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PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL PROPERTY.

WE can well imagine that when the School of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was removed to its present quarters at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, the brethren who arranged the transfer thought they were going far away from the bustle and activity of London, out into the country where fresh air and green fields would be of benefit to the children who were to spend the earlier part of their lives in the School. No doubt they went far enough—according to the prospects in those days—to keep free from the evil of being hemmed in by other buildings; but London has made marvellous advances during the past thirty years, such as to completely upset all calculations made by our ancestors of a quarter of a century since; it is, therefore, not to be wondered at that the expectations of those who advocated the removal of the Girls' School to Battersea Rise should have proved erroneous, or that we to-day find our Institution there surrounded by houses on every side, while the green fields to which it was transplanted appear to have receded, until they are probably as far away from the pupils now as they were previous to the abandonment of the old building in favour of the new one. The extension of the great Metropolis, and the consequent lengthening of the distance between the present headquarters of the Girls' Institution and the open country has not yet ceased, nor is there any probability that it will cease. On the contrary, we may expect that the next thirty years will see even greater alterations than have happened during the past thirty; it therefore behoves us to make calculations accordingly, and to consider, before making any changes, not only possibilities, but also probabilities, and those of apparently the wildest character. It is no use looking to the present time alone, or even to what may be expected within the next ten years. We must calculate rather on a radical change, something similar to what has taken place during the past thirty years, and if we do that we may possibly form a tolerably fair estimate of the state in which matters will be found even at the close of the present century.

We have said that the Girls' Institution at Battersea is at the present time surrounded on every side by houses, and that the tendency is to increase the number of habitations within a short radius of it. A reference to the Report of the regular meeting of the General Committee of the Institution on the 24th ult., which appeared in our last issue, will give ample evidence of this, even if those who are interested in the matter are not personally acquainted with the facts of the case. It appears that the property adjoining the grounds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on the north and east sides, is to be cut up into small plots, and let for building purposes. When we say that the plots are to be of such a size as to be let at a ground rent of some £7 or £10 per annum, and at the same time bear in mind the relative position of Battersea Rise as compared with the Metropolis of the present day, we can imagine that the residences to be erected will not be of a very high order, or that they will in any way add to the charms of a neighbourhood which, but a few years since, was justly entitled to the designation of suburban. Their erection may even afford additional reasons for considering the advisability of making another move, but of that we shall not at present speak,

except so far as it affects the proposal under consideration. The houses proposed to be erected will, under present conditions, back on to the property of the Girls' Institution, and at one point at least will come within about twenty feet of the main building, while all along the north and east sides of the property they will overlook the grounds. This close proximity to the habitation of the children cared for by the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls is undesirable, from many points of view, even were there no other reasons to urge in favour of the purchase. Having the backs of some thirty or forty small habitations immediately adjoining the grounds will be a serious matter from a sanitary point of view, the danger to which the children in the School would be exposed in the event of the outbreak of an epidemic being sufficient to awaken grave anxiety in the breasts of those who are responsible for their charge.

Keeping these facts in view, the House Committee of the Institution have been in communication with the owner of the adjacent land, with the view of making such arrangements as should prevent a depreciation of the Institution's property, and at the same time, if found necessary to extend it, to do so on the best possible terms. These negotiations have met with success so far. The adjacent owner has slightly diverted one of his intended roads, and offers ground which it is thought desirable for the Institution to secure,—for the sum of £5,700. This offer has been embodied in a Provisional Contract, dated the 23rd ult., and a Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution is summoned for Tuesday next, to decide whether the Trustees shall carry the same into effect. We venture to think that the verdict will be one of unanimous approval in the course proposed by the House Committee, and that the additional land will be secured for the benefit of the Institution.

The price asked for this additional land is not a low one—considered apart from the advantages it will bring to the property already possessed by the Institution; but if looked at, as it should be, as an outlay which will not only extend, but at the same time improve, the ground at present held, its advantages are apparent. If the land is retained by its present owner, and built upon in accordance with his proposal, the Institution will lose the advantage of a frontage of about 750 feet, which its purchase would secure, and in view of the eventuality—which must come sooner or later—of being compelled to leave Battersea Rise, the variation in the value of the ground then, with or without this frontage, would make a very serious difference in the amount it would realise. We must therefore deal with the purchase to be considered next Tuesday, firstly, as necessary, in order to maintain the value of the property at present held by the Institution; and, secondly, as an investment in land which will always be worth—if not the full price paid for it, at least very nearly so. Under such conditions the purchase will no doubt meet the approval of the General Court of Governors and Subscribers, who must be aware that it is to the advantage of the School to improve its surroundings as far as possible when that can be done without too extravagant an outlay.

The Special General Court to consider this question is called for Tuesday next, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, London, at four o'clock, but in the meantime any subscriber can inspect the Provisional Contract on application at the Office, while a Sketch Plan of the property belonging to the Institution, showing also the ground included in the proposed purchase, may be had from the Secretary of

the Institution, who we are sure will immediately answer any queries addressed to him in reference to the subject. The time at disposal is necessarily short—as we presume the owner cannot settle anything as to any part of his property until he knows the decision of the Institution in regard to the portion the House Committee has been in treaty for—but it is sufficient to allow of any inquiries which may be considered necessary by supporters of the Institution, for whose benefit and on whose behalf the negotiations so far entered into have been conducted.

THE "TOUT ENSEMBLE" OF MASONRY.

EVERY initiate into the mystery of Freemasonry is entitled to know, and to legitimately profit by, all that there is in it; and how much there is in it every Brother who has diligently sought the Light knows. Naturally, the newly-made Brother sees only the "tout ensemble" of Masonry, the whole taken together. This composite unit is very striking, very suggestive, very instructive. It presents the appearance of a beautiful moral edifice, a Temple not made with hands, a rare and noble product of the finest human minds. No one man devised Freemasonry. Our traditions teach us that never less than three Brethren have perfected anything for the institution. What perfect thing could Wisdom create, without the aid of Strength and Beauty? Freemasonry has ever employed all three, actually and typically, and the result is a "tout ensemble" that has challenged, the admiration of Masons, and even of the profane world, through all the past existence of the Craft. But this one, rounded, superficial view of Freemasonry, while the only one that the newly-made Brother can take, is far from the only one that the zealous initiate takes, who all through his career diligently seeks "more Light." Such a Brother is not satisfied with the whole of Masonry taken together, but he scrutinises its component parts, its various characteristics. The *tout ensemble* of some structures, material and moral, is beautiful to the eye, but when their parts are critically examined, they fail to justify the preliminary view, and instead of yielding pleasure, they disappoint and annoy. Not so Freemasonry. The façade of its moral Temple is stately, noble and beautiful, and its interior is no less, but rather more so, and all that is enacted within tends to improve the mind, purify the heart and ennoble the life. Taken together, or taken separately in its parts, Freemasonry is a science worthy of its originators, worthy of its initiates in all ages of the world, worthy of the devotion of a Washington, a Franklin, a La Fayette, a Marshall, and a Dallas, and worthy of its unexampled career, surviving as it has the downfall of dynasties and nations.

Even after a Brother ceases to regard merely the *tout ensemble* of Masonry, and comes to look closer at the peculiar features which distinguish it, he may be enchanted with some one feature, and practically disregard the rest. Some of these do not require that emphasis be laid upon them in order to win for them admiration. Who need call attention to the banquet? It is superficial, it speaks for itself. So of kindred features. Nearly all young Brethren are diligent attendants at their Lodge, but unless they are students of Freemasonry, delvers in the quarries, seekers after Light, in the course of a few years they lose their primary enthusiasm become irregular in their attendance, and possibly drift into the throng of the indifferent, the suspended-for-non-payment-of-dues and the non-affiliates. Unless a Brother sees more than the *tout ensemble*, five years in the Craft may measure the length of his active Masonic life.

What an example did Brother Benjamin Franklin, and the Freemasons of Philadelphia in the year 1732, who were members of the St. John's Lodge of that day, set us in this regard! In the report of the Committee, dated 5th June 1732, which we printed for the first time in the *Keystone* of last week, these Brethren manifested a laudable desire to become acquainted, not merely with Freemasonry as a whole, but also with it in some of its most important parts. Those Masons of one hundred and fifty-three years ago, in the "city of Brotherly Love," in this, as in other respects, were models for us, and for Freemasons through all time. They wished not only to admire the shell, but to profit by the kernel of Masonry. In substance they said this: Freemasonry is founded upon Geometry and Architecture,

and therefore ignorance of these "is very unbecoming a man who bears the worthy name and character of Mason." How exceedingly true! But these ancient Brethren did not stop with the enunciation of this truth. Ben Franklin was nothing if not practical. This Committee recommended that the *whole cash then in the treasury of the Lodge* "be laid out in the best books of Architecture, suitable Mathematical instruments, &c." They wished the members of St. John's Lodge to be, not merely superficial Masons, but that every one should enjoy and profit by *all there was in Masonry*. What was true then in this regard is true now, and will continue true to the end of time. We shall mention but two parts of Masonry which will abundantly repay the study of any Brother, and these are, this very science of Architecture, upon which Bro. Ben Franklin and his associate Brethren laid so much stress; and the eternal moral truths of Masonry, which are so forcibly and continuously taught in the course of its work, and in which every initiate should feel the deepest interest. The physical man dies and is buried, but the spiritual man shall live for ever. Immortality is ours. Momentous truth! The Freemason who is not conscious of this, who is unimpressed by it, who does not act as though he were the custodian of a Divine spark which may hereafter glow with the splendour of a sun, fails to apprehend one of the greatest and most glorious truths of Masonry.—*Keystone*.

DISCORD versus HARMONY.

THE season of Masonic work may now be said to have fairly set in, most of the Lodges having resumed their wonted activity after the summer recess. Those who have had the means and leisure at their disposal to spend a few weeks at the seaside or elsewhere have had no reason to complain on the score of weather, which is so essential an element to the enjoyment of a holiday trip, and let us hope they have returned with health invigorated and mental vigour recruited by their brief respite from the worries and monotony of every day business life. May we couple with that wish the desire that much of the friction which unhappily marked the closing days of last session in connection with some Lodges may have subsided, under the genial and refreshing influences of a "run out of town?" We are led to this remark by a knowledge that in certain hitherto prosperous and industrious Lodges unfortunate discords have arisen to mar the harmony and comfort of the brethren, and in one or two cases conducted almost to anarchy amongst men who had erstwhile worked together in peace and unanimity. Now that they are entering upon a new season, however, it is devoutly to be wished that any bad feeling which might have inadvertently crept into Lodges may be smoothed over by the wise and judicious action of Worshipful Masters and their predecessors in the chair, for a Masonic Lodge is a place in which no shadows should be found. Our trust is that all brethren should go to work shoulder to shoulder, keeping in view the common aim and interest of all Masonic enterprise. The old motto holds good now as ever it did, that "a house divided against itself cannot stand," and the worst enemy that can exist to the stability of any Lodge is where dissension is allowed to creep in, with all its attendant miseries of jealousy and discontent. Consolidation is the goal which all the Officers and brethren of a Lodge should strive to reach, and instead of an inordinate desire to create new Lodges for the sake of personal advancement, or the airing of any particular crotchets, every effort should be put forth to strengthen the old ones, and to establish them on a firmer basis even than before. Let those who have been reigning with arrogant supremacy bend to the wishes and the varying temperaments of those in subordinate positions, which if done judiciously and wisely cannot but be productive of the most happy results. Equally salutary will it prove if the members of Lodges, instead of resenting too fiercely any real or fancied grievances, will yield a little to the exigencies of the moment, so as to heal any sores that may have been caused in the transaction of business in the past. Mutual concession is conducive of, and essential to, order and obedience, and gentle rule on the one hand, with discipline and cordial co-operation on the other, must ultimately result in general and mutual satisfaction. It displays a weakness almost unpardonable when brethren who imagine themselves slighted, not only alienate them-

selves from their Lodges, but agitate for the creation of new offshoots with a view to their own promotion to office. Yet we have reason to know that in some of our Lodges this evil has become painfully apparent. Our advice to such brethren is, not to snatch at the shadow and thus lose the substance, and where trifling disagreements have arisen no time should be wasted in idle recriminations, when a little calm consideration and reflection may restore the wonted amenities of a Lodge. Harmony is destroyed, and prosperity must vanish under such circumstances, and it not unfrequently happens that brethren who are at variance might easily adjust their differences and return to work with that love and harmony which are so characteristic of Freemasonry.

OLD TIMES.

The following was published in the *New York Mercury* on 31st December 1753, now more than one hundred and thirty years ago. It may be accepted as a specimen of the journalism of that day:—

On Thursday last at a Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Worshipful Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, a Commission from the Honourable John Proby, Baron of Carysfort, in the Kingdom of Ireland, Grand Master of England, appointed George Harrison, Esq., to be Provincial Grand Master, was solemnly published, we hear, to the universal satisfaction of all the brethren present, after which, it being the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, service at Trinity Church. The order in which they proceeded was as follows:—First walked the Sword Bearer carrying a drawn sword; then four Stewards, with white maces, followed by the Treasurer and Secretary, who bore each a crimson damask cushion, on which lay a gilt Bible and the Book of Constitution; after these came the Grand Warden and Wardens; then came the Grand Master himself, bearing a truncheon and other badges of his office, followed by the rest of the Brotherhood, according to their respective ranks—Master, Fellow Crafts and Apprentices, to about the number of fifty, all clothed with their jewels, aprons, white gloves and stockings. The whole ceremony was concluded with the utmost decorum, under a discharge of guns from some vessels in the harbour, and made a genteel appearance. We hear they afterwards conferred a generous donation of fifteen pounds from the public stock of the society, to be expended in clothing the poor children belonging to our charity schools, and made a handsome private contribution for the relief of indigent prisoners. In the evening, by the particular request of the brethren, a comedy, called "The Conscious Lovers," was presented at the Theatre in Nassau-street to a very crowded audience. Several pieces of vocal music in praise of the Fraternity were performed between the Acts. An epilogue suitable to the occasion was pronounced by Mrs. Hallam, with all the graces of gesture, and propriety of elocution, and met with universal and loud applause.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 29th September, at Bro. Lashbrook's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bros. Clements W.M., Dyson S.W., Haller J.W., Walker Secretary, Oxley S.D., Sainte J.D., H. Haynes I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Rich, B. Haynes, Corry, Sadd, Valentine, Brown, Lashbrook, Buggins, McKenzie, Webb, King, Stewart. Lodge was opened in due form. Brother Sadd having answered the usual questions for passing to second degree, the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. B. Haynes answered questions leading to third degree, and that ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge closed in third and second degrees. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed, and adjourned. Brethren having business in the City will find this Lodge of Instruction convenient. The business commences each Tuesday evening at seven o'clock.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, 1st October, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Thomas W.M., Mansfield S.W., W. E. Dille J.W., Banks P.M. Treas., S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., Stringer S.D., Dale J.D., O'Donnell I.G.; P.M.'s Hutchings Preceptor, Vohmann, Geo. Andrews and J. Penney; also Bros. J. J. Pitt, H. C. Freeman, Greener, Joyce, Millington, J. Bedford Williams, Prior, Dixon, Emblin, and Darth. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Millington personating the candidate. The usual questions leading to the degree of F.C. were satisfactorily answered by Bro. Joyce. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was called off, and on resuming was closed to the first degree. Bro. Mansfield was elected W.M. for the third Thursday in the month, and appointed Officers in rotation. All business being ended the Lodge was closed in due form.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 24th ult., at the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road. Bros. Saint W.M., A. Valentine S.W., King J.W., Horley Secretary, Oxley S.D., Clark J.D., Pringle I.G., A. W. Fenner P.M. Preceptor, Clements, Moss, J. Valentine, Gieseke, Per-

kins, Toy and Grey. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Clements answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Clements acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree; Bro. Fenner worked the first section of the first lecture, assisted by Bro. A. Valentine, and the second assisted by the brethren. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting. On motion duly proposed and seconded, the sum of five guineas was placed on Bro. Moss's list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Oxley was requested to give his reading, "The Idylls of the Meadows," on the fourth Thursday in October. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 24th ult., at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road. Present—Bros. Payne W.M., McMillan S.W., Crawley J.W., Osborn Treasurer, Hughes Secretary, Dearing S.D., Weeden Preceptor, Ware I.G., Greenfield P.M.; Bros. Baker, Keogh, Southwell, Allsworth, Garner, Williams, Von Holtorp. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Baker, as candidate to be passed, answered the usual questions and retired. The ceremony was then rehearsed, Bro. Garner being candidate. All F.C.'s having retired, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Garner again being candidate. Lodge was resumed in the first degree. Bro. McMillan was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the meeting adjourned until Thursday, 1st October.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—At the Hornsey Wood Tavern, on Tuesday, the 29th ult. Bros. Cross W.M., Fenner as Preceptor, Kearney S.W., Hill J.W., Partington S.D., Beck J.D., Berry Secretary, Hildreth I.G., and Bros. Young, Sharpe, Jenkins, Rogers, Goode, Aynsley, Knight, Sycklemore, Brown, Diprose, Oldis, Lone, Russell, Defries, Giddings, Bertolle, Frampton, Smethurst, and Pearce. After preliminaries the first section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Jenkins, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Diprose candidate. Bro. Giddings having offered himself as a candidate for passing, was entrusted. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and the second section of the lecture worked by Bro. Jenkins. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, and the third section of the lecture worked by Bro. Jenkins. Bros. Giddings and Bertolle having been elected members, and Bro. Kearney W.M. for the ensuing week, Lodge was closed and adjourned to Tuesday evening next.

Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901.—On Monday, evening last, there was a special meeting of this Lodge at the East Dulwich Hotel, when about sixty of the Brethren with Visitors were present. The Lodge was opened soon after seven o'clock, by Bro. A. J. Bellis P.M. of the Selwyn Lodge and Preceptor as W.M., supported by Bros. Powles S.W., Barnett J.W., Taffs S.D., Dixon J.D., Wimble I.G., Duffin D.C., and E. Eagle Secretary. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Powles was presented to the W.M. for installation, and the usual declaration having been made, the first portion of the installation ceremony was concluded by the hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell." The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. Powles was installed into the chair of K.S. The brethren afterwards saluted the W.M. in the three degrees, and the appointment and investiture of Officers followed, and the anthem "Behold, how good and joyful," was most beautifully rendered by Bros. Simons, Pitman, Pritchett, and Wallis, assisted by a chorus. Bro. Bellis then, in a perfect and impressive manner addressed the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, and a hymn, "Abide with me," brought this ceremony to a close. The usual business included the election of seven members. Lodge was closed in due form. In the banqueting-room adjoining, an excellent supper was in readiness, after which the usual Loyal and Patriotic toasts were given and responded to. The W.M. took the opportunity of expressing to the host, Bro. Richards, the great pleasure and thanks of the brethren for his having newly decorated the hall, the rich embellishments of which are of a very expensive character. The Visitors were unanimous in their praise of the working of the Lodge generally, and of the Preceptor particularly. The Secretary in his response informed the brethren there were now 240 members on the list, and he was happy to say that through the medium of the Charitable Association attached to the Lodge they had sent up to the Charities, within the last two years, 160 guineas. Among the Visitors were P.M.'s Littell 1327, G. Reynolds 1326, Cutbush 777, Blanch 1329, Sidney Hill 1216, Turner 1449, Prior, and others. Excellent songs and recitations were given during the evening.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Creaton Lodge of Instruction, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, W., on Thursday, the 29th inst., Bros. Davies Preceptor as W.M., W. G. Reynolds P.M. as S.W., W. H. Chalfont P.M. Hon. Sec. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m.

The following Festivities took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 3rd October:—

Thursday—University College Dinner; Friday—Royal Kensington Lodge, Thistle Lodge; Saturday—Phoenix Chapter.

INTRODUCTION OF ANCIENT FREEMASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

AN Oration, delivered by Most Worshipful Grand Master S. Roger Watts, M.D., at the Masonic Centennial Celebration at Van Ness Garden, Monday evening, 29th September 1884.

FRIENDS AND BRETHREN.—We have assembled in the capacity of Free and Accepted Masons for the purpose of celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of our Masonic mother, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In so doing, we do but represent a part of the ancient Masonic Brotherhood, whose primary organisation dates back to a period where the mind of man runneth not to the contrary—of an organisation the tenets of which are the indestructible bulwarks of religion, morality, brotherly love, and charity. These principles, in their virgin purity, have been handed down through the ages from frater to frater, and by zealous devotees of the royal art disseminated for the benefit of all mankind. King and subject, philosopher and student, rich and poor, European, Asiatic, African and American, meet as one, imbued with the sublime truth of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

These principles, veiled in allegories, illustrated by symbols, and preserved pure and unsullied in secret, constitute the life and strength of our Craft.

Great and good men in all parts of the world, from time immemorial to time present, have been and are zealous patrons of the royal art, vying one with the other in proclaiming its principles and practising its precepts.

With this brief reference I will leave to others who will address you the task of explaining in a more comprehensive manner the tenets of Masonry.

To the introduction of ancient Freemasonry among our brethren in the United States I now ask your attention. Boston, the first in liberty and education, is also the first in Masonry; and, in truth, she may be styled the Mother of Masonry, from the fact that the first warrant received was on 30th April 1733, signed by Lord Viscount Montague, Grand Master of Masons in England, under which authority, 30th July same year, at the Bauch of Grapes Tavern in Boston, the St. John's Grand Lodge was organised. In the year of 1752, St. Andrew's Lodge at Boston was organised under dispensation from Lord Alberdour, and warranted 27th December 1769 by the Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master of Scotland.

On the 6th day of March 1775, Prince Hall, Cyrus Jonbus, Bensten Slinger, Thomas Sanderson, Prince Tayden, Cato Spean, Boston Smith, Peter Best, Fortin Howard, Prince Rees, John Canteen, Peter Freeman, Benjamin Tiber, Duff Buform, and Richard Tilley were made Free and Accepted Masons by R.W. Bro. Brett, acting Master of a Military Lodge under Genl. Gage, on Copp's Hill, Boston, Massachusetts.

In the year A.D. 1732, Prince Hall and compeers applied by petition to the Grand Lodge of Boston, Massachusetts, for Masonic privileges, which, on account of the non-Masonic spirit of caste, were denied. Said petitioners being in limited possession of the work, and knowing its benefits to humanity, were desirous of transmitting the same to their posterity in a due and lawful manner; in consequence of which they made application for a Warrant of Constitution to the Grand Lodge of England, which was fraternally granted 29th September 1784, by authority of His Royal Highness Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, Grand Master of England. Said warrant was intrusted to the care of Captain James Scott, brother-in-law of John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, and was by him duly delivered to Prince Hall, who subsequently and under his authority organised the African Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To these three warrants, granted respectively in the years 1733, 1752, and 1784, the majority of Masons in this country owe their origin.

In verification of the legality and recognition by the Grand Lodge of England of the warrant granted 29th September 1784, I desire to call your attention to the following, copied from the original, which has been fraternally loaned for use on this occasion by our right trusty and well-beloved brother P.G. Master Richard H. Gleaves. The said document bears date of 19th April 1792, eight years after the warrant of 1784 was issued, and reads as follows:—

“At a quarterly communication of the most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, under the Constitution of England, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, 18th April 1792, His Royal Highness George Augustus Frederick Prince of Wales, &c., &c., Grand Master, there were present Sir Peter Parker, Bart., D.G.M. as G.M., William Atkinson, Esq., P.J.G.W. as D.G.M., John Allen, Esq., P.J.G.W. as S.G.W., Charles Marsh, Esq., P.J.G.W. as J.G.W., James Heseltine, Esq., P.S.G.W. as G.T., Right Hon. Lord Macdonald P.S.G.W., James Neild, Esq., P.J.G.W., Mr. William White G.S., Chev. Bartholomew Raspini G.S.B., the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Stewards' Lodge, and the Masters and Wardens of sundry Lodges, when the following contributions were received for the Charity and Hall Funds:—

“No. 2, Somerset House Lodge, Freemasons' T.; No. 3, Lodge of Friendship, Thatched House, St. James; No. 12, Lodge of Emulation, Paul's Head Tavern; No. 14, Fraternal Lodge, Church-street, Greenwich; No. 19, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Hon. Doctors' Com.; No. 24, The Globe, Fleet-street; No. 29, Britannic Lodge, Star and Garter, Pall Mall; No. 35, King's Arms, Marybow-street, Piccadilly; No. 41, St. Paul's Lodge, Birmingham; No. 46, Coal Hole, Fountain-court, Strand; No. 47, The Stewards' Lodge; No. 104, Old Cumberland Lodge, Cavendish-street; No. 122, Ancient French Lodge, Leicester-fields; No. 155, Beaufort Lodge, Prince-street, Bristol; No. 169, Lodge of Fortitude, Half Moon, St. George; No. 201, Royal Lodge, Thatched House, St. James-street; No. 321, Tontine, Sheffield, Yorkshire; No. 226, Royal Edwin Lodge, Bury Saint

Edmunds; No. 238, Lodge of Unanimity, Wakefield, Yorkshire; No. 249, Sion Lodge, North Shields; No. 253, Union Lodge, Castle-ditch, Bristol; No. 256, Lodge of Morality, Old Compton-street; No. 277, Caveac Lodge, Angel, Hammersmith; No. 285, Queen Charlotte Lodge, Hosier Lane, Smithfield; No. 292, Beaufort Lodge, Swansea; No. 294, Lodge of Virtue, Market Place, Bath; No. 596, Lodge of Hospitality, Castle-street, Bristol; No. 18, Lodge of Industry, B. Johnson's, Horse Shoe-lane; No. 325, Lodge of Friendship, Fore-street, Plymouth Dock; No. 359, Lodge of Jehoshaphat, Rummer Tavern, Bristol; No. 405, St. Peter's Lodge, Bell, Upper Mount-street; No. 432, St. Michael's Lodge, Alwrick, Northumberland; No. 453, Loyal Lodge, Globe Inn, Barnstable; No. 459, African Lodge, Boston, New England; No. 469, L'Egalite Lodge, Frith-street, Soho; No. 476, Thane Lodge, Parade Hotel, Margate; No. 477, Lodge of Good Intent, Ship, Leadenhall-street; No. 531, Old Globe Lodge, Scarborough; No. 543, Royal Clarence Lodge, Britelmston; No. 545, Royal York Lodge, Bristol; No. 533, Lodge of Good Fellowship, Chelmsford, Essex; No. 576, Silurian Lodge, Kingston, Herefordshire; No. 586, Balam, Coast of Africa.

At this Communication the following order was made to wit:—

“The following Lodges be erased out of the list, having ceased to meet or neglected to conform to the laws of the Society: No. 108, Cavendish-square Coffee House; No. 133, Boot, East Gate-street, Chester; No. 156, Barbadoes; No. 181, On board of the Canceaux, at Quebec; No. 194, Lodge of True Friendship, Dover; No. 424, Lodge of Love and Unity, Dover; No. 496, Mackworth, Cowbridge.”

It was further ordered that the numbers of all the Lodges on record be brought forward in regular succession by filling up the dormant numbers caused by the Lodges being erased at sundry times. In consequence of this order the number of African Lodge on said date was changed from 459 to 370.

African Lodge, Boston, continued to pay charity dues up to A.D. 1813, when, by mutual consent between the Grand Lodge of England and African Lodge of New England, the payment of dues were discontinued.

It is a noticeable fact that at this Communication of the Grand Lodge of England (April A.D. 1792), African Lodge, No. 459, was the only Lodge in the United States recorded upon this roll.

It would be inopportune at this time to give further details concerning the warrant 459, as sufficient is hereby presented (corroborated by documentary evidence) to establish beyond doubt the authority and legality of the Masonic work of Prince Hall and his associates.

Brethren of the Mystic Tie, we are here assembled, not for the purpose of condemning our traducees, but rather with feelings of Masonic charity, commending them to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for that Masonic light whose brilliant rays ever dispel the dark clouds of prejudice or ignorance, to renew our zeal in defending and disseminating the principles established by this Ancient and Honourable Fraternity, and to review the work of our Masonic fathers, in a manner becoming and in keeping with the ancient established usages and customs of our Order.

Prince Hall and fratres by Royal authority proceeded to inculcate the tenets of the Royal Art among those who were found worthy and well qualified, and as early as the year 1797, he, as Grand Master, granted, on the petition of the following brethren, March 22, 1797, a dispensation to establish a Lodge in the city of Philadelphia, Penn., to wit.

Peter Mantore, of True Blue Lodge; Peter Richmond, Jonathan Harding, John Davis, Richmond Venable, Q. Butler, C. Brown, J. Peterson, J. Tucker, J. Ducking, and J. Kenley, of Gordon Lodge, England. By this authority the said brethren, in legal form, organized the African Lodge, No. 1, Philadelphia, Pa. On the 27th of December, A.D. 1815, African Lodge, No. 1, of Philadelphia, by due authority organized under the title of the First Independent African Grand Lodge of North America.

From this Grand Lodge and in line of descent from African Grand Lodge of Boston, the following Lodges were constituted in the District of Columbia:

Social Lodge, No. 7, Universal Lodge, No. 10, and Felix Lodge, No. 17; these Lodges continued subordinate until the 27th day of March A.D. 1848, when a general assembly of the Craft in this jurisdiction was called for the purpose of establishing a Grand Lodge.

On the above date the several Lodges met in convention and unanimously elected R.W. Bro. David P. Jones, D.D.G. Master, presiding Officer, and R.W. Bro. John T. Costin Secretary. The permanent organization of a Grand Lodge was consummated by unanimously electing the following R.W. brethren: Charles Datcher, of Social Lodge, No. 7, Washington, D.C., M.W. Grand Master; Daniel H. Smith, of Universal Lodge, No. 10, Alexandria, Va., R.W. Deputy Grand Master; Richard Phisk, of Felix Lodge, No. 17, Washington, D.C., R.W. Grand Senior Warden; Francis Datcher jun., of Social Lodge, No. 7, R.W. Grand Junior Warden; Joseph Frazier, of Universal Lodge, No. 10, R.W. Grand Treasurer; and John T. Costin, of Felix Lodge, No. 17, R.W. Grand Secretary.

In the year A.D. 1828, Union Lodge, No. 4, and Harmony Lodge, No. 5, working under the authority of the First Independent African Grand Lodge of Pa., were expelled by said Grand Lodge for contumacy.

In 1833, James Miller and others of Harmony Lodge (expelled), made application to a Masonic Lodge (white) at Norristown, Pa., for a warrant, the said Lodge, or a member or members of said Lodge, in consideration of one hundred and twenty-five dollars received, delivered to James Miller a warrant, alleged to have been granted by the Grand Lodge of Ohio (white), and under the supposed authority of this fraudulent warrant the said James Miller, as W.M., John H. Matthews S.W., and George W. Hilton J.W. of the so-called Independent Harmony Lodge, proceeded to work and establish Lodges. On the 17th day of July 1837, Independent Harmony Lodge, with several other Lodges, met in convention and organized Hiram Grand Lodge of Penna., under the authority of the alleged Ohio warrant. R.W. Bro. John T. Hilton, Grand Master of African Grand

Lodge of Mass., A.D. 1847, prompted by Masonic zeal, proceeded to check and purify this un-masonic stream, by presenting to the mother Grand Lodge a plan for the organization of a National Grand Lodge, which she adopted and forthwith issued a proclamation for a general assembly of the Craft, to convene on St. John's Day, June 24th 1847, in the city of Boston, Mass., for the purpose of healing differences and perfecting a permanent union. In obedience to the above proclamation, twenty delegates assembled, representing the following Lodges, to wit: African Grand Lodge, of Mass., by Bros. John T. Hilton, Henry Harris, George Ganl, Wm. E. Ambush, Walker Lewis, George C. Willis, and Wm. H. Bruce. First African Grand Lodge of North America, by Bros. James Bird, Dr. James J. G. Bias and James Richmond, Hiram Grand Lodge, Penna., by Bros. Samuel Van Brakle, Emery Cronikin, James Newman, Philip Buchanan, Jonathan Lope-man, James Powell, and John Anderson. Boyer Lodge, N.Y., by Alexander Elston, W. H. Clark, and L. Hyden.

The above representations perfected a temporary organization by electing M.W. Bro. John T. Hilton presiding officer, after which a resolution was unanimously adopted to organize a Grand Lodge under the title of the National Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons, for the United States of North America. Said organization was perfected by the election of Bro. John T. Hilton M.W.G. Master, Bro. James Bird R.W.D.G. Master, Bro. Saml. Van Brakle D.D.G. Master for the Middle States, Bro. George C. Willis D.D.G. Master for the Eastern States, Bro. Martin R. Delaney D.D.G. Master for the Western States, Bro. Enos. Hall R.W.S.G. Warden, Bro. Emery Cronikin R.W.J.G. Warden, Bro. James Newman G. Treasurer, Bro. Wm. E. Ambush G. Secretary.

On the formation of this Grand Lodge the desire of M.W.G. Master John T. Hilton was accomplished, by uniting in bonds of brotherly love all Masons of colour in the United States.

Many changes have taken place since 1847, the dry details of which would prove at this time tedious and uninteresting. Suffice it to say, that the States' rights theory of supreme jurisdiction within their borders universally prevails, so that to-day no Grand Lodge, National or otherwise, assumes authority in a jurisdiction where a legally-constituted Grand Lodge exists, and with whom they are in fraternal correspondence.

A brief statement as to the number of Lodges and members in the United States will close this review.

From the grand old Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Prince Hall and successors transmitted from sire to son the sublime truths of Ancient Freemasonry, so that to-day we have, in thirty-one States, 767 Lodges, with a membership of 21,613.

This completes a brief review of the Order from A.D. 1784 to A.D. 1884.

In conclusion, I will say that Freemasonry is not a proselyting institution. Applicants for membership must come unsolicited. Nor is it a beneficial organization to the extent of dispensing stipulated dues in consideration of specified fees. Masonic charity is more comprehensive in its aim. It relieves those found worthy to a degree commensurate with their needs. In its benevolent grasp it embraces all mankind, without regard for future reward, save that of a well-spent life.

Masonry knows no bounds; from east to west, from north to south, from the highest heavens to the lowest depths, it sheds its light. The first lesson taught the novice is a belief in God and love for his fellow-man. Step by step sublime truths are revealed, comprehending the entire scope of human action; and it is here we find in allegories and symbols the mystic laws of God and Nature.

Faith, Hope, Charity, Justice, Prudence, Fortitude, and Temperance are dogmas of the Order, with brotherly love and relief the reward of their observance. These principles, when duly observed, dispel from the benighted mind the fear and superstitions of ignorance by guiding it through the darkness of vice into the temple of light and truth.

As Masons we will ever hold in fraternal remembrance the name of Prince Hall, for establishing among us an Order so sublime in conception and benevolent in aim; and if at any future time our love for the Royal Art should fail in its zeal, let us turn to Copp's Hill, the Mecca of our Masonic faith, for more light and inspiration.

"ARCADIA" IN THE CITY.

THE widening of Queen-street, Cheapside, has brought into prominence many establishments which have hitherto been hemmed in by buildings crowded together in that busy thoroughfare leading from the Guildhall to the Mansion House railway station of the Metropolitan Railway and the southern districts of London. Notable amongst these is the vegetarian restaurant, well known as "The Arcadian," which has been thoroughly renovated and is now likely to attract a large addition to the number of its habitués. The novelty, however, which the proprietors, Messrs. Hayes and Foster, have just appended to their generally excellent arrangement is the "sixpenny dinner." The idea of a repast of three or four courses for the modest sum of sixpence may raise a smile on the lips of some "diners out," but it is a reality for all that. Excellent lentils, with pease pudding to follow, and we hardly know how many luxuries besides, are here served up in Continental fashion, and at a rate of economy which is not to be equalled in London. The whole establishment is the picture of cleanliness, elegance, and order, with every conceivable appliance for personal comfort and convenience. Many of our friends who have a scrupulous objection to vegetarianism pure and simple declare that they will gladly visit "The Arcadian" again, for, with the comforts and excellent arrangements there, luxury and economy are most effectually combined. To the "poor City clerk," whom we so often hear about as snatching his mid-day meal wherever he can find shelter from public gaze, this system of "sixpenny dinners" is a boon which will be largely taken advantage of when the varied attractions of "The Arcadian" are more generally known.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was celebrated, under most favourable auspices, on Friday, the 25th ultimo. For some time past this Lodge has not run its course with such even tenour as its well-wishers could have desired, but with the inauguration of a new year of its existence we hope sincerely a better state of affairs may result, and that the Royal Alfred will again take its old position as one of the most popular Lodges within the Metropolitan District. The brethren assembled at their headquarters, the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, at half-past four o'clock, when Lodge was opened by Bro. William D. Becket, who was supported by a goodly number of the Past Masters and members of the Lodge, and the following Visitors:—J. Plowman S.W. 1391, Chas. Giddins J.D. 933, C. Osman I.G. 1327, J. Terry P.M. 228 P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, T. Fisher P.M. 834, W. H. Harris I.P.M. 172, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, L. Lichtwitz S.D. 1891, J. H. Ford 2032, J. Forester 1993, G. Gardner S.W. 2012. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, several matters of interest were considered, and the auditors' report presented. Bro. B. E. Blasby, a most popular Past Master of the Lodge, who during the last year has fulfilled the duties of Treasurer, at the last meeting of the Lodge was elected to fill the chair, and he was now formally presented to receive at the hands of the W.M. the benefits of installation. The obligation having been administered, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Blasby again placed in the chair as Master of the Lodge. On the readmission of the brethren who had not yet donned the levels, the W.M. was saluted in the three degrees, and he appointed and invested the following as Officers for the year ensuing: C. Maton S.W., Sperring J.W., Byd-mann Treas., Hilton P.M. Sec., Coombes S.D., Rowe J.D., W. Gamm I.G., Cox D.C., Tarling Steward, J. Gilbert P.G. Tyler Mildx. Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bro. Becket, who was complimented for the way he had carried out the duties of the day. Bro. Blasby announced that he had undertaken to act as Steward on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in connection with its Festival in February next, and reminded the brethren that the Royal Alfred Lodge had not for some considerable time past voted any sums towards the support of the Institutions. Bro. Becket thereupon proposed that a sum of ten guineas be granted from the funds, to be placed on the list of their Worshipful Master. This proposition was seconded by Brother P.M. Franckel, and carried unanimously. It was also agreed that new collars should be provided for the Officers at the expense of the Lodge, and that the jewels should be renovated and those missing replaced. A candidate for initiation was proposed by the W.M. and seconded by Bro. Maton, the ballot to be taken at the next meeting. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master in open Lodge. Bro. Blasby took the opportunity of congratulating the recipient, and referred back to the days of that brother's admittance into the Lodge. At that time, as at the present, Bro. Blasby was Master, and he well remembered having initiated Bro. Becket. It was, therefore, an especial pleasure to him to invest Bro. Becket with the jewel. Bro. Becket suitably acknowledged the gift. He felt the high honour paid him by the members of the Royal Alfred Lodge. He little thought that on the Master who initiated him would also devolve the duty of investing him with a Past Master's jewel. After the transaction of other business, the Lodge was closed and the brethren proceeded to banquet. This was followed by the customary toasts. The health of the Master was proposed by Bro. Becket, who said that Bro. Blasby had in years gone by shown his qualification for the Master's chair, and had since gained further experience as ruler of a neighbouring Lodge. The coming year in the Royal Alfred would undoubtedly be a success under his auspices. Bro. Blasby tendered his thanks. The toast had been proposed in a friendly spirit, which he fully appreciated. He entered on the duties of his office with the firm conviction that he should have the support and sympathy of every member of the Lodge. The Visitors' toast was gracefully proposed, and acknowledged by several of the guests. The other toasts each in turn met cordial consideration, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in a truly harmonious and agreeable manner. The arrangements made by Bro. Brill, the host of the Star and Garter, for the entertainment of his patrons were most complete. This establishment is growing in popularity on every side.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

THE first meeting of the session of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 24th ultimo, at the Regent Masonic Temple (Café Royal), Regent Street, W. Present—Bros G. J. Jones W.M., U. S. Lee S.W., J. A. Hammond as J.W. (in the absence, through indisposition, of Bro. W. C. Smith), J. E. Shand P.M. Sec., G. W. Harrington as S.D., E. B. Cox J.D., C. M. Brander as I.G., E. H. Howe W.M. 1765 Org., W. J. Higgins Steward; J. Wanzh P.M., T. W. Eastgate I.P.M.; also Bros. Edell W.M. 108, W. H. Bolt, Joel Emmanuel, T. Pratt, Arensburg, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. H. Brock W.M. 145, R. W. Forge P.M. 1793, W. H. Baker S.W. 1620, Christmas Piper Steward 2030, G. F. Hammond J.W. 1765, R. A. Kirkaldy S.W. 1321, C. Parsons S.D. 1637, &c. The minutes of the April meeting, and emergency of 4th June were read and confirmed. Bros. Mason, Barber, Miller, Anselot and Buret were passed to the second degree. A ballot was taken for Mr. Arthur Neat, it proved unanimous in his favour, and he was duly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. H. S. Lee, the S.W., was unanimously elected W.W. for ensuing year, Bro. Hammond re-elected Treasurer, and Potter P.M. re-elected Tyler. The Bye-Laws having been read, and Auditors appointed, two candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting.

On due application two members were placed on the country list, and two resignations were tendered. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Jones for his valuable services during the year, and shortly afterwards Lodge was closed. The brethren (48 in number) then dined at the Café Royal (which we may state is now fitted up with the electric light); the repast was served under the superintendence of Bro. Eugene Delacoste P.M. 1627. Bros. H. Tinney S.D. 1319, Eastgate, Hammond and others contributed some excellent music, and Bro. Bolt a recitation. Altogether the time was spent most pleasantly. The brethren separated until the installation meeting, 4th Thursday in November.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 1743.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, on Saturday, the 12th ult. Bro. Eade, the W.M. of the past year, opened the Lodge, and after the transaction of routine business vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Leins P.M. and Treasurer, who in due course installed Bro. W. Mollindinia, the late Senior Warden. Bro. J. L. Mather acted as Director of Ceremonies during the proceedings. The Worshipful Master having been saluted, appointed the following as his Officers: Bros. Reed S.W., Mitchell J.W., Leins P.M. Treas., Ferry P.M. Sec., Smith S.D., Fox J.D., Salter I.G., Lovell D.C., Swire Asst. D.C., Chamberlayn St., Clements Asst. St., and Goddard P.M. Tyler. The ceremony of installation having been completed, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was creditably served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Begbie, the Manager of the Hotel. At the conclusion of the repast the usual toast list was done justice to. The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Eade, submitted the toast of the Worshipful Master. Most of those present were aware that Bro. Mollindinia had taken an active part in the formation of the Lodge, and during its early days had zealously fulfilled the duties of Secretary. It was true he had not been through every office in the Lodge, but was nevertheless an excellent Mason, thoroughly qualified to discharge the duties of Worshipful Master. Bro. Eade concluded by expressing a hope that his successor would enjoy a prosperous year. The Worshipful Master returned his best thanks. He fully appreciated the responsibility of the office he had undertaken, and having a desire that the Lodge should progress was anxious to impart a little more motion to it. There was a young Lodge; it had done very well so far. He hoped he might have a busy term of office, as he felt competent to perform any amount of work that might be required of him. The toast of the Visitors was next proposed by the W.M. He did not know what the Lodge of Perseverance would do without guests—it was the aim of the members to make visitors happy and comfortable during their stay in the Lodge. The toast was responded to by Bro. Keeble I.P.M. 1426, and others. Bro. Keeble referred to his presence at the last five or six installations of this Lodge, and expressed a hope that it might continue to prosper in the future. The health of Bro. Eade, the Immediate Past Master, followed. The W.M., in proposing this toast, said Bro. Eade had carried out the duties of his year of office with a great amount of skill. The work imposed on Bro. Eade had been heavy, and he had carried it out successfully. In the name of the brethren the Worshipful Master then presented to his predecessor a Past Master's jewel, expressing the hope that Brother Eade might have the best of health to wear it for many years to come. Brother Eade, in acknowledging the presentation, said it was with feelings of deep gratification he tendered his thanks. He feared he had not done enough work during his year of office to entitle him to such a memento as he had just received. The health of the Installing Master—Bro. Leins—was proposed by the W.M. The mere mention of this brother's name was, he said, sufficient to ensure a cordial response in the Lodge of Perseverance. Bro. Leins was entitled to their esteem as the Father of the Lodge, and a true friend to Masonry. Bro. Leins was the Masonic father of a large family, and as their Installing Master had earned additional honour. Bro. Leins had much pleasure in returning thanks. He did not think he deserved all the kind things that had been said of him. He was proud of having had the opportunity of installing Bro. Mollindinia, as but a few years since he had initiated him into the Order. Since that time they had worked harmoniously and conscientiously together. He had always found Bro. Mollindinia a true and faithful brother. Brother Leins urged on the brethren to strive to work harmoniously together at all times, and in conclusion expressed a hope that God might spare his Masonic children for many years, and make their work in harmony with each other. The toast of the Past Masters was acknowledged by Bros. Kearney, Marley, and others, and that of the Treasurer and Secretary by those two brethren. The Officers were toasted and the two Wardens having acknowledged the compliment, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

HENRY LEVANDER LODGE, No. 2048.

"THIS not in mortals to command success." How often we find the words of the poet exemplified in our Lodges. The quotation with which we have headed our present remarks applies perhaps more than any other to the condition of Masonic Lodges and the means by which that condition has been arrived at. Our Lodges cannot command success, but they may be so conducted as to deserve it, as many of the most successful organisations on the roll of Grand Lodge testify. The brethren of the Henry Levander Lodge appear to recognise the truth of our text, and are striving their utmost to secure that success which can only result from taking steps to deserve it. Consecrated but twelve months before, there was of course much that the Lodge wanted when its present Master, Bro. W. A. Scurrah, assumed its govern-

ment. Furniture had not been provided, as it was thought better for the members to avail themselves of the kind offer of the Citadel Lodge, to lend theirs at a small rental, rather than encumber the Lodge with a debt by the purchase of its own. To remedy this omission appears to have been one of the first thoughts of the new Master, and he has the gratification of knowing that within two months of his installation, on the occasion of his first presidency at a regular meeting, the furniture used was the property of the Lodge; obtained, not by creating a debt for the Lodge to struggle under for years to come, but by the free-will offerings of its members. This is a step on the road to the deserving of success, and if it does not have the effect of securing it we shall be much disappointed. At an emergency meeting of the Lodge, held in August, Bro. Scurrah suggested that the presentation of a set of furniture to the Lodge would be a graceful act on the part of its members. He made a start by offering to contribute the pedestals, and was so warmly supported by those around him that on Saturday last, when the regular meeting was held, the following presentations were formally made to the Treasurer, on behalf of the Lodge:—

	Presented by
Three pedestals - - -	Bro. W. A. Scurrah W.M.
Tripod and Perfect Ashlar - - -	C. J. Axford S.W.
Two Columns for the Wardens - - -	Phillip Cheek J.W.
Three cushions - - -	C. P. McKay Sec.
	Worrall D.C.
Three Tracing Boards - - -	B. M. Surrudge S.D.
	E. R. Clunn
	A. W. Wace
Three Candlesticks - - -	W. H. Burgess J.D.
	H. Webb I.G.
Three gavels and sounding boards - - -	Arthur Scurrah
Volume of the Sacred Law - - -	Frederick Levander

In formally handing these gifts over to the custody of the Treasurer, Bro. Scurrah expressed the pleasure he felt in having made a proposal which had resulted so successfully for the Lodge. Speaking for himself, and on behalf of the other donors, he said the gifts were cheerfully made, with the hope that they would prove of service to the Lodge. Bro. Lovegrove thanked the brethren. It was, of course, a great advantage for a Lodge to have its own furniture, but not when the obtaining it threw the Lodge into debt, from which it had to struggle for years and years to free itself. The presents he was sure were offered with the heartiest good wishes of the donors, and were therefore all the more valuable, for, as Shakspeare hath said,

"Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind."

The Worshipful Master said he had not recounted all their good fortune yet. He had another presentation to announce, but had purposely kept all mention of it distinct from the others. Brother W. M. Stiles had been kind enough to contribute the Square and Compasses towards their furniture, a further proof of his interest in the Lodge. Bro. Stiles had materially assisted them in the past, and was always willing to do anything in his power to advance their interests, even though his so doing might upset other arrangements; this was evidenced when he postponed his holiday in order to be present at their emergency meeting the previous month. As a small recognition of all that Bro. Stiles had done for the Lodge Bro. Scurrah proposed that he be elected an honorary member, an honour which was conferred with acclamation. Bro. Stiles briefly acknowledged the compliment. He should do his best to merit in the future a continuance of the kind feeling which had been evinced towards him in the past. A vote of thanks to Bro. Frederick Levander, brother of the distinguished Mason after whom the Lodge was named, was next proposed, for his presentation of the Volume of the Sacred Law, and was unanimously carried. The W.M. then enumerated the other articles which were required to complete the furnishing of the Lodge and expressed his willingness to receive presentations. In answer to his invitation, Bro. Alfred W. Gerrard, who had that day been passed, promised to provide the wands, and we have no doubt that ere the Lodge is much older the other necessaries will be forthcoming.

So far we have digressed. We have recorded the concluding business of the Lodge, and omitted all mention of what preceded it. This consisted of the working of the three degrees and the acceptance of a joining member. The Lodge was opened at the Railway Station Hotel, Harrow, by the W.M., who was supported by Henry Lovegrove I.P.M. and Treasurer, C. J. Axford S.W., Phillip Cheek J.W., C. P. McKay Secretary, B. M. Surrudge S.D., W. Heath Burgess J.D., H. Webb I.G., T. E. Worrall D.C., S. Reece Steward, John Read P.M. 720 Organist, and the following, among other Visitors: J. Hearnum 167, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, W. R. Palmer 143, W. M. Stiles P.M. 1507, H. Dickey Sec. 1744, J. Terry P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, R. Ross D.C. 1744, Chas. Punnock 1658, and Lane 167. The minutes having been confirmed, Bros. Arthur Henry Scurrah, Frank Charles Joseph, H. W. Parker, and William Dent Dickenson were raised; Bro. B. W. Gerrard was passed, and Messrs. James Hunt, Edwin James Sadgrove, and George Powell were initiated. Bro. J. Barry was unanimously elected a joining member. Previous to closing the Lodge the Worshipful Master announced his intention to serve as a Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; and Bro. Lovegrove announced that the monument to the late Bro. Henry Levander would shortly be completed, and placed in position over that brother's grave. An enjoyable banquet followed the closing of the Lodge, and at its conclusion the customary toasts were honoured. In due course the health of the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Francis Bardett, Bart., was honoured. The W.M. referred to the interest the Provincial Grand Master took in his district and the kindness he always evinced to members of his Province whenever he met them. Brother Axford responded on behalf of the Deputy Grand Master and other Provincial Officers, and then Brother Lovegrove proposed the health of the W.M. Brother Scurrah replied, thanking the brethren, and assuring them he felt very proud, very pleased, and very happy to be at the

head of the Lodge. Nothing he could do to assist in the working of Freemasonry or of the Henry Levander Lodge should be neglected. He next proposed the health of the Initiates, and the toast having been honoured, the newly-admitted brethren responded. Bro. Sadgrove was very proud to become a member of the Craft, and hoped to be a credit to the Lodge which had admitted him. Bro. Powell thanked the brethren for electing him, and for their very kind reception that day. Bro. Hunt said he had long had a desire to become a Freemason, and when a friend of his mentioned that he was a member of the Henry Levander Lodge he at once thought he should like to join that Lodge, for the reason that he had known the late Brother Henry Levander for many years, and appreciated his many good qualities. He felt that by joining the Lodge named after him he should have another reason to never forget the name of that worthy man. He hoped he might prove himself deserving of the high honour which intimate association with the name of Levander was to him. The Master next gave the toast of the I.P.M., coupling with it that of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bros. Lovegrove and McKay responded, and then the Visitors were toasted. With this was coupled the Charities. Bro. Stiles replied as a visitor, it being explained to him that until the confirmation of the minutes he was merely an outsider—not a full honorary member—and Bro. Terry acknowledged the compliment to the Charities. The latter, in a forcible speech, urged the brethren to support the efforts of their W.M., who would act as a Steward for the Benevolent Institution in February next, and pointed out the claims that Charity had on members of the Order for support to the fullest extent in their power. The toast of the Officers of the Lodge was given from the chair and was followed by that of the Lay Brethren. Bro. Sarridge responded to the former, and Bros. Clunn and Wace on behalf of the latter. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Wednesday, 23rd September. Present: Bros. J. D. Laughton W.M., H. M. Hobbs S.W., F. T. Ridpath J.W., J. S. Fraser Secretary, M. L. Lovén J.D., George Price P.G. Treas. Surrey, W. D. Merritt P.P.G.D.C. Essex, F. Cambridge P.P.G.O. Surrey, W. G. Oates, S. Oxenham, E. C. Holdsworth, F. W. Leaver, C. Holden, A. B. Crundall, and W. Lane Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Frederick West P.G. Steward, P.P.G. Registrar Surrey, C. Daniel P.M. 65, C. Tarry J.W. 1790, E. Gillemand 463, J. Hirschman 957. The W.M., in the absence of the S.D. and I.G., appointed Bros. W. G. Oates and E. C. Holdsworth to those offices respectively. Bros. Oxenham and Leaver were raised to the degree of M.M., and Bro. Crundall was passed to the second degree, Bro. Cambridge presiding at the harmonium. The W.M. proposed a sincere vote of condolence with Bros. E. Samuel and W. G. Goode, the S.D. and I.G. of the Lodge, in the sad bereavement they had sustained in the loss of their wives, which was adopted with many expressions of sympathy. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

ROYAL ARCH.

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SOUTH SAXON CHAPTER, No. 311.

This Chapter held its annual convocation at the Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Lewes, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. Comp. Hodgkin was appointed M.E.Z. for the ensuing year, and the other Officers were elected, as follows: Stedman H., A. Holman J., W. D. Stone N., G. E. Chapman S.E., R. Crosskey Treas., and Hall Janitor. The retiring Z., Comp. Briscoe, was presented with a handsome jewel in recognition of the efficient manner in which he had performed his duties. Subsequently the Companions dined together at the Bear Hotel, several Visitors being amongst the company.

A NEW SERENADE.—Bro. Emra Holmes' popular poem, "The Maiden's Bower," has been set to music by a rising young composer, Mr. J. H. Lewis, Mus. Doc., the author of "Love's Message." The London Musical Publishing Company have brought it out as a four-part song, and no doubt it will soon be a recognised favourite at our winter concerts. "The Maiden's Bower" was recently sung at Tunbridge Wells, and was a great success, the serenade being described in the leading local organ—the *Tunbridge Advertiser*—as a pleasing and scholarly composition.

MARRIAGE.

DAVIDSON-MAGOVNEY.—On 1st January 1885, at Saint John's Church, Darlinghurst, Sydney, New South Wales, by the Reverend Edward Glanville Cranswick, Worshipful Brother FRANCIS BENJAMIN DAVIDSON, Past Master 556, 937, 1653, and other Lodges; P.Z. 817, P.E. 390, P.J. 326, Chapters; P.D. Grand Director of Ceremonies New South Wales; Past Grand Mark Master Overseer of England; Substitute District Grand Master of Scottish Freemasons in N.S. Wales, &c., &c. to Miss MARGARET SOPHIA MAGOVNEY, third daughter of the late Brother Thomas Magovney, Esquire, of Upper Brongham Street, Darlinghurst, Sydney, N.S.W.

I certify the above to be true.

FRANCIS B. DAVIDSON,

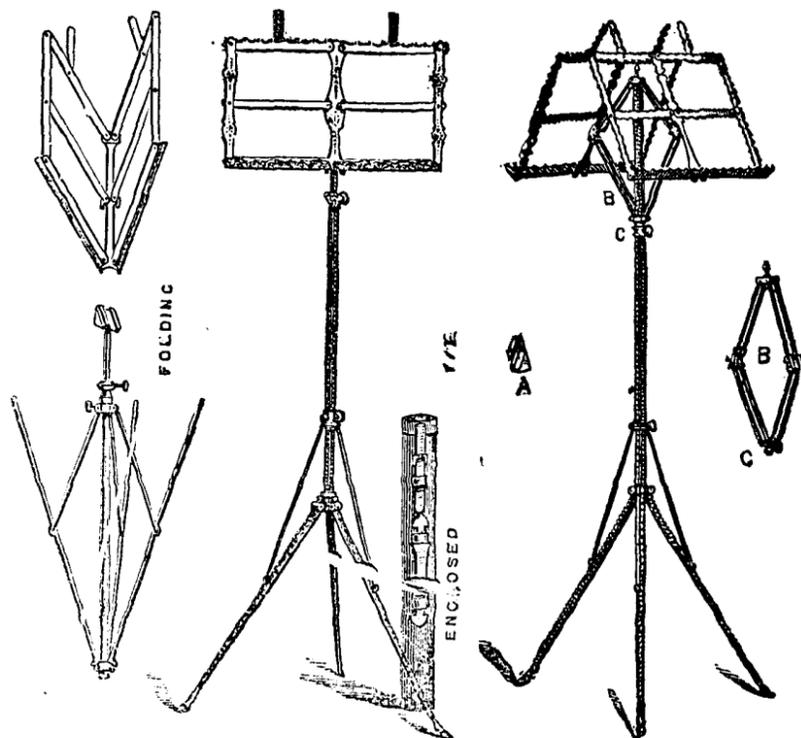
Commissioner for Affidavits, Her Majesty's Supreme Court of New South Wales.

In recording the marriage of Bro. Davidson, which we did in our issue of the 27th June last, we inadvertently gave the lady's name as Magooney. We now insert the notice in its correct form, and regret the error into which we fell.

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IN accordance with a resolution of the General Committee, a
 SPECIAL GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this
 Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's
 Inn Fields, London, on Tuesday, 6th October 1885, at Four o'clock precisely,
 to consider, and if approved adopt, the following resolution by Bro. Robert
 Grey P.G.D., Patron, upon recommendation of the House Committee, viz. :-

"That the Provisional Contract, dated 23rd September 1885, for the pur-
 chase, for £5,700, of the land on the north and east sides of the Institu-
 tion at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, as shown upon the plan
 annexed to such contract be approved, and that the Trustees be
 authorized to carry the same into effect."

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F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5 Freemasons' Hall,
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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Sub-
 scribers of this Institution, will be held in the Hall of the FREEMASONS'
 TAVERN, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Saturday, the 10th day
 of October 1885, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the
 Institution, to consider recommendation of General Committee,

"That one more vacancy be declared for the October Election in conse-
 quence of the withdrawal from the Institution of Beatrice Elizabeth
 Wright."

Also to consider Notice of Motion, as under, and to Elect Sixteen, or in the
 event of the Recommendation being adopted, Seventeen girls into the School
 from a list of Thirty-four approved Candidates. The Election will commence
 at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over).

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

By Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL:—

"That the meetings of the General Committee commence at 5 o'clock p.m.,
 instead of 4 o'clock p.m., and that the Laws be altered accordingly."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICES—5 FREEMASONS' HALL,
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 3rd October 1885.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

ELECTION, 12TH OCTOBER 1885.

CANDIDATES withdrawn since issue of Voting Papers:—

No. 21. Adames, Harold William.
 „ 23. Brown, Harry Randle.

Votes polled for the above will be thrown away.

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std.), V. Pat., Secretary.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
 29th September 1885.

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THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE beg to announce that the
 GRAND MASTER'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION will, by the kind
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 struction and Improvement of Mark Master Masons on the First and Third
 WEDNESDAYS in the months of October, November, December 1885, January,
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 7 o'clock precisely.

The CEREMONY OF ADVANCEMENT will be rehearsed on WEDNESDAY,
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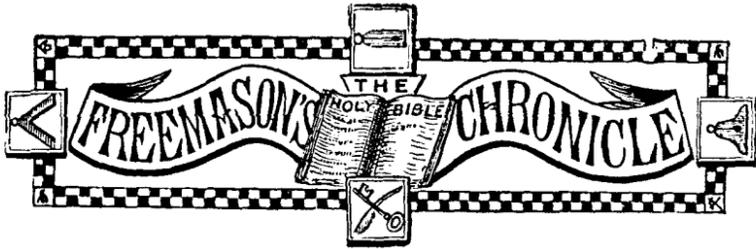
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MASONS WHOM WE HAVE MET.

No. II.

MRS. MALAPROP, who figures so prominently in the famous play of "The Rivals," is never tired of reminding us that "comparisons are odorous;" and, acting upon the hint, it will be our endeavour, in the series of sketches now in hand, to avoid anything that may be construed into invidious contrast or personal prejudice. Yet, there cannot fail to be marked distinctions of character and demeanour which force themselves most strongly upon the attention of those who make a study of human nature, and which may be descanted upon without giving offence or causing any irritation, even to the most fastidious sense. Thus, in drawing contrasts between various characters which constantly come across our path in the Masonic sphere, we may probably be enabled to deduce some lessons for serious and beneficial contemplation, and inspire some reflections which may lead up to a higher idea of the teachings and responsibilities of the Craft to which so many good men and true esteem it an honour to be attached. We are urged nothing to extenuate, nor aught set down in malice, and this is the silver thread we desire should permeate through all our musings upon the subject embodied in the title of this series. If we would err on any side, it would be on that of the truest charity, which tells us—

"Be to our faults a little blind,
And to our virtues ever kind."

It will not be difficult for any of our readers who are acquainted with the more prominent members of the Craft to discern, without too near a delineation of ours, the men who give us food for the descriptions contained in these fugitive notes. And first and foremost at the moment there rises before us the face and figure of one who stands like a Saul, head and shoulders above his fellows, on the Masonic platform, whom years of toil and well spent energy have but added to the strength of his robust vigour in the cause he has upheld so valiantly ever since he joined its ranks many years ago. Our earliest recollection of this "tower of strength" to Freemasonry was when, as an invited guest, we saw his manly form and listened to his eloquent pleadings in behalf of one of our Charitable Institutions, in a provincial centre. We recollect how intently the brethren who crowded to that banquet hung upon the impassioned accents of the Visitor of the evening, as he dilated with warmth and genuine enthusiasm upon the beneficent aims of the Craft and the splendid results it had achieved in the cause of Charity. In our then young Masonic days, when the pulse beat high with ambitious desire to learn more of the depth and sublimity of Masonic life, we slaved with all the rest of that festive throng the admiration which his fervid utterances and manly sympathy evoked. To us, as to others, our "Metropolitan friend and brother" was unquestionably the lion of the hour, and as such was lifted, unconsciously to himself, to a pinnacle almost of adoration. Why was it? Because in every word and gesture was made apparent the depth of honest conviction in the objects which he espoused, of sympathy with the friendless and the orphan, and help for the indigent, the aged, and the afflicted. If these lines should meet the eye of the brother to whom we thus refer, they may convey to him some satisfaction, if indeed it is needed, that the words of counsel, of encouragement, and of emulation which fell so glibly from his tongue so many years ago, have not been spoken in vain, for, like the "bread upon the waters," that is "seen after many days," they proved the source from which has sprung a well of Masonic activity in the particular county where first we met this great Apostle of the Craft. Years have rolled on apace, and although old Time has silvered the locks and furrowed the brow of one who has stood so gallantly by the colours under which so large a span of his life has been employed, yet the patriotic fire has not dimmed, nor

has the fervency and zeal one whit abated. In the personage whose image is now conjured up before us we see a youth and spontaneity of enthusiasm which, though softened by experience, is still as healthy and as hale as it was in earlier days. Herein we see the sterling ring of the man who, for no mere sake of self-aggrandisement, but for the common weal, has spent himself, and is willing to be spent, upon the lofty object which he has espoused, and who, though heedless of the adulation which such a course of action must necessarily evoke, still pursues the even tenour of his way, shedding light and comfort all around him, like a fixed star in the firmament of the Craft. The picture engraven so indelibly upon our memory, when he stood, the "observed of all observers," at that Provincial banquet, and proclaimed so boldly and so eloquently the priceless beauties of Freemasonry, is by no means an isolated one. With our experience has grown a closer observation of, and a more intimate acquaintance with, the sturdy efforts of this doughty champion of our Order, and the more we see the more our admiration deepens. Be there a cause for his presence, or a necessity for his special pleading, in any nook or corner of the realm, there he is to be found, with ready voice and firm hand, doing good suit and service to the grand and glorious object of his career. Distance is no object, or privation no hardship, so that he can lend a hand to brethren who require his stimulating aid. "Once more into the breach, dear friends," is the motto which seems to be inscribed on his escutcheon, and wherever he raises the banner of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, there rally round him true and trusty followers who only need the inspiration of a leader to incite them to deeds that must

"Leave their footprints on the sands of Time."

Let there be a Charitable Festival, a prize distribution, or the raising of a more lasting and potential adjunct to the Institutions of the Craft, there we discern the guiding intellect and the master hand that lifts the scheme to a glorious accomplishment. Not disdain the petty details of his Craftsmanship, but turning every stone which can in any possible shape or form lead to the advancement of the structure, his giant-mind grapples with the more ponderous constructive work, and directs the energies of his "expert workmen." The good which he has wrought, and the solidity which his efforts have given to the permanent Institutions of our Order are matters which we need not here directly indicate, but will live in memory long after their author has been "gathered to his kindred dust." May that day be yet far distant, so that he who has conceived so many grand designs for the welfare of mankind may see the keystone placed upon the superstructure amidst the "well done" of all who know the origin and maturing of a work so disinterested and so cosmopolitan. Then of him may be written—

"Only the actions of the just
Smell sweet, and blossom in the dust."

Better than any jewel or decoration given by appreciative friends will be the memory of such an one who, though coveting no adulation, or assuming no self-glorious attitude, has reaped the harvest of a well-spent life, and left a name behind of a true man and Mason, and a benefactor of his race. Time enough, however, we trust, for such reflections, for in the mind of him who has accomplished so much there is still in course of development schemes of potent interest to Freemasonry, and to the completion of which the Craft are looking with complacent solicitude. Bland, affable, and courteous towards all with whom he is brought into contact, no matter on whatever rung of the Masonic ladder they may stand, his ear is ever open to the voice of supplication, and his hand ever outstretched for the alleviation of pain and sorrow. At the festivities to which he is so frequently invited, and which it is in his province to attend, his cheery visage and radiant versatility lend a charm to the assembly, whilst his ready wit will often "set the table in a roar." And when in response to wishes kindly expressed towards the Charities, his sonorous tones are uplifted, there beams a geniality upon his benign features which adds a zest to the emanations of his mind. Here we have a type of a Mason whom many may emulate, but whose eminence few can hope to reach, and in bidding adieu to our illustrious brother, we are sure our readers will agree that in thus speaking of him we are only exemplifying the axiom, "Palmarum qui meruit ferat."

Turn we now to a different and less agreeable theme,

and gaze at the reverse side of the picture. We see in our "mind's eye" another type of Masonic character, upon which we can look with feelings only of regret,—we had almost said contempt. It is painful enough to note the man who, probably through no mercenary or other unworthy motives has joined the Masonic ranks, but who, either from want of calibre, or disappointed in the attainment of too ambitious hopes, has lost heart, "can see nothing in Masonry," and falls into the crowd—if we may use the expression—of "camp followers of the Craft." Far better that, forsooth, than the man who flauntingly trades upon Masonry, and who, bedizened with Masonic emblems, prostitutes the Order for his own social interest and pecuniary gain. We know of men who have gained an introduction to our circle by a subtly concealed desire to "make something out of Freemasonry." Inside the Lodge they display but scant regard for authority and rule, whilst in their private and business life they never miss an opportunity of parading their connection with the Craft. Their personal adornments are Masonic emblems, on breast-pin, ring, and watch appendages; they parade on trade circular and card the symbols of a calling which should be sacred. Boisterous in behaviour and blatant in boast, these parasites do more harm to Freemasonry than they could ever be expected to do good. Such men have forged their way, perhaps by assumed *bonhomie*, into the graces of the less discerning, and pose as vigorous and healthy Masons. But they never rise in the respect and regard of true and genuine members of the Order. To our sorrow be it said we know of men who, with "an eye to business," have induced some brother possessed of more zeal than discernment to propose them, and once within the pale they immediately proceed to utilise the position they have gained for their own personal ends. Either they seek admission to society to which they would otherwise have remained strangers, or they push their specialities—either in trade or profession—persistently before the notice of the brethren whose acquaintanceship they form. We know of men who boast, in undisguised glee, of having built up their position upon the fact of their having "joined the Masons," but who were never yet known to do a kindly, much less a brotherly action. In the commercial room, at the dinner-table, and on every available opportunity, they are loud and not over choice in speech, and their whole lives are opposed to that of men of "sound judgment and strict morals." Instead of imbibing the true principles and tenets of Freemasonry, which should make them a pattern to those who know them, they are reckless in demeanour, and contact with them sullies rather than elevates the mind. We are fain to believe such examples are comparatively rare, but that there are "black sheep in Freemasonry," as well as in every other human institution, is a fact painfully apparent at times. It is often difficult to avoid association with these unscrupulous ones, who unfortunately cannot be weeded out of our ranks, but when such examples are found they should exert a deterring influence upon those who are over zealous in gathering in candidates for admission to the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. This trading on Freemasonry is a theme capable of painful enlargement, when space permits; but for the present we must be content to leave the comparison where it stands, without making it too odious.

We understand that the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master (Lord Henniker) has fixed the annual Mark Grand Lodge for the Province of East Anglia to be held at Norwich, on Wednesday, the 21st October.

At the last Regular Meeting of the Electric Lodge, No. 2087, held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, 26th ult., the S.W., Bro. W. H. Preece, F.R.S., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months.

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THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On the eve of the second election of the year for girls and boys to our noble Institutions I send you my analysis of the candidates, with such comments as present themselves to my mind. First of all, 13 of them are under 8 years of age, from 6 years and 4 months to 7 years and eleven months; now, unless since the completion of the new building the age of admission has been altered from 8 years, and should these infants, or even half of them be successful, then "dog in the manger" policy, which was spoken about in April last will be at work to a very serious extent, unless an equivalent number of the highest eligible ones be admitted in their place, and thus the vacancies be accordingly lessened at the next and following elections. For example, say that the child of six years and four months is successful, is his place to remain vacant for over two years? Or if the admission is at seven years, for one year? Decidedly not; if this be allowed to go on we shall have them entered as soon as they are born.

To resume the analysis. The average age of the boy candidates is a small fraction over 9. There are 26 from London, 29 from the Provinces, and 1 foreign. The fathers have subscribed for an average of 9 years 4 months and a fraction, only 16, $\frac{2}{3}$ ths, are recorded as assisting the Institution, 6 have no parents living, 45 the mother only, 2 the father only, and 3 both parents; the average number in family is within 2 of 4 each, ranging from 1 to 10. The average age of the girls 9 years and nearly 2 months; only 5 are under 8; there are 10 from London, and the remaining 24 from the Provinces. I can only average 31 of the fathers' subscriptions, as 3 are marked until incapacitated, whenever that may have been; but the average of the 31 is 9 years and nearly 1 month, and only 8, rather more than one-fourth, are recorded as in any way helping the Institutions; 6 have no parents living, 19 the mother only, 2 the stepmother only, and 5 have both parents living, and the average number in family 4 and $\frac{2}{3}$ ths, ranging from 1 to 10. The two last chances among the girls—No. 5, with 1403, may be looked upon as safe; and No. 24, though a first as well as last application, under the management of Captain Homfray, may be looked upon as a certainty also.

Amongst the boys there are seven last applicants. No. 1, Davis, from South Wales Eastern Division, has now applied six times; either he ought never to have been presented, or the Province, after allowing his name to appear, have left him to shift for himself. Now this ought not to be—either a case is deserving or it is not. If the former, it should receive the support of the Province; if not, the mockery of his name appearing on the lists, and the double cruelty to the child and parent should not be permitted. It is not our province to punish the sins of the parents upon the children, but once having accepted the child as a fit and proper candidate he should be helped to the uttermost.

No. 3, Warner, fifth application, with a credit of 772, should, if his friends are in earnest, have no difficulty in obtaining a place. No. 12, Henshaw, third application, and 719 votes, also stands a good chance, especially as more than half the applicants will be admitted. No. 13, Astington, second application, carrying forward 275; here is a case where the London Association could well come to the rescue, and land a winner. The remaining three are first applications. No. 3, Brown, Cheshire; No. 25, Marfin, London; and No. 34, Smithers, Sussex. Of these three, Brown and Smithers have good Provinces at their back, but Marfin, of London, as the Metropolis is not, nor can ever be, in unity with itself, is not so promising. Here again the London Association can show its strength and usefulness. Happy will the day be when no last chances are turned away.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

THE LATE BRO. H. M. LEVY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As a Mason of some years' standing, and one who for a long period had the pleasure of the late Bro. H. M. Levy's association and Masonic kindness, I thoroughly endorse all the deserved eulogiums in which you conveyed to us the melancholy news of his decease in the last issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Bro. Levy was one of those kindly and kindred spirits whose geniality was always on the surface, but when something deeper was required to forward the cause of charity the benevolent feelings of his heart were always found "true to the core." I, in common with many hundreds of Masons who knew his worth, deeply sympathize with his friends in particular at the loss they have sustained, and from the well known kindly spirit of the Joppa Lodge I feel assured that his memory will ever be held in grateful remembrance.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

H. THOMPSON, P.M. 177 and 1158.

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THE THEATRES.

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Haymarket.—The Haymarket has passed through a course of varied artistic experiences since its foundation, in 1702. A French company was once hooted from its boards by the fervour of British patriotism; it was once almost wrecked by an overwhelming audience who paid their money to see a man, according to his advertisement, jump into a quart bottle; this audience revenged their outraged credulity by pulling up the benches. Thenceforth it became devoted—with brief intervals—to higher comedy, and its history is illustrated by the greatest histrionic names beloved by that sprightly muse. During the long and brilliant period of the Webster management what a list of delightful old comedies can we not recall. The heroes, not sad and care-oppressed as in these melancholy days; the heroines, as blyth as singing birds; the specially virtuous people rather given to preaching, but this more than counterbalanced by the big D.'s of the Indian uncles. Well, well; all these handsome scapegraces and their sweet lady loves have vanished, like the powder from their periwigs. To them succeeded pleasant Tom Robinson, wholesome and sympathetic; with honest men and kindly women he made the old playhouse a mirror of our own home life, and Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft, who so short a time ago ruled supreme within these dear old walls, seemed in themselves to typify the new dramatic departure. But Tom Robinson's tender water colour drawings are no longer to occupy the scene, and the Bancrofts—to the regret of every playgoer—have abdicated the cares and honours of management. These responsibilities, however, devolve on Messrs. Bashford and Russell, who have long been associated with the fortunes of the house. It was a bold step of the new managers to commence their reign under the flag of melodrama, and join hands in friendly rivalry with the Princess's and Drury Lane. It was doubtful though—from the peculiar character of a Haymarket audience—whether or not melodrama there must not forego the picturesque force it gains

“Where wild in [skins], the noble savage runs.”

It must give us the “*Sturm und drang*” of passion held back by the gag-bit of society. Still it was a happy inspiration that suggested so popular a story as “*Dark Days*” for a first venture. This was a title known to every one who reads, or who runs without reading; it was a no less happy thought to confide its adaptation to the hands of Mr. Comyns Carr, who, out of very crude materials, has constructed a very clever neatly-fitting piece of work. His task was no easy one, and to make such mechanical puppets hold our attention; to make them seem real men and women, required the touch of a thorough artist. Some of the figures have proved too unmanageable. His hero, Dr. North, remains impossible—from the beginning till almost the close. Too late we recognise a living man, when he emerges from the preposterous conditions in which his author has entangled him, and rises to the heroic in denouncing himself as the murderer, to save Pauline, whom he believes to be the unconscious criminal. Mr. Barrymore, earnest and sympathetic actor as he is, evidently does not differentiate this unaccountable doctor, who all the time loving Philippa, the discarded wife of Sir Mervyn Ferrand, instead of rejoicing when he supposes she is not his wife, would at once insist on that bigamous aristocrat ensuring a deeper depth of misery for her by marrying her over again. It is not Mr. Barrymore's fault if he cannot make such conduct seem possible in a former lover, and wholly devoted friend, but he might at least make Dr. North look more like the country practitioner he is supposed to be. An earnest man of science, whose heart is in his work, and whose work necessitates his taking long country rides or drives, in all weathers, would surely not wear a costume chiefly fitted for Belgravian drawing-rooms, and suggestive of a secretary of legation at the very least. How much a good stage quarrel loses now when the dramatist cannot, as of old, provide pistols for two when the crisis comes. In the great quarrel scene, between the miscreant Baronet and the Doctor, the effect is endangered by the peculiar position assumed by the disputants, suggesting to the profane a pair of game cocks awaiting the signal to engage. The adversaries stand with their faces a few inches apart, whilst they respectively indulge in defiance and derision. It is not dignified, and what is worse, the villain, by his cool courage, gets our sympathies, in spite of the decalogue. Mr. Beerbohm-Tree seems to revel in this presentment of an unmitigated scoundrel—a scoundrel with no redeeming point but courage; and with only this trump card Mr. Tree continues to keep the game in his hands, and engrosses the attention and interest of the audience. At the same time we should say this attention and interest is shared with Mr. Pateman, whose William Evans, a scampish horse trainer, who trades on his knowledge of the Baronet's secrets, is one of the most finished portraits the stage now offers. How he cringes, how he mocks, how he defies his dupe, and yet all within the limits of his horsey individuality, is something to be seen, and will not easily be forgotten. Robert Pateman is lost entirely; we have the scheming, unscrupulous, humorous Yorkshireman, whose straight tip to his employer is “*Bigamy*.” How triumphantly he leers and scratches his chin as he demands his price for the said tip. The murder is done in the presence of the audience, and here Mr. Pateman acts splendidly. His terror—not horror—at the crime he did not intend is marked in every line of his face. Then, again, in the last act, when he stands in the dock, scarce breathing in the dread tension of the moment, you see the utter collapse of the man's powers, so that when Philippa suddenly appears to denounce herself, his awful shriek of terror, as he thinks she is a disembodied avenging spirit seems but pent-up agony long grown beyond endurance. The trial scene will doubtless in future representations be much curtailed. The speech of the counsel for the defence is unhappily tame, and but for the absorbing realism of the prisoner's countenance holding all eyes, the audience would

grow impatient at the delay. As it is the final crisis is handicapped by this needless delay, whilst all the excitement we have been called on to experience for the hapless Philippa seems needless, since she is never actually in any danger for her supposed crime. Miss Lingard plays with tender refinement and grace. She is essentially womanly, nor does she even for a moment let us see the mechanism by which stage effects are produced. Her Philippa is natural; indifferent to make-up and studied grace. It is in every way delightful, though it is the actress not the author who chiefly makes it so. Miss Lydia Foote realises a charming young mother; would she were less conscious of her charms. Mr. Sugden is excellent as a good-natured, but used-up masher; he and pretty Miss Forsyth, with their little flirtations, are a pleasant relief amid the moral or intellectual heaviness of the principals. The play is admirably mounted; new effects are tried by arranging some of the set scenes behind a painted curtain which becomes transparent and appears to melt away. Very appropriate music has been arranged by that clever director, M. Bacalossi. The arrangements in front are most liberal; for visitors to stalls and dress circle there are opera glasses without charge; the price to the upper circle has been reduced from two-and-sixpence to two shillings; and if crowded houses and enthusiastic recalls imply success, it will be long before “*Dark Days*” need be withdrawn from the bills.

The Surrey.—In our brief notice of the new play, by Miss Lily Tinsley and Mr. Conquest, we had but space last week to record its undoubted success and the opportunity it affords Mr. Conquest for his weird power in pathos and passion. “*Devil's Luck*,” both in its merits and shortcomings, certainly never indicates its feminine origin. “*Devil's Luck, or the Man she loves*,” has the one crowning excellence demanded by works of its class; the story moves so rapidly, and the strain of interest so mounts in intensity that the audience is kept in unflagging attention, so that incidents and personages which might seem impossible from a critical point of view, are accepted at the moment without question. The opening scene in the cottage of the old farrier (Mr. Conquest) is very interesting; crushed by age and poverty, David Dodswell is wholly absorbed in thought for his daughter. A railway accident serves to bring the chief dramatis personæ together under his roof. A very clever scene shows us the four rooms of the cottage; in one the injured young naval officer, secretly married to the farrier's daughter, lies insensible; in another an escaped convict lurks, to finally climb through a trap door to change clothes and his identity with a dead passenger, Lord Fairfield. The farrier, at the instigation of Ralph Dovel (Mr. Cruickshank), abstracts a thousand pounds from the Lieutenant's pocket book, but refuses to complete the crime by murdering his guest. This robbery, we think, is a mistake on the part of the authors; it is not necessary to the development of the story, and it places a most sympathetic personage in the play in a more than dubious light. The Lieutenant—“the man she loves”—is the most unsatisfactory hero we have met with for a long time. He clandestinely marries a poor man's daughter; allows her name to be tarnished by village gossip, then, when she is likely to become a mother, he compels her to keep the secret, even from her father; and when his own mother arrives he permits her to carry him off to marry a certain Sylvia; the said mother's commands being enforced by the sham Lord Fairfield, who has possessed himself of some forged signatures for which the Lieutenant was responsible, and therefore, in the character of *Devil's Luck*, the late convict commands the situation. There is a needlessly painful scene—where a brutal tramp strikes down his starving wife, who clasps a dying child. This child, when dead, is produced, at the instigation of *Devil's Luck*, as that of the heroine, whose baby has been stolen. She is charged with its murder by the accomplished villain. Our Lieutenant, having been told his young wife is dead, incontinently agrees to marry Sylvia, and it is only at the very church door that he is saved from bigamy by the sudden appearance of the blacksmith's daughter. Here Mrs. Bennett, as the ill-used wife, acted with admirable force and sincerity. A certain too conscious method, which had marred the effect of her earlier scenes, completely disappeared, and the house thrilled to her passionate cry, “He is my husband!” Mr. Nye, as *Devil's Luck*, has a part that admirably fits his gifts, and finely he gives the cynical arrogance of the successful swindler, reckless to the last, even when his schemes are defeated, and virtue escapes from the toils of villainy. Mr. Gurney, a young actor of great promise, has with really consummate tact contrived to make the hero almost sympathetic, despite the meanness and cowardice of which he is guilty. Miss Maude Stafford, as a light-hearted country lass, is simply charming; there are few West End theatres who can boast so delightful a soubrette. George Conquest jun., as a country doctor, would rather suggest a country “vet,” but his appearance is always the signal for roars of laughter, and so we trust a learned profession will not resent their very exuberant representative. Mr. Cruickshank, always careful in his portraits, in the present piece has a fine bit of character; his facial play is wonderfully good. The scenery is excellent. The play goes much better than on its first production, and we are pleased to see Mr. Conquest has arranged for a “dramatic matinée.” Assuredly there will be an immigration from Western regions to do him honour.

London Theatrical Managers are to be congratulated on the removal of a vexatious restriction hitherto inserted in their licenses. The present Lord Chamberlain in all licenses granted from the 29th September permits the opening of theatres on Ash Wednesday. Thus the anomaly of closing theatres and opening music halls on Ash Wednesday at last is removed.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 3rd OCTOBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 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)
 1672—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1624—Fleeston Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 R.A. 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 5th OCTOBER.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1691—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
 M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
 529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
 623—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield

1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1431—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Gner-street, Swansea
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester

R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
 R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
 R.A. 871—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
 R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 6th OCTOBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 198—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)

840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
 1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
 1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-courer, Islington
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.

R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Grubhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Iadbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Bournemouth
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst)
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Harlow.
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Carlisle.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.

1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction).
 1488—St. Elth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
 1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyl
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
 1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
 1993—Wolsley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
 2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey

R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 R.A. 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Copper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, York
 M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
 M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkcubine, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 7th OCTOBER.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 81 Red Lion Square, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stinhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
 511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 539—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
 729—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 863—Whittington, Red Lion, Porcia's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)

1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W.
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mow Fair, at 8. (Instruction)
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)

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74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
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 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
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1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction)

- 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
- 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
- 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
- 1167—Alwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alwick
- 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
- 1271—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
- 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
- 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
- 1351—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
- 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
- 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
- 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
- 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
- 1519—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Staunmore
- 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
- 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
- 1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
- 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
- R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
- R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
- R.A. 258—Aunthibous, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
- R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
- R.A. 301—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
- R.A. 312—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
- R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
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- M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 8th OCTOBER.

- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 37—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
- 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
- 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
- 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
- 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
- 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
- 860—Dalhousie, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
- 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Watdon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
- 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
- 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1195—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
- 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 3. (Instruction)
- 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
- 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
- 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
- 1553—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
- 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
- 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
- 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
- 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
- 1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1791—Creton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1791—Creton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
- 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly

- R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
- R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
- R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
- R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
- R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
- M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.

- 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
- 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
- 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
- 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
- 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
- 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
- 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
- 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
- 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
- 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
- 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
- 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
- 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
- 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
- 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
- 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
- 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
- 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire
- 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
- 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
- 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
- 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1204—Roya, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
- 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
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- 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
- 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
- 1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
- 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
- 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
- 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colleshill
- 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
- 1915—Graystone, Focester's Hall, Whitstable

- R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
- R.A. 807—Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
- M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
- M.M. 145—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

FRIDAY, 9th OCTOBER.

- 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)
- 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 177—Domestic, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- 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. (Instruction)
- 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)
- 1152—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
- 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
- 1365—Clanton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Picnic, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
- R.A. —Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
- R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
- R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
- R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
- R.A. 569—Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City Road, E.C.
- M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
- K.T.D.—Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

- 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
- 61—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
- 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
- 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goolse.
- 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
- 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
- 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
- 916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne

- 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street Harrogate
- 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
- 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
- 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
- General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

- R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
- R.A. 119—Sun, Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitshaven
- R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
- R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
- R.A. 601—Eyton St. John, Wreken Hotel, Wellington, Salop

SATURDAY, 10th OCTOBER.

- 176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
- 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
- 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
- 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
- 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
- 1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
- 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
- 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
- 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
- Simi Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
- R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
- M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith
- 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
- 1637—Unity, Harrow
- 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
- R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

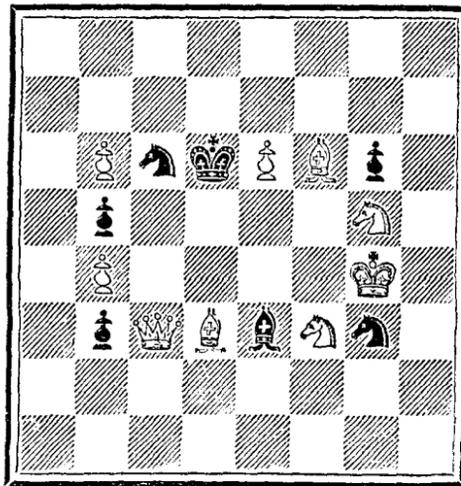
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WE have much pleasure in reproducing the following Problem which is dedicated by its author, the Chess Editor of the New York *Sunday Times*, to his brethren. He says, "Our Masonic brethren may, with the aid of a little imagination, picture the White King as the Worshipful Master in the East, seated before the tessellated pavement, flanked on each side by two doughty Knights, who may represent his Secretary and Treasurer. Two trusty Pawns, as Tyler and Inner Guard, protect the inner and outer doors, while a Light in the North, a Bishop, stands ready to offer the obligation. There seems to be an interloper in the north-east corner, but if he acts well his part, he will not be interfered with. That the Black King is a clandestine Mason is evident from his colour, although, as is natural in this era, he has a few friends at court. The White Queen, but for her implied sex, might represent the Junior Warden in the South. Perhaps she is a sister of the Eastern Star. But there must be another Officer to take a place in the West before the ceremonies can proceed. Let the candidate beware, or the fell hand of the executioner will be upon him.

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The favour of the Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers is earnestly solicited on behalf of

EDWARD DYER,
(AGED 8 YEARS.)

The applicant is the son of the late Bro. EDWARD DYER, M.D., who was initiated in the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, on the 12th November 1869, and who died in December 1884, after an illness contracted in South Africa. The mother of the lad only survived her husband three weeks.

The case is strongly recommended by the following Brethren:

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Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of

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(AGED 9 YEARS.)

Son of the late Bro. John Figgess, of the Borough Market, Southwark, S.E., who died after a short illness (rapid consumption), leaving a widow and 6 children all dependent upon the exertions of the mother. Bro. John Figgess was initiated in the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, on the 13th March 1877, and was a subscribing member until his death.

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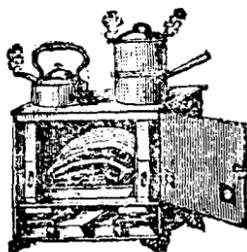
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