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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Surrey, occupied the Most Worshipful Grand Master's chair. There were also present the following Grand and Past Grand Officers:—Bros. William Kingston, District Grand Master of Malta, as Past Grand Master; Montague Guest, Provincial Grand Master for Dorset, as Deputy Grand Master; Major General the Hon. Somerset G. Calthorpe, J.G.W., as S.G.W.; Capt. W. Platt, P.G.W., as G.J.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., as G.C.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, G. Chaplain; Col. J. Creaton, G. Treas.; John B. Monckton, Pres. of the Board of Gen. Purposes; Reginald Bird, S.G.D.; George Mellor, S.G.D.; Matthew Clark, J.G.D.; John Gibson, G. Sup. of Wks.; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C.; S. Mullens, G. Swd. Br.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; William Wilson, G.P.; James Kench, Asst. G.P.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Charles W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Rev. Sir Warren Hayes, P.G.C.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Rev. Charles J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; R. Warner Wheeler, P.G.D.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; R. W. Stewart, P.G.D.; James Glaisher, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; John M. Wike, P.G.D.; James Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; Henry Maudslay, P.G.D.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; E. S. Snell, P.G.S.B.; Peter De L. Long, P.G.D.; Captain N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; J. Ebenezer Saunders, P.G.D.; John Wright, P.G.P.; W. F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Bro. John Read, P.M. 720, acted as Organist. Grand Lodge having been formally opened, Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th of June, which were then put to Grand Lodge and confirmed.

Bro. Buss afterwards said he had received letters of excuse for being unable to attend Grand Lodge from Bros. Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; Lord Henniker, Past G.W.; Lord Kensington, G.S.W.; Rev. W. A. Hill, G.C.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; the Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; E. E. Wendt, G. Sec. for German Correspondence; C. E. Willing, G. Org.; McIntyre, G. Reg.; and he had to announce that the Grand Secretary, Bro. Hervey, was too ill to attend, but he was happy to say that Bro. Hervey was improving in health. (Loud applause.)

General Brownrigg said he was very happy indeed to hear that good news.

The Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., then said: M.W.G.M., before we proceed with the business of the evening, may I ask the attention of Grand Lodge for a moment when I ask them to join with me, which I am sure they will do, in expressing our hearty sympathy with the Grand Secretary under the heavy trial which has lately befallen him, bringing him down by sickness, and our earnest and heartfelt prayer to the Great Architect of the Universe for his complete recovery. (General cries of "Hear, hear.")

General Brownrigg: I trust you will allow me to direct Bro. Buss to convey our feelings to the Grand Secretary. We all heartily endorse what has been said by the Grand Chaplain, and we all heartily wish that we may soon see Grand Secretary here safe among us again. Perhaps, Bro. Buss, you will be good enough to convey these expressions to Grand Secretary.

Bro. Buss then read the report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

	£	s.	d.
A brother of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, Gravesend	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Eleanor Lodge, No. 1707, Edmonton	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the New Zealand Lodge of Unanimity, No. 604, Lyttelton, New Zealand	50	0	0
A brother of the Caveac Lodge, No. 176, London	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, Portsmouth	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Maybury Lodge, No. 969, London	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Alfred			

Lodge, No. 340, Oxford ... 100 0 0
 The widow of a brother of the Stortford Lodge, No. 409, Bishop's Stortford ... 100 0 0
 The widow of a brother of the Pentalfa Lodge, No. 974, Bradford, Yorks ... 50 0 0
 Bro. Joshua Nunn, as Senior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence, in placing these recommendations before Grand Lodge for confirmation, said in reference to the first, that when it was proposed at the Lodge of Benevolence to give the brother £100 he (Bro. Nunn) objected to the amount as being too large. The brother had only been nine years and a-half a Mason. It was true he was a Past Master of his lodge, to which he subscribed down to the date of his application. Although Bro. Clabon had said previously at Grand Lodge that he did not think it was proper that Grand Lodge should go on increasing the large fund it had got, still he (Bro. Nunn) thought Grand Lodge ought to be just as well as generous, and he was bound, as Chairman of the June meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence, to bring this grant before Grand Lodge. He might say, however, that he did not recommend to Grand Lodge that the grant should be £100, and he should propose as an amendment that the grant be £50.

The motion having been seconded, Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., said: M.W.G.M., we are led to believe and suppose that the Lodge of Benevolence carefully look into all the details and all the particulars of the cases of those members of the Craft who apply to it for relief. I know nothing of either of the parties in this case. Unfortunately, my avocations prevented my attending the Board of Benevolence on the day when it was suggested that £100 should be granted to this brother; but £100 having been recommended, although I regret so much having been granted provisionally by the Board of Benevolence, and although I quite admit that the careful investigation that our Bro. Joshua Nunn gives to every case that is brought before him carries with it a sort quasi conviction, yet, I think that the Grand Lodge, before they decide to reduce the vote of £100 to £50, should be in possession of something more than merely the statement that Bro. Nunn has made. (Hear, hear.) I think so, Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair. I have no proclivity either for one or the other, but I think it is only fair, if this sum of £100 is too much, and Bro. Nunn thinks that £50 is sufficient, that this Grand Lodge before they decide upon it should be in possession of something like an idea and a sketch of the motives and grounds upon which Bro. Nunn founds his amendment. I dare say Bro. Nunn is quite able to give his reasons, and I am far from saying he is not; but I think before the question is decided that he should give us some particulars in addition to the statement he has already made.

Bro. W. J. Murlis, Bro. G. P. Britten, and Bro. Russell, P.M. 77, rose together, and Bro. General Brownrigg called upon Bro. Russell to address Grand Lodge.

Bro. Russell, P.M. 77, then said: M.W.G.M., I much regret that the Vice-President has departed from the usual routine in this case. I fail to discern anything differing in the position of a Vice-President from that of an ordinary member serving on the Lodge of Benevolence after that a grant has been decided on. It is as incumbent on him as on any other member of that Committee to bow to the decision of the majority, except in the case of undue influence or of solicitation, neither of which is alleged to have taken place in this instance. Before the vote was taken the Vice-President strenuously opposed it. Well and good so far. But after the decision had once been arrived at I maintain that a graceful acquiescence would have been an appropriate part for him to have played. Besides, Grand Lodge is now placed in this invidious position—it is called upon to pronounce a decision, yet it has no evidence or anything worthy of the name of evidence placed before it whereby it is to be guided to that decision. On the other hand, a number of zealous and expert brethren are assembled expressly to dispense a charity fund, and meet at a time appointed for that purpose. Applications are made; full investigation is required; information is furnished; prescribed rules are complied with, and a grant is decided on. Surely, Most Worshipful Grand Master, the brethren with all that detailed information before them ought to be better judges of the amount to recommend than Grand Lodge, who have no special information before them. However, I will do what I can to remedy that defect, and put concisely before you the whole information connected with this case. Bro. — is about thirty-seven years of age. He was initiated in 1868, therefore, he was about twenty-six years of when he was initiated, a proper age for a man to join the Craft. He joined Royal Arch Masonry in 1870. He assisted to found the Erasmus Wilson Lodge at the end of 1874 and beginning of 1875. He was Worshipful Master of his mother lodge, No. 77, in the year 1874. To show Grand Lodge, M.W.G.M. in the chair, what his Masonic position at that time was in our province I would say that Lord Holmesdale, the Provincial Grand Master, selected the town of Gravesend in his year to hold the provincial festival, where it was held under the auspices of the lodge of which our Bro. — was Master, and in consequence he received the high honour of the Junior Provincial Grand Warden's collar. Bro. — is also a Life Subscriber to the Benevolent Institution. So much for his Masonic career. Now for his private life. I must inform Grand Lodge that he has a wife and seven children, the eldest only thirteen-and-a-half years of age. His father and mother are still living, both aged, and one bedridden. They having but a poor pittance, during his prosperity our Bro. —, like a good Mason, devoted part of his income annually to assisting them, so as to as far as possible render the close of their days happy and comfortable, but now, alas! I fear as he is in distress he cannot render them that assistance to which they have been accustomed, and I am sorry to say their grey hairs must descend in sorrow to the grave. Finally, M.W.G.M. in the chair, Bro. — is afflicted

with chronic rheumatism, from the effects of which he is permanently lame, and often for days is entirely confined to his house, and unable to do anything for a living. Since he failed he has eked out a miserable subsistence by teaching music, the sale of his furniture and valuables, and on the charity of a few private friends. The two latter sources are now nearly exhausted, and I very much fear that should he not speedily succeed in getting a situation Christmas will find him and his family without a roof over their heads. This sad fate Grand Lodge has in its power to avert, and I ask this Grand Lodge by its vote this evening to grant that sum which the majority of your representatives in the lodges of the Craft decided to recommend for him. (Loud and prolonged applause.)

General Brownrigg: Brethren, I do not wish to stop any discussion on this or on any other matter, but I do think, after all we have just heard, that we should not depart from our usual rule. I think we should be treading on very dangerous ground if we do not follow the recommendation of the Lodge of Benevolence. We have a Board of Benevolence, and it is for them to look into all these cases; and I think that unless some very strong ground is shown for refusing the grants recommended we are bound to endorse them. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. G. P. Britten: M.W.G.M. in the chair, may I be permitted to say a few words? From your own remarks, and the evident feeling shown by Grand Lodge, I take it for granted that this vote is already assured. But there is something in this matter of still greater importance and wider scope than voting £50 or £100 to Bro. —. At the last meeting of Grand Lodge it will be in the memory of the brethren that Bro. Clabon brought forward a motion to the effect that the funds in the hands of the Lodge of Benevolence were excessive, and he made a very eloquent speech, setting forth with great clearness what he thought ought to be done with those funds; and then he withdrew his motion, thereby preventing any brethren stating their views on the subject. A good many of us thought that the fund of the Lodge of Benevolence is more especially a fund for Masonic Charity than, perhaps, either of the three other Masonic Charities. It is established for brethren in distress, the relief of whom is a duty enjoined upon us at our initiation, and impressed upon us in every step in Freemasonry, and it may justly be denominated the peculiar characteristic of Freemasons. Not having an opportunity of appealing to Grand Lodge on last occasion, some of us thought it was desirable to raise this question in another form, and this vote of £100 to Bro. —, undoubtedly excessive as compared with the usual practice of the Lodge of Benevolence, was expressly proposed and carried, because (our Bro. Joshua Nunn, who was in the chair on that occasion, said that when it came before Grand Lodge he should oppose it)—this was expressly carried for the purpose of asking Grand Lodge to pronounce its opinion whether the funds of the Lodge of Benevolence should be held sacred to their legitimate purpose, or else voted to some other purpose, very good in itself, but altogether alien to the purposes of the Lodge of Benevolence. I hope that Grand Lodge by an overwhelming vote will confirm this grant, and, therefore, declare their view that the funds of the Lodge of Benevolence are to be dispensed in objects of charity.

Bro. Joshua Nunn said as he had been asked to give his reasons for opposing the recommendation, he would give them. He would make no reference to what had been said by the last speaker. He (Bro. Nunn) told the Lodge of Benevolence that it would be his duty to bring up the recommendation to Grand Lodge, but that he could not advise Grand Lodge to confirm it, and for this reason, that on the same night that the recommendation of this large amount was made, a Mason, who had been twenty-eight years in Masonry, was assisted with only £40. He was of opinion that the lodge should be just as well as generous, and he thought it was not just that a Mason of nine years' standing should have nearly three times as much money granted to him as a Mason of twenty-eight years' standing.

Bro. Binckes, who was met with loud cries of "Vote," said with reference to the remarks of Bro. Britten, that on a question of this kind, the relief of a distressed brother, Grand Lodge ought not to be asked to decide on a by-issue. He (Bro. Binckes) should support the £100 recommendation, but on totally different grounds to those of Bro. Britten. He asked Grand Lodge to vote on the issue of relief, and on no other issue whatever.

The recommendation was then carried, and the other recommendations having also been adopted, Grand Lodge was closed in due form, the report of the Board of General Purposes having been first received and adopted.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Thames-street, Lion-square, Hampton. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, P.G.P. Middx., P.M. 1524, W.M., opened the lodge. A letter, which had been signed by three Past Masters and addressed to the Secretary, was read. Ballots were taken separately, and were declared to be unanimous in favour of the admission of Messrs. Tristram Frederick Edwin Walters (son of the Secretary), Edwin Charles Percy Stevens (son of Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 1426, Great City Lodge), Lewis Cohen, John Vickers Willis, Robert Follett, John Henry

Ewen, and William Skerritt. The Secretary, Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., &c., in reply to the courteous offer of the W.M. to permit him to initiate his son Tristram, said his son would not be twenty-one years of age until March 24th, 1880, that he would prefer waiting until the next regular meeting in May, when he would gladly accept the kind and gracious offer of the Worshipful Master. In the same kind, courteous manner the W.M., Bro. J. B. Shackleton, offered the chair to Bro. J. Stevens, P.M., for the purpose of initiating his son, who was present. The W.M., in a sensible speech, expressed the great gratification he felt in knowing that two such well-known and highly distinguished Masons should have selected the Lebanon Lodge, 1326, to have their sons (one, the Secretary's, being his firstborn) initiated there, both candidates being under twenty-two years of age. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., took the chair. Bro. Col. F. Burdett, R.W.P.G.M., having expressed his wish that in all lodges in his province the candidates should be introduced separately, his wish is most religiously carried out here; the Lebanon Lodge greatly distinguishing itself in the way each candidate is introduced into the lodge. Amidst the most profound silence Mr. Edwin Charles Percy Stevens was introduced as a candidate for the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, then, in a way that has never been surpassed, and but very seldom equalled, Bro. James Stevens initiated his son Edwin into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. He gave an explanation of the Tracing Board and the charge, which he supplemented with choice and beautiful language, so appropriate to the candidate. It must be recorded that (to use some words we heard made use of between the veteran Secretary and Bro. T. Poore, the subject being the initiation of Bro. E. Stevens) the ceremony was beautifully rendered, so correct, impressive, and soul-stirring. It was an intellectual treat, well worth "coming up from Leicestershire," or any where else to listen to. It would be an impossibility to encore the initiation of Bro. E. Stevens or to bring the presiding W.M. before the footlights, but, to gratify the desires of those who were present, and at the express desire of the W.M., he initiated Mr. Lewis Cohen, who (being Hebrew) caused the ceremony to be a little varied. The W.M., Bro. J. B. Shackleton, took the chair, and, in an admirable manner, first initiated Mr. John Vickers Willis, and completed the afternoon's labour by initiating Mr. Robert Follitt. The lodge was then closed. It was arranged to hold another emergency meeting in September. Refreshment followed labour. There were present besides those mentioned Bros. J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M., J.W.; D. Steinhauer, I.G.; J. J. Marsh, Org.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; J. Stevens, P.M.; T. W. Adams, P.M.; R. Meyer, P.M.; C. Lucop, C. W. Baker, H. Potter, P.M., W.S. The visitors were Bros. W. J. Meek, Sec. 199; R. Masters, 1656; and others.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—Baldwin Lodge (No. 1389).—On Wednesday week the installation of Bro. James Garden as W.M. of this lodge took place in the lodge room, at the Castle, the installing officers being Bros. Thomas Dodgson, P.P.G.P., and R. Pearson, P.P.G.P., 995. Prior to the ceremony, a beautifully finished and remarkably striking likeness (in oil) of the recipient was presented to Bro. Baldwin, the founder of the lodge. In thanking the brethren for their gift, Bro. Baldwin said that if a place for it could be found in the lodge room, he would have great pleasure in giving it back to the lodge. This offer was accepted with thanks. A banquet was afterwards partaken of in the Wellington Hotel, provided by Bro. F. Bell in his usual excellent style. There was a fair sprinkling of visiting brethren. During the after proceedings Bro. Garden presented a jewel to Bro. Hosking for his services during the year. The officers for the incoming year are as follows: Bros. J. Garden, W.M.; R. Hosking, I.P.M.; T. Grieve, S.W.; R. Blake, J.W.; Rev. J. M. Morgan, Chap.; C. Godby, Treas.; R. Whiteside, Sec.; T. Trembath, S.D.; E. B. Mitchell, J.D.; G. B. Ashburner, Org.; R. Townley, I.G.; J. T. Lawn, S.S.; F. Postlethwaite, I.G.; and W. Pratt, Tyler. The Director of Ceremonies was Bro. John Case, P.M. 995.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—On Friday evening, the 29th ult., there was an emergency meeting of this lodge at the Lord Raglan Hotel, Plumstead, for the purpose of taking into consideration the advisability of removing the lodge regalia from the New Masonic Hall adjoining the Sir Robert Peel, where the meetings have hitherto been held, to the Lord Raglan, with the view to the future meetings of the lodge being held at the latter place. Bro. Hay Grieve Picken, I.P.M. (in the absence through illness of Bro. Shaw, the W.M.), occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Daniel Deeves, S.W.; William Welding, J.W.; Weston, P.M.; Murphy, Treasurer; George Kennedy, Secretary; and a strong muster of brethren. The ordinary business of the lodge having been disposed of, Bro. Walter Hume, of Lodge 160, S.C., and Bro. Daniel Baker, of Lodge 190, were duly balloted for and accepted as joining members. Mr. Thomas Hunt was regularly initiated into the rites and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry. Bro. Waldron was passed to the Second Degree, with the usual formalities. The acting W.M. informed the brethren of the circumstances under which it had become necessary to bring the question of removal from the Sir Robert Peel before the lodge, and left the matter to the discussion of the members. A discussion ensued, in the course of which Bros. Weston, McClelland, Kennedy, and Watkins took part, when it was ultimately decided to remove the lodge furniture and regalia to the Lord Raglan, the necessary authority being obtained from Grand Lodge for such removal. Doubts were expressed as to the capability of the hall at the Lord Raglan for the accommodation of the lodge, there being over 140 members on its books.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The brethren connected with this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday afternoon, the 26th ult., and as this was the election meeting all the greater interest attached to the gathering. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. Lindo Courtenay, W.M., and amongst his officers there were Bros. W. J. Chapman, I.P.M.; Joseph Bell, P.M., D.C., P.G.S.; B. B. Marson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. B. MacKenzie, S.W.; W. W. Sandbrook, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas., W.M. 1356; John Atkinson, Sec.; R. Burgess, Org.; Joseph Skeaf, P.G.O., Hon. Org.; J. Pyer, I.G.; W. Savage, S.S.; H. P. Squire, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The list of members included the names of Bros. T. J. Adams, J. Ballard, J. W. R. Brown, P. F. Buck, J. Bayliss, C. Courtenay, J. de Frece, J. Hill, W. Heap, R. H. D. Johnson, P. Lowndes, H. Y. Pitts, J. Penny, H. Round, J. L. Shrapnell, D. Saunders, M. P. Tieski, E. H. Thompson, R. Williams, Dr. R. Williams, and others. The visitors who were present included Bro. Harry Jackson, Cyril Searle, H. C. Sidney, H. Firth, W.M. 667; G. Maxwell, Wright, and others. Bro. J. Bayliss, having been passed to the Second Degree, the brethren afterwards proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the S.W. (Bro. MacKenzie) was unanimously chosen to fill that important office. Bro. A. Woolrich was again elected nem. con. to the office of Treasurer, a position which he has held since the consecration of the lodge, and in connection with the election, the W.M. spoke in high terms of the manner in which Bro. Woolrich had fulfilled the onerous duties of his office, and the compliment was feelingly acknowledged by the Treasurer. Twelve guineas were voted for the purchase of a Past Master's jewel for presentation to Bro. L. Courtenay, W.M., and after a substantial sum had been voted for the relief of a distressed widow, the lodge was closed according to ancient form. A banquet followed, and during the evening the toasts of "The W.M." and "The W.M. elect" were cordially proposed and warmly received. Bro. Cyril Searle responded on behalf of "The Visitors," and the proceedings closed about seven with the Tyler's toast. Songs and recitations of an enjoyable kind were given by Bros. Sidney, Harry Jackson, C. Searle, Chapman, R. Williams, and others; and a piano solo and accompaniments were played with masterly effect by Bro. R. Burgess, Organist of the lodge.

INSTRUCTION.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. There were present Bros. C. Lorkin, W.M.; A. McDonald, S.W.; F. Jacob, J.W.; J. Lorkin, S.D.; J. L. Payne, J.D.; W. Ferrar, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; J. Williams, Sec.; and other brethren. The lodge was opened in ancient form and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Williams being the candidate. Bro. W. Fieldwick, assisted by the brethren, worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. F. Jacob seconded—"That Bro. A. McDonald be W.M. for the ensuing week." Carried unanimously. The following brethren were elected as officers of the lodge:—Bros. W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; C. Lorkin, and J. Williams, Secretary. Bro. J. Lorkin proposed, and Bro. F. Jacob seconded—"That the fifth Wednesday in every month be at the use of the Secretary." Carried unanimously. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. J. Lorkin seconded—"That the annual supper of the lodge take place on Wednesday, 1st October." Carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

Royal Arch.

BURY.—Chapter of Unanimity (No. 42).—The annual installation meeting was held at the Derby Hotel on Wednesday, the 27th ult. In the absence of Comp. G. O'Neill, Z., through illness, the chapter [was opened by Comp. Halliwell, P.Z., assisted by Comps. J. Randle Fletcher, H.; W. Balmer, J.; W. O. Walker, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; and other members. There were also present as visitors Comps. C. N. Beswicke Royds, P.Z., P.G.H.; and J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 317, P.P.G.D. of C. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Comp. Sillitoe installed and invested the following Principals and officers, viz.: Comps. J. Randle Fletcher, Z.; W. Balmer, H.; T. Probert, J.; S. Hamer, S.E.; A. Hopkinson, S.N.; W. Barrett, P.S.; W. Hutchinson, 1st A.S.; the Rev. W. R. Clayton, 2nd A.S.; J. W. Kenyon, Treas.; H. Bates, Janitor. At the close of the installation ceremony, Comp. Fletcher, Z., in very eulogistic terms, proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Sillitoe for his attendance and valuable assistance, which was seconded by Comp. Balmer, H., and carried with acclamation. Comp. W. O. Walker desired to mark the pleasure the chapter had experienced from the visit of their Provincial Grand Second Principal, and proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Royds for his attendance. Comp. Halliwell, P.Z., seconded the same. Comp. Royds, in reply, assured the companions that he was always ready to do anything within his power to promote the interests of that or any other chapter in the province. The chapter was closed in solemn form. The companions adjourned to a banquet, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening followed.

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Mark Masonry.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 139).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday last, the W.M., Bro. William Poore, P. Prov. G.J.O., in the chair. The members present were Bros. Thos. Poore, P.G.I.G., P.M.; G. Lilley, P.M.; Pulman, P.M. (W.M. elect); J. Stevens, P.G.J.O., Sec., P.M.; J. J. Gibson, P.P.G.S. of Works; W. Ackland, Mitchell, Gunner, Vincent, Spiegel, Whittaker, and W. Steedman, Tyler. After confirmation of the minutes the ballot was taken for Bros. C. B. Gibson and Hawkins, and they were duly advanced by the W.M. Bro. Thos. Poore, P.G.I.G., then took the chair to install the W.M. (Bro. Pulman), who was presented by the retiring W.M. The ceremony was performed in Bro. Poore's usual style, to the great delight of the brethren assembled, and at its conclusion the officers were invested as follows: Bros. J. J. Gibson, S.W.; W. Ackland, J.W.; W. Mitchell, M.O.; J. Syer, S.O.; H. Baldwin, J.O.; G. Lilley, Treas.; W. Gunner, Secretary; W. Vincent, S.D.; Whittaker, I.G.; W. Steedman, Tyler. A motion was brought forward, and carried unanimously, for a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners to be worked in connection with the Panmure Lodge. At the conclusion of the business the lodge was closed in due form. The only visitors were Bro. H. Lovegrove, Prov. G. Sup. of Wks., and Bro. Sheadd. The usual toasts were duly honoured, that of "The Past Masters" being responded to by Bro. Stevens, the founder of the lodge, in a most eloquent and effective manner. The newly-invested officers responded to the toast in their honour, and promised to assist the W.M. to promote the welfare of the lodge.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithfull Lodge (No. 229).—The first anniversary of this young but progressing lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 27th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. It is only twelve months since the lodge was consecrated by the R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, Bro. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., and only six weeks prior to that when a warrant was applied for; yet during the first year marked progress has been made, as, in addition to the six charter members, ten brethren have been advanced to the Honourable Degree, whilst another was proposed on the anniversary night. The brethren assembled at seven o'clock, when there were present Bros. W. F. Lamonby, W.M., P.P.A.D.C. (*Freemason*); R. Robinson, S.W., W.M. elect; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W.; Capt. Sewell, M.O.; R. W. Robinson, S.O.; T. C. Robinson, J.O.; J. Black, Treas., Sec., and Reg. M.; H. Peacock, S.D.; W. Shilton, I.G.; J. Hewson, Tyler; and W. Paisley. The remainder of the members were unavoidably out of town. The visitors were Bros. P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151, P.G. Sec., Grand Steward of England; J. Gardiner, P.M. 151, P.G.J.W.; G. Dalrymple, W.M. 216, P.G.J.D.; J. Harper, P.M. 216, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. H. Raven, J. Quay, J. Wilson, J. W. Robinson, 151; and J. B. Paisley, 60. After the lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, the officer of the Grand Lodge mentioned was announced, and on his entry was saluted. Three members were then elected to serve on the permanent committee for the ensuing year, after which Bro. Black was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, as also Bro. Hewson, Tyler. Bro. R. Robinson was then presented to the W.M. for installation by Bro. Gardiner, and he was regularly placed in the chair of A. After the presentation of the working tools, warrant, &c., on the re-admission of the brethren generally, the following officers were then invested:—Bros. W. H. Lewthwaite, S.W.; Capt. Sewell, J.W.; R. W. Robinson, M.O.; T. C. Robinson, S.O.; H. Peacock, J.O.; J. Black, Treas., Sec., and Reg. M.; W. Shilton, S.D.; W. Paisley, J.D.; Geo. Brash, Steward; T. Mason, I.G.; Jos. Hewson, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens, and those to the Overseers and brethren of Faithfull Lodge, were delivered by Bros. Gardiner and Dalrymple respectively, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded. Bro. C. H. McCall, of Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, was then proposed as a candidate for advancement, and, after the usual closing address from the I.P.M., the brethren adjourned to the Rampant Bull, where a most excellent supper awaited them, thanks to the well-tried catering of Bro. Peacock and his better half. The remainder of the evening, up to midnight, was spent in the most happy manner, under the presidency of the newly-installed Master, and the customary Grand Lodge, provincial, and complimentary toasts were honoured. In the intervals, too, some delightful harmony was contributed, the gems of which were "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," and "The Village Blacksmith," admirably sung by Bro. J. B. Paisley, whilst "Tam O'Shanter" was recited by Bro. Dalrymple in a style not to be approached by any but a native of "Caledonia stern and wild."

Jamaica.

PHOENIX LODGE (No. 914).—At the ordinary meeting of this lodge, held at Port Royal on the 5th August last, a large number of brethren gathered to assist in the installation of the Master elect and officers for the ensuing year. The Installing Master was the W. Bro. G. P. Myers, who called on the W. Bro. L. C. Hollar to present the Senior Warden, Bro. John Tyndall, for installation. The following is a list of the administration: W. Bros. J. Tyndall, Master; G. P. Myers, I.P.M.; Bros. W. C. H. Hastings, S.W.; J. Feesy, J.W.; J. Anderson, Treas.; A. Duffus, Sec.; W. Organ, S.D.; M. H. Smyth, J.D.; J. Wenman, I.G.; W. B. Hannan, Tyler. The brethren having completed their labours, were called to refreshment, and under the charge of the Junior Warden enjoyed a most pleasant evening. It may be interesting to state that the administration is

entirely formed from brethren connected with H.M. Naval Department, and their positions are as follows:—Wor. Bro. John Tyndall, Surgeon H.M. R.N. Hospital; Bro. M. C. H. Hastings, Lieutenant H.M. Sur. Schr. "Sparrow Hawk;" J. Feesy, Clerk, R.N. Hospital; E. Anderson, Chief Clerk, H.M. Dockyard; A. Duffus, Dispenser, R.N.; W. Organ, Master Carpenter, H.M. Dockyard; M. H. Smyth, Lieut., H.M. Sur. Schr. "Sparrow Hawk;" J. Wenman, Warrant Officer, H.M. S. "Urgent;" W. B. Hannan, Warrant Officer, H.M. S. "Urgent," (retired).

CONSECRATION OF THE DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

The Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, was consecrated last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., who was assisted by Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D., as S.W.; Hugh D. Sandeman, Past District Grand Master of Bengal, as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Past Grand Chaplain, as Chaplain; Frank Richardson, Past Grand Steward, as D. of C.; T. C. Walls, Past Prov. Grand Org. Middlesex, as I.G.; and several other brethren, among whom were Bro. J. W. Brooke, T. C. Corpe, W. Gibson Bott, J. W. Dewsnap, Henry Cruse, George B. Smith, jun., Alfred Stokes, G. F. Smith, J. C. Wilkins, Adolph Baumann, Rev. S. B. Harris, P.M. 538; J. T. Calkin, 586; James Dann, P.M. 72; J. Shirley Hodson, 1706; John P. Sadler, 1670; Henry Gadsby, 1706; G. M. A. Low, S.D. 1589; F. H. Gruggen, 1670; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

After the lodge had been opened in the Three Degrees, Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke said: Brethren, we have met here to-day for a very important purpose, viz., to add one more unit to the number of the great family of Masonic lodges in England—a lodge which has been honoured in being permitted to bear one of the titles of our Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. I feel sure that the founders will feel greatly the honour thus conferred on them, and I hope, and fully believe, from what I have heard of the high character of the Master designate and the founders of the lodge, that they will so conduct this lodge in every respect as never to give His Royal Highness cause to regret having given permission to the lodge to use his name.

The usual ceremonies were then gone through, and the following oration was then delivered by the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Past Grand Chaplain, who said: Brethren, "In all labour there is profit." "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." So does God teach us by the words of our Grand Master Solomon, and how well did our ancient brethren follow this teaching. Whatsoever they did they did it as well as they could. They laboured for God's honour and God's glory, not simply for man's wages, and they thought nothing too good for God. Their heart was in their work; their principle was to do everything well, whether they got the credit for it or not. Every stone they laid was a practical sermon on the words I have quoted to you. Look at the buildings of our ancient fraternity and you will see a careful attention to every detail of the work—Work that was out of sight or far removed from the eye was not scamped and hurried over. Every colour was chosen with care, every ornament was in harmony, every man had his work. Some were hewing the timber in such forests as Lebanon, or moulding the brass vessels in such places as the clay ground between Zuccoth and Zarthan. Some were employed on the rough ashlar, others in finishing the exquisite tracery of the stone work—all, from the lowest to the highest, with their heart in the work, whatever it was, all endeavouring to do what they did do to the very best of their power; all labouring in obedience to the mind and direction of the architect. And what is the result? We see it in those buildings of our ancient fraternity which time has spared to us. There is a something about these works, a something more than the mere charm of antiquity, which speaks to our inmost heart of God. We feel that the house has been built for Him. Oh! what a contrast here to the noisy, glaring, garish temples which the world builds for her business or her pleasures. The work has grown beautiful and solemn under the hands of Craftsmen who worked for God, and it bears in every part the memorial of their high religious principle. The idle, selfish, unprincipled Craftsmen would not do such work. Why is it so difficult now-a-days to produce this "feeling" in our works? We can get the money, the stone, the wood, all that our ancient brethren had. We have many advantages which they had not, the appliances of modern skill and science. Yes, we ought to do better than they did, but we do not, as a rule, do as well. Why? Is it not because we cannot get the old workmen whose hearts were in their work, and who worked not only for their wages but also chiefly for God's honour and glory? But we meet to-day not as operative but as speculative, or free and accepted, Masons. Let us apply these lessons which we learn from the work of our ancient brethren to our morals. We have met together to-day, men of different professions, different tastes, different positions in life. Are we each of us carrying into our everyday life these principles, to do everything as well as we can, and everything not for self but for God? I think these are the principles which every ceremony of our lodge does try to impress upon our minds. There is nothing against which true Masonry sets her face so sternly as against idleness, selfishness, or the want of a right purpose in life. The man who values every day merely in proportion to the pleasures and amusements it brings; the man who cares only to please self; and, above all, the man who has not a high religious principle, independent of Masonry—all these are untrue and unworthy members of our Craft. My brethren of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, when any one knocks at the door of your lodge for admittance, ask your-

selves the question—Is he a man who is doing honestly as well as he can the work, whatever it may be, which God has set him to do in this life? And do not let him as a candidate ever pass that threshold unless you can answer this question satisfactorily. There is a need to be on our guard. We are living in times when Masonry is fashionable. Fashion brings to our doors men to whom our Order can be only an empty form. Surely it is well then to be careful; and will not this care have this real practical effect for good? If the idler—the coarse, sensual liver—and the profane find our doors closed against them, may it not be one means of bringing some of them to think "for what end was I made?" and so cause, at all events, some of them, having found the true answer, to return after a while and knock a second time, when we shall be able conscientiously to receive them. But we must watch ourselves as well as the candidates, and humbly endeavour to keep true to our principles. It is very easy to drift into a purposeless life; it is very hard to be always at labour. And yet, my brethren, in one sense all life, even the hour of recreation, is labour—a labour in all things to show forth God's honour and glory, to watch against anything which may dishonour Him. From this labour there will be no cessation until we hear those words "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord"—that joy to which alone those who here are not weary in well doing will be admitted—that joy which is itself the blessed work of ever doing God's will where sin will have no place.

At the conclusion of this oration Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke proceeded with the consecration of the lodge, and when this had been completed the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg left for Newport Pagnell, where his ministerial duties for next day were numerous. Lieut.-Col. Clerke then installed Bro. Joseph Woolley, W.M. designate, in the chair of the lodge, and the following brethren were invested with the collars of their respective offices: Bros. Charles T. Corpe, S.W.; Dr. W. Gibson Bott, J.W.; J. W. Dewsnap, Treas.; Henry Cruse, Sec.; George F. Smith, jun., S.D.; Alfred Stokes, J.D.; George F. Smith, sen., D.C.; J. C. Wilkins, I.G.; Adolph Baumann, Std.; and Goddard, Tyler.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke afterwards delivered the addresses, and a Committee was then appointed to frame and consider the bye-laws of the lodge.

On the motion of the S.W., seconded by the J.W., the thanks of the lodge were voted to Bros. Lieut.-Col. Clerke, Capt. Philips, Hugh Sandeman, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, and Frank Richardson for their able services in the ceremony of consecration and installation, and these brethren, as well as Col. Du Plat, were elected honorary members of the lodge.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and the other Consecrating Officers, and expressed the pleasure it had given all of them to be instrumental in launching the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, which they hoped they would avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting on more than one occasion.

Letters of apology for inability to attend were read by the Secretary from Bros. General Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. for Surrey; Malony, P.M. 25; Col. Du Plat, and Maybrick, 1706. A list of names for initiation and joining was then read, and the lodge being afterwards closed, the brethren afterwards adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a choice banquet, provided by Bro. Best and superintended by Bro. Dawkins, was partaken of.

At the subsequent proposing of the toasts of the evening, the W.M., in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said the Master of a new lodge when he rose for the first time in his lodge always proposed one toast. It was the custom in all countries speaking the English language that the toast of "The Queen" should take precedence of all others, and it was not the custom in Masonic lodges to do otherwise. But Masons coupled with it "The Craft," because every man who was a good Mason was supposed to be a loyal subject. In proposing "The M.W.G.M.," he said that Masons were proud to have the heir apparent to the throne of Old England at their head, and a better Grand Master he thought could not be found. The brethren of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge required no proof of the interest His Royal Highness took in Freemasonry, as he (the W.M.) held in his hand the warrant of the lodge, signed with His Royal Highness's own hand.

In proposing "The Pro Grand Master, &c.," the W.M. said that whilst such men were at the helm of the jolly good barque of Freemasonry as Lords Carnarvon and Skelmersdale, assisted by such Grand Officers as were present that evening, the barque would be safely steered through every storm, and be able to avoid every quicksand such as the Grand Orient of France had drifted on.

Bro. Sandeman, Past District Grand Master of Bengal, replied, and said that to every Grand Officer it was a matter of very great interest to be present at so important an event as the consecration of a new lodge. He had been looking forward to that evening for a considerable time. He believed there was only one other lodge bearing the same name as the lodge that had just been dedicated, and he and the other Grand Officers heartily wished it might live and prosper to a good old age. The family of English lodges was getting very large, and if any Mason twenty-five years ago had ventured to say that at a future time there would be 1839 lodges on the roll, he would have been looked upon as a Masonic optimist. There was no doubt that America and England, the two great English-speaking countries of the world, were masters of the position as regarded Freemasonry—it was only in America, England, and the colonies that Masonry really flourished, not as a political engine working against the good of the State, as, alas, it was in so many continental countries, but a strong political power to uphold the government, because although Masons were told that they must not speak politics in lodge, yet Masons

like other men had their politics, which were to uphold the civil magistrate, to support the law of the land, and to maintain the principles of their Order at any cost to themselves. If they acted fully up to their profession they should set an example to the whole world, and show how men of cultivation, education, and science, men of every position, rank, and scale in society, knew how to honour God and their Sovereign; and it was for this reason that the English lodges were the envy and wonder of all continental Masons, who could not boast the same thing. Foreign lodges were merely political engines, sometimes for good, and sometimes for evil. Bro. Sandeman concluded by thanking the brethren for the toast, and for the hearty reception that had been given to the Grand Officers.

The W.M., in proposing "The Consecrating Officer, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D.," said he was sure all the brethren, as well as himself, had been deeply interested in the ceremony, and were delighted with the ready and excellent way in which the work had been performed. The brethren's very best thanks were due to Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, for so kindly attending and performing the ceremonies of consecration and installation, and he (the W.M.) felt he could not sufficiently express all he would like to say of him in recommending this toast to the brethren.

Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, in reply, said it afforded him very great pleasure when the W.M. wrote to him to perform the ceremony of the day, to be able to accept the invitation. It must be to any Mason who had the interests of the Order at heart a deeply gratifying feeling to be able to perform duties which would further the interests of the Order. He need not remind the brethren that consecrating a lodge was a very important and useful ceremony, and when he was asked to attend and officiate he did so with great pleasure and readiness. From what he knew of the brethren who formed the Duke of Cornwall Lodge he felt certain that it would not disgrace the Order. He was afraid there was at the present day too great a desire and too great a temptation among the lodges to press matters to extremes in vying with each other as to the number of initiates they made, in fact, entirely forgetting the principle to obtain quality in striving to obtain quantity. He was, therefore, pleased to learn from the W.M. that that would not be the principle of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, but that they meant to go quietly and slowly, but surely, ahead. If they would only take a candidate now and then, when they were sure he was a good man and true, they would get on. They had frequently been told that it was very easy to get an undesirable member into a lodge, but it was uncommonly hard to get rid of him afterwards. Therefore, they might depend upon it that the principle which he (Bro. Lieut.-Col. Clerke) advocated was the best. Do not try to make the lodge too large, as some were, in which there was such a mass of brethren that there was very little chance of a man getting into the chair. He was sorry that some of his colleagues were unavoidably obliged to leave before the banquet. The eloquent brother, the Chaplain, who had so delighted them with his oration, lived a long way off, and he had four services to perform the next day, and, therefore, his presence in his parish was necessary. A severe domestic bereavement rendered it impossible for Captain Philips at present to stop to banquet after Masonic work; and Bro. Frank Richardson had a long standing engagement which had compelled him to leave when the lodge work was over. He mentioned these facts to show to the brethren that it was not through any lack of respect to the lodge that so many of the brethren who were at the consecration were not at a banquet. Their hearts, however, were with the brethren, and they felt the honour conferred upon them in being asked to assist in performing the ceremonies. Like himself, they took great interest in the future welfare of the lodge. With respect to himself, he felt very grateful for the honour conferred on him, and as long as he lived he should watch the career of the lodge most carefully and with a very great deal of interest. Before sitting down he would ask the brethren to join him in drinking "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Brooke had not long been a Mason, but he was a brother who had the interests of Masonry very dearly at heart, and from what the brethren had seen that night when he invested his officers they might be sure he would do his work well. He (Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke) had frequently seen Masters appoint and invest their officers, but he most candidly confessed that he never had seen a Master deliver the charges to his officers so fluently and perfectly. Ex uno disce omnes; and the brethren might, therefore, rely upon it the W.M. would do all the other work required of him in an equally efficient manner. The W.M. meant to do uncommonly well, and the brethren were very fortunate in having a brother like the W.M. to preside over them. He was very keen, and in a long correspondence he had upon the subject of the lodge on various points, he displayed an immense amount of keenness. That was a great point, and the brethren were extremely fortunate in having secured Bro. Brooke for the first W.M. of the Duke of Cornwall lodge.

The W.M., in reply, said the most disagreeable part of his duties, the speaking about himself, now devolved upon him, and consequently if he should get through it as quickly as possible the brethren would not blame him. In the first place he felt deeply indebted to the brethren for drinking the toast so enthusiastically, especially to Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, for the kind and flattering manner in which he had proposed it. As the first W.M. of the lodge to which the brethren had been kind enough to recommend him, it was his wish and desire to render the Duke of Cornwall Lodge all that Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke had said for it. They intended to be very careful whom they admitted to their ranks and would not admit any one hastily. Their lodge had the title of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, and they owed it to the Grand Master to make the lodge worthy of the name. He asked

the brethren to excuse him saying so little as he was only a baby W.M. When he had been a little longer in the chair he hoped to be able to say a little more.

The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors." The expression used in lodge, "brethren in the north, east, south, and west," was not a mere empty flow of words, because there were frequently in lodges brethren from India, China, Africa, Cape of Good Hope, and the continent.

Bros. Dann, Walls, and Calkin replied; and the Rev. E. B. Harris, in also responding, said this was the first consecration he had ever been present at, and he must say that with all the working he was not only delighted but instructed. He could not help feeling it was a great pity the Grand Chaplain should have been obliged to go so early, because after the admirable teaching he had given in his oration in the lodge they were justified in thinking he might have given them some more of it after banquet. They were surrounded by all those things which reminded them of God's goodness towards them, of the wonderful care of the Great Architect of the Universe, and they should all remember, and never forget, as Masons, that the two great principles of Masonry were these—to love the Lord our God first with all their heart, and all their mind, and soul, and strength, and then to love their neighbour as themselves.

The W.M. then proposed "The Press," to which Bro. Massey replied, and the toast of "The Officers," to which each of those brethren responded individually, concluded the business of the evening.

The Tyler's toast was then proposed and drunk, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

The ceremony of consecration was assisted by a musical selection under the direction of Bro. George F. Smith, jun., Organist and director of the choir of St. John's, Angell Town, Brixton, who had with him some of the boys of the choir. Bro. Chubb, G. F. Smith, sen., Mr. F. W. Flower, and Mr. Page Hannant also assisted in the music after dinner, and Bro. Walls and several other brethren likewise contributed their musical talents towards the enjoyment of the evening.

MASONIC BAZAAR AT EXETER.

A bazaar on a somewhat elaborate scale, and to which was to have been added a garden party, was spoilt at Exeter on the 27th of August by the wet and boisterous weather. Every preparation had been made to hold the event in the grounds of Parker's Well House, one of the prettiest suburban residences of the city, which Mr. William Brock had kindly placed at the disposal of the committee. The tents were erected on the lawn, and everything on the previous day looked at its best; but no sooner did those upon whom the management of the affair rested open their eyes on the morning than they at once saw that much of their labour had been in vain. A hasty consultation was held, and it was determined not to postpone the event, but to remove the "goods" of the bazaar to the Victoria Hall with all possible speed, and so to make the best of the most unfavourable circumstances. Shortly afterwards "sandwich men" were parading the streets in the pouring wet with announcements of the fact, and bills were exposed in various shop windows, but no other means were open to the committee to make their alteration known, and there is no doubt the bazaar, or rather the objects for which it was held, grievously suffered in consequence. Those objects were threefold, namely, to aid the "orphans of the soldiers who fell at Insandula," to assist the "scheme for the education of children of deceased Freemasons in Devon," and the "Freemasons' Hall Building Fund, Exeter." Influential patronage was secured for the event, the patronesses being Lady Poltimore, Poltimore; Lady Anna Maria Courtenay, Powderham; Lady Palk, Haldon; Mrs. Mills, Bude Haven; Mrs. John G. Johnson, Cross, Torrington; Mrs. Huyshe, Clithydon; Mrs. Tanner-Davy, Rose Ash; Mrs. E. Johnson, Farringdon; Mrs. W. H. Peters, Harefield; and Mrs. W. H. Walron, Newcourt. The preliminaries were arranged by a committee, composed of the following brethren:—John Algar, William Brodie, B. Barber, J. A. Bowden, Robert Besley, William Brown, Harry Clark, C. Campbell, J. S. Cape, E. T. Fulford, William A. Gregory, E. S. Gully, J. Gibson, Frederick Horspool, John Horswell, J. Jerman, Charles C. Kendrick, James Kitto, J. F. Long, T. B. Land, W. R. Lisle, F. Lugert, Math. H. Lucas, William Pidsley, Joseph Page, W. F. Quicke, Henry Stocker, J. H. Warren, and Joseph Will, jun. Apart from the fact that it was impossible fully to acquaint intending visitors that the bazaar would be held at the Victoria Hall instead of being postponed altogether, there is no doubt the Victoria Hall—beautifully decorated though it be—presented very inferior attractions to that which the pretty grounds of Parker's Well House would have offered on a fine day. The stalls were arranged round the hall, and the centre of the room was occupied by a stand of flowers contributed by Dr. Woodman.

The bazaar was opened, as announced, by the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Ebrington, soon after one. There was then hardly any one present beyond members of the committee and some ladies at the stalls. The members of the committee received Lord Ebrington at the entrance to the hall, and conducted him in sombre procession to the platform.

Mr. E. T. Fulford, who has acted as honorary Secretary, led his lordship to his position, and then, on behalf of the committee, requested him to formally open the bazaar. His lordship knew, Mr. Fulford said, that they were to have held the bazaar out of doors, but, considering the weather, they did not that morning feel justified in carrying out their arrangements; and they thought the best thing would be to come indoors. The result was that they had arranged and furnished the stalls hastily to the

best of their ability, and they thanked his lordship most heartily for his kindness in coming there, at some amount of personal inconvenience, to open the bazaar. (Applause.)

Lord Ebrington began by expressing the gratitude every one must, he thought, feel at seeing the successful way in which the committee had combated the inclemency of the weather, and the beautiful way in which they had arranged the bazaar in the short time available for the purpose. The objects of the bazaar must commend themselves to everybody; some of them, perhaps, more to a limited number, but one of them at least—the benefit of the widows and orphans of the brave soldiers who fell at Insandula—must commend itself to everybody without exception. (Applause.) He had much pleasure in declaring the bazaar open. (Applause.)

The band of the South Devon Militia, under Bro. Fly, of Plymouth, then played the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales," and three cheers having been given for Lord Ebrington, the formal proceedings ended.

The ladies presiding at the stalls were Lady Anna Maria Courtenay, Lady Poltimore, the Hon. Miss Bampfylde, Mrs. Edward Johnson, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Chichester, Mrs. Pidsley, Mrs. Brodie, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Besley, Mrs. Fulford, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Lemarchand, Misses Long, Webber, Nott, Clarke, Besley, and Fulford. Refreshment stall—Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Barber, and Mrs. Battishill; assisted by Bros. Warren and Elmore.

Amongst the articles were two handsome screens painted and presented by Mrs. Stocker, of Exeter. At the upper end of the hall was the piece of sculpture by Giovanna Focardi, entitled "The Dirty Boy," which was exhibited at the Flower Show on Friday, the 22nd August. There were various subsidiary attractions. Entertainments, musical and theatrical, were given in the small hall upstairs by the Misses Long, Messrs. Bartlett, B. Barber, W. H. Hawker, J. Maidment, and W. Long. The attendance during the day was not large.—*Western Morning News*, August 28th.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

WILLIAM PRESTON'S INITIATION.

The interesting fact relative to Wm. Preston's initiation alluded to by Bro. Hughan, on the authority of Bro. Gould, is a most important communication in respect of the history of Wm. Preston. And yet, curiously enough, lucid as my worthy friend and Bro. W. J. Hughan is, I do not see that he distinctly states in his communication when Wm. Preston was initiated. As I understand his words, Wm. Preston is found twelfth in a list of June 1st, 1763. But does that list declare him to be then initiated, or only a member? I shall be glad if Bro. Hughan will explain this statement fully in next *Freemason*. His words may be read both ways, I admit, but it is always best to be most precise.

MASONIC STUDENT.

BRO. GOULD'S "FOUR OLD LODGES."

I have again carefully perused the remarkable work entitled "The Four Old Lodges," and am confirmed in my opinion that this is the most useful, accurate, and laborious work of the kind ever compiled, for the use of Masonic Students, and as I have said before is, and likely to be, without a rival, as all is done that can well be statistically for the "Moderns." Now we want similar for the "Ancients," and to obtain the latter I shall be most happy to work with Bro. Gould in any way possible. In the list of 1792-1813, I see that Bro. Gould puts the last few lodges down to 1812. In my notes these are under 1813, and as they were added to list of 1814 (published in 1813) and are not in 1813 (published in 1812), I fancy the year 1813 must be correct. At page fifty-three, I find the present 67, Calcutta, is described as 165. Evidently it should be 185 of the 1740 nomenclature. Shall be thankful to hear of any other "trivial" errors—if there are any—nothing of the kind is really *trivial* in studying the early history of the Craft, for by these invaluable tables every lodge can be traced from 1717 to 1814.

W. J. HUGHAN.

NETTELBLADT.—Four brethren of this name rendered great service to German Freemasonry, and especially C.K.F.W., Count Freiherr, who was born in 1779, and died at Pacchini, 1843. He was initiated in 1805, in the Lodge Tempel der Wahrheit, at Rostock, and in 1810 became P.G.M. of the P.G. Lodge of Mecklenburg, which post he filled until his death. He edited the "Calender für die Provinzial Loge von Mecklenburg," &c., from 1821 to 1826, from 1830 to 1831, and from 1833 to 1837, in all thirteen volumes—"ausgezeichnet," Kloss says, "durch wichtige historische Abhandlungen und Berichte." He also wrote "Instructions Veträge, &c.," 1836, still in use, we believe, under the system of the Great Countries Lodge. In 1830 he had previously published "Geschichte der Angriffe und Verfolgungen ganzen das Bund der F. M."—*Kenning's Cylopaedia*.

By a special dispensation of the Supreme Council Thirty-Third Degree for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, Ill. Bro. General John Meredith Read, 32° of that Masonic Jurisdiction, and Minister of the United States at the Court of Athens, received the Thirty-Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, from the Supreme Council Thirty-Third Degree for Greece, on the 23rd of May.

ERRATA.—In the heading of the extract from John Morley's "Diderot," in our "Notes and Queries" last week, we printed T.G.A.O.T.U.; it should be T.G.G.O.T.U.

The Parkes Museum will be closed until the end of September, and when it is opened again in October, an enlarged edition of the descriptive catalogue will be ready.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN LAZAR, R.W.D.G.M. WESTLAND, N.Z.

With feelings of deep regret we have to announce the death of Bro. John Lazar, Right Worshipful District Grand Master of Westland, New Zealand, which took place at his residence, Hokitika, on Sunday, June 8th, at one o'clock p.m. The sad event has cast a gloom, not only in Westland, but over the whole Masonic fraternity in the colony, in which he was so well known, and deservedly respected and beloved. He was only confined to his bed about ten days before his death, and, though suffering great agony, his mind was full of living thoughts for the welfare of his brethren, by whom he was tenderly nursed throughout. He seemed to have no desires, but to be in communion with them, asking for them each in turn, and in the unconscious moments of his affliction his mind was engrossed with the thoughts of the happy past, his whole Masonic career seemed to be passing in review before him, and on his return to consciousness, he would recognise his dear brethren about him, and greet them with a cheerful smile and some little pleasantry, and bless them for all their kind attention and goodness to him. Many touching incidents occurred during his illness, which displayed his love for the time-honoured Craft. A few hours before his final dissolution he repeated, in a clear and solemn manner, one of the most beautiful prayers in our Masonic ritual, and during the silent watchings of the night tapped upon the bedclothes, and called upon his brethren to assist him in opening the lodge, but upon receiving no response to the sound of his fancied gavel, called upon them by name, according to the rank held by each, and in the melancholy silence which ensued, in deep distress exclaimed, "Oh! my God, that ever I should live to see the day that my officers would desert me." He called his beloved wife and daughter to his bedside, and blessed them with all the fervour and love of a devoted husband and father. He then implored the Divine blessing of his own faith, the ritual of which consists of two pages of solid printed matter, first in English and then in Hebrew, for he was a profound scholar in the latter language, then sank back exhausted, and never spoke again. Two hours afterwards the gentle spirit of the good old man passed away to its eternal and heavenly rest, full of resignation and hope, and the brethren are left to mourn for one of the most kindly and genial natures and for one of the brightest ornaments that ever presided over a lodge of Masons.

The funeral took place on the 11th of June. Brethren from all parts of the district assembled at the Masonic Hall, some travelling sixty or seventy miles for the purpose. At one o'clock precisely the V.W. Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. John Bevan, opened the District Grand Lodge. About 150 brethren and companions were present. The lodge-room was closely filled, and the solemnities of that lodge will not be easily forgotten in a lifetime. With the lodge-room profusely draped in mourning, the brethren bowed in sorrow, men well matured in years and the experiences of life giving vent to their pent-up feelings of grief, and the District Grand Organist, Bro. Gosson, playing most solemn and appropriate music, the whole formed such a scene of heartfelt grief that no language can adequately express. The Deputy District Grand Master, from the moment he took his seat, was deeply and visibly affected, and on rising to address the brethren his emotion would scarcely permit him utterance. He said: Brethren, it needs no words of mine to remind you of the object of this solemn meeting. The grief is too fresh in your hearts to be easily subdued, and, therefore, I pray you to pardon me, and grant me your sympathy in these trying moments. Associated as I have been with him who is now gone from us for ever, on terms of the most sincere affection for many years, and enjoying his daily companionship, it is but natural that the well springs of our hearts, matured though they be with the stern trials of this life, should find relief in tears. I feel that I but re-echo the sentiments of your generous hearts, and but feebly express your grief at his loss, but I feel that each heart must now bear its own secret burden in this hour of deep affliction; and when amidst the scenes of his labours and loving companionship, and when we tread the place that he trod, when we gaze upon the place that shall know him no more for ever, may the recollections of his virtues encourage us to emulate his bright example, so that we may hallow and sanctify his memory with our good works, and thereby strengthen the bonds of our fraternal union, and cause us to live in peace and love with each other, so that when the cold grave shall claim its own, and we too shall be garnered in the solemn mansions of eternal rest, may we hope to meet him again in that Grand Lodge of bliss ineffable, prepared for the faithful and obedient of the human race. Let us not, therefore, my dear brethren, repine at the Divine decree, but submit in all reverence and humility to the will of Him who will not desert us in the hour of our deep distress, and to His name be the glory for ever.

The D.D.G. Master then called upon the brethren to unite in prayer, and in a most solemn manner delivered the last prayer uttered by the beloved deceased on his dying bed, which left a deep impression on his hearers. Comp. Hudson, P.Z., then followed with another grand and holy exhortation to the Most High. The Rev. Bro. Chambers, A.D. Grand Chaplain, then read a portion of the Masonic burial service, after which the brethren proceeded to the residence of the deceased, and performed the necessary and solemn ceremonial; then, preceded by a band playing the Dead March in *Saul*, headed the funeral cortege, and on arrival at the graveyard opened out in double lines. The coffin, having the regalia of office upon it, passed between the long lines formed by the brethren, and beneath the arch formed by the companions with their wands. After the ceremonies pertaining to his faith had

been disposed of, the Rev. Bro. Chambers, A.D.G. Chaplain, concluded the beautiful and impressive Masonic service, amidst much sorrowing and regret. Thus did the last solemn rites close over the earthly career of him who was so beloved by all with whom he came in contact. His fine form and commanding appearance will long be missed in the town. Every little child seemed, intuitively, to have an affection for that good and venerable man. As a proof of the estimation in which he was held, the shipping in port had their flags half-mast high. All the public offices were closed, in fact business throughout the town was suspended. The members of the borough and county councils followed immediately behind the hearse, and the townspeople in masses. It was one of the largest funerals ever held in Hokitika. Nearly all the lodges throughout the colony out of respect to his memory are going into mourning for three months, and letters of condolence are daily being received by the District Grand Lodge from every part of New Zealand. We give a short biographical sketch of his life, which we are sure will be read with much interest:—

Bro. John Lazar was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on the 1st of December, 1803. He was the son of the late Mr. Abraham Lazar, clothier, of that city. His father died at the age of 52. His mother, who was a native of Germany, died in the year 1825. His parents left Edinburgh when he was only eighteen months old, and repaired to London, where his father engaged in business on the Stock Exchange, which pursuit he followed up to the time of his death. Mr. John Lazar when quite a young man was engaged as a commercial traveller for the firm of J. F. Pawson and Co., of Cheapside, and in that capacity travelled for several years over England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. A few years later he commenced business on his own account as a silversmith and jeweller, at No. 5, Duke-street, Manchester-square, London, from which he afterwards removed to New-street, Covent Garden. He was married to Mrs. Lazar, his devoted partner in life, on the 2nd of November, 1825, and the good old couple celebrated their golden wedding in Hokitika, over three years ago, when a large number of their friends met at the Empire Hotel, and joyfully celebrated the occasion. In the year 1836 Mr. and Mrs. Lazar left England for Sydney, reaching that colony by the ship "Lady M'Naughton," which made a passage of ninety-one days, but during that time there were 123 deaths on board, owing to a terrible fever which had broken out whilst the vessel was becalmed in the tropics. The passengers, after arrival, were compelled to lay in quarantine for 112 days, Mr. Lazar himself having been stricken down with fever, and all hopes of his recovery abandoned. He however lost three of his children by that sorrowful visitation, and has often referred to the appalling incidents of that eventful voyage in connection with his arrival in the colony.

Bro. Lazar's family consisted of ten children, three of whom died in England, three, as mentioned, died on board ship, and four are still alive, one of whom, Mr. Samuel Lazar, is well and favourably known, and deservedly respected, in connection with theatrical matters in Sydney to the present day. Miss Lazar, who resides in Hokitika, has devoted her life to her aged parents, and is much esteemed by all classes of the community. In Sydney Bro. Lazar took to the stage, for which he had formed a love in early life, but had only appeared as an amateur previous to his reaching the colonies. He became very popular as an actor, and soon after obtained the management of the Theatre Royal in that city with Mr. Levy, who was then owner of the theatre. Mr. Wyatt, shortly after Bro. Lazar's engagement, bought the theatre for £6000, and six weeks after it changed hands it was burned to the ground. A new theatre was built, and Bro. Lazar obtained the management of it from 1837 to 1840, in which year he left Sydney for Adelaide, where he leased the theatre in that city from Mr. Solomon, at a rental of £10 a week. In 1843 he again returned to Sydney, and, being in tolerably comfortable circumstances, spent some time in visiting Hobart Town, Launceston, and Melbourne. In 1848 he settled for the second time in Adelaide, leasing the theatre in company with Mr. George Coppin. In 1851 he entered into business there as a silversmith, and often he has related many stories connected with his gold purchases in those days, when it was readily purchased by him at £2 10s. per ounce. Between the years 1851 and 1853 he held the office of Alderman in the city, and in 1855 he was elected Mayor of Adelaide. To this high position he was three times returned by the citizens, and in 1858, when he was fifty-five years of age, he could have retired from business with a handsome competency. On his retirement from the position of Mayor, he was presented with a testimonial, signed by the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, judges, barristers, members of both Houses of Parliament, Aldermen, and merchants of the city, expressive of the estimation in which he was held, and of the high opinion they had formed of his able judgments in the administration of the business of the Mayor's Court, of which he was the founder, and in the discharge of his many public duties. Bro. Lazar was also appointed by the Government as the first Returning Officer for the District, under the new constitution of South Australia. He was also a territorial Justice of the Peace of that colony. About this time, Bro. Lazar was offered the important appointment of "Commissioner of Bankruptcy," but he declined the honour, as it was then his intention to return to Europe and settle down on his well-earned competency. He, however, never carried out that intention, but remained in Adelaide until 1862, having lost his all in mining and other ventures, in which he had embarked. In 1863 he left South Australia for New Zealand. In Dunedin, if we mistake not, he was appointed the first Town Clerk towards the end of 1863, in which capacity he continued until 1866, when he resolved to leave for Hokitika. At the time he resigned his appointment in Dunedin he was presented

with £200 from the corporation there. In Hokitika he may be said to have been the founder of the first Corporation. He reached that town on the 13th of October, 1866, and on the 21st of the same month he was appointed Town Clerk. This position was held by him until the year 1873, when he was appointed County Treasurer, and subsequently in 1874, when the county gave place to provincialism, Bro. Lazar was transferred to the office of Provincial Treasurer. By the action of the Council, responsible Government was formed, and the position of Treasurer was made an elective office in the Council itself—consequently Bro. Lazar's services were no longer required. From that period up to the time of his death he has not been engaged in any pursuit—his failing sight, and the infirmities of old age entirely precluding him from engaging in any occupation, although his faculties and perceptions remained unimpaired to the last. We may say that the name of Bro. John Lazar, as a Freemason, is known in every part of the globe. For many years past his name has been recorded amongst the great Masonic celebrities of the times.

Bro. Lazar was initiated into Freemasonry on the 8th March, 1839, in the Australia Lodge, No. 548, now No. 399, Sydney. His remarkable oratorical powers and commanding address soon gained him prominence in the Craft. He was Deputy Provincial Grand Master of South Australia for many years, and performed all the active duties of that important office with great credit to himself and much benefit to the Order. He was the prime mover in getting the splendid Masonic Hall built in the city of Adelaide, and was instrumental in gaining many substantial and lasting benefits to the institution. He also held the position of Deputy District Grand Master in the Province of Otago, New Zealand, from the date of his arrival there, and in March, 1871, was installed the Right Worshipful District Grand Master of Westland, under patent received from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Earl de Grey and Ripon. Bro. Lazar was one of the most able Masons of his day, and his consecration and installation ceremonies were the admiration of the whole Craft. His eloquent delivery and clear enunciation, added to which his imposing and patriarchal appearance, could not fail to leave a deep impression on the minds of his brethren, by whom he was universally beloved. It has always been regarded a "red letter day" in Masonry when Bro. Lazar presided. He has in his time installed many distinguished brethren. He installed the following District Grand Masters under the English Constitution in New Zealand:—Bros. John Hyde Harris for Otago; Dr. Donald for Canterbury; the late Sir Donald M'Lean for the North Island; G. S. Graham for the Auckland district; Vincent Pyke for Otago; and the Hon. W. Whitaker for the Auckland district under the Scottish Constitution. The largest gatherings of Masons ever assembled in this colony have been held in honour of his visits. His genial nature expanded with the kindest feelings; he for ever cast a ray of sunshine about him. At the banquet tables, the walls resounded with plaudits to the revered old gentleman after quaint speech and jovial song, alas! sad memory now recalls. The brethren of New Zealand will remember him for many long years to come. The Auckland brethren will call to mind his latest triumph, so to speak, in Masonry, at the installations of Bros. Graham and Whitaker to the responsible positions of District Grand Masters under the English and Scotch Constitutions respectively on St. Andrew's Day, 1877. The grand scene witnessed on the occasion at the Choral Hall, when about 700 brethren assembled to do honour to the celebration, will long be remembered in that city. As the dear old man said on his return to his own district—"I could not see the brethren, but when the 700 pairs of white kid gloves were held up in honour of the ceremonial it was a beautiful and imposing sight." Then again, the reception he met with in the evening on his entrance to the ball-room, when the ladies formed an avenue right down the spacious hall, and strewed flowers in his path as he proceeded, and how the dancing was stopped as the clock reached "high twelve" to toast the health of the venerable brother, who at that hour had entered on his seventy-fourth year. In Westland he was positively idolised in Masonic circles; many, many happy reunions have they held with him at the annual installations. On his return from Wellington, after installing the late Sir Donald M'Lean as R.W. District G.M. for the North Island, the Pacific Lodge of Hokitika, to celebrate the occasion, and out of compliment to him, presented each of their members with a full-size cabinet portrait of their venerable chief, arrayed in full Masonic costume. The artist, Bro. Haigh, in acknowledgment of the favour, presented the lodge with a life-size likeness, beautifully coloured and mounted in a massive frame. The picture was unveiled by the Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. John Bevan, amidst much rejoicing, at the installation of Bro. George Benning as W.M. of that lodge, in the month of February, 1878. This valuable picture now hangs on the western wall of the lodge room, and we need scarcely add is highly prized by the brethren, and now affords them a melancholy satisfaction to look upon his benevolent countenance, for the brethren loved him as a parent, and for many years have always spoken of and addressed him as such. It was always a signal for a holiday, cheerful spirits, and great enjoyment when dear old "papa" was going to install; the pleasant country rides, the anecdotes, and the happiness of those days will never be forgotten by those who were privileged to enjoy his amiable companionship on these occasions. He loved to see everybody happy about him. He adored his Maker, and all His wondrous works. With the wreck and sorrow and ruin of life he wept, but comforted. His great mind grasped the whole human family, his well balanced thoughts and matured counsels were ever received with attention and respect. He was truly the man to whom the burdened heart could prefer its suit; his benevolent instincts were ever foremost in the good works of

charity, and ever ready to assuage the sorrows of his fellow man. In fact he never wearied of doing good. As a Mason, and as a citizen, he has from time to time received many valuable testimonials. As a Mason his breast was literally covered with very costly presentation jewels, which gave him a most imposing appearance. The good old man has now gone to his rest at the ripe age of 76, beloved by all classes of the community. It may truly be said of him, that he was one of nature's gentlemen, an honest, conscientious, and noble-minded man, and one who will be missed in society for many years to come, but more especially in Masonic circles.

BRO. GEORGE KELLY KING.

With deep regret we chronicle the death of Bro. George Kelly King, which took place on Sunday, 24th August, at his residence, 14, Tamworth-road, Croydon, after a severe illness of several weeks' duration. Deceased was well known in Brighton many years ago as secretary and manager of a local fire and life assurance company, which afterwards became merged into the Sun Office, and in connection with which the Brighton Mutual Provident Society was first brought forward. A great lover of cricket, he subsequently became attached to Lord's Ground and the Oval as official scorer, and also became a recognised contributor in all cricketing matters to the principal sporting papers. About two years ago he took over a brewery business at Hurstpierpoint, which unfortunately proved most disastrous, and the trouble of this, attendant on general weak health, must have hastened his decay. As a Freemason he was held in high esteem. He had served the office of Master of two lodges, was mainly instrumental in forming the Horsham Lodge, and but a few months back (with the assistance of a few friends) he established the Southdown Lodge at Hurstpierpoint. His remains were interred on the 27th ult. at Croydon.

SUMMER OUTING OF THE SOUTH-DOWN LODGE, No. 164, OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The summer months have almost closed without the universal expected appearance of genial and enlivening sunshine. The ever-spirited officers and brethren of this lodge, feeling a change must take place, arranged to resuscitate the annual garden party, held at their meeting house, Station Hotel, Hayward's Heath, inaugurated and so much enjoyed by their late respected Prov. Grand Mark Master, Sir J. Cordy Burrows, P.M. 168. The Committee's endeavours were repaid by a fine and pleasant day, and fully appreciated, the goodly fashionable company assembled numbering beyond their expectation. A splendid tea was supplied by the proprietor, Bro. C. Golding, J.W., and ample justice done to the good things provided.

Mrs. C. J. Smith kindly presided over the tea table, assisted by Mrs. W. Hudson and Mrs. C. Golding.

After tea the company took a walk round the gardens, which were beautifully laid out, and regretted to see the failure in flowers (especially roses) caused by the late stormy weather. Upon their return the evening was occupied in dance and song until the time for departure arrived, when the whole company expressed themselves highly delighted with the arrangements so successfully carried out.

The following were amongst the company present:—Bros. C. J. Smith, W.M.; W. Hudson, P.M., W.M. 75; Capt. J. Braithwaite, P.M.; H. J. Martin, I.P.M.; J. Pearson, P.M.; W. T. Nell, P.M. 75; T. J. Pulley, G. Mark Steward; H. W. Charrington, P.M., &c.; W. T. Clarke, Prov. Grand Mark Sec.; C. Golding, J.W.; F. Millard, Treas.; R. Paige; T. Cable, R. of M.; W. G. Bayliss, D. of C.; C. J. Carter; A. Burrows, and R. B. Higham, 75. Craft—Bros. B. Bennett, W.M. 732; Sandeman, P.M. 315; Payne, 315; Cockburn, 1466; E. Bridges, Sec. 1829; T. Gates, 1829. Mesdames C. J. Smith, W. Hudson, W. T. Nell, B. Bennett, Cockburn, Dick, Burrows, Clarke, Golding, Millard, Carter, Bridges, and Cable. Misses Bennett, Dick, Golding, Hollamby (Ash), Hudson, Maze, and Nell. Visitors—Messrs. Martin, H. Hollamby, J. T. Clark, and E. J. Golding.

The numerous Masonic and other friends of Bro. Sam Hague, of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, proprietor of the minstrel troupe at St. James's Hall, Liverpool, will learn with regret that his wife died somewhat suddenly on Sunday, the 24th ult. Bro. Hague, by his large-hearted and open-handed generosity to every class, without respect to creed or anything but pure need, has won "golden opinions from all sorts of persons," and the expressions of sympathy which have reached him in connection with his sad bereavement have been general and sincere. Mrs. Hague was a lady whose name and fame were well known, and many will miss her kindly word and always genial manner, especially the artistes connected with the minstrel company. The funeral took place on Tuesday week, and not only was there a very large concourse of sympathising private and professional friends, but all the chief shops in the neighbourhood of St. James's Hall were closed while the "last sad office of respect to departed merit" was being paid.

Madame Worrell will give her annual concert at the Angell Town Institution, Brixton, on Wednesday, the 1st October, on which occasion she will be supported by several well-known artistes.

Miss Rachel Sanger (Mrs. J. C. Scanlan), wife of Bro. J. C. Scanlan, of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, sailed on Thursday, the 28th ult., by the steamer Germanic, from the Mersey for New York, where she will commence what is sure to be a long and brilliant engagement.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

BARTON.—On the 30th ult., at Trinity Vicarage, Cambridge, the wife of the Rev. John Barton, of a son, stillborn.

HOBBS.—On the 1st inst., at Lewisham, the wife of Mr. William Hobbs, of a daughter.

STROUD.—On the 1st inst., at Ramsgate, the wife of Lieut. Colonel H. W. Stroud, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

WALLACE—GLADDING.—On the 1st inst., at St. George's Church, Hanover-square, Frank Mackenzie Wallace, of Edinburgh, to Bertha Gladding, of Kensington.

DEATHS.

RUNTING.—On the 28th ult., at Mount-street, Grosvenor-square, Bro. W. Runting, Surgeon-Dentist, P.M., and founder of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, and W.M. and founder of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681, aged 54 years.

WOODBURN.—On the 28th ult., at Fleet, Hants, James W. F. Woodburn, son of the late Rev. J. F. Woodburn, aged 59 years.

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MASONIC MENDACITY.

Is it true, alas, that we are now imitating those who for so long have had the monopoly of "lying," as far as Freemasonry is concerned, everywhere? We use strong words advisedly. In the *Times* of Monday week appears a quotation translated from the *Globe*, a Parisian paper, as follows: "Masonry in France.—The Paris *Globe* gives the following statistics of Masonry in France, declaring that they are the best that can be ascertained, and are reliable as far as they go. There are 79 Grand Lodges and 119 Provincial Grand Lodges, having under them 7900 lodges. Twelve 'High Councils' direct 350 lodges. There are eight lodges which are signalised as 'independent,' 'isolated,' or 'excluded.' There are thus nearly 8500 lodges altogether. These include very nearly 500,000 active members. It is said that the number of members who have withdrawn from further participation in the Brotherhood, or may be characterized as 'indifferent,' or inactive, amounts to between two and three millions." If we are to understand this statement as referring to Freemasonry in France, anything more palpably ridiculous or more absolutely untrue cannot well be conceived. We almost wonder how such a paragraph can have got slipped into our contemporary, except upon the old theory "omne ignotum pro magifico," in respect of Freemasonry. The statistics do not, and cannot, refer to French Freemasonry, as, in the first place, there are no Prov. Grand Lodges in France, and, in the next place, the whole number of Freemasons under all the rites does not exceed 30,000 brethren—if it even comes up to that amount. The writer has got "mixed up," not only with "absinthe" and "vermouth," but with figures he does not understand and totals he cannot explain. And so he has, in a most ludicrous manner taken, probably, the main facts of his erroneous and blundering little paragraph from "Kenning's Cosmopolitan Calendar," and made of them a sad jumble and an extraordinary hash. We have often expressed our regrets that we have no proper statistics of Freemasonry, and hence we have often to read and to listen to the most extraordinary statements which are hazarded as regards the numbers of our Cosmopolitan and mysterious Fraternity. Probably, as we have said before, for at present any computation can only be approximate, there may be about two millions of Freemasons in the world, and that is a liberal figure. Freemasonry, which proclaims "Truth" to be one of its most unflinching characteristics, is never helped by exaggeration or swagger, by unvarnished clamour or untrustworthy assertions. Let us leave that "vulgar error" of our poor weak humanity to those who delight in the fictions of unreality or the perversity of unreliable and unhistorical data. But as Freemasons let us always be conspicuous for our love of "Truth," in great things and small, in lodge and out of lodge, at home and abroad, in general statements and in special statistics. Freemasonry is quite strong enough in itself and needs not the adventitious aid of mistaken and unwarranted assertions, which are only "clap trap," and please none but the empty-headed friends or the unreasoning foes of Freemasonry.

MASONIC IMPOSTORS.

Just now our lodges, when they do meet, are "exercised" greatly by Masonic impostors. We all of us know well the kind of persons we generally have to confront, and, alas! that we have to say it, the mendacity we have to deal with. Sometimes they are of American or Canadian growth, sometimes (or rather mostly) they hail from Scotland, sometimes from Ireland. English Masonic impostors, though they do exist, of course, are rare upon the whole, and for the most part we have to deal with those who were not originally members of our jurisdiction. But

the charity of Masonry is large, and the kindness of Masons is proverbial. We do not like, we who are assembling in goodly numbers to attend to work in a comfortable lodge-room and then to adjourn to a pleasant social meeting—we do not like, we say, to send a poor brother, professedly hungry, and penniless, and destitute, often unable, as he says, to procure a night's lodging, and sometimes with a pining wife and suffering children to boot, empty and angrily away. And, hence, it too often happens that compassion is too strong for reason, and sentiment for political economy, and we give what, we fear, turns to little good, and is probably wasted, or even contemned, by the recipient. It seems then a fitting opportunity to say a few words about that facility of Masonic initiation which exists in some parts of England still, is far too great in Scotland, and requires correction in Ireland. Scotland is, however, the chief offender in this respect. We believe we are not overstating the case when we say that in many lodges of Scotland a man can be made a Mason for under £2, and that, owing to the vicious system in vogue in Scotland, by which annual subscriptions are not, as a rule, paid to all the lodges, a great many Masons having paid a small initiation and enrolment fee never meet the brethren of that lodge in fellowship again. The Almoners of our northern lodges and large towns in Yorkshire and Lancashire can tell a tale, if they will, of itinerant Masons hailing from Scottish lodges, making Masonic mendicancy a trade and a profession, living on it, living by it. And from this fact it is easy to see how a crop of impostors will spring up of all classes and degrees, like Burt, in America, recently alluded to in our columns, and like the obliging and engaging brother of Belfast mentioned by our brother from Ireland last week in the *Freemason*. It is not, however, for us to point out the remedy. Suffice it for us to note the malady, we must leave to the faculty, to abler and wiser heads than ours, to discover a cure for this growing evil. We have for long held the opinion, strongly, that our present initiation fees are too low, and we trust the day is not far distant when £5 will be the minimum allowed to every lodge under the Grand Lodge of England. We are aware that, as with most questions in this good world of ours, something may be said on both sides. But we feel quite convinced, after much and serious consideration, that such an increase is both called for and expedient in the best interests of Freemasonry in England. We hope that ere long the Grand Lodge of Scotland will take the question of annual subscription into its most serious consideration as a practical measure. Nothing, we are persuaded, will give such an impetus or add more to the prestige of Scottish Masonry.

A PRIVATE MASONIC PARTY TO PARIS AND SWITZERLAND.

Bro. Oscar Dietrich, conductor to Mr. O. H. Caygill, announces this tour for September 15th. We wish it all success. Paris is always worth seeing, and pleasant quarters at any time of the year, and the intelligent Mason will find plenty of occupation for his mind, his time, and his purse in that great metropolis. Switzerland also is full of beauty and interest for the traveller. Its "everlasting hills" are still the same in all their grandeur and glory, and its wondrous lakes are replete with charms to those who like to look at nature's most varied scenes. Ladies will form part of the "entourage," and we need not say will add to the journey in every way. Everybody is out of spirits just now. Bad weather, losses in trade, a ruined harvest, our suffering farmers, all are subjects of vivid and hourly effect on the temper, the imagination, the pocket, our wife's expenses, and our balance at our banker's. Perhaps a short foreign trip may do us all good, and gradually restore our normal equanimity and mental tranquillity.

SERVANTS' CHARACTERS.

The controversy goes on, with no apparent signs of practicality or result. The ridiculous proposal of the "Dienstbuch" is a "hare" to lure many away from the "real scent," and

seems likely to land us in a discussion alike profitless and interminable. But here, as we have ventured to point, is not the real "hinge" on which the whole question turns. That is to be found rather in the "honesty" of the characters we give to those who ask us for them. In nothing do many of all classes so sin against right and duty and their fellow-creatures as in the cunningly worded and evasive replies they give to honest and bonâ-fide questions as to character. No "Dienstbuch" in the world would meet that difficulty, it could only add to existing complications, by providing another machinery of surveillance, which might be turned to the worst and basest purposes. So, leaving chimerical proposals and childish platitudes on one side, let us seek to realize the truth, most important for us all alike, that if we wish to amend a great evil and extinguish a greater nuisance, we must try and learn all of us a little more honesty, kindness, fellow-feeling, and loyalty in our dealings one with another. Another letter from Mr. Pollaky, in Saturday's *Times*, seems to show that the period of "great gooseberries" and "sea serpents," &c., is set in, or that our esteemed contemporary is very short of "copy" just now. Otherwise we can hardly deem the writer sane who pens the nonsense we read under an august signature. For now we have a cool and a calm proposal to place all servants under "police surveillance;" indeed, Mr. Pollaky looks on this as a sine qua non of his magnificent and sensible scheme, and adds, that all servants are to have their "signalement" or description recorded in this remarkable book. Mr. Pollaky offers, we do not know if from memory and personal verification, a very unflattering description of the British cook, and intimates this as exactly what he wishes all our servants to go through. Why, we shall have a servants' strike! Sincerely, we have never read or heard of so absurd a proposal, so utterly unreal and unpractical, so entirely opposed to every feeling of the English people. So let us hope we have heard the last of this unprofitable discussion. There is many an old courier who could tell amusing stories of how "Dienstbucher" may subserve the very worst of purposes, and how much of "bunkum" is to be found in the exaggerated praises of the system, for some purpose or other, we have lately read.

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.]

PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I think Hampshire Freemasons have cause to congratulate themselves on the interest which is from time to time displayed (on paper at least) in the proceedings of Prov. Grand Lodge, and that this year we have passed from the profound question of clothes, which was the subject of complaint last year, to that of the distribution of Prov. Grand honours. That the Prov. Grand Master is sensible of the impossibility of distributing a collar each year to every lodge in the province, seeing that he has only ten at his disposal as against over thirty lodges, must be patent to all from his remarks at several Grand Lodges in succession, if it were not too obvious to need any apology. The fault, as "An Old P.M." seems to hint by his suggestion, rests rather with those at the head of affairs than with the Prov. Grand Master, in that some years since the small Province of the Isle of Wight was added to that of Hampshire, already unwieldy and very extensive, instead of taking advantage of the increase to divide the district. Surely from Aldershot and Basingstoke, in the north, to Portsmouth and Petersfield, in the east, and from Ringwood and Bournemouth, in the west, to Ventnor, in the south, any one who looks at the map will admit the province is sufficiently extensive fairly to call for a division. If this be not enough, let me say that for some of the brethren living at the furthest distances from Ventnor to attend this year's lodge would have necessitated their starting from home overnight or their getting up at an unreasonable hour in the morning, as it certainly would have involved a very late arrival home.

Facts like these cannot fairly be overlooked in any return of honours conferred, however elaborately prepared, especially since it is a rule of the province—and was acted upon at Ventnor—not to confer a Provincial Grand collar upon a brother who is not present, or who at least has not been present during the business of the day. There are also other considerations to which I find no reference in the returns of "An Old P.M.," such as the number and the social status of members of lodges, with the services those members may have rendered to Freemasonry in general or their own lodge or neighbouring lodges in par-

ticular. In towns, too, where there happen to be more than one lodge it not unfrequently occurs that members on whom Provincial Grand Lodge honours are conferred belong to several lodges, and occasionally a lodge number may appear in Grand Lodge returns which does not represent, practically, the lodge to which the particular member gives his most prominent labour; hence some lodges will appear to be favoured at the expense of others, when, in reality, the other lodges, equally with those named, claim the credit. Take some instances within my own knowledge. The "Vale of Avon, Fordingbridge," which appears as having received only two honours in the returns of "An Old P.M.," was practically defunct for some time, until several years ago it was removed to Shirley, near the residence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who assisted in resuscitating it, and was its first Master in its new sphere. Its present Master is a Provincial Grand Officer of Oxon, and its Immediate Past Master now resides at a distance and out of the province. Even "An Old P.M.," I presume, would scarcely find cause for complaint that this lodge is credited with so few modern provincial honours. In like manner, the "Twelve Brothers, Southampton," I have reason to believe, is in as full working as it has ever been. It is a kind of *terra incognita* to many, I may, perhaps, say to most, local Masons, but it is understood to have been for many years, if such is not the case at the present time, limited to twelve, all of whom are Past Masters, and probably the greater part of whom, from their known services and their social status, wear the purple. In view of facts like these, and of the impossibility of ascertaining how far brethren have complied with the rule to be present before they can expect to receive Provincial Grand Lodge honours, I beg to submit that the returns, however useful and instructive, are not to be taken as an infallible guide in the matter.

I should be glad, with your courtesy, to hear the opinions of others on this subject more competent to pass judgment in respect to it than myself.

I am, fraternally yours,

YOUR SOUTHAMPTON CORRESPONDENT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The appointments made at the last Prov. Grand Lodge have caused a vast amount of dissatisfaction, and a glance at the tabular statement, furnished by an "Old P.M." in your paper of the 30th August, is quite sufficient to show that some alteration is necessary, as it is evident that some influence is used when we find that any honour worth accepting rarely falls to any lodge which does not happen to have one of the permanent officers as a member, and in the tabular statement above alluded to we find that of twenty-four Wardens' collars ten have been given to members of the three lodges to which one or other of these officers belong, and taking the total number of collars, viz., 120, we find that twenty-four, or one-fifth of the whole, are given to these three lodges.

Looking at these facts it is impossible to believe that the appointments made are always the result of uninfluenced selection, and I can quite understand the difficulty the Prov. Grand Master experiences in distributing the ten collars among twenty-nine lodges if the Lodge 487, of which the Prov. Grand Treasurer is a member, is to have ten, and Lodge 130, to which the D.P.G.M. and P.G.S. belong, is to have eight in twelve years.

The brethren of the province can in a small way assist the P.G.M. out of his difficulty by every year placing at his disposal one other collar, viz., that of P.G. Treasurer, whose duties are of such a nature as to allow of their being as easily passed to a successor as those of a Warden.

Therefore, let the brethren of Hampshire look around them, and select annually some brother whom they would like to honour, and exercise their undoubted prerogative of electing a Treasurer, and by this means increase the number of collars to be given away.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
A PAST PROVINCIAL OFFICER.

Sept. 1st, 1879.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very sorry to see another attack made upon our R.W.P.G.M. respecting the appointment of his P.G. Officers (there was a similar one made last year), because I do not think that any R.W.P.G.M. takes more care in this respect than Bro. Beach, and I think the writer of the letter forgets "that it is not so much the number of the lodges in the province as the quality of the respective members of the lodges that has to be taken into consideration in appointing P.G. Officers." I will take, for instance, my own mother lodge (so to speak) in the province, St. Hubert's, 1373, Andover, where there is a S.G.W. and a G.D.C. in the list quoted. The S.G.W. is a well-known Mason (working one too), initiated in the Apollo Lodge, at Oxford, P.M. of that, of No. 10, Keystone, of 1373, and very high in the estimation of the Craft. The D.C.G. is a young member, comparatively speaking, but a thorough good working Mason. And again Royal Gloucester, Southampton—all the P.G. Officers in the years mentioned are, to my knowledge, men who have earned their laurels. Also as to Oakley, 694, Basingstoke, all good men; and I have no doubt the members of all the other lodges are equally deserving. Let the "Old P.M." give his name, as I do mine, and we will try conclusions. I may add that I never got P.G.L. rank for seventeen years after I was made a Mason, and justly so, because I never worked for it until 1868.

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

EVAN YORKE NEPEAN,
P.G. Chaplain Hants and Isle of Wight; 497,
Mother Lodge; P.M. 1373 and 130.
Appleshaw Vicarage, Andover,
August 31st, 1879.

BASENESSES.

My dear Bro. Kenning,—

As a real and lasting remedy against the sad and painful frauds which are being practised daily upon so very many of our brethren, such as "T. F.," I beg leave to suggest that each and every Almoner be requested to have in his possession a number of small books, in which to enter the date, name of applicant, number and name of his lodge, amount supplied, where going, purpose of going, and any other particulars he may deem necessary. Any ordinary note book would answer this purpose. Almost any stationer would supply them at about 6s. the gross.

The Almoner, being in possession of necessary books, could supply one to every individual he may relieve, be he not already in possession of one. Let me rest here, my dear brother, to observe the smiles of some of my unsuspecting (?) brethren as they read this, for they know full well that my scheme would fail if allowed to rest here. But read on, ye whose eyes are dancing, I will now continue.

It grieves me to be compelled to make the confession, yet I feel that common justice calls upon me to make it. There are those who would destroy these books, and deny that they ever received them; to prevent this, therefore, let the Almoner, on delivering the book, make this note on the back of applicant's certificate, at right hand, top corner. R.B.S., place and date of issue. Of course where no certificate can be produced, no relief should be given. If this be done there can be no destroying of books, and the fraternity will soon be freed of those parasites it is now compelled to support; and, furthermore, a genuine case of distress will receive proper attention.

Should applicant plead he has lost his book, (for of course the Almoner will see if he ever had one), let him be supplied with another, and, as a matter of course, an additional entry of "R.B.S.," place, and date of issue, be made on certificate. I may explain that "R.B.S." are the initials of the words Relief Book Supplied.

It should be imperative upon all Almoners that they give no relief whatever without the applicant produce the book, unless it be to a member of his own lodge. This can be enforced by a proper motion in lodge. Nor should private aid be given by one brother to another (stranger) till the one applied to has satisfied himself as to the relief book, &c.

The above may, in the eyes of many of my good brethren, appear hard, yet I trust they will allow it is quite time our honourable Society be weeded of what is a great disgrace to it.

Almoners have confessed to me that there are those going the rounds of the country "whose faces are as familiar to them as the face of the clock," whom they as regularly—I had almost written relieve—supply with money. I doubt not this would be proved to be too true could we examine and compare Almoners' books.

I trust you will allow the subject to be an excuse for the length of my note.

I am, dear Bro. Kenning, yours fraternally,

ONE WHO WAS ONCE IN DISTRESS.

STEWARDS' COLLARS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see a letter in your last interesting issue, signed "An Old Past Master," respecting office in Prov. Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, in which I regret very much indeed to read the following passage: "A Steward's collar, we all know, is never received as an honour by the Master or Past Masters of a lodge, and but for their dread of making a scene in Prov. Grand Lodge they would almost invariably refuse to accept it, as its possession subjects them to continual annoyance from the rest of their brethren."

If this statement be correct all I can say is the Hampshire brethren indulge in most un-Masonic ideas, and such as are utterly unworthy of our Order. In one of the largest provinces of England the Steward's collar is properly highly valued, as a "passport" to subsequent honours.

Yours fraternally,

AN OLDER PAST MASTER.

A TYPOGRAPHICAL MISTAKE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As by a mistake "someveres" the end of my leader on "Charity Reform" is turned into utter nonsense, in the *Freemason* of August 30th, I beg to say, for the information of your readers, that the mistake is not mine, and that the whole sentence ought thus to run: "detrimental to the best interests of the Institution, and derogatory to the character of the subscribers." "Mistakes will occur in the best regulated families," but "derogatory to the imputation" is a "strongish order," and requires, I venture to think, "note and comment" in your usually most correct columns.

I am, yours fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in your issue of the 30th ult. a letter headed "A Caution," in which a name almost identical with my own is used.

In 1877, or perhaps late in 1876, my Grand Lodge certificate disappeared, under circumstances which could only

lead to one conclusion, namely, that it had been stolen. Since that time I have kept a sharp look out for its appearance in a case like the one your correspondent narrates. I think it probable, therefore, that the man alluded to may be, by unlawful means, in possession of the missing document.

Yours fraternally,

THOMAS BLAIR, I.G. 1239.

THE NEW KHEDEVE AND THE GRAND ORIENT OF EGYPT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You will very much oblige the undersigned by the insertion of the following communication, which, as he thinks, may, perhaps, be of some interest to the readers of the *Freemason* and the fraternity at large.

On the 17th inst., at a quarter-past ten in the morning, His Highness Mehmet Tewfik Pasha, the new Khedive, was graciously welcoming in his palace of Ismailieh (Cairo) a deputation from the National Grand Orient of Egypt. The deputation was composed of the M.M. W.W. B.B. Raph Borg, acting Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge; S. A. Zola, Past Grand Master; Dr. D. Teonomaputos, Deputy Grand Master; Prof. F. F. Oddi, Grand Secretary; and M. L. Zaia, D.L.L., Grand Orator. M.W. Bro. Borg, as Grand Master, and in his capacity of President, delivered the following address:—

"May it please your Highness,—

"Egyptian Masonry, through our deputation, beg leave to offer to your Highness their best congratulations and wishes upon your happy accession to the throne of Egypt. Masonry, being altogether a stranger to political and religious questions, has no other object in view but that of peacefully promoting the irrespressible march of intellectual progress and moral civilisation; its chief privileges and favourite province are to teach men their rights, and enforce upon them all their duties. These are the peculiar qualities that, keeping it up distinct and aloof from any other human institution, have on several occasions realised the coadjucancy and protection of those enlightened Sovereigns who felt always highly honoured to be reckoned among its votaries. This is, also, the reason that Egyptian Masonry, recently reorganised, has been favoured with the high patronage of your august father. We, then, once more beg leave to assure to your Highness that in all things relating to the moral development, progress, and civilisation of this country Egyptian Masonry can be fairly relied upon. And now we earnestly pray to God that your Highness may successfully accomplish the great work, whereof you have already shown yourself the most eager promoter, for the benefit of this old and classical land."

His Highness answered he felt very much impressed and moved with the sentiments the deputation had so expressively evinced; that he well knew, and thoroughly understood, the noble scope which Masonry aims at; that he was confiding in its help for the advance and progress of his own country; that he most cheerfully extended to the Masonic Order his high patronage and moral support; and that as soon as his Secretary had announced to him the visit of the deputation he at once expressed the very great pleasure he felt thereon.

Then His Highness continued for a little while to converse with the members of the deputation, and, expatiating upon the position of Egypt, he disclosed the noblest aspirations, and declared he was entirely trusting to the generous exertions of his people, and the sympathies shown to him, for bringing about a task, the several difficulties and many asperities of which he well knew and would never conceal from himself.

And now, with my best acknowledgments and regards, I remain, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

F. F. ODDI.

Cairo, 24th August, 1879.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The meaning to be attached to the confirmation of minutes of private lodges has been engaging the attention of several brethren of the Masonic community in this city; differences of opinion, very strong on either side, exists as to the interpretation, and in one case the W.M. of a Scotch lodge refused to put the minutes of a previous meeting for confirmation, giving, as his ruling, that they were only read to show that they were correct records of transactions, and that the Secretary had faithfully done his work.

Those who support this view refer to page 167 of the last edition (1879) of the Scotch Constitution for their authority, and read the 1st Sec., English Constitution, "Of the Masters and Wardens of Lodges," to mean that it is not compulsory to read and confirm more of the minutes of the preceding meeting than that referring to the election of a Master, so that, in fact, they maintain that the minutes (if correct records) confirm themselves, and can only be interfered with by a notice of motion to rescind, which must be taken up at next meeting after the minutes of the previous have been proved correct.

Those brethren who support the view that minutes of a previous meeting are read (and ought to be put) for confirmation or approval, maintain that the intention is, that the brethren alone meeting should signify their approval or disapproval of the acts of the previous meeting by confirming or non-confirming the whole, or any portion, of the minutes, except such as are records of the carrying out of the constitutions or bye-laws of the lodge and the conferring of the degrees, which, of necessity, must be confirmed.

They are of opinion that the extract from page 167, Scotch Constitution, only refers to Scotch Grand Lodge, and that the 1st Sec. of English Constitution, "Of the Masters and Wardens of Lodges," means that whilst any

portion of the minutes of the preceding meeting may not be confirmed or approved of, it is compulsory to read and confirm that portion relating to the election of Master before the installation can be proceeded with, and they claim to be supported in this view by the lucid arguments and affirmations contained in the latest (1874) edition of Dr. Oliver's *Masonic Jurisprudence*, under the heading of "Confirmation of the Minutes."

After the above statements I think you will agree with me that, for the sake of that unity which should characterise Masonry, it is of the greatest importance that there should be a settlement of the question here, and, as I am not aware of any ruling of the Grand Lodge of England on the subject as it affects private lodges, I venture to seek the experience of your able judgment through the medium of your widely circulated paper, and to ask, further, that you would kindly publish with this any English ruling or interpretation of the "confirmation of the minutes." In doing this, I may state that at a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, held on the 6th June, 1877, Bro. McIntyre referred to this matter, but the two extreme cases that were set up as examples were those in which no doubt rests, and, therefore, have not helped to settle the difficulty.

Failing any legal ruling or interpretation, I should be glad if you would give us the benefit of your opinion.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

August 9th, 1879.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In common with a number of brethren, possessed of much greater influence and position in the Craft than I can boast of, I am deeply interested in promoting the election of a certain candidate for admission to one of our Masonic Schools. It is not my purpose to ask you to give the case a gratuitous advertisement by publishing here the name of my candidate, neither would your wise and salutary rules on this point permit me so to do. But there is one matter connected with all cases like to that which I am supporting, involving a principle not generally understood, which I think possesses sufficient Masonic interest to allow of its statement in your columns.

One of the cards recommending our case was returned to me by the brother to whom it had been sent, together with a courteous note expressing regret at his inability to support our candidate. The writer states that he has many applications from brethren soliciting votes for the children of Masons of very much longer standing in the Craft than the father of the child recommended by me, and that these applications must necessarily take priority of mine. The inference is, that "long standing" in the Craft is, or should be, the claim which governors and subscribers ought to consider first in determining the proper bestowal of their votes.

That this rule is very generally acted upon is, I think, beyond dispute, but I fail altogether to see the cogency of the arguments by which it is supported. In the matter of elections to the Benevolent Institution the claim of age, and particularly of age in Masonry, always does and always must command sympathy; but it seems to me that the principle does not apply in the case of children who seek admission to our Masonic Schools, nor ought it so to do. It would be impossible to deny that, other things being equal, the orphan child of a very old Mason has a better claim to the benefits of our Masonic Charitable Institutions than the child of a brother of less seniority in the Craft; but that is very far indeed from affirming that the test of age is the most important one, and the first that ought to be applied. If that were so, then some of the most piteous cases which appeal so strongly to our sympathies would be of right deferred to others far less deserving. For it cannot often happen that very old Masons die leaving a number of very young children, and yet it is in cases where families of tender age are left fatherless that we find the most clamant need of sympathy and assistance.

It should not be forgotten, moreover, that Freemasonry is not a benefit society like the Oddfellows or Foresters, *et id genus omne*. "Equality" is very nearly as strong a plank in our platform as "fraternity," and a Mason of fifty years' standing has no better claim to Masonic privileges and Masonic benefits than his brother who may be only a twelvemonth old. In other words, neither of them has any claim at all. And yet the idea underlying that consideration which is given to "long standing" in the Craft, is essentially this: that Masons may establish an actual claim upon their brethren in Freemasonry by long-continued membership; and the sentiment—a very sordid one when analyzed—is, that because much has been paid by them to the Craft, so much must be repaid by the Craft to them. This is a very good commercial principle, but charity ought to know little of such principles, and Masonry still less. Moreover, the test of age in Masonry is a very fallible one, if what is really wanted is acknowledged to be the amount of money contributed to the Craft. It will often be found that one brother pays more in five years than another does in five-and-twenty, and one Mason may do far greater service to Freemasonry in a single twelvemonth than his neighbour may do during a long Masonic life. In Masonry, as elsewhere, we have both bees and drones, and I fail to see why the drone of five-and-twenty should be deemed a better member of our society than the bee whose Masonic life has not even reached its first decade.

The case which my friends and myself are supporting on this occasion affords a striking illustration of my argument. The father died just one year ago, leaving a widow and six children, five of whom are wholly dependent. Like many of our most valuable members our late brother did not enter Masonry as a very young man, and at the

time of his death he had been little more than six years a brother of our Order. But he had already reached high office in his mother lodge, held a somewhat lower position in a second lodge, and was a founder and first Master of a third. To these he had paid initiation, joining, and founder's fees, and all annual subscriptions as well. He was a member of the Royal Arch, and P.S. of his chapter; and he had been "advanced" in the Mark Degree. He had also contributed to our Charitable Institutions, was a life subscriber in one of them, and was only prevented by his death-illness from standing as Steward in one of the festivals of last year. He was most indefatigable in supporting and procuring assistance for all worthy cases requiring Masonic relief, and spared himself no trouble in any matter relating to the Craft. I may add that he was devoted to the cause of Masonic instruction; and, being possessed of a singularly retentive memory, he was complete master of all the ceremonies, and of the Fifteen Sections as well.

These are the "claims" which the orphan child of our late brother presents. Is it possible that they can be considered inferior to those acquired by a simple membership extending over a somewhat longer period of time? I hope and believe, for the sake of all that is best in our charitable system, that they will not be deemed so by my brethren who are Governors of the Schools.

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

P.M. AND L.G.

Reviews.

A SERMON. Preached by the Rev. GEO. LOWE, P.G.C. Lincolnshire, before Prov. Grand Lodge of Freemasons, Lincolnshire, at Spalding, June 19th, 1879. Wilkinson and Crush, Hall-place, Spalding.

We have received and read this sermon with much pleasure, and beg to commend it to the notice of our brethren. It is simply but forcibly written, clearly but eloquently expressed, and was, no doubt, as effective in the hands of the preacher as it was appropriate to the scene and the assembly. It is a very remarkably toned and cultured sermon, which it is both a pleasure to peruse and to possess. Many of our brethren may like to see it, and we call their special attention to it.

THE SKIN AND ITS TROUBLES. David Bogue, 31, St. Martin's-lane.

This is one of a series of "health primers," at the modest price of 1s. each, which is being published under the joint editorship of Messrs. Langdown Down, M.D., H. Power, M.D., J. Mortimer Granville, M.D., and John Tweedy, F.R.C.S. Among the able members of the medical profession who are contributors to the series we note the names, of J. Chrichton Browne, Sidney Coupland, John Williams, M. Farquharson, H. H. Alchin, W. S. Greenfield, C. W. Heaton, and Harry Leach, and, no doubt, such a compilation will attract readers, and must have its value. But the old feeling comes over all, (like the warning of the Greek chorus, again and again), is it wise, or does it profit them medically, to explain everything? Do we not help to pave the way for "quacks," and "nostrums," and "specifics"? Are we not treading on that debateable ground which lies between skilled medical treatment on the one hand, and the remedies and advertisements of charlatans on the other? Buchan's "Domestic Medicine" did no good; the "Fallacies of the Faculty" did not advance the health or the tastes of suffering mortals, and for our part, though we doubt not the good intent of the designers of the series, and to a certain extent realize the object of such a publication, we yet prefer, on the whole, the old-fashioned system of medical advice, trusting your doctor like you do your lawyer, when you are in a difficulty, like a wise man. One of the great mistakes of the present day, in our humble opinion, is this encomium of and attempt at general knowledge. Our forefathers may have erred in the particular of special and limited study, but we are, at any rate, clearly astray on the subject of general study of science and the like. The consequence is, that while scholarship is retrograding, and special knowledge decaying amongst us, we have to confront a lot of "chatterboxes" who know nothing well, truly, "au fond," as the French say, but, like a lot of brainless monkeys, overwhelm you with the vulgarity of vehement jargon, and second-hand cramming as to facts and dates. We prefer the limited information of our forefathers, who, if they conversed on little, knew what they were talking about. We may add that this little book is very readable, its statements are very precise and very easily understood, and with the qualifications and warnings above mentioned, we can conscientiously recommend it to all who are either suffering from skin disease, or are interested in the study of the phenomena of the skin.

ROYAL VISIT TO CUMBERLAND. — Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught arrived at Ravenglass on a visit to Lord and Lady Muncester, at Muncaster Castle, late on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. On Wednesday, the 3rd inst., they left for Scotland via Carlisle, passing through Whitehaven at an early hour in the morning.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[Advvt.]

THE CATHOLIC PERSECUTION OF FREEMASONRY.

A few months ago we had to take notice of the intolerant conduct of Romish priests towards Masons. Bro. Bogan, a member of Lodge Unity, 547, E.C., West Maitland, departed this life, and the Romish Bishop of West Maitland refused to bury him as he was a Mason, in consequence of which the remains of our dearly beloved brother were interred in a Protestant place of sepulture. The family of our brother has been very sorely tried by the intolerance of the Romish Church. The brethren of Lodge Unity, 547, E.C., West Maitland, have now erected a monument to the memory of their brother.

The monument has been raised at the sole cost of the members of Lodge Unity, who contributed apart from the lodge funds. The total cost is £40. The following are the inscriptions:—

On front face—"This monument is erected by the brethren of the Maitland Lodge of Unity, No. 547, E.C., to the memory of Bro. John Joseph Bogan, who departed this life on the 23rd day of December, A.D. 1878, aged 33 years. All glory to God Most High."

On right hand face—"The 4th verse of the 23rd Psalm, 'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.'"

On left hand face—"The 13th verse of the 12th chapter, of Ecclesiastes, 'Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.'"

On rear face--

"Hic jacet

"Johannes Josephus Bogan,

"Lapidida Maitland,

"Qui obit 23rd December, 5878,

"Anno ætatis, 33.

"Juillo coetu nostris Lodge of Unity, Maitland, New South Wales, Numeri 547, 14 Januarii, A.L. 5872, habito frater in primo grand occultæ scientiæ.

"Latomorum vel artis ædificatoria inauguratus est necnon debit, tempore ad secundum et tum denique ad tertiam gradum admissus est.

"Deo Summo Gloriam Patet."

From the *Maitland Mercury* we extract—

"MASONIC MONUMENT.—We notice that Mr. Thomas Browne, monumental sculptor, of High-street, West Maitland, has just completed an admirably-proportioned obelisk, in Ravensfield stone, to the order of the brethren of the Maitland Masonic Lodge of Unity, No. 547, E.C. The obelisk is to be erected in the Church of England burial ground at Campbell's Hill, over the grave of Mr. Joseph Bogan, who was a member of that lodge, and was, we believe, a native of West Maitland.

"Mr. Bogan was so highly esteemed by his Masonic brethren that they determined to mark his resting place by some suitable monument, and we think that the one under notice was very happily chosen.

"The obelisk—consisting of the shaft and base—rests upon a stone pedestal designed to show three steps. The base bears on its front face an apposite inscription setting forth the name, age, and date of the death of him who lies beneath; also the name of the lodge; on the right and left hand faces are quotations from the twenty-third Psalm and the twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes respectively; and the rear face bears an inscription in Latin of special significance to the Craft, announcing, as it does, the date of the deceased's admission into, and his subsequent progress in the ancient and Royal art.

"The shaft is ornamented on its front face by a square and compass within a circle (the two former being gilded) and by a five-pointed star, also gilded; and on the other faces a square and compass are shown, without the circle and the gilding. These ornaments are boldly cut in relief, and contrast well with the pleasing plainness of the shaft and pedestal.

"The memento is highly creditable to the brotherhood, and it is evident that whilst Maitland possesses such stone, and numbers amongst her townsmen the artist, her citizens need not go beyond her boundaries for the silent ornaments of the Necropolis.

"Some idea of the amount of work on the monument may be formed when we state that there are more than seven hundred letters on the stone, the whole of which have been very neatly executed, and reflects credit on Mr. Browne's studio. Height of obelisk, including shaft, base, and pedestal—9 feet. The sculptor is a member of the Craft."—*Australian Freemason*.

Mr. William Andrews, F.R.H.S., is paid a well-deserved compliment in *The Western Figaro*, a witty paper, which publishes a brief sketch of his literary career, and also prints his portrait. Mr. Andrews is a frequent contributor to the best of our magazines, and the *Academy* speaks of his historical writings as being "interesting and valuable." Mr. Andrews is the editor of an interesting publication, entitled *The Hull Miscellany*. It is a very entertaining and well-arranged little work, which is exceedingly popular in the chief towns on the banks of the Humber, and nothing different to this could be expected from the careful and well-informed member of the literary family to whom he have pleasure to refer.—*Bradford Chronicle and Mail*, August 14th, 1879.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—ADVT.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. JOHN IRELAND.

On Wednesday, the 20th inst., we noticed the demise of the late Bro. John Ireland, a gentleman well-known and highly esteemed and respected not only as a citizen of Belfast, but also in his private dealings, whether socially or commercially. The exalted position which the deceased gentleman occupied in connection with the ancient Order of "Free and Accepted Masons," and the great fame which he had acquired as a devout and expert exponent of its mysterious rites and ceremonies, are already well-known in the northern provinces of Ireland, and no better or higher public testimony of the great estimation in which he had always been held by his brethren of the "mystic tie" could possibly be manifested than that of the large attendance of the members of the Craft at the funeral obsequies of their late brother, which took place on Thursday, the 21st inst. His was certainly the largest and most respectable Masonic funeral, as far as we know, which has ever been chronicled in the North of Ireland. At an early hour in the morning the brethren assembled in the Freemasons' Hall, Arthur-square, where arrangements were made for the order of procession to be observed by the brethren. The idea of a public Masonic procession or demonstration of a marked character was at first mooted, but the members of the Craft who had charge of the funeral arrangements having deemed it prudent and expedient to refrain from any too prominent public display on the occasion, it was resolved that the brethren, instead of appearing in the full insignia of the Order, should simply wear mourning badges, by which they should distinguish themselves from those who were outside the pale of the Masonic Institution. These badges, which were crape arm-bands, were provided and distributed to the brethren by the members of Lodge No. 59, of which the deceased was a member.

The funeral was arranged to take place at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and punctually to time the cortège moved from the deceased's residence, the coffin being born by Past Masters of Lodge 59, for a distance of some hundreds of yards, the order of the procession, as arranged by the Masonic funeral committee, being as follows:—

The hearse, drawn by four horses, containing a handsomely mounted oak coffin, in which were the remains of the deceased, covered by three handsome wreaths of immortelles, the inscription on the coffin being, "John Ireland, aged fifty-five years." Immediately after the hearse came the relatives of the deceased, and in rear of them the members of the Masonic fraternity, in the following order:—No. 8 Chapter of Prince Masons, to which deceased belonged, represented by Bros. John M'Gee, 28, P.S. of P.G.R.C.; Thomas Valentine, J.P., 30, P.S. of P.G.R.C.; Wakefield H. Dixon, P.S. of P.G.R.C.; Thomas Cordukes, P.G.R.C.; Henry M. Girdwood, P.G.R.C.; Charles R. Atkinson, P.G.R.C.; Wm. V. Plunkett, P.G.R.C.; Henry Murney, M.D., J.P., 30, P.S. of P.G.R.C.; John Oulton, P.G.R.C.; P.G.R.C.; and the members of Chapter No. 6 Prince Masons present were—C. J. Kinahan, P.G.R.C.; C. Johnston, P.G.R.C.

Next followed the Symbolic Lodge, No. 59, St. Alfred's, of which the deceased was a member; members of this lodge in addition to their mourning badges wearing white gloves. The following is the list of the members of this lodge who attended at the funeral: Bros. A. S. MacGowan, W.M., P.M., P.K., H.K.T.; Robert Carrey, S.W., H.K.T.; William M. Bullock, J.W., P.M., H.K.T.; W. C. Todd, S.P.M., P.K., H.K.T.; Robert Metcalfe, I.G.; Wm. M. Clarke, P.M., P.K.; John M'Cormick, P.M., P.K.; Henry M'Cashen, P.M.; Edward Allworthy, I.P.M., P.K.; Henry Hutton, P.M.; Samuel Douglas, P.M.; Alexander Parker, P.M., H.K.T.; James Young, P.M.; John M'Clure, P.M.; Robert Anderson, P.M.; Hugh Hamilton, David Allen, Chas. Cotton, Wm. Campbell, John Seton, Wm. Easdale, James Young, jun., Alex. Robb, J. Jackson, D. Allen, jun. After the brethren of Lodge No. 59 followed the other members of the Craft present, forming three deep in processional order.

Among those present we observed Bros. Rev. W. C. M'Cullagh, 154, P.G.C.; Henry J. Hill, 111, P.G.L.I.; W. H. Ward, 154, Preceptor of Lagan Valley Encampment of H.K.T.; Geo. A. Reid, 82, P.G.S.W.; William Rankin, 272, P.G.J.W.; William Anderson, 98, P.G.S.D.; Wm. Adair, 51, P.G.J.D.; John Orr, 195, P.G.I.G.; W. J. Owens, John Overend, John Collins, Samuel Abernethy, W. Erskine, William Young, M. Corken, Henry Campbell, D. Gray, Thomas Braithwaite, H. H. Bottomley, A. J. Cowan, John Coulter, John G. Shaw, John Milliken, John Ball, James M'Cormick, William Finlay, Robert Vance, Thomas Cooper, Hamilton Anderson, J. Gelston, D. Moor, John M'Cutcheon, Joseph Holland, Chas. Lilley, James Hazlett, James Scott, James Allen, Dixon Shanks, Hugh Rankin, Henry Joy, M'Cracken, James Hogg, William Woods, Thomas Fisher, William Moran, Edward Moran, T. Alderdice, W. Alderdice, J. Immrie, George Gaukrodger, J. M. Lindsay, William Seeds, John Smyth, Matthew Shaw, Thomas Nesbit, W. J. Hainey, A. Smyth, John Boyd, Alex. White, John Freeman, James Wilson, John Woods, William M'Dade, James Anderson, Robert Savage, William Beattie, W. J. Williamson, Robert Humphrey, Professor Brown, Henry Murray, W. J. Fennell, George Kidney, V.S.; David Dunlop, James Frazer, C.E.; J. Aicken, W. Aicken, Thomas Simpson, R. J. Hilton, John M'Kibben, James M'Connell, Fred Wilson, John G. Robinson, W. J. Hill, C. C. Wheeler, William Orr, Washington Orr, John Ward, Thos. M. Coleman, D. M'Affee, O'Connell Shaw, John M'Connell, Robert Mathews, John Oldham, Johnston Rogers, William M'Cormick, 106, P.H.K.T.; Samuel Gordon, William Trelford, Wilson M'Cullough, John Boyd, John Wright, John Orr, James Fitchie, J. Roberts, John Adrain, Wm. Rankin, John Hanna, John Dickson, John Harrison, George G. Henderson, Edward Glancey,

R. T. Wilson, Robert Alex. Hill, — Curry, — Bodel, Hugh Doey, Louis Ryans, John Bennett, James Christie, Robert Campbell, Robert Mathews, W. G. Milligan, H. M'Cloy, William Brown, W. Nixon, Thos. Bunting, W. J. Beattie, Thomas M'Candlis, Alex. Hutton, W. J. Luke, T. Carson, James Morrow, Robert Gibson, Edward M'Fee, D. Duff, J. Crothers, R. M'Henry, J. M'Donald, Alex. Crawford, Wm. Duff, E. Priestly, Robert Beattie, Thomas H. Dickson, Rev. Mr. Beattie, Hugh Ross, Alex. Waugh, Daniel M'Peake.

The route traversed by the funeral cortège was Great Victoria-street, Wellington-place, Donegall-place, Castle-place, Bridge-street, Donegall-street, Crumlin-road, Agnes-street, and Shankhill-road, to the Shankhill Graveyard. At the gate of the latter place the procession halted, and the Freemasons proceeded to form two lines extending from the entrance gate to the place of interment, the brethren standing with uncovered heads whilst the coffin, borne by members of Lodge 59, and followed by the relatives of the deceased, passed up between them. The coffin having been lowered into its last resting place, the brethren formed a compact circle round the grave, and inside this circle stood the Rev. George Cron, the Rev. W. C. M'Cullagh, and the members of the deceased's lodge. A most pathetic and appropriate service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Cron, after which the Masonic burial service was read in the most feeling and impressive manner by Bro. the Rev. W. C. M'Cullagh, during the course of which a Masonic apron was placed upon the coffin, and each member of deceased's lodge present deposited a sprig of acacia in the grave. The ceremony, which was one of the most solemn and affecting, was eventually brought to a conclusion by all the brethren assembled giving the public grand honours of Freemasonry.—*Belfast News Letter*, August 22.

Public Amusements.

STRAND THEATRE.—"Madame Favart" is the attraction here, and will long continue to be so. It is, without exception, the biggest hit in London. For once, fashion patronises merit. We cannot too highly commend the singing by the various leading artistes. Miss St. John is, in the words of her old admirer in the piece, "a delicious illusion;" Miss Violet Cameron is as charming as ever, and she is always charming. Mons. Marius, than whom we have no better comic opera comedian, is in an element he thoroughly enjoys, and Mr. Harry Cox was never seen to better advantage than he is here as the *Inn-keeper*. Mr. Ashley, who, it will be remembered, played *Old Tubbs*, in "Pink Dominoes" so well, here personates the *old roud*, and plays it so well and so naturally that it is difficult to believe that Mr. Ashley himself is not a *roué*.

IMPERIAL THEATRE.—We have seen "H.M.S. Pinafore" at the Opera Comique—our readers may remember how we commended the singing; we have seen it in the provinces; we have seen it in America; but we have never seen it so well mounted, so well played, and, better still, so well sung, as by the company by whom it is now played at the Imperial. We understand that after this week "Pinafore" will be produced by this company at the Olympic. We tell our readers who have been to the Opera Comique, wishing to see this most popular piece, that they must go to the Imperial this week or to the Olympic next week if they desire to be considered judges of the merits and demerits of this wonderful opera. To those of our readers who have not seen the piece we can only say, if you like musical voices for a musical piece follow the company now going from the Imperial to the Olympic.

PARK THEATRE.—"Jane Eyre, or Poor Relations," at this house, produced for the first time on Wednesday, the 27th ult., must be pronounced a success. Theatrical successes, however, have their classes like railways—this piece is a success in the third-class—it can never take a high rank either in London or the provinces, but it will serve its purpose in its three weeks' run at the Park. We can give it no more, a fortnight at the Standard or other kindred theatres, and an occasional performance in the country. "Jane Eyre" is preceded by the old, stale, and stupid comedietta, "A Day After the Wedding," which we should not notice at all but for the acting of Miss Maud Erskine, a young, beautiful, and clever little actress, who gives promise of "great things" if she only gets the opportunity. The main idea, a mainmast without a sail, is evidently taken from "Taming of the Shrew," and the very mild reflection of Shakespeare's *Kate*, as taken by Miss Erskine, convinces us that she is quite capable of playing Shakespeare's original, and playing it well, too, which is not saying a little.

We regret to notice the death of Bro. William Runtig, P.M. of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, and W.M. of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681. Bro. Runtig was initiated into Freemasonry in the Faith Lodge, No. 141, on the 24th of February, 1857. He afterwards joined the Belgrave Lodge, and became W.M. in the year, and was a subscribing member at his death. He was a founder and first S.W. of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681, of which lodge at the time of his death he was W.M. Bro. Runtig was well known and deservedly esteemed by many brethren, more especially by those living in the immediate vicinity of his residence, Mount-street, Grosvenor-square. He was interred at Woking Cemetery on Monday, the 1st inst., the funeral being attended by, among others, Bro. Garrod, Secretary of the Belgrave Lodge, Bros. A. Barfield, Treasurer, Honeyball, Thomas, and Ball, of the Londesborough Lodge.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Sir John Bennett has been re-elected a trustee of the Goldsmiths and Jewellers' Institution.

The Metropolitan Board of Works are making arrangements for illuminating their board-room and principal offices by the medium of the electric light.

A "welcome home" dinner was given on Thursday evening, the 28th ult., in the Prince's Room of the Holborn Restaurant, to Mr. William Simpson and Mr. Melton Prior, the well-known special artists of the *Illustrated London News*, who have recently returned respectively from Afghanistan and Zululand. Bro. G. Augustus Sala was in the chair, and Mr. Archibald Forbes was present.

We are happy to inform our readers that arrangements have been made for a private Masonic tourist party to visit Paris and Switzerland, to leave London on Monday, September 15th, and return on September 28th or October 2nd. The whole arrangements are in the hands of Bro. Oscar Dietrich, whose linguistic abilities and long experience as a tourist conductor, combined with the intimate knowledge he has of the places to be visited, render him eminently qualified for such a position. We see in the prospectus of the party that meetings are to be arranged with some of our brethren of the Craft on the Continent, which will, doubtless, be interesting, as giving the party an opportunity of witnessing Masonic ceremonies carried out in a style different to what we have in England. The exclusively Masonic character of the party is to be so far modified as to allow ladies to have a place, and, doubtless, many of the brethren will enjoy their promenades through the gay streets of beautiful Paris, and their railway, steamboat, and diligence rides through the magnificent scenery of Switzerland, all the more in consequence of having their wives or lady friends to share their enjoyment. The prospectus that has been issued promises a tour of extraordinary interest and pleasure at an extremely low figure, and we have no doubt that many of our brethren will avail themselves of the services of Bro. Dietrich, to whom we cordially recommend our readers.

Bro. William Francis, of the well-known Mohawk Minstrels, whose concerts at the Agricultural Hall for the last seven or eight years have grown to be an important institution in Islington, took his benefit on Tuesday evening, when, we are happy to say, this concert hall was crowded in every part, so crowded, indeed, that the staff of attendants had some difficulty in finding accommodation for the hosts of friends, who, for half-an-hour before the performance, kept trooping in. However, thanks to the tact of Bro. R. G. Thomas, the courteous manager, and the ability of his staff, every one found a good place, and the concert passed off admirably. The programme was, of course, a special one for the occasion, and included a very pretty, new pathetic ballad, entitled "Kiss the little ones for me," by the beneficiary himself. It was carried out well, as happens invariably at all Mohawk entertainments, and the audience were delighted. Bro. Francis, at the close of the evening, in a few well-chosen sentences, expressed to all present his deep sense of their kindness in honouring him as they had done on the occasion of this, his seventh annual benefit. The Mohawks, one and all, and including a former Mohawk, Bro. F. Dolby, acquitted themselves well. Bro. Edgar Mowbray, another of the proprietary body, will take his benefit on the 26th instant, when a programme of sea songs and ballads will be given. We trust, indeed, we have no doubt, it will be as successful as that of Tuesday.

Mr. Archibald Forbes is about to give a series of lectures in various places on the Zulu War, in which he will describe as an eye-witness some of its most momentous scenes, including the battle of Ulundi and the finding of the body of Prince Louis Napoleon.

BRO. LORD SKELMERSDALE'S SHORTHORN HERD.—On Wednesday, the 3rd inst., Mr. Thornton, of London, dispersed a large portion of the fine herd of pure bred shorthorns owned by Bro. Lord Skelmersdale. Prior to the sale there was a luncheon in the large marquee in Lathom Park, at which over five hundred gentlemen sat down. Lord Dunmore presided, and was supported by Lords Skelmersdale, Winmarleigh, Norton, Norreys, Lindsay, and Bective; the Hon. A. B. Wilbraham, the Hon. E. B. Wilbraham, Mr. Allsopp, M.P., Mr. Starkie, M.P., and the principal shorthorn breeders in the kingdom. The loyal toasts and the health of Lord Skelmersdale having been honoured, the company adjourned to the sale ring. Five out of six tribes sold at Kirklington sale in 1850 have been brought into this herd, and most judiciously blended. The principal sire is fourth Baron Oxford, bred at Holker, one of the very few remaining animals by seventh Duke of York and from the fifth Lady Oxford, the ancestress of the highest priced Oxfords at Holker. The following are the principal sales:—Maud Waterloo, roan, calved July, 1875, 150 guineas, to Mr. Davies, Cheshire; Frosty Gwynne, calved May, 1876, 310 guineas, to Lord Penrhyn; Winsom Beauty, 350 guineas, to Mr. Foster; Cumberland Duchess, of Ormskirk, 2000 guineas, to Mr. Loder, Towcaster, Northamptonshire; Winsom Beauty Fourth, for 400 guineas, to the Duke of Devonshire; Princess Blyth, for 585 guineas, to Sir William Salt, Saltaire; Cherry Grand Duchess Eleventh, to Messrs. Henry Waterbury, Kent, for 325 guineas; Florence Waterloo, for 310 guineas, to Mr. Davies, Ogden Hall, Cheshire; and Bertha Waterloo, 300 guineas, to Mr. Davies, Larry Barrington Fourth went to Mr. Patterson, Stirling, 4th September, 1879.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, September 12, 1879.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew B.

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, SEPTEMBER 8.

Lodge 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.

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.
Tredegar, 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, SEPTEMBER 9.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
" 1158, Southern Star, S.M.H. Camberwell.
" 1441, Ivy, S.M.H. Camberwell.
Mark Lodge 22, Southwark, Bdge. House Hot., London B.

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 Bldgs., 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 Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 1718, Centurion, The London, Fleet-st.
Chap. 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.

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, Havelock 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, SEPTEMBER 11.

Lodge 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.
" 1042, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting H.
Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, 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.
Ebury, 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, SEPTEMBER 12.

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.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 13, 1879.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Mark 171, Union, M.H., Oldham.
K.T. Precep. Jerusalem, M.H., Manchester.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Chap. 1055, Derby, Knowsley Hot., York-st., Cheetham.
Mark 136, Alfred, Bridge Inn, Bury.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Lodge 54, Hope, Spread Eagle, Rochdale.
" 146, Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bolton.
" 191, St. John, Knowsley Hot., Bury.
" 204, Caledonian, M.H., Manchester.
" 288, Harmony, M.H., Todmorden.
" 852, Zetland, Albert Hot., Salford.
" 854, Albert, Duke of York, Shaw, nr. Oldham.
" 1064, Borough, Bull Hot., Burnley.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

Lodge 462, Equality, Red Lion Hot., Accrington.
" 1055, Derby, Knowsley Hot., York-st., Cheetham.
" 1144, Milton, Commercial Hot., Ashton-under-Lyne.
" 1147, St. David, M.H., Manchester.
" 1697, Hospitality, Royal Hot., Waterfoot.
Chap. 54, Hope, Spread Eagle, Rochdale.
" 286, Strength, Green Man, Bacup.
Mark St. John, Commercial Hot., Bolton.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

Lodge 815, Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-rd., Hulme.
K.T.P. Faith, Masonic Rooms, 20, King-st., Wigan.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 13, 1879.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

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.
Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
Mark 165, Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Chap. 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.
Red Cross Conclave, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 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, SEPTEMBER 12.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

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