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## THE FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

WITH the opening of the month of May we are reminded of the early celebration of the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which is this year to be held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., under the presidency of the Right. Hon. Lord Carrington, Provincial Grand Master of Buckinghamshire. It is almost to be regretted that the dates of two approaching important Masonic ceremonies in which Lord Carrington is to take a prominent part cannot be transposed, for on the Tuesday following his presidency on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls his Lordship is to be installed into his new office as Provincial Grand Master of Buckinghamshire, H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale (Prov. G.M. Berkshire) having promised to perform the ceremony, and thus give proof of the continued cordiality existing between the neighbouring Provinces of Berks and Bucks, so long Masonically associated under the rule of the late Sir Daniel Gooch and his predecessor. Were it possible to have made this alteration of dates, Lord Carrington would have had the opportunity of addressing a special appeal to the members of his Province in person, on an occasion which will doubtless prove an auspicious one, and when it is reasonable to expect a large gathering of Craftsmen will result. Besides this Lord Carrington will be surrounded, on the day of his installation, by a number of the most distinguished members of the Craft, including, in addition to the Duke of Clarence, the Earl of Lathom—the much respected Deputy Grand Master of the past seventeen years, and our present Pro Grand Master, Lord Suffield, Lord Alcester, and many others, all of whom he could have invited to take part in what we hope will prove an almost equally brilliant assemblage—the 103rd Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School; but it is not to be, and regrets under this head are useless. All we can hope for is, that the Masons of Buckinghamshire will show their appreciation of Lord Carrington's appointment by making such a stand on his behalf at the coming Festival of the Girls' School as will prove them sincere in the expressions of congratulation which will be showered upon him a week later as ruler of the Province.

The Girls' Institution is just now in a somewhat unenviable position as regards its Festival, and without taking too gloomy a view of the outlook, we may reasonably express anxiety as to the result of this year's celebration. The English Craft, large and extended as it unquestionably is, must also be regarded as in many respects limited, and the matter of its support for the Charities is a special case in point. If one of the three great Institutions of the Craft secures especial favour, the other two must look for a falling off in their returns, and we think such a

result is but fair to anticipate, especially in view of the system of Lodge representation which is carried out in connection with the Anniversary Festivals of the central Charitable Institutions. Bearing this in mind, and reviewing the present state of affairs, our remark that the Girls' School at present occupies a somewhat unenviable position will be at once apparent. The Boys' School has a new Secretary, new principles to work upon, new ideas to be established, and, above all, new theories to be proved, all of which have combined to produce a grand array of Stewards for its coming Festival. Every Brother who has ventured to make himself prominent during the late reorganisation of this Institution can hardly do less than offer himself as a Steward, and make an effort to secure a grand result for the first celebration under the new *regime*. It would be base ingratitude—indeed, even worse—if those who had advocated a change in the management of the Boys School were to remain idle when their wish had been gratified. To be consistent they must at least make an effort to put the new arrival firmly on its feet, as it were, and we hope, not only for the sake of the Boys' School, but also for the whole cause of Masonic benevolence, that their efforts will be crowned with the greatest success. But special success in this quarter means a formidable obstacle for the executive of the Girls' School to surmount. Turning next to the Benevolent Institution, we find another special object which must act as a drain on the resources of the Craft; next year's Festival of that Institution will mark the Jubilee of its establishment, and we know enough of the brethren to be convinced that such a celebration will not be allowed to go by without some special recognition; not purchased, we admit, at the expense of the Girls' School this year, but none the less sure of making its effects felt at the coming celebration, for promises of ordinary support for one Institution are hardly possible in face of special obligations undertaken on behalf of another.

On the other hand it may be asked, is not the Girls' School sufficiently strong and firmly enough rooted in the affections of the Craft to ensure a fair share of support in face of all surrounding obstacles? Our answer would certainly be in the affirmative, but for the one reason often expressed in these pages—the Craft is limited, to a considerable degree, in the support it can give to the three great Charity Festivals of the year, and what one gains is, to a considerable extent, lost to the others.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has of late expended large sums in enlarging and perfecting the accommodation it has been able to provide for the necessitous daughters of the Craft, and as may reasonably be expected additions to the establishment entail an additional annual outlay. While the one has been provided by the liberality of the Craft in days gone by, the other must rest on the Masons of to-day and of the future, and we hope the time will

never arrive when the members of the Order repudiate, or in any way draw back from the good work on which they have entered.

We should like to know that the future of the Girls' School was assured, without the necessity of annual appeals, and the consequent anxiety of gauging the amount of income, but such a condition of affairs is impossible, and so long as human nature exists as it does to-day, so long will charitable appeals be necessary from time to time, and so long will a kindly interest be shown on behalf of those who are reduced by misfortune or accident to a state of distress. All we can do now is to strive, by every legitimate means, to secure the largest possible amount of sympathy on behalf of the unfortunate, and in such a spirit we once more crave the kindest consideration of the Craft on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and for the Chairman of its 103rd Anniversary Festival, on Tuesday week.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

### THE GRAND FESTIVAL.

THE annual meeting for the installation of Most Worshipful Grand Master and the appointment and investiture of Grand Officers was held on Wednesday last, in the Temple, Freemasons' Hall. There was a very large attendance, and many brethren were unable to take part in the proceedings. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, D.L., P.G.W., Prov. Grand Master of Durham, presided; Bro. Dr. Egan, District G.M. South Africa (E.D.), acted as Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Lord Alcester was in the S.W.'s chair, and Bro. Victor A. Williamson P.G.W. in the J.W.'s chair. Grand Lodge having been formally opened, Grand Secretary read the minutes of the March Quarterly Communication, so far as they related to the election of the Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer. Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods (*Garter*) G.D.C. P.G.W. then proclaimed his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales duly installed Most Worshipful Grand Master for the year ensuing. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson said that since the last Grand Lodge His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had thought fit to appoint Bro. the Earl of Lathom M.W. Pro Grand Master in place of their late lamented Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon. The noble brother was waiting outside Grand Lodge to take his obligation as Pro Grand Master. The brethren would all be glad to hear that this high rank had been conferred on so excellent a Mason as the Earl of Lathom, and they would agree with him (Sir Hedworth Williamson) that the Prince of Wales could not have made a better appointment. A deputation was then formed, consisting of Col. Elliott, C.B., Lord Carrington, Sir J. B. Monckton, Sir Henry Isaacs, Sir Somers Vine, the Grand Stewards, and others, accompanied by Sir Albert Woods. This deputation left the hall, and shortly afterwards returned, escorting the Earl of Lathom. His lordship on entering was received with loud and general applause. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson informed the brethren that the Earl of Lathom had been appointed by the Grand Master, and was ready to take the obligation of Pro Grand Master. The brethren would be unanimous in agreeing with him that his Royal Highness could not have made a better appointment. Lord Lathom's Masonic work was well known to all the brethren present, as well as to the brethren in his lordship's northern Province, and he need not further recite it; but he wished him health and prosperity, long to enjoy his distinction, and assured him that in no part of the Masonic kingdom was his promotion more satisfactorily received than it was in the north country. The Earl of Lathom then took the obligation, and was invested. He was proclaimed by Sir Albert Woods and saluted. Afterwards he was formally placed on the throne, and Sir Hedworth Williamson took the chair of Past Grand Master. The Earl of Lathom announced that the Grand Master had appointed the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe D.G.M. for the ensuing year, and he would ask that noble brother to advance to the pedestal and take the obligation. This having been done, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe was

claimed, and saluted. The Grand Officers were then invested, as follows:—

Lord Wantage, K.C.B., V.C.	Senior Warden
Admiral Sir E. Inglefield, K.C.B.	Junior Warden
Rev. Oliver James Grace	} Chaplains
Rev. Henry Lansdell, D.D.	
(George Everett (elected))	Treasurer
Frederick Adolphus Philbrick, Q.C.	Registrar
Col. Shadwell H. Clerke	Secretary
Dr. Ernest Emil Wendt	Secretary German Corres.
Walter Hume Long, M.P.	} Senior Deacons
John Aird, M.P.	
Hamon Le Strange	} Junior Deacons
Edmund Kelly Bayley	
Charles Barry	Supt. of Works
Sir A. W. Woods, K.C.M.G. ( <i>Garter</i> )	Dir. of Cers.
Sir George Goldie, K.C.M.G.	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
Arthur J. R. Trendell, C.M.G.	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Thomas Hastings Miller	Sword Bearer
Richard Clowes	} Standard Bearers
George J. McKay	
Edward Cutler, Q.C.	Organist
Alfred A. Pendlebury	Assist. Secretary
Samuel Vallentine	Pursuivant
Samuel Victor Abraham	Assist. Pursuivant
Henry Sadler	Tyler

The Pro Grand Master informed the brethren that the Prince of Wales had conferred the rank of Past Grand Superintendent of Works on Bro. Henry Arthur Hunt, for services in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Hunt was then invested. Grand Secretary read the followed list of brethren, proposed by their respective Lodges, as Grand Stewards for the year: Bros. Robert Willoughby 23, Walter Ernest Sampson 14, William Carter jun. 58, Thomas Poultney Griffin 1, John Jupe 2, William Stevenson Hoyte 4, Hugh Wyatt 5, Bonamy Dobree jun. 6, Arthur Pullman 8, Right Hon. Joseph Savory Lord Mayor 21, William Barrett M. Bird 26, Philip Hickson Waterlow 29, George Wood 46, William Henry Kempster, M.D., 60, John Thomas Bolding 91, William Oldham Rew 99, Arthur Mainley Cope 197, and Clement Godson, M.D., 259. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where, under the presidency of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, they partook of a choice banquet liberally provided by the Grand Stewards.

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, in proposing the first toast, said as that was the first time he had presided at one of the Grand Festivals, and almost the first time he had been at one, he hardly knew what was expected of a Chairman in the way of speeches in proposing the toasts, but he thought he should be right in saying that they would desire to have them short after the long ceremony they had already had, and in view of the musical entertainment yet to come. He also knew this, that they must not omit to express their devotion to the gracious lady whom they hoped to welcome back with renewed health to her dominions to-morrow. The unfailing loyalty of the Fraternity was shown in words which would strike home to the hearts of all its members in the time-honoured toast which coupled inseparably the name of the Sovereign with the familiar title of the Society with which they associated themselves—the Queen and the Craft. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe said, although their organisation precluded the Queen from taking any active part in the Craft, they must all recognise with gratitude that she had given them her sons and her grandsons, he might say on both sides of the North Sea; but foremost among them in English Masonry stood his Royal Highness, their Grand Master, whose genial presence they all knew so well, but whom, from unavoidable circumstances, they missed that night; whose influence during the 16 years he had held the high office of Grand Master had done so much to bring Freemasonry to the high and powerful position which it held in this country at the present moment. The Prince of Wales was well qualified to represent worthily British Masonry amongst their brethren in foreign lands, and to welcome Masons here as he did in the Jubilee year when the King of Sweden was on our shores. If any doubt had ever come into their minds as to the wisdom of that law of Masonry, which was as inexorable as the laws of the Medes and Persians; not permitting them to admit to their ranks any of the gentler sex, it was then they thought, with some measure of regret, that when the Prince of Wales was obliged to come to their meetings they had not the opportunity as Masons of rendering their homage to the Princess of Wales, whose personality he knew was always in their minds when they drank the health of their Grand Master. Before giving them the toast he might perhaps be just allowed to say that he could not drink it himself without the recollection coming into his mind of many acts of personal kindness received by him from his Royal Highness, not the least of them being that which had placed him in the chair that evening. He gave them the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." Bro. Dr. Egan Dist. G.M. of the Eastern Division of South Africa, proposed the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, in reply, thanked the brethren very much for their kind reception of him, and he hoped they would give him their support and assistance in case he should have to perform any duty in the absence of his superiors in Grand Lodge. He was glad to respond

to that toast, because his reply really struck out one of the toasts on the list—the toast of the Chairman. Brother the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., Deputy Prov. G.M. Suffolk, proposed the Masonic Charities, stating that in Masonry it was one of the most important toasts, and the grandest toast ever proposed in that room. He need not here dilate upon its excellences, for they were well known to the brethren, but he asked them to think what grand and magnificent Institutions they were. Only a little while ago the Benevolent Institution had its Festival, which resulted in a subscription of more than £13,000. Very shortly, under Lord Carrington, the Girls' School would have a Festival, and in June the Boys' School would have one, which would be presided over by the most deservedly appointed Pro Grand Master. He hoped all the brethren would rally round those noblemen, and the Institutions whose Festivals were yet to come, and they would try to do their best to help the cause they advocated. One thing he wished to say when talking of the Masonic Charities—do not let the brethren be content with saying what magnificent Charities the Masonic Institutions were, but let them each say he would do what he could and endeavour to make them successful. Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary of the Boys' School, said very few words were needed from him in replying, after the advocacy of the Masonic Charities by so liberal an exponent as Bro. Martyn. The brethren knew what the Institutions had done in the past, and he trusted that they would continue in the good path they had followed. The Institutions were always with the brethren. They endeavoured to show a good work, and whether they failed or whether they succeeded, they would endeavour to do their best. Bro. Lord Carrington Prov. Grand Master for Buckinghamshire would take the chair for the Girls' School on the 12th May, and he hoped the Festival would be successful. But one word for the unfortunate Boys' School, which was always pleading to the brethren's generosity for further support. It needed help very badly, but he hoped the Festival would be a great success, and he thought it would be. At least let the brethren do as they had done in the past, and it would always deserve that help which had been so freely accorded to it. For "The Grand Stewards," Bro. E. M. Money, President, replied. He said the Grand Stewards, for 130 years more or less, had had the honour and pleasure of providing this Annual Festival for Grand Lodge, and they with the Lodges which had the privilege of sending Grand Stewards hoped and trusted this was a custom which would never die out. All were proud of holding the office of Grand Steward. That night they considered it a great honour to have been presided over by Lord Mount Edgoumbe, whom they were delighted to see elevated to the very high position of Deputy Grand Master. They had had a great and goodly gathering of brethren. The Grand Lodge of England was increasing and multiplying so much that he feared the dais would not hold them; they were overflowing into the body of the hall. He only hoped that the brethren who had been present that evening had met with every comfort which was within the power of the Grand Stewards to provide, and he was quite sure that the ladies had been very effectually and satisfactorily entertained. Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, proposed the toast in honour of the ladies, to which Bro. E. Letchworth P.G.D. responded. During the banquet a selection of music was performed by Bro. Lutz's Bijou Concert Band, selected from the Gaiety orchestra; leader, Mr. Knott. In the Temple, where the Earl of Mount Edgoumbe also presided, the Meister Glee Singers, Miss Alice Hill, Miss Hettie Carpenter (violin solo), Mr. Rutland Barrington, Mdllie. Antoinette Treballi, Herr Leo Stern (violoncello), Miss Alice Aynsley Cook, and Bro. W. Meyer Lutz were the performers.

### WORK IN THE LODGE.

**H**AMLET'S celebrated advice to the players about the delivery of their lines, is often brought to mind in Lodge visits when work is being done. How many brothers who do Lodge work have read the ritualistic work and obligations, studied the words, and considered their meaning? Those who do Lodge work may be divided naturally into three classes. First, those who, in a slipshod, happy-go-lucky style, drawl out with a drowsy air the words of the ritual, monotonously grinding away, like the rollers of a mill, until they arrive at the end. Of course the whole is an undistinguishable and worthless mass of pulp. Second are those who, of quick perceptions and mental activity, restive and impatient under the slow going methods of the preceding class, with throttle valves wide open, fires blazing hot, and all the steam on, push and dash the candidate through the degrees and ranks, and leave him nervous, excited, bewildered and almost deranged.

Third class are those who love to puff out and swell the words, with bombastic intonation or rhetorical accent, so that the care-stricken subject wonders what it is all about, and whether he is listening to a compound funeral oration upon all of the generations of the ancestors he ever had, or whether the Fourth of July has unwound its fevered anniversary spread-eagles, and the glorious bird has soared aloft once more.

Neither of these styles should prevail in our Lodge work, but rather should the ritualistic work and obligations be first known and understood, and then taught, explained and delivered with all of the clearness and zeal of understanding, and many vigour and earnestness, so that the

full and true meaning of the principles, in their broad doctrine of humanity and man's duty to his fellows, may be impressed and securely fastened in the memory, and so grow in the life of the newly-made member.

Officers of Lodges in their stations conferring ranks and degrees, and registering obligations, should remember that their business is to perpetuate and convey beautiful and grand principles, and in simple justice to their positions and pledges, should recognise the serious importance of their responsibility. The French have a maxim, "It is the first step which costs," and we all know the effect of first impressions. The candidate is entering into a new experience, and in the novelty, individual loneliness of his situation, the senses are confused, and much is seen and received as in a mist. It is the duty of the workers in the Lodge to dispel ignorance, and to trust and instruct. To do so, he must deliver the lessons intelligently, with care and earnestness. No man can impress another unless he himself is saturated with belief, understanding and earnestness.

There are gems in the work of the Lodges—handle and espouse them so that their invaluable beauty shines forth fully in the light. Place them not so that the witness can treat them with indifferent attention and confused memory. First, know and understand the beauties entrusted to your official keeping; and second, be careful that they shall be fully appreciated by, and leave a clear impression upon the candidate."

In conclusion, there may be profit in the words of that strange Denmark Prince, who said:

"Speak the speech trippingly on the tongue: do not mouth it. Nor saw the air too much with the hand; for in the very torrent, tempest, and whirlwind of your passion, you must acquire and beget a temperance that may give it smoothness. Be not too tame neither, but let your own discretion be your tutor: suit the action to the word, the word to the action; with this special observance, that you o'erstep not the modesty of nature; for anything so overdone is from the purpose of playing, whose end, both at the first, and now, was, and is, to hold, as 'twere, the mirror up to nature."—*The American Tyler.*

### THE THEATRES, &c.

**New Olympic.**—Mr. Wilson Barrett has hit upon a play that not only shows his talents to advantage, but the subject, though old, is pretty sure to become popular with the public. Old playgoers will remember Mr. Charles Dillon's and Mr. Fechter's renderings of "Belphegor, the Mountebank," whose romantic but pathetic fortunes drew tears and smiles from interested audiences. The new version is termed "The Acrobat," and may be regarded by the present generation as a new play. Mr. Barrett sustains the character of Belphegor with an effective style that is in itself an attraction. In the lighter scenes he is easy and natural, but the sudden changes to deep pathos have been carefully considered, and won hearty applause. Miss Winifred Emery enacts the part of Madeline in a most charming manner, and readily enlisted the sympathy of the spectators. Mr. George Barrett makes the most of the small part of Flip-Flap; and the Duke de Montbazan is capitally represented by Mr. Austin Melford. Among others who deserve special mention are Mr. H. C. Cliffe, Mr. Manning, Miss L. Belmore, Mrs. Leigh, and Mr. Hodges. The play is beautifully mounted, both the scenery and costumes being of the highest order, and we must not omit to record the very pretty dance introduced in the masquerade scene, which has been arranged by Mons. Dewinne. We are pleased to be able to congratulate Mr. Barrett on a genuine success, and still more upon his having abolished the objectionable fee system.

**Toole's.**—Mr. J. L. Toole must have been highly gratified with the splendid and hearty reception that was accorded to him on making his re-appearance in London after his successful tour in the Antipodes. The popular comedian was cheered to the echo when he walked on to the stage, the applause lasting some time. The rest of his company, which includes such old favourites as Mr. J. Billington and Miss Eliza Johnstone, were welcomed with equal warmth, and thus they start once more with the flood of prosperity. The piece selected for first representation was H. J. Byron's amusing comedy, "The Upper Crust," but we hope it will not be long before Mr. Toole affords his admirers an opportunity of seeing him in a new play.

Mr Edward Terry's series of matinées commence on Thursday next, 7th May, with a new Three Act Farce by Harry Greenbank, entitled, "The Director," in which the following well known artistes will appear:—Messrs. Edward Terry, Henry V. Esmond, E. M. Robson, R. Ganthony, Philip Cunningham, A. Kendrick, Mesdames C. Calvert, Alice Maitland, Rose Dearing, Gordon-Ascher, Mary Marden, Jessie Danvers, and Sophie Larkin.

The "Rocket" which ascends from the roof of Terry's Theatre at 5 minutes to 9 each evening, denotes that the curtain is about to rise on A. W. Pinero's amusing Three Act Farce of that name.

### CONSECRATION OF THE MANCHESTER DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 2387.

ANOTHER Lodge has been added to the already large roll on the Grand Lodge of England, consecrated by the popular Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie. As will be imagined from the title, the members of the new Lodge will be mainly composed of the Dramatic Profession, who, by reason of their evening engagements, are precluded from attending ordinary Lodge meetings. In a large city like Manchester, containing five theatres and two music halls, it was felt that such a Lodge as the Dramatic was needed, if for no other reason than by holding its meetings in the afternoon it would afford professional brethren opportunities of attending them regularly, at the same time enable them to keep their theatrical engagements. Accordingly Brothers Birch 430, Ramsay 113, Straus 815, and others indirectly connected with the theatrical profession, formed themselves into a committee, with the result that a petition for a warrant was sent to head quarters and granted. It may be mentioned *en passant* that Bros. Birch and Straus are two of the directors of the Theatre Royal, which was built in 1844, and whose stage boards have been trod by all the leading members of the theatrical and musical professions since it was erected. Bro. Ramsay has managed the theatre for nearly three years, and during that time has given perfect satisfaction to the directors, and also to the public, for whom he has catered most successfully. The brethren whose names were affixed to the petition as recommending the warrant being granted are well known in Masonic circles in Manchester, viz.:—Bros. Simpson, Jefferis P.P.G.D.C., Sinclair P.P.G.D., Taylor P.M. 935, 1045, Barlow 1260, Aldred 204, Byway 1633, Cavanah 1633, Slater, Richardson 581 2485 P.P.G.D. The consecration took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, where the Lodge will hold its meetings, and amongst the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers who came to support the R.W. P.G. Master were the following:—Bros. Thursby P.G.S.W., Captain Lingard P.G.J.W., Rev. E. T. Wigg P.G. Chaplain, Chadwick P.G. Secretary, Fletcher P.G. Deputy D.C., Potter P.G.A.D.C., Hancock P.G.S.B., Squire Holt P.G.P., Ashworth P.G.D. of England acting as D.P.G.M., Sillitoe P.G. Standard Bearer England, McLaren P.P.G.S.W., Col. Aspland P.P.G. Registrar, Col. Eaton P.P.G. Supt. Works, Pemberton P.P.G.D.C. Amongst the professional element were recognised Bros. Segnot, Abramoff, Thorne, Pitt Hardacre, while a good muster of other brethren were present. The musical arrangements were under the able superintendence of Brother Williams P.M., of the Arthur Sullivan Lodge, P.P.G. Organist. Bro. Williams succeeded in obtaining the services of several well known and talented musical brethren, viz. Brothers Bacon, Kershaw, Kennell, and Stephen Jupp P.P.G. Organist West Lancashire. These brethren sang the various anthems and responses most admirably. Bro. Abbott P.P.G.D.C. acted as D.C., and under his able superintendence the consecration ceremony was most smoothly and satisfactorily carried out. After the Lodge had been properly formed, dedicated and constituted, Bro. Birch P.M. 430 was installed first W.M. of the Lodge, by Bro. Abbott P.P.G.D.C., with all due rite and ceremony. The following were elected Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Ramsay S.W. 113 S.W., Straus 815 J.W., Richardson P.P.G.D. I.P.M., Barlow 1260 Treasurer, J. M. Simpson Secretary, E. G. Simpson P.M. 1633 2144 P.P.G.J.D. Cheshire Dir. of Cers., Swinn P.M. 1633 S.D., Cavanah P.M. 1633 J.D., Farrington W.M. 1633 I.G. Before the Lodge was closed a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the R.W. P.G.M. Colonel Starkie and the Provincial Grand Officers for their attendance, and it was announced a letter had been received from Lord Egerton of Tatton, R.W. P.G.M. of Cheshire, expressing his regret at being unable to attend and his hearty good wishes for the success of the Lodge. In the evening, the founders and other brethren dined together, at the Grand Hotel, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and responded to, including the health of the W.M. Bro. Thos. H. Birch, which was enthusiastically received, and heartily drank.

### CONSECRATION OF THE ORDE-POWLETT LODGE, No. 2391.

ON the 15th ult. the ceremony of consecrating this new Lodge took place, in the Masonic Hall at Middlesborough, and passed off with the greatest success. The growth of Freemasonry in Ironopolis has been very rapid, and for some years past the North York Lodge had become so large in membership that it became impossible to work it, while the Ferrum Lodge also had received a large accession of membership. Consequently a petition was forwarded to the Grand Lodge of England, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales granted a warrant for a new Lodge. The name of the Lodge was called after the Hon. Wm. T. Orde-Powlett, eldest son of Lord Bolton, of Bolton Hall, who has most worthily filled for some years past the Deputy Provincial Grand Master's chair of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, and who is also a Past Grand Warden of England. The ceremony of Consecration was held in the Masonic Hall, in the Lodge-rooms belonging to the North York Lodge. There was a very large and representative gathering of Freemasons from all parts of the Province. The ceremony was commenced by the brethren under Provincial rank assembling in the Lodge-room and greeting the approach of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was attended by the members of the Provincial Lodge, with the usual Masonic salute, a fanfare of trumpets sounding as the Consecrating Officer took his seat in the Lodge. The following Officers were appointed *pro tem*:—Bros. Scott S.W., Border (York) J.W., Cadle S.D., Manners J.D., and Wilkinson I.G., after which the Lodge was opened in the three degrees. The hymn, "Hail Eternal, by whose aid," was then sung; after which the Consecrating Officer addressed the brethren, and prayer was offered by Bro. the Rev. J. W. Dales

Chaplain. Bro. Peck Prov. Grand Secretary then requested the Consecrating Officer to constitute the new Lodge, and this having been done, the brethren who signed the petition and were desirous of being formed into a new Lodge were arranged around the room. After the petition and warrant had been read and the petitioners had signified that they still approved of the Officers named in the warrant being appointed, they resumed their seats. An excellent oration on the nature and principles of the Institution was then delivered by Bro. Peck P.G. Standard Bearer England and Prov. Grand Secretary. After which the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful," was capitally sung, Brother Stewart presiding at the organ, while Bro. Morgan sang the bass solo in splendid voice. A dedication prayer by the Chaplain followed, after which the Sanctus was sung. A portion of Scripture was read, after which the invocation was solemnly given. The Consecrating Officer, accompanied by his Wardens, then made a circuit of the Lodge, sprinkling water, strewing corn, and pouring wine and oil, while he also sprinkle, salt, the brethren present singing the service set apart for the occasion. After the Chaplain had read another portion of Scripture, the Consecrating Officer solemnly consecrated the Lodge, after which the dedication prayer (second portion) followed. The Lodge was then constituted, and after the Benediction had been pronounced, the Masonic anthem, "Hail Masonry Divine," was sung, Bro. J. E. Wilkinson W.M. of the Agricola Lodge singing the solo and leading in grand voice. The installation of the W.M. designate followed, Bro. Watson being presented by Bro. Cowper. On the motion of the Worshipful Master, seconded by Bro. Gibbs, Bro. Storow was unanimously elected Treasurer, while Bro. Ingram P.M. was elected Tyler. The appointment and investiture of Officers was then made, as follows:—Bros. Wilkinson P.M. S.W., Holloway P.M. J.W., Storow Treasurer, Poole Secretary, Shepherd S.D., Holland J.D., Gibbs P.M. P.G.S. B. Dir. of Cers., Stewart P.P.G.O. Organist, Johnson I.G., Williams Steward. The Worshipful Master then proposed, and it was unanimously agreed, that the following Masons should be appointed Hon. Members of the Lodge:—Bros. Right. Hon. the Earl of Zetland Provincial Grand Master of North and East Ridings, Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Peck, Thompson, Manners. After electing a Committee to frame Bye-laws, and receiving propositions for initiation and joining, a splendid new banner was presented to the Lodge by a Provincial Officer present. The new banner is worked on a light blue ground with a light and purple fringe. In the centre is emblazoned the arms of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, with the motto on a golden scroll, "Ayez Loyauté," and beneath on another scroll, "Orde-Powlett Lodge, 2391." The device, which is enclosed within the square and compasses, is fringed with the Masonic emblem of immortality, namely, the acacia. Bro. Manners then delivered the Charge to the newly-elected Officers, after which the Lodge was closed in due form and solemn prayer. Bro. Robinson efficiently acted as Director of Ceremonies. A banquet followed in the Odd Fellows' Hall, Bro. W. Lambert, of the Erimus Hotel, providing a capital spread. The chair was occupied by the newly-installed Master Bro. Watson, who was supported by the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Mayors of Middlesborough and Hartlepool, the other Provincial Officers, and about 100 brethren. The usual Masonic toasts were drunk, and the evening was pleasantly spent.

### NEW MASONIC HALL AT PAIGNTON

IN accordance with the spirit that has been manifested in the county during the past few years, by which the various Masonic Lodges have been acquiring halls of their own, where they can meet unmolested, members of the Torbay Lodge, No. 1358, have recently inaugurated a similar undertaking. For the past twenty years the Fraternity at Paignton have been holding their meetings at the Town Hall, but the business of the Local Board having increased with the importance and enlargement of the town, it has been found necessary to utilise all the available premises in the Town Hall buildings. The brethren endeavoured to secure a site on which they could erect a hall, and at one time tried to get a portion of the Old Palace Town property, but were not successful. Whilst deliberating what to do, Bro. George Soudan Bridgman P.M., in the true and noble spirit of Freemasonry, offered the brethren a freehold site on which to build a Lodge. Bro. Bridgman's gift was cordially accepted, as was also his generous offer to prepare the drawings and specifications and superintend the erection of the premises free of charge. A Building Committee was formed, with Bro. H. P. Jarman W.M. as chairman, and Bro. J. Bradford P.M. Secretary. Contracts have been entered into, and portions of the roof are already in position. The building will have a very imposing appearance, the front and return being of cut, and hunch-faced Paignton redstone, two stories high. The dressings and trimmings are of Ham Hill stone, forming a rich contrast, and the centre portion is broken with a pedimented gable carried on finely dressed redstone pilasters, surmounted by carved capitals. There is a large stone window between the pilasters with geometrical tracery, and the end gable has also a circular tracery window, and both will be filled in with leaded lights of a cheerful character. On the ground floor is a spacious dining-hall, measuring 32 feet by 21 feet, with kitchen, scullery, and other offices. Over the dining hall is the Masonic Hall, a very comfortable room placed east and west, with a small border running round the room, the walls being backed by a pitch-pine dado. The ceiling is formed in the roof, and consists of exposed woodwork plastered between. Adjoining the Lodge is the reception room, 20 feet by 30 feet, with Secretary's and Stewards' rooms adjoining. Bro. Rabbich is the contractor, and Bro. Delafield has charge of the stone work, and the carving will be executed by Bro. J. P. Steele, all being members of the Lodge. The cost will amount to nearly £700.

Torbay Lodge, No. 1358.—An emergency meeting was held, on the 15th ult., when the attendance comprised Bro. Jarman in the

chair, supported by the following P.M.'s:—Bros. Light I.P.M., Bradford P.P.G. Registrar (Devon), P.P.G. Sword Bearer (Oxford), P.P.C. (Berks and Bucks), Palk P.P.G.P., Bridgman, Marley P.P.G. Stand Bearer, Taylor P.P.G.D.C. (and 323), and Barrett, all of 1358, and Grant 328, St. John's, Torquay; Wheaton, James I.P.M., and the Rev. R. B. F. Elrington P.P.G.C., all of 248, True Love and Unity, Brixham. Officers and members of the Torbay Lodge also present were Bros. Nioks S.W., Emmett J.W., Drow S.D., Scevil Junior Deacon, Hoyles Director of Ceremonie, Waycott I.G., Brooks Organist, Rabbich and Harris Stewards, Tozer Tyler, Nundy, W. P. Roberts, J. P. Steele, and D. J. Delafield; the visitors including, in addition to those already mentioned, Bros. W. Winget J.D. 1402, Jordan, Torquay; A. Westley J.S. 328, St. John's, Torquay; W. Thomas 189, Sincerity, Stonehouse (and 1402); and C. R. Orohard 1284, Brent. After the Lodge had been opened the W.M. explained the reason of their meeting, and detailed the causes that led to that day's proceeding. Bro. Jarman referred to the splendid gift of the site by Bro. Bridgman, and also the generosity of Bro. A. M. Singer, who had contributed to the building fund, to which the Brethren of the Lodge had also liberally subscribed. An adjournment was then made to the site of the new hall, where W. Bro. F. Palk, as one of the P.M.'s of the Lodge, and Past Provincial Officer of Devon, said the duty devolved on him to ask Bros. Jarman, Bridgman and Bradford to lay memorial stones, and he thought the brethren might congratulate themselves on having such fine premises, where they might carry on the work of their noble Order. Bros. Jarman and Bridgman then laid memorial stones in front of the building, one each side of a central inscription stone, and Bro. Bradford laid the north-east stone in the corner of the spacious Lodge-room upstairs. Bro. Rev. Elrington, who was acting as Chaplain, then offered prayer, and after the singing of the "Old Hundred" hymn, offered his congratulations to the brethren on the forward state of the building, and the prospect of their soon occupying it. The brethren then returned to the Lodge, and the proceedings closed. In the evening the brethren banqueted together at the Gerston Hotel.

At the banquet that followed the ceremony of laying the memorial stones Brother Jarman occupied the chair, and the company comprised, in addition to those already named, Bros. Dr. Alexander P.M. and Clack. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was cordially given from the chair, and well received. Bro. William Taylor P.P.G.D.C., in responding, expressed his pleasure at being present, and said he believed if the M.W. Prov. G.M. had been there he too would have been pleased at the way the work had been done that day. He hoped that the Prov. G.M., Viscount Ebrington, M.P., would be able to attend and carry out the consecration of the Lodge, when he was sure they would have a large assembly, and trusted that at no distant date the Prov. Grand Lodge would meet under the banner of Torbay. Bro. the Rev. Elrington P.P.G.C. was particularly pleased to attend that day's proceedings, though he had come all the way from Leamington, for he remembered their continual welcome and constant hospitality. His part in that day's ceremony showed how much religion concerned Freemasonry, and his remarks in that respect at the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting in Warwickshire, a few days ago, were much applauded. The Chairman in submitting the toast of the donor of the site, said they were indebted to Bro. Bridgman to an extent they could not over-estimate for his gift. He thought they might be proud at having such a body as the members of the Torbay Lodge, who worked so harmoniously together, and on having a P.M. to voluntarily come forward and make them such a splendid gift. The toast was drunk with musical honours, and Bro. G. S. Bridgman, in reply, thanked the brethren heartily. A year or two since, when Master of the Lodge, he felt it a great honour to represent Torbay in London at the Boys' Institution, and he was grateful for the help they accorded him in making him a life governor. But with respect to their new hall, he believed they would have done the same under the circumstances in which they were placed; for they were like Noah's dove, and had no place to rest themselves, and he only did what a good Mason would have done. He hoped they would continue to work harmoniously, and live long to enjoy the new building that was being erected. The Worshipful Master announced that several fresh contributions had been received towards the building fund, and at his suggestion the health of the contractor (Bro. H. P. Rabbich) was drunk. The toast of the visitors, proposed from the chair, followed, and Bro. W. Thomas responded. The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, Bros. Alexander, Waycott, Drow, Rabbich, and others contributing to the evening's enjoyment.

The remains of Bro. W. H. Way were interred at the Dartmouth Cemetery on Saturday, the 18th ult., in the presence of a large number of sympathisers. Deceased, who died on Tuesday, at the age of seventy-eight, was one of the earliest members of the local Volunteer Battery, and at his retirement many years since was a lieutenant in the corps. The battery, under the command of Capt P. R. Hosken, attended the funeral, and the coffin was covered with the Union Jack, and borne to the grave by six volunteers. Deceased was also a member of the Hauley Lodge, and the brethren attended in funeral regalia, having obtained permission to do so from Lord Ebrington Prov. Grand Master. A large number of wreaths were sent. In the absence of the vicar (the Rev. H. Tracey) the service was conducted by the Rev. L. S. Browne.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

## VIRTUE LODGE, No. 152 (MANCHESTER).

A REGULAR meeting took place in the Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, 17th April. Present—Bros. Gillibrand W.M., Castrill J.W., Rev. J. Watson P.P.G. Chap. Chaplain, Crompton Secretary, Millington S.D., Williams P.M. Dir. of Cers., Yates Organist, Davis I.G., Norton Steward; P.M.'s Conway, Daniel, Pritchard, Blakie, Bros. White, Constantine, Ingram, Wilkinson, Kelley, Hobbs, Stephenson, Kay, Morton, Hollis, and Saunders. Visitors—Bros. Schofield P.M. 1387 P.P.G.D. W.L., Walker W.M. 1126, Cook 426, Marsh J.W. 1730 and 317, Grimshaw 2156. Lodge was opened in the customary manner at six o'clock, and after the minutes of previous meeting had been read and confirmed Mr. James Saunders was balloted for and elected to become a member of the Lodge. He was subsequently initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Conway, and there being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. After supper the usual toasts were proposed and responded to, including the Initiate, who replied in appropriate terms.

## PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 573.

THE annual festival was held at Halesowen, on Tuesday, the 14th ult. Bro. Alfred Marsh was installed W.M. by Bro. Waldron P.M. P.P.G.S.W. The Worshipful Master afterwards appointed and invested the following brethren to the offices of the Lodge during his year:—Bros. Taylor I.P.M., Jackson P.P.G. Organist S.W., Smith J.W., the Rev. Knight Law P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Pearson P.M. P.P.G.A.P. Treasurer, Waldron P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Secretary, Lloyd S.D., Hodgetts J.D., Bryce I.G., Dakin Organist, Somers P.M. Dir. of Cers., Harry H. Hughes, Underwood, and Herbert W. Hughes Stewards, Meyer Tyler. There was a large number of visiting brethren.

## SYKES' LODGE, No. 1040.

THE installation of Bro. Thomas Dixon as W.M. took place at the Masonic Hall, Driffield, on Wednesday, the 15th ult. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Tom Turner P.M., the Mayor of Beverley, assisted by Bro. John Dunn P.M. Driffield. The newly-installed W.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Bell I.P.M., Kirby S.W., Watson J.W., Highmoor Lecture Master, Rev. G. T. W. Parchas Chaplain, Boddass Treasurer, Elgey Almoner, White Secretary, Rev. O'Callaghan S.D., Smith J.D., Potts Dir. of Cers., Tate Organist, Gage I.G., Holtby and Neale Stewards, Featherstone Tyler. Afterwards a banquet was held, at the Buck Hotel, provided by Bro. Holtby.

## CALLENDER LODGE, No. 1052 (MANCHESTER.)

THE installation of Bro. Lofthouse took place and the St. John's Festival was celebrated at the Town Hall Buildings, on Saturday, the 25th ult. Present—Bros. Campbell, Lofthouse, Start, Smith, Thorpe, Leech, Morvell, Brierley, Stuart, Breakell, R. Williams, Roscoe, and Reilly, P.M.'s Edwards, White, Outram, Wrigley, Jordrell, Jones, and O. Williams. Visitors—Cummings P.P.G.S.B., Abbott P.M. 1030, 1459 P.P.G.D.C., Warburton P.M. 163 P.P.G.S.B., Bee P.M. 1459 P.P.G. Steward, Beresford P.M. 104 P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire, Lofthouse P.M. 1004 Isle of Man, Horsfall 308, Carr P.M. 1161, Thomas P.M. 204, 350, W.M. 2263, Ward 204, Hebden 1458, Wadsworth W.M. 1458, Hopkinson W.M. 1459, Lloyd 1077, Wilson 633, Mackay 2231, and Hilton 1458 2263. The brethren met soon after 3 o'clock, and the Lodge was opened with solemn prayer. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which, in the second degree, Bro. Lofthouse W.M. elect was presented to the installing Master Bro. James Campbell, and with all due rite and ceremony installed W.M. of the Callender Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. On the re-admission of all M.M.'s, the usual proclamation was made and salutations given. The following brethren were invested as Officers for the year:—Start S.W., Smith J.W., Seth Wrigley P.M. Treasurer, Outram P.M. Secretary, Thorpe S.D., Leech J.D., White P.M. Dir. of Cers., R. Williams Organist, Brierley I.G., Stuart and Breakell Stewards. The three addresses were delivered by Bro. Campbell P.M. On the conclusion of the installation ceremony, hearty good wishes were expressed by the numerous visitors, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to the outgoing W.M. by Bro. Lofthouse, on behalf of the Lodge, for his services during the past year. The Festival of St. John was subsequently celebrated with a banquet, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, including of course that of the W.M., who is much liked and very popular. Some capital songs were given by members of the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge and others, a most enjoyable evening being spent.

## ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE, No. 1305.

THE installation meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Monday, the 13th ult., when there was a very large attendance of members of the Order. Bro. Cox, the Worshipful Master elect, was duly installed by his immediate predecessor, Bro. Raymond, who performed the impressive ceremony with marked ability. The newly-installed Master appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. Artand S.W., Ansell J.W., Chaplin Treasurer, Baker P.M. Secretary, Scharwz S.D., Wright J.D., Coles I.G., C. J. Schwarz Dir. of Cers., Cotstord Assistant Dir. of Cers., Walker, Plummer, Bonham, and Tuffill Stewards, Couchman Tyler. Bros. J. G. Head, R. H. Head, Salisbury Jones were advanced to the degree of Master Mason, and the Audit Committee's report, showing substantial balances on the general and benevolence funds, was unanimously adopted. Messrs. Wheatley, Durrans, Holden, and

Syme were impressively initiated into Freemasonry by the Master, Bro. Cox. A grant of £31 was sanctioned to the orphan children of a deceased member, and Spurgin P.M., having consented to represent the Lodge at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the sum of 25 guineas was unanimously voted to support his Stewardship. A *recherché* banquet was served in the Victoria Hall, when Bro. Cox the Worshipful Master presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Raymond I.P.M., in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, alluded to the great interest taken by Bro. Cox in Freemasonry, and instanced the energy he recently displayed in securing the election of a boy to the Masonic Boys' School. During the ensuing year the Lodge would have an excellent Master, and one who would take the greatest interest in its welfare. Bro. Cox in acknowledging the toast said he was extremely grateful for the proud position in which he was placed, and felt it a great honour to be Master of a Lodge holding so high a position in the Order. He was not initiated in that Lodge, but took as much interest in it as any to which he belonged. The Initiates was given, and duly responded to by those who had been received into the Order that evening. Other toasts followed.

#### AVON LODGE, No. 1633 (MANCHESTER.)

A REGULAR meeting was held on Wednesday, 22nd inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel. Present—Bros. Farrington W.M., Kenworthy S.W., Battersby J.W., Brown P.M. Secretary, Wells S.D., Jacobson J.D., P.M.'s Craven, Swinn, Cavanah, Macfarlane D.C., Donham, Walker, Jaques, Driver, &c., Visitor—Andrew P.M. 1219 P.P.G.S.B. The Lodge was opened in the usual manner and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed the ballot was taken for Mr. Unsworth, who was declared elected, and subsequently initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Brother Kenworthy S.W. delivered the E.A. charge to the initiate in a most impressive manner. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

#### ALL SAINTS LODGE, No. 1716.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Poplar, on the 16th ult., Bro. Knowles presiding. He was assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. Snowdon Kirk S.W., Raymond J.W., Rundell Secretary, Walker S.D., Ayres Moore J.D., Grout Organist, Patrick P.M. 1227 acting as Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Pittam, Wilshaw, Kemp, Coleman and Farnfield. Among the Visitors were:—Bros. Lewsey 1805, Kinipple P.M. 1816, Bardell 898, Roe British, Cape of Good Hope, 419, Mills 1765, Dickson 1306, Thompson 1235, Jones 65, and others. The Lodge was opened, and Bro. Mosey, after answering the customary questions, was advanced to the degree of M.M. Lodge being resumed, Messrs. Kendall and Andrews were initiated. A hearty vote of congratulation was proposed by Bro. Wilshaw P.M., seconded by Bro. Moore J.D., and supported by Bro. Farnfield P.M., to Bro. Kemp Coleman Past Master, and one of the founders of the Lodge, on his attainment of his Jubilee birthday. The brethren then adjourned to the pleasures of the fourth degree.

#### STOUR LODGE, No. 2305.

THE installation of Brother Julius Kingsford was celebrated on the 16th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Ashford. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Eason I.P.M., Bro. Atkinson P.M. P.P.G.R., acting as Director of Ceremonies. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Howard S.W., Buss J.W., Anstin P.M. 709, Treasurer, Keene Secretary, Winch S.D., Sargent J.D., Wilks, M.B., Organist, Cale I.G., Best and Knowles Stewards. A banquet took place in the evening, at the Saracen's Head Hotel, some 50 brethren sitting down.

#### WILLIAM SHURMUR LODGE, No. 2374.

AT an emergency meeting, on the 16th ult., four gentlemen were initiated, five brethren passed, and nine raised. Bro. Fortescue Treasurer proposed that 100 guineas should be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. This was carried unanimously. Numerous propositions for initiation and joining were received.

Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.—The weekly meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 23rd ult., when there were present; Bros. Foa W.M., Berry S.W., Hoggins J.W., Greenway Preceptor, Bromley as Secretary, Jarvis S.D., Warwick J.D., Guffanti I.G., Weeks Tyler, Moss, Rowe, Cogliati, Kirk, Buxton, and others. After preliminaries, the installation ceremony, including the three addresses, was rehearsed by the W.M. The chair was vacated by Bro. Foa in favour of the Preceptor, who practised the formula of appointing and investing Officers. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Warner Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192.—The weekly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Bridge Chambers, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, on Monday, 20th ult., when there were present Bros. Bestow W.M., Taylor S.W., Lambard J.W., Shurmur Prov. G. Treasurer Preceptor, Fortescue Treasurer, Cooke S.D., Brigintosh J.D., Long I.G., Allen Secretary, Collett Steward, Urban Smith, Bromhead P.M., Brookman, Ives P.M., King, Eustace, Stauffer, Spurgeon, James, Trickett, Maynard, Westfield P.P.G. Sword Bearer, Francis, Kempthorne, Peck, Fuller, and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fuller candidate. Lodge was advanced and Bros. Brookman and Trickett went through

the ceremony of passing, and Bro. Shurmur delivered the lecture on the second tracing board. Bro. Brookman, No. 2317 was unanimously elected a member.

A meeting was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, when there were present Bros. Westfield P.P.G.S.B. W.M., Bestow S.W., Allen J.W., Shurmur Prov. G. Treas. Preceptor, Fortescue Treas., Trickett S.D., Cooke J.D., Stauffer I.G., Allen Secretary, Collett Hon. Steward, Ives P.M., Bastick, Alcock, Smith, King, Fuller, Horst, Herbert, Day, Brigintosh, Clarke, Howe, Francis, Maynard, Stacey, Short, Dickinson, Kempthorne. The Lodge was opened in due form and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed (Bro. Howe candidate) in a very impressive and perfect manner. The Lodge was called off for refreshment, and having been duly called on, Bro. Fortescue delivered the Antient Charge. Bro. Bristow was elected to occupy the chair at ensuing meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. Bro. Howe, 2374, was unanimously elected a member. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after hearty good wishes, the Lodge was adjourned until 4th May.

#### MARK MASONRY.

#### FITZWILLIAM LODGE, No. 277.

ON the 14th ult. the annual Festival was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Malton. Bro. Taylor was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Col. R. G. Smith P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire, assisted by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.W. and Bro. John Marshall P.M. P.P.G.J.W. P.G. Treasurer. The W.M. afterwards invested his Officers. A banquet followed, at the Talbot Hotel.

#### A SEVERANCE.

AFTER many years of good citizenship and loyal service, there is every prospect that Bro. John Constable, late manager of the Grand and Transvaal Hotels, will shortly sever his connection with Kimberley, and take up his abode in some other part of South Africa. There are few residents of the Diamond Fields with more correct business instincts than Bro. Constable, with wider experience in many spheres of mercantile operations, or with a keener sense of duty. "In action faithful, and in honour clear," he has fulfilled a difficult and trying role with credit to himself and, we have no doubt, with an abundant profit to his principal; and we feel sure that, no matter where he pitches his tent, his private and commercial relations will always be distinguished for integrity, enterprise, and an intimate acquaintance with the details of business. We believe it is Bro. Constable's intention to commence business on his own account, in some populous centre in the Colony, but of that our columns will in due course contain the necessary particulars. All we need say is, that his departure from Kimberley will be a cause of sincere regret to many here who have good reason to look upon him as a true and genial friend, and to scores of business acquaintances who knew full well that his word has always been as good as his bond.

As a proof of the appreciation in which his management of the above commodious and popular hotels is held by the subordinate members of the staff, we may state that Bro. Constable has been presented with an address by the waiters, in the following terms:—

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Whilst sensible of the loss we sustain by your departure from our midst, we hereby take the liberty of expressing our heartfelt wish that your future career will be a bright and prosperous one.

Trusting you will accept this in the spirit in which it is offered,

We have, &c.

(Here follow the names of the subscribers).

The presentation accompanying the address was a very handsome meerschaum pipe, and we join with Bro. Constable's numerous friends in expressing the hope, that wherever he may roam, he may always have the good fortune to smoke the calumet of peace and comfort.

Bro. George Laker, of Redhill, Past Master and Secretary of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1539, was the recipient of a gratifying testimonial from the brethren, on the 16th ult., at the installation meeting, held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, when, on the occasion of his recent marriage, he was presented by the members with a handsome silver-mounted case of spirit decanters, "in token of their esteem and respect, and grateful recognition of his valuable services to the Lodge." The presentation was made at the banquet, by the newly-installed Worshipful Master, and Bro. Laker suitably acknowledged the gift.

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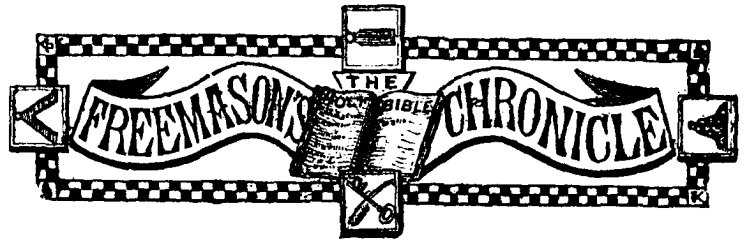
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SATURDAY, 2ND MAY 1891.

**LODGE HISTORIES.**

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**CENTENARY OF THE OLD GLOBE LODGE.**

**WE** take the following extracts from the paper on the history of the Old Globe Lodge, read by Bro. R. H. Peacock P.M., at the celebration of the Centenary Festival of the Lodge, at Scarborough, on the 15th ult. :—

In a short paper like the present it will be impossible to present to the brethren more than a brief digest of the more interesting portions of the history of the Lodge; nor will it be possible to give in full the charters, documents, and minutes which would probably be included in a printed work. The chief points of interest in the early history of the Lodge have been mostly selected for this paper, as being of special interest at this period of the Lodge's history. It is very difficult to say with any degree of certainty when the first Lodge was formed in Scarborough. As York may be regarded as the home of ancient Masonry, so the connection of Scarborough with York was so intimate that the Craft in the two towns was closely connected. A Lodge was chartered by the Regular Grand Lodge of England (the "Prince" Masons, "Regulars," or "Moderns") in 1729, 27th August, at Scarborough. The meetings were held at the Three Tuns Inn (situate about the bottom of Globe-street). This Lodge was in existence about a quarter of a century. This Lodge and one at Halifax were the only private Lodges in the County of York A.D. 1738. This was not the first Masonic Lodge in the Town, there being a Lodge which can be traced as being in existence in the latter part of the 17th century. The Lodge held at the Three Tuns was erased from the list of Lodges under the "Modern" Grand Lodge in November 1754. There was a further Lodge warranted by the Grand Lodge of all England (held at York) in 1762, the records of which are preserved at York from 27th May 1762, to 30th August 1763. In 1772 a letter from Bro. Hart, of Scarborough, was read at the York Grand Lodge, stating that Bro. Jefferson, in whose house this Lodge met, had left the inn, and on the decline of the Lodge had taken the jewels with him. In 1779 a letter was read at the same Grand Lodge from Bro. Wm. Hutton Steel, of Scarborough, saying that the jewels were in possession of a Mrs. Hall, who would give them up if safe in so doing. It appears from the letter that the jewels were those of the 1729 Lodge, which had evidently been used by the Lodge of 1762. Bro. Steel states that he is the last survivor of four score Brethren, and is very old and infirm, and wishes them to be in proper hands before he dies, and there is no one but himself who has any claim on them. In December 1779, he sent the jewels, and said the Lodge of 1729 had not a meeting since 1735, which is 44 years since, and he had fallen heir to them. He freely gave them to the Grand Lodge at York, and all the jewels are still there in the custody of the York Lodge. The Lodge at York allowed Bro. Steel 1s 6d a week afterwards to assist his declining years. It is quite clear that the York Masons have a perfect right to them, but steps should be taken to see if these most interesting relics could not be obtained and



lodged in a fitting receptacle in our present home. There are no records of meetings from the 1762 Lodge until 1788, when we find, on 15th February 1788, a Lodge meeting at the Globe Inn, evidently a survival of a Lodge which must have been working elsewhere. There is no warrant or charter, but the minutes (which are well kept, but very brief) give the officers, evidently not elected that night; they mention the raising of Bro. White from an E.P. to a F.C., and also give the name of a visiting Brother from a Lodge held at the Plough at Whitby. These minutes commence at the first Lodge held at the Globe Inn. Previous meetings had evidently been held elsewhere, and the record commences at the transfer to the Globe. Unfortunately the record of previous meetings and place of meeting is missing. The Brethren worked regularly and systematically, and from this point the history of the Lodge is perfect. At this time there were throughout the country several irregular Lodges, working under no warrant or charter, yet mixing freely with recognized Lodges, and making Masons in the whole of the degrees. After working some months in this irregular manner, it was proposed that a warrant should be applied for. An application was made to the P.G.M. of Yorkshire connected with the "Moderns." A professional warrant or dispensation was granted by the P.G.M. (Richard Slater Milnes, Esq., M.P.), for a Lodge to be called "The Globe Lodge." The warrant was dated 23rd August 1788; and was granted to Bro. Robert Scott W.M., and Bros. Hugh McMillan and Jas. Schofield Wardens. It must be remembered that at this date there were three Grand Lodges existing in England. (1) The Old Grand Lodge of All-England at York. (2) The prince Masons, "Regulars," or "Moderns" Grand Lodge, constituted 1717, of which H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland was Grand Master. (3) The Grand Lodge of "Ancient" or "Athol" Masons (established 1753), of which the Earl of Antrim was then Grand Master. The Scarborough Brethren were either general lovers, or else strong partizans, for the 1729 Lodge was established under a Modern warrant, the 1762 Lodge under a York warrant, and the 1788 again under a Modern charter. After working under this last warrant for three years, the Brethren very coolly resolved, on the 18th February 1791, to apply for a constitution or warrant from the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, and for some years worked under both charters, the Lodge being found on the roll of both Ancients and Moderns until 1799, when it was erased from the "Modern" list, the Lodge evidently having elected to adhere to its last love. The "Athol" warrant, the charter under which the Lodge at present works is dated 5th March 1791. In this charter, which is under the seal of the Earl of Antrim, "Grand Master of Masons" as he is termed there is no name given to the Lodge—simply No. 236. The Lodge continued in connection with the Athol Grand Lodge until the union of the rival Grand Lodges in 1813, when with all other recognized Lodges it came under the jurisdiction of the "United Grand Lodge of England." The warrant bears the names of William Potter W.M., Hugh McMillan S.W., and Robert Scott J.W., the last two being also mentioned in the "Modern" warrant of 1788. The Lodge had its home at the Old Globe Inn, from 1788 to October 1881, a period of 93 years. On the 9th October 1797, the foundation stone of a Lodge room behind the Old Globe Inn was laid, with Masonic honours, the Brethren marched in procession, properly clothed, to the Parish Church, where a sermon was preached; and the usual dinner followed. A similar procession, &c., was held the following year, 10th September 1798, when the Lodge Room was consecrated. There are many items of interest in the early minutes. These should form the subject of a further paper, and it is hoped will shortly be given fully in a printed history of Scarborough Masonry. Of the daughter Lodges, the "Denison" has attained her majority, being founded in 1868, whilst the "Leopold" is ten years younger being founded in 1878. I can only mention the remaining degrees, all of which are offspring of the "Old Globe." Both the "Royal Arch," "Mark," and Knights Templar Degrees were worked previous to the dates of the present warrants. Their history alone would furnish a further interesting paper. As at present constituted the Old Globe Chapter dates from 1859, the Denison Chapter from 1870, and the Mark Lodge from 1866. In 1867 the present Knights Templar Preceptory was formed, and in 1875 a Priory of Malta was formed in connection therewith. In conclusion it may be truly said that our record is one of which we may be justly proud. Whilst this is the festival of the celebration of the one hundredth year of the possession of our present charter, it takes us back to an almost unbroken connection of 200 years of our town with the Craft, to which we feel it an honour to belong. Long may it flourish, and may the genuine tenets and principles of Freemasonry be transmitted pure and unsullied through this Lodge from generation to generation.

One of the senior Fellows of Magdalen College—Bro. Reginald Bird—died at the college on Sunday, 12th ult., of pneumonia. Bro. Bird was born at Rugby in 1831, and educated at Harrow. He matriculated at Trinity, and then passed to Magdalen as a Demy in 1849, and graduated in 1853. He was admitted Fellow in 1863. He was a distinguished Freemason, and particularly well-known throughout Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Bucks, and neighbouring Masonic provinces. He acted as Deputy Master of the Apollo University Lodge for the Prince of Wales in 1873, and was appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire by Prince Leopold in 1876. Bro. Bird had at different times travelled much, and had resided in Australia, at the Cape, and in Central America and the United States.

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### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 6th day of May, at six o'clock in the evening.

#### BUSINESS.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

#### THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 21st January to the 14th April 1891, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	243	6	5	Disbursements during the quarter	331	5	2
Unappropriated Account	183	1	1	Balance	394	9	7
Subsequent Receipts	481	4	4	„ Unappropriated Account	181	17	1
	£907	11	10		£907	11	10

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions John Russell Lord as Z., George John Firks as H., Thomas Southwood Eyre as J., and ten others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. John's Lodge, No. 1247, Plymouth, to be called "The Unity Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes Square, Plymouth, Devonshire.

2nd. From Companions Arthur Power Palmer as Z., James Tuok as H., George Berthon Preston as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Wahab, or Benevolent Lodge, No. 988, Sealkote, to be called "The Palmer Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Sealkote, Punjab, East Indies.

3rd. From Companions John Senhouse Goldie-Taubman Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Man as Z., Thomas Huggins Nesbitt as H., Edward James Bowman as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Tynwald Lodge, No. 1242, Douglas, to be called "The Tynwald Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man.

4th. From Companions John Parrott as Z., the Rev. Philip Deedes as H., George John Wood as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Halsey Lodge, No. 1479, St. Albans, to be called "The Halsey Chapter," and to meet at the Town Hall, St. Albans, Hertfordshire.

5th. From Companions Arthur Barrett as Z., Edmund Gowers as H., Caleb Slaun Blyth as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1024, Maldon, to be called "The Plume Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Maldon, Essex.

6th. From Companions Walter Martin as Z., William Beavis as H., John George Milbourn as J., and eleven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, London, to be called "The Southwark Chapter," and to meet at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, London.

7th. From Companions James Cooper as Z., Charles Fruen as H., William Theophilus Henry Mayer as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, London, to be called "The Kingsland Chapter," and to meet at the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

8th. From Companions Edward O'Connor Terry P. Grand Treasurer as Z., William Eugene Chapman as H., Walter James Ebbetts as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, London, to be called "The Savage Club Chapter," and to meet at No. 33 Golden Square, London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received petitions from the Principals and Members of the undermentioned Chapters praying for a Charter of Confirmation, for the reasons given in their memorials.

The Aire and Calder Chapter, No. 458, Goole, Yorkshire (W.D.), the original having been destroyed by the fire at the Masonic Hall.

The Chapter of Sincerity, No. 261, Taunton, Somersetshire, the original being lost.

The Committee recommend that Charters of Confirmation be granted to the above-named Chapters.

The Committee have likewise received the following applications, viz., from the Stewart Chapter, No. 1413, Rawul Pindi, and from the Canonbury Chapter, No. 657, London.

A Memorial praying that the Stewart Chapter, Rawul Pindi, Punjab, may be detached from Lodge, No. 1413, and attached to the Stewart Lodge, No. 1960, both Lodges having given their consent.

A Memorial praying that the Canonbury Chapter may be detached from the Canonbury Lodge, No. 657, and attached to the Temple Lodge, No. 101, London—both Lodges giving their consent—and that the Chapter may be called "The Temple Chapter."

The Committee recommend that the prayers of these Memorials be granted.

The Committee have further received—with copies of Minutes—

Application for permission to remove the following Chapters:—

The Belgrave Chapter, No. 749, London, from the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, to Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, in the City of London.

The St. George's Chapter, No. 2025, from Stonehouse, to the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth, Devonshire.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above requests, recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,  
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.  
15th April 1891.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed:—

"That the cordial thanks of the members of the Committee be tendered to E. Companion Robert Grey, their President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Committee during the past year."

(Signed) EDWARD LETCHWORTH.

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES FOR THE ENSUING TWELVE MONTHS.

N.B.—The Masonic Calendar and Pocket Book for 1891, with the days and months of meetings of Lodges and Chapters, and names of Past Grand Officers of Grand Chapter, can be had at the Office of the Grand Scribe E., price 2s.

The Calendar Committee direct the attention of Masters of Lodges and Principals of Chapters to the necessity of communicating to the Grand Secretary immediate notice of any change in the day or place of meeting of Lodges or Chapters—*Vide Book of Constitutions, Articles 169, 170, and Royal Arch Regulations, Rule 86.*

## PROV. G. CHAPTER OF BERKSHIRE.

A SPECIAL meeting of the newly-formed Provincial Grand Chapter of Berkshire was held at Abingdon, on Friday, the 24th ult., when Comp. J. T. Morland was installed as Grand Superintendent by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Scribe E. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke opened the Chapter, and was supported by Comps. Lord Valentia G.S.N. as Prov. G.H., Rev. H. A. Pickard Grand Superintendent Oxon as Prov. G.J., Frank Richardson P.G.D.C. as Dir. of Cers., and H. C. Tombs P.A.G. Soj. Eng. P.G.S.E. Wilts. There was a large number of Companions present. The Acting Scribe E. read the summons convening the meeting, and then called the roll of Chapters in the Province, all being represented, after which the Grand Superintendent designate was announced, and was requested to send in his patent. The Installing Principal examined the patent, and directed a deputation, consisting of Past Principals, to retire with the Director of Cers. and introduce the Grand Superintendent Designate, which was done. The deputation was constituted as follows: Comps. Tomkins P.Z., Grisbrook P.Z., Cox P.Z., Mount P.Z., Cantrell P.Z., and D'Almaine. The Acting Scribe E. read the patent, after which the Installing Companion addressed the Grand Superintendent designate, and in the course of his remarks referred to the death of the late much-respected Companion Sir D. Gooch, the last Grand Superintendent of Berks and Bucks, which led to the division of the old Province, and to the appointment of Comp. J. T. Morland as Grand Superintendent of Berks. The Installing Companion next obligated and invested the Grand Superintendent, and the Director of Ceremonies proclaimed him, after which the Grand Superintendent appointed and invested the Second and Third Principals. Comp. Charles Stephens, 414, was, on the motion of the First Principal, seconded by the Second Principal, unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer. The following were appointed Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and were invested with the insignia of their respective offices:—

J. Tomkins	H.
E. Grisbrook	J.
J. W. Martin	S.E.
R. C. Mount	S.N.
Charles Stephens	Treasurer
C. W. Cox	Registrar
E. Margrott	P.S.

F. Manley	1st A.S.
Rev. H. Lewis	2nd A.S.
S. Payne	Sword Bearer
John Goddard	Standard Bearer
J. B. King	Dir. of Cers.
A. Miles	Janitor

The Prov. G.H. proposed and the Prov. G.J. seconded the following resolution, which was carried unanimously:

That a Committee be appointed for the purpose of preparing new bye-laws for the Provincial Grand Chapter of Berkshire, and that the following Companions be elected to serve on such Committee: viz., the Grand Superintendent, Prov. G.H., Prov. G.J., Prov. G.S.E., Prov. G.S.N., and Prov. G. Treasurer, together with the M.E.Z. of each Chapter in the Province, and meanwhile the bye-laws of the old Province of Berks and Bucks be adopted as far as practicable.

On the motion of Comp. Cantrell, seconded by Comp. Shepherd, it was resolved that the said Committee should also have full powers to decide as to the division of the moneys and property of the old Province of Berks and Bucks. Comp. Shepherd proposed, and Comp. Mount seconded, that Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Lord Valentia, Rev. H. A. Pickard, and Frank Richardson be elected members of this Province, as a slight return for the able assistance rendered to the Province that day. It was carried by acclamation, and those Excellent Companions acknowledged the compliment, and consented to become members. The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed, after which the Companions sat down to a luncheon in the Council Chamber, over which the Grand Superintendent presided.

The Royal Arch Chapters in the Province of Roxburgh and Selkirk have for a long time been without a district head, and in accordance with a recommendation from Supreme Committee made nearly twelve months ago, in response to a petition from the Chapters in the Province, James T. S. Elliot of Wolfelee was appointed Provincial Grand Superintendent, and formally installed in office by a deputation from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.

Monsignor da Macedo Costa, Primate of Brazil, who has just died at the age of fifty-four, was a Bishop before he had completed his twenty-fifth year. He was called thus early to a most difficult apostolate, for to him principally was entrusted the duty of opposing local Freemasonry, not in the State only, but in the sanctuary of the Church and of the Religious Orders. Obviously the history of that secret schism will never be fully known to the world; but its defeat in 1874 was as manifest as it was complete, and Monsignor da Macedo was the victor. One of his later undertakings was the equipment of travelling mission-boats for the scattered settlers on the Amazon.—*Weekly Register.*

A REMARKABLE MAN.—Mr. M. Chuzzlewit and Mr. M. Tapley were frankly surprised by the number of eminent citizens whose acquaintance they made in their visit to the United States. "The most remarkable man in the country" was then chiefly remarkable because there were so many of him. One hesitates, therefore, to pronounce any American dignitary to be of peculiar eminence, lest some of the great Americans of Dickens's day may still survive the publication of "Martin Chuzzlewit." But a man has lately left the great Republic for fairer realms on high who seems to have had a variegated claim upon his fellow-citizens for general admiration. That he was a General goes for little; that he was a Freemason goes for less. But he was something more: he is called "the Nestor of American Freemasonry," and is said to have "occupied a commanding position among the Masonic potentates in the world." Then, he was a poet. "As far back as 1829 one of the great English magazines published some of his poems, and, in commenting on them, declared that America had at last produced one poet." This in itself is fame, when we remember the glorious rubbish published by the magazines of the later Georgian period. But General Albert Pike was something more. He has been a school teacher; he has been the editor of a newspaper; he has been a lawyer; and, when he laid down his arms after fighting in the Mexican and Civil wars, he took to collecting pipes and birds. In each window of his house he hung a bird-cage; and at the Paris Exhibition he won prizes for his pipes—his lighter pursnits were, therefore, no merely idle failures. But more, he was an Orientalist. Seventeen volumes of translation from the Sanscrit bear witness to his erudition, though he chiefly chose to translate Sanscrit works bearing upon "Masonic and other mystic topics"—works with which we are unfortunately unacquainted. The description of this remarkable man would not be complete without a passing tribute to his external appearance. His noble port, his stately mien, his long white hair, his flowing beard, his kindly yet dignified manner, his advanced age, and his considerable weight, went far to make General Albert Pike beyond question one of the most remarkable of American citizens. At least, so an American paper tells us.—*The Globe.*

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## THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is said to require great moral courage to confess that one has made a mistake. The Provisional Management Committee therefore deserves congratulation for the courage shown by the candid confession, in their final report, that they offered a salary which was "generally felt to be inadequate." Better late than never! As one of those who have always felt that the salary offered was altogether inadequate, not merely "to allow the Secretary to maintain an equal position with those holding similar appointments," but also inadequate as a fair remuneration for the work to be done, I cordially support their present action, and only regret that they did not at once recommend £500 instead of £100, and I hope it will at once be made £500. The Institution is fortunate in getting such an able and energetic Secretary, in spite of the low salary offered; and he ought to be properly remunerated for his work.

Yours fraternally,

25th April 1891.

"A LIFE GOVERNOR."

We reproduce the following letter from the *Agnostic Journal* :—

## ANTIQUITY OF FREEMASONRY.

SIR,—While generally reading with pleasure the articles by Agnoscio, I am unable to altogether agree with him in what he says, on pages 241 and 242 of the *Agnostic Journal*, about Freemasonry, especially as regards certain details. I do not think there were any "Free and Accepted Masons" in England until centuries after Athelstan's time. Further, there were guilds or incorporations of Masons more than 200 years ago. In regard to the styles of architecture, "zig-zag mouldings" are found in the Norman period—e.g., in T. H. Parker's Gothic architecture we see fine specimens of zig-zag mouldings in the middle of the twelfth century A.D. from Ifley Church, Oxfordshire, and St. Peter's, Northampton (1160).

That "Sir Christopher Wren was Grand Master of the Order" is a Masonic myth. There was no "Grand Master" of the Freemasons until A.D. 1717; and what is known as Speculative Freemasonry did not exist until about that time. Men who were not working Masons were admitted into Masonic Lodges long before A.D. 1717; but they did not practise the ceremonies, nor did the degrees of Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master exist—with separate secrets for each degree—before last century.

Until about thirty years ago the "history," so-called, of Freemasonry was made up of manufactured legends, backed up by forgeries. The pseudo-Masonic historians of last century, and the first half of this, drew upon their inner consciousness for their facts; the real records of the Craft were either neglected or mis-quoted; hence, when fancy got used to rove, it was just as easy to swear that Solomon and Moses were Freemasons as that Sir Christopher Wren was Grand Master.

To the credit of the Freemasons of to-day it should be stated that many of them now repudiate all that is not really historic, while some of them, at the cost of much labour and research, have published works containing the real history of the so-called "Order." Notably among such authors we find J. G. Findel of Germany, W. J. Hughan in England, and D. Murray Lyon in Scotland. On the other hand, Drs. Anderson and Oliver, Preston, Mackey, *et sui generis*, all belong to the heroic or mythical brotherhood. The latter gravely tells us that, while Freemasonry in its principles is undoubtedly coeval with the creation (the Devil is said to be the father of lies), yet, in its organisation as a peculiar institution, such as it now exists, we dare not trace it farther back than to the building of Solomon's temple! This might be contrasted with what the late William Pinkerton says, on page 455 of *Notes and Queries*, for 27th November 1869, as also with the statement in the Bull issued in 1738 by Pope Clement XII., in which the Society is referred to as of recent formation. In fact, the Society had just then attained its majority.

The rise and progress of Freemasonry, as well as its popular histories, would form a most interesting and instructive study to the student of the origin and spread of religions and their literature. In the history of the world, falsehoods, frauds, and impositions have been swallowed greedily by the multitude, while the truth has been neglected and despised.

Yours truly,

L. N.

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## DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

ALL men do not think alike, and it is fortunate for the world that they do not. It is by the friction of differences of opinion that the great problems of life are elucidated. If all minds ran in the same groove, if all thought was in the same channel, the monotony of life would be unbearable; and if, by chance, that channel should be evil the world would be worse than any conception of Dante or any description ever given of hell. It is the difference of opinion that leads to success in anything, because it stimulates effort, research and determination to assert our own ideas.

No man has a right to thrust his opinion offensively upon another or the world; nor has he a right to withhold his opinion if it be for the good of his fellows. Many an improvement has been brought about in society, in government, in science, in mechanics, in everything, by a proper and persistent presentation of opinion. Columbus differed from most of his fellow men, when he asserted his belief that there was another side to the world of his day. His perseverance in presenting it won his immortal fame.

In Masonry there are differences of opinion on many points of policy of origin, and meaning of symbols. Much that has been found out respecting the past of our Fraternity, has been learned because men differed regarding the establishment of the Craft. Pennsylvania is of the opinion that American Freemasonry was cradled within her honoured borders, and Massachusetts differs—the result, a careful investigation, that has brought to light much of interest and importance.

The Master of a Lodge is an autocrat, if he will be; but no Master, with the good of his Lodge at heart, will assert an opinion in direct and offensive opposition to that of his brethren. He is a servant king, and as such should rule. He is king, because his right to govern is supreme. He is servant, because his brethren have, by the exercise of their united opinion, placed him in that position of absolute power. There are times when one's opinion should be exercised and enforced if contrary to that of others, whether Master, Secretary or Lodge. No one should permit a substitution of his opinion of right. When that is done the man sinks his manhood beneath cowardice. Better stand alone and be right, than go with the multitude to do wrong. Thus it is the duty of a Mason, in Lodge or elsewhere in the Fraternity, to oppose all cliqueism, and tricky political schemes to accomplish personal aims of ambitious but undeserving men.

There has been a great deal said and written about "peace and harmony," but peace and harmony begotten of wrongful opinions will soon become a stagnant pool, poisonous and destructive. It needs the stirring up of differences of opinion—the clash of swords. Thus, if a Lodge permits one man to run it in the interest of his own schemes, it will soon be owned by that one man, and after a while there will be but one man in it. There must be peace and harmony that comes from brotherly love and a desire to benefit the Lodge, the Fraternity, and the world. Thus counselling together, comparing opinions, will be secured that union of effort and sympathy in feeling that will produce the fruit of brotherly love, relief and truth.

—N. Y. Dispatch.

The Langton Lodge of Instruction has gone into recess for the summer, and will not resume work until the second Thursday in October.

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 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse, Liverpool  
 Road, N., 8  
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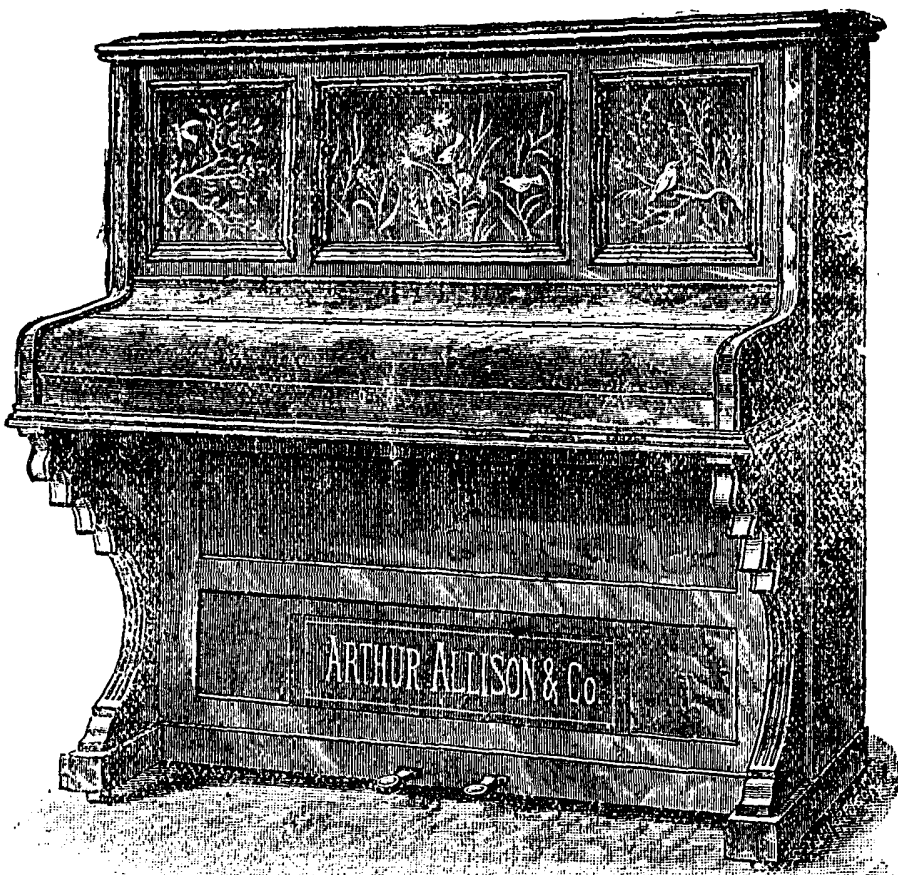


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