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THE BOYS' SCHOOL INQUIRY.

"There are no fits of caprice so hasty and so violent as those of society. Society, indeed, is all passions and no heart. . . . The public, without waiting to think or even to inquire after the truth, selected as genuine the most false and the most flagrant of the libellous narratives that were circulated. . . . The public, in short, fell into a passion with their darling, and, ashamed of their past idolatry, nothing would satisfy them but knocking the divinity on the head."

THE Royal Masonic Institution for Boys may be said to rest at the present time under a cloud, and it is only on the basis of the above remarks—quoted from one of England's most gifted novelists—that we can understand the action which is being taken in regard to its management. Truly the members of Masonic society may be said to have recently shown—and are still showing—to what extent they can carry their fits of caprice. The darling of a short time since seems to be assailed on all sides; while some of the foremost of its supporters appear to have fallen into a passion, and, ashamed of their past idolatry, they are seeking satisfaction by knocking their divinity on the head. We need not ask if such procedure is anything like wise; if we did, we should not expect a satisfactory answer, for, in the words given above, society is all passions and no heart. On this account, then, it would be absurd just now to argue as to the desirability of all that is being said or done, while it would be equally useless to appeal to the better feelings of those who are taking the lead. All we can do is patiently to wait until the passion is over, and then, perhaps, some good may result from the severe and heartless measures which now appear to be in favour. In the meantime, however, we should not be fulfilling our duty if we did not refer to the various actions which come under our notice.

We need hardly repeat the already well-known account of the origin and progress of the opposition which has sprung up within the last few months against the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Suffice it to say that at the present moment there appears to be a strong, wide-spread feeling of discontent in regard to its management, and more particularly the management of its finances, and until this feeling is removed or the expenditure satisfactorily explained we feel the Institution will lose much of its regular share of support, a result which would be both disastrous and very much to be regretted at the present time, when the claims on the resources of the Charity are most severe, and the need for its extension is generally admitted.

On Friday of last week the regular Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, and on that occasion reference was made to the grievances which are being urged against the management; indeed, that may be said to have been the principal topic touched upon at the meeting, and it formed the principal item considered. We have already referred to the proposition which Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P.,

gave notice of for this Court; his object was to secure, on behalf of the House Committee, a Committee of Inquiry to thoroughly search into the complaints raised against the Institution. Bro. Godson regularly brought the matter forward, and after the arrangement of some details in regard to the constitution, &c. of the Committee, his proposition was agreed to. For the sake of the Institution, and to satisfy those who feel aggrieved, we hope this Committee will speedily get to work, and that the members of it may not be long in arriving at a decision; for it is evident that very little will now be done on behalf of the Boys' School, at least in many quarters, until the inquiry is brought to an end, and its recommendations, if any, are taken advantage of by those at the head of the Institution.

Before proceeding further we may devote a few lines to a consideration of our own position in respect to the difference of opinion that exists. On the one hand we are accused by those who are strongest in their attacks on the Institution of refusing to publish whatever they choose to send us; on the other hand there are some who express surprise that we should throw our columns open, and that we should have published as much as we have already done bearing on the controversy. In answer to both these sides we may say, as we have often said before, that our columns are open to any fair discussion or expression of opinion, but at the same time we reserve the right to exclude anything couched in improper language, or which is based on an improper foundation. On this ground we recently excluded a communication which was sent us for publication, but which in itself was of no moment whatever. It was based on the anonymous circular to which we have frequently referred of late, and as the statements therein contained are not authenticated, or vouched for in any way, it is absurd to pass resolutions or to frame opinions based solely upon them. We are sorry the brother who sent us the communication cannot see the matter in a proper light, and also that he is of opinion he cannot get justice from the Masonic press, but we have no hesitation in saying he is altogether wrong; firstly, in asking his Lodge to take notice of an anonymous libel, secondly in expecting the press to encourage him in so doing, and thirdly in doubting the sincerity of those who conduct the journals associated with the Craft. For ourselves,—and we believe our contemporaries and those associated with the Institutions agree with us,—we think the more complete and thorough the inquiry which is undertaken the better will be the result which will ultimately accrue. We have said this before, and in repeating it we hope to remove any impression which may exist that we are desirous of hushing or ignoring any complaint put forward in a legitimate manner. Such being the case, we hope we shall hear no more of the charge that the Masonic press is biassed, or that letters or other communications opposing the Institutions

cannot be made public through our columns. Let those who doubt us in this respect put us to the test—but in doing so they must act legitimately, and keep within the bounds of fair argument.

It is not our intention to refer at any length here to the work which is before the Committee of Inquiry, doubtless the brethren who compose it will, among them, be able to formulate a programme, and if it is sufficiently representative we have no doubt that every matter of moment will be fully and impartially investigated, but there is one point we should like to urge for the consideration of the management of the Institution; it will not be interfering with the work of the Committee of Inquiry, but if properly carried out it will materially assist in the labour of its members, and will render unnecessary much discussion and individual expression of opinion which must otherwise occur. What we suggest is, that in view of the principal complaint being in regard to the expenditure of the funds of the Institution, the House Committee call for fresh tenders for the various goods they have to purchase, and that they give the trades respectively concerned due notice, by public advertisement or otherwise, of their desire to encourage fair competition in everything required for the Institution. If these tenders are received at once, and could be placed before the Committee of Inquiry at one of its earliest meetings, with the assurance that everything had been done it was possible to do in order to ensure publicity to the desire for tenders, the ground would be cut from under the feet of those who now urge that extravagance is practised, and probably the labours of the Committee would be brought to an abrupt termination and general confidence would be restored in regard to this most useful Masonic Institution.

Elsewhere we record the proceedings which took place at the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire, where a resolution was passed bearing on this subject. This resolution is perfectly legitimate, and will no doubt be copied far and near so long as the question of extravagance remains undecided, and, as we have already said, we fully anticipate that support for the Institution will be curtailed, if not wholly stopped, wherever such a resolution is considered, until the work of inquiry is brought to a conclusion. Such being the case we once more urge the necessity of speedy action.

SQUARE WORK.

An Oration by Bro. Rev. A. Frank Ross, before the Grand Lodge F. and A.M. of Indian Territory, 2nd November 1887.

OUR GREAT LIGHT tells us that "a tree is known by its fruits." An individual or a society is judged by the fruit produced. When a new society springs up or a new political party is organised, the first and important questions are: What does it do, or propose to do? And if it becomes known that its aim is to benefit mankind, the good and influential give their support, which is the reason that so many of our grandest men of the past were fond patrons of Freemasonry. Empires and societies often become corrupt and crumble to pieces. A curious world wonders how Masonry has withstood the lapse of time while kingdoms and nations are constantly crumbling. It is not because there is no opposition, for every black ballot makes an enemy, and every attack on corruption meets opposition. The secret of Masonry's power is its wholesome instruction, followed by its "Square Work," for no other kind of work will a true Mason do.

In this business age others may be found to cheat, wrong and defraud, but he that wears the "Square" on his breast should not dare tread such a path.

The square is our "principal working tool and ornament" and a "great light." It was used by our ancient brethren to "square their work," fitting it for the temple; but

we are to use it in "squaring our actions towards all mankind," fitting our minds and hearts for that temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. The Craft at labour without the square is thrown into confusion and its work is irregular and clandestine. So is our Masonic career outside the Lodge room a failure unless regulated by the square of virtue. Fraud would be more common if it was not for the law's protective arm, but a true Mason will never cheat another out of the value of anything knowingly, even should the opportunity be ever so good—if done at a midnight hour beyond the reach of mortal eye, that All-seeing Eye in whom we put our trust is ever looking down upon our deed. After violating our fraternal ties and sacred obligations we could never come before the Holy Altar, and see the great lights spread, without having our spirits crushed with remorse.

It is a sad fact that not all Masons always do "square work," among whom I may class the gambler, he that wants something without having earned it; a very disreputable business for any one, and especially so for one that wields the trowel. If a brother is not competent of making a livelihood otherwise the ready arm of Masonic charity will be immediately extended to his relief. The Mason who can take his hands from the Great Light to shuffle cards, throw dice, push balls or put up stakes at a horse race, has a very incorrect idea of the nature of an obligation, and is certainly very ignorant as to the requirements of our regulations. A few Masons have actually been known to run gambling houses in our jurisdiction, and it is a shame upon the Lodges that such go unpunished; shame enough to inflict an everlasting stain and hush their gavel for ever.

Temperance is one of the principal planks in the square worker's platform. We are to be temperate in all things, especially are we to shun the intoxicating cup that carries disgrace and ruin with it. He that does and admires Square Work is always mortified at the sight of a drunken Mason, but alas! how sad has it been during the past year in our own jurisdiction to see not only staggering members, but officers have tottered from the honoured places and stations of the sanctum sanctorum into the gutter, thereby paralysing their Lodges and bringing disgrace upon Masonry, and even members of the Grand Lodge at our annual Grand Communications have been guilty of this sin. It is a pity that men with so little control over their appetites have become engrafted into our Masonic tree, and a shame that they have been promoted to places of distinction from whence the fall draws much life-blood from the entire body. Some of our Lodges have members (so I am informed) who make a practice of getting drunk at least once a week. While I admit that this is a weakly affair, it is sufficiently strong to crush the Lodge, and divest our Order of all respectability in the locality. A thorough pruning is often essential to life and production, and the proper season is at hand.

Masonry teaches us to pray for ourselves and our brothers, that no evil may befall us while sojourning here below, but it nowhere authorises that prayer of condemnation sometimes offered by our crooked walking members petitioning God to damn his brother or his own immortal soul. Such a prayer offered by those lips that repeated that binding obligation, indited by the mind that received the good instruction, is not only sufficient to strike us down with surprise and fill us with mortification, but enough to astonish the demons of hell and make the angelic host of heaven weep. Brethren, have you forgotten that solemn charge to never mention "His name but with that reverential awe which is due from a creature to his creator." Lodges, if you have weak brothers that cannot overcome this low habit, for the sake of your own obligations see that the edicts are abided by and do not allow those violators to go unpunished. Leniency is detrimental, almost ruinous.

Masonry is Fraternity. We of all nationalities are of the same household; tribal walls have crumbled, political chasms filled, and we are "cemented together by brotherly love, among whom there is no contention except that contention who can best work and best agree." A square working Mason will never speak evil of a brother. Should he err go and see him, "whisper good counsel in his ear," and if he cannot be reclaimed tell it to the Lodge that he may be dealt with according to our edicts, and he may then be to thee as a profane and not as a brother. With regret and shame must we admit that not all of our members are "square workers," for some circulate and even originate the most damaging and malicious accusations against the

purest and most honoured brethren, who are not only officers of the Lodge but worthy officials of this Grand Body, by which they not only violate their most sacred obligations but steal the good name of their unfortunate victim, disable his Lodge and cause a rent in our Grand Temple.

Masonry is not Christianity, but it is a religion resting on no other foundation save the Holy Bible, without which no Lodge can work, as it is the lamp, the guide and the compass. While Masonry does not propose to save you at the final day, it does make both bad and good men better by urging upon them the wholesome code of morals. I profess to have been a Christian before knocking at the door of Masonry, yet I am free to acknowledge that her moral precepts and obligations have made me a better man.

Masonry must live on its own merits as it has no drumming agents to present its cause, therefore the necessity of Masons watching the ballot-box, and the transgressing members, so that disgrace may not strip us of our strength and life, leaving us to pine away in shame. Brethren, let us arise and stand by our laws so that respectability may be maintained.

While in Muskogee's Hall,
Let us resolve to try
To follow its true call,
Though we live or die.

We of the four Nations
Should all have but one plan,
Square work in every station,
Throughout the Red man's land.

In this temple you have wrought
Just a dozen long years,
To this altar you have brought
Your troubles, joys and fears.

Faithful Craftsmen, bold fast,
The labour will soon be o'er,
And we will be rewarded at last,
On that blessed, happy shore.

Look not here for your pay,
But in that Lodge above,
Where we'll gather some day,
By the help of God's love.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE GRAND LODGE OF IOWA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At its recent session, the Grand Lodge of Iowa elected as Honorary Members, with the rank of P.S.G.W., five foreign, and two native brethren.

My own name figures in the list of the former, and while I should be sorry, if for an instant, it were imagined that I in any way undervalued the compliment that has been paid me, there are, nevertheless, certain features in the case which cannot altogether be passed over, *sub silentio*, without some misconception arising.

That my "History of Freemasonry" has been pirated in the U.S.A. is common knowledge, and also, that the publisher was assisted in palming off his spurious wares, as genuine ones, by three brethren in high quarters.

One of these three brethren was Bro. Parvin, and though I accept, without the slightest reserve, his assurance that (in effect) he was himself both hoodwinked and misled, the fact still remains that the American Craft was gulled by a false statement that three of its members were severally co-authors of my work; therefore, while I appreciate Bro. Parvin's suggestion to his Grand Lodge, *much*, I should have appreciated, *far more*, a public renunciation on his part of the countenance and support given by him, however unwittingly, to the sale of a History of Freemasonry, purporting to be written by me, with the assistance of himself and others.

The action taken by the American Masonic press has somewhat bewildered me. *Everywhere* I find kindly notices of my book, but *nowhere* do I meet with any reprobation of the manner in which the result of long years of labour has been coolly filched from me by an Ohio publisher.

Indeed, the *Keystone* (Philadelphia) presents, week after week, in a flaming advertisement, a recommendation by Bro. John Simons, P.G.M. New York, to buy my History, as the repertory (so to speak) of Masonic wisdom; but at the foot thereof, there is a reference to the local agent of the Ohio publisher, so, in this case, the praise bestowed on the author is simply a ruse to promote the success of the piracy.

Thus, I am virtually being pillaged, under a colourable pretence of extolling my literary and Masonic merits, and here the familiar lines come home to me:—

"They kicked him down-stairs with such exquisite grace,
You'd have thought they were handing him up."

I am afraid there is a good deal of unreality—not to say, pure and undiluted humbug—in American Masonry, and that the profession of our trans-Atlantic brethren is in many cases much better than their practice. In my next literary venture—and I am now preparing

a work on Masonic Jurisprudence—I shall hope for the protection of an international law of Copyright, for without it the English Masonic author has little mercy to expect at the hands of his brethren in America.

"Smooth words butter no parsnips," as the old proverb has it, and while I am fully sensible of the honour and distinction involved in the election to the Honorary Membership of a Grand Lodge, I sincerely trust that if any other Grand Lodge in America should examine my own claim to be considered a faithful historian of the Craft, the members thereof will place on record such an expression of opinion with regard to the way in which my labours have been recognised in the U.S.A. as may tend to render slightly less probable, in the future, any similar spoliation in the case of an English Masonic author.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

30th July 1888.

EXPENDITURE AT THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was very pleased to see the statement of expenditure at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and at other similar Charities published in your columns, and I am of opinion its appearance there will ensure for it a more general perusal than would be the case were it privately circulated by the brethren who compiled it. I may at once say I consider it the best basis on which to urge a reform at the Boys' School, and I believe its preparation will work to the benefit of all concerned. There are, however, one or two matters appearing in the signed statement of Bro. Greatbach, and in the letter of Bro. Tunnickliff (which also appeared in your issue of the 21st July), to which I take exception. Both these brethren appear anxious to create an impression that the accounts as set out by the management of the Boys' School are misleading, and both refer to the discrepancy in the average cost per boy,—given by the Institution at £41 13s 10d, and by Bro. Greatbach's showing amounting to £50 16s. Bro. Tunnickliff goes so far as to say, "either one allegation or the other is untrue, and it is due to the Subscribers to know upon whose shoulders the inaccuracy rests." Surely these skilled accountants, and Bro. Alderman E. J. Hammersley, "Public Accountant and Auditor, Hanley," who verifies the analysis, can see where the discrepancy arises. Even to my unprofessional mind it is quite clear—and although I cannot approve of the Boys' School ignoring "rates and taxes" and "special expenditure" when they strike their average, I consider it quite unjustifiable for the other side to attempt to get up a sensation by pretending they cannot understand the accounts. If they will look at the statements from which they compiled their analysis they will at once see the amount given represents the average "ordinary expenditure," minus rates and taxes, but, as I have already said, I cannot see why those items, together with the "special expenditure of the year should not be included in the reckoning. The actual average cost per boy is shown in Bro. Greatbach's analysis, the Institution only gives the average on the ordinary expenditure. There is no question of untruthfulness in the respective allegations, but rather a difference of opinion in regard to what should be reckoned. I consider the Boys' School managers are the ones who err, but they evidently do so without any intention of misleading, else why do they make their accounts so clear?

Another matter I should like to have decided. Why is all this fuss limited to the Boys' School? Much the same might be urged against the sister Charity, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the accounts of which are "averaged" on precisely the same principles. That Institution could better afford the cost of an inquiry than its poorer brother, the Boys' School, but on the old principle of striking a man when he is down, I suppose the Boys' Institution will have all the kicks.

Yours truly,

A LOVER OF FAIR PLAY WHO SUPPORTS BOTH SCHOOLS.

HOLIDAY HAUNTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There was one point not very clear in my letter last week which I shall be pleased if you will allow me to amplify. I refer to the means of reaching Abergavenny and the district I referred to. We who well know the neighbourhood need hardly to be told that it is easily accessible from almost every part of the Kingdom, but there are doubtless others who are not so well acquainted with its position, and on their behalf I should like to say a few words. The London and North Western Railway Company issue Tourist Tickets from all their principal stations to Abergavenny, which town is also included in their circular tour No. 7, the other towns included in this latter being Hereford, Pontypool, Newport, Chepstow, Gloucester, Monmouth, Ross, &c. It would be useless for me to enumerate exactly what stations are in communication with the Valley of the Clydach. I would rather refer my brethren in all parts of the country to the tourist programme of the company I have mentioned, which can be had, I believe, from the chief office at Euston or at any station on the North-Western system.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

GWYLLYM.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030.

THE brethren of this Lodge had a most enjoyable picnic, accompanied by their wives and daughters, to Rudyard Lake, on the 19th ult. Leaving Edgeley by the 9:55 a.m. train they arrived, after a short but pleasant run, at their destination about 11 o'clock. An excellent luncheon awaited them at the Rudyard Lake Hotel, to which they did ample justice without any but nature's aids to appetite. Afterwards some repaired to the lake or archery grounds, others to ramble in the beautiful woods, now so fair and fresh in the welcome sunshine, of late so great a stranger. All were on pleasure bent, and he would have been hard to please indeed who did not enjoy this lovely day. Returning to the hotel about 4 p.m. the worthy host excelled himself in the excellent dinner he spread before his guests, who spared no effort to convince him that his elaborate attentions were not wasted. The usual loyal toasts and the health of the worthy W.M. were submitted and responded to, and the health and happiness of the ladies, of whom there was a goodly number, was honoured in right hearty Masonic style. Some excellent songs were rendered by our old friends Bro. Fred Gordon and his wife, in the way we expect them to be. They were most ably assisted at the piano by Bro. W. O. Pettit, who never fails in making himself a favourite with all; whilst happy Bro. Lissenden did his best to amuse with some really good topical and humorous songs, adding a charming concertina solo, and he quite succeeded. Those who had the pleasure of this enjoyable day have every reason to appreciate the unwearying services of the committee who conceived this "happy thought." Their best thanks are due to Bros. Cookson W.M., Jas. W. Abbot, Abm. Pemberton, and Dr. Maclean, for the able and faultless manner in which it was carried through. The unanimous parting expression at the close of the "all too short a day" was the wish for a "speedy return of our next merry meeting." So mote it be!—*North Cheshire News*.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 1094.

THE members recently held their annual picnic, their destination on the occasion being Freshfield, where they were heartily entertained by the manager of Jones's Hotel, Mr. Salisbury. The members and their lady friends left the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, in waggonettes supplied by Bro. W. Pye S.W., at 12:30, and drove through Aintree to Sefton Church, which was kindly thrown open for their inspection by the vicar. The Wishing Well was also seen, after which the journey to Ince Wood, Formby &c. The weather fortunately proved fine, and a very happy and pleasant afternoon was spent, the party being under the efficient charge of Bro. A. Alexander W.M., supported by Bros. W. Pye S.W., G. Alexander J.W., A. J. Lett S.D., W. Sutherland J.D., Dr. R. H. D. Johnson P.M., R. C. Yelling P.M., H. B. Jones P.M. Treasurer, J. Alexander Secretary, J. Vevers P.M. 594, &c. The catering was excellent, and the party returned about half past ten.

UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

THE regular meeting took place at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on Thursday, the 19th ultimo. There was a fair attendance of the members, Bro. C. J. Free the W.M. being ably supported by Bros. J. Stroud S.W., G. H. Clark J.W., C. Gieseke P.M. Treasurer, A. W. Fenner P.M. Secretary, W. Hayward S.D., S. Toye J.D., E. Hill I.G., C. Schmidt W.S., H. W. Sherwin Organist, P.M.'s B. Picking and C. Patrick; also Bros. W. J. Barnes, T. Taylor, M. Doerr, A. J. Millington, A. K. Turbfield, A. Christel, and others. The following were amongst the Visitors: E. H. Dove 45, C. Kramm 879, C. Trotter 1238, E. J. Farries 1365, R. Ede 1471, T. Tyrrell 1743, E. Larney 1883, A. R. Lemaire of the John Williams Lodge, No. 2161, New South Wales. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The agenda, which was a light one, directed the balloting for a Mr. C. R. T. Reifenstein, which proved unanimous; that gentleman, as also Mr. Robert Everett, who was ballotted for at the previous meeting, being in attendance, were regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M. Bro. J. Stroud the S.W. was next elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Gieseke was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, Bro. Bowler Tyler. The Auditors were appointed. A P.M.'s jewel was cordially awarded Bro. C. J. Free for the excellent manner he had discharged his duties as W.M. for the past year. This concluding the business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was served in the usual excellent manner by the indefatigable manager of the Hotel (Mr. Glover.) The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Patrick P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., said the Upton Lodge never had a brother in the chair who had the interests of the Lodge more at heart than Bro. Free. He had worked very hard for the Lodge in times gone by; and he had given every satisfaction as W.M. This the brethren could amply testify. He was glad there were good signs of success for the future of the Lodge, and concluded by congratulating the W.M. on the successful termination of his year of office. Bro. Free replied; he thanked the P.M.'s for their able support during his term of office; also each officer of the Lodge for the able manner they had performed their respective duties; he was glad there were signs of coming prosperity, and trusted the hopes of the members would soon be realised; he was proud to hold the position of W.M. of a Lodge where the brethren worked so harmoniously together. The Initiates was next given, and in response Bro. Everett assured the brethren that he would endeavour to make himself an efficient member of the Craft; he was very proud of being a Freemason, and would do his best to uphold the dignity of the brotherhood. Bro. Reifenstein, in a brief speech, also thanked the brethren, and promised to try and

make himself a worthy member of the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors was next honoured. The Worshipful Master paid a compliment to each. More especially to the brother from New South Wales, Brother Lemaire, he was pleased to give a cordial and fraternal welcome. He had come a long journey to obtain the best London medical advice for his failing sight. He (the W.M.) sincerely hoped, and indeed it was the earnest wish of every member present that Bro. Lemaire would soon derive benefit from the valuable skill of such an eminent oculist as Dr. Conper, who they were given to understand was attending him. The Visitors, in reply, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the hospitable manner in which they had been received at the festive board. Bro. Lemaire, in response, begged to assure the W.M. and brethren that he was very proud of the honour they had done him that evening. There was the first Lodge he had visited in England since leaving his native land, and he should take with him on his return a vivid recollection of the warm and fraternal manner he had been received amongst them, he being a perfect stranger. He also thanked them for their kindly sympathy, and hoped with God's blessing soon to recover from his partial loss of sight. The toast of the W.M. elect was the next on the list; this was cordially received, the W.M. congratulating Bro. Stroud on his recovery from the effects of his late accident (by which his ankle was broken); he had the hearty sympathy of every member of the Lodge. In response Bro. Stroud thanked the W.M. and brethren for the cordial manner in which his health had been received; he assured them he felt the dignity of the coming office, and trusted that his endeavour to discharge the duties of the chair would meet with the approbation of the brethren. He also thanked them very much for their kind sympathy with him in the accident which befel him. He would strive to keep up the harmony of the Lodge as his predecessors had done, and sincerely hoped that he might live to go out of the chair with the same credit as Bro. Free, the present W.M.; if the same support was awarded him by the P.M.'s and Officers of the Lodge as had been given the W.M. he felt sure that his year of office would be both an honourable and happy one. The P.M.'s toast was next given, and was cordially received; as also was the Officer's toast. To this latter Bro. G. H. Clark responded. The Tyler's toast brought the evening's proceedings to a close. The enjoyment of the evening was much enhanced by the excellent manner in which Bro. Sherwin Organist performed his duties as instrumentalist and vocalist, both qualifications being exercised in a very able manner; Bros. Free, Patrick, Stroud and Clark also rendered good service.

TOXTETH LODGE, No. 1356.

THE members and friends of this Lodge have just held their annual picnic at Llangollen. Leaving Birkenhead Great Western Station at twenty minutes past nine, Ruabon was reached in an hour. Wynnstay Park and the old Church having been visited, the party proceeded by train shortly after eleven, and reached Llangollen at twenty minutes past eleven. Dinner and tea was served at the Royal Hotel, under the personal supervision of the proprietor, Bro. James S. Shaw, the entire assembly, numbering 108, expressing the greatest satisfaction with his admirable catering and attention. During the afternoon visits were made to the various places of interest, including a trip on the canal to the Horseshoe Falls, Chain Bridge, and Valley Crucis Abbey. The return journey was commenced at twenty minutes to eight, and home was reached at a reasonable hour, after spending a most enjoyable day. The weather was all that could be desired. The arrangements were executed by Bros. H. H. Hughes W.M., and P. Lloyd I.G. who acted as Secretary.

WHITWELL LODGE, No. 1390.

THE installation of Bro. W. T. Lawrence as Worshipful Master took place at Millon, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumberland, on the 17th ult., in the presence of a large number of the Fraternity. The newly-installed Master subsequently entertained the brethren to a sumptuous banquet at the Ship Hotel. Bro. Lawrence is a native of Newbury, and was for some years in Mr. H. B. Godwin's office. He left Newbury a few years ago for Barrow-in-Furness, where by perseverance he raised himself to the position he now occupies. He has for some years been Town Clerk, and holds several other public offices.

ISLE OF AXHOLME LODGE, No. 1482.

THE installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Chamberlain, took place at the Lodge, Crowle, on Tuesday, the 17th ult. The ceremony was most successfully and impressively worked by Bro. H. T. Bollerby, the address at the close of the Lodge being given by Bro. F. D. Walker. There was a numerous gathering of the brethren, including representatives of Doncaster, Hull, Goole, and other neighbouring Lodges, and Bro. C. Blagbro, the well-known vocalist, from Leeds. After Lodge the brethren sat down to a banquet, when the usual toasts were honoured, and an enjoyable evening was most harmoniously spent.

DEE LODGE, No. 1516.

THERE was a large and pleasant gathering of Freemasons at Parkgate, on Thursday, the 19th ult., the occasion being the installation of Bro. Geo. B. Richmond, of Chester, as Worshipful Master. Bro. Richmond was initiated in the Dee Lodge no longer ago than the year 1881, but during the intervening period he has been such an energetic and devoted, not to say enthusiastic, member that it is not surprising he has already attained to the proud position of W.M. For the same reason it was only to be expected that there should be a large muster on the occasion of his installation. The ceremony was performed, in the spacious school-room of the Mostyn House Academy, kindly thrown open to the brethren for the purpose by the Principal (the Rev. F. Barratt), by Bro. S. W. Ramsden, the Prov. Grand Secretary remarking that he had never seen it better done, while the charge was delivered by Bro. Shaw.

Bro. Richmond was presented for installation by Bro. the Hon. Henry Holbrook and Bro. W. Jones P.M. The new W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. George F. Bird Immediate Past Master, John Leay S.W., J. Clarke J.W., John Morris P.M. Treasurer, Richardson Sec., Elsby S.D., Hawkins J.D., Shaw I.G., Jones D.C., Forrester S.S., Evans J.S. The next business was the presentation by the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, of a handsome gold P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M. (Bro. G. F. Bird, of Bebbington). In presenting it the W.M. referred in eulogistic terms to Bro. Bird's services, and the I.P.M. suitably responded. The brethren then adjourned to the regular Lodge room at the Union Hotel, where a *récherché* banquet was provided by Mrs. Acton, in her best style.

CEDEWAIN LODGE, No. 1594.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their installation and anniversary festival at the Lodge Room, Public Rooms, Newtown, North Wales, on Thursday, 19th ultimo, when Bro. Evan Humphreys was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. After the proceedings in Lodge the brethren (about forty in number) adjourned to the banqueting hall, when Bro. Humphreys took the chair, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. In responding for the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers present and past, Bro. Forster P.M. P.G.S.B. claimed that the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales had done good work by inducing in all the Lodges increased efforts for the local and London Charities. In proposing the Masonic Charities Bro. Forster made an urgent appeal for more subscriptions, and mentioned that the Cedewain Lodge during the twelvemonths had subscribed forty guineas in this direction. Bro. Sir Pryce Pryce Jones dilated on the excellence of the Institutions, and Bro. Taylor P.M. P.P.G.S.D. instanced the practical results which followed the educational training provided at the Schools. Bro. Danily P.M. P.P.G.S.B., a member of the Committee of the North Wales Charitable Association, hoped the brethren would permit him to put down their names on his next list, and trusted that every brother would make an effort to possess at least one vote for each Institution. The meeting closed with "God Save the Queen," accompanied by the Organist, Bro. Chapman.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE summer excursion and banquet took place on Saturday, the 14th ultimo, when a large party of ladies and gentlemen left Paddington Station for Slough, where carriages were in readiness to convey them to Stoke Pogis and Burnham Beeches. After visiting the different places of interest they resumed the drive to Taplow and Maidenhead. Here a steam launch was chartered, and a number of the party availed themselves of a pleasant trip. Bro. H. L. W. Lawson, M.P., placed at the disposal of the members and their friends, for the occasion, his residence, Orkney Cottage, and its grounds, together with the use of his landing stage for boating purposes. The banquet was held at the Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead, the Worshipful Master, John C. Duckworth, presiding, and the party returned to town, arriving shortly before midnight, having spent a most enjoyable outing.

HENRY LEVANDER LODGE, No. 2048.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow, on Saturday, the 28th ult., under the presidency of Bro. McKay W.M., Axford I.P.M., Cheek S.W., Surridge J.W., Lovegrove P.M. Treasurer, Scurrah P.M. Secretary, Webb J.D., Joseph and Wace Stewards, Jenkins Organist, Stiles P.M., Very Tyler, &c. Among the Visitors were Bros. Poore P.M. 720, Dickey P.M. 1744, Prince S.D. 90, Hearne 2206, Wheeler Organist 2206, Hudson 2206, Dobbs 2206, Rashleigh 487, Woodward P.M. 1920, Witherington, Thom, Haworth 1201, Ross S.D. 1744, Reid 1364, Kirkaldy P.M. 1321, Medwin P.M. 1613, Lee 1897, Lone W.M. 1695, &c. The Lodge was opened in regular form and the minutes were confirmed. The report of the auditors was received, after which Bro. Cheek was installed as Worshipful Master. The following were appointed as the Officers:—Bros. Surridge S.W., Webb J.W., Scurrah Treasurer, McKay P.M. Secretary, A. H. Scurrah S.D., Wace J.D., Joseph I.G., Reece D.C., Gerrard A.D.C., Jenkins Organist, Parker and Dickinson Stewards, Very Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Master, and this having been acknowledged the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed and at its conclusion the customary toasts were honoured, several songs being given in the meantime. Bro. Lovegrove replied on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers, which he did with confidence, as he considered that no man had done more for the Province of Middlesex than he had. He felt the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy must be pleased to see the progress of the district. Bro. McKay submitted the toast of the Worshipful Master, whom he considered would prove himself a worthy and respected occupant of the chair. Bro. Cheek returned his sincere and hearty thanks for the toast. He could not find words to express the pleasure he felt in occupying his present proud position. He was one of the founders of the Lodge, and had looked forward to reaching the high office he then filled, but in consequence of ill health and heavy business calls, he had almost doubted whether it would be possible to accept the office. He was now installed and should do his best to discharge the work which fell to him. He hoped to bring them five initiates at their next meeting, and perhaps others would come forward later on. He had journeyed from Switzerland to attend that meeting and hoped to be back again within a few days. He had promised to visit a Lodge there and was anxious to compare the Swiss with the English working. The Past Masters were next honoured, and all replied. Then followed the toast of the visitors, to which Bros. Woodward and Dickey responded. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was replied to by Bros. Scurrah and McKay, and that of the Officers by several members of that body. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion, Bro. Very having previously amused the company with his recital of the adventures of "The three flies."

HOPE LODGE, No. 2153.

AT the meeting of this Lodge, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport, a very handsome marble clock was presented by its members to Bro. F. Powell, as a mark of the high estimation in which he is held by them. The Worshipful Master (Bro. T. Stretton), in making the presentation, in the name of the Lodge, referred in eulogistic terms to the many valuable services rendered by the recipient to the cause of Freemasonry, and wished him long life in his new position in Her Majesty's service, to enjoy the fruits of his past services, although at the same time he regretted that Bro. Powell was about to leave the locality, as his loss would be felt by many who had hitherto received the benefit of his advice and assistance, which was at all times most cheerfully given. Bro. Powell, in thanking them most warmly for their kind appreciation of his humble services said nothing gave him greater pleasure than to make himself generally useful Masonically or otherwise, in giving a helping hand to all, and rendering any assistance which lay in his power. The clock bore the following inscription:—

"Presented by the Lodge of Hope, No. 2153, to Bro. Francis Powel I.P.M. P.P.G.D. of Ceremonies, as a mark of esteem and respect on his leaving Gosport to take up his appointment as Lieutenant and Quartermaster, Royal Marines, Chatham."

After the Lodge business was concluded, the members entertained Bro. Powell at a banquet in the hotel.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—A meeting was held at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on Monday. Present—Bros. Hayward W.M., Barnes S.W., Taylor J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Free S.D., Schmidt I.G.; also Bros. Moss, Patrick, Olison, Toye, J. de Sola Pinto, &c. Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Moss worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Toye answered the questions leading to second degree. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by the W.M., who acquitted himself in a very creditable manner. Bro. Moss worked the second, and Bro. Fenner the third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed, when Bros. Olison, of the mother Lodge, and J. de Sola Pinto of the St. Mark Lodge, No. 102 (S.C.), were elected members. Bro. Barnes was appointed to preside at the next meeting, on Monday, the 13th instant, after which Lodge was closed, and adjourned. For the information of brethren we are requested to state that this excellent Lodge of Instruction meets every Monday evening, all the year round (Bank Holidays excepted), at 8 p.m.

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Another Lodge will be consecrated to-day (Saturday),—the St. Pancras, No. 2271. The ceremony will take place at 4 p.m., at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, the Grand Secretary, and making the functions of Consecrating Officer. The R.W. Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., P.M., P.G.W., is the W.M. designate.

At a meeting, on the 17th ultimo, at the Albion Tavern, Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe was installed in the chair of the Aldersgate Lodge. The other Officers invested included Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., J.P. and Bro. P. F. R. Saillard.

The Lord Mayor, Major and Sheriff Davies, J.P., and Bro. Sheriff Higgs have accepted invitations to a meeting of the St. Dunstan's Lodge, on Wednesday, 25th September.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex will be holden, under the presidency of the Right Honourable the Lord Brooke, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, at the Corn Exchange, Colchester, on Thursday, the 9th instant, at two o'clock p.m. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened punctually at 2.30 p.m., and after business a banquet will be served at the Caps Hotel, at five o'clock.

The quarterly meeting of the Lodge of Hope and Unity, No. 214, was held at the White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, on the 26th ult. After the business the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served by Mrs. Mason.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended, in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

CONSECRATION OF ST. LEONARD'S LODGE, No. 2263.

SATURDAY, the 21st ult., was a notable day in Sheffield Masonic circles, it being the occasion of the consecration of a new Lodge. Ten years has elapsed since a similar event occurred in the town. The new Lodge is numbered 2263, and its title is St. Leonard's Lodge. There are now five Lodges of Freemasons in Sheffield—Britannia, Royal Brunswick, Wentworth, Ivanhoe, and St. Leonard's, the latter having sprung out of the Wentworth. A sixth, to be called The Hallamshire, arising out of the Britannia, is expected to be consecrated later in the year. The Very Worshipful Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke P.G.D. Grand Secretary was the consecrating officer, assisted by the following Present and Past Grand Officers:—Bros. Henry Smith D.P.G.M. Past G.D. as Senior Warden, William H. Brittain, J.P., Past Grand Sword Bearer as Junior Warden, Rev. Dr. T. C. Smyth Past Grand Chaplain as Chaplain, Frank Richardson Past G.D. as Director of Ceremonies, J. M. P. Montague Past G.D. as I.G. There were over 100 brethren present, including 44 Past Masters. Among others from a distance were Bro. Sandeman P.G.D. of Bengal, and Bro. Herbert G. E. Greed Provincial Grand Secretary. The brethren assembled in the ante-room of the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, and walked in procession to the Lodge Room, where the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire (Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., Past Grand Deacon of England) opened Provincial Grand Lodge, and asked the Consecrating Officer to take the chair and appoint his Wardens *pro tem*. After the opening hymn, the Consecrating Officer addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, and gave directions for the ceremony. The brethren of the new Lodge were then arranged in order, and the petition and warrant were read. The founders of the new Lodge are:—Bros. Henry T. E. Holmes P.M. 1239, Thomas H. Vernon, Verdon G. S. Dearden, William Edward Marples, G. H. Dunnill, Walter C. Fox, William Brown, J. Grayson Lowood, H. A. Brook, and Joseph Abson. The brethren having signified their approval in Masonic form, of the Officers named in the petition and warrant, the Consecrating Officer called upon the Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire (Bro. Tew) to deliver the oration. Bro. Tew expressed the pleasure the brethren felt in receiving that day the Grand Secretary and other Officers of such high rank from the Grand Lodge of England, who had graciously consented to perform the solemn ceremony. West Yorkshire took that opportunity of acknowledging the compliment and of offering their fraternal regards to such distinguished visitors to Sheffield. Their presence gave special significance and interest to the new Lodge, and he trusted they would carry away to London the conviction that a most orderly and harmonious body of Masons congregated in their Masonic Hall, who were devoted to the Masonic watchwords "Religion and Charity," "Loyalty and Patriotism," and convey to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the certainty that the warrant he had been graciously pleased to grant, being number 2263 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, would be transmitted to the Worshipful Masters in the Chair of that Lodge pure and unsullied, as had been the warrants of the existing four Lodges in Sheffield from the year A.D. 1765 to this, the 51st year of Her Majesty's reign. In proof of the prosperity of the Craft and the attachment of the members to the principles of the Order, he mentioned that the four Lodges in Sheffield numbered 304 brethren and 66 Past Masters; to 31st December 1887 the contributions of the Sheffield Lodges to the Masonic Charities amounted to the splendid sum of £4,580. At the Girls' Centenary Festival, held last month in London, of the £50,500 subscribed West Yorkshire gave £2,600. The M.W.G.M. would feel he had no more loyal Province to the Throne, to the country, and to himself than this generous Province of West Yorkshire. Passing on, Bro. Tew said the Lodge of St. Leonard's as well as Ivanhoe, cherished in their names traces and reminiscences of Saxon, Norman and mediaeval times. The Lodge of Britannia perpetuated the nationality of England and the Empire; Royal Brunswick the reigning dynasty; Wentworth the nobility of the neighbourhood, and Ivanhoe local traditions; and this last Lodge, St. Leonard's, the patron saint of England and of charity in Sheffield. He gave an interesting account of St. Leonard's life and work, in the relief and rescue of prisoners, captives, and slaves, touched upon the historic association of Sheffield with the Lovetots, the Farnivals, and the Talbots; King Henry, the fallen Cardinal Wolsey, and the hapless Queen Mary. He pointed out that one part of Sheffield was to this day known as "Spital," or "Hospital Hill," from the fact that on that eminence, in the reign of Henry the First or Stephen, was erected by the De Lovetots, then Lords of Hallam, a hospital for lepers, probably the first ever built in Sheffield, and was dedicated, as were also the churches at Wortley and Thrybergh, to St. Leonard, the patron saint of captives. He had confidence in this Lodge, that it would in practical deeds of benevolence, mercy and charity prove a worthy rival of the good old parent Lodges of the "County and Town of Sheffield." He had, therefore, the greatest satisfaction in asking Colonel Clerke and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England to consecrate St. Leonard's Lodge that day. The ceremony of consecration was performed by the Grand Secretary and his assistants, according to the ancient rite and customs of the Craft. Colonel Clerke discharged his onerous duty with great dignity, and the service, which occupied over two hours, was profoundly impressive. The Consecrating Officer having duly constituted the Lodge, an anthem was sung, and the Chaplain pronounced the Benediction. Bro. Henry T. E. Holmes was subsequently installed as the first Worshipful Master of St. Leonard's Lodge, and took the Chair, his Officers being Bros. Thomas H. Vernon S.W., V. G. S. Dearden J.W., J. Grayson Lowood Treasurer, W. E. Marples Secretary, G. H. Dunnill S.D., Walter C. Fox J.D., William Brown D.C., H. A. Brook I.G., Joseph Abson S.S.; C. Burch was appointed Tyler. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. E. H. Leane, F.C.O.

At the banquet, which followed, there was a full attendance. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Holmes, presided, and the vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. Vernon S.W., and Dearden J.W. The loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair. The toast of the R.W. Bro. Tew Past G.D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Henry Smith D.P.G.M., and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, present and past, was acknowledged by Bro. Tew, and there were loud calls for Dr. Bartolome. On the proposition of Bro. Tew three cheers were given for the Father of Freemasonry in Sheffield, Dr. Bartolome having been 52 years a Freemason. Dr. Bartolome, who was well received, gave some interesting Masonic reminiscences. He became a Mason in 1836 with the late Lord Dalhousie, then Lord Ramsey. He was Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at the centenary in 1836, and had in his possession a jewel given him, which constituted him a Steward for life. When he came to Sheffield he naturally inquired for the Masonic Lodge, and was directed to the Spread Eagle, in Fargate. There he found seven workmen, with clay pipes a yard long, and pots of beer on the table. Having accumulated a lot of money they, by a system of black-balling, reduced the membership to eleven, when they passed a resolution to divide the money. Freemasonry had then come to a deadlock. When these seven working men saw him (the Doctor) they thought they had got hold of a big fish. They asked him to be W.M., and he ultimately consented, on condition that they should go to a different building, and they came to the Music Hall in Surrey Street, where they had a room under the orchestra. Of that room he (the Doctor) was the tenant for sixteen years. He was Master for three years—the third by dispensation. By the advice of the Secretary he got possession of the warrant of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, then in pawn for £14. Some Masonic friends clubbed 14 guineas for that purpose, and by the advice of the Grand Lodge that warrant lay in his drawer for about 18 years. It was kept *in terrorem*, so that when any applications came from Sheffield, Grand Lodge was able to say there could be no necessity for another warrant, so long as the Royal Brunswick was in his drawer. The Lodge met once a year for the purpose of electing Officers, and they all pledged themselves not to elect any man to office unless he were a Past Master of the Britannia Lodge. He never held office as W.M. of the Brunswick, preferring to serve in another capacity as Treasurer, which he had done for 40 years, and for which they had presented him with a handsome gold jewel. He felt that he could say with Othello, "I have done the state some service, and they know it." Bro. Tew proposed the Consecrating Officer, V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Past G.D. Grand Sec., and his assistants. The Grand Secretary, who had a thoroughly Masonic reception, said they must not imagine because they did not see the Prince of Wales often amongst them in Grand Lodge that he took only a slight interest in the Order. That was not the case. It had always been a matter of wonder to him that the Prince of Wales, with his innumerable engagements, could give so much of his time to his Masonic work. When in town he (the gallant Colonel) was constantly sent for to Marlborough House. Some point had cropped up and the Prince went carefully into details, mastering them thoroughly. There was no point of any magnitude in which he did not exhibit the greatest interest, which extended to everything connected with the Order. He also bore testimony to the work done by Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom. In all great institutions the real work was unseen; and he could assure them they could congratulate themselves upon having such leaders at the helm of their order. Amongst the large number of Provinces he had to deal with, there were none to surpass the noble Province of West Yorkshire, in the perfect unanimity and true Masonic feeling evinced by all its members, and by the magnificent way in which they supported the great Masonic Charities, of which they were all so proud. The Grand Secretary then gave the Worshipful Master in laudatory terms, and Bro. Holmes appropriately replied. Other toasts followed. Bro. E. H. Lemare officiated as musical director, and Bros. T. E. Barker, A. E. Drury and H. A. Brock contributed to the enjoyment. The banquet was provided by the Steward (Bro. Turner) and Mrs. Turner, who maintained their excellent reputation. Early in the day the Officers of the Grand Lodge visited the Cyclops Works, afterwards taking luncheon with Bro. J. Grayson Lowood, at Five Oaks.

AMERICAN HONOURS TO ENGLISH FREEMASONS.

THE Grand Lodge of Iowa, United States of America, at its last annual communication practically shewed its appreciation of "Masonic worth and merit" by electing as honorary members, with the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden, the following brethren belonging to the Grand Lodge of England, viz.:—William James Hughan, of Torquay, "The Masonic Antiquarian and Writer, and author of numerous works of great celebrity;" Robert Froke Gould, of London, "Author of the most valuable work on Freemasonry ever published;" and John Lane, of Torquay, "Author of the Masonic Records, 1717-1886, an inestimable work," whose labours, it is declared, "have shed an undying glory upon the Craft." Bro. D. Murray Lyon, of Edinburgh (Grand Secretary), was the only other British Craftsman selected for such a special compliment by one of the largest, and certainly the most literary Grand Lodge in the world, and the only one which has an enormous building entirely devoted to the purposes of a Masonic library and museum.—*Western Morning News*.

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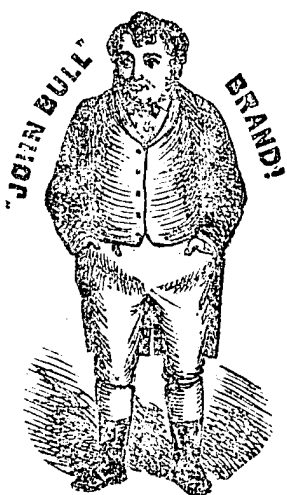
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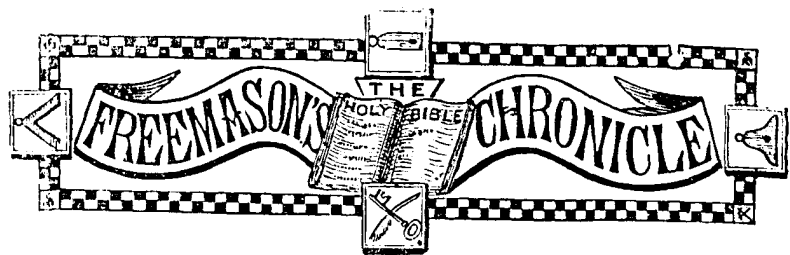
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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A QUARTERLY General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on the 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, W.C. Brother J. M. Clabon P.G.D., Vice-Patron and Trustee of the Institution, occupied the chair. Amongst those present were Bros. F. W. Ramsay M.D., A. F. Godson, M.P., W. Smithett, E. V. Greatbach, W. Tunncliff, George Kelly, E. J. Barron, B. Ninnis, T. W. Murley, R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., W. Watkins, John L. Mather, C. F. Hogard, A. Williams, C. E. Ferry, C. H. Webb, Raynham W. Stewart, C. Dearing, W. Masters, J. Bodenham, Henry Cox, G. Brown, H. H. Riach, C. J. Perceval, E. M. Money, W. H. Hubbert, James Stevens, Arthur E. Gladwell, W. W. Morgan, C. Daniel, Henry Venn, Herbert Dicketts, Joyce Murray, J. Rayner, Robert Secker, Phillip Cheek, F. W. Imbert-Terry, A. Durrant, F. R. Spaul, W. H. Spaul, Chas. Blain, Francis Ashton, H. M. Hobbs, W. Lake, James S. Fraser, W. J. Spratling, George Corble, John Newton, &c.

After the minutes of the April Quarterly Court had been read and confirmed, and those of the General Committee read for information, the following letter from the Prov. Grand Secretary of Nottinghamshire was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes:—

Provincial Grand Secretary's Office,
Journal Chambers, Pelham-street,
Nottingham, 26th July 1888.

To the Chairman Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Very Worshipful Sir and Brother,—I am directed by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire to forward you a copy of resolutions which were unanimously carried at a meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge held this day at Eastwood:

1. "That, in the opinion of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire, the annual expenditure of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is excessive, and being so much per head above that of kindred institutions, requires the closest investigation by an independent and representative Committee, and the reasons thereof explained, by circular, to its various supporters.

2. "That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President, Vice Presidents, and Chairman of the Quarterly General Court.

I am, Very Worshipful Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

HENRY R. HATHERLY,

Prov. G. Sec. Nottinghamshire.

Bro. A. F. Godson then rose to move the resolution standing in his name, as follows:—

"That, having regard to the charges recently made against the management of this Institution, without recognising in the least that such charges are in any degree well founded, this Court is of opinion that in the interests of the Institution it is desirable that an impartial investigation into its discipline and administration be forthwith undertaken, and that the Grand Registrar of the Order (V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Vice-Pat., and Dep. Prov. G. Master of Essex), be invited to associate with himself such members of the Craft, being, at least, Life Governors of the Institution, as he may think proper for the purposes of such inquiry. The result to be submitted as a report to a subsequent Quarterly General Court."

It was now suggested that the word "expenditure" should be added after the word "discipline," and Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Standard Bearer, seconded a proposal that this word should be added. Bro. J. W. Imbert-Terry moved an amendment, which would leave the nomination of the brethren to be associated with Bro. Philbrick in the inquiry to the General Court, instead of vesting the selection absolutely in that brother. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart seconded the amendment, and Bro. James Stevens supported it, while Bro. W. Spratling opposed it, and Bro. Godson having spoken in favour of his resolution, the amendment was put, and negatived by a large majority. Bro. Godson's resolution was then submitted, and Bros. E. V. Greatbach and W. Tunncliff having severally proposed and seconded, and Bro. Godson having accepted a suggestion, "That the members to be selected by Bro. Philbrick should be chosen in equal proportions from London and the Provinces,"

the motion, with the above addition, was carried. Bro. C. H. Webb's motion:—

"That Law No. 71 (empowering the Committee to make grants not exceeding £10 in each case, in aid of Boys after obtaining engagements) be rescinded."

received careful attention. Bro. Binckes explained how it was that these grants had become so general, and urged how desirable it was that the Craft generally should do all it could to advance their old pupils in their battle with life. A great deal in this regard he anticipated would be the result of the "Old Masonians' Association," which organisation was becoming very popular amongst the "old boys." Several other brethren spoke to the question, and as a result the proposal was negatived. The proposed amendment to Law 55 was deferred. The name of a candidate having been removed from the list, in consequence of an improvement in his circumstances, and an additional vacancy having been caused by the removal from the School of a boy who is to be educated at Harrow, the number of candidates for next election was declared as 76, and the number of vacancies to be filled 21. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Saturday, 28th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, J.P., P.G. Treas. Among those present were Bros. Ralph Clutton, George Cooper, E. Letchworth, H. Massey, C. H. Webb, C. J. Perceval, W. Watkins, A. E. Gladwell, Peter de Lande Long, W. E. Hollingum, C. Stratford, Thos. Fenn, Wm. Russell, W. F. Masters, and F. R. W. Hodges Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the reading of the minutes of General and House Committees for information, the list of candidates for the election of October next was settled—64 candidates with 9 vacancies. Bro. E. Letchworth P.G.D. then, for Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D., moved:—

"That a gratuity of £25 be made to Miss M. F. Goodridge, Assistant Governess, on her retirement from the School, for the purpose of being married."

The motion was carried, with two dissentients.

Bro. W. Russell, for Bro. J. Smith Eastes P.G.D. D.P.G.M. Kent, moved—

"That the Court accept the sum of One Thousand Guineas from the Province of Kent in commemoration of the Centenary of the Institution, for the purchase of a perpetual presentation of one Girl to the School, to be called the 'Jubilee' Presentation, the right of such presentation being vested in the Provincial Grand Master of Kent for the time being, or other duly authorised person, in accordance with an agreement similar to those provided for presentations from West Yorkshire to this Institution."

Bro. C. H. Webb seconded the motion, which was put, and carried unanimously. Bro. C. J. Perceval, Vice-President, moved:—

"That the following addition be made to Law LV. after the word 'levelhood' in the sixth line, viz.:—'In any of which cases the Father must have been a subscribing Member of a Lodge for Three years.'"

Bro. Perceval said he brought this motion forward for this reason. At the last election a girl was returned at the head of the poll whose father had not been in Masonry three months, and had not taken his third degree. When he saw such a case overriding those of girls whose fathers had been sixteen-and-a-half years in Masonry, thirteen years, and twenty years, who had been doing good service to Masonry if length of service gave a claim, then a child whose father had done nothing, and had not even taken his Third Degree, had no claim. If the father had been taken away by death, and not done any good thing for Masonry, that was another matter; they could not help that; he had not had it in his power to do anything; but he thought the benefits of the Institution should not be given to children whose fathers had been so short a time in Masonry. After considerable discussion the motion was put and carried. The brethren then adopted Bro. Fenn's advice to keep the funds which were invested in Consols in that security. To adopt the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Conversion Scheme would be a loss to the Institution of £500. The brethren afterwards considered the plans of the new buildings, as explained by Bro. Clutton. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

Mrs. Stirling has written a characteristic preface for the fourth edition of Robert Overton's "Queer Fish," about to be issued by Messrs. Deau and Son.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Among those present were Comps. Rev. H. Adair Pickard, Grand Superintendent Oxfordshire, who acted as M.E.Z., Thomas Fenn as H., Baron de Ferrieres as J., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., John M. Case as S.N., James Glaisher as P.S., Samuel Pope as 1st Assistant, J. A. Lloyd 2nd Assistant, F. Richardson D.C., W. A. Barrett Org. Grand Chapter having been regularly opened and the minutes confirmed, the report of the Committee of General Purposes, which was taken as read, and which appeared in our last issue, was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The whole of the recommendations contained in the report having been confirmed, Grand Chapter was closed.

SCOTLAND.

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ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 112.

AT Musselburgh, on 24th ult., in St. John's Hall, this old Lodge, which for some time has been in the condition which Freemasons describe as "dormant," was re-opened under the most happy circumstances. Several enthusiastic brethren had taken the proper preliminary steps, and in the presence of a large gathering of Freemasons, the Lodge was re-opened by the Committee under Grand Lodge on the visitation of Lodges in the Metropolitan Province. Bro. James Crichton presided, Bro. Abbott acted as Senior Warden, and Bro. Allan Mackenzie as Junior Warden, and the secretarial part of the work was in charge of Bro. D. Murray Lyon the Grand Secretary. The opening ceremony was conducted by these Office-bearers, and thereafter a large number of members of other Lodges were affiliated as members of the Lodge of St. John, and notice was given of intention to propose about a dozen gentlemen for initiation in the Lodge. The other business consisted of the nomination of Office-bearers for the ensuing year, when the following were duly proposed:—Bros. James Hogg R.W.M., J. H. Forrester Depute Master, A. R. Peacock Substitute Master and Treasurer, John Russell Secretary, Councillor White Senior Warden, and Bro. Wooley Junior Warden. Lodge 112 was formed in the year 1768, and in the course of the speeches which followed the business meeting, many of the brethren present, including representatives from most of the Lodges in the Province, embraced the opportunity of expressing gratification that this old Lodge had been resuscitated, and congratulated the members on their choice of such an excellent Mason as Master, and the heartiest wishes were expressed for a successful future for Lodge St. John, Fisherrow.

THE remains of the late Bro. Thomas R. D. Maxwell were interred in the Kirkdale Cemetery, on Friday, the 27th ult. The cortège, consisting of a hearse and several mourning broughams, left the residence of his sister, and arrived at the Cemetery at one o'clock. The coffin, which was covered with beautiful floral wreaths, bore the inscription:—"Thomas R. D. Maxwell, died 23rd July 1888, aged 35 years." The Rev. S. Rogers conducted the burial service, the hymns sung being "Safe in the arms of Jesus," and "Brief life is here our portion." The deceased, who was a licensed victualler, was highly respected by all who knew him.

The London and North Western Railway Company announce a further acceleration of their day service to Scotland. On and after Monday next a Special Express will leave Euston Station at 10 a.m. every week day, and will arrive at Edinburgh, via the West Coast route, at 6 p.m., thus completing the journey in eight hours. This train is only timed to stop three times on the journey of four hundred miles, viz. at Crewe, Preston and Carlisle, and as at one of these stations—Preston—twenty minutes will be allowed for refreshment, it is not much to expect that ere long the time occupied on the journey will be again reduced, arrangements being made for the midday meal to be taken *en route*. The two great reductions in time which have been made by this Company during the present season are sufficient to prove that we have not yet heard the last of the wonders associated with the iron road. What would our forefathers say to the journey from London to Edinburgh being completed in eight hours?

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd ult., at the school-room, Rose Ash, near South Molton, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of Rose Ash Church on its being restored and to fix the keystone of the arch. As this was the first time in the history of Mark Masonry in England that such an interesting ceremony—the combining of practical with symbolic Masonry—was performed, there was a goodly attendance of brethren, the majority from the Three Towns. Although Rose Ash is rather a difficult place to visit, being several miles from any station, the brethren attended in larger numbers than would otherwise have been the case, on account of the fact that the ceremonial was arranged out of respect to the late P.G.M.M.M. of Devon. W. Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Tanner-Davey, J.P., the announcement of whose death, in April of last year, was received with manifestations of regret by the whole Province. The brethren from the West travelled by the fast South Western train at 8.5 a.m. from North Road to Eggesford where conveyances were waiting to convey them to Rose Ash, a distance of thirteen miles. The journey to and fro was accomplished safely, although the roads were heavy and the vehicles, on account of some misunderstanding, somewhat overladen. On arrival at Rose Ash the party was kindly received by Mrs. Tanner-Davey, at her charming residence, the grounds of which were much admired. The parish church dedicated to St. Peter, is an ancient edifice of the third pointed date; the lower part of the tower may be older. The old church, which consists entirely of a chancel, nave, and embattled tower. The font is Norman, and there is an Early English window in the tower. In the north aisle, which was added more than 200 years ago, is a rood loft door, and there is also a rood screen which, however, is in a very dilapidated condition. At the west of that wall is a tablet, on which is inscribed "Robert Ayre, churchwarden, 1767;" another stone bearing "R. L., 1623," which was in the south wall will be replaced. A most remarkable thing is to be seen in the chancel which has not yet been torn down. In the panels are painted descriptions and illustrations of the martyrdom, together with the names of the Apostles and Evangelists—S.S. Paul, Matthias, Mark, James-the-Great, James-the-Less, Matthew, Peter, Philip, Andrew, Bartholomew, Simon, Jude, Luke, John, and Thomas. The whole of the church will practically be restored in the Early English style, with a porch in the south wall of the nave, from plans and specifications prepared by Messrs. F. Aubyn and Wadling, Architects, of the Temple, London, Mr. J. Cloworthy, of Witheridge, being the builder. The walls, roof, windows, and floors of the church will be rebuilt first, the church being in a wretched condition of repair. The arch of the tower will only be restored. It has a splendid peal of five bells, which were thoroughly restored about four years ago. It is expected that the work will be finished at Christmas. About £600 will be expended now, the total cost being estimated at £1,200 to £1,500. Other portions of the work will be proceeded with as funds are available. The present Rector is the Rev. H. G. Southcombe, and the living has been in the hands of the family for over 200 years, the present being the seventh Southcombe who has held it in succession. There is a handsome communion plate in a good state of preservation, which was given by the Rev. Lewis Southcombe in 1718, who was appointed in 1675. The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in form at the Board school room, which was nicely decorated for the occasion. There was a choice lot of flowers and exotics in addition to some bunting and appropriate Masonic mottoes and devices. The Lodge furniture was kindly lent by Lodge Fortescue, No. 9, of South Molton, and included a handsome oak W.M.'s chair, which bore the following inscription:—"This chair was presented to the Loyal Lodge of Industry, No. 610, by Bros. J. Tanner-Davey, of Rose Ash, on his installation as W.M., 5th January, 1860." Bro. W. Cole P.M. Fortescue Lodge, assisted Bro. J. Gidley P.M. P.G. Tyler in decorating the temporary Lodge-room. The Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Charles Spence Bate, F.R.S., P.M. 35, sat on the throne. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the P.G. Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Tanner-Davey, thanking the P.G. Lodge for its kind vote of sympathy and condolence on the irreparable loss she had sustained by the death of her husband. The P.G. Secretary reported that all the brethren appointed to office at the last Prov. Grand Lodge, with the exception of one who died shortly after his appointment, had assumed their rank and paid their fees of honour. During the past year there had been 44 advancements, and allowing for losses by death and otherwise there had been an increase of one subscribing member, the number in the Province being 455 as against 454 in 1886. In accordance with the resolutions passed by the Prov. Grand Lodge at St. George's Hall on 15th June 1887, he forwarded a letter to the Grand Secretary intimating that the brethren present at the Lodge meeting unanimously resolved to recommend to the G.M. Master W. Bro. C. Spence Bate D.P.G.M.M.M. for the office of P.G.M.M.M. of Devonshire. A reply was received on the following day, to the effect that the letter should receive attention. In reply to the P.G.S.W., the P.G. Secretary said no further reply had been received. Bro. Stocker inquired if Bro. Bate had received any intimation. The D.G.M. replied in the negative. He received a circular a week or two since notifying the fact that W. Bro. Ferrieres would be installed at Cheltenham as P.G.M. of Gloucestershire. As that had occurred since he (Bro. Spence Bate) was nominated, he felt their Province must have been slighted—and he should be prepared to take some action in the course of a short time. He should call a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge to consider the matter—as the premier Lodge of England ought not to be without a Grand Master. The P.G. Secretary reported that since the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge two new Mark Lodges had been consecrated in that Province by W. Bro. the D.P.G.M., viz., St. George's, Stonehouse, No. 383, on 6th January, and De La Pole, No. 372, at Seaton, on 7th March. The Committee appointed to provide a suitable

memorial to the memory of the late P.G. Master had decided that a mural tablet be erected in Rose Ash Church, bearing a proper inscription, and that an appeal be made to the Mark Lodges and brethren in the province to subscribe funds for this purpose. The erection of the tablet had been delayed on account of the restoration of the church. The Secretary's report was adopted. The P.G. Treasurer reported that the year was commenced with a balance in hand of £21 0s 6d, which with dues from Lodges, £25 3s, and £8 8s 8d from Grand Lodge fees, brought the total up to £54 12s. After paying the expenses, and £5 5s to the Mark Benevolent Fund, there was a balance in hand of £42 19s 8d. The report was adopted. The Provincial Committee recommended that twenty guineas be given to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and placed on Bro. Stocker's list, £10 10s to Rose Ash Church Restoration Fund, and £5 5s to the Boys' School, to be placed on Bro. Lemon's list. On the proposition of Bro. George R. Barrett, Bro. J. T. Bond J.W. 383 was unanimously elected P.G. Treasurer for the year ensuing. The brethren then formed into procession and marched to Rose Ash Church, where a short Divine service was held, the Rev. H. G. Southcombe, the rector, officiating, Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., reading the lesson. The service over the brethren proceeded outside the church. It had been raining hard for some time, but cleared just about this time. The rector presented the D.P.G.M. with a silver trowel, and he laid the foundation stone, in the cavity of which were placed some coins, after which he proved it was properly adjusted by the plumb, rule, level and square. Corn, wine, and oil were thrown over the stone with the accustomed ceremony. The builder was then presented with the several implements and also the plan and elevation of the building after they had been approved of. The inscription on the stone ran as follows:—"July 23rd, 1888. This stone was laid in open Lodge by the D.P.G.M.M.M. of Devon, in memory of Bro. John Tanner-Davey, Lieutenant Colonel and J.P., the late G.M. of the Premier P.G. Lodge of M.M. Masons of Devon, who died April 19th, 1880, and lies buried near this spot." The D.P.G.M., addressing the brethren, said they met on that occasion for the first time in the annals of Mark Masonry to lay the foundation-stone of a temple for the worship of the Most High, whose name and all-seeing eye were prominent objects in every Lodge of free and accepted Masons. After referring to the progress of Masonry and its far-reaching effects, he said: Masonry appeared to him to be in a transitory stage, which arose from no variation in the inherent character of Masonry, but largely in consequence of the higher moral standard of modern civilization and the systematic efforts so largely in vogue for the amelioration of those who had received the less amount of social advantages. Bro. Spence Bate then enlarged on the necessity of thrift among the industrial classes, and said the great object of Freemasonry was to encourage the combination of practical with symbolic Masonry. He explained that the key of the arch could not be laid on account of the work of restoration not being sufficiently forward. The brethren returned in procession to the church schools, when the D.P.G.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the year ensuing—

Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A.	-	Senior Warden
George R. Barrett 35, 383	-	Junior Warden
G. T. Strode Lowe 50	-	M.O.
W. A. Staton 96	-	S.O.
A. W. White 35	-	J.O.
J. T. Bond 383	-	Treasurer
J. Dodge 319	-	Registrar
H. Stocker 15	-	Secretary
G. Perkins 169	-	Senior Deacon
J. H. Kersteman 316	-	Junior Deacon
F. C. Frost 316	-	Superintendent of Works
J. Drew 23	-	Director of Ceremonies
C. H. Fulford 15	-	Asst. Director of Cers.
C. Hunt 91	-	Sword Bearer
H. Imbert-Terry 15	-	Standard Bearer
G. Sellick 50	-	Assistant Secretary
J. H. Carty 383	-	Organist
H. S. Best 64	-	I.G.
J. Bray 16 295	-	Stewards
H. Mitchelmore 15	-	
Frank R. Thomas 35	-	
W. M. Robins 35	-	
James Gidley 169	-	Tyler

The following gentlemen were appointed as a Provincial Committee:—Bros. S. Jones, Exeter, John Lane, Torquay, W. Vicary, Newton, F. Crouch, G. R. Barrett, and E. Aitken Davies, Plymouth. The D.P.G.M. intimated he should call these gentlemen together shortly to consider the question of the absence of a P.G.M. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed. The brethren adjourned to the school-room, and sat down to a luncheon presided over by the rector, the company including the Rev. Prebendary Matthews, Knowstone, the Rev. R. E. Trefusis, Vicar of Chittlehampton, the Rev. R. E. Lester, Bishopslympstone, the Rev. H. G. Alexander, Creacombe, the Rev. R. W. Atkins, Romansleigh, Mrs. Tanner-Davey, Mrs. Matthews, Miss Matthews, the Misses King, Miss Merson, Mrs. Mayo, and Mrs. Williams, and Mr. Henry Ayre and Mr. T. Willicott, Churchwardens.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence, and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

ON the 26th ult., the annual meeting was held in the Mechanics' Hall, Eastwood, under the auspices of the Robin Hood Lodge, No. 1493. The following Officers of the Provincial Lodge were present:—Bros J. M. Perry P.P.G.J.D., Rev. T. W. Dolphin P.P.G.C., Rev. Canon E. St. J. Morse, A. Lawson P.P.G. Pursuivant, A. W. Brentnall P.P.G. Pur., G. Chapman J.D., R. C. Wills P.P.G.D.C., H. J. Hobson S.B., W. H. Burton Pur., C. H. Benham Treas., R. T. Ingram P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer, J. Housley P.M., J. P. W. Marx P.M., upwards of 100 being present altogether. The banners of the following Lodges were present:—Provincial Grand Lodge, Newstead, No. 47, Commercial, Southwell, Carnarvon, Nottinghamshire, Annesley, De Vere, Vernon, Forest, Robin Hood. After the preliminary business of the session, the following resolution was unanimously carried, having been moved by Bro. Wills, seconded by Bro. George, and supported by Bros. Rev. C. W. Butler, J. M. Perry, G. Chapman, and Hatherly:—

"That, in the opinion of this Provincial Grand Lodge, a strict investigation should be made into the excessive expenditure at the Royal Masonic Boys' School by the Representative Committee."

Subsequently a banquet was held at the Sun Inn, provided by Bro. G. Bingham, of which about 70 partook.

ROYAL ARCH.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SOMERSET.

THE Annual Convocation was held on Wednesday, the 15th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Taunton, under the banner of the Sincerity Chapter, No. 261. Owing to the unfavourable weather there was not a large attendance. The Grand Superintendent of the Province, Comp. Colonel Adair, presided, and all Chapters in the Province, with one exception, answered to the roll. The minutes of last P.G. Chapter, and a Chapter of Emergency held at Clevedon for the purpose of consecrating the Adair Chapter, having been read and confirmed, all offices were declared vacant, and the Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the following as the Officers of Prov. Grand Chapter for the year ensuing:—

Comp. R. C. Else	-	-	H.
F. T. Elworthy 261	-	-	J.
Colonel Long	-	-	Scribe E.
W. Bidgood 261	-	-	Scribe N.
B. H. Watts	-	-	Treasurer
— Nosworthy 329	-	-	Principal Sojourner
J. M. Atkins 446	-	-	1st Assistant Sojourner
— Glossop 1222	-	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
— Hearne	-	-	Registrar
H. B. Crowe 261	-	-	Sword Bearer
— Hawkins	-	-	Standard Bearer
— Glover	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
T. G. Williams 261	-	-	Assistant Scribe E.
— Bigwood	-	-	Janitor

The alms collected were, on the motion of Comp. T. G. Williams, seconded by Comp. W. Bidgood, given to the Taunton and Somerset Hospital. P.G. Chapter was then closed in ancient form, and the Companions adjourned to a banquet, which was held in the dining-hall adjoining the Lodge, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Col. Adair. After the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and the brethren separated about eight o'clock.

STANMORE CHAPTER, No. 1549.

THE installation meeting of this improving Chapter was held at the Abercorn Hotel, on the 11th ultimo, and although well attended was deprived of several distinguished visitors through the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex having been held at Stanmore on the previous Saturday. It was, however, a very successful meeting. The Chapter was duly opened at 5.40, Comp. J. Tickle P.Z. occupying the chair of M.E.Z., E. B. Haynes H., and W. A. Rogers J. On the admission of the Companions, the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, read by Comp. Keyser P.Z. Treasurer, was also approved and adopted. Three brethren were announced on the summons as candidates for exaltation, but being unable to attend, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. Comp. Haynes, who had previously been installed in another Chapter was appropriately placed in the Chair of M.E.Z. by Comp. Tickle, and the full ceremony of installing Comp.

Rogers and Blatchford as H. and J. respectively was very impressively rendered by Comp. F. Brown, who has maintained a very firm allegiance to this Chapter. The M.E.Z. then invested the following Companions as Officers, viz.:—Comps. C. Keyser P.Z. Treasurer, C. Veal P.Z. S.E., B. Hosegood S.N., D. R. Soames P.S., J. Best 1st A.S., W. R. Shutt 2nd A.S., J. S. Fraser P.Z. W.S., J. Middleton Janitor. The following Companions were also present:—T. J. Maidwell P.Z., C. H. Webb P.Z., C. B. Todd, D. H. Jacobs P.Z., E. C. Kilsby, W. Wilson, J. L. Holmes, and Visitors Comps. M. Slaughter J. 404, A. W. Wells Z. 975, 1556. The M.E.Z. invested Companion J. Tickle with the handsome P.Z. jewel voted at the last meeting. This was suitably acknowledged. After the usual inquiries and hearty good wishes from other Chapters the meeting was closed in form at 6.50. The Companions then adjourned to an excellent banquet where the usual toasts were ably given by the M.E.Z. and duly honoured. A most enjoyable evening fully maintained the credit of the Chapter both for working and hospitality.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

STIRLING CASTLE LODGE, No. 14.

ON Friday, the 20th ult., a ceremonial of much interest to the fraternity of Stirling and its neighbourhood was held, when the first meeting of this newly-instituted Lodge, of the religious and military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and appendant degrees of K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist, took place in their assembly room, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The M.P.S. Captain Alexander Wilson presided, and the E.V.E. Lieutenant J. Denholm was vice-chairman, supported by the following office-bearers:—Rev. George Mure Smith Prelate, D. McIntosh S.G., Q. M. S. Beattie J.G., Sergeant-Major P. Low Treas., K. P. Macleay Sec., Richard Twist Prefect, James G. Kerr Herald, Colour-Sergeant Barron Sentinel, Sergeant-Instructor J. Campbell Alva S.B., &c., and the under-mentioned visiting Companions, viz., Thos. Milne, M.D., Alloa, I.G. of the Order, Wm. Black, C.E., Falkirk M.P.S. No. 11, Colonel John Campbell, H.M. General Prison, Perth, John Taylor E.V.E., Jas. Finlayson Past S., and Peter M'Beth H.P. No. 11, Falkirk. The assembly having been duly constituted, letters of apology were read from Comps. George Christie of Southfield, J. W. Small, Stirling, Colonel P. Stirling of Kippendavie, &c. The following Master Masons of good standing in Craft Lodges as under were then introduced and admitted into the Order:—Wm. Milne S.D., James Ritchie J.D., R. Morrison and J. M. Miller, all of No. 30, "Ancient," Stirling; Wm. Ross, No. 325, Gibraltar, John Dunk, No. 988, "Wahab," Sealkote, Thomas Blair, No. 175, "St. John," Greenock. The impressive ceremony of reception was conducted by Comp. Wm. Black, with his usual ability and zeal. Thereafter refreshments were partaken of, and a short and characteristic toast list was exhausted prior to the meeting separating.

INTERESTING RELICS AT A MASONS' LODGE.

THE alterations at present being made on the front of the Masons' Lodge, Crieff, have led to rather an interesting find. Last week, while the workmen were removing the south corner of the wall, on a level with the street, they came upon the foundation-stone, in a cavity of which was deposited a bottle containing seven coins of the realm, written documents, and newspapers—all of which were in an excellent state of preservation. The coins consisted of a three-shilling bank-token, of date 1815, a ten-penny bank-token (Irish), 1813 (George III.); an eighteen-penny bank-token, 1812 (slightly larger than a current shilling); two silver pieces, much worn, one bearing date 1787 (George III.) and the other 1758 (George II.) There was also a threepenny piece, dated 1762 (George III.), and one copper coin (a farthing) of date 1744 (George II.) The written documents are:—(1) "Copy of Constitution and erection in favour of the Mason Lodge of Crieff, granted by John Young, Depute Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of the Kingdom of Scotland, with the consent of David Kennedy, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and George Drummond, Esq., Junior Grand Warden, and the other brethren of the Grand Lodge," upon a petition presented upon the eighth day of August, 1739, "by the Most Worshipful and Right Honourable His Grace James, Duke of Perth, for himself, and in name of the other Worshipful Brethren of Masons' Lodge kept at Crieff." (2) Copy Charter, dated 1st June, 1816, granted by the Honourable Clementina Sarah Drummond Burrell of Perth, in favour of Sir Patrick Murray, of Ochertyre, Baronet, Master of St. Michael's Lodge, Crieff, for behoof of the members of that Lodge; and (3) the building contract and specification of the Lodge. A copy of the rules and regulations of the Lodge, dated 1812, was also enclosed. It had attached to it the following list of the Lodge Officials, which will be of interest to the older generation of Crieff townspeople:—John Tainsh Depute Master, John Feichney Substitute Master, William Robertson Senior Warden, James Skeldoch Junior Warden, William Maxtone Treasurer, and David Tainsh Secretary. The newspapers consist of a copy of the *Perth Courier* (No. 431), dated May 9, 1816 (price 7d), and two copies of the *Edinburgh Correspondent* (Nos. 771 and 785), of dates June 26, and July 29, 1815 (price 6½d). The *Edinburgh* journal is a four-page paper (five columns in page), and is 22 inches long by 15 broad. The copy of Monday, June 26, contains the Duke of Wellington's dispatch, giving a full account of the battle of Waterloo, and is dated Waterloo, June 19, 1815, besides a list of the British officers killed and wounded, and many letters and other interesting matter connected with the great battle. One of the letters, from an officer of the 92nd Highlanders, is of particular interest. There is also an advertisement announcing the proceedings of a meeting "called by the Lord-Provost and Magistrates of Edinburgh, of gentlemen disposed to promote the construction of a canal to connect the cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, in a line recommended by Mr. Rennie, engineer."

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, 4th AUGUST.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
2271—St. Pancras, Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W. (Consecration)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

MONDAY, 6th AUGUST.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
350—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
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
1390—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.U.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 7th AUGUST.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8, (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at 8 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
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)
446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stars, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke 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
159—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
731—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
943—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linsdale, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentapla, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolsley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 8th AUGUST.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)

72—Royal Jubilee, Mitro, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 9 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chamberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athol, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Frith
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Cantonment, (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Farress
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brimpton, Canham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1613—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
2041—West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent
R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
R.A. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 9th AUGUST.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
37—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
701—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 395 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)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warrenton St., Rythehithe New Rd. (In)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Baskett Green Road, S., at 8. (Instruct)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1593—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1592—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creston, Whentsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex, Corn Exchange, Colchester
35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Stirling
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Stirling
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumbria
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
516—Eurasian, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Brighton, Sussex
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quarter, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkcaldy, Fife
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, City New Road, Manchester
1094—St. George, Private Room, The Grosvenor Hotel, Bedford Square, M.C.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashburnham-bldgs
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royal, Imperial Hotel, Milverton, Worcester-shire
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Room, Slingsby Road
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1446—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1530—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hasfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colehill
1892—Wellington, King's Arms Hotel, Garsington. (Instruction)
915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
 R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
 R.A. 464—Hwlfordd, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
 R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
 K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 10th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 6
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 85—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 82C—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W. (Improvement)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goolo
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
 1087—Beaundesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Bizzard
 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
 R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
 K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 11th AUGUST.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1271—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
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 R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 1637—Unity, Harrow
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Princess's.—It has been the lot of our American cousins to introduce to the stage something original—at least in the way of heroes; this has been done in "The Still Alarm," by depicting the life of the fireman. We have had naval, military, and all kinds of heroes, but never before has an author attempted to show the hazardous life of a fireman. Mr. Joseph Arthur is the author of the work under notice, and he has written a somewhat conventional play, with weak, and at times uninteresting dialogue, but with situations that cannot fail to attract all London. If, however, these situations were worked up better they would have been even more effective than they now are. Imagine the hero picking up a chair and breaking the window-frame so that he may get down the fire escape to catch the villain of the piece. Yet even greater excitement was in store; in the third act we have a New York fire station, in which the still alarm arrives, and in an instant the horses are harnessed, the fire is lighted, and the engine rushes off full gallop to the fire. At the conclusion of this act the applause was deafening; call after call was given, until even the author had to bow his acknowledgments. After this we have the customary settling up. This is brought about by the hero shamming illness, and then tackling the villain. All these situations are exciting in the extreme, but as we have said, the dialogue is of the weakest. Let the author call in the aid of some well-known adapter, who will work the play up, and add some better comedy than is now supplied. We may then have a play not only exciting but interesting. The lines upon which the play is based are well worn ones, but they serve to show the author's purpose. In an indiscreet moment Franklin Fordham has written a letter to John Bird; the latter intends to make a bad use of it. He proposes for the hand of Fordham's daughter Elinore, and threatens to place the communication we have referred to in the hands of the police if Elinore refuses to accept him. To save the honour of her father, who as a matter of course is innocent, she consents to become Bird's wife, and in a touching interview bids farewell to Jack Manley, her accepted lover. The play now shows how Bird persecutes Elinore and Manley, and when he cuts the wires at the fire station, and sets fire to Fordham's house, we have a pretty lively time of it. Jack Manley is a character that depicts true bravery, and has a good exponent in Mr. Harry Lacy. This gentleman's style is certainly peculiar, and at times disagreeable so, still the audience get used to the sing-song tone in which he delivers his lines. His manly bearing under misfortune, however, makes up for anything that may be wrong with his delivery. Mr. Lacy was good in the first act, while in the last he was essentially cool and collected. Mr. W. L. Abingdon has a fairly good villain's part, which he makes the most of, especially in the supposed interview at the fire station. Mr. Bassett Roe and Miss Mary Rorke, as Franklin

Fordham and Elinore respectively, struggle gamely against the poor material with which they have been supplied, while Miss Cicely Richards was amusing as Mrs. Manley. Mr. Harry Parker was exceedingly good as a confirmed drunkard, in Bird's power, while Mr. Henry De Solla was a capital servant. Mr. Harry Nicholls and Miss Fanny Leslie have very poor stuff with which to make their audiences laugh. Still, the parts are well conceived, and with good dialogue would be amusing, but these two favourites, who worked hard, did not score well. The verdict at the fall of the curtain was satisfactory, and with a little touching up the piece can be made into a greater success than the fire engine secured for it on Thursday.

Mr. T. Russell Sullivan's version of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" will be produced at the Lyceum to-night (Saturday), by Mr. Richard Mansfield, who will appear in his original creation of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, a part played by him over 300 times.

Another version of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" will be produced at the Opera Comique, on Monday next. Mr. Bandmann will appear in the title rôle.

Miss Sophie Eyre will start her season at the Gaiety to-night (Saturday), when she will appear as Marina, in John Coleman's version of "Mr. Barnes of New York." The play will be produced under the direction of Mr. William Sydney. Miss Eyre will be supported by the Misses Carlotta Leclercq, Enid Leslie, Vyse, Lucy Buckstone, and Messrs. Julian Cross, E. D. Ward, Fred Terry, H. Maxwell, James East, Glen Wynn, and Herbert Waring. We may mention that Miss Eyre announces that the pit has been enlarged.

We are asked to announce that Miss Eva Wilson has been engaged by Mr. Edward Terry to play the part of Lavender in "Sweet Lavender" at Terry's Theatre upon the termination of Miss Norreys' engagement in September next. This remarkably successful play is now approaching its 150th performance, and the business, if possible, is greater than ever.

We are glad to announce that Mr. Lionel Brough has arranged with Mr. Toole to continue the performance of "The Paper Chase" for another week. It, will, however, have to be withdrawn on the 11th instant, in consequence of the preparations for the production of Messrs. Van Biene and Lingard's comic opera "Pepita."

The Mohawk Minstrels have arranged a strong programme for their re-opening at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Monday next. Besides several special items, by old favourites, the management have engaged the Pylades, Continental quick change artists. There will be two performances on Bank holiday.

We have recently received from the well known wig-maker, Mr. C. H. Fox, of Russell Street, Covent Garden, W.C., his book on "The Art of Making-Up." Mr. Fox has propounded, at some length, the different means of "making-up." He also tenders good advice, both to professionals and amateurs. As heretofore, Mr. Fox gives illustrations of several of the most popular actors and actresses, with wigs worn by them in popular plays; thus making the book interesting as well as useful.

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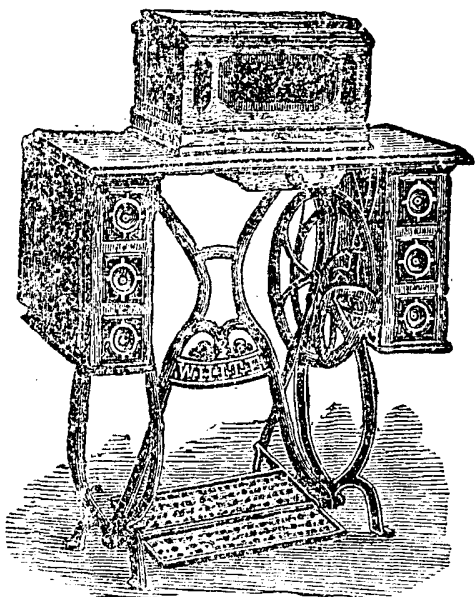
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