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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**BARD OF AVON LODGE (No. 778).**—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Greyhound Inn, Hampton Court, on Wednesday, 9th July, when Bro. George Elliot, member of Parliament for the Northern Division of the County of Durham, was installed as W.M., in presence of a large number of Grand Officers, and with the good wishes of brethren of every degree. The Bard of Avon Lodge was founded at Stratford-on-Avon in 1859, and its members had proposed a resolution, in the early part of 1872, to dissolve the lodge, and return the warrant to the Grand Master, when Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Provincial Grand Secretary of Middlesex, placed himself in communication with Bro. George Elliot, M.P., and other brethren, and the result was that the lodge was transferred to the Province of Middlesex, with the concurrence and fraternal co-operation of Bro. Lord Leigh, the Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, and Bro. Colonel Burdett, the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. The Bard of Avon lodge struck vigorous root in Middlesex, and there are at this time upwards of thirty candidates for membership on its books, the majority of these being Freemasons who have won their honours elsewhere, and who are desirous to throw in their lot with the Bard of Avon. On Wednesday the assemblage was unusually large. Among those present were—Bros. Col. F. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; Col. Lowry Cole, C.B., P.S.G.W. England; John Hervey, G. Sec.; Hyde Pullen, P.D. Prov. G.M. Isle of Wight; Conrad Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.; Raynham Stewart, P.G.D.; Plunkett, M.P., P.G.D.; Rev. Taylor Jones, Prov. G. Chap. Middlesex; S. Rosenthal, Prov. G.S.W. Middlesex; Rev. J. D. Collis, D.D., Vicar of Stratford-on-Avon; Dr. Kingsley; Edward Dicey; P. H. Lawrence, P.M.; George Scharf, F.S.A., W.M. Lodge of Antiquity; and many others, there being twenty-seven Past Masters and Worshipful Masters present during that portion of the ceremony of Installation, when those below those ranks are excluded. The lodge was opened punctually at three p.m., when, after the minutes had been confirmed, and some formal business transacted, Bros. Rev. J. D. Collis, D.D., and Henry Kingsley, M.D., were raised from the degree of F.C. to that of M.M. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, Bro. W. Roebuck presenting the W.M. elect, Bro. George Elliot, M.P. and Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.M. 181, and W.M. 758, performing the installation ceremony. The Masonic business was concluded and the lodge closed at 6 p.m., after which the brethren sat down to banquet, Bro. George Elliot, M.P., the new W.M., presiding. The new W.M. was supported to the right and left by brethren of high rank in the Province of Middlesex, and by Grand Officers. After the "Queen and the Craft," "The Grand Master," "The D.G.M.," "The Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex," and "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex" had been duly honoured, the gavel was, by special desire entrusted to Bro. Plunkett, M.P., G.D. (Irish Constitution) who in a speech

of rare eloquence and power proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Plunkett's manner, matter, and delivery convinced those present that the gift of "silver speech" is sometimes hereditary, and set some of his auditors thinking of the transmission of genius and Mr. Francis Galton's theories as to talent being handed down from generation to generation. Bro. G. Elliot, M.P., W.M., replied with earnest effectiveness, assuring all present of the pride and pleasure with which he accepted the office to which he had been elected, and of his determination to perform, to the best of his ability, the duties arising out of it. Reverting generally to the effect of the ritual and ceremonies of Freemasonry upon the mind, Bro. Elliot declared that, from the day of his initiation in the Granby Lodge, Durham, to the present, he had been profoundly impressed by the solemnity and usefulness of Masonic teachings. Bro. Elliot said the Masonic ritual not unfrequently reminded him of the services of the Church of England, and that the serious duties undertaken by Freemasons, must, if properly performed, tend to make men better. The new W.M. concluded a speech which was replete with good feeling and practical common sense, by again thanking the members of the Bard of Avon for the honour they had conferred upon him, and by reciprocating Bro. Plunkett's wishes for the permanence and prosperity of the lodge. The proceedings terminated with the usual toast, and a most successful installation meeting was brought to a conclusion. During the evening Bro. Rosenthal, P.S.G.W., made a handsome present to the lodge, consisting of copies of his two great pictures of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being received in the Grand Lodge of England," and of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being received in the Grand Encampment of English Knights Templar." It was announced also that Bro. Rosenthal has in hand a half length life size portrait, in oil, of Bro. George Elliot, M.P., in full Masonic clothing.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—*Baldwin Lodge* (No. 1398).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 9th ult., in the Masonic Temple, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness. The lodge was presided over by Bro. R. Pearson, P.W.M. Lodge of Furness, 995. The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the balloting for W.M. was proceeded with, when Bro. William Whiteside was unanimously elected. The Treasurer (Bro. F. H. Clark) and the Tyler (Bro. Thomas Cooper) were re-elected to their respective offices for the year 1873-4. An audit committee and banquet committee were afterwards appointed, it being arranged that the installation of Master and the banquet to follow should take place on the 29th July. As a mark of esteem, and to show that his efforts in conducting the lodge during the first year of its existence were thoroughly appreciated by the brethren, it was resolved to present Bro. Pearson with a P.M.'s jewel. Mr. H. Duncan having been initiated as E.A., the lodge was closed in due form by the Acting W.M. In consequence of the much lamented death of the Right Honourable the Earl of Zetland, K.G., M.W.P.G.M., the lodge was ordered to be placed in mourning for the space of six months.

**ERA LODGE (No 1423).**—At the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, July 12th, the regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held. Bro. J. T. Moss, P.G.S.D. Middlesex, W.M., presided. The minutes were read and confirmed. Ballots were unanimous in favour of joining members. Mr. Benjamin Wright was initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. F. Walters, P.M., Sec., passed Bros. B. Robinson; W. F. Gardiner, 1275; A. C. Woodward, 1275; F. B. Williams, 1275; and J. Mc Naughton, 871, to the second degree; and raised Bros. E. Devereux, W. M. Matthews, and Loos, to the third degree. Several propositions for joining, and candidates for initiation in this lodge, were received. Business ended, the lodge was closed. Refreshment followed labour. The visitors were—Bros. Edwin J. Crow, P.M. 279, P.G.S.D., Leicestershire; H. J. Green, 216, 1275, 1326; C. W. Williams, 1275, 1326; Rev. P.M. Holden; and T. H. Miller. 907.

## Knights Templar.

**BRIGHTON.**—*De Warren Preceptory.*—A meeting of this young preceptory was held in the Masonic Rooms, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Friday, July 11th, 1873. In the absence of the Eminent Commander Sir Knt. John Lucas Allen, V.E. Sir Knt. Major Shadwell H. Clerke opened the preceptory. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Sir Knt. Capt. Stratford was unanimously elected a joining member. The by-laws were then considered, and, after a few slight amendments, adopted. The alms were collected, and the preceptory was closed. There were present—Sir Knts. C. Horsley, M. B. Tanner, Thomas J. Sabine, Thomas Lane, E.C. of the Sussex Preceptory, Eastbourne, Herbert Stratford, Col. David Aitkin, C. J. Smith, and T. H. Moseley. Visitors: Sir Knts. Moren and Morris of the Sussex Preceptory, Eastbourne. At the close of the above proceedings, a preceptory of the Order of Malta was opened, presided over by Eminent Sir Knt. Major Shadwell Clerke, assisted by Eminent Sir Knt. Charles Horsley, when Sir Knts. M. B. Tanner, T. H. Moseley, C. J. Smith, Thomas Lane, Thomas J. Sabine, G. Morris, G. Moren, and Capt. Stratford were admitted and received as members of this degree; after which the preceptory was closed. The next meeting of the "De Warren" preceptory will be held on Friday, September 12th, when it is expected a large number of Sir Knights will assemble. The Order of the Temple is attracting considerable attention among the Masons of Brighton, and there is every possibility that in a short time the "De Warren" preceptory will be one of the most successful in the south of England.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**BRIGHTON.**—*Eureka Chapter, S.P. Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.*—On Saturday the third regular meeting of this recently established chapter of the Ancient and Accepted Rite was held in the Masonic Rooms, Royal Pavilion, at half-past six o'clock. The M.W.S., Ex. Bro. Dr. Tanner, opened the chapter, assisted by his officers. The following members of the Craft were unanimously balloted for as members:—Sir John Cordy Burrows, P.P.G.W. Sussex; G. Moren; George Vicars, 811; Capt. J. C. H. Stratford. The following Rose Croix Masons were balloted for as joining members:—Colonel William David Aitken, 30°; Charles A. Woolley, 18°, and unanimously elected. The M.W.S., Ex. Bro. Dr. Tanner, then conferred the degree on the following candidates:—Bros. Sir John Cordy Burrows, Capt. Stratford, George Vicars, and G. Moren, assisted by Ill. Bro. Major Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, Ex. Bro. C. J. Smith, 18°, and Ex. Bro. Dr. Trollope, 18°. The M.W.S. most efficiently performed the duties of his position, and rendered the ceremony with most commendable accuracy, considering this was the first time he had been called upon to work the ceremony. There were present during the evening—Ill. Bros. Major Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°; H. Murray, 31°; C. Horsley, 30°; Ex. Bros. M. B. Tanner, M.D.; C. J. Smith; Thomas Trollope, M.D.; Paul Storr; John Lucas Allen; Rev. E. Walker, M.A.; Thomas J. Sabine, T. H. Moseley, John Wood, W. R. Wood, H. S. Sanderson, C. A. Woolley, and others. The lodge was closed about nine o'clock in ancient and solemn form.

**THE SURREY MASONIC HALL COMPANY (LIMITED).**—At the fortnightly meeting of the Directors, Bro. John Thomas was formally appointed Architect to the Company, plans and specifications of the hall and Masonic rooms were considered, and a Building Committee appointed, consisting of Bros. Pinder, Larham, Green and Reeves, to make the necessary arrangements for commencing the structure. Several shares were applied for and ordered to be allotted. The members of the Board present being Bros. E. Worthington, Chairman, Levander, Kenning, Larham, Stevens, Green, Ritherdon, Reeves, and Ramsay.

## BARROW-IN-FURNESS MASONIC CLUB.

This society held their first anniversary dinner at the Hartington Hotel, on the 9th inst., at 8, p.m. 30 members sat down; this number was considered small, occasioned by the Piel Regatta being on the same day.

The President and Vice-President of the club, Bros. Cornfield and Silver, occupied the chairs. A short but very pleasant evening was passed, enlivened by the talented harmony of several of the brethren. The usual loyal, patriotic, and customary toasts were duly honoured.

The success of the club was proposed by the President, who bore testimony to the order and decorum observed, and the convenience which the club afforded to a large number of brethren. He trusted that he should not be out of place in observing the pleasing circumstance that the club although held at an hotel, the room being open from morning to night, had the very opposite effect to the encouragement of intemperance; if this was attributable to the stringency of the rules, it was most creditable to the foresight of the framers of such rules, but he thought he might go further and say that the good sense and example of the brethren towards each other, through the facilities now given for more frequently meeting together, gave rise to entertainment, interesting far beyond that of the drinking customs, of what may be called, indiscriminate company. After a few observations from the Vice-President, the toast was rapturously drunk.

The next toast "The Health of the Executive," was entrusted to Prior S. C. Baynes, who said that although a young member he had noticed with pleasure the great and necessary interest taken in the club; he felt it was a most prosperous institution, and had well supplied a great want in Barrow. They ought to be thankful to such men as the executive was composed of, for coming to the front at a great sacrifice of time and judicious exercise of talent required in the management of such a large society. The speaker was in his best vein, interspersing his remarks with Shakespearian and other quotations, amusing and edifying the brethren in the masterly manner for which he is famous. He coupled with the toast the names of the President, Vice, Treasurer, and Secretary. The speech was received with great applause, and the toast was duly honoured.

The President and Vice shortly replied. The Secretary, Bro. Leary furnished some statistics evidencing the flourishing condition of the club, and stated there were 80 members on the roll. The Treasurer, Bro. Hooker, shewed, by a balance to credit, its financial prosperity. "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. J. C. Fanter, who said that the toast was always honoured by brethren, throughout the world, as a principal one in all the entertainments of the ancient Craft; he could bear testimony to its deserving the highest place, having recently experienced such kind and fraternal treatment in Belgium, and other places which he had recently travelled in. He enumerated a few instances, in detail, which excited the most pleasurable emotions amongst the company. The toast was responded to by Bro. Wilson, of H.M.'s Customs upon which the endless chain was linked, and "Auld Lang Syne" sang with great gusto. Bros. McKnight, Haslam, Young, Peavons and Schuster made some complimentary remarks and the business concluded at 11 o'clock, with the toast of "The Host, Bro. Taylor, and the Hostess" whose efforts to furnish the club with a most excellent repast, served with great taste and comfort, elicited deserved approval.

## FUNERAL OF THE REV. DR. TAYLOR, AT DUNDEE.

On Monday the remains of the late Rev. Dr. Taylor, were interred in the Western Cemetery, Dundee.

Services were conducted in the South church by the Rev. Dr. Watson and Rev. Mr. Horne, of Port-Glasgow. There was a large attendance of the members of the congregation and of the other friends of the deceased, and during

the time of the service those present—a large number of whom were in mourning—seemed deeply affected. The pulpit and other parts of the church were draped in black. Appropriate passages of Scripture were read by the gentlemen named, and each of them also engaged in prayer.

Dr. Taylor having been Provincial Grand Chaplain of the Freemasons of Forfarshire and Honorary Chaplain of St. David's Lodge, nearly two hundred of the brethren turned out, although only a day's notice had been given. The Funeral Lodge was opened within St. David's Masonic Hall, 8, Bank-street, exactly at one o'clock, when there were present most of the Masters and office-bearers of the various lodges—every Lodge in Dundee and Lochee being represented, and the Prov. Grand Master, Gibraltar. The R.W. Master of St. David's Lodge (Bro. James Berry) was in the chair, and opened the lodge up to the third degree. He produced the letter from the relatives of the late Grand Chaplain, as also the authority addressed to him by Lord Dalhousie, P.G. Master, and then delivered a short address. The Rev. Bro. G. Alton, engaged in prayer, and thereafter the following anthem was sung:—

Almighty Maker of my frame,  
Teach me the measure of my days  
Teach me to know how frail I am,  
And spend the remnant to Thy praise.  
My days are shorter than a span,  
A little point my life appears;  
How frail at best is dying man!  
How vain are all his hopes and fears!  
Oh! be a nobler portion mine;  
My God! I bow before Thy throne;  
Earth's fleeting treasures I resign,  
And fix my hope on Thee alone.

The Rev. Mr. Alton afterwards delivered an eloquent address, and the brethren then adjourned to join the funeral procession, the only emblem each bore being white gloves and a sprig of acacia, the emblem of the Craft. The services in the South Church concluded about half-past two o'clock, and the funeral procession was then formed. The body of deceased had arrived from Port-Glasgow, and was conveyed in a hearse to its resting-place, followed by fourteen mourning coaches, each drawn by a pair of horses. The chief mourners were Dr. John Taylor and Mr. Adam Taylor, the sons of deceased, and Messrs. Alexander, William, and Thomas Bell. Almost all the members of the Dundee Established Presbytery were present, and there were also in the cortege the Rev. J. C. Baxter, Rev. Mr. Nicoll, Murroes; Rev. Mr. M'Pherson, Meikle; Rev. Mr. Robertson, of the Original Seceders; Bailie Maxwell, ex-Provost Yeaman, Colonel Anderson, Colonel Alison, Mr. George H. Hill, Mr. Thomas Smith, &c. Preceding the hearse was a detachment of the North British Fusiliers, under the command of Lieut. Tew, Dr. Taylor, having acted as Chaplain to the Protestants in the regiment during the time they have been in Dundee. The Masonic brethren marched in single file on each side of the mourning coaches. On arriving at the Cemetery the coffin was lowered and a short prayer offered up by the Rev. Dr. Watson. At the call of Bro. Berry the Masons dropped their sprigs of acacia on the top of the coffin, and the grave was afterwards filled.

The funeral procession then returned. The streets between the church and the place of burial were lined with spectators. The Masonic Lodge rooms were draped in black, and will so remain for some time. During the day the town's bells were tolled.—*Dundee Advertiser*.

THE VIENNA EXHIBITION.—The party of English artisans from the various manufacturing centres, 34 in number, sent out by the Manchester Society for the Promotion of Scientific Industry, to report on the Vienna Exhibition, has arrived safely. They were received on their arrival by Mr. P. Cunliffe Owen, on behalf of the British Royal Commission, and were by him introduced to his Excellency the Baron de Schwarz Senborn, the Austrian General Manager of the Exhibition. Mr. W. G. Larkins, the Secretary of the Society, and Mr. W. Aitkin, the gentlemen in charge of the workmen from Birmingham, were also at the same time presented to his Excellency.

## Reviews.

The Prevention of Poverty or Progressional Economy as a System of Natural Law, and Reform as a Science, by William Volckman, London, Trübner and Co., 57 and 59, Ludgate-hill.

Mr. Volckman urges that his essay is no attempt whatever at the advocacy of a "rhapsodical Arcadian" system of life, or of any absurdly levelling scheme of wealth distribution. On the contrary it is one of his objects to show the needlessness of such views or schemes, and the sufficiency of naturally economic law for a diversified well being. He contends that human society, is naturally and de facto a progressional and economical partnership; so endowed by birth-right, as to be well nigh secure against the possibility of poverty, if the natural conditions of its endowments be but properly understood and obeyed. He shows that such "endowed partnership" is not only a provision of well-being for all, it is also the guarantee of that enlightened liberty and individuality, so enjoyable to each, and so fruitful of general advancement. He asserts "Reform to be a science, &c." The author then urges that the individual and State alike are possessed of three, birthright, common-wealth endowments, viz:—Intelligence, labour, power, and land. He says "These are the primary sources of wealth, and are only operative in combined action, any one or two of them being simply powerless for the securing of well-being. To alienate any one or more of them from a state or an individual is to reduce such individual or state to starvation or slavery. He then goes on to show that reform as an active principle lies in the necessities of the masses. By the application of the co-operative or partnership principle to profit-division as between employer and employed the interests of capital and labour would become identical, both indeed, would be advanced, and the control of cheapening power would be enjoyed by the many, and not confined, as now, to the few. Thus union would be established among the masses, for a people thoroughly united could not fail to secure their every desire. The author concludes with several chapters in which he deals with luxuriousness, starvation, co-operative colonisation, the capitalisation of labour, republicanism, and also with the land as a commonwealth, &c.

The "Little Dressmaker" (No. 7, Vol. 2), is specially devoted to fashions for children and dolls. A beautifully coloured illustration is given, showing the latest fashions for children's and dolls, clothing, with the cut paper patterns. This little work is an invaluable assistant to those who choose the patterns for their little ones. It is altogether a most useful publication, printed with great care, on fine paper, and in which every detail is rendered with perfect fidelity. The plates are well executed, which makes it a work of art as well as that of fashion. We wish it every success.

"The Penny-a-Week Country Daily Newspaper." London, 112, Strand. This novel little daily is established to supply every rural parish with a daily newspaper friendly to Christianity and good government. It is a marvel of cheapness; twelve persons subscribing one penny each per week, may have 12 copies every morning, post-free, thus making the "Country Daily Newspaper" only a penny per week. It is a neat and handy sheet of four pages, of two columns each, and contains all the news up to the hour of publication. It is printed on good paper, in clear type, "set up" and printed by steam power.

## CRYSTAL PALACE.

## NATIONAL MUSIC MEETINGS.

The fourth and last, and the most interesting, of this year's public competitions took place on Thursday, July 10th, when the proceedings commenced (at the usual hour of one o'clock) with Class No. 3 (choral societies not exceeding 80 voices.) Three choirs of male singers—the Bristol Choral Union (conducted by Mr. A. Stone); the Liverpool Representative Choir (conductor, Mr. Sanders); and Mr. Proudman's Men's Voice Choir (conducted by himself)—contended for the two prizes awarded, a purse of



£50 and a ten guinea library of music, presented by Messrs. Chappell and Co. The pieces sung were—by each choir alternately—the chorus “Where is he?” from Beethoven’s *Mount of Olives* and T. Cooke’s “Hohenlinden”—the the Bristol choir having also been heard in Schubert’s “Nachthelle,” and that of Mr. Proudman in Netherclift’s “We happy Shepherd swains.” Some tests in sight-singing followed, and the general result was the award by the judges (Sir J. Benedict, and Messrs. H. Leslie and J. Barnby) of the first prize to the Liverpool choir, the second prize to that of Bristol, and a certificate of merit to the other competing choir.

The chief interest of the day centred in the re-appearance of the South Wales Choral Union, which has become famous since its performance at last year’s music-meetings, when it carried off the Challenge Prize Cup, value £100, without opposition, it is true, but with a general approbation that was justly earned by the fine singing of these Cambrian choristers. The anticipations raised by the promised reappearance of this choir were heightened by the knowledge that this year the claim to the possession of the prize would be disputed by another competing body under Class No. 1 (choral societies not exceeding 500 voices). This opposition was made by the well-known Tonic-Sol-fa Association, whose capital singing is yearly exemplified at their special concert at the Crystal Palace.

The trial began with the South Wales’ Choir, the pieces selected having been, Bach’s motett, “I wrestle and pray;” the “Hallelujah” chorus from the *Mount of Olives*; the chorus, “See what love,” from Mendelssohn’s *St. Paul*; and that from the same composer’s *Waldpurgis Night* music, “Come with Torches.” The singing in each instance fully justified all that has been said in praise of this fine choir. Again, the quality of tone was rich and grand, powerful without the slightest approach to coarseness; and, notwithstanding the large number of choristers, readily graduated and subdued in force. The vigour and precision of attack in each division; the general truthfulness of intonation; the special brightness of the soprano voices, and their unflinching command of the higher range of compass (admirably exemplified in the difficult secular chorus of Mendelssohn), were qualities which won enthusiastic applause, not only from the many natives of the Principality, who were among the large audience, but from all others who were capable of judgment on the subject. It was manifest that to surpass such fine chorusing was scarcely possible, and accordingly the performances of the same piece by the rival choir, excellent as they were in many respects, were universally felt to fall short of the previous displays. There could be little hesitation in the case, and the judges (Sir J. Benedict, Sir J. Goss, and Mr. Barnby) speedily gave their decision in favour of the South Wales Choir, a judgment which involves the continued holding of the Challenge Prize, and the award of a purse of £100. To the Tonic Sol-fa Choir a second prize was given—a fifty guinea harmonium, presented by Messrs. Alexandre and Co., of Paris. The Welsh Choir was conducted by “Caradoc” (Griffith Jones), the other by Mr. Proudman. The announcement of the result was received with shouts and cheers from various parts of the building, followed by a rush to the Telegraph-office to ensure speedy transmission of the news to distant expectants. As on other days, the competitions were followed by a miscellaneous concert, the programme of which was contributed to by some of the competitors.

### Obituary.

#### THE LATE BRO. H. HORNBY.

We have this week, to announce the death of Bro. H. Hornby, a member of the Merchants’ Lodge, No. 241, holding its meetings in Liverpool—a brother who was highly esteemed, not only as a Mason, but as holding a high position in the town’s affairs. Bro. Hornby has represented Lime-street ward since 1868 in the Town Council, and during that time has done some good, quiet, and valuable service to the town. He was the proprietor of the Grand Junction Hotel,

Lime-street, and a wine and spirit merchant; and while he identified himself with the dominant party in the Town Council, he took no part in the discussion of public affairs, but confined himself simply to voting upon the various questions which came under the notice of the council. Bro. Hornby, who was in the prime of life, being only 47 years of age, had been ailing some time, but his friends scarcely anticipated his sudden decease on the 8th instant. His remains were interred at Smithdown-lane cemetery on Friday, the 11th instant.

### Masonic Tidings.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount-Edgumbe is to be installed as Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, at Truro, on Tuesday next, the 22nd inst. A very large muster of the brethren and visitors is expected. Brethren will, of course, appear in Masonic mourning, though some have doubted the propriety of so doing; but, as it is an order of the Grand Lodge, we fail to see how it can legally be otherwise. In looking over the excellent directory for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, edited by the late Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Hughan, we find that our noble brother will be the eighth so installed since the constitution of the Province, in 1752. We trust that as successful a career is before his lordship as characterised the rule of his immediate predecessor, the R.W. Bro. Augustus Smith, who commenced his rule with 15 lodges and 468 members, and ended with 24 lodges and an increase of 500 members!

### PRESERVATION OF LIFE AT SEA.

A most interesting exhibition to our numerous seafaring brethren in Liverpool was open during last week at the Town Hall, its object being to gather together the latest and best apparatus for the preservation of life at sea. In the different sections were exhibited models and full sized life boats, life rafts, life buoys, belts &c., boat-lowering apparatus, signals, rockets, &c., and the entire exhibition was of the most attractive character. The exhibition was opened by the Worshipful the Mayor Bro. E. Samuelson, and on each day the value of the gathering was greatly enhanced by trials of full sized apparatus on the river, under the direction of a committee of “old salts,” having for its chairman Rear-Admiral Kerr.

The value of these trials will be seen when it is stated that in the five years preceeding the 31st December, 1871, over 500 lives were lost by collisions, and 11,102 ships came into collision, of which 854 were sunk, the probable monetary loss amounting to about 15 millions in that time. It is therefore satisfactory to know that in the present exhibition the work of many brains has been brought to so much perfection, and it is the opinion of the committee—all of whom are gentlemen of great experience—that very rarely has a more select collection of appliances been brought together.

The proceeds of the exhibition will be divided between the Seamen’s Orphan Asylum and the Shipwrecked Mariners’ Aid Society.

At the close of the exhibition on Saturday, Bro. Samuelson, the Mayor, in the course of an excellent speech, said the interest which has been evinced in this exhibition had not been confined to this country, but had extended to our neighbours on the other side of the channel. (Hear, hear.) The “Société Centrale de Sauvetage des Naufrages” had sent Captain Delvinge, a member of their council, who had shown an appliance for projecting a line from shore to a ship in distress. He (the Mayor) hoped the result of the exhibition would be such as not merely to allow it to terminate with the possibility and even the probability of its being repeated—(hear, hear)—and he hoped that there would be some lasting benefit accruing from it. (Applause.) Hitherto inventors had only scientific journals to resort to, and all knew that, however great that boon might be, it lacked the advantages of practical tests. (Hear, hear.) It was true that there was a Royal Humane Society and a National

Lifeboat Institution. They had a Polytechnic Society in London and Liverpool, but he thought these institutions did not perhaps hold out sufficient encouragement to inventors, and therefore he and the committee thought something should emanate from this exhibition which should result in a permanent good. (Applause.) He for one—if others who were more immediately connected with matters of this kind felt disposed to institute a society for the preservation of life at sea—would have the greatest pleasure in giving it his support—(loud applause)—and he really thought they ought not to wait for their metropolitan neighbours to take the lead in these matters. Liverpool boasted of being the first maritime port in the world, and, accordingly, in all matters of this kind she ought to be in the vanguard—(hear, hear)—especially when the safety of human life was such a consideration. He concluded by expressing his personal thanks to the committee and the honorary secretary, for their exertions in connection with the exhibition.

It is probable that the society referred to by the Mayor will shortly be instituted.

ROYAL VISIT TO HOLYHEAD.—Our Royal Bro. the Prince of Wales, will visit Holyhead next month for the purpose of opening the new and most extensive breakwater there. A meeting of the county of Anglesey—the High Sheriff presiding—was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Market Hall, to make the necessary arrangements. The ceremony will probably take place on the 12th or 13th of August, and although the Prince has desired that there should be no public banquet, addresses will be presented from the county and local authorities, and there will be general rejoicing. It may be stated that the breakwater has cost upwards of a million and a half sterling, and, therefore, its opening is worthy of the Prince’s presence, especially as its object is to shelter the mercantile navy from storm and shipwreck.

DISCOVERY OF ROMAN PAVEMENT.—Some extensive additions are about to be made by Messrs. F. Gordon and Co. to Crosby Hall, Bishopsgate-street, and, in preparing the foundations, there has this week been discovered part of a Roman tessellated pavement, of considerable extent, and apparently a remnant of a large floor. The border encloses an elegant leaf, ornamental pattern, and it is worked in red, yellow, black, and white tesserae. The pavement was discovered by Messrs. Merritt and Ashby, the builders, about seven feet only from the surface. It has been seen, through the courtesy of Mr. Thomas Smith, one of the firm of Messrs. Gordon and Co., by several members of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society, who pronounce it to be a very interesting specimen; and it is now, we believe, removed to a place of safety. About two years ago, a similar pavement was discovered, when Messrs. Gordon and Co. were having the foundation laid of their new premises, opposite Crosby Hall. Bishopsgate was one of the main arteries of Roman London, and, doubtless, had mansions on either side. At various times, there have been Roman pavements found in the immediate neighbourhood—in Austin-friars, Wormwood-street, Old Broad-street, Threadneedle-street, &c.

A TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR BIBLE.—In the book-store of Mr. Bouton, on Broadway, there is now on exhibition what is certainly the most valuable copy of the Holy Bible ever compiled. It represents the industrious toil for thirty years of an English collector of Biblical prints, etchings, engravings, original drawings in oil and water colors, and authoritative or curious editions of the Scriptures, and is now roughly valued at 10,000 dols., though its real price may very likely prove to be much higher. The complete text used is that of Dr. Kitto’s edition of King James’ Bible. But this is but a fractional part of the sixty huge folio volumes through which it is spread. Sometimes the reader will turn over fifty consecutive pages of illustrations between those scattered fragments. Such subjects, for example, as “Susanna and the Elders,” or “Daniel in the Lion’s Den,” are enriched with scenes of illustration drawn from every field of art—the convent missals of the medieval ages, the strange, fanciful

ful, strikingly false drawing of the Italian masters, the grotesque works of Dutch and German painters, and the later and more truthful efforts of modern times. In all this monument of loving devotion to a worthy hobby are included no less than 30,000 illustrations of various kinds, some of them worth from 50 dols. to 100 dols. each, and extracts from some thirty editions of the sacred text. Such a treasure ought speedily to find a purchaser in some of our few great libraries, where it would be an unfailing spring of delight and instruction to artists and men of letters.—*New York World*.

#### LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE FREEMASONS' HALL AT WATFORD.

The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Public Library, in Queen-street, the building of which has just been commenced, excited some interest on Saturday last, inasmuch as it was laid by the Freemasons with their ancient ceremony. To many the occasion was one of much gratification, as there can be no doubt that the Public Library will supply a great want that has long been felt. Such an institution, under an Act of Parliament which is part of the local government system, and also under the Science and Art Department, has its guarantee of stability and proper management. Its means of benefiting the neighbourhood have been from time to time set forth, and we have now to speak of the handsome building, which we have no doubt will be both an ornament and a blessing to the town.

The building, which will have a frontage of 80 feet, will contain, on the ground floor, two spacious public reading rooms, each communicating with the library or book-room, a large news-room, committee and apparatus rooms. On the first floor the accommodation will be set apart for the Science and Art Department, and will consist of two science class-rooms, convertible, by the removal of a deal partition, into a lecture hall, 51ft. 6in. long by 30ft. wide; an elementary class room, painting and modelling rooms, besides a master's room, cloak rooms, and lavatories. The style of structure is that rendering of Gothic which has, of late years, been so successfully carried out in brickwork, and is that by which English architecture is chiefly characterised. The main portion of the exterior will be executed with yellow bricks, the monotony of which will be effectively relieved by the introduction of red and black bricks and Bath stone dressings. The front elevation, facing Queen-street, will be pierced on the ground floor by four large two-light windows, with red Mansfield stone shafts and Bath stone decorations. The entrance, with a massive stone superstructure, will be in the centre of the building, and will be embellished by a carved stone panel over the head of the door. On the left will rise a well pointed gable terminating in a carved finial, and containing, as a chief feature, the large three-light window at the end of the lecture hall. On the right two decorative mullioned windows will rise with their gabled heads into the roof, and the wall heads will be finished with a red brick cornice. Right along the whole length of the building will be cut in mediæval letters: "Watford Public Library and School of Science and Art."

The design for the building, which it will be remembered was selected by the Committee with great pains from several others in public competition, is by Mr. Syme, of Messrs. Sedgwick and Son's office, Watford, and is acknowledged to be of great merit. The building is expected to cost about £2,300, and the contract has been taken by Mr. Miskin, of St. Alban's.

To give the occasion of laying the foundation-stone an additional and uncommon interest, the Committee took advantage of the Watford Lodge of Freemasons being about to lay the foundation-stone of their new hall, to ask them to lay that of the public library, as they did that of the Corn Exchange some years ago. Although the time to make the arrangements was very short, all the public bodies who could possibly take an interest in the building were invited to send deputations.

The different representatives assembled at the Corn Exchange, at two o'clock, and formed a procession, which started for the site of the library at half-past two. The procession was headed by the band of the 2nd Herts Rifles. Following were the Watford Company of Volunteers, the Watford and Bushey Volunteer Fire Brigade, and the representatives of the trades of Watford, including engineers, carpenters, masons, printers, painters, and wood turners. The Committee of the Library and the Directors of the Corn Exchange Company were almost all included in the Masonic body.

On the arrival of the procession at the site, where a space had been covered in at the north-west corner of the building, the foremost gentlemen arranged themselves on either side, and allowed the performers of the ceremony, with Bro. T. F. Halsey, to pass to the front of the stone. Many ladies and gentlemen were accommodated with raised seats on either side that they might be enabled to obtain a view. Unfortunately at the time a drizzling rain made out-door proceedings slightly uncomfortable.

The ceremony commenced by Mr. A. O. Sedgwick handing the plans to Bro. Halsey, who, having, inspected them, addressed the assembly in the following words:—Brethren, ladies and gentlemen, we are assembled here to-day for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone, in accordance with the rites and ceremonies of our ancient Craft, of the Watford Free Public Library, and after the custom on these occasions I take the opportunity of briefly expressing the satisfaction with which we assist in an object so worthy of our support. Through this and similar institutions it is placed in the power of the humblest in the land to obtain an amount of information which in former days was quite beyond their reach, and which must be of the utmost value to them in their daily life, and fit them more and more to use those talents which the Great Architect of the Universe has given them, to His honour and glory, and the welfare of their fellow-creatures and themselves. Now you often hear it said, when a man leaves school, or college, or enters upon the profession which he may be going to follow, that his education is completed; but depend upon it, it is no such thing. A man's education ceases or should cease only with his life. The oldest and best and wisest amongst us have still something that they may learn. In fact, the greater knowledge a man acquires the more he sees his own ignorance. And if that is true in the case of those who have received the blessing of a good education in early youth, it must be so in a far higher degree with our humbler brethren. From the very fact of their being obliged to earn their bread, they must of necessity receive only the most elementary instruction in their youth. I cannot help thinking that to such as these an institution of this nature must be a priceless boon. Here they will have access to books and information which they cannot otherwise obtain, and which must be of great service to them, and help them to get their living, by raising them more and more from the position of mere machines to that of intelligent and reasoning beings, and make them of increasing value to their employers, and render them better able to fight the battle of life and discharge those duties which they owe as citizens in this their native land. Time will not allow me to expatiate more on the advantages of this institution; but though I have, in the words I have said, alluded more especially to the humbler classes, yet the remarks I have made apply with equal force to all. There is no man, high or low, rich or poor, learned or unlearned, who may not derive some benefit from access to a well-chosen library. Therefore, I will conclude by expressing, on behalf of the brethren present and those assisting me to-day, our sincere hope that within this building, the foundation-stone of which we are about to lay, many may lay in themselves foundation stones of knowledge, and raise thereon vast superstructures of improvement and mental elevation, through which they may be rendered more useful to themselves and of benefit to all around them. I also trust that those who with so much spirit have promoted this institution may be rewarded by watching it for many years through a long career of prosperity and usefulness in this important town and neighbourhood.

The Treasurer, Mr. C. F. Hubert, then deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers, &c., in the cavity of the lower stone, and the Chaplain, the Rev. N. Price, offered up the following prayer:—"Almighty God, framer of the worlds, without whom our labour is in vain, vouchsafe to prosper the work of our hands, and grant that this building, begun in Thy name, may be happily completed, to the setting forth of Thy glory, and peace and harmony, prosperity and happiness of this town. May we here learn to cultivate and wisely use the good gifts of intellect which Thou hast given us, for our true improvement, the service of our fellow men, and the hastening of Thy kingdom. Bless and reward Thy servants who have given of their substance for the furtherance of this work, and preserve them ever, both in body and soul, through, &c."

The cement was then placed on the upper face of the bottom stone, and Bro. Halsey adjusted it with a trowel, after which the upper stone was lowered slowly, the band playing "Rule Britannia." Bro. Halsey then proved the just position and form of the stone by the plumb, level, and square, which were handed to him by the Junior and Senior Wardens and W.M. 404. He then gave the stone three knocks with the maul, and said: "I declare this stone to be well and truly laid." The cornucopia was next called for, and handed to Bro. Halsey, who strewed the corn over the stone saying, "I scatter the corn as an emblem of plenty. May the blessing of heaven be showered upon us, and may we enjoy the blessings of plenty." On pouring out the wine, he said, "I pour out this wine as an emblem of love and rejoicing. May we enjoy the blessings of divine truth, and may virtue flourish as the vine." The sprinkling of the oil was accompanied with these words, "I sprinkle this oil as an emblem of peace. May peace and prosperity, brotherly love and unanimity ever flourish within this building." The Chaplain then pronounced the benediction: "The blessing of God Almighty be upon this work, and remain with it for ever." The band here played the National Anthem.

The procession was then formed again, and proceeded in the same manner to the site of the Freemasons' Hall, which is at the back of the Essex Arms Hotel. The new building will consist of a hall and general room, to be used also by the proprietor of the hotel, about 40 feet by 24 feet, approached, as was the old hall, through an anteroom in the hotel, and also, by a new and commodious staircase and corridor, to be erected instead of the present staircase at the rear of the Corn Exchange. There will be lodge-rooms adjoining, exclusively for the use of the Freemasons, about 25 feet by 18 feet, with lobby for Tyler, lavatory closet, wine closet, and other conveniences. The hall and lodge-room are lofty and lighted with sunlights. The whole building is carried on brick piers and iron girders, without intervening columns, as was the case in the old building. The building is of the simplest description, both externally and internally, but it is hoped that the interior may eventually be suitably decorated, the design admitting of the hall and lodge-room being made very handsome. The architect is Mr. J. T. Christopher, of Watford, and the builder Mr. Miskin, of St. Alban's, who is also building the Public Library.

The foundation-stone is in the brick pier at the north-west corner, a few feet from the ground. A platform was erected, on which the Masons performing the ceremony stood. The ceremony was precisely similar to that already described. When Bro. Halsey had inspected the plans handed to him by Mr. Christopher, he gave the following address:—"Brethren, ladies and gentlemen, we have assisted in laying the foundation-stone of a public building, and we now have to provide a domicile for ourselves. It will be in the recollection of those present that the old hall, which stood somewhere about on this site where we are now standing, and in which we held our meetings for many years, was burnt down three or four years ago. Of course, various difficulties arose which have retarded the rebuilding of it up to the present time, but now I am glad to think that these difficulties have been all settled, and we are about to lay the

foundation-stone of a building where we shall be able to celebrate our peculiar rites and ceremonies with more comfort than we have been able to do during the last three or four years. Some of you may feel curiosity, perhaps as to the nature of the rites and ceremonies which we profess, but I can only say that it is not in my power to gratify you fully on this occasion as to the nature of those mysteries. If you wish to make acquaintance with them, I say that any worthy man among you, who really joins us from no interested motives, will come among us and receive a hearty welcome, and we shall teach him all we know ourselves. But I may assure you in the words of an old song well known to us—

"There's nought but good to be understood

In a free and accepted Mason."

And the fundamental principle of our order must commend themselves to everyone. They are "Brotherly love, loyalty, and charity." I am afraid that I cannot extend the same invitation to the fair sex present; because we have it on record that there was once a fair lady who was, I was going to say, a brother of our craft (laughter), but I suppose I must say a sister. This lady was determined to find out what took place, and concealed herself in a clock, where she was discovered after the conclusion of the ceremonies, and as she had seen all, there was nothing for it but to admit her into the fraternity. I must, therefore, ask the ladies to accept her as their representatives. But I can assure you in the words of the same song to which I have alluded—

"No mortal can more the ladies adore,

Than a free and accepted Mason."

I, therefore, conclude now by wishing prosperity to this hall, which we are about to lay the foundation-stone of, and I cannot do better than conclude in the words of a brother mason whose name is well known in this land, and who has secured for himself a lasting name in the temple of fame. I mean Robert Burns, who wrote for the lodge to which he belonged—

"Within this dear mansion may wayward  
Contention

Or withered Envy ne'er enter;

May Secrecy round be the mystical bound,

And Brotherly Love be the centre."

The ceremony then proceeded with the Chaplain offering a prayer as follows:—"Almighty and eternal God, Architect and Great Ruler of the Universe, have respect unto the prayers of Thy servants who call upon Thee. Prosper the work which we this day begin, and enable us in due time to bring it to a happy conclusion. Here may we learn the things which belong to our perfecting. Here may true faith, the fear of God, and brotherly love remain, and every moral and social virtue cement and unite us in one brotherhood of peace, truth, and charity, through, &c."

The members of the Craft responded "So mote it be," and the interesting ceremony concluded as before.

At 5 o'clock, more than 50 of the gentlemen who assisted at the ceremonies dined in the Corn Exchange. The dinner was excellent and well served; it was supplied by Mr. Neary, of the Essex Arms Hotel, and Mr. Buck, confectioner. T. F. Halsey, Esq., presided, supported by Dr. Brett, Mr. J. Sedgwick, Dr. Iles, Mr. C. F. Humbert, Mr. S. Camp, Rev. N. Price, Rev. B. J. Warren, Mr. C. Heaton, Mr. J. Benskin, Mr. J. Benskin, jun., Mr. H. C. Finch, Rev. G. Finch, Mr. A. O. Sedgwick, Mr. J. T. Christopher, Mr. G. Lambert, Mr. Marnham, Mr. W. H. Hubbard, Mr. W. R. Williams, Mr. J. Terry, Mr. G. H. Haydon, Mr. G. Mickley, Mr. A. Godson, Mr. William Cutbush, Mr. T. Wargrave, Mr. J. Hart, Mr. E. Hayward, Mr. W. Wilson, Mr. G. Henry, Mr. Syme, Mr. T. Bodimeade, Mr. Miskin, Mr. Pratt, and others.

Bros. G. T. Carter, John Hodges, and Theodore Distin, were engaged, and enlivened the proceedings by some songs excellently sung. The toast master was Mr. Turner of London.

On the withdrawal of the cloth, the Chairman proposed the "Queen and the Craft," which was received in the usual loyal manner observed by all assemblages of Freemasons. A similar reception was also accorded to the next on the list, viz., "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the

Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family."

Some other toasts having been proposed and responded to, the Chairman proposed "Success to the Watford Public Library and School of Science and Art," coupled with the name of Dr. Brett, the Chairman of the Committee, who responded in eloquent terms.

Bro. Lambert said, Mr. Chairman, brethren, and gentlemen, when I entered this room I had little idea that any toast would have been awarded to me, but I am delighted to accept that task, for I am willing to do anything that I possibly can for the good of this town, the Public Library, or the Watford Lodge. You have talked about debateable ground, and we have heard about science and art, but what is their progress attributable to but to the old Roman guilds laid down so well in the imperial city, and which pervaded this country and were laid down with most admirable laws by Julius Agricola? And what have these guilds resulted in? In the various academies—the academiæ. And call them what you will, I will sum them all up in one word—the lodge (loud cheers); for it is the fact—the school of Athens, with Plato for the philosopher, was nothing but the Freemasons' lodge. It is what the Freemasons' lodge ought to be. We ought to eschew everything bad and cling to that which is good. This is Freemasonry in the fullest extent. It is the casting to the wind all old women's fables and rubbish of that kind. Let superstition fly before us; stick to the truth, for in that you have pure unsullied Masonry—the Volume of the Sacred Law unfolded. It is on these terms and on these alone that I accept the toast and wish success and prosperity to the Watford Lodge and their new hall. I am sorry that the old hall was burnt down; but as the phoenix rose from its ashes, so we hope to have another hall, like another phoenix, rise upon the ashes of the old one. I call upon you, gentlemen, to rise and drink prosperity to the Watford Lodge of Freemasons, because in that must be centred and pervade everybody and everything which should have good attached to it. It is the adoration of the Most High, the volume of the Sacred Law unfolded, education spread wide, so that we should have no sectarian nonsense of any kind, and be able to preach that which we can perform. the law of lights and the prophets (cheers).

Bro. Stevenson (W.M.) said: Worshipful Past Master, brethren, and gentlemen, it is indeed a proud moment in which I rise to return my sincere thanks, both for myself and the lodge represented in me on this occasion. I am a very unworthy member of the Craft, but to you gentlemen who are not Masons I need not say that. But I have to return thanks for the very kind manner in which you have drunk prosperity to our new undertaking, the new hall we are about to inaugurate. Freemasonry is well known to ourselves, but to those who are not Freemasons I trust it will be known. It contains virtues which you are not perhaps aware of, but they are nothing but goodness. There is no trickery, nothing but what is good, in Masonry. I have myself reached the head of this lodge after a short apprenticeship, and I assure you it is, as I said before, the proudest moment of my life that I am in this position. I have known Watford all my life, though I am not a resident here, and therefore I can wish success to that institution, the Public Library, which has been so ably responded to by our brother on my right, Dr. Brett. I can wish prosperity with all my heart to any institution which can be of any service to Watford. I knew the town when I was five years old, and have therefore known it half a century, and, in consequence I can, with heartfelt sincerity say that I have an interest in Watford. I have, gentlemen, to thank you most sincerely for the honour you have done your brethren of the Watford Lodge by your presence here this day, and for the manner in which you have drunk to its prosperity.

Bro. J. Sedgwick said: Brethren and gentlemen, a very onerous duty has been cast upon me, but it is one of those duties which I feel to be a sincere pleasure; the only alloy in the purity of the metal is that I do not feel myself quite capable to do that justice to it which I feel it deserves; nevertheless, I have manned the yards, and am

going into the battle. Having seen the way in which our Chairman, whose health I am going to propose (loud cheers), has performed his duties in the ceremonies which we have gone through to-day, I say, as an old Mason of forty years standing, I have never seen the like—certainly he could not be superseded. Therefore, my strongest feelings were aroused with regard to the first ceremony, and also in my capacity as a Mason, identified in the prosperity of that building which we last laid the foundation-stone of. My Brother Brett has to-day, as Chairman of the Committee, mentioned and set forth the particulars concerning the Library in a manner I do not think I could have done. I recollect that a gentleman came here a few years ago to advocate a public library, and he told us a wonderful fact that there was only about one man in thirty or forty, who could make a door unless he had a model as large as the door itself, in fact that he could not work to a scale. It was a fact that impressed itself very much on my mind at the time, and I was further impressed by the statement that there was not a mechanic in France or Germany who could not do it, because in those countries schools were provided in which they taught it. This gave me an interest in the matter, and I feel extremely gratified in seeing the foundation-stone of the Public Library laid, and in having such a gentleman as the Chairman to lay it. As regards Masonry, I am old enough to recollect the laying of the foundation-stone of the old Freemason's Hall that was burnt down. About the third of a century after that we laid the foundation-stone of the hall in which you are now assembled. Subsequently the old hall was burnt down, and that circumstance, probably, has led to our being here together at this time, and I am quite sure that all those whom I represent, the Corn Exchange Company and the Freemasons, feel a debt of gratitude to the Chairman for having this day consented to perform a ceremony which those who are not Masons must admire, and those who are Masons must appreciate the manner of. I also feel, that in having the opportunity of witnessing that ceremony, we have been exceedingly fortunate, as the Watford Lodge, in having Brother Halsey to lay the stone. This is not his mother lodge, but his foster-mother; his first lodge he has left and has become a brother of ours. (Cheers.) Mr. Sedgwick concluded by proposing the health of the Chairman.

The Chairman (who was received with loud cheers) said: Brethren and gentlemen, on their own merits modest men are dumb, and, therefore, you will not expect many words from me in response to this toast. I was called upon by the undivided voice of the lodge to which I belong to lay the foundation-stone. In the ordinary course of things such a duty as this would devolve upon the Grand Master of the Province. Unfortunately, we have no Grand Master in this province; the brother who has so well and so worthily filled that position (hear, hear) for, I believe forty or fifty years, Bro. Stuart, of Aldenham Abbey, after sticking to his post to the last, has recently been compelled, I believe from failing health, to retire from that post, and no successor has been appointed. The brethren therefore met and chose me to lay the stone; why, I do not know, for I feel that some older and more experienced brother would have performed that duty in a much better and more efficient manner. The brethren, having called upon me, I had no alternative but to respond to the call, and I can only say that I have felt the greatest satisfaction to-day with the reception given me, and only hope that I have carried out the duties placed upon me, if not with satisfaction to you—for I think that it might have been done much better—yet so as not merit your disapprobation. (Cheers.)

Several other toasts were given and responded to, comprising, "The Architects;" "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who responded; "The Local Board of Health;" and "The Ladies," which latter toast brought to a conclusion what must be considered as a very happy as well as profitable meeting.

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PEARSON.—July 19, at Old Swan, near Liverpool, the wife of Bro. H. Pearson, P.M. 242, of a daughter.

## DEATH.

HORNBY.—July 8, at his residence, Rhine Villa, Seaford, near Liverpool, aged 47, Bro. H. Hornby.

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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

SUMMER FESTIVAL AT WOOD GREEN, DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES TO PUPILS, AND PRESENTATION OF TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. BINCKES, SECRETARY.

The annual distribution of prizes and summer fête, took place on Tuesday, 8th July, 1873, at the Institution, Wood Green.

In the absence of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, the chair was taken by W. Bro. Sheriff Perkins, P. Prov. S. W. Hants and Isle of Wight. The hall was crowded with visitors, on the platform being Bros. Rev. Dr. J. E. Cox, P.G. Chap.; George Plucknett, P.G.D., Treas.; John Symonds, P.G.A.D.C., Trustee; B. Head, P.G.D.; W. Paris, W. Rôsbuck, S. Rosenthal, Members of the House Committee; S. J. Furrian, Head Master. Amongst the company (some not until late in the day) were:—Bros. Col. N. Le Gendre Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. of East Lancashire; J. R. Stebbing, P.G.D.; H. Smith, P.G.S. of West Yorkshire; A. Shellard, P.P.G.D. of East Lancashire; R. W. Little, Sec. of Girls' School; J. Terry, Sec. of Benevolent Institution; Sutcliffe, P.P.G.W., Lincoln; W. Wiam, V. Patron; F. F. Hare, V.P.; J. Winter, P.M. 198 (W.M. of the Joiners' Company); B. Mickle, of New York; Ph. Kirke, P.M. 192; C. Lacey, W.M.; Charles Chard, P.M. 907; T. Cubitt, and J. Smith, P.M.s 157; F. Adlard, V.P., P.M. 7; J. Last, W.M. 145; G. Motion, P.M.; R. W. Motion P.M.; Henry Lewis, P.M. 907; E. M. Haigh, P.M. 29; Atherton, P.M. 55; Cottebrune, P.M. 957; H. Massey, P.M.; A. Draper, 5; J. Loweridge, W.M. 28; M. Ohren, P.M. 53; Rev. J. A. Brown Cave, P.M. 457; and others.

Bro. Frederick Binckes, the Secretary of the Institution, having introduced Bro. Sheriff Perkins, as President of the meeting, remarking that his friend Bro. Perkins had made leisure from his multifarious duties to give them the benefit of his presence on this occasion. They all knew and congratulated Bro. Perkins upon the distinguished position he had attained in the first city in the world—and the estimation in which he was held by his fellow-citizens—and it was a source of satisfaction to know also that he was an old Mason, one who had attained high honours in the Craft, his appreciation of those honours

being proved by his attendance here to-day. (Cheers).

Bro. Sheriff Perkins then presented the prizes to the boys, as follows:—

## Classical Department.

Upper Form, value 21s. each:—Classics, Hopwood; Mathematics, 1st, Warner; 2nd, Smith; Modern Languages, 1st, Bowles; 2nd, Barnes; English History and Geography, Maile; Parsing and Analysis, Hopwood.

First Class, value 5s. each:—Classics, Axon; Mathematics, Axon; Modern Languages, Axon; English, Beaumont.

Second Class, value 10s. 6d. each:—Classics, Hustler; Mathematics, Jones; Modern Languages, Parker and Green; English, Jones.

Third Class, value 10s. 6d. each:—Classics, Collinson; Arithmetic, Sawtell; French, 1st, Haskins; 2nd, Moxon; English, White.

Commercial Department. (value 7s. 6d. each).

Arithmetic, Bryant; History and Geography, Barrett; Writing, Nutman; English, Warr; General Proficiency, Baylis.

Good Conduct, 1st prize, silver medal, (presented at the Festival), W. L. Crampton.

Efficiency as Monitor (value 21s.), J. A. M. Barnes.

## Special Prizes (presented by private donors.)

Canenbury Gold Medal (£4 4s.), presented at the Festival, the gift of Bro. Edward Cox, Vice Patron, F. Cottman.

Oxford Local Examination, 1872, (£5 5s.) the gift of Bro. William Winn, V. Pat., C. J. Jones.

Drawing (value 10s. 6d. each), the gift of Mr. H. C. Sylvester, Drawing Master: Freehand, 1st, Atkinson; 2nd, Lane; Painting, Pitchforth; Shading, Williams; Architecture, Addison; Model, Beaumont.

Elocution (value 42s.) presented by Bro. Capt. Wordsworth, Lewis Smith.

For the best written letters, silver watches, (value £2 each) presented by the Franklin Lodge, Boston, Lincolnshire, No. 838, E. M. Harrison, and H. B. Atkinson.

Personal cleanliness (value 10s. 6d. each) presented by the Secretary, Lane and Gardner.

## Prizes presented by the House Committee.

First prizes, (value 21s. each):—Writing, Moxon; Dictation, Atkinson; History, Maile; Geography and Mapping, Barnes; General Attention to Studies, Shaw; Mental Arithmetic, Smith; Proficiency in Drill, Pitchforth.

Second prizes, (value 10s. 6d. each).—Writing, Atkinson; Dictation, Warner; History, Atkinson; Geography and Mapping, Atkinson; General Attention to Studies, Bryant; Mental Arithmetic, Maile; Drill, Addison.

In addition to the foregoing prizes for drawing, J. E. M. Barnes has received a prize from the Department of Science and Art, South Kensington.

The boys then sang the following songs:—"God Save the Prince of Wales," "Dawn of Day," "Spring, Spring," "Children's Cheers," "See the Chariot," &c.

The following recitations and dialogues were given:—English dialogue, "Julius Caesar," Act 4, Sc. 3, Hopwood and Atkinson; German recitation "Das Sirgesfast," Atkinson; Latin Eclogue, Warner and Bowles; French dialogue, "Cinna et Auguste," Hopwood and Warner; English recitation "Charge of Balaclava," Lewis Smith.

At the conclusion of the distribution, Bro. Perkins said: Ladies and gentlemen, you will permit me first to address myself to the pupils of this school, and more especially to those who, having been the most successful in their studies, have been the recipients of the magnificent prizes which I have just distributed. It is with infinite pleasure I have attended here for that pur-



pose, and that pleasure is considerably enhanced because I see around me the evidence of life and vitality. (Cheers.) I congratulate you on the success you have gained to-day, and I hope that success, and the prizes it has won, will be regarded as a substantial reward for the exertions you have used, and serve as a stimulus to others—not so fortunate to-day—to do all in their power to reach the top of the same ladder of proficiency. I look upon education as the grandest thing in life—nothing can equal it, nothing can approach it; secure it with all the opportunities you have, and you secure a boon of inestimable value—an advantage that will be priceless under all circumstances; to neglect it will be the greatest sorrow of your lives. (Applause.) I am glad to see that in this school there is something taught in addition to the three R's; you have mathematics, modern languages, and the classics. With regard to the latter, I know opinions differ; but my advice is, without giving too much time to their cultivation, don't, by any means, ignore them; and if—as I presume at times must be the case—you find a shining light amongst the boys, let provision be made for his ultimately entering himself at Oxford or Cambridge. (Loud cheers.) I am very glad to hear that the laws of the institution now permit the pupils to be retained until they arrive at the age of sixteen. The extension of a year is, in my opinion, most valuable, and in granting it, a proper and prudent course has been adopted. From fourteen to sixteen a boy begins himself to appreciate the value of education, and I shall look for considerable results from the change so wisely made. I am here to-day representing the Lord Mayor, whose absence I very much regret. That absence is occasioned by the discharge of a similar duty elsewhere—incumbent upon him. It was his intention to be here, and I wish he were in my place, because, you know, one Lord Mayor is worth two Sheriffs! The Lord Mayor is not a member of our Order, but he is as true a Mason at heart as I am, and we are very proud of him in the City. When I return there, I shall tell him what a treat he has lost, and what pleasure I have had in being here. I am proud of being a Mason, and that pride is increased at witnessing what I have seen to-day. You all ought to be proud of this Institution. My visit here—the first I have paid—has afforded me intense gratification. Every hall, every dormitory, every corridor, every room, gives evidence of health and cleanliness. The love of the brotherhood is marvellous, and even the ladies will acknowledge that there is something in Masonry when they see so many boys well clothed and cared for, healthy, and acquiring an education that will enable them to take their part in life as good and useful men. I see boys from my own town,—one the son of an esteemed friend whom I knew intimately when enjoying wealth, position, and influence. Evil days came—losses, death; and do you think I can be unmoved when I see the son of my departed friend receiving here paternal protection, and all the advantages which this noble institution affords to the children of the unfortunate members of our Order! I thank you, boys, ladies, and brethren for the opportunity given me of being here to distribute these prizes. I shall regard this as a red letter day in my existence,

the recollection of which I shall ever cherish—It will be one of my greatest delights to remember I was here on such an occasion. (Loud and continued applause.)

Bro. Head, V.P., rose and said: Ladies and gentlemen: I am about to make a proposition which you will receive with great pleasure. We have seen to-day the great kindness and great ability that have been shown by the Sheriff of London. We are proud to have him here; we find him a true brother. (Cheers.) I ask you now to pass a vote of thanks to Bro. Perkins for his kindness in coming here, and for the very handsome way in which he has conducted this meeting. (Cheers.)

Bro. Rosenthal, V.P., seconded the proposition, which was put and carried by acclamation.

Bro. Sheriff Perkins, in responding, said: Ladies and gentlemen, and boys of this home; I thank you for your kindness. All I can say is, as a Mason, I am delighted to be able to do something towards the promotion of its welfare. (Cheers.)

The boys then gave three cheers for Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. They then sung the National Anthem, which brought the meeting to a close.

The ladies and gentlemen adjourned to the gymnasium, where a cold collation was served, which gave great satisfaction.

On the withdrawal of the cloth, Bro. Sheriff Perkins proposed the following toasts.—“The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen;” “His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G.,” “The Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family.”

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, said: Ladies and gentlemen, though we regret the absence of the Lord Mayor, Bro. Perkins, I am happy to say is present. He loves to take part in every good cause, and is the right man in the right place. (Cheers.) I have not known a brother who has done such credit to himself as our brother has to-day; we are proud to have him here. (Cheers.) I have the greatest pleasure in proposing a toast to the health of the Chairman.

Bro. Sheriff Perkins in responding said: I thank you all for the kind manner in which you have received me. It has been a great pleasure to me to come among you; I am gratified beyond expression at being able to do something for such a noble Institution as this. How comforting it is to think that such a home is established and thrown open for the relief of the sons of the distressed members of our Order. See what Masonry has done to relieve the poor, the widow, and the orphan! (Cheers.) I speak with thankfulness that I am a Mason. I should think every lady would be anxious that her husband should be a Mason. Masonry will have a tendency to elevate his thoughts, it will make him a better man, therefore, ladies and brethren, permit me to thank you for allowing me to be present, and to preside here. I shall take back with me such recollections that I shall never forget. (Cheers.)

Bro. Sheriff Perkins then proposed “Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.” He said: I have endeavoured to picture to you this grand school, governed by a Master and Matron, and whose heart and soul are in the work,

whose delight is to see such an Institution as this flourish. If Masonry is extending, and fortune is uncertain, men who are rich to-day may be poor to-morrow, and thus forced to seek for the assistance of this school, in which if, the intentions of its managers are carried out, will ere long be received a large increase in the number of boys we see to-day. We know not what a day will bring forth. Therefore all who have money in their pockets, who have love for their brotherhood, ought to help this good cause. I am glad to learn that the Institution is free from debt. You have a beautiful building, situated in a lovely part of the country. See what Masonry can do for the benefit of humanity. I challenge the world to find any other society that has done so much as Masonry has. (Cheers.) Nothing can touch us for our generosity to our poorer brethren, and we have to reason to close our eyes to the fact. We trust that the boys in this Institution will rise to be great men of the future. (Cheers.) I couple with this the toast “Health of our good Bro. Binckes.” (Cheers.) I look upon him as one who mainly brought this Institution into existence. He never fails, always looking forward; progress is his motto. (Cheers.) Masonry cannot afford to lose sight of such a man who has done so much. (Cheers.)

Bro. Plucknett begged permission to interpose for a few moments between the toast just given and the response. There was no one occupying a similar position for whom he had a greater regard than for Bro. Binckes. He had witnessed with much pleasure and more delight his unwearied exertions on behalf of this noble Institution, and it was with feelings of unalloyed gratification that he had taken the active part he had in the organisation from which had resulted the testimonial to be presented to Bro. Binckes that day. He considered Bro. Binckes worthy of all the honour they could do him, and there was no interference with, or derogation from, the honour they wished to do him, in deciding that the testimonial should take the substantial and practical form in which it would be presented. He would hand to the Chairman a silver salver, with a purse, representing the amount contributed by many of those who had watched Bro. Binckes' labours with interest and anxiety, and ask him, in the name and on behalf of the committee, to hand them to Bro. Binckes, accompanied with their sterling and hearty good wishes for health, happiness, and prosperity through many long years. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Sheriff Perkins said:—Ladies and Gentlemen, I have known Bro. Binckes for many years but little thought that the honour of presenting him with this silver salver, accompanied by a thousand guineas would be conferred on me. (Cheers.) This testimonial has been obtained through the kind efforts of friends, privately, unknown to the world. Bro. Binckes, and the boys of the Masonic School is a proverb in the country; they live together, they look on him as a father. His heart and soul are in the Institution, we are very proud of him, I sincerely hope, through the kind blessings of Providence, he may be spared to give this institution the benefit of his good judgement and advice. Bro. Binckes, as a token of your friends' es-

teem, I hand you this silver salver with a purse of one thousand guineas, and in the name of the subscribers I wish you God speed. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Binckes rose amidst loud cheers and said, Bro. Sheriff Perkins, Bro. Plucknett, Ladies and Gentlemen, Brethren and Pupils of this Institution. In rising on the present occasion I really feel inadequate to find words to express my gratitude for the handsome testimonial now presented to me, and for the too flattering and complimentary addresses by which that presentation has been accompanied, embodying as they do your appreciation of my Masonic work. Many of us are tempted to describe this or that event as the most important of our lives, but certainly I think I may well be pardoned if I describe this occurrence as at once the happiest and the most trying in my existence, While desirous of not trespassing unduly upon your patience, I trust I may be pardoned on so exceptional an occasion, in asking you to take a retrospect of the fortunes of this Institution, so that you may compare—or rather contrast—what it was with what it is. Founded in 1798, it is true it maintained a name, and was productive of much good; but down to 1855 it had no local habitation. In that year we purchased this freehold property, and within the mansion then standing we received 25 of the 70 boys then on the Institution. This showed a wonderful change since 1850, in which year, a committee specially appointed to consider the question, reported their recommendation “that a building or establishment for the boys should not be entertained.” From the date mentioned (1855) the Institution has grown. In 1861 I had the honour of being elected its Secretary. In 1865 the present building was opened. To-day you see what it is—admirably fitted and provided for the accommodation of the 136 boys within its walls, to be increased in August by the admission of 12 additional; and I am delighted to be able to inform you that 28 more boys will be admitted during the next year, the construction of new dormitories having been ordered at an outlay of, say, £1,800. These are substantial results of labour, and I do not hesitate to say I feel proud in knowing that during the 12 years I have filled my present position, £90,000 have been received for the purposes of this Institution. (Loud cheers.) This proves that something has been done. A great work had to be accomplished, and it had to be done in a short time. For myself, I have worked from the first in faith; I shall continue to work in faith—that is, in firm reliance on our widely extended Craft for support. In all that has been done, however, let me at once say, that I claim no other merit than that of having been the means of inducing a large number of friends to come to our assistance. I look round this room and see with pride and gratification the familiar faces of many—some from long distances—who have ever been for most with their purses and advice. Amongst them I am pleased to notice my friend Bro. John Symonds, with whom, in earlier days, I was often associated in the work of Masonic Charity in this and other spheres. To these, and other good friends, I throw back all the honour for their generosity, who have never been weary in well doing. On the policy involved

in all this I am well aware that differences of opinion have existed, and still exist; I am, however, unshaken in my belief that our policy has been, and is, the true and proper policy. Masonry cannot, must not, and shall not, if I can in any way help it, be behind in ministering to the legitimate wants and needs of the increasing number of its members who are rudely turned from affluence to poverty. Equally aware am I, with reference to the kind testimony of appreciation of my poor services, that opinions widely differ, and that in some quarters it is regarded as altogether undeserved. To them who thus feel I would simply say “the less I deserve the more merit in your bounty,” while to those who have so plainly expressed their favourable opinion I can only say how deeply I value this handsome and substantial mark of approval, as I feel that “I shall little grace my cause in speaking for myself.” To Bros. Winn, Plucknett, and Edward Cox, I must beg them publicly to be allowed to express my sense of obligation which is deeper than any words I can now find will allow me to give utterance to. The recollections of this day will for ever be vividly cherished by me,—the events of the day must linger in a grateful memory—and I can only assure you that the manifestation of favour extended to day, will stimulate me with a desire. I only hope I may have the strength, to work with greater vigour in the future. Again and again, I thank you one and all.

The boys then gave three cheers for Bro. Binckes.

“The Health of the Ladies” was then proposed by Bro. Head, and responded to in a very able manner, by Bro. Loveridge.

This brought the afternoon's proceedings to a close, after which the company proceeded to the lawn, when dancing, croquet, bowling, and other amusements were indulged in. Great praise is due to the Assistant Masters, who rendered valuable aid throughout the day.

At 8 p.m., the dining hall was opened as a ball room and presented a most brilliant appearance. Dancing was kept up to the strains of the 33rd Middlesex Volunteers, under the leadership of Mr. George Ison.

The entertainment passed off with the greatest satisfaction to all present.

During the afternoon Bro. Haigh succeeded in producing several excellent photographs of the School, various groups of visitors, and boys to whom prizes had been given. These will tend not only to establish him in the first rank as an artist in his profession, but they will also be cherished as interesting souvenirs of the memorable day.

“ON GUARD!”—In these days of cheap and rapid travelling epidemics are conveyed from country to country, with marvellous celerity. With cholera east and west, prudence forbids impurity, irregularity and dependency. Each of these provocatives of this dire disease, may be overcome without danger, by Holloway's remedies, provided they be resorted to without delay, the moment listlessness, looseness, feverishness, or pain discovers disordered action. The directions will enable the least cultivated to treat successfully and subdue completely these warning symptoms of cholera. When confidence in Holloway's preparations is once established, each believer in their virtues will humanely recommend them to his acquaintances, that none may foolishly harbour hostile reinforcements within his own person.—ADVT.

## MASONIC HISTORIANS. No. V.

By BRO. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

BRO. DAVID MURRAY LYON.

In reviewing a work of the magnitude and importance of Bro. Lyon's “History of the Lodge of Edinburgh from A.D. 1599,” we are aware that our attempt will only be considered as preliminary to a more careful examination and exhaustive review, to be undertaken and completed by several brethren well versed in such studies, and familiar with our old records. Our friend D. Murray Lyon has, long since, become well known to all Masonic students, wherever located, for his diligence and faithfulness in bringing to light minutes of great value previously unnoticed; and especially has his “History of Mother Kilwinning Lodge” caused his name to be respected throughout the Masonic world. All past efforts, however, necessarily pales before his present enterprise, which is not only his *magnum opus*, but, as a historical account of the rise and progress of Freemasonry in Scotland, is the most valuable contribution to our Masonic literature that has been made during this or former centuries. Based as it is upon the oldest lodge records in existence (hitherto unpublished), and profusely illustrated with engravings, embracing, not only portraits of distinguished Craftsmen, but facsimiles of charters, statutes, marks, commissions, seals, and “old charges,” dating from the sixteenth century, such a history of the Society of the Free and Accepted Masons cannot fail to take its place as a standard work, without which no Masonic library can be complete.

In his desire to present a history to the fraternity, worthy of the ancient lodge he chiefly describes, Bro. Lyon has been ably seconded by the publishers, Messrs. Blackwood and Sons, Edinburgh, who may justly be proud of their part in the publication, for the typographical excellence of the work cannot fail to be noticed and appreciated by all admirers of beautifully printed books; and we are certain that the members of the Lodge of Edinburgh generally, and our excellent Bro. William Officer in particular, will warmly express their approval of the splendid volume issued by that great firm.

Bro. Lyon, in commencing his history, informs us that the Scots, Masonically, are less ambitious than the English; for, while their southern neighbours claim that the Fraternity was organised at York, A.D. 926, “Scottish Freemasons are content to trace their descent from the builders of the abbeys of Holyrood, Kelso, Melrose, and Kilwinning, the cathedral of Glasgow, and other ecclesiastical fabrics of the 12th and 13th centuries.” As a matter of fact, however, the ambition of our past historians has led them far beyond the tenth century, for nothing short of Adam as the first Grand Master appears to have limited their extensive ideas respecting the antiquity of Freemasonry.

In alluding to the appointment of King James I. as Grand Master, and other similar apocryphal assertions, Bro. Lyon tells us there are no such records. “Those of Mary's chapel, the oldest extant, contain nothing upon which such a statement could be founded, except the evidence they give of the existence in the end of the sixteenth century of the office of Principall Warden and Chief Maister of Maissonis, for the purpose of regulating the affairs of Lodges . . . and the presumption is that the Grand Master-Mason of James I. is a purely fabulous personage.” In that belief we think all intelligent readers will concur; and they, with us, must regret that such absurd notions were ever received as authentic by a too credulous brotherhood.

Laurie is proved to be (what we have often before noticed) an inaccurate historian, and, with respect to early Freemasonry in Scotland, absolutely untrustworthy. It is refreshing to turn from his crude history to a work like Lyon's, for in the latter one feels he is treading on solid ground, and supported on every hand by unquestionable evidence.

Bro. Lyon will not allow Patrick Copland's election as Warden and Justice within the counties of Aberdeen, Banff, and Kincardine, and subsequent ratification by the King (James

VI.) to be an "evidence of the antiquity of speculative Masonry, of the early admission into lodges of persons unconnected with the building fraternity, or of the sovereign's interference with Craftsmen in their choice of office bearers, either in lodges or incorporations." We cannot quite follow our brother in this belief. Certainly the appointment of Copland does not prove him to have been a Master Mason; but we must not forget that the grant, dated 25th September, 1590, provides for the gentleman exercising the office of Warden, "also frieli in all respectis as any uther Wardane of the said Crafte within this realme dois or may do." Hence it appears to us a most likely occurrence for Sir Patrick Copland to have been an accepted as well as speculative Mason, seeing also that "old charges" prior to that period allude to similar initiations.

In chapter 2nd we are informed as to the number and character of the volumes of records of the Lodge of Edinburgh.

1 vol., thin folio, 72 leaves. 1598 to 1686. (The "Vardene booke.")

2 vol., folio, bound in vellum. 1687 to 1761. (Has valuable list of members.)

3 vol., 1761 to 1781 } List of members from  
4 vol., 1781 to 1814 } 1781 commenced in vol.  
3, and continued in next  
vol. to 1814.

5 vol., 1814 to 1844 } A hiatus in the years  
6 vol., 1844 to 1869 } 1816-18, 1832-33, and  
1834-35 is explained sub-  
sequently.

7 vol. contains the subsequent transactions.

The preservation of these books is certainly creditable to the brethren of the lodge, and must be a source of commendable pride to the present members, especially when so many other old lodges have lost all their valuable records, or, like the Grand Lodge of Scotland, are minus several years of minutes. The Lodge of Edinburgh Records are unequalled in importance and antiquity, hence their perusal by all anxious to be informed of the customs of our ancient brethren is most desirable. Without particularising the several chapters, we may state that the "Schaw Statutes of 1598" are carefully considered in a series of most able and extensive researches and their application not only to the Lodge of Edinburgh, but to all the other old lodges is noted, and compared with the records. The chapter respecting the "trial of skill in his Craft," the production of an "essay-piece," and the tutors for the apprentices is full of interest, as also those which have special reference to the office of Master Mason and its privileges.

Bro. Lyon is of the opinion that "the absence from the Kilwinning and Mary's Chapel archives of any certification of a Craftman's ability to serve the lieges in the station of a Master Mason, strengthens the supposition that lodges did not, in the seventeenth century, possess the power of raising Fellow Crafts to the position of Masters in Operative Masonry."

We quite concur in this opinion, and wonder the subject has not received attention before. So far as our memory serves us, we believe it is the first time such a custom has been alluded to, but now that Bro. Lyon has, in his clear style, exhibited the proof that the prescription of a Master Mason's essay really lay with the incorporation, we can see plenty of confirmatory evidence therefor, when the lodges were in connection with incorporations.

We believe however that in the instance of the Aberdeen Lodge the "Essays" when presented by vote of the members attending at the ordinary meetings, and we know for a fact such was the custom during the last century in that old lodge, which possesses records from 1670. We are also informed in this chapter that "applications from parties desirous of being admitted to the privileges of Master Masons within the burghs of Edinburgh and Leith required to be accompanied by evidence of their having been passed as Fellow Crafts by the Lodge of Edinburgh."

This and similar regulations during the sixteenth century, at once explains why the monopoly of the Mason-trade in Edinburgh was in the hands of this ancient lodge.

That Masonic initiation was formerly of a very simple character is evidenced by the fact

"that a century after the promulgation of the Schaw Statutes the Mason word was wont occasionally to be imparted by individual brethren in a ceremony extemporised according to the ability of the initiator. The word is the only secret that is ever alluded to in the minutes of Mary's Chapel, or in those of Kilwinning, Atchesan-Haven, or Dunblane, or any other that we have examined, of a date prior to the erection of the Grand Lodge."

This curious circumstance, mentioned by Bro. Lyon, would appear to be peculiar to Scotland, for we have several allusions to "Signs" prior to the institution of the Grand Lodge of England A.D. 1717, and therefore, simple as the ceremony of initiation may have been in North Britain, evidently in England something more than the "Mason's Word" was communicated to entrants.

A little farther on in the fourth chapter however, we find that the "Secrets of the Mason Word" is referred to in the minute-book of the Lodge of Dunblane, and we also remember that in a series of valuable articles in the *Freemason's Magazine*, the Prov. Grand Secretary of Selkirkshire stated that the word was accompanied with a grip at Haughfoot Lodge in 1707. A still more important statement is made by Bro. Lyon, viz.:—"Secret modes of recognition among other than Masonic Craftsmen are traceable through several generations. The 'Squaremen Word' was given in conclaves of journeymen and apprentice\* wrights, slaters, &c., in a ceremony in which the aspirant was blindfolded and otherwise 'prepared,' he was sworn to secrecy, had word, grip, and sign communicated to him, and was afterwards invested with a leather apron . . . The entrance to the apartment was guarded, and all who passed had to give the grip . . . Like the Masons, the Squaremen admitted non-operatives. Squaremen were represented in the St. Clair Charter of 1628."

We should feel much indebted to our excellent brother, if he would favour us through the columns of *The Freemason* with the date, and a transcript of the "Squaremen Records" in which the foregoing particulars occur.

We have often seen it stated that the Freemasons alone had signs, grips and words, before the last century, and hence the fact of the "Wrights and Slaters" being the conservators of "word, grip, and sign" in their secret meetings would certainly prove the distinction claimed for the Mason Craft to be an erroneous one.

Respecting the question of Masonic degrees, Bro. D. Murray Lyon is particularly clear and emphatic in asserting that "in primitive times there were no secrets communicated by lodges to either Fellows of Craft or Masters that were not known to apprentices." About the middle of the seventeenth century apprentices actually filled the offices of the Deacon and Warden in the Lodge of Kilwinning, and in 1693 that old lodge recognised "passing" simply as an "honour and dignity."

We thoroughly believe the foregoing, and also support the following happy illustration of the fact. "If the communication by Mason lodges of secret words or signs constituted a degree—a term of modern application to the esoteric observances of the Masonic body—then there was, under the purely operative regime only one known to Scotch lodges,—viz. that in which, under an oath, apprentices obtained a knowledge of the Mason word and all that was implied in the expression, and that this was the germ whence has sprung Symbolical Masonry, is rendered more than probable by the traces which have been left upon the more ancient four lodge records (especially those of Mary's Chapel) of the gradual introduction, during the seventeenth and the first quarter of the eighteenth century, of that element in lodge membership which at first modified, and afterwards annihilated the original constitution of these ancient courts of operative Masonry."

The earliest minute of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) records its deliverance on a breach of the statute against the employment of a "cowane."

Evidently the term meant then, as it did in

later years, an "uninitiated craftsmen," or a mason "without the word" and not as some have fancied merely "eavesdroppers, or listeners outside the lodge."

We should like to glance at the various resolutions passed by the Lodge of Edinburgh in early days, respecting operative Masons and Masonry, but we must forbear, especially as the curious regulations and minutes are so numerous and valuable that one would be embarrassed in making a selection. Their value, however, to archaeological Freemasons cannot well be overestimated.

The Lodge of Edinburgh (we are told) seems, for 120 years from the revivification of the Scotch Lodges in Schaw's time, to have existed chiefly as an auxiliary to the Masonic section of the Incorporation of Mary's Chapel."

It appears to have been the custom in the early experience of the Lodge of Edinburgh, (and so of all the Scottish Lodges) to "initiate notaries with a view to their acting as lodge Clerks." It is well to note that the Clerk of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Bro. Robert Alison, Writer), initiated and elected on St. John's day 1709 was also elected Clerk to the Grand Lodge of Scotland on its institution in 1736, without however resigning his former office, for his connection with that lodge terminated only with his decease in 1752.

Though we agree with Bro. Lyon that "Mr. Allison held the office during what may be called the transition period of the lodge's history, and by the guarded style in which he recorded its transactions has contributed to veil in a hitherto impenetrable secrecy details of the most important epoch in the history of Scottish Freemasonry," yet we think no intelligent brother could read the records presented in the history of the Lodge of Edinburgh from the sixteenth century to the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland 1736 without being struck with the gradual progress of the speculative element, and that the alterations or additions known as the "Revival period" were more of the character of slow transitions from the operative to the speculative experience of Freemasonry, rather than a violent and radical change, or an entirely new creation. In reality the Freemasonry after 1736 in Scotland was virtually a continuation of that which previously existed as respects the esoteric customs, and a combination of the old "signs, words, and grips" with others of a more elaborate style, according to the evidence of these ancient minutes. We think our co-labourers Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford and D. Murray Lyon, will support us in this view.

The admission of Elias Ashmole in 1646 is shown not to be the first instance of the initiation of a non-operative, for John Boswell, Esq., the Laird of Auchinlech, was present at one of the lodge meetings of Mary's Chapel as early as A.D. 1600.

In chapter viii. are given the celebrate St. Clair Charters of 1600 and 1628 (circa) and their history is sketched by a masterly hand, indeed we know not where else such interesting particulars are obtainable, their elucidation and collation being one of Bro. Lyon's most important works.

The next chapter, on craftsmen's marks, deserves a most careful perusal.

In chapter xi. there is much that requires consideration, especially the excerpts of minutes from 1634, for "they afford authentic instances of Speculative Masons having been admitted to the fellowship of the Lodge of Edinburgh 12 years prior to the reception of Colonel Mainwaring and Elias Ashmole in the Lodge of Warrington, and 38 years before the date at which the presence of gentlemen Masons is first described in the Lodge of Kilwinning by the election of Lord Cassilles to the Deaconship." Surely this statement sufficiently demonstrates the value of the Records of the Lodge of Edinburgh, and how pleased we should be that they are at last published.]

(To be continued.)

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## Original Correspondence.

## THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE AND THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

As a loyal member of both bodies I cannot but express my great regret at the tone of Sir Patrick Colquhoun's letter, published recently in your columns. I have the very highest regard for the English Chancellor of the Order of the Temple, and a full appreciation of his great abilities; I believe, as I have before stated in another place, that the Order is greatly indebted to him for its present unexampled pitch of prosperity; and yet, nevertheless, I am constrained to say that I believe most of the members of our chivalric Order will share with me in expressing our profound regret that Sir Patrick should have penned the letter to our American brother, which appeared in your leader of the 14th June. At the same time, I deprecate the caustic remarks you make on the said letter, inasmuch as I fully believe it was never intended to be published.

Sir Patrick, like myself, is a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite; and I had the honour of receiving the 31° at the hands of our venerable and esteemed Illustrious Bro. Vigne, the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander 33° Ancient and Accepted Rite, on the same day with the Chancellor.

He, however, was afterwards distinguished by being elected to the 32°, and I rejoiced, with many others, doubtless, in the selection, made with their usual wisdom, by the members of the Supreme Council.

I therefore was quite unprepared to see an attack made by him upon the Supreme Council, which is in my opinion a perfectly legitimate body, and bound to us as Templars, together with the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters under the tripartite treaty. It is just possible that some of the leaders of the Ancient and Accepted Rite may have been secretly antagonistic, if not openly hostile, to the late changes in the government and constitution of the Order of the Temple and so brought down upon themselves the righteous indignation of the English Chancellor of the Order.

I do not say that this is so, as I do not profess to be behind the scenes, but I do say that it would be better if all the high degrees and Chivalric Orders could work harmoniously together. A policy of conciliation and mutual forbearance is the true policy, I am sure, and at all events it has the merit of being thoroughly Masonic; and should therefore recommend itself to all those who, like myself, are enthusiastic Freemasons (whether of high or low degree), who thoroughly believe in the "Hautes Grades," and yet confess themselves as good Craft Masons.

I do not like to impute motives, however, and I am sure that Sir Patrick Colquhoun has been singlehearted and unselfish in promoting the interests of the Order of the Temple. I know that when the Convent General was formed he refused a very high office, and declined to be made a Knight Grand Cross, so that men could not say he had worked for his own ends.

The Supreme Council, in my humble opinion, took a very wise step in forming themselves into a company, and I like your correspondent "J.E.C.," object to the idea that there is necessarily any trading in degrees, as suggested by Sir Patrick.

The formation of the Company no doubt established the legality of the A. and A. Rite, which might possibly have been objected to before, as of foreign origin, resting its claims upon a Charter from the Supreme Council of the S. J. United States; but whilst giving every credit to "J.E.C." for his able letter, I must protest against his attempt to prove the United Orders an illegal organization.

The fact is a great deal of nonsense has been talked of late about the Templars, and many brethren who know no more about the Order than I do of Chinese, have kindly constituted themselves censors and critics where they should have been content to observe the motto of the Craft "Audi, Vide, Tace."

Bro. Hodges, for example, in your issue of May 24, knows so little of the high degrees that he speaks of Bro. Yarker as a member of the 33°,

whereas that erratic gentleman is an ostracised member of the 18°, and no more entitled to the affix 33° than I am. It is a pity brethren should rush into print only to betray their ignorance. As I have said before, the Order of Constantine occupied yesterday the position the Order of the Temple does to-day, so far as change of title is concerned, and it is simply nonsense to say that the mere abolition of the title "Masonic" makes us an illegal body. Some errors occurred in my letter of the 31st May, but I dare say your readers would follow my meaning. I there reminded them that our learned and distinguished Bro. Hughan once utterly repudiated Bro. Yarker's assertions that there were documents in existence showing that the Grand Lodge of all England at York recognised the Knight Templar degree prior to 1780, but Bro. H. has since admitted that he was wrong, and I merely mention this to show that the best of us are mistaken sometimes, and the dictum of such good Masonic students as Bro. Hughan cannot always be accepted as conclusive. In *The Freemason* of June 7, Bro. Woodworth asks me to prove my statement that Masonry is still the vital essence of the United Orders. He says that under the old working the connecting link was "extremely slight." He signs himself P.K., (whatever that may mean), and, no doubt, is well instructed in Craft Masonry; but he certainly knows very little of Templar history or the Templar degree, or he would not have made that statement.

As to the new Ritual, I can only say that, as one of the Ritual Commissioners, I believe I am betraying no confidence when I state that the aim of the Commissioners will be to abide by the ancient landmarks as much as possible, and to return to the old chivalric *secreta receptin*, giving up only what is manifestly modern and incongruous. As to the "grand old Order" (by the way, Craft Masonry was never called an order, but a society) and its religious toleration, surely Bro. Woodworth knows that its toleration dates from 1717, and that in the old days Masons were Roman Catholics, and consequently Trinitarians. The history of the Templars and the high degrees generally has yet to be written. I published, last year, a poem which indicated that the Templar degree was known in England about 1720.

The late Dr. Leeson, had documents in his possession, I believe which proved the existence of the Kadosh degree at that date. Preston says that the Duke of Cumberland was made a Mason in 1768, whereas I have seen documents in the possession of my learned Bro. W. H. Bowden, of Bristol showing that the Duke was at the head of certain high degrees in 1763. So much for Masonic history. The Baldwin Encampment or Preceptory of Bristol is in possession of certain degrees more or less intimately connected with those given by the Ancient and Accepted Rite—Knights Rose-Croix, Knights of the Ninth Arch, Kilwinning, &c., but which the Templars of Bristol got from the Grand Orient of France, so late only as 1836, nine or ten years prior to the establishment of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in this country—and no doubt other encampments formerly had possession of some of these degrees. This being so I do think that now the Ancient and Accepted Rite is firmly established in this country, and under a legal basis, it would be well if the Templars would restrict themselves entirely to the Templar and Knight of Malta degrees, and leave the others to the more legitimate authority of the Supreme Council.

I hope the day may be far distant however when to be thoroughly loyal to the Order of the Temple one must be necessarily antagonistic to the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

EMMA HOLMES, 31

P.G. Provost, Member of Council, Great Priory of England.

## CHARITY JEWEL.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, has reminded me that, in June, 1869, the Board of General Purposes recommended to the M.W. the Grand Master that the privilege of wearing the Charity

Jewel be granted to any brother serving any two of the three charities, and that the recommendation was approved and has been acted upon since that date; and, as Bro. Terry is of opinion that my previous statement—that the Charity Jewel was only presented to those brethren who had served the Stewardship of the Boys' and Girls' Institutions—may do his Institution harm, I have very great pleasure, if you will allow me, in correcting my former statement, and thus making it known that any brother on serving the Stewardship of any two of these charities, has the privilege of wearing the Charity Jewel, with, of course, a clasp for the third and for any further Stewardship.

I am, yours fraternally,

MAGNUS OHREN, P.M.

## ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

To the Editor of *The Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

On the 14th June you published a letter from Bro. Morton Edwards, P.G.C. Royal Ark Mariners, stating that the affairs of that degree were to be in future superintended by a council, under the authority of the Mark Grand Lodge. Can you now inform me who the members of that Ark Council are, and what status they are to have under the Grand Mark Lodge?

Is it now competent for the officers of the defunct Ark Grand Lodge, to wear the badges of their Past Offices in Grand Mark Lodge or not, and are the members of the Ark Council to have any distinctive badge?

Yours fraternally,

A PAST OFFICER OF THE LATE  
GRAND ARK LODGE.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—On Saturday last the prizes awarded to the successful competitors in the musical contests which have been taking place in the Crystal Palace during the early part of the week were distributed. The attendance was very numerous for a half-crown day, and amongst those present on the platform were several musicians of celebrity. Mr. T. Hughes, M.P., who presided, said that was the second year on which the prizes of the company were distributed to the successful competitors in music and song. On the last occasion His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh kindly undertook to distribute the prizes but he was just now looking out for a prize for himself—(laughter)—and therefore more agreeably engaged than if he presided over the second distribution of musical prizes in the Crystal Palace. He was sure they would all rejoice in the circumstance that the Welsh choir again carried off the chief prize, and no one would grudge that honour to the smallest principality in the kingdom. The men of Liverpool had also proved themselves worthy on this occasion, and the flags and banners around showed that they need not be ashamed of the musical talents of the population of the metropolis. He believed these contests were calculated to do much good, and hoped that the result of each year that passed by would be still more satisfactory.

The Bishop of London and the Romish Archbishop of Westminster are said to have met at the Guildhall entertainment, and were seen conversing for some time. Bishop Jackson remarked to Dr. Manning:—"According to the rules of our respective Churches, neither your Grace nor I ought to be here to-night." "I have dispensed myself, and all my Catholic colleagues," was the Archbishop's prompt reply. "If not too late, I will at once follow your Grace's example," retorted the Bishop of London. And then they both enjoyed a hearty laugh.

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### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 25, 1873.

The Editor will be glad to have notice from Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters of any change in place or time of meeting.

Saturday, July 19.

Audit Committee, Boys' School.  
Lodge 1185, Lewis, Nightingale Tavern, Wood Green.  
" 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton.  
" 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.  
Lily Lodge of Instruction (820), Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, at 7.  
Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby New Cross-road, at 7; Bro. C. S. Dilley, Preceptor.

Monday, July 21.

Lodge 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall.  
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction (45), Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8; Bro. Beckett, Preceptor.  
Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.  
Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30; Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.  
British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile-end, at 7 for 8.  
St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction (180), Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street (opposite the Pantheon), Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. J. R. Stacey, Preceptor.  
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8; Bro. C. G. Dilley, P.M. 1155, Preceptor.  
St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction (1306), Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, at 8; Bro. T. Mortlock, Preceptor.  
West Kent Lodge of Improvement (1297), St. Saviour's College, Stansted-road, Forest-hill, at 7.30; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.  
High Cross Lodge of Instruction, Coach and Horses Tavern, Lower Tottenham.

Tuesday, July 22.

Annual Benevolent Fund Festival of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Banqueting Hall, Alexandra Park, Wood Green. (See Advertisement.)  
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.  
Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 8; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.  
Faith Lodge of Instruction, Refreshment Rooms, Victoria-st. (opposite Westminster Palace Hotel), at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.  
Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753), Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.  
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30; Bro. J. Saunders, Preceptor.  
Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, Gladstone Tavern, Bishopsgate-st. Within, at 7.30; Bro. Bolton (W.M. 1227), Preceptor.  
St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction (1305), British Stores Tavern, New-street, St. John's wood, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (55), Wheatsheaf Hotel, Hand-court, Holborn, at 7; Bro. J. R. Stacey, (P.M. 180), Preceptor.

Wednesday, July 23.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6. precisely.  
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington-park.  
" 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's Wood.  
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham.  
Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange Greenwich, at 8; Bro. J. Robt. Nash, Preceptor.  
United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), the Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, Kentish-town, at 8, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.  
Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30;  
New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8  
Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Railway Tav., London-street, City, at 7.30.  
Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Horse and Groom Tavern, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham, at 8; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.  
Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction, George the Fourth, Catherine-street, Poplar.  
Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, Thicket Hotel, Anerley, at 7.30 p.m.; Bro. H. W. Lindus, Preceptor.

Thursday, July 24.

Lodge 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford.  
Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.  
Panmure Lodge of Instruction (720), Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30; Bro. John Thomas, Preceptor.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, Bath-street, City-road; Bro. Steam, Preceptor.  
United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.  
Whittington Lodge of Instruction (862), Crown Tavern, Holborn, at 8; Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188, Preceptor.

Doric Chapter of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Comp. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.  
Ebury Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Palmer's, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.

Union Club of Instruction Windsor Castle, Victoria Station, at 8 p.m. H. Ash, P.M. Instructor.

Highbate Lodge of Instruction (No. 1366), Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor, at 8.

Friday, July 25.

Lodge 569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Co., City-road.

" 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garfer, Kew Bridge. Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship Hotel, Leadenhall-street.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, Union Tavern Air-st. Regent-st., at 8; Bro. W. Watson P.M.

Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

Burdett Counts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 8; Bro. Geo. W. Verry, Preceptor.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30; Bro. John Saunders, Preceptor.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (1298), the Castle Tavern, Holloway, at 8; Bro. W. F. Rogers, Preceptor.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction (No. 79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich-road, at 8; Comp. W. West Smith, Preceptor.

Westbourne Lodge of Instruction (753), Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 8.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 7; Bro. J. Thomas, P.M. Preceptor.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Bro. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.

St. James's Lodge of Instruction, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, at 8; Bro. Howes, P.M., Preceptor.

Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Hotel, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Bro. Pulsford, Preceptor.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W., at 8.

St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Two Brewers, 33, Brompton-road, S.W.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Bald-faced Stag Hotel, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.

### MASONIC MEETINGS IN LIVERPOOL, &c.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 26, 1873.

Monday, July 21.

Lodge 721, Independence, Barr's Hotel, Chester, at 6.  
Everton Lodge of Instruction (823), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Tuesday, July 22.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, 2a, Windermere-street, Breck-road, Liverpool, at 4.  
Chap. 1094, Temple, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
Merchants' Lodge of Instruction (241), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
Downshire Lodge of Instruction (No. 594), 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 7.

Wednesday, July 23.

Lodge 220, Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, at 4.30.  
" 724, Derby, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
Neptune Lodge of Instruction (No. 1264), Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 7.  
De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction (1356), 140, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.30.

Thursday, July 24.

Lodge 594, Downshire, 90, Duke-street, Liverpool, at 11.  
" 1325, Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.  
Chap. 202, Liverpool, Masonic Temple, Liverpool, at 6.  
" 1086, Walton, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, at 6.  
Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction (1182), 154, Park-lane, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, at 7.

### MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW.

For the week ending Saturday, July 26, 1873.

Monday, July 21.

St. Mungo Encampment, Knights Templar, St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street.

Tuesday, July 22.

Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-street.

Wednesday, July 23.

Lodge 187, St. John's Carluke, Black Bull, Carluke.

" 510, Maryhill, 167, Main-street, Maryhill.

Friday, July 25.

Lodge 153, Royal Arch, Town Hall, Pollockshaws.

" 347, St. John's Operative, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen.

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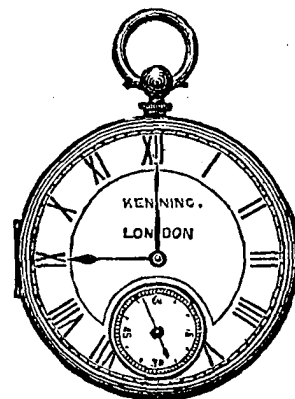
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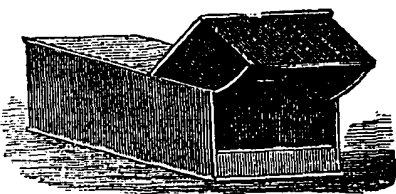
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