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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE (No. 1541).—This youthful but exceedingly prosperous lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Saturday last, the W.M. Bro. John Lee; and the whole of his officers being present at the opening of the lodge. The W.M., after the preliminaries of the lodge had been disposed of, initiated Mr. Emanuel into the mysteries of Freemasonry in a most masterly manner, the W.M. afterwards passed Bro. Ormond to the Second Degree; but the climax of good working was attained in the raising of Bros. A. Clark and McCulloch—the W.M., surpassed, if possible, his usual eloquent and impressive working, and in this good work he was well supported by Bros. Daniel, S.W.; Larchin, J.W.; Stacey, as S.D.; Denison, J.D.; and Gush, I.G.; and a painstaking P.M. was also found in Bro. Haigh. The excellent working of this lodge was much extolled by many P.M.'s of various lodges who honoured the Master by their attendance. The W.M., in his deep anxiety to enhance not only the good work of Masonry, but to please the brethren, had invited the ladies of the members to banquet, after the business of the lodge had been gone through, and for the pleasures of the evening Bros. Bertram and Roberts had provided a most recherché banquet, which was in every way fully acknowledged. The W.M. amongst his many toasts paid a tribute to the ladies for their honouring the banquet by their presence, which was felicitously responded to, on behalf of the ladies, by Bros. Reubenstein and Brookman. Many songs were sung with much expression and taste by Misses Daniel, McCulloch, Stead, and Stacey, and Bros. Ward, Stead, and McCulloch. Several pieces were performed on the piano-forte by Misses Bennett, McCulloch, and Stacey. The musical arrangements were carefully carried out by Bro. Ward. The W.M., in replying to the good wishes expressed in his behalf, said, so gratified was he with the success of the day's proceedings, that he should note it in his memory as one of the reddest of red letter days, and as he had been so ably assisted by his officers in carrying on the lodge work, as well as in his endeavours to carry out the programme of the evening, he most heartily thanked them, which was eloquently acknowledged by Bros. Daniel, S.W.; Dyte, P.M., Treasurer; and J. R. Stacey, P.M., Secretary.

ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1716).—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 1st inst., at the Town Hall, Poplar. There were present Bros. John Dennis, W.M.; J. Kemp Coleman, S.W.; L. Potts, J.W.; W. H. Farnfield, P.M., and many other brethren. The business consisted in passing Bro. Wilshaw and initiating Mr. John Smith—the second candidate for the First Degree was unable at the last moment to attend. This being the last regular meeting of the Masonic year of the lodge, the election of W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, and the suffrages of the brethren were unanimously conferred upon the S.W., Bro. J. Kemp Coleman. The W.M., in communicating the pleasing fact to his S.W., reminded the brethren that Bro. Coleman had only been a Mason three years, and in that time had served the office of Steward to both the Boys' and Girls' Institutions, taking up to the former Charity £50 and to the latter £63, and, as W.M. of the lodge, he had given in his name to complete the Stewardships by representing the lodge at the Benevolent Institution, where he hoped a list equal to those he had mentioned would be presented. Bro. Coleman returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and, after the routine business of electing Treasurer, Tyler, and the Audit Committee, and the mooring of a summer festival, to be held in September—where all attending contribute their proportion of the expense, the lodge funds not being touched—the meeting adjourned, the lodge being closed in due form.

GREENWICH.—Lodge of Amity (No. 171).—The last meeting for the season of this popular "summer lodge," whose members so well and worthily exemplify the motto which is inscribed on their banner, *Esto Perpetua*, was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 5th inst., at the famous old Ship Tavern, at Greenwich. About thirty of the brethren assembled soon after four o'clock, many having taken advantage of an agreeable trip by steamer from London, which, on so bright an afternoon, is always enjoyable. At half-past four lodge was opened, in accordance with ancient rites, under the presidency of Bro. J. Clever, of Lewisham, who now fills the presidential chair for the second time. It will be recollected that in June last Bro. Clever was installed by his own son, who is now the respected I.P.M. and Secretary of the lodge, and who, at the preceding annual meeting, was installed by his father, who was retiring from his first occupancy of the chair. It is not often such an interesting occurrence is to be noted in connection with any lodge, and shows the confidence and goodwill which is felt by the brethren towards Bro. Clever, who have done so much to carry on the affairs of the lodge in a satisfactory manner. The Worshipful Master on this occasion was supported by Bros. Edward Phillips, S.W.; W. H. Marden, J.W.; C. Harcourt, Treas.; Joseph W. Clever, I.P.M. and Sec.; G. G. Goodinge, S.D.; E. H. Buck, J.D.; F. C. W. Fenn, I.G.; and S. P. Smith, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Whitley, P.M.; T. Batty, P.M.; J. Browne, F. L. Toms, J. R. Tannahill, E. H. Maddick, G. W. Dodd, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. B. Hayter, P.M. 231; J. Seeley, 25; A. S. Treherne, 1441; J. L. Whitmarsh, 49; and others. Lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was prepared for Mr. James Richard Tannahill, who had been proposed by Bro. Fenn, seconded by the Worshipful Master. The votes were unanimously in favour of the candidate, who, being present, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M., who worked the whole of the ceremony in a creditable manner. Subsequently the lodge was advanced, when Bro. F. L. Toms, who was found to have made sufficient progress, was raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. A few matters of business were transacted, the principal of which was that relating to country members, but the discussion ended in the matter being deferred until the next meeting, in May, 1880. The customary congratulations having been exchanged, the lodge was closed in due form, when the brethren sat down to an elaborate banquet, served in a style for which the old "Ship" has long been celebrated. The dishes were interspersed with epergnes and vases of choice cut flowers, which emitted a delicious fragrance, whilst the dessert was of a recherché description. At the conclusion of an admirably served repast, the customary loyal toasts were proposed by the W.M., and received with honours. The W.M. then rose and said he was about to submit to them a toast which he felt convinced would be received with the heartiest satisfaction, as it was always a welcome one to the brethren of the Lodge of Amity, and that was "The Health of the Initiate" that day. They were all pleased to welcome Bro. Tannahill into their midst, and they trusted his life might be long, happy, and prosperous amongst them. (Applause.) They all knew Bro. Tannahill as one with whom they were delighted to associate, and no doubt he would form an agreeable acquisition to the Lodge of Amity. The toast was most cordially received, and, in responding, Bro. J. R. Tannahill thanked the brethren sincerely for the very hearty welcome which had been accorded to him on this occasion. He felt it a great honour to be admitted into the ancient and honourable institution of Freemasonry. It would be his pleasurable duty so to apply himself to a study of the art as should enable him to comprehend fully its value and advantages, and he trusted he might be apt in the acquirement of that progress which all true Masons must desire. (Applause.) The I.P.M. next proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," who had that evening given them another opportunity of seeing the manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of the lodge, and the geniality with which he did the honours of the table. There were already an initiation and passing on the agenda paper for the opening meeting of next season, which took place next May, when they might hope again to meet a godly assemblage of the brethren in that neighbourhood, which was so full of historical associations. The toast having been most heartily accepted by the company, the Worshipful Master sincerely thanked the brethren for the repeated compliment which they had paid to him. They had extended to him a very kind indulgence, in what he felt had been shortcoming in his rendering of the ritual on this occasion; but he accounted for the want of his usual confidence by an unexpected and painful circumstance which had happened during the afternoon just before he came to the lodge. A friend of his, who had been staying with him, had been taken suddenly ill, and this had greatly alarmed him. He had barely time to rush off, and had been excessively unnerfed in consequence of the painful occurrence. He hoped, however, in the future to perform the duties of his office as he had hitherto done; and he thanked them most heartily for their having been to his faults a little blind on that occasion. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," he said this was always a toast proverbially welcome to the brethren of the Lodge of Amity; and he alluded in felicitous terms to each of the visitors who had honoured them with their presence on that occasion. Bro. Hughes, P.M., and Bro. J. Seeley severally responded, acknowledging the magnificent hospitality which had been extended to the visitors that day, and expressing the pleasure which had been afforded them by the working of the lodge, and a visit to this grand historical locality, to which allusion had already been made. The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Healths of the Past Masters of the Lodge, Bros. Harcourt, Whitley, Batty, and Clever, jun.," the

toast being warmly received. Bro. Clever, I.P.M., alluded to the fact that the attendance of Past Masters was not quite so numerous as usual, and he regretted the absence of Bro. Cooper, who was no doubt with them in spirit, although he had been unavoidably prevented from attending. The Past Masters were always desirous of doing their duty, and of helping forward all measures that were calculated to promote the interest and welfare of the lodge. The W.M. next proposed "The Healths of the Treasurer and Secretary," the former of whom was the oldest member of the lodge, and who had rendered them great and valuable services. With regard to their Secretary he was comparatively new to the duties of his office, though he was not new to him (the speaker). These officers deserved well of the brethren, and he asked them, therefore, to drink most cordially to the toast which he had proposed. Bro. Harcourt, P.M., in responding, observed that no Treasurer of a lodge could perform his duties satisfactorily without a certain amount of trouble, though it must be admitted such trouble was always very largely seasoned with pleasure in meeting as he did a number of brethren whom he could regard as his friends. Still he had the duty, not always pleasant, of keeping them within bounds, and within their income, so that the festivities with which they supplemented their labours did not form a too absorbing feature in these very agreeable meetings. He was pleased to know that the lodge was in a most satisfactory position, and trusted that it would continue to be so in the future. The Secretary also returned thanks in a few happily chosen sentences. In proposing "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," the W.M., acknowledged the valuable assistance he at all times received from the brethren who supported him in the various chairs, and who were all animated by a desire to do what they could to maintain the prestige of the lodge. Bro. Phillips, S.W., in reply, felt sure every officer who held a position in the Lodge of Amity must feel pleased with the reception which had been accorded to the toasts, and to the appreciation which the brethren always expressed of their efforts to do their duty faithfully. They all endeavoured to the utmost of their ability to support and assist the W.M. in carrying on the duties of the lodge in a proper and efficient manner, and he trusted that the same good feeling and harmony which had characterised the lodge in times past might long continue to subsist amongst them. Bro. Marden, J.W., also responded, and the list of toasts was brought to a fitting termination by the Tyler shortly before ten o'clock. In consequence of the rain, which had set in during the evening, the brethren were debarred the usual outdoor pleasantries which accompany their meeting, though the riversides were illuminated brilliantly at intervals by other gay and festive assemblies; whilst the steamers returning from pleasure excursions down the river were lit up with coloured fires, and reverberant with the sounds of music and merry voices. Some excellent songs were sung during the evening, and the meeting altogether was of a most agreeable and harmonious description.

TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult. at the Clarence Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. Hurst, P.M. 1512; P.A.G.P. of Middlesex, W.M.; Forge, S.W.; Piller, J.W.; Fitt, Secretary; Walls, P.G.S.B. of Middlesex (Freemason), S.D.; Goodchild, I.G.; C. Stevens, Organist; Baldwin, P.P.G.P. of Middlesex, hon. mem.; Rawles, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; Handel, and Drummond, 1656. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Hickinbotham and Edward Warner, and having been found unanimous the former, who was in attendance, was duly initiated. The ballot was also successfully taken upon behalf of Bro. Müller, 788, as a joining member. Bros. T. Beauchamp, W. G. Collier, and H. Owen were raised to the degree of M.M., the ceremonies of initiation and raising being well performed by the W.M. The interesting ceremony of presenting each of the founders with a jewel in recognition of their services was performed by Bro. Baldwin. The founders present were Bros. Hurst, Forge, Piller, Fitt, Walls, Stevens, and Captain Brown. The remaining founder, Bro. H. W. Linton, J.D., was, unfortunately, absent in consequence of illness. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren partook of a collation. The only toasts given were "The Queen and Craft," "The W.M.," "The Initiate," and "The Visitors," which were briefly proposed and acknowledged.

INSTRUCTION.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1544).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 6th inst. Present: Bros. J. Williams, W.M.; J. L. Payne, S.W.; W. Beasley, J.W.; A. R. Olley, J.D.; W. Ferrar, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Precept.; and many others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. C. J. Olley being candidate. Bro. W. Fieldwick, assisted by the brethren, worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. W. Beasley seconded, that Bro. A. R. Olley be Worshipful Master for the ensuing week. Carried unanimously. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. J. L. Payne seconded, that a vote of thanks to Bro. J. Williams be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which he had for the first time conducted the business of the lodge. Carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form with solemn prayer.

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Royal Arch.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—A convocation of this provincial chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 22nd ult., when there were present among other companions, Comps. Charles Horsley, P.P.G.R. of Middlesex, acting M.E.Z.; Tomlinson, M.E.Z. elect; Cama, P.G. S.B. of Middlesex, H.; S. H. Knaggs, J.; W. Taylor, S.N.; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, P.S. (*Freemason*); Rushworth, 1st Assistant; W. H. Saunders; J. Rogers; and Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middlesex, acting Janitor. The visitors were Comps. James Stevens, P.Z. 720, 721, &c.; F. Walters, P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex; and Dr. Clark, P.Z. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the installation of Comp. Tomlinson, which ceremony had been postponed at the last convocation of the chapter in consequence of his very serious illness, was ably carried out by Comp. James Stevens. A vote of thanks was subsequently passed to him for his services as Installing Officer, and he, together with Comp. James Terry, who had installed the Second and Third Principals at the previous meeting, were elected honorary members. There being no other business before the chapter, it was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary long array of toasts were proposed and duly honoured. Comp. Horsley responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," and he also proposed, in very complimentary terms, "The Health of the M.E.Z." The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Comps. Stevens, Clark, and Walters. "The Health of the Officers" having been given, and responded to, the proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

Mark Masonry.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 30th ult., at five p.m., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. The following were present: Bros. W. F. Lamonby, W.M. (*Freemason*); W. Shilton, I.G., as S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W. and Org.; Capt. F. R. Sewell, M.O., H. Peacock, S.D., as S.O.; W. Paisley, as J.O.; R. W. Robinson, S.O., as Sec.; T. Mason, as I.G.; and Jos. Hewson, Tyler. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, J.P., of Doventy Hall, Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, was balloted for, and unanimously accepted as a candidate for advancement. The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, when the W.M. and J.W. withdrew their names in favour of Bro. R. Robinson, S.W., who was absent through family bereavement, and being the only eligible candidate, had a unanimous vote when the ballot box went round. It was arranged to hold the installation of the W.M. elect on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at seven p.m., when the ceremony will be performed by the retiring W.M. Three members (the Overseers) were elected to serve on the Permanent Committee, and the statement of accounts was ordered to be prepared for the first anniversary. There was no other business, and the lodge was closed in form.

Red Cross of Constantine.

COCKERMOUTH.—Dykes Conclave (No. 36).—The annual assembly of the members of this conclave was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street, Cokermouth. The muster roll was called at noon, when only nine responded, viz., Em. Sir Knights T. Mandle, M.P.S.; W. F. Lamonby, P.S., as V.E. (*Freemason*); W. Shilton, P.S., as Prelate; Sir Knights J. R. Banks, as S.G.; T. Bird, as J.G.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Treas. and Org.; Jas. Gardiner, Rec. and V.E. elect; H. Peacock, Herald; and Jos. Hewson, Sentinel. This was certainly a wretched muster, when it is considered that the conclave numbers forty-eight members. After the minutes of the last assembly were read and confirmed, it was announced that the M.P.S. elect had withdrawn from the Order, and, under the circumstances, the members agreed that the present head of the conclave should occupy the throne for another year. The M.P.S. and V.E. then exchanged places, when Sir Knight J. Gardiner, V.E. elect, was presented for consecration. Subsequently a College of Viceroys was opened, and the new Viceroy was duly consecrated and placed in the chair of E. by the acting Sovereign. After the college was closed, the following officers were appointed and invested:—Sir Knights J. R. Banks, S.G.; T. Bird, J.G.; H. Peacock, H.P.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Treas., Rec., and Org.; W. Shilton, P.S., Pref.; Jos. Abbott, St. Br.; Jas. Quay, Orator; G. Dalrymple, H.; P. de E. Collin, Almoner; I. Evening, Steward; and J. Melmore, D.C. The Treasurer's statement of accounts was read and adopted, and finally the conclave was closed in F.U.Z. Afterwards the Sir Knights proceeded to the old hall for refection.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX.—A convocation of this old and distinguished chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 11th ult., when there were present Bros. C. H. Driver, 31°, M.W.S.; J. W. Coffin, 30°, H.P.; D. Nicols, 30°, 2nd General; C. L. Dampier, Raphael; W. Paas, 30°, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Recorder; F. H. Atkins, Captain of the Guard; F. Curlier, D.C.; W. Roebuck, 31°, P.M. W.S.; W. Hyde Pullen, 33°; A. Williams, 30°; C. W. Tayleur, J. O. Wood, F. Driver, and T. C. Walls (*Freemason*).

The chapter having been duly opened by the M.W.S., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Hyde Pullen, by the consent of the M.W.S., duly raised Bros. J. Joyce Murray and G. A. Berkeley to the degree of Knights of the East and West, and perfected them as Princes of the Order of Rose Croix of H.R.D.M. The ceremonies were carried out with those attentions to ritual and elocution which invariably characterise the "working" of Bro. Pullen. The ceremony of installing Bro. Coffin into the chair was most ably performed by the M.W.S. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. the Rev. D. Ace, D.D., H.P.; D. Nicols, 1st General; J. L. Dampier, 2nd General; F. H. Atkins, G.M.; F. Curlier, Raphael; W. Paas, Almoner and Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Recorder; J. O. Wood, Capt. of the Guard; A. Williams, Org.; and T. C. Walls, D.C. Previously to the chapter being closed, a vote of thanks was passed to the I.P.M.S., for the manner in which he had conducted the ceremony of installing his successor in the chair. The banquet was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were done full justice to. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

CONSECRATION OF THE BURRELL LODGE, No. 1829.

On Saturday afternoon, the 2nd inst., a new lodge of Freemasons was consecrated at Shoreham, the lodge being named after the Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., the "Burrell Lodge," and bearing number 1829. The ceremony took place in the Town Hall, in the presence of a large body of the brethren, many of whom are well known as influential members of the Craft. Among those present were Bros. R.W. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex; J. H. Scott, Deputy Prov. G.M.; J. St. Clair, Prov. G.J.W.; E. F. Cave Browne Cave, Prov. G. Chap.; R. Crosskey, Prov. G. Treas.; T. Trollope, Acting Prov. G.S.W.; V. F. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary; W. Hale, Prov. G.S.D.; Mark Tanner, M.D., Prov. G.J.D.; J. M. Kidd, Prov. G.D. of C.; Joseph Dixon, P.P.S.G.W., Acting Prov. G.A.D. of C.; A. King, Prov. G. Organist; F. J. Rubie, Provincial G. Steward; Frank Holford, P.M. 811, Prov. G. Steward; G. F. Evershed, Prov. G. Steward; G. M. McWhinnie, P.M. 1466, Prov. G. Steward; A. J. Hawkes, P.M. 315, Prov. G.S.; T. Hughes, Prov. G. Tyler. The following members of the lodge were present: Bros. Lord Arthur Hill, P.M. 66; Ireland, Prov. G.M. County Down, 1465; Rev. Charles J. Smith, P.M. and W.M. 1466; W. T. Clarke, 315; Rev. G. R. Johnson, 487; R. B. Higham, 315; E. Bridges, J.D., 311; T. Packham, S.W. 315; and G. Smith, P.M. 732, P. Prov. G.P. Sussex. Among the visitors were Bros. G. Nash, Derwent, 40; J. C. Pelgate, Kilwinning, 12; G. J. Parkman, Journeyman, 8; J. Robertson, S.W., Allingworth, 1821; H. W. Davey, P. Provincial G.C., W.M. Union, 38; A. Cumner, Great City, 1426; T. Davison, S.W. Sackville, 1619; T. Robertson, St. Andrew, 149; W. Ridge, S.D. Sackville, 1619; G. Hawkes, Fermor, 1350; H. Alex. Dowell, J.W. Hova Ecclesia, 1466; J. Harrison, Carnarvon, P.M., P. Supt. of W. Hants and Isle of Wight; G. Seaborne, 219; W. W. English, New Ship, 851; H. W. Charington, Royal Clarence, 271; E. Broadbridge, Mount Lebanon, 73; R. L. Ellmar, P.M. Pulham, 1503; J. Large, Windsor Castle, 771; H. S. Gates, St. Cecilia, 1636; G. J. Leppy, South Saxon, 311; G. J. Eady, Emulation, 21; J. G. Harris, S.D. Gordon, 1726; A. Smith, S.W. Lodge of Union, 38; S. Tanner, W.M. South Saxon, 311; S. R. Legg, P.M. Royal Brunswick, 732, P.P.G.S.B. Sussex; W. Bonyer, 274; E. A. Head, J.W. 1639; J. B. Mellison, St. Cecilia, 1636; C. Sandeman, W.M. St. Cecilia, 1636, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward, Sec. Boys' School; W. Roe, Org. St. Cecilia, 1636; G. Cole, St. Cecilia, 1636; A. Brazier, Lodge of Friendship, 851; G. Courtney, Count-ham; 1382; E. W. Vickers, S.W. Yaiborough, 811; C. Woolley, P.G.R. Sussex, P.M. South Saxon, 311; S. Ford, P.M. Clarence, 271, P.P.S.G.D. Lincolnshire; T. J. Sabine, W.M. Atlingworth, 1821, Prov. S.G.W. Middlesex; P. J. Emery, Howard, 56; J. Lewis Thomas, St. Thomas, 142, A.G.D. of C.; C. T. Turner Gordon, J.W. 1726; C. Brisco, P.M. South Saxon, 311; E. E. Street, S.W. Howard, 56; T. Francis, P.M. 56 and 1800; T. Cubit, P.G.P.; J. A. Swornbourne, W.M. Gordon, 1726; J. Sundius Smith, J.W. Royal Clarence, 271; W. Dawes, P.M. Wellington, 351, P.P.G.R. Sussex; and W. Rickards, Tyrian, 90.

The lodge was formally opened by the Prov. G.M., who, in a short address, remarked that Masonry had previously flourished in Shoreham, and the then existing lodge had, doubtless, been visited by Royalty. He was pleased to be present to assist in renovating the lodge and once more establishing Freemasonry in the ancient borough.

Sir Walter having vacated the chair, Bro. John H. Scott, Deputy Prov. G.M., proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, which was performed with due solemnity, and in a most impressive manner Bro. Scott embraced the opportunity of addressing the brethren present. He congratulated the founders of the lodge upon the success they had achieved in securing their charter, remarking that especial thanks were due to Bro. Lord Arthur Hill for coming forward to fill the onerous post of W.M. While, also, congratulating the founders upon the name they had selected for the new lodge, he assured them that they had placed great responsibilities upon their shoulders, for the name of Burrell had for a line of years been borne by those with whom had been associated all that was noble, generous, and true, and it would be their duty to see that the name was not sullied by any act of those belonging to the new lodge. He (Bro. Scott) had addressed the brethren at great length at the consecration of the Atlingworth Lodge, a few days ago, and would,

therefore, content himself with a few remarks only. He concluded by impressing upon the brethren the cultivation of those principles so dear to Masonry, and heartily wished prosperity to the new lodge.

Bro. the Rev. E. F. Cave Browne Cave, Prov. G. Chaplain, also gave an address.

The ceremony being concluded, the W.M. elect, Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, was duly installed, while the following, who, with his lordship, were the founders of the lodge, were appointed to their respective posts, viz., Bros. C. J. Smith, W.M. and P.M. 1466, acting I.P.M.; Captain R. Burrell, P.M. 271, S.W.; W. Tunstall Clarke, 315, J.W.; A. Burrows, 186, Treas.; E. Bridges, J.D. 311, Sec.; T. Packham, S.W. 315, S.D.; R. B. Higham, 315, J.D.; A. Brazier, 851, I.G.; Rev. G. Rose-Johnson, 487, Chaplain; J. Braithwaite, P.M. 869, P.P.G.J.W. Herts, D.C.; A. R. Brown, 697, Steward; and H. H. Hughes, Tyler.

The effect of the consecration ceremony was greatly enhanced by the musical accompaniments given under the direction of Bro. A. King, Prov. G. Organist, who was assisted by Bros. J. Large (late of Westminster Abbey), E. Broadbridge, W. Roe, and G. Cole. The efforts of the vocalists were most successful. The ceremony being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Royal George Hotel, where nearly eighty brethren sat down to an excellent banquet supplied by Bros. Sayers and Marks, whose catering gave every satisfaction. The chair was taken by the newly-elected W.M., Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, who was supported by Bros. Sir W. W. Burrell, J. H. Scott, and C. J. Smith.

The Chairman gave the usual loyal toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which were enthusiastically drunk.

The Chairman next gave "The R.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

Bro. Thomas, A.G.D.C., in responding, passed a well-deserved eulogy upon Lord Carnarvon for the intense interest he at all times showed in the cause of Masonry. Lord Skelmersdale was a general favourite among Freemasons, and worked hard, not only in his province, but for the general welfare of the Craft. He was pleased to find that he intended taking the chair at the next meeting of the Boys' School Masonic Charity, and to learn that their worthy W.M., Lord Arthur Hill, would also be present as a Steward representing the new lodge. He took the opportunity of complimenting Bro. J. H. Scott upon the splendid manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation.

The W.M. next proposed "The R.W. Sir W. W. Burrell Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex," who had at all times shown great interest in the working of Masonry, and had visited nearly every lodge in his province. He trusted he would be long spared to hold his high position.

Sir Walter, who was received with great applause, expressed the pleasure he felt in being present at the opening. Masonry, he said, had indeed made rapid strides. Five years ago the Ockenden Lodge was opened, bearing 1465. He had been its first W.M., and now he found the Burrell Lodge bore No. 1829. The great impetus given to Masonry he believed to be in a great measure owing to the active interest taken in the Craft by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Four new lodges had been opened during the two years and a half he (Sir Walter) had been in his present office, and a fifth, he believed, would be shortly consecrated. (It was understood as St. Leonard's, Hastings.) The old lodge founded at Shoreham had flourished, and he believed it had been honoured with a visit from the late Duke of Sussex. He trusted that the new lodge would regain the prestige of the first and almost forgotten one, and that its business would be carried on in a truly Masonic manner. To the Secretary, who was a young Mason, he would tender a few words of advice. He begged he would take especial care to note every minute of the lodge proceedings. They had an excellent Prov. Grand Secretary, whose duty it was to examine their books, and he was desirous that no complaints should be made to him of any laxity on the part of the newly-appointed Secretary. In issuing notices of meetings he wished him to forward at least two copies to the Prov. Grand Secretary, that the Provincial Officers might know what was taking place. In conclusion, he fervently hoped that the new lodge would not, like its predecessor, be allowed to collapse.

The W.M. next gave "The D.G.M. of Sussex, Wor. Bro. J. H. Scott, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." He regretted that Bro. Scott had been compelled to leave through indisposition. He (Bro. Scott) had performed the consecration ceremony in a masterly manner, and was at all times ready to assist in the furtherance of Masonry. Bros. Freeman and Dixon responded. The former expressed the pleasure he felt at being present, and was glad to say that the returns which had lately come in from the various lodges had been of a satisfactory character.

Bro. C. J. Smith proposed "The W.M., and Success to Burrell Lodge, 1829." After some considerable delay, the new lodge had at last been fairly started, and he was proud to find so able an officer as their newly-elected W.M. There was also a good first lieutenant in Captain Raymond Burrell, son of their worthy Prov. G.M. Starting under such auspices, the success of the Burrell Lodge was a foregone conclusion. Their W.M., he was assured, would set them a good example, and take to heart the words that had fallen from their Prov. G.M. and the addenda supplied by the Prov. G. Secretary. For all he would say, "Come and welcome," and the officers would certainly not fear the visits of the "prying Secretary." (Laughter.) Great care had been exercised in getting initiates, and not a fourth part of those anxious to join had as yet been considered. Lord Arthur Hill, in responding, feared that his election had been the result of their good feeling towards him, and not of his own merits. ("No.") He declined at first taking the post, thinking that a loca

brother would be a more acceptable one. He thanked the brethren for the confidence reposed in him, and would do his utmost to further the interests of the lodge.

Sir W. W. Burrell apologised for the absence of his son, who had had an engagement of six weeks' standing which he found it impossible to put aside.

The W.M., in proposing "The W.M.'s of Lodges in the Province," remarked that those present represented more than half the lodges of the province.

Bros. Sandeman, W.M. St. Cecilia, 1636, and T. J. Sabine, W.M. Atlingworth, 1821, responded. Bro. Sabine remarked that Freemasonry in Sussex had received great and encouraging influence from Sir W. W. Burrell, who was a genuine specimen of the "fine old English gentleman," and he trusted the day would be far distant when his active support would not receive the hearty co-operation of all W.M.'s, upon whom devolved the great responsibility of maintaining the freedom, the privileges, and the successful continuance of Freemasonry in the Province of Sussex.

Sir Walter, replying to these observations, felt a great share of the praise was due to Bro. John H. Scott and his brother officers.

The W.M. gave "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. Binckes, in responding, stated that the Boys' School contained 217, and the Girls 200, and that there were in addition aged of both sexes, numbering 300, dependent upon their Charities.

Bro. W. T. Clarke proposed "The Visitors," to which Bro. Cubitt responded.

Bro. Eberall proposed "The Officers of 1829."

Bros. Clarke and Braithwaite responded.

The remaining toasts were "The Ladies" and the Tyler's toast.

The post-prandial proceedings were agreeably interspersed with glees and songs given by the brethren who had assisted in the musical part of the consecration ceremony. A word of praise is due to Mrs. Gates for the characteristic decoration, of the banqueting-room, which elicited the warmest marks of approval, so appropriate to this special occasion were they.

MASONIC PICNIC AT SUNDERLAND.

By the kind permission of the Earl of Durham, the twelfth annual Masonic picnic in connection with the lodges of Sunderland was held at Lambton Park, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. The company were conveyed in brakes and other conveyances, leaving the Gas Offices at ten, and on arrival at the park were met by Mr. Hunter (gardener), and Mr. Mays (gamekeeper), and by those in authority, and were most courteously conducted through the castle. After this the company adjourned for luncheon, which was provided by Mr. Burn, of the Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, in capital style.

The luncheon being finished, the Chairman (Bro. J. Egglestone, jun., W.M. of the Williamson Lodge), gave the toast of "The Earl of Durham," saying that he had conferred a great favour on them by granting them permission to visit the grounds and castle. The healths of Mr. Hunter and Mr. Mays, and those who had given their hearty assistance in the arrangements at the castle, were also given, and were enthusiastically received. As is customary on these occasions, a townsman, Mr. Stabler, with his photographic apparatus, accompanied the party, and was successful in taking two groups of them. After this had been done, the company, under the direction and guidance of Mr. Hunter, proceeded to view the beautiful grounds and gardens, as well as the numerous vineries and hothouses, the whole of which were greatly admired. During luncheon and tea the band, under the conductorship of Mr. Lax, played several pieces of music, and after tea dancing was commenced and continued with great spirit.

The arrangements reflected great credit on the Committee, consisting of Bros. John Egglestone, jun., Chairman; Jno. Newton, Treas.; Mark Frampton, Sec.; Geo. Porteous, M.C.; Robt. Kinmond, H. Munro, J. T. Smart, Chas. Macnamara, and J. Deans. The party arrived home about ten o'clock, having spent a delightful day.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A meeting of the General Committee was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, the 2nd inst., Bro. W. F. C. Moutrie in the chair. There were also present Bros. the Rev. Dr. Morris, Head Master of the school; T. Meggy, C. F. Matier, R. Tyrrell, E. C. Massey, F. K. Adlard, W. Maple, R. B. Webster, and H. Massey (Freemason). Bro. Taylor attended in lieu of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting of the General Committee in July last were read and confirmed, and the minutes of the Quarterly Court, as well as those of the House Committee and Sub-Committee, were read for information. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and the Chairman was authorised to sign the cheques drawn for the quarterly accounts.

Two candidates were admitted to have their names placed on the list for election in April, 1880.

An outfit vote of £5 to J. E. Batty on leaving the school was granted.

An application on behalf of Woods for the sum of £10, being the second moiety of a sum voted in April last, was ordered to stand over until the expiration of the six months specified in the previous minute.

An application for a grant of £20 to W. S. Spark to assist in preparing him to pass his second examination for a military commission was granted. This finished the business on the agenda, but before the Committee separated Bro. Webster said he desired to put a question to the Chair-

man respecting the matter in dispute between the Institution and Bro. S. B. Wilson. He wished to ask the Chairman whether it was true that the House Committee had refused to accept Sir Henry Arthur Hunt, C.B., as arbitrator in the dispute between them and Bro. S. B. Wilson, and, if it was true, what was the reason of such refusal.

The Chairman, in reply, said that it did not appear upon the minutes which had been read that any such proposition as that referred to had been refused.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

The annual convocation of this district Grand Chapter was held on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at the Grammar School, Enfield Town. The school-rooms had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Provincial Grand Superintendent by the trustees.

The arrangements of the chapter room, which was tastefully decorated with flowers, &c., had been carried out under the superintendance of Comp. Letchworth, P.Z. of the Enfield Chapter, and to whom great thanks are due for the admirable manner in which everything passed off.

Among those present we noticed Comps. Col. Burdett, P.G. Supt.; Davison, P.P.G.H.; H. C. Levander, P.G.S.E.; Pearce, P.P.G.N.; H. Buss, P.G. Treas.; Letchworth, P.G.R.; E. Hopwood, P.G.S.B.; Cama, P.G. Std. B.; the Rev. Dr. Brette, P.P.G.A.S.; Laxton, P.P.G.R.; C. Horsley, P.P.G.R.; George Kenning, P.P.G.D.C.; H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.D.C.; Gilbert, P.G. Janitor; Shervill, P.Z. 382; Jaffa, P.Z. 1237; Mathison, 1237; Postans, H. 1237; Lewzett, J. 1237; Massa, 1293; Cordwell, P.Z. 1326; L. Beck, 1326; Shackleton, 1326; T. O. Ockenden, P.S. 1423; Dr. Ramsey, and Walls, P.G.O. (Freemason). The visitors were Comps. S. Hill, P.Z. 109; E. W. Mackney, P.Z. 134; James Stevens, P.Z. 720, 771, &c., A. Durrant, M.E.Z. 1185; and W. Dorn.

The roll of Provincial Grand Officers was called, but through unavoidable causes many were absent. The roll of chapters in the province was then read out, and with one exception all the chapters were represented. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee (Comps. Pearce and Walls) was received and adopted. The election of Treasurer was unanimously in favour of Comp. Buss.

The investiture of Provincial Grand Officers then took place as follows:—

- Comp. Levander Prov. G.H.
- " Dr. Brette Prov. G.J.
- " H. A. Dubois Prov. G.S.E.
- " Glover Prov. G.S.N.
- " Dicketts Prov. G.P.S.
- " Cordwell Prov. G. 1st Asst.
- " J. Hammond Prov. G. 2nd Asst.
- " Buss Prov. G. Treas.
- " Keen Prov. G. Reg.
- " Cama Prov. G. Swd. Br.
- " Shackleton Prov. G. Std. Br.
- " Walls Prov. G.D. of C.
- " L. Beck Prov. G. Org.
- " Gilbert Prov. G. Janitor.

Previously to the convocation being closed the sum of five guineas was unanimously voted to the Wentworth Little Memorial Fund, and a vote of condolence was ordered to be forwarded on behalf of the Provincial Grand Chapter to Mrs. Little.

The banquet, which was well served by Comp. Mathison and assistants, was held at the ancient hostelry of The George.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the toasts of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," "The G.Z.," and "The G.H. and J." were duly honoured.

In proposing "The Health of the P.G.S. of Middlesex," Comp. Levander said that as the companions present knew so well the merits, both socially and Masonically, of their excellent Grand Superintendent, Comp. Colonel Burdett, it would be superfluous on that occasion for him to dwell at any length upon the subject toast. The Grand Chapter of Middlesex had not been established nearly so long as the Provincial Grand Lodge, but, all things being considered, it had progressed very well under the fostering auspices of their genial chief. His (the Grand Superintendent's) services to the general cause of Freemasonry in the province, embracing a period of nearly ten years, had been very great. In every Masonic capacity Comp. Col. Burdett had endeared himself to his brethren and companions, and was so deservedly popular that his name had become a "household word" in Middlesex. (Hear, hear.) In conclusion, he hoped that for many, many years to come the Masonic destinies of the large and influential Province of Middlesex would continue to be under the rule and genial sway of their most excellent Superintendent.

The Prov. Grand Superintendent, in reply, after expressing his thanks for the flattering way in which his health had been proposed by Comp. Levander and received by the companions, said he was exceedingly pleased at the manner in which the cause of Royal Arch Masonry had progressed in the province. He felt very happy and very proud at holding the position of Provincial Grand Superintendent. The chapters of the province were increasing fairly, but he personally should like to see greater progress made. The Royal Arch Degree was so very impressive and beautiful that it ought to be encouraged and supported in every possible way. With regard to the convocation that day he was gratified with the manner in which the proceedings had passed off, but he was sorry that the meeting had not been more numerously attended. In concluding his remarks, he said that, as the time at the disposal of the companions was necessarily limited, he should not further trespass upon their indulgence, but would conclude by cordially thanking them all for the

services they had rendered to the cause of the Royal Arch Order in Middlesex.

There were no other toasts, but the subsequent proceedings were enlivened and enhanced by the efforts of Comps. James Stevens, Charles Horsley, and others.

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE DE GREY AND RIPON LODGE, No. 1356.

As a pleasant sequel to the more serious yet interesting installation business of the previous week, the members of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1356, whose meeting place is at the Masonic Chambers, North Hill-street, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, started for their pleasant summer out, in company with their wives, sweethearts, and sisters, on Thursday, the 16th ult.

Bro. Alfred Woolrich, the esteemed and courteous Worshipful Master of the lodge, was present as a matter of course, guiding and controlling the various arrangements, which were generally of a highly satisfactory nature, receiving cordial and valuable aid from his official staff and "full privates" of his lodge.

The scene chosen for the picnic was Eaton Hall, the seat of the Duke of Westminster, near Chester, which has frequently been visited by the Masonic combinations in and around Liverpool.

All told, the company of members and their fair friends numbered about 200, who were conveyed from Birkenhead, by special arrangement with the Great Western Railway Company, at a comparatively early hour.

After dining, at the Grosvenor Hotel, in Chester, the large party proceeded to the beautiful park of Eaton Hall, where some time was pleasantly spent. The pleasure of the return journey was much marred by falling rain, and the enjoyment was further curtailed by the fact that a great number of those who were present had sent no intimation of their intention to attend, thus upsetting the arrangements of the Committee. As a consequence the Committee's "order of the day" could not be observed nor possibly carried out. It is very much to be regretted that attention cannot be paid to little matters like the answering of a Secretary's note, when so much of the general enjoyment depends upon proper arrangements. The W.M., and all under his command, used their utmost endeavour to remedy the awkwardness of the unexpected attendance of numerous visitors, and on the whole the picnic was voted a pleasant "out," even with falling rain.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

NEW MASONIC MAGAZINE IN U. S. A.

Another claimant for the support of the American Craft has just appeared in Iowa, the name selected being "The Square and Compasses." No. 1 and 2 (for May and July) are now before me, Bro. John Stirling, jun., of Bonaparte, being the publisher and proprietor. Its general appearance is similar to the "Evergreen" (sometime deceased), and certainly if it proves to be as healthy and vigorous in tone as that excellent periodical was it will deserve the generous support of the brethren in Iowa especially. The terms are low (5s. per annum) as compared with others of a similar class, though it is a very much thinner book than the *Masonic Magazine*, issued by Bro. George Kenning, but the pages being more devoted to Masonic matters renders it as bulky Masonically as many much larger productions. An index, however, to each number would be found useful, and add materially to the value of the publication. In the opening remarks, appropriately headed "Good Morning," Bro. Stirling states what he means to do on his part, provided the 20,000 members in Iowa, Missouri with an equal number, and the young and growing States of Kansas and Nebraska ("with their lodges springing up like magic") are prepared to co-operate and furnish the needful assistance in the shape of subscribers. A history of Masonry in Iowa is to be furnished in parts (month by month), and the programme is all that can be wished. We are told in the first No. that "Bro. R. F. Bower, of Keokuk, has the largest and best private Masonic libraries in the United States, with possibly one exception," but in the second issue we are informed that Bro. Bower "has the largest private Masonic library in the United States, if not in the world." Knowing so well the character of this famous collector, and the diligence of its worthy collector, Bro. Bower, we are inclined to consider it the largest of the kind anywhere, it being especially rich in bye-laws of various degrees, which not only add considerably to the number of the books, but also to the value, from the difficulty being great to procure any works which are privately printed. Another well known collector is Bro. E. T. Carson, of Cincinnati, who is the only brother at all likely to prove a rival claimant to the honour.

I note that at the Grand Lodge of Iowa, recently held, Bro. Bower presented his credentials as Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and that "he displayed a splendid jewel sent him by the said Grand Lodge." I should like R.W. Bro. J. H. Neilson, of Dublin, to send a description of this jewel for the readers of the *Freemason*, so that we may all share in the pleasure. The veteran Grand Secretary, Bro. Parvin, also presented his credentials as Grand Representative from Egypt, remarking as he did so that this Grand Lodge was "working almost beneath the shadows of the ancient Pyramids, those monuments of the past overlooking the civilisation of the present." These brethren were duly welcomed accordingly by the M.W.G.M. I am sorry to read that in consequence of the expense the reports from the "Committees of Correspondence" are not to be printed in future.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

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Answers to Correspondents.

HARROW.—We possibly may during the winter months. J. W.—Yes.

W. ARTHUR.—Considerably too long for our columns.

W.M.—The question is not sufficiently clear for us to answer.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Freemason" (Sydney), "Masonic Token," "The Freemason's Repository," "Der Triangel," "Public Ledger," "Kelet Orient," "Keystone," "Hull Packet," "The Citizen," "Broad Arrow," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Alliance News," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Quebec," "Masonic Newspaper," "The Hebrew Leader."

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BIRTHS.

PENDLEBURY.—On the 4th inst., the wife of Bro. Alfred A. Pendlebury, of a daughter.

PALMER.—On the 31st ult., at Compton Lodge, East Sheen, S.W., the wife of Mr. Frederick S. Palmer, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

ADAMS—JENNINGS.—On the 2nd inst., at Offord-road Congregational Chapel, by the Rev. J. M. Hannay, Valentine Francis, son of the late Mr. John Henry Adams, C.E., to Ursula, daughter of the late Mr. George Jennings.

DEATHS.

HART.—On the 1st inst., at Cedar Villa, Walters-road, Swansea, Mrs. Rebecca Hart, widow of the Rev. E. S. Hart.

JOPP.—On the 2nd inst., at 6, Hatherley-grove, Mary Egerton, the wife of Major Keith A. Jopp, Royal Engineers.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1879.

OUR AMERICAN BRETHREN.

One of the greatest privileges and pleasures of Freemasonry consists in the firm friendships it often happily knits between brethren living in distant lands and opposite hemispheres. There seems to be something in the genial fellowship of Freemasonry, denounced by the bigoted, and decried by the ignorant, which overleaps the dividing boundaries of nations and of seas, and cements between the most severed and distant of our race kindly sentiments and sympathetic interests. It often happens in this world of ours that, as we all know too little of each other, even that very little is marred and disfigured by angry traditions or ancient animosities. We grow up often in antagonistic views and calm unconcern for others until something happens to thaw our coldness, or remove our misapprehensions, and then we find not only how well we agree, but how much after all we really like each other, how much and how deep an interest we have in fact in that abiding "cosmopolitanism" of humanity which, say what we will, has a real and lasting charm at all times, and under all circumstances, for the kindly, the cultured, and the elevated. It is, no doubt, this idea of "brotherhood" which for 1800 years at any rate has dominated mankind, in which is to be found the best hopes alike for the future union of the widely dispersed children of the dust. Freemasonry may not be perfect in all its conceptions, or all its aims, its professions or its practice, but at any rate it does this, like the Good Samaritan, while Priest and Levite are "looking on," or "passing by," it does seek to pour in the "balm of oil and wine" into the "open wounds" of suffering human nature. We know nothing more striking in the history of the world or of man, than that a brotherhood like the English brotherhood, be the method sound or unsound, perfect or imperfect, (we care not a jot), is raising annually something like £40,000 in the noble and goodly work of charity, and is advocating with unflinching voice, amid noisy factions and braying shibboleths, the sacred teaching of toleration, goodwill, and compassion for all men. And we do not say this in praise of English Freemasonry alone, but wherever true Freemasonry abounds, holding to the same truths, enforcing the same system, and practising the same virtues, there we do know also as a matter of fact that mercy and charity hold their righteous sway over the feelings and acts of men; there peace and civilization, mutual goodwill, and mutual forbearance are to the fore, there the voice of toleration is heard, there the work of religion is active, there consideration for others is prevalent, there liberty of conscience unfurls her goodly oriflamme. In the United States of America Freemasonry has found, for instance, a congenial home and an important sphere of utility and benevolence. Its 600,000 Masons, dispersed throughout its sovereign States, amid a growing and a mighty Republic, have grasped firmly and serenely the ennobling message of its peace, morality and its time-honoured lore. That there are some incongruities in American Freemasonry we do not deny; that there are some weaknesses in the joints of its armour, its truest friends do not attempt to conceal; but of that noble array of "Freemasons;" we, who live in England, have every reason to be proud, for we can rejoicingly recall the fact that the American State Grand Lodges come from us, and belong to us, the only regular bodies of Craft Masons in that remarkable country—that they are our own kith and kin, "bone of our bone," and "flesh of our flesh." It was the high privilege of the publisher of this paper, about a year ago, to evince his sympathy for American Masons and Masonry, and to make the intimate acquaintance of a distinguished body of American brethren, visitors and travellers in England, in a most pleasant and enjoyable gathering at Freemasons' Hall. We

venture to believe that the memories of that genial and kindly evening have not faded from the minds of any who were present, and that the friendships we then formed, and the links we then intertwined, in heartfelt goodwill and interest for each other, will last for us our own "little time" here. And, therefore, it is we hail rejoicingly the telegram from our esteemed and admired friend and brother, Charles E. Meyer, which appeared in last week's *Freemason*, as an evidence that all our warm feelings are reciprocated on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, and that the true hearts, and kind friends, the zealous Masons whom we were privileged to receive and know twelve short months ago, still retain for us those fraternal feelings, and that living interest, which, overpassing "dividing waters," are still lingering as it were with their pleasant host, still sojourning for a little season amid our good and warm-hearted English brethren. Long may this union between American and English Masons endure, and may it be a happy omen of the lasting friendship, peace, and concord between two great nations, upholding alike with firm and straightforward hand legality and order, right and justice, and advancing against all opposing and conflicting interests the true welfare of the community, the liberty and happiness of the individual, and the lasting peace, progress, and prosperity of all mankind.

CHARITY REFORM.

Bro. Simpson has given us his little plan for reforming our excellent Charities, (which we did not know wanted reforming), and we will now consider it. We are little afraid that some of our readers may be reminded of Mr. Weller and "advice gratis," but still, as Bro. Simpson is in earnest, we feel it right to call attention to his proposals. His complaints of grievances are just what we said they would be, and though our statements have been questioned, they are now "vouched for" by our Past Grand Chaplain himself. They are: 1. Entire absence of proper investigation of election claims. 2. Exchange of votes. 3. Sale of votes. 4. Canvassing by cards and circulars. 5. Polling days and scenes. What this latter remarkable passage means we can positively not even conceive. We have read it over more than once, thinking that it was, perhaps, a printer's error, as printers' errors will creep even into the *Freemason*. But no. Such seems to be the "ipsissima verba" of Bro. Simpson, and we can only leave them, in our startled and happy ignorance, to his own eloquent words of explanation and description. We are a little amused, we must confess, to find Bro. Simpson, "Jupiter Tonans" though he be, borrowing, (that is the polite word), a little of our own harmless "thunder," and falling back magnificently, for the first time, on the "original selection of candidates," our own little suggested pet reform, as a leading point in his own enlarged programme. When we said that this reform, which we advocated, was a "slight reform," we did not mean, as the "context" would show, that we considered the matter a "slight matter" at all, but only that the change from the present system, to a closer scrutiny was a very easy matter in itself as a matter of detail. Curiously enough, with that tendency to "exaggeration" in which speakers and writers like so sensationally to indulge to-day, Bro. Simpson skilfully converts our honest admission of a "weakness of detail" into the entire "absence of all enquiry." We never said that there was no enquiry, for there is, according to our rules; but what we did venture to suggest, knowing from old experience the "red tape" of all committee work, was, that there should be a closer enquiry than is now practicable into the "position of the candidates" and the "means of their friends." We wonder that Bro. Simpson did not discover the fallacy of his own position and the palpable exaggeration into which he was falling, but we can only suppose that, like other "great reformers," intent on one "point," he is "indifferent to the minutiae of time, place, and fact." And advisable, in our opinion, as this more close scrutiny of claims would be, we doubt very much if the Life Governors will ever consent to turn the "open court" for claims of the "General Committee"

according to our laws, into the "close court" of a special "Sub-Committee." But here, no doubt, is a weakness which, as we have often said, requires attention. The facility with which "cases" get on the list, and, above all, the recklessness with which brethren place their names on cards, for cases often the very weakest of their kind, is to be much regretted. Perhaps Bro. Simpson can recall such a case. All the other grievances of Bro. Simpson, except the "scenes," whatever they may turn out to be, resolve themselves into the "old, old story" of "exchange of votes." Bro. Simpson and ourselves do not agree on this point, and it seems useless to prolong the discussion, and, therefore, we pass it by, only once more expressing our distinct opinion that "exchange of votes" is perfectly right and proper, "per se." As regards "cards, indeed, and the like," wherever Charity Committees exist they pass away, and if they are wrong, which we do not and cannot see, at any rate they are the exception now, and not the rule, and the expense for them is reduced to a "minimum." As regards the "sale of votes" we do not know what Bro. Simpson means, and fear that he has been grossly imposed on by some one, if he uses the word "sale" as it would be generally understood. And then how does Bro. Simpson propose to remedy all those real or imaginary, open or mysterious, grievances? *By having the voting papers sent direct to the Secretary and then scrutinized by a Committee.* Well, we can only say, after giving Bro. Simpson a full and patient hearing, that we much prefer the present system—open, honest voting, and "scrutinies" which can be scrutinized—to "uncontrollable returns" and "irreversible decrees" of "irresponsible Committees and Scrutineers." We are quite sure of this, that if Bro. Simpson's "crude reforms" and "retrograde changes" could be adopted, our excellent Charities would become "standing jobs" and "hateful favouritism." Our Charities are now well managed, our voting is open, honest, and above board, if errors exist they can be easily corrected, if wrong is done it can be soon remedied; and, therefore, let us leave would-be-reformers to themselves, and insist upon our Charities being "let alone."

FREEMASONRY DORMANT.

In France when a lodge is in "non-activité" it is said to be "en sommeil, (in slumber), and such is the normal state just now of Metropolitan Freemasonry, and of a large portion of our English Craft. The lodges meet not during the recess, the brethren are scattered, and even the "Tyler" is off to Herne Bay, with his "wife and olive branches." For a few months the good old lodge is, as it were, "non est," its functions ceased, its membership a name. Over are the gay doings of hospitable symposia, ended the pleasant assembly of cheerful associates. The brethren have put on one side their "paraphernalia," and unless they carry upon their persons some of Bro. Kenning's chaste and mystic Masonic "Breloques," have ceased "pro tem" to own themselves Masons, members of our great and wide-spread Fraternity. If a curious eye could follow them into their retreats, into their holiday homes, what amusing revelations, what strange discoveries might be made. The W.M. was last seen in a nautical dress talking in correct marine lingo with a coastguardsman at Weymouth. Our Senior Warden is at "Bel Alp," using strong language about the snow; our Junior Warden is in Brittany, admiring Breton lasses and Breton scenery all at the same time. That P.M. of ours, our own dear, musical P.M., is at Scarborough, delighting several young ladies at the "Crown," and our excellent Treasurer is President of the Queen at Harrogate, pleasing all, old and young, with his unconquerable urbanity. Our Secretary is at Margate, very serious and very didactic with Mrs. Secretary, and both our Deacons are in Paris, on the very best of behaviour. As for the rest of the "Father Neptune" Lodge, they are here, there, and everywhere. That rising young Mason, Jorrox, is at Homburg, and Potter is at Schwabach, and Jones is at Ettreta, and Maguire is at Ostend, where his antics in the water have created both alarm and amusement

among the ladies. One or two are in Scotland, and another is ascending Plinlimmon. And so these "disjecta membra" of a very kindly old body have yet, let us hope, once again to be united in the "caldron" of true Masonic fervour. And when we meet again what tales we shall have to tell, what wonders to recount to one another. How well the "old enemy" slip away as we listen in rapture to stories of adventure, war, and love; to wonderful encounters, curious episodes, and mysterious scenes, and dangerous neighbours! But, alas, shall we all meet again? When we again gather, cheery and kindly, in answer to our good Secretary's summons shall we all be together? Who knows? who can say? Kind readers, good brethren, who of us all can venture or dare to foresee or foretell when stern "Atropos" shall "snip" for us the "thread of life," when our "work is ended," when our "last summons has come?" Hardly a day passes but we see how the hurrying eddies of the great river of time bear away on its resistless tides the hopes and fears, the loves, the lives of men; how young and old alike are swept away, and how that all ends here often suddenly, and sadly, and darkly, (to us in our ignorance), "like a tale that is told." Let us hope, when life and activity are restored to our now dormant lodges, that we are destined, in the good providence of T.G.A. O.T.U., again to meet in happy friendship and kindly converse, and genial sociality once more, the friends of years, the tried and the trusty, the honest and the true.—So mote it be!

THE SECULAR REVIEW.

This is a weekly paper read by Secularists, and has recently delivered itself of a "testimony" anent Freemasonry. Not probably that it matters much, one way or the other, but as people like sometimes to hear what their kind friends say of them, our readers and brethren may not be displeased with us if we let them know what the *Secular Review* thinks and says of them. It is always pleasant to realize what value people put upon us, or what opinion they form of us, and we can only trust that our readers and brethren will be impressed, gratified, and edified by this public enunciation of the estimate and ideas of the *Secular Review* respecting Masons and Masonry. It seems that a "querist" having asked the Editor of the *Secular Review* for "information as to the advantages likely to accrue to society, and to be hoped for by individuals from the society of Freemasons," (we hope our reader will note the classical language of the querist), the Editor, always wishful to impart information, immediately replies to him. Having from "years of observation," (pray mark this), realized its effects on personal character and in its collective capacity," (there is a haziness about this style of writing which is, as far as we know, specially Secularist), the Editor thus incontinently, ore rotundo, delivers his opinion, spins out his explanatory "yara." In the first place, we are glad to hear that "Freemasonry is quite as opposed to genuine free thought as any other of the religious sects," on the evidence of the "Secularist" himself, for on this point, to us, blame is desirable and praise would be condemnation. Long may Freemasonry so continue. "Age has not improved," the writer tells us, "the morality of Masonry." Why should it? Morality is, "semper eadem," alone really, and truly, and safely built on the "Word of Truth," on the "Rock of Ages," but not on secularism. The writer then proceeds to exemplify his intimate acquaintance with Freemasonry when he tells us "the principal business of the Craft now-a-days is to eat, drink, and carouse; they wash down all minor animosities and unavoidable differences of opinion in bumpers of wine, and the complaints of society are lost in the clatter of plates and loyal toasts." This indeed may be very fine writing, and probably is, but how far it is from the truth, taking even a Secularist standard of that virtue and commodity, we pause not here to enquire. Suffice it to say that notwithstanding special and intimate knowledge of Masons and Masonry, if the writer gets no nearer "Truth" than he is now he has a long march to make for it, and a very protracted journey to take to reach it. His "Temple of Truth" is indeed "over

the hills and far away." But let us listen a little longer. "Judged from a purely secular standpoint, Masonry becomes a system to regard almost with abhorrence, especially in its initiatory stages." As the Irishman says, "we are mighty glad" to hear this expression of opinion, as nothing, on the contrary, can be more distasteful or repellant to honest Freemasons than the "secularism of Secularists." Like all great writers, or rather egotistical propounders of hopeless platitudes or insufferable bathos, and just now "nomen illis legio est," the writer winds up with this magnificent but illogical peroration—"It is evident that Masonry is a useless and expensive bauble, the grand qualification for advancement in which is money." This dogma from this "profoundly illuminated 'Grand Copht' of secularism" is both amusing and astounding. We hardly know which quality preponderates the most in such a statement, ignorance or absurdity. Let us hope that, despite the "Secularist" view, "men" are "better," and "wiser," for being Masons, and, though this great authority dubs Masonry as an "idle and mischievous association," that it will yet outlive the slanders of the mendacious, the complaints of the ignorant, and the criticism of the unjust. It is, however, a very curious fact in the history of Freemasonry, explain it as you will, that these vehement attacks are made upon it just now from the very "antipodes" of all real true "free thought" and "liberty of conscience" and "toleration" in the world, namely, the Ultramontane and the Infidel schools.

OUR GRAND SCRIBE E.

Our readers will notice with regret the announcement of the absence of our esteemed and excellent Grand Scribe Ezra, Comp. John Hervey, from Grand Chapter on Wednesday evening on account of illness. We shall but echo the unanimous feeling of our Order when we express our hope soon to hear of his complete convalescence and his return to the duties of that important office he performs so well, to the entire satisfaction of an admiring and appreciative Craft.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

MR. LABOUCHERE ("TRUTH?") AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Ex uno disce omnes. Tommy Tell-truth's exposition of Freemasonry in *Truth* of the 17th inst. may be very accurately appraised by the following extract from his pen, appearing in the same journal of this day's date.

"The oath of the Grand Arch Degree, by which each member engages to support another, whether right or wrong, ought, however, to be altered, for this might involve obligations inconsistent with the duties of a law-abiding citizen."

It is humiliating to have to trot out a very old Joe for the purpose of illustrating a proposition, but your lay readers will perceive the point of my protest against belief in this self-assertive, truth-telling writer's statements (those within the light will require no such demonstration) from the well known anecdote of the correction of the definition of a crab by the Committee of the French Academy by the eminent naturalist Cuvier.

The Savants defined a crab triune, as thus:

1. A fish,
2. Of a red colour,
3. It walks backwards.

The naturalist accepted the definition as correct with three not unimportant exceptions:

1. The animal was not a fish
2. Its colour was not red,
3. It did not walk backwards.

Now, as the oracular Jack Burnsby would say, "the bearin's o' this observation is in the application on it."

Take Mr. Labouchere's statement.

1. There is no Degree or Order known as the Grand Arch in Freemasonry. (Probably the Royal Arch was in the writer's mind, but surely this fact is a sufficient commentary on his assertion that the doors of the Craft are always open to him, because he sometimes "amuses himself by passing as a Freemason.")

2. In the Royal Arch Degree no such oath, or any obligation by any possibility bearing any such construction, is taken.

3. Neither in the Craft nor in the Arch are any pledges imposed in any way, however remotely, involving obligations inconsistent with the duties of a law-abiding citizen, and this is the assertion, not of one who has played the impostor for amusement, but of one who has acquired his

knowledge and attained a not insignificant position among the fraternity by arduous study and labour in the jurisprudence, ritual, and active practice of both the Craft and Arch Degrees.

That my brethren may, if they think proper, deny the proud title I hereby claim—repudiate my self-assumed character as champion of the beloved Order—I sign my name and titles, and scorn to sneak under any *nom de plume*, whether ironically, cynically, or genuinely adopted; whether meant to assert veracity or to be accepted on the principle of *lucus a non lucendo*.

It is, perhaps, hypercritical to call attention to the fact that the authority, a recourse to whose aid has been attributed to Mr. Labouchere, has his name spelt *Cartile*—and not *Cartisle*. He was a notorious Atheistic bookseller, he spent several years of his life deservedly in gaol for disseminating seditious, blasphemous, and obscene publications. His own account of his acquisition of what he promulgates as the genuine secrets of Freemasonry brands him as a man devoid of every principle of honour and morality.

As to Eckert, whose authority is vouched for by Mr. Labouchere, why does not that gentleman's flippant, dogmatic, sententious, egotistical profession of knowledge find its own discount among those who really do know, in the fact that he quotes a German writer on Masonry as the authority for the practice, ritual, and secrets of the English lodges?

"Save me from my friends," says the proverb; "from my enemies I can defend myself." How truly may this be applied to Freemasonry. Here is this man, obviously sent to curse us, and, like Balaam, "Lo! he has blessed us this three times." We all know that we have secrets, choice and invaluable secrets, eminently worth possessing. Let us be thankful then to those who, like Tommy Tell-truth, by exhibitions of ignorance, vulgarity, conceit, arrogance, and mendacity, help us to resist the attacks of the insidious. I very much doubt whether our secrets could have been so well kept but for the assistance afforded us by the misrepresentations of our enemies. One test—one illustration. This person tells us that he has played the character of El Hakim.* In this matter, for the opinions of the exoteric world I care not one straw, not speaking disrespectfully—their impressions are not worth recording, but I will appeal to my esoteric brethren. If T. T.'s pretensions to qualification as a physician were no better grounded than his claim to pass as a Mason, why, either medical knowledge must be at a very low ebb, which is possible in Mussulman countries, or intrusion into a harem does not involve an introduction to the bowstring as it used to do.

"Special Edition!—The Editor Cow-hided Again!" Such a "leaded" heading has been before now used to push the sale of a vapid journal, but then it has been on the other side of the Atlantic. Now a set of nasty writers desiderate reviving the infamies of the late Barnard Gregory. They give us *rechauffés* of the "Age," the "Satirist," "Paul Pry," and the "Town," and call them "Society journals." Society may or may not read the nauseous compound, but the sheets sell, and of the coin when it comes in the purveyors of filth, diaphanously disguised, can say with the Roman Emperor "Non olet."

Brethren, as we stand shoulder to shoulder, let our loins be girt and our arms braced when we recall the proud—the incontrovertible—fact that no good man—no unsoiled man—no man with cleanly reputation, has ever yet attacked our noble Order.

Fear of the law of libel ought, perhaps, to induce our editor to except Tommy Tell-truth from this sweeping proposition, but I do not think that he is so weak-kneed as to crouch like this. This, the latest pretended exposure of Freemasonry, comes from the pen of a man who pretends for amusement to be what he is not, and owns to satisfying a prurient curiosity by invading the sanctity of a brother man's home, and outraging his finest feelings of delicacy by acting a part the assumption of which would the better enable him to gratify a spirit of inquiry which I will not characterise.

"There is a soul of goodness in things evil,
Would men observingly di-till it out."

Brethren, this Balaam brings us good. Is it possible this impostor has passed for a Mason? Has he ever escaped the keen eyes of an O.G., and the strict scrutiny of a J.W.? If it be possible, which I do not believe, and in his lucubrations there is certainly no internal evidence of the fact, it behoves us to be on our guard, and to utilise the warning he has kindly though unintentionally given us by inculcating upon our officers the necessity of greater vigilance in the future.

Enough. Again I say, *Ex uno disce omnes*. He tells, page 134, third paragraph, number of July 31st, an utterly impossible anecdote of my own profession, one which, from internal evidence, I know can not be true. When Dr. Johnson was asked how he could account for some marvellous narration, which his faithful biographer related to him, the great man quietly replied, "A lie, sir, you may depend upon it."

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

SAMUEL POYNTER,

P.M. and Treasurer Burgoyne, No. 902; P.M. and Founder Athenæum, No. 1491; S.N. Panmure, R.A., No. 720; nine years a member of the Board of General Purposes; ten years a member of the Colonial Board. July 31.

POLLING DAYS AND SCENES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a Vice-Patron of all our excellent Charities, and often of late honoured by my brethren with a request to preside at our Quarterly Courts and on polling days, I

* See "The Talisman."—Sir Walter Scott.

have had my attention called to a letter in your columns of last week by Bro. Simpson, P.G.C., in which he talks, I see, of polling days and "scenes." As I am utterly unaware of any "scenes," and equally ignorant of what Bro. Simpson can possibly allude to, in justice to many worthy friends I think it but fair to ask him publicly in the *Freemason* what are the "scenes" to which he refers. I think there must be some mistake.

Yours fraternally,

J. CREATON, G.T.

Union Club, Trafalgar-square.

EXCHANGE OF VOTES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a reader of the *Freemason* I have noted the letters you have inserted on so called "Charity Reform," and in particular the objections to exchange of votes, with which I have not been able to agree, and as I take it that all large questions are only the accumulation of individual ideas, I wish to give an instance why I believe in exchange of votes.

I now know a very eligible case for the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and as I have some votes for Boys' School that I have no particular candidate for, I should be glad to exchange them for Benevolent votes, and it seems to me I should be benefiting both cases by exchange, whereas, if I do not exchange, the full use of both votes will be lost.

I am, yours fraternally,

CHARLES FENDELOW.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you, or any of the readers of the *Freemason*, inform me where I can get a perfect version of an old Freemasons' song beginning

"You, brethren, all who wish to know
How Masonry first began,
'Twas in the garden of Paradise,
Where Adam first he sprang."

I took it down from the lips of an old lady of over fourscore years, some years ago, and have never yet come across the verses in print. The second stanza runs thus—

"'Twas in the garden of Paradise,
As plainly you may see,
When the fig-leaf aprons they put on
To show their Masonry."

I will be much obliged by any one giving me information on the above.

HERMES.

Kelso, August 2nd, 1879.

Reviews.

LE MONDE MACONNIQUE. Paris.

"Le Monde Maconnique" is an interesting number for French Freemasons for July. It has come very late to us. But we are much amused with the manner in which our good old opponent, Bro. Grimaux, is induced to "envisager" or regard the present crisis in the "Rite Ecossais." No one knows better than Bro. Grimaux the utter hollowness and unrightfulness of the present agitation against the "Administrative Commission," and the absurdity of the demands of these pseudo reformers to make the "Grande Loge Centrale" a second Grand Orient. He sees it, and he is manly enough to avow it. Bro. Grimaux and ourselves equally recognize the ridiculous pretensions of those who are agitating the "Rite Ecossais" to ignore the rightful claims of the High Grades, and the impossibility of making the "Rite Ecossais" a symbolic body. But then, such is the state of excitement and agitation into which the proceedings of the Grand Orient and the old and long continued manoeuvres of Massol and others have thrown all French Freemasonry, confounding right and wrong, truth and falsehood, legality and illegality, that though his premise is sound, his conclusion is hopelessly illogical. He regrets the "act of suspension," but why? Surely the "Administrative Commission" had a moral as well as a legal right to "frapper," that is, to put a stop to jesuitical and unlawful attempts to change by violent agitation the whole constitution of the "Rite Ecossais," and to throw down a burning torch of discussion, discord, and revolution. We wonder what Bro. St. Jean, or the "Grand Conseil of the Grand Orient," would have said, if some uneasy spirits had circulated resolutions and appeals, calling upon the lodges to interfere and protest against the legal decisions of the Grand Conseil? Would they not have frapped? Yes, and frapped with vigour? We think so, and we only wish that our worthy and able adversary would be consistent and just to the ruling powers of the Rite Ecossais. We are quite one with Bro. Grimaux, when he regrets that warrants for symbolic lodges are granted by the Rite Ecossais. With Bro. Albert Pike, (no mean authority), we doubt the power of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite to give warrants for Craft Lodges; but that is not the question before us now. The Administrative Commission has inherited a "system," and it is seeking loyally to abide by its own laws. It deserves in our opinion the support of all honest Masons, and we trust that Bro. Grimaux may yet, like us, learn to see that that most hateful of all teaching is a lie and a snare, which declares that "the end justifies the means," and that we "may do evil that good may come."

MODERN THOUGHT. Richardson Best, 5, Queen's Head-passage, Paternoster-row.

We have received No. 7 of this monthly magazine, but, unfortunately, cannot discuss its articles properly in our columns, as they infringe upon the "debateable ground" of theological controversy. It seems ably written up to

its own "standard," but, to say the truth, as far as we know anything of "modern thought," judging by some works we have to "wade through," it is hazy and unsatisfactory in the extreme.

THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES. Buonaparte Town, U.S.

We have to acknowledge No. 2 of a new Masonic serial, and we wish it all possible success. It very wisely reproduces some of the able articles of that good and sound old teacher, Bro. T. W. Bailey, founder, we believe, and for some time editor, of the well-known American Masonic periodical, *The Voice of Masonry*.

MUSIC.

I'M MOVING ON. Words by WALTER R. CLEMENTS,
Music by CHARLES GLOVER.

We commend this successful and pleasant song to the notice of all our musical brethren.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTERS OF MIDDLESEX & SURREY.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on the 24th ult., under the banner of the Hiram Mark Lodge, No. 13. At five o'clock Bro. Raymond Thrupp, P.G.J.O., opened the Hiram Lodge, with Bro. W. G. Brighton, Prov. G. Sec., acting S.W., Bro. Dr. A. Clarke, Prov. S.G.W., as J.W., when Bro. J. A. Anderson, of the Old Dundee Lodge, was advanced to the Mark Degree in a very able manner.

The ballot was then taken for W.M., which resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. Littor.

Bro. R. H. Thrupp was re-elected Treasurer, and had the pleasure of announcing that the funds in hand amounted to £103.

Bro. Harrison was re-elected Tyler, and after the transaction of some routine business the lodge was closed.

At six o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, the Prov. Grand Mark Master, Bro. Colonel Burdett, 32, being received with enthusiasm.

The officers and brethren present were V.W. Bro. Davison, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; W. Bro. A. Clark, Prov. S.G.W.; Bros. Rev. Ambrose Hall, Prov. G. Chap.; C. Hammerton, Prov. G. Treas.; J. Mason, M.O.; J. B. Shackleton, Prov. G.D.C.; A. W. Hume, Prov. G. Std. B.; H. Court, jun., Prov. G.O.; Dr. E. Passawer, Prov. I.G.; E. Gilbert and R. W. Brown, Prov. G. Stewards; John Gilbert, Prov. G. Tyler; F. Binckes, P.G.W., and G. Sec.; Donald M. Dewar, P.G.M.O.; J. M. Klenck, P.P.G. Reg.; E. B. Bright, J. Baker, J. H. Knaggs, Dr. Ramsey, G.S.D.; C. H. Pearson, K. R. Murchison, H. Lovegrove, C. Pulman, P.G. Std. B.; H. Ridge, W. Stephens, and many others.

The minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge were read and confirmed, and the roll of lodges called over.

The Prov. G. Secretary reported an increase in the number of lodges and members.

The Treasurer's account was circulated and approved. The reappointment of Col. F. Burdett as Prov. Grand Mark Master was proposed by Bro. J. Stevens, P.G.J.O.

The next business was the appointment of Grand Officers for the year, when the following were invested:—

Bro. O. H. Pearson	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" R. P. Spice	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Ambrose Hall	...	}	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. H. B. Hunt	...		
" C. Hammerton	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. G. Brighton	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Dr. Passawer	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" K. R. Murchison	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" A. W. Hume	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" H. E. Cooper Smith	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" E. Gilbert	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" C. Golden	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Henry Lovegrove	...	...	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
" J. B. Shackleton	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" R. T. Hill	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Clayton Palmer, LL.D.	...	...	Prov. G. S. B.
" C. Palmer	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. J. Sturk	...	...	Prov. G. Organist.
" B. H. Ridge	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
Bros. Stephens, Palmer, Orlanda,	}	}	Prov. G. Stewards.
Lilley, Beasley, and Cuffe			
Bro. J. Gilbert	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The revised bye-laws of the Province were taken as read, and printed copies distributed.

A Committee for General Purposes was elected, and the Grand Lodge closed in ample form.

The banquet was served in the large room of the Greyhound, when the usual toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The M.W.G.M.M., and the Grand Officers," brought a most effective response from Bro. Binckes, who mentioned the great progress made by the Degree during the last twenty years, and its recognition by almost all the great Masonic bodies.

The gathering was very successful, and indicates the flourishing condition of the province.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present M.E. Comps. Capt. Wm. Platt, H.; Samuel Rawson, J.; Ernst Emil Wendt, Scribe E.; H. G. Buss, P.S.B., Scribe E.; Lieut.-Col. John Creation, Treas.; Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke, Principal St.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, First Asst. Soj.; E. S. Snell, P.S.B., Second Asst. Soj.; Capt. Phillips; T. Fenn; Peter de Lande Long; Joshua Nunn, P.D.C.; Alex. J. Duff Filer, Past S.B.; Samuel Mullins, D.C.; Hickman; and H. Massey (Freemason).

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation were read and confirmed, and the report of the Committee of General Purposes was received and adopted.

Scribe E. announced that the absence of the actual Scribe E. was attributable to illness, and that it was solely from that cause that M.E. Comp. Hervey was not present; which announcement called forth expressions of sincere regret.

Letters were read from Comps. George Mellor, Second Asst. Soj.; Col. Burdett, and the Rev. C. R. Davey, excusing their absence.

The Grand Janitor was invested.

Charters were granted for the following chapters:—Sir Hugh Myddelton Chapter, Agricultural Hall, Islington; Etheldreda Chapter, Crown Hotel, Wisbech, in the County of Cambridge; Eryri Chapter, Masonic Hall, Portmadoc, in the County of Carnarvon; Trafalgar Chapter, Ship Hotel, Greenwich; Ley Spring Chapter, Red Lion Tavern, Leytonstone; St. Martin's-le-Grand Chapter, The London, Fleet-street; Abbey Chapter, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon; Cathay Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, Zealand-street, Victoria, Hong Kong, China; Loyalty Chapter, Masonic Rooms, Hall-street, St. Helen's, in the County of Lancaster (W.D.); Port Natal Chapter, Masonic Hall, D'Urban, Natal, South Africa.

The prayer of a memorial from the St. Anne's Chapter, No. 970, East Loos—a charter for which was granted by Grand Chapter on the 6th November last—that Comp. John Snell Tucker may be appointed to fill the office of the Third Principal J., in lieu of Comp. William Fenwick resigned (it being shown that Comp. Fenwick had permanently left the neighbourhood, and, consequently, could not act in the above capacity), was granted.

A RECORD OF THE PAST.

On the 9th of August, 1796—nearly three years after the foundation-stone was laid—the Wearmouth Bridge was formally opened for public use. The ribs were braced together and thrown over the river in ten days, the light scaffolding being immediately removed, so as not to interfere with the navigation of the river. The Provincial Grand Lodge showed their esteem for Bro. Burdon, as the father and founder of the structure, by requesting him to act as Grand Master at the opening ceremony, and afterwards to rank as a Past Grand Master. At nine o'clock the Loyal Sunderland Volunteers met at the Batteries, and fired a salute of twenty-one guns, after which they marched to the Phoenix Hall, where the officers of the Grand Lodge and about three hundred brethren were assembled. The brilliant procession was then formed, Prince William of Gloucester walking in front of the Grand Master, Bro. Rowland Burdon. Moving down Queen-street, High-street, and Bridge-street, the south end of the bridge was reached, a triumphal arch having been erected there, and a temporary building for the accommodation of Mrs. Burdon, who was attended by an assemblage of the first female beauty and elegance in the country. The "brethren of the mystic tie" having transacted their formal business, Bro. Nesfield delivered an eloquent speech, the peroration being as follows: "Allow me, brethren, to call back to your minds the object of our assemblage here to-day—the commemoration of this stupendous edifice—our wonder, our delight, our astonishment; an honour to our art; the ornament of our country at large; the pride and boast of this great county in particular. Exposed, by its aerial situation, to the rude shock of the tempest, and the fury of contending winds, may it still rest firm on its foundations, unshaken by the conflict of the jarring elements, unimpaired by the ravages of devouring time! May it in our days stand a glorious monument of British taste and national grandeur; and may it in after ages maintain its proud eminence, permanent and durable as the work of the immortal Roman."

More durable than brass the frame,
Which here I consecrate to fame;
Higher than pyramids that rise,
With royal pride, to brave the skies;
Nor years, though numberless the train,
Nor flight of seasons, wasting rain,
Nor winds, that loud in tempests break,
Shall e'er its firm foundation shake.

At the conclusion of the oration, "grand honours" were given, after which Bro. Burdon delivered an impressive address, and the heralds proclaimed with speaking trumpets that the work was well constructed and fit for public use. This was the signal for a shout of joy from the assembled multitude, computed at about 80,000 people; the Lincoln militia, who were drawn up on the Bridge, fired three volleys, and the ships in the river discharged their ordnance. The procession was then re-formed and marched to chapel, where an earnest and appropriate discourse was delivered from the words, "Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee and praise Thy glorious name." General festivity and rejoicing was the order of a truly red letter day in the annals of Sunderland.—Sunderland Daily Echo, August 2nd, 1879.

Bro. W. T. Boord, M.P., opened a bazaar at Woolwich on Monday, in aid of the fund of St. Thomas's Rectory.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The consecration of the Connaught Lodge will take place this day at Cawte's Hotel, Southsea Common.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent was held at Plumstead on Wednesday last. A report will appear next week.

PROVINCE OF SOMERSET.—The St. Keyna Lodge, No. 1833, was consecrated at Keynsham on Tuesday last by the W.D.P.G.M. Bro. R. C. Else, and the officers of P.G.L. of Somerset.

We are pleased to note that the "Staffordshire Knot" Lodge, No. 726, has a distinguished candidate for initiation at its next meeting on the 12th inst., viz., the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot.

Bro. Thomas Brassey, M.P., offers a prize of £25 for the best handbook of suggestions to merchant officers willing to help their crews in spiritual matters, and to conduct Divine worship on board ships at sea.

We beg to call public attention to the subscription, which is being conducted by a few friends of the late Wm. Smale, in favour of his distressed widow and children. Of our personal knowledge we can say that it is a case meriting the warmest sympathy of the public.

In consequence of the death of the son of General Doherty, C.B., the meeting for the installation of Col. Peard as Provincial Prior of the Knight Templars of Cornwall is postponed until the latter part of September. The meeting of the Rose Croix will be postponed for the same cause.

BOROUGH OF PORTSMOUTH FREEMASONS' HALL AND CLUB COMPANY (Limited).—The foundation stone of the Club Building will be laid by the Mayor of Portsmouth, Bro. Alderman W. D. King, J.P., this afternoon (Saturday). A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

ORDER OF ST. LAWRENCE.—A meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge of the Order of St. Lawrence will be held at the Alexandra Palace this day (Saturday), at 3 p.m., for the purpose of installing the W.M. and other business. The annual festival will be held at the same place at five o'clock.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Friday, August 15, 1879.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9.
Lodge 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
" 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11.
Lodge 1751, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredgar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12.
Lodge 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, the London, Fleet-st.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
" 1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13.
Com. R.M.B.I., F.M.H., at 3.
Lodge 1228, Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
" 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High St., Wapping.
" 1586, Up. Norwood, White Hart Hot., Up. Norwd.
Mark Lodge, Old Kent, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
Duke of Connaught, Havlock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14.

Lodge 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke H., Notting Hl. K.T. 45, Temple Crossing, Horns Tav., Kennington.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Bury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15.

Lodge 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hot., Barnes

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 16, 1879.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, M.R., Preston.
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.
" 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1259, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Stanley L. of L. 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur, L. of L. 80, Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13.

Lodge 285, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
" 1347, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14.

Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15.

Hamer L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 16, 1879.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11.

K.T. Preceptory Loyal Volunteers, Queen's Arms, Ashton under-Lyne.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12.

Chap. 163, Integrity, F.M.H., Manchester.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13.

Lodge 54, Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale.
" 146, Antiquity, Bull's Head, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
" 191, St. John, Knowsley Hot., Bury.
" 204, Caledonian, F.M.H., Manchester.

- " 288, Harmony, M.H., Todmorden.
- " 852, Zetland, Albert Hot., New Bailey-st., Salford.
- " 854, Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, Oldham.
- Chap. 298, Unity, Masonic Rooms, 23, Ann-st., Rochdale
- " 350, Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, M'chester
- Mark 113, Blair, Commercial Hot., Haslingden.
- " 142, Wike, Church Inn, Whitefield, Manchester.
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 14.
- Lodge 1055, Derby, Knowsley Hot., York-st., Cheetham.
- " 1144, Milton, Commercial Hot., Old-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.
- " 1145, Equality, Red Lion Hot., Accrington.
- " 1697, Hospitality, Royal Hot., Waterfoot.
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 15.
- Lodge 152, Virtue, F.M.H., Manchester.
- " 993, Alexandra, Mildmay Hot., Levenshulme.
- " 1773, Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton.

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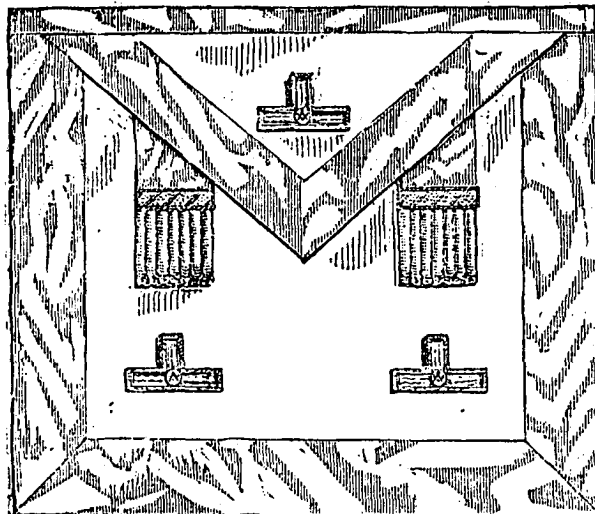
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