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LONDON, SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1871.

THE BALLOT IN OUR LODGES.

*An Address by W. Bro. DANIEL MOORE, M.D., W.M. 281, G.S.B., delivered in the Lodge of Fortitude, Lancaster, (No. 281), June 14th, 1871.*

The various forms of voting, both in our Lodges, and in the general transactions of societies in the world, may be divided into two essentially different methods. The first, where the vote is recorded openly, so that all present may know to what end it is given, and secondly, where it is given secretly, so that the purpose of the vote is only known to the person recording it.

Thus we have the distinct forms of open and secret voting, both of which are made use of in our Lodges, the former in the ordinary method of signifying assent or dissent in passing resolutions, and in confirming the minutes of previous meetings, &c., and the latter in determining upon the choice of a W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year, and in the election of a candidate for initiation into our mysteries, or as a joining member of our Lodge.

I do not intend this evening to trespass upon your time with any remarks upon open voting, but in accordance with the announcement on the circular convening this meeting, simply to address a few words to you on the subject of secret voting, or voting by ballot in our Lodges. This is neither the place nor the occasion for me to offer for your consideration the ballot in its general or political

relations, or to enunciate any opinion as to its necessity or propriety in the affairs of the nation, or in our Lodges, for as it has been adopted by a decree of the Grand Lodge of England, it is our duty to adhere to the form of election, enjoined upon us in the constitutions of Freemasonry, and also to take especial care that the form of election appointed for our use is properly employed, and never allowed, by misapprehension or misapplication, to act otherwise than in strict accordance with the established principles of our Order.

In its application with regard to Freemasonry, the ballot is used for two essentially different purposes, which may be termed :—I. The Competitive Ballot, and II. The Elective or Exclusive Ballot.

The first, or competitive form of ballot, is employed in the election of W.M. and Treasurer, who are appointed by the Lodge. In this form of ballot, out of a number of members, who may be equally well qualified to discharge the duties of the office for which the election is made, it is necessary that the Lodge should, by a majority of its members, appoint to such office the one individual, whose acceptance of its duties will, in their opinion, best conduce to the benefits of the Lodge.

In an election of this kind it is eminently our duty to consider with great care and attention the qualifications of the several individuals who are eligible for the office in which it is proposed to place them, and when the election has been decided in favour of one or other, it is equally incumbent upon us to bow with submission to their lawfully constituted authority, and to render to them the duty which of right they acquire by virtue of their position.

The second class of ballot, which we will designate as the Elective or Exclusive Ballot, is that form which is employed in the ballot for candidates for initiation into our mysteries or as joining members of the Lodge. In this case, as Masons and members of a society founded upon the excellent and noble principles of our Order, with which you are all acquainted, it is our especial duty to see that none enter the precincts of our sanctuary, save those whose conduct is in every way correct, and whose character is quite unimpeachable; in fact every candidate for admission into Freemasonry, should be calculated to reflect credit upon us as a body, and be those who will at all times strictly regard the Cardinal Virtues,

and other moral teachings, which are openly or symbolically inculcated in our Lodges. By a due care in this important and essential particular we shall enhance the success and popularity that true Freemasonry has acquired amongst the outer world, and while we are always ready and willing to welcome into our fraternity good men and true, it should be our most earnest endeavour to prevent the admission of any who are at all likely by their conduct or character, either in or out of the lodge, to bring discord amongst us, or to throw the slightest discredit upon the Order to which we belong. I say the *slightest discredit* advisedly, for when the outer world attempts to criticise a secret society, of whose doings and actions it must of necessity be in perfect ignorance, it is always too ready to look upon the dark side, and to magnify any dereliction from the path of duty which may have been committed by any of its members; thereby throwing odium upon the whole fraternity, on account of the failings of one or two persons who have gained admission into its society.

While the two forms of ballot, which I have just described, have much in common, we have also to notice some important points of difference.

In the competitive ballot, such as, for example, that for the Worshipful Master of a lodge, there are of necessity many—very many—brethren, who are undoubtedly well qualified for the chair—qualified from the fact of having duly and diligently occupied the chair of a Warden for the prescribed space of twelve months, and qualified to preside over the lodge from a true and genuine knowledge of our ritual, and of the science of our Order; and were it possible to do so, many of us would be glad to confer the honour of Mastership on more than one deserving brother. In this lodge there are at the present time no fewer than 33 brethren qualified for the Mastership, and only one chair to be filled; it therefore follows of necessity that the honour cannot be given to all, and that 32 out of 33 must be amongst the number of the non-elected. Such being the case, the non-election of any brother cannot be considered to cast any reflection upon him, either as to his character, or the respect in which he is held by his brother Masons, but simply shews that in the judgment of the majority of the members present at the lodge (be that majority large or small) it has been con-

sidered advisable that another brother should preside over them for the ensuing year.

With regard to the Elective or Exclusive Ballot, we have this very important difference, that instead of *one* individual being selected from a number to fill a certain office, the number of persons who may be elected is unlimited; and as we are all desirous of seeing Freemasonry progress by the addition of worthy men to our fraternity, the fact of a candidate being rejected, makes it apparent that there is probably something in his character or conduct at variance with the principles of the society in which he has been refused admittance; and as the world in general entertains a favourable opinion of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, the fact of the exclusion of a candidate from that society must tend to give to others an adverse opinion of his character and conduct.

The deductions I would draw from an examination of these two forms of ballot, are that which we are bound in exercising each form of ballot to be particularly careful that the person elected is one upon whom we can depend, and whose life and actions will stand the test of diligent enquiry, in order on the one hand, that an improper person should not be placed in authority in our lodge, and on the other that Freemasonry should not suffer from the admission of any who would in the slightest degree disgrace our Order. Yet we must always remember that the rejection in the first form of ballot cannot in any way injure those who are not elected; while in the second form the rejection of a candidate for initiation must cast a reflection upon his character, and tend to do him injury in his intercourse with the world. We must also bear in mind that the adverse voting of two or three members might not alter the result of the election in the first instance, but in the second the same number of black balls would result in the exclusion of the candidate from our Lodge.

Let us, therefore, in making use of this powerful agent, the ballot, never forget to give the probable consequences of each vote our full and earnest consideration before recording it, reviewing it fairly with respect to the advantage or disadvantage it may be to the Lodge, as well as with regard to the well-being, or injury it may entail upon the individual for or against

whom it may be given. Thus, shall we be acting to the greatest advantage for ourselves, our brethren, and our Lodge, and assist in promoting the prosperity of the Order to which we belong.

ADDRESS BY THE CROWN PRINCE OF PRUSSIA.

DELIVERED AT THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRAND LODGE AT BERLIN, JUNE 25, 1870.

*(Translated from the Freemasons' Gazette, Leipsic.)*  
*(Continued from page 467).*

A hundred years ago Bro. Zinnendorf was accused of perjury and treason, because the charter which had been transmitted from Sweden with the original historical documents and regulations, was in his name, and Bro. Zinnendorf was distinctly authorised to read it to the brethren, but had selfishly shown it to but a few members. I will order that this charter shall be read publicly to-day, notwithstanding its obsolete and peculiar form. Not all the brethren of our jurisdiction are cognizant of its existence, although it caused the creation of this Grand body. May this be the first sign of a more free and liberal sentiment at the beginning of this new century.

If we admit that the external history of the origin and development of our Grand Lodge needs to be liberated from its too closely bound chains, we must also admit that the internal history of our Grand Lodge in its relation to doctrine and institutions wants more solidity, truth and clearness.

We possess a whole system of signs which are constructed according to a certain geometrical principle. Connected with these signs there are numerous other symbols which originate partly from special historical circumstances. Our own historical documents and regulations give us special information about the origin of the latter, and this Grand Lodge has many written instructions and lectures relating to them.

But while in former times brethren were satisfied with the authority of the traditions, we find in the present day that historical criticism, by its inquiries and investigations, has grown up to a

power, even over the oldest traditions. This power has also its claims against the Order, which cannot be disregarded without danger.

It may be that even nowadays there are brethren who rely upon and believe in authority and tradition, and are thereby satisfied. But there are also quite a number who want fundamental and satisfactory evidence of all historical traditions, in accordance with the present high position of historical science. And the latter have the same rights as the former.

I acknowledge, and admit solemnly and freely, all that is lacking in relation to the irrepressible demands of publicity. Honesty should never be censured, and is the better policy. I therefore declare freely that this Grand Lodge is not in possession of such sure and clear arguments, as to silence all doubts of historical inquiry.

I have been working for a long time, to have all our historical documents fairly and thoroughly investigated and classified, and I return my best thanks to all brethren who have assisted me. Especially, I must return thanks to His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway, for receiving last year the committee we sent to Sweden, in a manner most brotherly and courteous, for the purpose of again investigating all documents and treasures of the Swedish Lodges, from whence our historical documents were derived.

Notwithstanding, this investigation did not come to a certain and satisfactory point, suitable and appropriate to an Order, which considers the symbol of this light as a cardinal principle, and which desires that all their doings and connections should be clear and evident.

Let us, therefore, go on with our investigations. Follow me, your Grand Master, in this new century, with the earnest purpose, not to be fatigued by great difficulties. Let us leave in confidence to competent brethren the dissolution and penetration of the existing shadows, and to obtain a real and historical foundation to all institutions and doctrines, emanating from the Masonic history of this Grand body

It is a fact, that a mere belief in authority does not satisfy the present generation.

I add, as herewith connected, a demand which I consider imperative for the new century of this Grand body, purification and simplification of the intercourse in Masonic life, and in the subordinate Lodges; but do not think I desire a reform of

such things, which are yet vital, or able to propagate life.

I am only against such things—whether they originate from old or from new times—which are impediments to spiritual action, or in the way of the happy results of our teachings. It is far from me to dictate demands, or to use a pressure upon your mind and conviction. I only freely and openly express my opinion and conviction, and leave it to you to examine, to outlay plans, and to introduce what you think necessary for the promotion of the spiritual life in our Lodges. I want to justify myself before a future generation, respecting the celebration of this day, and I wanted to express in right words at the right time what I thought necessary.

After my initiation I became a member of the Grand Lodge, like many of the brethren, without having deeper knowledge of Freemasonry, and of the specialities of our Grand Body. But approved and true men had assured me that in our Craft are concealed old traditions and eminent moral doctrines, although sometimes shed among dead stone work, and over-burdened with superfluous things.

I found these sentences and judgments to be correct. But I ask you, is it right that this be so? Shall dead questions and superfluous doings now cover and hide reality, solidity, and vitality? Let us avoid getting blinded through the influence of a strict adhesion to old and cherished customs against the demands of our age, whilst time proceeds with ponderous step.

I would be glad to receive from officers and members of our jurisdiction, proposals referring to these points, and will do my best as Grand Master, to favour a proper solution and to arrive at the best decision. May we succeed in finding the right ways and means.

It seems to me that we have especially to look at two points. First, that the teachings and lectures after the first initiation, in the first degree, are sufficient to give knowledge of all that can be offered. It is far from me to wish a mixing of, or a meddling with the teachings and symbolic acts of the several degrees, or a passing and raising before due time. But it seems to me the Entered Apprentice should be enabled from the beginning to get a proper knowledge of all the new and strange things he will and must meet. The

symbolic acts and teachings of Freemasonry must warm the heart, and must touch our feelings, thoughts, and ideas; otherwise Freemasonry will represent itself as a ruin from old times, which will be looked upon with curiosity, which will be cherished for its age, but never will serve to enlighten the life of the present time.

Let us get rid of the apprehension that we are wrong in taking from the high degrees into the symbolic Masonry all that will be fruitful for the latter. I consider this the best application and exertion of high degree Masonry. For—and this is the second point I like to call your attention to—the fact that we must earnestly promulgate and more and more propagate in our jurisdiction the idea that St. John's Masonry, as we call the symbolic or blue degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, is the main point of Freemasonry, and must have the main importance in the whole organisation. Symbolic Masonry embraces in its Lodges the greater number of all Freemasons dispersed over the globe; Symbolic Masonry divulges foremost the blessings and effect of our Craft. The high degrees ought to be considered nothing but the commentary of Symbolic Masonry, only more impregnated with the wisdom acquired by age, and only fit for enlightening the same teachings. I think I need not refute the suspicion of inappropriate and contradicting principles.

I hope and believe that Freemasonry will always nourish the roots of a sound and moral life among mankind by its quiet and steady working. And that makes me love so much our Craft and become so much attached to it.

I have now freely and openly expressed my views on all that needs the attention of our Grand Body for the next century. I know, however, that not all the brethren of this jurisdiction concur in my views, and that many consider these views detrimental and pernicious. May my words cause those brethren to reconsider their opinions, and to examine closely and without prejudice, the basis and origin of the system of our Grand Body.

I had not felt bound myself to utter such words, did I not know that they will find a good response and approbation not only in the whole Masonic family, but especially in our Grand Body.

May the breath of Spring exhilarate and pene-

trate our Grand Lodge at the beginning of the new century, to create new life and invigorate this life to a fruitful result.

Let us therefore go on with consciousness and wise delicacy, and with strong and alert spirit, and be convinced, my brethren, I will assist you willingly and faithfully.

The first century of the existence of this Grand Lodge bequeathed us imperfect things, the coming century, at its ending, will undoubtedly call our endeavours and doings likewise imperfect. However, we hope, at least, that our sincere labours to promote in a true Masonic spirit the welfare and the prosperity of our Grand Lodge, will be acknowledged.

#### THE TRUE ACCEPTED MASONS.

FROM THE BOMBAY GUARDIAN.

“Six hundred years ago Freemasonry was not what it is now,—it was a real thing, not a sham; its ranks were recruited, not from among lawyers, merchants, and other professions, but every apprentice was forced to undergo a severe probationary servitude and acquire skill in the art of Masonry before he was permitted to become a member of the craft. Nor was it the privilege of the members—their Masters, or Wardens, to spend the funds of the guild in luxurious dinners and rich wines to be consumed at convivial meetings; the table of the lodge was a common table with plain homely food for strangers and brethren.

“Go back six centuries: the cities were small, communication was very slow, there were no newspapers to advertise the works that were going on, and the larger works were then few compared with what we find everywhere now-a-days. The Mason's work never has come to him, and in those days he had often far to go in seeking it. On spring evenings you might then have often seen approaching some continental town, a couple or so of way-farers, tired, probably, and foot-sore, but almost always characterised by a step and gait that evinced a freedom and independence of character that marked them from most of the other people you met. They enter the town, and turn into a quiet street where there are few shops, and one of them accosts some men sitting in

earnest conversation on a bench at the door of a poor but comfortable looking house. The stranger says ‘We are Masons,’ and the townsman offers them his hand, and they exchange secret signs that none but the initiated could notice. These are their passes to the hospitality of their brother Masons, and they are far better (in those days) than letters of commendation, for they cannot be forged, and not one Mason in a hundred can read a written certificate. They have no need to ask lodgings: another starts [up from the seat, and accosting the second and younger stranger begs that he at least will stay the night with him close by. Refreshments are set forth, and kindly questions asked and answered, and the talk speedily falls upon work—their work—building. There is a Church of God building not far off, say the townsmen, would they take work there? and the strangers say they would gladly do so; they had heard of it by the way, and wish to apply to the Master-builder next day. Accordingly next morning, thanking their hosts for their cheer, and perhaps accompanied by them, they proceed to the works, and asking for the master, are taken to the Lodge. They are questioned as to what ranks they have respectively attained in the Craft. These they at once communicate by secret signs that are trustworthy and recognizable only to those of equal or higher standing than themselves, and they save all tedious examinations and practical proof of their skill. They are made welcome, and each is at once appointed to the sort of work he is fit for; there is no envying or grumbling that one has a higher kind of work than his fellow; the ambition of each is to do his work perfectly as ‘a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,’ knowing that thereby alone can he ever expect to rise to a higher grade in his Craft.

“Now the recent formation of a Christian Alliance has suggested or recalled the fact that there is a Freemasonry—liable indeed like the other to be degraded into a mere name when its professors forget the great practical ends of its existence,—but which, if real and earnest, is calculated to be most helpful to travelling builders of God's true house. True Christians are members of one profession and possess spiritual and secret signs, by which, if they are not ashamed of them, they may make their profession known to one another, but which are not understood by the outside world, nor can be reciprocated or replied

to by it. They seek work under one Master-builder who understands the secret abilities of the most highly advanced, and who is ready to appoint to each the work he is fitted for, and that work he is bound to do by the laws of the Craft: each must hew and polish his own stone to be built into the true Temple of God, and if by diligence and talent he attain to high proficiency, that stone may be some notable pillar in the Church. But one thing is common to all, it matters not of what grade in the profession, or in what worldly circumstances, or to what dialect or province the traveller belongs, if only he can give the common sign—he is, as 'accepted,' entitled to the help and hospitality of his brethren, and they will try to help him to work under the Great Master builder.

"This parallel might be drawn out to great length and perhaps to profit. Let those who are fellow-workmen in building the Church of God amplify it for themselves, and show to the world a higher Freemasonry even than that which served its ends so well in the middle ages, taking all care that it do not degenerate into empty forms and names, under which the true 'craft' and calling is forgotten."—BETA.

We may here be permitted to say, that among Christian Masons, the Christian degrees of Freemasonry, viz., Knights Templar, Red Cross of Constantine, and the Rose Croix, embody and enforce upon our minds all the mysteries of our most holy faith, and all its graces, and all its means of salvation. There are golden threads in that cordage which binds our hearts together. Upon these principles we rest in our Christian Lodges, as upon a rock which cannot be moved—the hope of the Christian faith, the foundation stone now "the head of our corner," is that upon which we build for eternity, and we know no other blood, as an atonement, than "the blood which speaketh better things than that of Abel." We are bound to the word of God, and we dare not go one step beyond it; if that brilliant light were removed from among us, we must grope on still in darkness, and enter the dark valley of the shadow of death, with a shiver, unmitigated by one warm beam of hope; with an uncertain stumbling of the feet, with no Divine arm upon which to lean, with no shield between us and the King of Terrors. At the same time we do not repel from our community those who have not this comforting, and, to us, life-giving faith; there is a point in our science to which we may all travel together, and they who hold those eternal truths, which are common to Jew, Mahomedan, Parsee, or Hindoo, are embraced in the arms of fraternal love; for them we feel the affection and sympathy of a common humanity—to their wants

we open the ungrudging hand; with them we unite in the common offices of charity; them we welcome under the same roof, and with them we practise the same common virtues; for we cannot forget who it was said, "Go thou and do likewise."

Brethren, "Let not your light be darkness." There are unworthy Christians, but though they stab Christianity by their evil deeds, they cannot destroy it, or their own responsibility; there are unworthy Masons, who weaken Masonry by their misconduct, and bring it into disrepute. We do not say that Masonry of itself gives a man the power of overcoming the sinful and base corruption of his nature, that is the work of God's Holy Spirit alone; but God has shed abroad His marvellous light, in His Revelation, in His Holy Word; and the rays of that light we collect into one focus, so that it may shine gloriously into our hearts and upon our conduct. That is our profession—to work out religious truth. Perhaps there are not many of the brethren who have the time, or the gifts of intellect to pursue the science into its highest regions; but no man can be so blind, or so feeble, as not to learn the first principles, and to practise them. Our secrets are such as guard the fraternity from imposition; they are intertwined like the Gordian knot, you may cut them through, but you cannot untie them; their strength is not in one single observance, but in many; and though vulgar curiosity may obtain possession of one or two, it cannot pry into the system, it cannot lay unhallowed hands upon that subtle tie, which unites our hearts and hands together in love and charity. Notwithstanding the wicked attempts of those apostates who, from mercenary motives, published books professing to expose the mysteries of Freemasonry, we do not know one instance in the boundless range of Masonry, that the uninitiated have ever associated with the initiated, in the tyled recess of the Lodge-room, though we have heard of several instances where the cowan has attempted to gain admission, but he was soon plucked of his borrowed plumes, and turned back to be the laughing stock of the outer world. No doubt Masonry has been degraded by men of debauched habits, of unprincipled characters; doubtless it has been soiled by intemperance and impiety; but whatever defamation and insult it may have thus received, let us remember, God's holy religion, through it, has at the same time, and by the same breath, been polluted and trampled upon. And as religion teaches us to expect an irrelative judgment for all our deeds done in the flesh, so Masonry bids its children beware, while it inculcates that awful truth, delivered to it by religion, lest they fail of their reward, and incur the sentence of eternal wrath.

"Let your light shine before men," as you would

one day enter into Gods eternal light; there shall be gathered into that glorious temple, of which we form the shadow upon earth—of the noiseless architecture of which, the building of the First Temple upon earth without noise of axe, or hammer, was the type; these, into that Glorious Temple shall be gathered of all nations, tribes, and tongues; in a fraternity, which no jarring discord shall disturb; in a bond of love, which nothing shall sever; where type and shadow shall be dissolved in reality; where the incommunicable name shall be revealed; where every mystery shall be unveiled; where the Great Architect of the Universe shall display face to face, His Majesty, and might, and wisdom, and power, and where the Holy Trinity shall reign, visibly, eternally glorious, when heaven and earth, the architect of the Universe, shall have been burnt up as a scroll, and shall have passed away for ever.

#### MASONIC SAYINGS AND DOINGS ABROAD.

**THE TEMPLARS "CRUSADE."**—An invitation has been extended by the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, to Allegheny Commandery, No. 35, to be present at a Masonic re-union and fête at Alton Towers, the princely seat of the Earl of Shrewsbury, on the 4th of July next, the day that our Allegheny Sir Knights invade England. The letter further informs Sir Knight Jenkins, to whom it was addressed, that if accepted, the Earl will invite delegations from all the lodges in the midland district to be present to receive their American brethren.—*Voice of Masonry.*

The Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota in his annual address says:—"I have observed with regret, that in many cases, Companions who have spent a few years in official positions in Chapter, and Lodge also, as soon as they are superseded in office, cease to take any interest in Masonry. They show by their actions, that they become Masons in order that they might be recipients of the honours conferred by the Craft, rather than from the desire "to be good and to do good," which should be the ruling motive of every Mason. The humblest, "high private in the rear rank" of our Masonic Army should feel that he has a duty to perform, equal in importance to that of the highest official in the Order, and should do it. And the ex-official should work as hard after falling back into the ranks, as he did before in gaining his official position."

THE Kentucky Masonic Orphan's Home is now open for the admission of beneficiaries, and the Masonic Lodges of the State have been requested to elect one

committeeman in each county, who are requested to divide themselves into committees in each Congressional District. All applications for admission are to be made to the committee thus formed, and upon their recommendation the Board of Directors will receive them into the Home.

**TURKEY.**—Preparations are being made by P.M. Bro I. Parker Brown, D.G.M., and Bro. Thompson, D.D.G.M., to give a special reception to R.W. Bro. Lord Dalling and Bulwer, Past Dist. G.M., Turkey, (Sir H. Bulwer).

**OCCASIONAL MEETINGS OF COLONISTS.**—The following may interest our numerous Colonial subscribers:—

"In accordance with a widely expressed opinion that great advantages would ensue from more frequent meetings of Colonists resident in England, to which gentlemen interested in distant dependencies might be invited, arrangements have been made for holding four dinners during the present Spring and Summer at which your attendance is invited. They will take place on the last Fridays of the months of April, May, June and July. The first will be held at Willis's Rooms, on Friday, the 28th instant, at 7 o'clock; and it has been suggested that the dinner in May might be held at the Star and Garter, Richmond; that in June at the Crystal Palace, and that in July at Greenwich, Woolwich or Blackwall. A considerable number of gentlemen connected with the Colonies have given their assent to the proposal, and as the number of Tickets will necessarily be limited, an early intimation of your willingness to join the Association, and the number of tickets you might probably wish for, will be desirable. The price of the tickets will be about One Guinea each, and application may be directed to A. R. Roche, Esq., Hon. Sec. of the Royal Colonial Institute, 26, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall East."

THE following language, used by W. Bro. Henry Clark, of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, is worthy of permanent record:

"Another feature is apparent which we hail as a good omen, and it is the disposition to condemn in severe terms, and even to legislate against the prostitution of Masonry to purposes of private gain, and the display of Masonic emblems upon signs, of advertisements of any character. Some Grand Lodges have even gone so far as to prohibit the wearing, as an article of jewellery, of any of the emblems of the Craft. This is, perhaps, severe, and in our judgment is not called for, except in extreme cases. There can be nothing, however, more distasteful to a sensible Mason, or ought to put the Craft more on the guard against imposition, than to ascertain that Masonry is used as a stepping-stone to influence trade, or conserve schemes of purely private and personal ends. There is none who should be more positively skinned than he who would make merchandise of Masonry.

# THE MASONIC MIRROR.

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## MASONIC MEMS.

The Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmoreland has announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Kendal, at the latter end of September, or, the beginning of October.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET. — The next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge will be on the 18th of July at Crewkerne.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, under the Grand Mastership of Lord Holmesdale, will be holden at Dover, on Wednesday the 28th inst.

LODGE MUSIC FOR THE MARK DEGREE.—We beg to call attention to the announcement in our Advertisement columns of the Music for the Mark Degree, just re-published in a convenient form, for use in lodges. It is dedicated by authority to the Grand Mark Master, who has given his express sanction for its use in lodges under the English Jurisdiction.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will be held at Ripon, on the 12th of July next. A Grand Festival will be held on the same day, at Fountain's Abbey, and the Right Hon. Earl de Grey and Ripon, K.G., M.W.G.M., and Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, has given the Craft the privilege of visiting the magnificent ruins of Fountain's Abbey and the adjacent grounds of Studley on that day. A banquet will be held in the spacious cloisters, in which ladies will be admitted. The proceeds of the Festival will be evoted to the fund of the De Grey Scholarships.

At the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Monday evening next, Bro. Henry Muggerridge, P.M. and Preceptor of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, will attend to give the Explanation of the Lodge Board in the First Degree, when it is hoped that as many brethren as can make it convenient will be present. The lodge will be opened at 8 p.m.

## LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The usual monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, June 21st. The Lodge was opened at 6 o'clock punctually.

There were present Bros. Joshua Nunn, as W.M. and President; James Brett, as S.W. and S. Vice-President; Joseph Smith, as J.W., and J. Vice-President, whose chair was afterwards filled by Bro. Ough P. G. Purst.; John Hervey, Grand Sec.; S. Gale, Samuel May, (Marsh), F. Bennoch, W. Smith, C.E., S. Lazarus, W. Watson, Cottebrune, Terry, and others.

Eight grants recommended at the last meeting were confirmed. They included one grant of £50, one of £30, and two of £15 each, amounting in the whole to £180.

There were twenty-three applicants for relief, and to whom grants and recommendations were voted as follows:—

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A Brother of Lodge of Israel, No. 205, London.....	15	0	0
„ „ of a Scotch Lodge .....	15	0	0
„ „ of Beaufort Lodge, No. 103, Bristol.....	10	0	0
„ „ of a Scotch Lodge .....	10	0	0
„ „ of Lodge Stability, No. 217, London.....	10	0	0
„ „ of Lodge Unanimity, No. 89, Dukinfield, Cheshire .....	10	0	0
„ „ of Lodge Tranquility, No. 274, New Church, Lancashire .....	10	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of Lodge Stability, No. 217, London.....	5	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of Lodge St. Matthew, No. 539, Walsall.....	20	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of Lodge Harmony, No. 372, Budleigh, Salterton, Devonshire .....	10	0	0
A Brother of Lodge Prince George, No. 308, Bottoms, Lancashire .....	20	0	0
The Daughter of a Brother of Lodge Euphrates, No. 212, London.....	15	0	0
A Brother of St. John's Lodge, No. 323, Torquay...	10	0	0
„ „ of Lodge of Friendship, No. 206, London,	10	0	0
„ „ of Phoenix Lodge, No. 94, Sunderland,	10	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, London .....	20	0	0
A Brother (P.M.) of Lodge of Benevolence, No. 666, Dartmoor .....	20	0	0
The Daughter of a Brother of Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, Devizes.....	20	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of Caveac Lodge, No. 176, London.....	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of Caveac Lodge, No. 176, London.....	10	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of Lodge United Strength, No. 228, London.....	5	0	0
Two cases were deferred. The total amount voted amounted to £300.			

There being no further business, the Lodge of Benevolence was closed.

## Craft Masonry.

### ENGLISH CONSTITUTION.

#### METROPOLITAN.

CAVEAC LODGE (176).—The brethren of this lodge held their regular meeting at Radley's Hotel, on Saturday, the 10th inst. Bro. P. A. Nairne, P.M., installed Bro. R. S. Foreman, W.M. for the ensuing year. Bros. H. Besley, was invested S.W.; F. H. Godsell, J.W.; Pemble Browne, P.M., Treas.; Elijah Litchfield, P.M., Sec.; H. Jermyn, S.D.; W. D. Barnett, J.D.; M. A. Hinde, I.G.; A. Tower, W.S.; Dr. Charles Browne, P.M., D.C.; and T. Riley, P.M., Tyler. A petition on behalf of a widow of a member (who over thirty years ago once belonged to this lodge) was signed, recommending her to the Lodge of Benevolence. The worthy Secretary, Bro. E. Litchfield, in the kindest Masonic manner, consented to support this application at the next Lodge of Benevolence. It was also announced that Bro. Godsell, J.W., would represent the Lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in January next. Arrangements were made as to the next meet-

ing of the lodge in consequence of change of proprietorship of the Hotel, and many regrets were expressed at this being the last meeting of the lodge where it had been held for so many years. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Quilhampton; and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Hart. The visitors were Bros. E. Clark, P. Prov. G.D.C. Middlesex; W. Giles, P. Prov. G.S.D. Essex; G. H. Daw, P.M. 7; E. Martin, 23; F. Walters, P.M. 73; T. H. Perrin, S.W. 92; G. H. Payne, 176; F. Mitchell, P.M. 340; C. Marshall, 742; G. K. Leman, J.D. 890; C. F. Pearson, 890; P. C. Nixon, 957; A. Phillips, J.W. 1,155, and others.

**MONTEFIORE LODGE (No. 1,017).**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 14th inst., when there were present:—Bros. S. A. Kisch, W.M.; F. S. Phillips, S.W.; S. Rosenthal, J.D.; J. Blum, D.C.; E. P. Albert, P.M. and Sec.; Lewis Jacobs, Treas.; S. Pollitzer, I.P.M.; S. V. Abrahams, P.M.; Rev. M. Bheoz, P.M.; S. De Solla, P.M.; J. Eskell, P.M.; S. Lazarus, P.M.; Meyer A. Loewenstark, (W.M. 73), Klingenstein, Petit, S. Blum, Hesse, Beck, G. Moore, Erumebaum, and Perird. Bro. Marks, from Paris, was present as a visitor. Bro. Bachner was passed to the second degree. Bros. Raffle, Norman, Pyke, Wilson, Freundlick, and Fox, were raised to the third degree, and Messrs. David Isaac, W. H. Gulliford, and Israel Abu, were initiated. The usual banquet was dispensed with on this occasion, as the Lodge will hold its summer Festival at the Crystal Palace, on Monday, the 26th inst., when the brethren will be honoured with the company of the ladies.

**MARQUIS OF DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 1,159).**—The brethren of this Lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, 19th inst. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Dadabhai Naoroji, the chair was taken by Bro. Hyde Clark. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Carnegie, S.W.; Ansell, J.W.; Bayman, S.D.; Cama, I.G.; W. Besant, Sec.; Youngusband, P.M.; W. Smith, C.Z., P.M.; Pestonjee Bezonjee, P.M.; Shutrabadin, Cursejee Cama, Wadia, Bomanjee Dadabhai, Framjee Solon, William Simpson, Pirozshaw Cama, Louttit, D.C.; Arthur F. Robinson, and Robert Smith. The business paper included the passing of Bro. Simpson, and the raising of Bros. Bomanjee Dadabhai, Arthur Frederick Robinson, Sorabjee Framjee Solon, and Pirozshaw Ratonjee Cama.

## PROVINCIAL.

### GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

**NEWNHAM.**—*Royal Forest of Dean Lodge (No. 1,067).*—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Wednesday, 21st inst., which brought together an influential gathering of the brethren, including the D. Prov. G.M. of Monmouthshire, Bro. Homfray, and the D. Prov. G.M. of Herefordshire, Bro. H. R. Suckes. Bro. Capt. H. M. James, the retiring W.M., initiated two candidates, Messrs. Burrup and Woods into the mysteries of the Craft, after which Bro. Suckes installed Bro. Greenhain to the Chair. The Board of Installed Masters consisted of twelve brethren. The banquet took place at the Seven Bank Hotel, to which 50 sat down. The usual loyal and masonic toasts were given. Bros. Nicks and Jeff responding for Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. Wheeler for the Lodges of the Province, Bro. Homfray for the Visitors. The leading topic in the speech of Bro. R. Suckes, was the Masonic Charities. Bro. Capt. Jones, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's Jewel.

### LANCASHIRE (WEST).

**LANCASTER.**—*Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).*—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 14th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum. The chair of K.S. was occupied

by the W.M. Bro. J. Daniel Moore, M.D., G.S.B., who was supported by the following officers and members:—W. Bro. John Hatch, I.P.M.; Bros. B. Mills, as S.W.; W. Fleming, J.W.; E. Simpson, P.M. and Sec.; E. Airey, S.D.; J. Bell, as J.D.; J. Harrison, I.G.; Beeley, Tyler; R. Taylor and H. Sumner, Stewards, J. L. Whimpray, P.M.; King, P.M.; G. Kelland, P.M.; Bros. Acton, Bailie, Bradshaw, and Heald. Visitors:—Bros. Jesse Banning, W.M. 343; J. Harger, James Taylor, and James Bolton of 1051. The Lodge was formally opened and the usual business transacted. The W.M. reported that on Wednesday last he had attended the Grand Lodge of England, on which occasion, the M.W.G.M. gave a glowing account of the enthusiastic reception he had met with at the hands of our transatlantic brethren. In accordance with the notice in the circular convening the meeting, the W.M. gave a short address on the ballot in our Lodges, (which we have published in another part of this journal) and which was listened to with great interest by the brethren, who afterwards recorded a cordial vote of thanks to their W.M. for the address. The ballot was taken, which resulted in the election of a candidate for initiation into our mysteries. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Jesse Banning, W.M. 343, raised Bro. James Taylor to the degree of M.M., the same ceremony being undertaken by Bro. John Hatch, I.P.M., for Bro. James Bolton. The historical portion was given by the W.M., and the working tools presented in an effective manner, by Bro. J. L. Whimpray, P.M. The meeting for the celebration of the Festival of St. John, was decided to be held at Morecombe, on Wednesday the 28th inst.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.

The regular Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders Street, Adelaide, on Wednesday, 5th April, 1871.

There were present:—The Right Worshipful Bro. Arthur Hardy, J.P., Dist. Grand Master (in the chair); Worshipful Bro. Henry Edward Downer, Dep. Dist. Grand Master; the Dist. G. Treasurer, as S. Dist. G.W.; the Dist. G. Registrar, as J. Dist. G.W.; W. Dist. G. Sword-Bearer; Dist. G. Organist; W.M. 583, as Dist. G. Pursuivant, and other Brethren and Visitors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Report of General Committee was received and adopted. The Balance Sheet for 1870 was received and adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

The General Committee report:—

"That in compliance with Bye-Law No. 16, they have caused a Balance Sheet for the Year 1870 to be prepared and audited, and now present it to you.

"They are happy to say that they have been able, since that was prepared, to pay off the debt to the Masonic Benevolent Fund, and hope that the Returns for the Half-Year ending June 30th will place them in funds, and enable them to pay such rent to such Trustees of the Hall as may be agreed, commencing with the 1st of January last.

"They are glad to report a manifest improvement in the correctness of the Returns from the various Lodges and the regularity with which they have been sent in.

The following Special Report of the General Committee in the matter of the Freemasons' Hall was read.

"To the Rt. W. the Dist. G. Master, and District Grand Lodge.

"The Committee having been furnished with full answers to all their enquiries by the Honorary Secretary of the Hall, find here has been expended upon the erection, fitting up, and furniture a much larger sum than was originally intended, and that the income had not answered the expectations; in fact, that, calculating that the Lodges continue to pay their present rents, there will be, instead of surplus to pay off cost, a de-

iciency of £90 per annum. There is, however, a sum of £178 9s. 6d. promised subscriptions uncollected, and of this sum an amount may probably be collected sufficient to make good the deficit for the first year. In future, the District Grand Lodge will probably be willing to contribute, and the Hotel is let on a rising rental.

"The Committee have diligently considered the matter, and report that they believe that there is little probability of a sinking fund to pay off the debt being obtained from a surplus of income over expenditure.

"They are, therefore, of opinion that it would be inexpedient to risk the funds of the Craft in paying off a small portion of the mortgage debts until they are able to raise from donations and annual subscriptions, and also from the Permanent Fund of the South Australian Masonic Benevolent Fund, a sum sufficient in the opinion of the District Grand Lodge to justify them in having the property vested in trustees for the Craft, subject to the payment of the balance.

"They think that as at least the portion of the building devoted strictly to Masonic purposes is suitable in every respect to the requirements of the Craft in this District, and that the present trustees have exhibited a truly Masonic interest in erecting such a building, and that they would be subject to a great loss should they be compelled to apply it to any other purpose than that for which it was built, that it is the duty of the brethren, and the District Grand Lodge in particular, to endeavour, by all legitimate means in their power, to redeem the building for the benefit of the South Australian Masonic Benevolent Fund.

"They recommend that donations and annual subscriptions for this object be sought from the various lodges in the District and from individual Brethren, and that the District Grand Lodge subscribe a sum to be agreed upon at the annual (October) meeting in each year; that the money collected be placed in the hands of trustees, to be invested in such securities as may be approved by them, and allowed to accumulate until such time as it amounts to such a sum as to authorise the District Grand Lodge to accept the freehold with the prospect of paying off the remaining debt out of surplus income; and that if the opportunity of redeeming the property, as proposed, is by any event taken from the Craft that the money so collected, or the securities for any lent, be handed over to the South Australia Masonic Benevolent Fund.

"They have received a draft declaration of trust, but do not consider it necessary to examine into it minutely, unless the Grand Lodge comes to a decision to pay the money as collected in reduction of the present debt, in compliance with the wishes of the trustees of the Hall, but in opposition to the advice of a majority of this Committee."

## INDIA.

### BOMBAY.

**MAZAGON.**—*Lodge Truth* (No. 944, E.C.)—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Mazagon, on the 3rd April, 1871. Present:—W. Bros. A. Mackenzie, W.M.; W. H. Hussey, I.P.M.; T. Forester; Bros. R. G. Walton, S.W.; H. W. Barrow, J.W.; G. W. R. Malins, Sec. and Treas.; J. O. Weekes, S.D.; C. Rowe, J.D.; P. Belleli, I.G. Members:—Bros. W. Adams, J. Wynn, W. Maidment, Barnett, Robson, Grierson, Buchan, &c. Visitors:—Bros. Swornsbourne, Innes, Nanabhoy, Sorabjee, Davur, &c. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for two candidates, which proved clear. Mr. Patrick Ryan was admitted properly prepared, and initiated into the mysteries of the order. The Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and Bro. J. T. Herbert was raised to the high and sublime degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being ably and impressively performed by the W.M. for the first time since he held the hiram. The W.M. regretted having to inform the brethren of the severe illness of W. Bro. C. E. Mitchell, which was the cause of his non-attendance. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

An emergent meeting of the Lodge Truth was held on the 12th of April, for the purpose of passing Bro. P. Ryan to the

Fellow-Craft degree, previous to his departure for England. There were present:—W. Bros. A. Mackenzie, W.M.; W. H. Hussey, I.P.M.; Bros. R. G. Walton, S.W.; W. H. Barrow, J.W.; Rev. W. H. Harpur, Chap.; W. Adams, as Sec.; J. Wynn, as S.D.; C. Rowe, as J.D.; T. Crawford, as I.G.; J. W. Seager, Tyler. Members:—Bros. G. Miles, P. Ryan, &c. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the summons convening the meeting was read. Bro. Ryan was called before the pedestal, and examined as to his proficiency in the first degree, which proving satisfactory, he was entrusted and passed out. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Ryan was re-admitted properly prepared, and passed to the Fellow-Craft degree. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

**MAZAGON.**—*Lodge Emulation* (No. 1,100, E.C.)—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Mazagon, on the 20th of April, 1871, and was very numerously attended. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when the W.M. elect, Bro. George L. D'Emden, was presented for installation; the ancient charges were read and assented to, and a board of Installed Masters was formed, consisting of W. Bros. Alfred King, Alfred Swift, Alfred Edginton, W. H. Hussey, J. Lockley, A. Mackenzie, and Sorabjee Frommurze, when Bro. G. L. D'Emden was regularly and constitutionally installed as Worshipful Master of Lodge Emulation, No. 1,100, E.C. for the ensuing twelve months. All Master Masons being admitted, the customary salutes were given, and the following officers were appointed and invested:—Bros. T. A. Hopewell, S.W.; E. Hewett, J.W.; E. Gleave, Treas.; J. F. Pennock, Sec.; H. Ainsworth, S.D.; J. Hartley, J.D.; J. G. Smith, I.G.; Rustomjee Cowasjee, Dir. of Cers.; J. W. Seager, Tyler. The Lodge was then respectively lowered to the second and first degrees, and the customary salutes given. There being no other business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8-10 p.m. The important duties of Installing Officer were most ably and effectively rendered by W. Bro. C. Beard, the retiring W.M., by whom also was given the appropriate addresses and concluding charges to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren in a most perfect manner, which called forth continued expressions of approbation and praise.

## ROYAL ARCH.

### NORFOLK.

**KING'S LYNN.**—*Philanthropic Chapter*, (No. 107).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Globe Hotel, at which there was a fair attendance of companions. The officers present were: Comps. Henry, Juno. Mason, of Norwich, P.Z., acting as Z.; Richard Whitwell of Norwich, as H.; and Geo. Sadler, J. The chapter having been opened by the principals, the following brethren, who had previously been unanimously elected members were duly exalted: Bros. Wm. Bennett and Patrick, Norwich; Samuel S. Mossop, Long Sutton; Joseph Gowthorpe, and the Rev. Thomas White, L.L.D. King Lynn. The ceremony was most ably performed by Comp. Mason, who also gave the historical, symbolical, and mystical lectures. The installation of Principals for the ensuing year, also formed part of the business; and Comp. Mason installed Comp. T. M. Kendall as M.E.Z.; Comp. G. Sadler, H.; and Comp. W. J. Pole as J. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

## MARK MASONRY.

### MANCHESTER.

The Furness Lodge of Mark Master Masons (24, Scottish Constitution), Barrow, was recently consecrated. The consecration, was performed by Bro. C. F. Matier, 30, D.P.G.M.M., of Bolton

and Manchester, assisted by Bro. O. W. Taylor, P.G.M.O. Bolton; Bro. G. P. Brocklebank, 30, P.G.S.W., Lancashire; Bro. T. Entwistle, P.G.M.M., Bolton. Bro. Relph was installed in the chair as Right Worshipful Master, Dr. Allison Senior Warden, T. Kendall, Junior Warden, J. Ormandy, M.O.; G. Cornfield, S.O.; J. Morris, O.; Myles Haslam, T.K.; T. Gabbat, O.G.; R. T. Taylor, O.; Bros. Huartson, Turvey, McKnight Berry.

SUFFOLK.

IPSWICH.—*Albert Victor Lodge of Mark Masters (No. 70)*.—This Lodge met at the Masonic Hall, on Monday last, when there were present:—Bros. Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.G. Chap., W.M.; C. T. Townsend, Prov. S.G.D., P.M.M., Sec.; W. Cuckow, S.W.; Emra Holmes, J.W.; E. J. Robertson, S.O.; Davy, J.O.; G. Cresswell, S.D.; J. T. Townsaud, Reg. of Marks, &c. The Lodge having been opened in ancient and solemn form, the ballot was taken for the advancement of Serjeant William Calthorpe, of the United Lodge, Colchester, and the Rev. George Willis Marwood, of the Lion Lodge, Whitby. Bro. Emra Holmes stated that he had been in communication with the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Secretary, with reference to the course to be pursued as to the advancement of Bro. Marwood, who, had already taken the Mark degree at the irregular Mark Lodge, at York, but who wished to join this Lodge in order to get a Grand Lodge certificate. Bro. Binckes in reply, had stated that it would not be necessary for the candidates to go through the ceremony again, he would only have to take the obligation of allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, and the fee for registration would have to be paid as a fee for a new member. Bro. Holmes, therefore, proposed Bro. Marwood for affiliation and joining, instead of for advancement. The ballot was unanimously in favour of both candidates. Bro. Quick, the only candidate present out of the long list of those accepted, was then admitted, obligated, and advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master, the interesting ceremony being conducted by the W.M., with his usual ability. Bro. Sanderson is one of the greatest Masonic Ritualists in East Anglia, and in this and the higher degrees, he is equally at home as a bright and learned Mason. A good deal of amusement was caused by some printed excerpts from the "Freemason," signed Libertas, and supposed to be from the well-known pen of an expelled brother, and which were forwarded to the Masonic Hall for perusal and distribution, advocating mutiny in the ranks of the Knights Templar, and the abrogation of the recently ratified treaty between the Grand Mark Lodge, the Supreme Grand Council, and Grand Conclave of Knights Templar. The audacity and recklessness of some of the assertions contained in this precious document, which have been refuted in our columns, called forth the expression of ill-disguised contempt—for the promoters (whoever they might be) of the so-called Council of Rites, whose sinister motives seems to be the destruction of the higher degrees. An excellent supper was provided by Bro. G. Spalding, Tyler, of which the brethren partook, and an agreeable evening was spent.

We regretted to see the Board Room of the Freemasons' Hall used as a means of displaying the paintings of an artist, although he may be a member of the Order, and a member of some of the committees. If the portrait of the M.W. Past Grand Master is to be raffled for—an illegal proceeding in itself—a more appropriate place should be found for the purpose, as Masons are not usually amongst the law breakers. We should like to know by what authority the pictures were exhibited, as, if it is permissible, many other artists, members of the Order, who would be glad to avail themselves of a similar opportunity to display their productions, the room being favourable for the purpose.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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GEORGE TEDDER FUND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MASONIC MIRROR.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I have great pleasure in informing the craft, through you, that the accounts of the above "Fund" were audited by the committee on Wednesday last, the 16th inst., when it appeared that the total amount received (including the grant from the Board of Benevolence) was £110 9s., which amount has been devoted to Bro. Tedder's benefit.

Allow me, also, on behalf of the committee and myself, to thank the craft for their liberality in responding to the appeal, and yourself for your kindness in forwarding the object we had in view.

Any further information relative to the "Fund" I shall be very happy to furnish to any one.

I am, yours fraternally,

JESSE OWENS, Hon. Sec.

MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

COLOMBIA.

Through the Americans, and English Masons in Panama, and Aspinwall on the Isthmus of Panama, and their Lodges of Masonry is strengthening its outposts in the surrounding countries. We now find the Lodges in Parthagena, in Colombia find themselves sufficiently firm to have celebrated the last St. John's Day. There is much toleration in the country, but Masonry is a sore trial for bigotry and superstition.

"WASHINGTON'S APRON."—December 7, 1829, a communication was received and read from the Washington Benevolent Society of Pennsylvania, accompanied by the Masonic apron of our deceased brother, George Washington, which had been presented to that society, by his legatees.

Extract from the Minutes.—At a stated meeting of the Washington Benevolent Society of Pennsylvania, held the 3d day of July, 1829, it was

Resolved, That the Masonic Apron of General Washington be deposited with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, provided that the creditors agree to this disposition of it.

GEORGE HEYL, Assistant Secretary.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, it was

Resolved, That Bros. Joseph Randall, James Harper and Jno. K. Kane, be a committee to acknowledge the receipt of the above and in conjunction with the Hall committee, to place Washington's Apron in a suitable and conspicuous situation in the Grand Lodge Room.

This apron is now in a perfect state of preservation, framed and hung on the wall of the Grand Treasurer's room.

LIST OF LODGE MEETINGS &c., FOR WEEK  
ENDING JUNE 24TH, 1871.

## METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

*Monday, June 26th.*

CHAPTER.—Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

*Tuesday, June 27th.*

Audit Committee Girl's School, at 2.30.

LODGES.—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

*Wednesday, June 28th.*

LODGES.—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street; United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington; High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham; Temperance in the East, Private Rooms, Newby Place, Poplar.—CHAPTER.—Union Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, William-street, Woolwich; Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

*Thursday, June 29th.*

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

*Friday, June, 30th.*

CHAPTER.—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

*Saturday, July 1st.*

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

METROPOLITAN LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF  
INSTRUCTION.*Monday, June 26th.*

LODGES.—Temple, Old George, St. Mary Axe, E.C.; Justice, Royal Albert, New Cross-rd, Deptford; St. James's Union, Swan Tav., Mount-st., Grosvenor-sq.; Industry, Dick's Coffee House, Fleet-st.; Crystal Palace, City Arms Tav., West-sq., South-wark; High Cross, White Hart Ho., Tottenham; Eastern Star, Royal Ho., Burdett-rd., Mile-end-rd.; Camden, Adelaide Tav., Haverstock Hill; British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Baneroff Place, Mile End, E.; Tower Hamlets' Engineers, Duke of Clarence, Commercial Road, E.; Union Waterloo, King's Arms, Woolwich; Old Concord, Turk's Head, Motcomb Street, Belgrave Square; Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch Street; Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.

*Tuesday, June 27th.*

LODGES.—Faith, Fisher's Restaurant, Metrop. Dist. Rail, Victoria Station; Domatic, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor-park, Camberwell; Jordan, Alwyne Castle, Canonbury; Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney; Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John's Tav., St. John's-wood; Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney; Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane; Sidney Lodge, Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich; City of London, Shepherd and Flock Tav., Bell-alley, Moorgate-st. New Wandsworth, Freemasons' Ho., New Wandsworth; Ben Jonson Club of Instruction, Ben Jonson Tav, Goodman's Yard, Minories, E., at 8.

—CHAPTER.—Metropolitan, Price's Portugal Ho., Fleet-st. Mount Zion, White Hart, Bishopsgate-st.; Robert Burns Sussex Stores, Upper St. Martin's Lane.

*Wednesday, June 28th.*

LODGES.—Confidence, Railway Tav., London-st; United Strength Bull and Gate, Kentish Town; Israel, Rising Sun Tav. Globe Road; New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav, Hoxton; St. Mark's, Mawby Arms, Mawby-st., S. Lambeth; Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham-Rye Temperance in the East, George the Fourth, Catherine-st. Poplar; Prosperity, Gladstone Tav., Bishopsgate-street; Royal Union, Bro. Duddy's, Winsley-st., Oxford-street.—CHAPTER.—St. James's Union, Swan Tav., Mount-street Grosvenor-square.

*Thursday, June 29th*

LODGES.—Fidelity, Goat and Compasses, Easton-road; Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark; United Mariners, Three Cranes, Mile-end-rd.; Vitruvian, White Hart, Colledge-st., Lambeth; St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich; Manchester, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Berkeley-square; Tranquility, SugarLoaf Tav., Great St. Helen's, E.C.; Whittington, Crown Hotel, 41, High Holborn; Royal Oak, Royal Oak Tavern, Deptford; City of London, Shepherd and Flock Tav., Bell Alley; St. John's, Hollybush Tav., Hampstead; Merchant Navy, Jamaica Tav., W. India Dock Road, Poplar.—CHAPTER.—Joppa, Prospect of Whitby Tav., 57, Wapping-wall.

*Friday, June 30th.*

LODGES.—St. Luke's, Pier Hotel, Cheyne-walk, Chelsea Temperance, Victoria Tavern, Victoria-road, Deptford; Unions (Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.), F.M.H.; United Pilgrims, Duke of Edinburgh, Shepherd's Lane, Brixton; Westbourne, the Grapes, Duke-st., Manchester square; Florence Nightingale, Freemasons' Tav., Woolwich; Ranelagh, Royal Sussex Hotel, Broadway, Hammersmith; Belgrave, Duke of Wellington, Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-row, Bermondsey; Doric, Three Cranes, Mile End-rd.; Victoria, Andertons' Ho.; Fleet-st.; Hervey, Swan, Walham-green; Metropolitan, Price's Portugal Ho., Fleet-st.; Charter House, Hat and Feathers Tavern, 27, Goswell-rd.; Robert Burns, Union Tav-Air-street, Regent-st.; Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes; Lily, Greyhound, Ho., Richmond; Stability, Guildhall Tav., 33, Gresham Street; Royal Standard, Marquess Tavern; Canonbury; Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria-park, at 7.—CHAPTER.—Domatic, Fisher's Restaurant, Victoria Station.

*Saturday, July 1st.*

LODGE.—Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell.—CHAPTERS.—Mount Sinai, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street; Domatic, Horns, Kennington.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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We shall be glad to receive from brethren any proceedings of Masonic meetings, which shall be duly inserted. Communications should be forwarded so as to reach us as early in the week as convenient—not later than Wednesday if possible. We have to request our correspondents to be particular in writing names distinctly.

Our Correspondents, and especially our Foreign Exchanges are requested to Address in full to

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19, Salisbury Street, Strand,  
London, W.C."

Letters and Papers, Address, "Freemasons' Magazine," London although mostly reaching us are liable to miscarriage, and are invariably delayed in delivery.

As many of the Lodges of Instruction have a recess during the summer months, Secretaries are requested to notify us thereof, so that they may be omitted from the list.

We again call attention to the W.M., the Treas., and Members of the following Lodges, that numerous applications have been made for payment of the sums respectively due from them, and we hope that they will, by remitting the amount, render any further steps unnecessary.

Independent Lodge, New South Wales, £1 15 10, to June, 1871	
Cooma Lodge, New South Wales	3 0 8 do.
Star in the East Lodge, Cape of Good Hope	7 4 1 do.
Zetland Lodge, Fort Beaufort, Cape of Good Hope	5 10 2 do.
Leinster Lodge, No. 166, British P. O., Constantinople	6 9 8 do.

Masonic Jottings, Notes and Queries, Correspondence, and other articles are crowded out this week, in consequence of the space occupied by the Index, &amp;c., of the 24th

