And, notwithstanding such a high degree of universality, the Masonic world, bound together by the mystic ties of fraternal love, is so hermetically sealed that woe and adversity, though isolated and twelve thousand five hundred miles from the remotest brother, cause to tremble throughout the earth (by medium of intelligence, of course) the chords of sympathy and affection. I mean to say that isolated woe and adversity, by medium of intelligence, excite universal sympathy and affection just as

—“every earthly sound
Goes trembling through the voiceless spheres.”

The distinctive peculiarity of Freemasonry is the “rites and ceremonies,” which have been transmitted to us through by-gone ages by tradition, and which, we are happy to say, are worthy of prayerful consideration.

And now, brethren, I would say, in conclusion, that it is our high prerogative to press forward the colours of the sacred brotherhood. And you who are non-affiliates, I would have enlist as *co-workers* in our immortal cause. To say the least, it is your duty. *Wake up!* It is *absolutely* your duty to rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. To share alike both joy and woe with the brethren is indeed a blessed precept of Masonry, and its ancient purity must be maintained. Standing in the active ranks of Masonry, we admonish you all to hold out faithful to your sacred trust. So, justice being so characteristic of fraternity, and besides, united harmony—one of the crowning beauties of nature—being so strikingly characteristic of Freemasonry, we therefore, O God! await the death-knell of clandestine Masonry, and in fact, *all anti-Masonry.*

A POPULAR CRAFTSMAN.

WE have pleasure in reproducing, from *The World*, its pen and ink portrait of one of the best known dramatic authors of the day—Bro. Henry Pettitt, who is at the same time recognised as a true Mason, and one of the most distinguished members of the St. Asaph Lodge, No. 1319.

A clump of ancient elms, with hollow and moss-covered trunks, serves to screen the modest abode of modern melodrama, on the slope of Haverstock Hill, from the irreverent gaze of the ordinary passer-by. The gnarled and time-worn branches still put forth leaves abundantly each succeeding spring, and are scarcely a whit less hale and green than they were when “Tom” Moore and Francis Jeffery met in mortal combat in the fields below, just eighty years ago, or when Charles Dickens, half a century later, described “the bowers for reading and smoking, scattered about the tea gardens at Chalk Farm,” before the unattractive architecture and ever-increasing requirements of rival railway companies buried them out of sight for ever. It is here that Henry Pettitt lives and writes, when he is not engaged in the pursuit of the picturesque at Lynton, or hidden away for a time on the Surrey hills, in his snug quarters amongst the poachers at the Hnts’ Inn, Haslemere, close to the edge of the Devil’s Punch Bowl. The comfortable house of drab bricks, with neat white stone facings, to the rear of the elms and evergreens, is just such an abode as honest John Gilpin might well have revelled in; and some dead and forgotten tenant has carefully decorated it after the manner of our forefathers. Every available nook at the back is occupied by small conservatories, where dazzling blue, red and orange coloured panes throw kaleidoscopic reflections in the sunshine over the palms and ferns, and lend a peculiar charm to the “Chamber of Horrors” at the end of the dining-room, where Lawler’s busts of Henry Pettitt, Paul Meritt, and Edward Lloyd, and Lanteri’s characteristic statuette of Augustus Harris, gaze vacuously at each other from bright yellow pedestals amidst the flower-stands, and where the master of the house has hung up a file of the playbills of such of his dramas as have been produced piratically in every part of the world, which he calls the “Newgate Calendar.”

Henry Pettitt has chosen for his study a long low room on the ground floor, terminating in a broad bay window, two sides of which are filled with light stained glass, while the central compartment opens upon some steps which lead down amongst the creepers to a grass-plot, where a shady pear-tree and a giant umbrella invite you to read and write at your ease in the hot and uninspiring days of July and August. Over the mahogany writing table hang one or two of Walter Foster’s bright landscapes, with a pair of charming portraits by Frank Miles. The pictures of his uncle, J. P. Pettitt (an

artist of no common merit), occupy a prominent place on the walls, and you will also notice a drawing by Jefferson the actor, and a sketch by Frederick Vokes. For Henry Pettitt the world in which we live is only one vast storehouse of dramatic action and scenic effect, and everything about him reminds you exclusively of plays and play making. The various bookcases which line the room are crowded with the works which are so essential to the mysteries of construction, dialogue, and situation. Here, for instance, is a complete series of the “Illustrated London News,” the fruitful source of so many successful “sets,” which Henry Pettitt flies to now and then as a means of recreation when he is too jaded to look at anything else; next to it dwells the “National Encyclopædia,” and close at hand are to be found two powerful aids to dramatic sensation in the shape of “Russell on Crime” and “Roscoe’s Digest of the Law of Evidence.” Shakespeare, Scott, Dickens, and Macaulay have each their appropriate place in the collection; but they are perhaps hardly as serviceable as La Fontaine’s Fables, a family Bible rich in scriptural engravings, or the much-used volumes of “Picturesque America” and “Picturesque Europe.” On one side of the table is a cabinet containing the neatly-written and carefully-bound scrip of over forty dramas; on the other, a nest of drawers duly labelled “The World,” “In the Ranks,” “Drury Lane,” “Returns,” “American Interviews,” “Messrs. Gatti,” and “Pantomimes.”

There are a few more amusing *raconteurs* than Henry Pettitt, and the inspection of his household gods can hardly fail to elicit one or two good stories well worth remembering. When you are looking over the “American Interviews” he may, perhaps, graphically describe the visit of the special correspondent who found Pettitt’s *nieux cognac* so excellent that he was compelled at length to leave the subject of the interview to write the article on himself; and “Pantomimes” may possibly draw forth the tale of a notable managerial exploit at Gloucester, when he found his stock-piece had been played the previous year, and he was compelled to sit up the whole of one cold Christmas night to convert Dick Whittington into Robinson Crusoe, only to have the sublime effect of the rising sun of his transformation scene (a bargain from the Grecian) seriously compromised by too evident traces of the hobnailed boots of the stage carpenters, which the pit insisted on audibly attributing to the traditional footprints of faithful Friday. Every receptacle in the table itself is crammed with songs, poems, draft-plots, stray notes, “constructions,” and unacted plays. Henry Pettitt, early in his career, learned from his friend Charles Reade the inestimable value of a commonplace-book, and a corner of the study is dedicated to newspaper cuttings, a pastepot, and a sizeable pair of scissors, which share a particular table with an album of prints and photographs—the source of many an excellent theatrical scene. Here, on the first page, is the “Devil’s Hole, Jorsey,” which did good service in “The Black Flag;” then comes the pretty village of Peshurst, which looked so well on the Adelphi stage in “In the Ranks,” and Potter’s Training Stables at Epsom, reproduced with singular fidelity in “Taken from Life;” there are the photographs of the sad Soudan and Trafalgar-square, which helped so materially in the creation of the realistic effects which fairly astonished all those who crowded Drury Lane last Saturday to see, in the first performance of “Human Nature,” the greatest scenic success of modern times; and the picture of the old stone pier at Lynton, which next Boxing Night, will be transferred, along with “Harbour Lights,” from Devonshire to the Strand. Near the door is an ingeniously-contrived coloured up, which shows you at a glance the theatrical capabilities of every town in the United Kingdom; a pile of cut foolscap lies in convenient proximity to the blotting-pad on the table; while a small bundle of cheques for author’s fees, just to hand, and thrust carelessly into one of the pigeon-holes, tells you that, in addition to five plays running contemporaneously in America and Australia, “The World” occupied last week the boards at the Pavilion, while “Love and Money” was still delighting transportive audiences at the Surrey, and “The Black Flag” and “Her Majesty’s Pleasure” were being played at the Britannia and the Marylebone.

In the midst of this typical playwright’s workshop sits a tall spare man in the prime of life, with a heavy tawny moustache, such as a subaltern might envy, and fair hair falling persistently over his forehead. He is clad in a Paisley dressing gown (which bears the usual traces of much writing), and is turning listlessly over the best known standard books on America, in search of incidents for “Columbus,” which is one day to take the hearts of our friends across the Atlantic by storm. He has just lighted on a wonderful effect of forest scenery, which he thinks will look well with a dark cloth in the foreground; but he closes the volume as you enter, and does not seem sorry to forget the anxieties of “Human Nature” and “Harbour Lights” for a time, while he chats to you of play-making, dramatic collaboration, and himself. Henry Pettitt’s ancestors were Huguenots, who settled in Essex during the troubles of 1685. His father was a civil engineer, whose inventive genius made everybody’s fortune except his own, and who finally lost nearly all he possessed over a cotton machine patent in which he saw a veritable El Dorado. So Henry Pettitt had to shift for himself, and at fifteen was playing a small Irish part in a pantomime called “The Rose of Blarney,” at Sadler’s Wells. He soon became a zealous contributor to the “Boy’s Miscellany” and other kindred journals; but his only remuneration was a prize microscope, which realised ten shillings, to be subsequently spent in a high tea and a visit to the Strand Theatre. He next managed to obtain a junior clerkship at Pickford’s; but poetry-writing, plot-making, and burlesque lectures were not thought to be necessary qualifications for the Down Carriage Department, and he was politely requested to resign. His superior knowledge of geography then gained him an usher’s desk at the North London Collegiate School, and he remained there as one of Dr. Williams’s assistants for nearly six years. The pupils were at first inclined to rebel against their youthful master, but he soon became a general favourite, and managed to make the driest lessons interesting and attractive, teaching history by the light of romance, and taking the boys of North London in imagination all over Europe with the aid of Brad-

shaw, Cook's Circulars, and Murray's Guides. While keeping order in school, the writing of stories, sketches, and songs continued, and the "Scamp" had made the fortune of a well-known vocalist, when Mr. Morris Abrahams rewarded his first piece, "Golden Fruit," with the munificent sum of five guineas. He had already met Paul Meritt, and the two young men wrote "British Born" together, for Mr. George Conquest at the Grecian. The play proved to be a signal success, and Henry Pettitt bade farewell to his pupils in Camden Town, to associate himself with travelling, dramatic, operatic, and equestrian companies, and thus acquire a practical knowledge of the stage. On his return to London, two years later, he became treasurer at the Grecian Theatre, and, in collaboration with Mr. George Conquest, wrote "Queen's Evidence," which has since been played in every part of the world, and is now the property of Augustus Harris, who will reproduce it some day at Drury Lane. He afterwards composed "The Black Flag" for Mr. Conquest's successor. In 1880 he wrote "The World," in conjunction with Augustus Harris and his old friend Paul Meritt; and while in America, arranging for the sale of his copyrights, he received one afternoon a brief telegram, which, by reason of the difference of time, informed him that he had that evening scored another victory. There is no part of his career about which Henry Pettitt has more to tell than his stay in the States, and it was mainly his evidence and a clever detection of fraud he effected in a case relating to the "memorising" question which brought about the change of law which now permits English dramatic authors to sell their plays, under the protection of the Property Act, to American managers. Once again at home, he produced his pantomime of "King Frolic" at the Grecian, and wrote "The Nabob's Fortune" for the Hanlon-Lees. His success in "Taken from Life" at the Adelphi secured him a permanent engagement from the Brothers Gatti, and in the following autumn "Pluck," the joint work of Pettitt and Augustus Harris, was brought out at Drury Lane. He next wrote "Love and Money" with Charles Reade, and then "In the Ranks" in collaboration with George R. Sims. The run of the last named play is unprecedented in the history of melodrama. For nearly two years Henry Pettitt has been busy with the elaboration of "Human Nature," having once again Mr. Harris as his collaborator, and he is now engaged in the outlines of "Columbus," and in filling in the details of "Harbour Lights," in conjunction with Mr. Sims.

The copyright of his plays secures him a handsome income, and he thinks the British drama was never more flourishing or more profitable than it is at present. He believes rather in writing for the necessities of the hour than for the praises of posterity. He holds collaboration to be necessary nowadays, by reason of the demand for an amount of movement and incident, which can only be furnished by a combination of talent, industry, and idea. He considers it an advantage for one writer to watch jealously the work of another, and solve any difficulties which may arise by mutual discussion. The manner in which Henry Pettitt speaks of his different collaborators is characteristic of his kindly and generous nature. He confesses frankly that George Conquest taught him the rudiments of the art of construction; that Charles Reade's masterly grasp of an idea or situation has never, perhaps, been surpassed; that George R. Sims has no rival in the composition of strong character and emotional sketches; that Paul Meritt always gives proof of inventive genius and industry in his work; and that Augustus Harris possesses a surprising fertility of ideas, a marvellous rapidity of thought, and a natural gift for dramatic effect and situation. Henry Pettitt ascribes his success to his going through the world with his eyes open; but as he turns once more to his American studies, he cannot help admitting that, in this epoch of candid criticism, the making of plays is wholly fatal to one's peace of mind. "If you write poetic lines," he says, "you are guilty of high falutin, but if you stick to simple dialogue your style is bald and deficient in that unknown quantity called literary merit; if you put in smart things you are flippant and rude, whereas if your characters talk naturally you are prosy and commonplace; if your situations are strong you are transparent, but if you are quiet they are ineffective and uninteresting; if your audience weeps it should have been amused, and if it laughs it ought to have been treated to instruction and moral elevation. The modern playwright's art is one continued illustration of the ancient fable of the old man and his ass. It may be profitable, but you must be prepared to sacrifice present rest in the hope of future fame." With these reflections, Henry Pettitt goes to work again once more on the rough draft of "Columbus," to which you reluctantly leave him.

BE COURTEOUS.

IT is related of Zechariah Fox, the great merchant of Liverpool, that he was an illustrious example of true courtesy. Being once asked by what means he had secured so large a fortune, his reply was: "Friend, by dealing always in one article, which thou mayest deal in also, if thou pleasest—civility." Doubtless an observance of the common courtesies is conducive to business successes; it pays even in a material point of view to be civil and obliging as one goes along in the ways of related life. A courteous behaviour ensures respect, and is most likely to win manifold favours—starting often the currents of a true and abiding friendship.

The claims of courtesy may be urged on stronger grounds. There is a moral quality in this virtue which gives it a special recommendation. To be affable and pleasant to our associates is a matter of duty, and the injunction placed at the head of this article sets forth an

obligation binding upon men everywhere. It is an apostolic exhortation, and so comes to us with the voice of authority. It is a call which will not be deemed trifling or unimportant by men of noble minds and generous, loving hearts. "The small courtesies," 'tis said, "sweeten life; the greater ennoble it."

The spirit and the letter of Freemasonry require a courteous behaviour on the part of Brethren, not only to each other, but to the world at large. Craftsmen should be examples of good manners, thoughtful of the comfort of others, and prompt to express a kindly feeling whenever the opportunity offers. When their behaviour is of this sort it will be seen that the lessons of Freemasonry have been impressed upon their hearts, disposing them to show friendliness in their daily walk and conversation. But all are not thus endowed with this Masonic virtue. Members of the Masonic organisation will sometimes refrain from showing ordinary civilities to each other—their manners are not pleasing; and as they stand apart from their fellows, cold as icebergs, they seem altogether out of place in a Fraternity such as ours. Sometimes a whole Lodge seems saturated with this atmosphere of frigidity. Its leading members are eminently respectable, but they represent a hard type of manhood very much like Dickens' portraiture in the character of Mr. Dombey. Alas for the stranger who seeks to visit such a Lodge. He may expect to receive a chilling reception, from the time he enters until he leaves. The Tyler will not be over gracious; the committee of examination will question him as though he was an impostor; and if at last he is admitted to the Lodge and gains an official welcome, there will not be much cordiality in the greeting. The stranger will not be made to feel at home in such a Lodge; if any attentions are shown him they will be proffered in a perfunctory sort of way that detracts from their value; but most likely the visitor will be left to himself and suffered to depart at the evening's close, feeling that he has been repulsed by his Brethren—wounded in his affections in the house of his friends.

Good manners would not allow a stranger guest to be thus coldly received. The exercise of that true courtesy which Freemasonry so much inculcates would not permit the chance visitor to depart without being cheered on his way by friendly words and the grasp of Brothers' hands. And in the community and the world at large the expression of this same grace would send light into many dark places, would refresh many of the weary pilgrims of earth, and give an added zest to life. Brethren, be courteous!—*Freemasons' Repository.*

Obituary.

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BRO. GEORGE TOWNSEND, P.M. 820.

It is with deep feelings of regret that we undertake the mournful duty of announcing the death of Bro. George Townsend, P.M. 820. This event occurred on the 13th instant. The late Bro. Townsend was initiated in the Lily Lodge of Richmond in 1862, and in this Lodge he was made an honorary member, for services rendered. He was also a Past Master of the High Cross Lodge, No. 754. In the High Cross Chapter, where he was exalted, he was elected to the first chair. He was a Life Governor of two of the Institutions; he was ever a conscientious and unselfish Freemason, ready to commiserate with, and assist others who might be less fortunate. This may be evidenced, more particularly, in the following instances:—A brother Freemason of his acquaintance died, leaving four children. Bro. Townsend brought up these children, until they were able to obtain their own living. On another occasion his niece died, leaving three children unprovided for; these he was educating and maintaining at the time of his death. Our late brother was never married. The Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1045, was consecrated at Sandringham-road, Hackney, at the time he occupied the Lord Stanley Tavern. His remains were interred at Bow Cemetery, on Thursday, the 17th instant, when a large number of Masonic and other friends attended to pay their last tribute of respect.

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MAKE LODGES ATTRACTIVE.

THE Master of a Lodge should be a studious and thoughtful man, and above all a man fruitful in resources. Should the energy and zeal of the members of his Lodge begin to slacken, and their attendance become more and more reluctant and infrequent, he should be able to devise some scheme, to put into operation some plan by which he may win them back to their allegiance. The Lodge room should be made, next to home, the most delightful and attractive place on earth; a pleasant retreat from the cares and dividing influences of every-day, active business life. Every Mason should regard his Lodge as a perennial fountain to which he may come at all times, and have his own moral courage, and his confidence in his fellow-men increased and strengthened. Does business annoy him or financial disaster threaten, he here learns that no man should be regarded for his worldly wealth or honour. Is he discouraged and disheartened by the repeated instances of dishonesty and speculation in high places, in the world around him, he is here encouraged and strengthened by the fact that Masonry not only teaches but demands of her thousands of votaries everywhere, and by a constant symbol, to walk uprightly in their several stations before God and man, and act upon the square in all their dealings. From under such teachings a reflective mind comes out, strong and self-reliant, ready to fight life's battles and gain honour in the conflict. As one means to so desirable an end I would suggest, that as often as time will permit, when the Masters make the usual inquiry, if any Brother has anything to say for the good of Masonry? that it be something more than formally done. Insist upon something being said upon the subject of Masonry. If found necessary, go to some Brother before Lodge night, and tell him that you shall call upon him, and he must be prepared, if only for a five minutes talk. Invite others to express either their assent or dissent to what has been said, and you would soon be surprised at the readiness with which your call would be answered, as well as at the general increase of knowledge upon Masonic subjects. In this connection I have one further suggestion to make. Occasionally, at least, at your regular communications, after the routine business is done, and when there are no degrees to be conferred, let the Master go through with the questions and answers constituting the lectures of the three degrees, requesting the first Brother on the right, or left, to answer the first question, the next the second, and so on around the Lodge room. Invite discussion as to the correctness or otherwise of the answers, the Master, however, being, for the time being, the final arbiter upon the question. If no work offers, exemplification of the degrees and other modes of schooling the members may be substituted, and thus social intercourse stimulated, and attendance upon Lodge meetings made interesting and agreeable. Such a course persisted in, although it may be against difficulties and opposition at first, cannot fail to bring work, and will inaugurate a season of great prosperity, while the simple opening, hurrying through with whatever is to be done, closing and hurrying to extinguish the light of the Lodge room, dispersing in the quickest possible time, as is often the case, will leave your minds and hearts as dark as the room you leave behind, so far as any good the meeting together has done you, and will result in depleted attendance and loss of interest among the membership, and will serve to still further increase the already large army of non-affiliates.—*Grand Master Emerson, of Utah.*

Old Warrants (J).

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The "Inhabitants Lodge" ("Atholl" Grand Lodge, Charter), No. 202 from 1777; No. 251 from 1814; No. 178 from 1832, and No. 153 from 1863. (Vide Hughan's "Masonic Register," p 75).

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOS. CARTER, S.G.W. LAU. DERMOTT, D.G.M. R. DAVY, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern

Of the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edward, at York, Anno Domini Nine Hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry four thousand nine hundred twenty and six), in ample Form

assembled, viz. The Right Worshipful and most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathardle, Viscount of Balquidder, Gloualmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Captain and Constable of the Castle of Kinclaven, heritable keeper of the Palace of Falkland, and that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, &c. &c. &c.

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Grand Master of Masons, The Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott Esq. Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Thomas Carter Esq. Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Robert Davy Esq. Junior Grand Warden (with the Approbation and Consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren, viz The Worshipful John Strachan, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful David Young his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Charles Hutchinson his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid at, in His Majesty's Ordinance, at present residing in the Garrison of Gibraltar, upon the Second and Fourth Friday in each Kalendar Month, and on all seasonable Times and lawful occasions; And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do farther authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren John Strachan, David Young and Charles Hutchinson (with the Consent of the members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons &c. And such successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their successors &c &c &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. John's Day during the Continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the seal of our Grand Lodge in London this Eighteenth day of November in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Seventy Seven, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand seven hundred and Seventy Seven.

JAS JONES Grand Secretary.

Note.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 8, Letter H.

This, the *original* warrant of the "Inhabitants Lodge," Gibraltar (the only original warrant in existence for Gibraltar), has been missing for many years, the Grand Lodge having granted a Warrant of Confirmation on 10th July 1877. (Copy, see FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, 9th September 1885). Singular to state the valuable document was recognised by Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D. whilst on a visit to his friend Major Francis George Irwin (P. Dist. G. Warden, &c.), of Bristol, who had it framed in his "Masonic room" as one of his numerous and precious curios of the Craft. Major Irwin purchased it, with other Masonic souvenirs, many years ago, and feeling assured that the present members of No. 153, Gibraltar, would highly appreciate it, has handsomely forwarded it to Brother Hughan for presentation to that Lodge. He has sent it to the *District Grand Master*, the Hon. Sir Henry Burford-Hancock, through whose good offices we are indebted for the transcript of the Warrant of Confirmation, per Bro. R. F. Gould P.G.D. It is also a singular fact, and worth noting, that Bros. Gould, Irwin and Captain Schrieber were the Master and Wardens respectively on the revival of the Lodge in 1858, Major Irwin also serving in the chair of that well-known Lodge. These particulars we have obtained from Brother W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, who recognised the Charter, and who has carefully copied it for our series of "Old Warrants," some lines requiring the services of such an able Masonic expert to decipher. Some portions are written on the parchment, the other parts being engraved. The seals are wanting. There are three numbers on it now, but originally there was only the No. 202.—[Ed. F.C.]

SERIES OF OLD WARRANTS.

WE have now succeeded in tracing and publishing copies of all the "Atholl" warrants of existing Lodges, save the following. Transcripts of these we shall be glad to have as soon as possible, to complete the set. We fraternally invite the co-operation of the Craft for that purpose.—[Ed. F.C.]

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| Bermuda: 224 and 233. | Jamaica: 207 and 239. |

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 795.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead, on Wednesday, 16th September, at half-past two o'clock. Present: Bros. John Innes W.M., C. Dairy P.M. 141 as S.W., E. W. Atten J.W., W. Holcombe S.D., C. Dearing as J.D., E. J. Withers I.G., C. Shepherd Tyler; also Bros. T. B. Linscott I.P.M., H. H. Hodges P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Sec., C. S. Bailey, J. Cutbill, W. Fenton, A. J. G. Waterhouse, and W. Deacon. Visitors: Bros. C. Dairy P.M. 141, G. Coop J.W. 141, Sec. 2021, 1612, G. G. Butcher 569, and W. F. Harling 975. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. Owing to an omission in forwarding a change of Bye-Laws to Grand Lodge, the brethren proceeded to again elect a W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, and their choice was once more unanimously recorded in favour of Bro. John Greenfield P.M. 1602 for W.M., Bro. John Finch P.M. 173 and 795 Treasurer, and C. Shepherd Tyler. A telegram was despatched to the W.M. elect, acquainting him with the result. The Lodge was advanced, and Bro. C. S. Bailey was duly raised in ancient form by the I.P.M. The Lodge was resumed. Bro. Withers having given notice to reduce the number of meetings from six to four, the Lodge was adjourned until Wednesday, 21st October. A capital repast followed, under the personal superintendence of Bro. W. Deacon, the host, who again gave general satisfaction.

UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 1428.

AT the last regular meeting of this Lodge, the Worshipful Master, Bro. Jackson P.G. Steward, presented Past Master Johns, Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, with a handsome jewel appertaining to that office, subscribed for by members of the Lodge, as a memento of his services as Installing Master, this being the third occasion Bro. Johns has had the honour of carrying out that interesting ceremony, with his usual ability. Bro. Johns, in returning thanks, remarked that whenever he pinned that jewel on his breast it would remind him, and he hoped others who were present, that the subscribers were not unmindful of the great difficulties he laboured under on that occasion, through circumstances over which he had no control, and it would also remind him that his former services as Installing Master were appreciated by them.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THIS Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 14th inst. Bro. Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., Prov. S.G.W. W.M. presided, and there were also present Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. Simpson P.M., M. Millington P.M., J. T. Sellar P.M., A. T. B. Turner S.W., James Kay Sec., G. Chapman S.D., S. J. Dalton J.D., W. Lackenby I.G., and about 20 brethren and Visitors. The business consisted of the initiation of Mr. William Sharpe and the raising of Bro. Routledge, these ceremonies being performed by Bro. Whytehead, the J.W. giving the charge in the first degree. A resolution was passed to form a Lodge of Instruction in connection with the Lodge; and another resolution making an addition to the bye-laws was passed. Presentations of books were made by Bros. C. L. Mason, of Leeds, and T. B. Whytehead. It was announced that Bro. the Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master, had expressed his willingness to perform the dedication ceremony of the hall at some date to be fixed about the end of October, when the new furniture is expected to be ready. After the close of the Lodge the brethren met in the smoke room, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent, enlivened with songs from the W.M., the J.D., the Organist (Bro. Child) and others. The health of the W.M. was drunk with enthusiasm, and in reply he thanked the brethren most cordially, and stated his intention to do the utmost in his power for the interest of the Lodge.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

WITH the Installation Meeting of this popular Lodge the "Masonic Season" at Freemasons' Hall, and the consequent festivities at the adjoining Tavern, may be said to be fairly inaugurated, and we may look forward to light and brilliancy, where for the past few months all has been gloom and depression, about the headquarters of our Order in Great Queen-street. The interesting meeting we are now about to furnish particulars of took place on Saturday last, the 12th instaut, when the Lodge was opened by the popular W.M. Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, who was supported by his Officers and Past Masters, with the following Visitors:—H. Hastelow P.M. 101, F. Dunn P.M. 72, J. G. Brealey 1056, W. J. Towers J.D. 15, J. Burdett 1261, E. Stoor W.M. 167, E. J. Jones J.D. 131, T. Bullard P.M. 556, Past District G.J.W., Past District Grand Treasurer New South Wales, E. Stimson P.M. 15, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, G. Reepe 228, J. F. Mayfield J.D. 1298, T. Brown 1579, J. J. Maltster 1706, W. Smith 1706, J. W. Seex P.M. 186, W. A. S. Staley J.D. 1597, W. W. Walton S.D. 385, G. H. Reynolds 1614, C. W. Noehmer P.M. 186, J. Chabb 186, W. Waring 196, A. P. Keeling I.G. 1671, S. Flint 1613, T. J. Smith P.M. 191, C. Beckett 1319, R. D. Lacey 1706, J. Hodges P.M. 1706, G. T. Carter P.M. 1706. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G. Chaplain (an honorary member of the Lodge) was also present. After Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes—Regular Meeting of the 11th April and Emergency of the 13th June—were read and confirmed. Bro. James Morris was a candidate for the

sublime degree, and after the Lodge had been advanced a step, Bro. Morris passed a satisfactory examination as to the proficiency he had made, and was duly entrusted with the test of merit. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the candidate was readmitted, and the ceremony most carefully worked by the W.M. The Lodge was resumed in the second degree, and the W.M. elect, Bro. G. F. Smith, the Senior Warden of the past year, was presented to receive the benefit of installation. After the obligation had been duly administered, Lodge was again placed in the third degree. In course the Board of Installed Masters was opened and the candidate placed in the Master's chair. On the readmission of those brethren who were necessarily compelled to retire temporarily, the new Worshipful Master was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, Bro. Dewsnap conducting the ceremony in a manner eminently satisfactory. To Bro. J. W. Brooke, who we believe was the first Master of this Lodge, was entrusted the duty of delivering the addresses to Master, Wardens and Brethren respectively. These were most carefully rendered—but, our esteemed brother will pardon us if we point out what we think a fault, they should have been taken in a little faster time; the deliberation displayed made their delivery somewhat monotonous. However, this can easily be amended on the next occasion that Brother Brooks may have the opportunity of displaying his elocutionary powers, which are decidedly of a high character. The following are the names of the brethren who were appointed to assist Bro. Smith in the government of the Lodge:—J. W. Dewsnap I.P.M., A. Williams S.W., H. Cattermole J.W., T. C. Corpe P.M. Treasurer, S. J. Rossiter Secretary, W. B. Marons S.D., J. Da Silva J.D., C. H. Cox I.G., H. Auerbach D.C., H. S. Trego Organist, G. F. Smith P.M. P.G.O. Essex and H. Cruse Stewards, T. Bowler Tyler. In the course of the routine work which followed, a notice of motion was given to increase the fee chargeable to those who in future may desire to associate themselves with the Lodge as Joining Members. A proposition was also made for a brother who desired to join. Both of these matters will receive due consideration at the next meeting. Reference was next made to the recent marriage of Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips (an honorary member), and it was agreed that a letter of congratulation should be forwarded to him on the auspicious event. The charity box was passed round, and the members of the Lodge made liberal contributions to it. The elegant Past Master's jewel of the Lodge was presented to the retiring Master. This duty was undertaken by Bro. Smith, with infinite pleasure; Bro. Dewsnap had well earned the decoration. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
BROTHER J. W. DEWSNAP
by the Brethren of the DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839,
as a mark of appreciation of his services as
W.M. 1884-1885.
Freemasons' Hall, London.
12th Sept. 1885.

Bro. Dewsnap, in acknowledging the presentation, remarked that that evening had been one of the proudest of his life. He should ever remember, with pleasure, his association with the Lodge, and especially during the term of his Mastership. Shortly afterwards the Lodge was closed, and the brethren, seventy-one in number, repaired to banquet, in the Crown room, which, during the recess, has been renovated and refurnished in a manner that reflects the highest credit on the enterprise of Messrs. Spiers and Pond, the lessees of the Freemasons' Tavern. An excellent menu was provided, and full justice having been done to the repast, the Worshipful Master proceeded with the toasts of the evening. After that of the Queen and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been honoured, the Grand Officers were complimented, Bro. Bullard being called upon to respond on their behalf. After thanking the Worshipful Master for the hospitality which he had accorded to him, a stranger, who had been absent from England for the last thirty-three years, Bro. Bullard remarked how gratifying it was to see the progress Freemasonry was making all over the world. He hailed from Sydney, and belonged to the District of New South Wales, which could boast of a membership of some two thousand Masons. This, it would be conceded, was a goodly number, and might be considered fairly representative. Bro. Bullard next referred to the recognition which had been lately given to the recently established Grand Lodge of the neighbouring colony of South Australia, and predicted that the time would shortly arrive when the efforts made to establish an independent Grand Lodge for New South Wales must receive similar recognition. Bro. Dewsnap proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. It needed little from him to recommend the toast. The brethren of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge appreciated the sterling qualities of their Worshipful Master, and he (Bro. Dewsnap) felt they would give their ruler every assistance during his year's control. In reply Bro. Smith hardly knew how to thank the brethren for all the kindnesses he had received. Of this he could assure them, that as hitherto he had striven to promote peace and harmony amongst the members, it would be his aim so to continue in the future. He hardly felt himself capable of fulfilling the duties as he could wish, but he was surrounded by a kind-hearted body of Past Masters, on whom he felt he could rely in any emergency that might arise. In proposing the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Smith felt that all he could say was that Bro. Dewsnap had done his duty thoroughly, and had gained the respect and esteem of all associated with the Lodge. After thanking the brethren for the reception just accorded to this toast, Bro. Dewsnap referred to the satisfactory position in which the Lodge stood, inasmuch as it had a funded capital of £100, in addition to a balance in the hands of the Treasurer. For the Visitors Bros. Hastelow, Dunn, and Noehmer responded, while the Past Masters severally replied to the toast given in their honour. The Treasurer and Secretary having been complimented, and response made by Bros. Corpe and Rossiter, the toast of the Masonic Press was given, and for this Bro. W. W. Morgau was called upon to respond. In acknowledging the kind

remarks of the Worshipful Master as to the usefulness of the Masonic Press, and the services it rendered to the Craft at large, he referred to the utterances of Bro. Bullard, which he characterised as being contrary to the spirit of the decision arrived at by Grand Lodge in regard to the suggested Grand Lodge of New South Wales. He called attention to the universal desire on the part of the brethren of South Australia—under the three Constitutions, of England, Scotland, and Ireland—that they should amalgamate and form an independent Grand Lodge of their own. The unanimity displayed by the South Australians rendered their recognition a matter worthy of consideration; this the Grand Lodge of England had fully given to the question, in all its bearings; with the result, that though not hastily arriving at a decision to disassociate itself with any Lodges that had hitherto recognised its paternity, it would never stand in the way where the desire for independence was universally proclaimed. He then pointed out how different was the case in regard to the petition of the New South Wales brethren, where those in favour of a change were in the minority. The toast of the Officers came next on the list, and then a special toast was given on behalf of the musical brethren. To this latter Bros. Hodges and Carter responded. A capital musical entertainment was provided, of which the following is the programme:—Grace, "Deum Laudate," Dr. J. Smith; National Anthem, Dr. J. Bull; Glee, "Come, see what pleasure," Elliott; Song, "Only once more," F. Moir, Bro. G. T. Carter; Glee, "Haste, ye soft gales," Martin; Song, "The Chorister," Sullivan, Master Fred Wallenu; Solo Pianoforte, "Caprice," Raff, Bro. G. F. Smith jun.; Humorous Glee, "A Franklynn's Dogge," Mackenzie; Song, "The Skipper," Jude, Bro. R. De Lacy; Glee, "The Woods," Mendelssohn; Song, "Loving Evermore," Walter Allen, Bro. Charles Beckett; Glee "Fill the Shining Goblet," Parry. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak, S.E., on Wednesday, 9th September. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. H. Maunder Williams, the Officers and brethren present being Bros. H. Stokes S.W., H. Hooper S.D. as J.W., C. H. Phillips as I.P.M., W. Hopekirk P.M. Treasurer, John Hammond P.M. P.P.G.D. Middlesex Secretary, and A. Darch P.M. J.D. as S.D., J. Fuller as J.D., G. Mordey I.G., W. Bartlett W.S., G. R. Langley Assistant Secretary, A. Pitman Assistant Organist; also Bros. Lawson, Cloake, Andrews, E. Bye Secretary, B. Forster, W. H. O'Reilly, &c. Bro. J. W. Hiscox P.M. was subsequently elected a member. There were also present as Visitors Bros. James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, C. J. Axford S.W. 2048, and J. Barrington Woolford, Mount Olive Lodge, No. 385, Demerara. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. expressed his regret and disappointment that the candidate for passing was prevented from attending by important engagements at a considerable distance, and there being no other business on the agenda, the cases of two applicants for relief were taken into consideration, and assistance rendered to them, as prayed. Lodge was then closed, and refreshment followed. In the course of the evening a hearty and cordial welcome was accorded to Bro. Woolford, visiting from a distant country; that brother, in response, expressed his sense of the true Masonic spirit in which it was offered. A pleasant couple of hours were spent in a most enjoyable manner, the several complimentary toasts being excellently responded to, whilst recitations and songs were interspersed throughout the proceedings.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, 17th September, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Prior W.M., Thomas S.W., Mansfield J.W., Banks P.M., Treas., S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., H. C. Freeman S.D., Fisher J.D., Penrose I.G., P.M.'s Hutchings Preceptor, Geo. Andrews; also Bros. Stringer, J. Bedford Williams, W. B. Mansfield, Dale, Strickland, Hunt, J. J. Pitt, Joyce, Greener, and Emblin. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second, and the usual questions leading from the second to the third degree were answered by Bro. W. B. Mansfield. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge was then called off, and on resuming was closed to the first degree. Bro. Thomas S.W. was elected W.M. for the second Thursday in October. The Secretary announced that he had a melancholy duty to perform, and that was to propose a vote of condolence with Bro. George Bolton P.M., whose wife had died suddenly on the 10th inst. The vote was seconded, with some appropriate remarks, by Bro. Hutchings Preceptor, and carried unanimously. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, 13th September, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Dixie W.M., Turner S.W., Fluck J.W., Collingridge (Secretary) S.D., Alford J.D., Saunders I.G., Weeden Acting Preceptor, and several other brethren. After preliminary remarks, the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hutchison answered the questions leading to the second degree. The ceremony of passing to the second degree was rehearsed, Bro. Lowry acting as candidate. Bro. Richardson answered the questions leading to the third degree and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Richardson acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first, and closed in due form. Bros. Lowry 1839 and Saunders 1219, were elected members, and Bro. Turner was elected W.M. for Monday next.

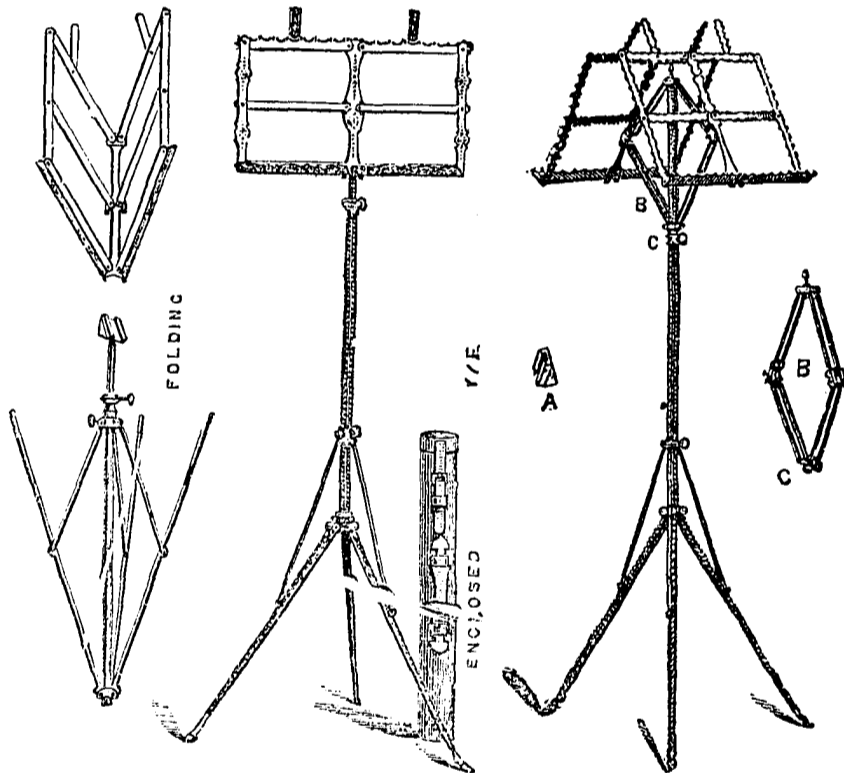
New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—On Tuesday, 15th inst., at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, there were present Bros. Oldis W.M., Gash Preceptor, Beck S.W., Hildreth J.W., Berry Secretary, Cross S.D., Kearney J.D., Barnett I.G.; also Bros. Fenner, Tremere, Russell, Goode, Lovell, Salmon, Sharpe, Partington, Sycklemore, Frampton, Jenkins, Snelling, and Follett. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Partington having offered himself as candidate for raising, answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree and the first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Jenkins. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, and the second and third sections of the lecture worked by Bros. Fenner and Jenkins respectively. Bro. Beck was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was adjourned to Tuesday next, at 8 p.m.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—On Saturday, 12th inst., at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith, there were present Brothers F. Craggs W.M., A. Williams S.W., J. Brown J.W., G. Gardner Treasurer, W. Johnson P.M. Secretary, C. Conrad S.D., W. W. Williams J.D., J. Myers I.G., T. Wicks Tyler; Bros. T. Ayling P.M. Preceptor, Albert Martin P.M. 1539, W. Wilson, H. Furze, H. D. Smither, Purdue, H. Fruen, Sims, V. Wing, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Furze candidate. Bro. Purdue worked the first section, and the S.W. was elected to fill the chair for the ensuing week. It was then announced that the ceremony of installation would be rehearsed on Saturday, the 26th inst. Nothing more offering, Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WILTSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Wiltshire was held at the Town Hall, Warminster, on Friday, the 11th instant, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent of the Province, the Right Hon. Lord H. F. Thynne, M.P., supported by Companions R. Stokes as Prov. G.H., W. Nott as Prov. G.J., and other Officers and Companions of the Province, and by Sir Francis Bardett, Bart., Grand Superintendent of Middlesex. The meeting was held immediately after the installation meeting of the receiving Chapter, Thynne, 1478. After Provincial Grand Chapter had been opened, the roll called, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the Report of the Charity Committee, which had met that morning, was read. From this it appeared that Companion J. Campbell Maclean, P.Z. 365, had offered, and was recommended by the Committee for adoption, as Steward for the next Festival of the Girls' School, and the Committee further recommended, should such Stewardship be adopted by the Provincial Grand Chapter, a grant of £21, to be placed on his list, should be made. These recommendations were unanimously approved. Companion John Chandler, one of the Auditors, presented his Report on the Treasurer's accounts. Comp. J. V. Toone, Provincial Grand Registrar, read his Annual Report, which gave as usual an account of the position of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province, and of the five Chapters therein. Comp. W. Nott, Provincial Grand Treasurer, as Secretary to the Provincial Benevolent Fund and Charity Organisation Committee, stated in response to an inquiry from the M.E. Superintendent that the Benevolent Fund was steadily increasing, as the whole of the funds were being invested, no claim upon it for assistance having as yet been made, whilst as regards the Charity Organisation this Province was still in active co-operation with several others, to the mutual advantage of all of them. The M.E. Superintendent, in addressing the Companions, stated that it gave him great satisfaction to hold his Provincial Grand Chapter at Warminster, for the first time since the consecration of the Chapter there in 1881. He was glad to see the numbers in the Province virtually maintained, and although he would like to see some increase, yet he most cordially concurred in the expression which appeared in the P.G. Registrar's report, that great care should be taken in admission to the degree. He expressed his regret that he had not been able to attend the meeting of the Thynne Chapter earlier in the day, and instal the three Principals, and he took that opportunity of thanking Companions Maclean and Chandler for having done so in his place. He was glad to hear from Comp. Nott's account, as to the finances, that the Province was in a sound position, and he expressed his pleasure that Comp. Maclean had undertaken the Stewardship for the Girls' School, and hoped that he would receive liberal support. He also expressed his great regret at the absence of Comp. H. C. Tombs F.G.S.E., who was pre-

vented from attending by the death of a very near relative. The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the following as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp. W. Nott 632	...	...	H.
H. P. Blackmore 586	...	...	J.
Henry C. Tombs 355 (re-appointed)	...	...	S. E.
J. C. Maclean 355	...	...	S. N.
G. Pike 1478	...	...	Principal Soj.
A. J. Beaven 632	...	...	1st Asst. Soj.
Theobald Ringer 1533	...	...	2nd Asst. Soj.
H. Bevir 355	...	...	Registrar
John Chandler 355 (re-appointed)	...	...	Dir. of Ceres.
John Savory (re-elected)	...	...	Janitor

After the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed, the Companions dined together at the Bath Arms Hotel.

We have pleasure in notifying to the members and friends of the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement that the session will commence on Tuesday, the 6th October. The meetings will again be held at the White Hart, Abchurch-lane, corner of Cannon-street, where business will commence at half-past six o'clock and conclude about eight. This arrangement will enable all who are desirous to reach home at an early hour. Comp. Fred Brown will again perform the functions of Preceptor.

The installation ceremony will be rehearsed by Bro. H. Purdue, I.P.M. 834, on Saturday, 26th inst., at 7.30, at the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith.

The weekly meetings of the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780, were resumed at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, the 18th instant, at 8 o'clock p.m. They will be continued on every following Friday, with the exception of the 25th inst. (the meeting night of the Mother Lodge), until further notice.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

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ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTORY, No. 101.

ON Tuesday, the 8th inst., a meeting of this body took place at the Masonic Hall, York, when, in the absence of the E.P., Fratre T. B. Whythead (Preceptor) presided. There were also present Preceptors W. Lawton, G. Simpson, and M. Millington; and Frates W. Brown, J. T. Seller, Major McGachen, and others. Comp. W. Watson having been balloted for, was installed as a member of the Order. The remainder of the business was of a formal nature, and the members subsequently supped together.

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MASONIC HISTORY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your review of Bro. Riley's valuable work on "The Yorkshire Lodges" has somewhat prematurely brought before the notice of the Craft a work which has engaged my attention for a considerable time, and in confessing that the "soft impeachment" is substantially correct, I need only say in reference thereto that the work is progressing favourably, and that I hope to get it published at no very distant period.

My special object in writing to you now, however, is to ask any brethren who may be in possession of Old Lists or Old Warrants, more especially relating to the *Athol* or *Ancient Lodges* that are now extinct (and which have not appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), to kindly favour me with such information respecting them as may be useful for my work; viz., names and numbers of Lodges, dates of Constitution, places of meeting (with dates) of the *Athol* Lodges prior to the Union of 1813; also dates of removal, transfer, or erasure.

I shall be glad if brethren will communicate with me before sending any valuable documents for inspection.

By inserting this you will much oblige,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN LANE, P.M. 1402.

2 Baunercross Abbey Road, Torquay,
15th September 1885.

"THE YORKSHIRE LODGES."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to thank you for the exhaustive review of my "Yorkshire Lodges" in your issue of 12th inst., and especially for the opportunity, appreciated as unusual, of a reply at your invitation.

I intend to send you for publication next week, copy of an original circular in my possession, issued by Richard Rich, Esq., which will be my evidence re the 6th Prov. G. Master, as requested.

If your readers will correct their copies of my work as follows, I shall be much obliged.

Page 27 substitute 1781 for "1871" 11th line.

" 59 " 1779 for "1752" last line.

" 62 " 1811-30 for "1829-30" 18th line.

I propose merely to refer to another statement in your very flattering review; but before doing this, take the opportunity of stating that I have taken the liberty of treating the Phoenix Lodge (p 76) as a new Lodge, but the text is so clear that it is not possible for any one to be misled by it, and most brethren will readily express a preference for the course adopted. The Phoenix was by its Warrant virtually the Apollo Lodge continued; but having been careful to show this, it appeared to me that such an exceptional revival by total strangers might advantageously be treated separately.

On the remaining point (No. 208) I shall give my opinions, only regretting the absence of this Lodge History to settle the very narrow difference between us. If you do not accept my deductions, you admit my numeration commencing 1792, because it is that of your 1772 Lodge.

The Unanimity 436, of 21st November 1772, I say was certainly by no means unanimous as to what number it ought to be, or had a right to be, between 1770 and 1792.

No. 373 (3 Grand Principles, Islington) of Sept. 10th 1776 was neither erased nor dead except by the acts of its own members. As they probably forgot the three Grand Principles, some, perhaps all, wished for and ultimately (at least in name) obtained a Lodge of Unanimity, and of course with it a second warrant and a higher number in 1772, neither of which were needed had the brethren but practised the first of the grand principles. The two warrants remained; the Lodge in name 1772, but in heart 1766. We know not now what difficulties would have presented themselves if the new warrant had been allowed to lapse; but we do know that in 1793 the Lodge not only went back to its old place at the King's Head, Islington, but likewise its old (as I think original) name of Three Grand Principles. It is historically correct, I think, to say (p 32) "the original warrant was dated Sep. 10th 1766," but I do not claim more than is due—the numeration since 1791 has been that of 1772—before then it had two, and naturally claimed the oldest warrant, though perhaps unwilling or unable to pay the additional cost of maintaining both. I am well aware that it has long since surrendered its legal right to 1766 so far as numeration is concerned: and as a Yorkshire Lodge it dates only from 1803. I have taken up more of your space than I intended, but really found it impossible to imitate you in brevity on this subject. Permit me also to join with you, Sir, in sincerely wishing Bro. Lane unqualified success as the result of his labours.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

Bradford, 16th September 1885.

CONFIRMATION OF BENEVOLENT GRANTS IN GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think the regular attendants at Grand Lodge assume it to be the custom to confirm the grants recommended by the Board of Benevolence without comment, unless some very special reason exists for re-opening the inquiry, which is usually pretty severe when the case is before the members of the Board of Benevolence. It may perhaps be hard for brethren who are outvoted in the minor assembly to keep quiet when the opportunity presents itself in Grand Lodge to again air their views, but I think it would be very much better for them to keep quiet if they have only got the old facts to repeat. I consider it is very bad taste to put on a feeler, as it were, by some such enquiry as, "Is not the grant a large one, considering what the brother concerned did for Freemasonry?" This is usually done only with the view of ascertaining if sufficient sympathisers are present to allow of the subject being re-discussed, and I think the inquiry in the Board of Benevolence should be considered final unless some very exceptional evidence is forthcoming to amend it.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

ROUTINE.

CANDIDATES AT THE OCTOBER ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The opening remarks in your last issue, when speaking of the supply of candidates for the Masonic Educational Institutions, are very true—the supply of candidates is greater than the demand—and I fear it will always be so. What we, as Freemasons, should be proud of is, — the fact that we are able to keep pace, to an extent at least, with the demands made upon us. There are a very large number of candidates coming forward, both for the Girls' and the Boys' Schools, but fortunately those Institutions are in a position to provide for a goodly number of

them. Altogether there are ninety approved candidates, but as I understand there are two who have been withdrawn from the Boys' list, thus leaving eighty-eight, to go to the poll. Of this number fifty-three are to be elected, sixteen girls and thirty-seven boys, a very good proportion, I think, considering the heavy calls which are continually being made on the benevolence of Freemasons.

The particulars given on the balloting papers, brief as they are, give evidence of an amount of grief and distress which it should be our constant endeavour to relieve to the best of our ability. I will not attempt to go over the same ground as you have traversed in your editorial remarks, but there are a few features which will bear being placed before your readers in a manner distinct from that in which you set them forth, and if anything I say induces even one brother to take a greater interest in the Masonic Charities than he does already, I shall be amply repaid.

In the first place, there are no less than ten of the candidates who have lost both of their parents. I sincerely hope that not one of these ten children will be sent away next month unentitled to the benefits which the Masonic Schools are able to afford. Can nothing be done to relieve them without the anxiety entailed by a severely-contested election? I suppose not, and unreasonable as my desires may be, I even hope that a time may arrive when such a blessing may be possible. It would indeed be a grand and noble work for Freemasonry to fulfil, if it could ever be arranged that such cases as these ten I have just referred to could be provided for by the Fraternity, simply on the plea that they were worthy of relief.

I may next refer to the last application cases. I admit you have said all that is needed of each of them, but if I place them in conjunction with the ten cases referred to above, I may be able to present a picture which shall touch the heart of any of your readers not already supporters of our Schools. There are two girls and six boys on this, I may say, fatal list. Each of these children—or their friends on their behalf—have been led to expect something from Freemasonry. If this was not so they would never have been put forward as candidates; and what is the prospect which they have to look forward to now? One of the girls (Maude Emily Fitt) stands a fair chance of success, having 1403 votes already polled on her behalf, while the other (Emily Hannah G. Campbell) is a new applicant. Of the boys, No. 1 (F. T. Davis) looks like a forlorn hope; No. 3 (Arthur Warner) will need very strong support, No. 12 (Harry E. Henshaw) stands well, No. 13 (Alfred E. Astington) is backward, while No. 25 (Josiah Martin) and No. 34 (William H. G. Smithers) are new candidates.

A consideration of these eighteen cases is, I think, sufficient to open the hearts—and if need be the purses—of all who give the matter a moment's thought. Distress prevails in connection with each of them, but I sincerely hope only for a time.

I am, &c., yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

THE THEATRES.

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Drury Lane.—Mr. Harris has announced that Drury Lane shall appeal to the public from its own stage, and no longer jostle tipsy Hottentots or soap-devoted nymphs upon the boardings. The complete and well-deserved triumph of the first night of "Human Nature," with its overflowing house and genuine enthusiasm, may lead us to hope that ere long our tragedians need not agonise, nor our beloved comedians advertise sticking plaister in effigies that sadden their discreet friends. "Human Nature" is an excellent title, if only we have live men and women in the play, and Messrs. Pettitt and Harris have provided a really good story, with people in whom we can feel an honest interest. We have for hero a Captain Temple, a fine, manly fellow, devoted to his wife, but who at some earlier period has had questionable relations with a certain Cora Grey. This person, during the Captain's temporary absence, has secured a footing in his house as his wife's companion. On discovering the state of affairs he commands Cora to leave. She tells him he shall bitterly rue this treatment. With the unconscious aid of a certain Paul de Vigne, the trusted friend of Temple, she fixes the seeming guilt of an intrigue on the Captain's devoted wife. He returns home, to find his false friend in his wife's room at night, whilst she, in wild terror, seeks safety in her husband's arms; he, however, thrusts her aside in horror, whilst he turns to de Vigne, exclaiming, "My reckoning is with you." It was in this scene that Mr. Neville's splendid sincerity of emotion held the house breathless, till the silence was broken by a great storm of applause. In the second act the authors indulge in a daring legal *tour de force*. Captain Temple has applied to his lawyer, Matthew Hawker, to procure a separation, *mensu et thoro*, before leaving for Egypt, and Hawker, to serve his own ends, applies for and obtains a divorce. He next, as trustee, secures possession of Temple's little boy, and entrusts him to the Lambtons, a pair of gnomish baby-rearers, living at Stonefield Farm. Here we had portrayed a never less harrowing scene of childish misery, which doubtless Mr. Harris has had toned down since the first night. Mr. Fred. Thorne, as Joe Lambton, and Miss Lizzie Claremont, as his wife, have never acted better; but the unrelieved brutality of the parts is certainly to be regretted. Little Katie Barry gives a most touching picture of poor little Dick, the waif, drudging and starving at the farm; while little Paul Fisher was charming as Frank Temple; his childish bewilderment and terrified indignation at the rough treatment he meets with was ably rendered. There is here displayed a delightful bit of human nature, where the two children sit down on a log, and the fine little gentleman in velvet shares a crust with his ragged brother in adversity. Miss Isabel Bateman, as the distracted mother seeking her child, has a fine opportunity. She played with no less force than tenderness, and was recalled when the

curtain fell again and again. In the third act we have a delicious bit of comedy by Mr. Harry Nichols, as Spoffins, the poetical and genial clerk of our rascally lawyer Hawker. How this gentleman makes impromptu rhymes, and how he makes love to pretty, saucy Lucy (Marie Illington), Mrs. Temple's faithful maid, all London will laugh at seeing and long to see again. In Act IV. Mr. Harris has achieved greater scenic wonders than even he has yet given us. We are in Egypt—in the desert—with its cruel sands, its pitiless sky, its herbage a mockery. Captain Temple is here seeking death, in vain. The scene of the desert city, with De Vigne—now a confederate of the Mahdi—inciting the people to renewed efforts against the English, is magnificent in its reality and reproduction of the picturesque character of Eastern life. But the succeeding picture—at the Wells—within a rift in the rocks, is perhaps a still greater marvel of scenic effect. It is here that De Vigne—now flying from his native foes—suddenly finds himself in the presence of the man whose life he has wrecked. Mr. Grahame rises well to the demands of the occasion, and his presentation of the misery and terror of the famished caitiff is very powerful. The authors have been well inspired in dealing justice to his crimes by the hands of his Egyptian pursuers. He falls at Temple's feet, confesses his crime, asserts the innocence of Temple's wife, and craves forgiveness. The soldier hesitates a moment, and then exclaims, "Forgive you! Ah, may God forgive me!" The curtain has scarcely fallen when it rises to show the scenic marvel of the night—Trafalgar Square, with Nelson's column, the lions, and the whole background of hotels and tall buildings, with what seems an unnumbered multitude thronging every inch of roadway, and striving for every coign of vantage, while pressing through them in the passage forced by the police we have our heroes back from Egypt—Guards, Camel Corps, military band—all as real as reality can make it, whilst the central point of interest is our well-beloved hero, Captain Temple, on his gallant war horse. The scene rouses the house to wild enthusiasm; stalls and boxes vibrating with infectious emotion. Of course, after this act V. has only to bring the scattered and sore-tried Temple family to reconciliation and happiness. To circumvent the remaining villain, Hawker, and his confederate Cora, we have, however, to encounter some very painful incidents, in the "Waif's Last Home," where Dick the waif expires at last under his tyrant's ill treatment. We saw tender-hearted women—aye, and men too—turn their eyes away from the ghastly scene of suffering. But we at length escape, to the lovely parsonage garden, where the reconciliation takes place. The sore-tried wife has secured a home there, with the kindly vicar (Mr. Lyons) and his young wife, the latter finding a delightful exponent in Miss Amy McNeill. Among the cast we rejoice to welcome back Mr. Leathes, but his wicked lawyer is surely too much wanting in plausibility to have secured the confidence of any client, unless for an Old Bailey case. We trust to see this rendering gain in smoothness. Mr. Clynds was too much in the Eccles vein, but then his is a part not fitted to his powers. Miss Ormsby, as the traitorous Cora, looked handsome, and wears some delicious gowns. Miss Illington is a perfect soubrette, delightfully pert, but always well within a self-respecting "superior" nurse's limits. Miss Isabel Bateman has fine opportunity for her emotional gifts, and cleverly holds the house through each of her scenes. In conclusion, we heartily congratulate Mr. Harris on this great success, and on his talented company; they make each part, with scarcely an exception, a factor in the triumph. The changes of scene take place before the eyes of the audience, but it is as though a magician's rod were waved; the pictures fade and loom out again under a spell; not from the combination and movement of vulgar frames and canvas; all is conducted smoothly, silently, and with such perfection of ease, it is impossible to realise the mechanical power and marvellous ingenuity which must be exercised to work these miracles.

Vaudeville.—This theatre reopened its doors, after the summer vacation, last Saturday, with a programme furnishing abundance of amusement. Originally produced at a morning performance at this theatre, in January last, "Loose Tiles" has since become very popular, and the reproduction of this merry piece will be again welcomed by playgoers as a means of providing laughter for a couple of hours. Mr. Thomas Thorne once more caused the droll misapprehensions of the nervous Bob Twitters to provoke laughter, and, well backed by the members of his company, he depicted his numerous embarrassments in the most humorous way. The cast is considerably strengthened by the appearance of Miss Kate Rorke as Laura Myrtle, and with Miss Kate Phillips as the mysterious ward in Chancery; Miss Sophie Larkin as the spirited spinster Maria Snatters, Mr. E. W. Gardiner as Charlie, and the efficient aid rendered by Misses M. A. Giffard and Louisa Peach, with Messrs. F. Grove, E. M. Robson, and W. Lestocq, a thoroughly enjoyable evening is secured. "Loose Tiles" is preceded by an effective little one-act drama by Mr. J. P. Hurst, entitled "Nearly Severed." This sketch shows how a worthy countryman's wife becomes jealous of her husband on his befriending a governess, who is dismissed through attentions being openly shown her. The countryman is an oddity in himself, and his quarrels with his wife have a touch of homely nature in them. After three quarters-of-an-hour the piece ends, the governess agreeing to marry the rich young man, whose admiration for her brought about her dismissal, while the married couple vow never to call each other names again. The weakest part of this piece is making the governess a worldly little person, in order that she may say smart things when courted. Miss Rorke played the part with all gracefulness, while Mr. Lestocq was very amusing as the countryman. Mr. Gardiner was the lover, and Miss Giffard the wife.

MARRIAGE.

GILBERT SIMS.—On the 25th ult., at St. John's Church, Upper Holloway, Bro. THOMAS GILBERT, Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, of Pentonville Road, to LIZZIE, daughter of WILLIAM SIMS, Esq., Cedras House, Crouch Hill.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE brethren of this Province held their annual meeting on Thursday, the 10th instant, under the auspices of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1760, at the Mechanics' Institute, Scarborough. The Right Honourable the Earl of Zetland Right Worshipful Grand Master presided, and was supported by a large number of brethren. The business was of the usual formal character, while the finances were reported as being in a flourishing condition. In the course of his address to the brethren the Provincial Grand Master expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing so large an assembly. Five years ago the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled in Scarborough, and since that time Freemasonry had increased in popularity and strength in the District. As evidence of this he referred to the consecration of the new Masonic Hall at Scarborough, in December last, and spoke of some other events which had been of interest to the Craft at large, and which had occurred in the interim. The installation of Bro. T. W. Tew as Provincial Grand Master of the neighbouring Province of West Yorkshire, and the election of one of their own members—Bro. J. W. Woodall—to the office of Grand Treasurer of England were among the matters of local interest, while the issue of a new Book of Constitutions had a wider significance. In conclusion Lord Zetland thanked the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Leopold Lodge for their reception and entertainment of Provincial Grand Lodge that day.

The following were appointed as Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Sir Frederick Milner 160	...	Senior Warden
Reginald Bell 1416	...	Junior Warden
M. C. Peck 1040	...	Secretary
Rev. R. Kennedy, M.A., 630	}	Chaplains
Rev. F. H. Holt, B.A., 1760		
John Marshall	...	Registrar
Robert Hodgson 57	...	Senior Deacon
Henry Forder 1010	...	Junior Deacon
David Fletcher 200	...	Supt. of Works
John H. Hackett 1760	...	Dir. of Ceremonies
Henry C. Proctor 123	...	Assist. D. of Cere.
George H. Anderson 630	...	Sword Bearer
George Milner 1511	...	Standard Bearer
Frederick W. Booty 1248	...	Assist. Standard Bearer
Charles Goulding P.M. 294	...	Organist
James Wheldon 1337	...	Pursuivant
Walter Budd 643	...	Assistant Pursuivant
Frederic J. Lambert 1010	...	Tyler

The Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire will be held at the Music Hall, Cloughton-road, Birkenhead, on the 23rd inst., under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton D.P.G.M., for the purpose of transacting the usual business of the division. The agenda contains a notice of the following motion by Bro. John Wood P.P.S.G.W., "That a grant of 50 guineas be made from the funds of the Province to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons." The brethren will, after business, attend Divine Service at St. Anne's Church, Beckwith-street, where a collection will be made in aid of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence and the Wirral Children's Hospital.

The installation meeting of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, will take place on Friday next, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, when Bro. Blasby, who has already served the office of Master of this Lodge, will be installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

The first meeting, since the consecration, of the Chiswick Mark Lodge, No. 357, will be held this day (Saturday) at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, at three o'clock. The report of the Bye-Laws Committee will be considered, and there are several candidates who will be present for advancement.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—With the darkening days and changing temperatures the digestion becomes impaired, the liver disordered, and the mind despondent unless the cause of the irregularity be expelled from the blood and body by an alterative like these Pills. They go directly to the source of the evil, thrust out all impurities from the circulation, reduce distempered organs to their natural state, and correct all defective and contaminated secretions. Such easy means of instituting health, strength, and cheerfulness should be in the possession of all whose stomachs are weak, whose minds are much harassed, or whose brains are overworked. Holloway's is essentially a blood-tempering medicine, whereby its influence, reaching the remotest fibres of the frame, effects a universal good.

IMPROVEMENTS IN STREET CONVEYANCES.

IN these go-ahead days when all is bustle and activity in our large cities, and when the hours of work are being gradually cut down—in the morning, in consequence of the arrival of trains from country residences; and in the afternoon, because of these said trains having to make early departure—an amount of travelling through noisy thoroughfares has to be endured day after day which has an evil effect on the strongest nerved amongst us, and produces most distressing consequences on those who are at all subject to affections of the sensitive organs.

Asphalte and wood pavement have done much to relieve what, ere this, would have become almost unbearable if the old-fashioned granite blocks had been continued, but great improvements are yet possible, both in regard to comfort and luxury. Indiarubber tyres are a step in the right direction, and their adoption on the lighter class of vehicles may be considered as the thin end of the wedge which will eventually drive all noise-creating agents from our streets. The omnibuses are particularly guilty in this respect, and we look forward with an anxious feeling to the advent of the opposition which shall induce the great omnibus companies of the metropolis to try the effect of indiarubber on the tyres of the lumbering machines they provide for the convenience, or otherwise, of their patrons, for it seems that opposition is the only method by which these caterers can be induced to advance. The tramway companies would have pressed them hard in this respect, but for the enforced necessity to keep their coaches within restricted limits, and all we can hope for is that some public body will ere long have courage enough to enforce an improvement. Such a body will at least merit the approval of its fellow citizens, even if it should ultimately have to succumb to the pressure of vested rights. We wonder the present "fashionable coaches" of London have not brought their own condemnation, in the form of compensation for unintentional "transfer" of passengers from their roofs to the stones below. The "sea legs" needed in the height of an Atlantic gale are insignificant as compared with the balancing power required to take a "garden seat" on a London bus. But then Atlantic liners are constructed with a view to comfort, while metropolitan coaches are made for the purpose of affording convenience to those who must travel,—at the cost of inconvenience to all who come within their range. Coming down to smaller vehicles, or perhaps we should say going up to higher things, we arrive at the English cab. Truly our race must be an easily pleased one to have been content so long with the very limited accommodation afforded in this respect. Londoners accept for their use dingy conveyances which are repugnant to the eye, and Provincials are little better, for while in many cases the latter class of providers endeavour to relieve the monotony by a display of colour, they appear to compensate for this liberality by lessening the comfort they afford to customers. How different much of this would be if public caterers could realise that the public can and will willingly pay for comfort.

These remarks have been drawn from us after an inspection of a new cab, on the "Hansom" principle, which has been brought under our notice by an esteemed brother, who has been at some pains to point out a few of the advantages it offers. These, briefly summarised are, an arrangement for a sliding seat for the driver, whereby he can balance the weight on the horse's back in a manner hitherto unattainable. All the modern improvements in the arrangements of seats, &c., are here developed; the vehicle is fitted with C springs, and indiarubber tyres. The old-fashioned arrangement to shelter the passenger from the effects of rain beating in his face, and which hitherto frequently came down on him with disastrous result, in the form of a smashed hat or a disfigured face, are also improved upon, and last, but not least, there is an indicator by which the passenger may give instructions as to the direction in which he wishes to travel, or when he desires to stop, with ease and certainty of being attended to. This last-mentioned arrangement is the patent of Bros. M. J. Rowley and Wheeler, and trivial as it may at first sight appear, it will eventually prove of great advantage to those who are compelled to avail themselves of our public carriages whenever they have to make a series of business calls. This invention might profitably be applied to omnibuses and cars also, as it is often extremely difficult to attract the attention of a conductor just at the moment one wishes to alight, and although a hundred yards or so may be a matter of small moment to the conveyance which is speeding on its journey, it is very different with the passenger, who has to trudge back to his destination. As we have said above, there is room for very many improvements, and it affords us gratification to refer to anything which is a step on the road to perfection. In conclusion, we may state that the improved conveyance we have referred to has been designed and constructed by Mr. M. Smith, of Great York Mews, Baker-street, W., and we look forward to seeing the many improvements he has introduced being universally adopted at no very distant interval.

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R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury,
 at 8. (Instruction)

M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
 904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leck, Stafford

1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1437—Liberty of Haver, Rising Sun, Romford
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheddar
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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 R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
 R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 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)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton

1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
 1385—Glasgow, Red Lion, Barne
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
 R.A. 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmerdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Muggerridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Maltham
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
 2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

REVIEWS.

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Unbelief. An Essay addressed to young men of every Christian Denomination, with the view of confirming them in their belief of Christianity, and preparing them to meet the arguments of unbelievers. By Maurice C. Hime, M.A., LL.D. London: Simpkin, Marshall and Co., Stationers' Hall Court, E.C.

In our last issue we referred to the determined and courageous efforts that are being put forth by Bro. Dr. Hime in the cause of morality and the inculcation of the principles of virtue and charity, especially amongst our young men, and in like manner he now sets up, in the little volume before us, a barrier and a breastwork against the insidious attacks of the infidel and the scorner. This work is addressed to young men of every Christian denomination, with the view of confirming them in their religious belief. It is hardly necessary to point out, in this age of spreading scepticism, that it is the positive duty of every one to study with care the Christian evidences, and this may best be done by a careful and attentive perusal of such works as are here presented to us. Such publications suggest the proper frame of mind in which the study of the Christian evidences should be pursued, and direct attention to the extreme ignorance, so far as scriptural knowledge is concerned, of most cavillers against Christianity, to inform them of two logical fallacies commonly committed by such cavillers, and show them how the question is entirely one of a balance of evidence. It is a common and well-known axiom that those who make it their sphere to combat the truths of religion are shrewdly fortified with arguments very difficult of refutation, except amongst men who have closely studied the character and calibre of their opponents, and any such ammunition as is supplied by men of Bro. Hime's stamp must be really valuable in the cause of religion and truth. After all, it becomes in a great measure the old question of the incompatibility between reason and faith, and we feel convinced that in strengthening the latter such a work as that now under consideration will prove of inestimable value. The author suggests some good ways of replying to the revilers of religion, impresses upon them the proper standpoint from which to view the stock objections to Christianity, together with valuable hints as to how the war may be fairly carried into the enemy's quarters. He then proceeds to urge upon his readers the sin and folly of their reading irreligious and immoral literature, which seems to be coming rampant in the present day, and points out to them the unreasonableness of complaining of our inability to fathom all the great Christian mysteries. Proceeding thence, he shows who are the best judges of the question, "Is Christianity true?" and indicates the influence, more than human, of Christianity upon the character of man. In short, the object of the essay is to confirm young men in their belief in Christianity and prepare them to meet the arguments of unbelievers. The title of the work and the brief outline for its objects will be sufficient to commend it to the thoughtful perusal of all right-thinking men, and heads of families cannot do better than to assist in its dissemination by every possible means in their power.

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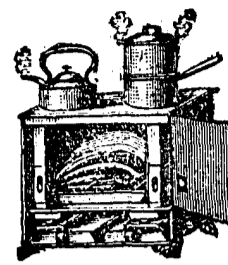
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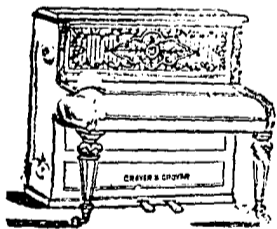
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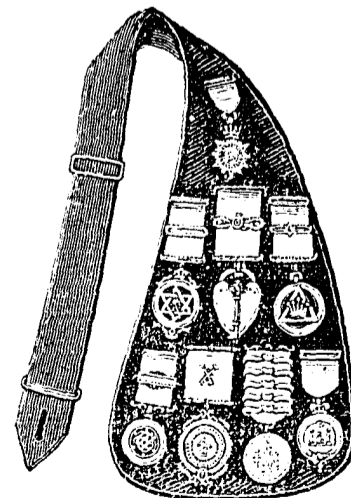
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