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Reviews.

The History and Development of Gilds, and the Origin of Trades Unions; by LUJO BRENTANO, Doctor of Laws and Philosophy. Trübner & Co., 60, Paternoster-row.

(Continued from page 229.)

We resume our extracts from Dr. Brentano's valuable work:—

Accounts at that time of strikes in the building trade are particularly numerous; and this is easily explained by the peculiar circumstances of this trade, which differed from all others. The trade appears to have been of a twofold kind. When cathedrals and palaces were built, there was but one master—the architect of the present day. Between him and the workmen there were masters and foremen answering to the masters and foremen of modern factories.* The “lodges” itself of the architect was very similar to our factories; it consisted of one or more workshops in which the workmen worked together; and the part of the code of the Rochlitz Stonemasons referring to the workmen, bears a perfect resemblance, *mutatis mutandis*, to our factory rules. In the building of dwelling-houses, however, it appears to me that the owner himself conducted the work, that he engaged both masters and workmen, and that the masters stood to him in the same intermediate position as the foremen above mentioned. Hence we find in the legal regulation about wages, special directions how much wages the masters in the building trades were to receive; and it was frequently defined how much the master might retain of the wages which were paid to him for the workmen, or that he should deduct nothing for himself. Sometimes, also, they undertook such buildings in gross, i.e., by contract, as is proved by the statutes of the London Masons of 1356. Thus these old building trades show a great similarity in their institutions to those of our modern Great Industry; there were fewer persons who carried on the trade on their own account, and a greater number of dependent workmen, than in the other trades; and the last-mentioned ordinances point to relations such as are still greatly abhorred by workmen of the present day. Naturally, those relations led then to the same differences between workmen and their employers as they lead now. Thus in England the “Royal mandate as to the workmen who have withdrawn from the works at the Palace of Westminster” tells us of a strike amongst the workmen in the building trades; and the two laws enacted there in the middle ages against combinations, congregations, and chapters of workmen, the 34th Edward III. c. 9 and 3rd Henry VI. c. 1, were directed against workmen in the building trades only. Moreover, the peculiar position of these trades is indicated by the fact that all the legal regulations of wages in the middle ages which are cited by Eden, refer—by the side of agricultural labourers—exclusively to the workmen in the building trades. About this time also there sprang up in the building trades in France the “compagnonnage,” and for centuries it existed among workmen only employed in these trades.

* Much the same were the journeyman fraternities in all trades; except in the Stonemasons', for every individual master stonemason, with his journeyman,

formed a fraternity. The societies of the French “compagnons” corresponded to these organizations, except that with them I know nothing of a superintendence by the masters. There were in both the same ceremonies upon admission, on entering the inn, on meeting together, and so forth; and though these may be partly explained by the intention of the journeymen thus to enhance in their own eyes the importance of their state, so rich in toil, yet these ceremonies must nevertheless be considered to a great extent as absolutely absurd. As neglect of these formalities was severely punished by the journeymen, they drew down upon themselves severe enactments from the German Imperial Legislature; and in France the *Compagnons Cordonniers et Tailleurs* of Paris fell in consequence under the greater excommunication in 1648.

Especially interesting too, with regard to modern Trade Unions, is the Craft Gilds' practice of punishment by *Schelten*, reviling, i.e., declaring any one infamous. Both master and journeymen were reviled in this manner; and, indeed, on the most silly grounds, as, for example, when any one had killed a cat or touched a dead dog; so also for infringements of Gild principles, as when one enticed away another's custom. Indeed, whole Gilds imposed such interdicts upon each other. Every gild and every journeyman's fraternity kept a “black list.” In this, as well as in the testimonials of travelling journeymen, the names of the reviled were entered, so that the warning against them spread through the whole country. As soon as the journeymen heard of the occurrence of such a reviling, they turned out of the workshop of the reviled master, or refused to work with the reviled journeyman, until these had made atonement, and were again recognized as honourable by the governing body of the Gild. This reviling was the most severe punishment that the Gilds could inflict on refractory members; and though the strike was not then a legal means of coercion—for the Imperial laws were violently opposed to it—yet this shows that it was at least recognized as such by the employers.

* See in Berlepsh, vol. viii. pp. 194-209, the Code of the Rochlitz Stonemasons of 1462, which was formed after that of Strasburg; also Ouin-Lacroix, p. 227, &c.

† The German word is “Hütte.” It meant as well the workshop as the place of meeting, which in those days were identical. The seemingly different meaning of the word *lodge* in early (as in modern) England has been noticed above, p. 75, note 1. Compare, too, from the same *Constitutions of Masonry*, p. 22, of the apprentice's duty:—

“The prevystye of the chamber telle he no mon
Ny yn the *loge* whatsoever they done;
Whatever thou heryst, or syste hem do,
Tell hyt no mon, whersoever thou go.”

(To be continued.)

LINES

Addressed in respectful sympathy to the Right Hon. the Earl de Grey and Ripon, Most Worshipful Grand Master, by a brother Freemason, who has read with deep regret of the calamity which has fallen upon his Lordship's family in the assassination of his relative by the hands of Greek brigands.

Brother, in the deep affliction
Which has caused thee poignant grief,
If the sympathy of Masons
Can afford thy woe relief—
Kindly brethren sorrow with thee,
Kindly hearts deplore the blow
Which has fallen on thy lady,
Painful trial for her to know.
Yet we doubt not, in her anguish
For her murdered brother's fate,
Thine affection will console her,
Tho' her grief, alas! is great.
She will need thy consolation,
She will need thy love and care,
To sustain her 'neath the sorrow
Which has fallen to her share.
Oh! may God direct thine efforts
To perform thy trying part,
May the balm of tender solace
Soothe thy lady's suffering heart.
Lead her to the Mason's refuge,
To the hope that points above,
Where the friends we mourn await us,
In the Saviour's realms of love.

A. C. SWAIN.

“WE hear but one report from those who use Perry Davis's Vegetable Pain Killer, and that is, that its wonderful power in relieving pain was never equalled. It is an excellent family medicine and a never-failing cure for diarrhoea.” — *Burlington Sentinel*.

INSTALLATION of EARL DE GREY and RIPON as GRAND MASTER.

The installation of Earl De Grey and Ripon as Grand Master of English Freemasons, took place on Saturday last in the Temple. The gathering of the brethren to witness the ceremony was probably the largest ever witnessed in the Craft. More than a thousand of the Order were present, and the hall was so crowded, that long before the arrival of the Grand Officers the doors were closed against all-comers. On obtaining admission almost every inch of ground was occupied, and the brethren had to resign those seats which they had been able to obtain by coming early, and no longer thought of sitting. After the entrance of the Earl of Zetland, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, and a numerous retinue, every one in the Temple stood up, and in that position formed a dense mass, through which with the greatest difficulty a passage was made for the Earl De Grey and his escort to pass. On the dais there was also a great crowd, among the distinguished brethren in that post of eminence being:—

The Earl of Dalhousie, G.M. of Scotland; Lord de Tabley, Prov. G.M. Cheshire; the Earl of Limerick, Prov. G.M. Bristol; the Duke of Manchester, Prov. G.M. Northamptonshire; Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M. Warwickshire; Colonel Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; Stephen Blair, Prov. G.M. East Lancashire; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight; Sir W. W. Wynn, M.P., Prov. G.M. North Wales and Shropshire; William Stuart, Prov. G.M. Hertfordshire; Robert John Bagshaw, Prov. G.M. Essex; the Rev. J. Huyshe, Prov. G.M. Devonshire; John Fawcett, Prov. G.M. Durham; Lord Sherborne, Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire; Thos. Henry Hall, Prov. G.M. Cambridgeshire; Augustus Smith, Prov. G.M. Cornwall; W. Kelly, Prov. G.M. Leicestershire and Rutlandshire; the Duke of St. Alban's, Prov. G.M. Lincolnshire; Arthur Macdonald Ritchie, District G.M. Madras; Frederick Dundas, M.P., Rep. of G.L. of Berlin; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M., China; Earl Percy, the Earl of Jersey, Earl Vane, Lord Kenlis, Lord Eliot, Sir M. Barlow, Sir M. Costa, Sir F. M. Williams, M.P., J. Dodson, M.P., Horace Lloyd, Q.C., F. Roxburgh, Q.C., P.G. Reg.; Aeneas J. McIntyre, G. Reg.; Llewellyn Evans, Pres. Bd. of Gen. Pur.; Major-General Brownrigg, C.B., Col. Lowry Cole, C.B., Colonel Whitwell, M.P., Colonel Vernon, Samuel Tomkins, G. Treas.; Sir Albert W. Woods, G. Dir. of Cir.; Conrad C. Dumas, Asst. G.D.C.; D. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; W. Farnfield, P.A.G. Sec.; John Hervey, G. Sec.; Victor Williamson, P.G.W.; J. Havers, P.G.W.; Locock Webb; J. Cockerell, G. Sup. of Works; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Joshua Nunn, G.S.B.; George Cox; Rev. C. J. Martyn, G.C.; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, G.C.; H. Empson, P.G.S.B.; Raynham W. Stewart; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Rev. Edmund J. Cox, P.G.C.; Rev. W. Bowyer, P.G.C.; Havers, Perkins, Pattison, and Cunliffe, P.G.W.'s; Roxburgh, Evans, Powell; W. Young, P.G.S.B.; T. Adams, P.G.P.; Benjamin Head, P.G.D.; H. Browse, P.G.D.; Geo. States; G. W. K. Potter, P.G.D.; John M. Clabon, P.G.D.; John Savage, P.G.D.; Major Creaton, G. S. Snell, Maxwell Close, Hyde Clarke, Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes, D. Tomkins; John Symonds, P.G.D.; R. Spence, H. Maudsley; E. H. Patten, P.G.S.B.; Forster, Baker, Plucknett, Potter, Scott, Fraser Hogg, F. Binckes, &c., &c.

The EARL of ZETLAND having assumed the chair,

The GRAND SECRETARY, Bro. John Hervey, read a communication from the Grand Master-Elect in reply to the vote of condolence passed on the 27th ult. in Grand Lodge on the murder of his brother-in-law, Mr. Vyner, by the Greek brigands.

The EARL of ZETLAND: Brethren, I shall now direct a deputation to go to the Grand Master's room, to conduct Earl De Grey, Most Worshipful Grand Master into this hall, for the purpose of installation.

The announcement was received with applause, and the deputation retired. After a short interval the deputation returned, conducting Earl De Grey, whom they placed in front of the Grand Master's pedestal. Addressing Earl De Grey,

The EARL of ZETLAND said: Most Worshipful Sir and Brother, it is my duty to express to you my cordial congratulations on the event that we are now about to celebrate—your installation as Most Worshipful Grand Master. Much as I lament the painful circumstance under which you are called upon to appear among this numerous assembly of brother Masons, I am sure there is not one here present who will not sympathise with you, and at the same time admire the moral force and determination which you have evinced in doing your duty

as a Mason under such painful circumstances. For myself, Most Worshipful Sir, having served with you so long at the head of the Craft, and having found you always ready to give me the best assistance—and the most admirable assistance too—and to take my duty off my hands whenever it has been inconvenient or impossible for me to come forward, I am sure this large body of Masons here present, will all be well aware how gratifying it is to me to find you unanimously elected as my successor in this chair. I feel that the Masons of England, having known you for so long a time, in unanimously electing you to this chair, only responded to the general feeling of the Craft throughout the country. I shall now call upon you, Most Worshipful Sir, to come forward and take the obligation of Grand Master. Bro. Grand Chaplain, I call upon you for the prayer.

The Earl De Grey having knelt, Bro. the Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, G.C., offered up the customary prayer, after which Bro. T. H. Hall, Prov. G.M. for Cambridge, recited the obligation, which Earl De Grey repeated in a very subdued voice.

The Earl of Zetland, on Earl De Grey rising, invested him with the insignia of his office, and placed him on the Throne.

The GRAND MASTER immediately invested Lord Zetland as Past Grand Master, and placed him in the P.M. chair between himself and the Prince of Wales.

SIR ALBERT WOODS (Garter), G. Dir. of Cer., there upon came forward and announce the new Grand Master by all his names and titles, and called on the brethren to salute him in the usual form. This having been done,

The GRAND MASTER (still speaking under feelings of strong emotion) said: Brethren, under other circumstances it would have been my desire to address to you some observations; first to convey to you the expression of my deep thankfulness for the honour which you have conferred upon me, and then to speak somewhat of the principles by which I should endeavour to be guided so long as you may continue to place this great trust in my hands. But, brethren, at the present time I know that your kindness will excuse me—(hear, hear.)—if I am unable to do more than to convey to you the expression of my deep gratitude in the simplest terms—terms the not less sincere because words fail me—if I say only, from the bottom of my heart I thank you.

The GRAND MASTER: Brethren, I appoint our Right Worshipful Brother, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, to be Deputy Grand Master—(applause,)—and brethren, I have to express to you on Lord Carnarvon's behalf his great regret that it is impossible for him to be present here, as he had fully intended to-day; but, as the nearest representative of his murdered cousin, he is detained by sad duties in the country, which render it absolutely out of the question that he should be here; and I am sure that I rightly interpreted your feelings when I told him that I was confident that there was no brother in the Craft who would not excuse his absence to-day. (Hear, hear.)

SIR ALBERT WOODS declared the Earl of Carnarvon duly appointed Deputy Grand Master, and after the usual salutes, the following appointments of Grand Officers were made:—

- Earl of Jersey, Senior Grand Warden.
- Sir F. Martin Williams, *M.P.*, Junior Grand Warden.
- Rev. C. J. Martyn, } Grand Chaplains.
- Rev. Walter F. Short, }
- Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer.
- Æneas J. McIntyre, Grand Registrar.
- John Hervey, Grand Secretary.
- Emil Wendt, Grand Secretary for German Correspondence.
- Horace Lloyd, *Q.C.*, } Senior Grand Deacons.
- W. Romaine Callender, }
- E. Barker Sutton, } Junior Grand Deacons.
- E. Turner Fay, }
- F. P. Cockerell, Grand Superintendent of Works.
- Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- Conrad C. Dumas, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- Hollon, Sword Bearer.
- James Coward, Grand Organist.
- James Brett, Grand Pursuivant.
- John Coutts, Assistant Grand Pursuivant.
- C. B. Payne, Grand Tyler.

The GRAND MASTER: I now invest Br. Frederick Dundas, Past Grand Warden, with the insignia of his office, as representative of the Three Globes and Grand Countries' Lodges in Berlin.

The GRAND SECRETARY read the following names which had been returned by lodges as Grand Stewards for the year:—

	Lodge.
Noyes	58
Stoltenoff	21
Fordati	2
Bailey	4
Craddock	5

Brand	6
Edmonds	8
Bristow	14
May	23
Mourilyan	26
Lynes	29
Williams	46
Goodwin	50
Fish	91
Scott	99
Havil	197
Cooke	259

The GRAND MASTER: Brethren, there remains one duty to be performed, and it is one in which I am confident every brother in this great hall will most heartily join; it is to present to our Most Worshipful Brother the Earl of Zetland the address which was voted to him at the last Quarterly Communication by this Grand Lodge. (Turning to the Earl of Zetland, the Grand Master said): Most Worshipful Sir, the sentiments of this Grand Lodge are embodied in that resolution, which shows how deeply they feel the many and great services which you have rendered to the Craft during the quarter of a century, through which, for our great benefit, you have ruled over us; and it records the feelings of affection and respect which the Craft will ever cherish when it remembers the nature and the extent of those services—(hear, hear)—and it concludes by expressing that which I am confident is the ardent wish of every brother here, and of every brother throughout the country, that you may long be spared to take a part in the deliberations of this Grand Lodge—(hear, hear)—and to aid us with that lengthened experience and that matured wisdom which has enabled you for so long, and with such eminent success, to guide the destinies of Masonry. My Lord and Brother, on behalf and in the name of the great Craft of Freemasons in England, I now present to you this emblazoned resolution as a small but most sincere testimony of our gratitude, affection and respect. (Cheers.)

The "resolution" was in the following words:—

"United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England—At a quarterly communication holden at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 2nd of March, 1870, it was proposed by Earl De Grey and Ripon, and seconded by Bro. J. P. Dumas—That this Grand Lodge desires to record its sense of the eminent services which have been rendered to Masonry by the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland in the course of the 26 years during which he has presided over the Craft as Worshipful Grand Master, and to convey to his lordship the expression of heartfelt regret of the members of this Grand Lodge at the termination of the intimate connection which has existed for so long a period between him and them, and of their hope that they may still be permitted to enjoy for many years the great benefit of his presence among them, and of his counsel and guidance, and to assure him that the manner in which he has always discharged the important duties of his high office has won for him the lasting respect and affection of this Grand Lodge."

The EARL OF ZETLAND, Past G.M.: Most Worshipful Sir, I have to thank you most sincerely for the kind manner in which you have presented me with the address voted by Grand Lodge on the occasion of my retirement from office. I assure you, Sir, I can say most truthfully, that I have not words to express my feelings of this occasion. I have always endeavoured to do my duty to the best of my power, and you have always given me credit for it; but I cannot express in such pathetic language as is in that address, my gratitude for your kindness. It makes me feel, that the compliments paid me are higher than I deserve. (No, no.) It is true I have done my best, but I have to thank many good friends and good Masons for the constant assistance they have given me in carrying out that which I was most desirous to do—the best measures for the good of the Craft. I will not attempt further to persuade you of the heartiness of my sentiments. I assure you I deeply feel the compliment you have paid me, and shall always cherish it; and I know the brethren will excuse me if I cannot find words to express how deeply I feel the compliment. (Protracted cheering.)

Bro. HAVERS: My Lord Zetland, I have the honour to address your lordship on behalf of the Committee of the Zetland Memorial Fund. I esteem it no little honour and privilege to have the request made to me, that I should address you. I have to present to your lordship this evening, a sum amounting to £2,730, together with that little inkstand which I am told meets with your lordship's approbation, as a souvenir of the occasion. It is right that I should state to your lordship for the information of those brethren who are present, the circumstances connected with the gift. It was the wish and desire of a large number of brethren to commemorate by a limited subscription their appreciation of the long services of Lord Zetland as Grand Master of the Order. His lordship, in the outset of the movement, let it be known that he would not consent to receive any large sum of money in the form of a personal testimonial to himself; but at the same time, he said he would be willing to receive it to de-

vote it to some purpose of Masonic Charity, and at the same time to accept something as a souvenir for himself, which might be transmitted on his death to his descendants. My lord, it is my duty for the information of your lordship and of Grand Lodge to say, that had you been willing to accept something personal to yourself, the amount which we have now raised would have been trebled, ay, even quadrupled. I am also able to say, that the question you submitted to us as to the disposition of the sum was fully considered, and that the schemes met with very considerable opposition. For myself, I can now say, that I entirely agree with the opinion of the majority, that nothing could be better or more desirable, than the present disposition of the fund. In such a large society as ours there must ever be some, who having fallen from a good position in life to a point of distress, would shrink from disclosing their distress and trouble before a committee, no matter how kind those who compose it might be. For such as these, the Zetland Fund will be a great boon. We trust and hope it is the nucleus of a larger fund, which will be hereafter contributed to by benevolent individuals for the assistance of those distressed Masons, who failing this fund, might have gone unaided in their hour of need. That fund is invested in the names of the following Trustees, according to your lordship's wish:—The Earl of Zetland, the Earl De Grey and Ripon, the Earl of Carnarvon, and Bros. John Havers, Victor Williamson, Samuel Tomkins, Æneas J. McIntyre and Llewellyn Evans. To them your lordship has confided the duty of framing the rules and regulations by which the fund is to be distributed, and the strictest care will be taken that while every deserving person shall apply to the Grand Secretary, no personal application shall be made either to you or to your successors. And now, having stated the amount of the fund and the objects to which it shall be devoted, I am sure I shall be pardoned if I trespass on your time, by taking a very brief and rapid review of the numerous important events which have occurred in Freemasonry during your lordship's Grand Mastership. Beginning first with the most important matters, I will take our charities, and I find that during your reign the annuities for aged women have been founded. When you first became Grand Master, there was no annuity for them. Last year the income was £2,017. When your lordship became Grand Master the number of aged annuitants was 87, it is now 96. During your reign the Girls' School has been rebuilt, and the children in them have been increased from 70 to 100. The Boys' School has also been rebuilt, and the boys therein increased in number from 70 to 115. Turning to the number of lodges in the Craft, under the Grand Lodge of England, I find that in 1844 there were 723 lodges, in 1870 there are 1,310. The certificates issued, I find in 1844 were 1,584; in 1869, 7,000. Without occupying the time of Grand Lodge unnecessarily, I may be permitted to state, that as to the income, it stands thus. The income of Grand Lodge from the Fund of Benevolence and the fund of charitable purposes, has risen from £12,153 in 1844, to £38,025 in 1869. My lord, last, but not least, in this matter, in your reign this great and noble hall has been built, and we, the Grand Lodge of England have been freed from what I am afraid was the just reproach of having held our meetings for 100 years at a tavern. There are other circumstances which have influenced the Craft materially. The great relief which our colonial brethren have received in a large amount of taxation being taken off, and by their having taken a very important voice in the election of Grand Officers. I would next point out with regard to Grand Lodge Officers, the object of rewarding worthy Masons has not been confined to London Masons only, and as in years gone by to certain favoured lodges; but you have sought far and wide to reward good services and merit wherever you have found them throughout the kingdom. Pursuing its path free from intolerance, free from any disposition to enter into political or religious discussion, and always loyal, Grand Lodge has under your management represented almost the best form of government. You have been our sovereign: we have been content to be your subjects. You have learned the great art of allowing people to govern themselves; and the Craft have governed themselves well—to their advantage and to your honour. As under a wise monarchy of free institutions, people, trades, arts, and commerce flourish, so under your wise and benignant rule Freemasonry has flourished. We are, I was about to say, a nation amongst ourselves—I might say a great nation—and, though dispersed, bound together by the closest ties. We have been honoured by having a nobleman of your unimpeachable honour and integrity to preside over us. (Cheers.) But, my lord, on the other hand, I am sure you will permit me to say that the high position you have so well filled is one which the highest nobleman, nay, even a prince, might well be proud of. The influence of Freemasonry can hardly be over-rated. It is a most powerful agent in this country for good. It is no small matter for a man to know that he has at

his back the goodwill, the confidence, and the good wishes of hundreds of thousands of his fellow-men. The influence of the Grand Lodge of England extends throughout the habitable globe. Looking to the events of the past, looking to the enormous interest of our charities, looking to your happy fortune in having gone through some troubles and many anxieties, you see us all at last happy, content, and prosperous; and last, but not least, the most gratifying circumstance that during your reign our Prince, the future king of this great empire—(immense applause)—looking, I say, my lord, to the happy circumstance that our Prince, in the words of our ancient charge, has not thought it derogatory either to patronise our mysteries and even join in our assemblages—I say, looking to these circumstances, it is not too much to claim that your lordship's name will ever be inseparably connected with some of the brightest days in the annals of Freemasonry. My lord, in the name of all the brethren, absent as well as present, I beg to offer you this gift—this deed, and that little present. In their name I beg to assure you of our gratitude, respect, and affection; in their name I venture to add an anxious and heartfelt hope that you may long be spared to gladden us by your presence, to aid and sustain us with your counsel and advice. (Cheers.)

Sir ALBERT WOODS presented the deed, the banker's book, and the inkstand to the Earl of Zetland.

The Earl of ZETLAND (whose utterance was choked by his emotion) said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, for your favours I can only return my grateful thanks; and for the kindness of the Zetland Memorial Committee and those in connection with it for the very handsome gift which they have presented to me on this occasion, I also beg to tender my best acknowledgments. I feel assured that no brother would suppose it was from any motives of pride that I refused a gift of money from those whom I have so long known, and who have wished to pay so high a compliment to me. But, brethren, I thought that although I should like to have some slight memorial of the goodwill of my brethren that I might hand down to my successors; yet I did feel that I should act a selfish part if I appropriated to myself money which I did not want, and which I thought might form a fund for the benefit of poorer members of the Craft, and which might be distributed far more beneficially than on worldly goods for myself. I could not reconcile to myself the receiving of such a gift. Brethren, I hope this fund, as Bro. Havers said, may accumulate, and do much good to our poorer brethren, and to those who once in prosperity may be overtaken by calamity and fall into distress. It is naturally a very proud thing for me that during my Mastership the Masonic charities have flourished so much; and I really do hope that this handsome memorial will, as Bro. Havers suggested, form the nucleus for further Masonic charities being in the hands of future Grand Masters. With regard to the inkstand which has been presented to me, I should say that the committee expressed a wish to me that I should say what kind of memento or memorial I should desire; and my idea was a thing of this sort. Not wishing to take much from the fund, the great part of which I wished to go for the benefit of Masonic charity, I said that I thought 20 guineas would be ample to produce something that might be handed down to my successors, and would be much better than any other; at the same time that the fund would not be made to suffer. I thank you most sincerely for this very handsome memorial, and I beg to assure you that while I live I shall ever be mindful of my brethren, who have so ably supported me during my tenure of office; and I always shall be anxious to do what I can for the benefit of the Craft in general. (Cheers.)

The Grand Master then closed Grand Lodge in ample form.

At the banquet which followed, the Earl of Zetland presided, surrounded by the Grand Officers and nearly 400 brethren, and when the cloth was drawn, grace was sung by the professional brethren and ladies, who assisted Grand Organist.

The EARL of ZETLAND then said: Brethren, you will all anticipate the toast which I am about to give you, and I have no doubt you will all drink it with the honour due to it, and with loyal and affectionate regard for the person of her who is the subject of it. We have been honoured this day, for the first time, with the presence of the Prince of Wales at the Grand Festival. I am sure every brother present must have rejoiced to see a prince, the heir to the Crown, taking such an interest in Freemasonry as he does—(cheers)—and knowing the patronage which Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, has extended to Masonry, and to the Charities of Masonry, we must all feel how much we owe to the patronage of the Royal Family; but no deeds of this kind are necessary to recommend this toast, because all Masons are loyal, all Masons love our

Queen. I give you therefore, "The health of Her Majesty the Queen."

The National Anthem followed.

The EARL of ZETLAND: Brethren, it is now my pleasing duty to propose to you the next toast, which is, "The Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales and all the Royal Family." I am sure you will all drink this toast with the most grateful and kind feelings, because I know that not only the Prince of Wales, but the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family must all be dear to the hearts of Masons, seeing not only how much the Prince has endeared himself by joining our Fraternity, but the interest which you, in common with all England, must take in the members of the Royal Family which has so long and so advantageously presided over the destinies of this country, and in whom we as Masons, above all others, take the most lively interest. I give you, "The health of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family."

The EARL of ZETLAND: Brethren, I claim your special silence for this toast. I have to propose to you a toast which must be most interesting to every Mason. It is the first time this toast has been given in reference to the Earl De Grey and Ripon. I have now to propose to you, "The Earl De Grey and Ripon as Most Worshipful Grand Master," and in doing so, I trust you will drink this toast with very peculiar satisfaction. The Earl De Grey and Ripon has served as Deputy Grand Master for a lengthened period of seven or eight years; he has been elected by the Grand Lodge of England unanimously, without hesitation; and I have to express my strong opinion, that a better Grand Master could possibly not have been elected—(hear, hear.)—and I feel confident that he will fulfil all the hopes that his sanguine friends could entertain of his capability, and his peculiar adaptation for the high honour you have conferred upon him. To me it is most gratifying, indeed, to find that he has been chosen as my successor. He has acted with me as Deputy Grand Master, for—I do not recollect the exact period, but for seven or eight years—during which time he has afforded me the most efficient aid in my duties, and has ever shown himself willing to take off my hands those onerous duties which I was always anxious to perform myself, but which on occasions I have been unable to fulfil. Whenever that has been the case, he has come forward most willingly and most anxiously to do my duties. (Hear, hear.) On all occasions, on the difficult questions which have been submitted to me with regard to the rule of the Craft, I have consulted the present Most Worshipful Grand Master, and have always found him ready and willing to take up questions, and to discuss them in the most efficient manner, and he and I have always acted most harmoniously together. I can say this, that on no single occasion have we differed in opinion. (Hear, hear.) It is, therefore, you may conceive, most gratifying to me to know that without any expression of opinion of my own, he has been unanimously elected to the important office of Grand Master of England. If you will take my opinion as worth anything, I will tell you that I believe you could not have elected any nobleman or any man in this country more capable, more willing, more desirous, and more anxious to act for the benefit and good of the Craft, than the present Most Worshipful Grand Master. (Hear, hear.) Therefore I give you, with the utmost confidence that you will coincide with me in my opinion, "The health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master."

The EARL of DALHOUSIE: Most Worshipful Senior and Junior Wardens and Brethren, as this is a toast which can scarcely emanate from the chair, the duty of proposing it has been placed in my hands, and I need scarcely say to you, that it is a duty which I undertake with very great satisfaction. The toast which I have to propose to you is "The health of the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of England." (Hear, hear.) Brethren, in my knowledge of the festivals of Grand Lodge, which extends over a period of upwards of thirty years, I have never yet heard this toast proposed in Grand Lodge. It is only recently that we have had admitted into Grand Lodge a Past Grand Master, and he was admitted as a testimony of Grand Lodge of loyalty to the throne of England; and the appointment was accepted by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as a mark of his confidence in that loyalty. (Hear, hear.) But now, brethren, we have a second Past Grand Master—(hear, hear.)—to whom is due the tribute of our gratitude. For upwards of twenty-five years he ruled supreme by the unanimous choice of the Masons of England, over the Craft in this country. He ruled it with a sway at once firm, gentle, and at the same time conducive to the best interests of the Craft. (Hear, hear.) And brethren, when you came to the conclusion, that (at his own request,) it was necessary *solvere suam sancte requiem, summum*, you have sent him to his retirement this day, from the high office that he held, convinced that his labours of five-and-twenty years have been appreciated by that Craft over which he so worthily presided. If it is, brethren, a gratifica-

tion to him to retire under such circumstances, what a delightful reflection it must be to you, and to me, and to all of us, to see him retire with vigour still unimpaired—(hear, hear.)—with eye still undimmed, capable of rendering to the position which he has voluntarily assumed, duties and benefits to the Craft at large still. (Cheers.) I will not further enlarge upon this topic, but I will ask you to drink in a flowing bumper, "Long life still to our venerable Past Grand Master, and may he enjoy in his retirement all those blessings which we Masons most sincerely wish him." (Cheers.)

The EARL of ZETLAND: Brethren, I hope you will indulge me with silence that I may endeavour to express the gratification I feel at the manner in which you have received this toast. I would cordially assure you that I have not words to express my feelings on this occasion. (Hear.) After having presided over the Craft for six-and-twenty years—not five-and-twenty, as my noble and good friend has said—it is beyond my power to express the gratification I feel at the kind welcome which you have accorded to the toast so kindly, and in so friendly a manner proposed by my noble friend and brother on my right hand. I assure you—I think I need hardly assure you, because you gave me credit for it by the way in which you have received the toast—that since I have had the honour of presiding as Grand Master over the Craft in England, it has been my constant and most anxious desire to do my duty to the best of my power to the Craft, and if I have succeeded in performing that duty to the satisfaction of the Craft in general, and to my friends in particular, I must ascribe it to the kind assistance that I have derived from some very able brethren who are most anxious for the prosperity of the Craft, and who have given me their kind advice on every occasion on which I have asked it; and it is mainly to having made a choice of able and good friends that has put it in my power to do those onerous duties which have devolved on me to the satisfaction of the Craft in general; and it is to me a source of thankfulness that I have been enabled to surround myself with friends and brethren, who knowing my anxious desire to act and to perform my duties in the most efficient manner, have advised me to act as I have done. Because I think I may say that when a Minister of State undertakes the ruling of this great nation, the first thing he does is to try to surround himself by able men, and to act in accordance with their advice in managing the affairs of the country; and it would be a bold thing for any minister to undertake to rule the nation by his own free will and his own abilities alone. He must surround himself by able men who are willing to give him that assistance which a single mind is not able to embrace, but which requires a consultation, an acting together of men who may form different opinions, in order that they may decide upon those general maxims of policy which are necessary to conduct the affairs of a nation, and which in a minute degree—though not much less minute degree—to guide the councils of Freemasonry. I assure you, brethren, that I do not take to myself all the credit which has been accorded to me. I have to thank many able and good Masons for the counsel and advice which they have given me. Brethren, thus far for myself, I assure you I appreciate most highly the manner in which I have been received and the compliments which have been paid to me on my administration of the affairs of Freemasonry for 26 years; but it is also a great gratification to me to know that my name is coupled with that of an illustrious personage—the Prince of Wales. I consider it of the greatest benefit and advantage to the Craft that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales should have condescended to join the Order, and I believe that auspicious event to be one of the most important in the history of my rule over the Craft, that at the end of it H.R.H. the Prince of Wales should have become a Mason and accepted the rank of Past Grand Master, thereby identifying himself with Freemasons, and giving us the hope that he will always, in time to come, take a lively interest in the affairs of Masonry, and the well-being of the Craft. I thank you, brethren, most sincerely, and hope that I may have strength still to attend sometimes at the banquets and the business of this Grand Lodge. If I should be called upon for my opinion or advice, I can only say that it will always be my highest gratification to do anything in my power to carry out that system of government which, as appears to me, and I think I may say to the Grand Lodge in general, to be conducive to the prosperity and best interests of Freemasonry. (Cheers.)

The EARL of ZETLAND: Brethren, I have now to propose to you the toast of "The Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland," and in proposing that toast I have the pleasure to notify to you that the Grand Master of Scotland is here present at my right hand—(great cheering)—and though I dare say it is known to most of you, it may not be known to all—that the Grand Master of Scotland, the Earl of Dalhousie, was for many years Deputy

Grand Master of England—(hear)—identifying himself with the Grand Lodge of England almost as much as he does as Grand Master of Scotland with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. We have also—I am not aware that we have any member of Grand Lodge of Ireland among us; but we have on many occasions had the advantage of the presence and co-operation of the Grand Master of Ireland, the Duke of Leinster. The Grand Master of Ireland was present at the laying of the foundation-stone of the new Freemasons' Hall; but without any reasons of that sort we have happily always acted on the most friendly and brotherly terms with the Grand Masters of Ireland and Scotland, and I am sure you will all join with me in responding to the toast I now propose to you, particularly as we shall have the satisfaction of again hearing our former Deputy Grand Master of England, now the Grand Master of Scotland, the Earl of Dalhousie.

The EARL OF DALHOUSIE: Most Worshipful Past Master and Brethren all, I rise to return you thanks, in the name of the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, for the honour which you have just done them, and be assured that, so far as I am personally concerned, I shall convey to my brother Masons on the other side of the Tweed the high compliment which you have just paid to them, supported as it has been by a galaxy of Southern beauty. Brethren, it is a great satisfaction to me, as it is to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, to know that the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England work together in harmony and good-fellowship. I trust that it will ever be so; and I believe it is no disadvantage to the Grand Lodge of Scotland to be presided over at this time by one who has learned so much of Masonry within your own walls and ranks. My period of service in the capacity in which I now stand will soon expire; but, believe me, during all the time which I have held it my allegiance to England has never even faltered or failed. (Hear.) For thirty years it has been my satisfaction to take part in the workings of this Grand Lodge. I have seen many vicissitudes through which it has passed, and I rejoice in the prosperity at which it has arrived. But, brethren, I am growing old, but still I hope in any hour that my presence is required in the Grand Lodge of England to promote its prosperity or to forward its success, I may be found ready with vote and voice to do both the one and the other. (Cheers.) I have to thank you cordially for the honour you have conferred upon the sister Grand Lodges. I regret there is no one here present to answer for Ireland; but I am sure if there is, then I shall entrust to him that duty of doing that; but I was simply going to say that, knowing, as I do intimately well, the Grand Master for Ireland, I am sure that there is no one who has more sincerely at heart the co-operation of the brethren in the three different parts of this great empire than he has; and permit me to say, brethren, that this is a time when all the Masons of England, Scotland, and Ireland should stand together to support the Craft when we see it in foreign countries trampled upon and attempted to be put down under the plea—first, that Masonry is inconsistent, or rather that it conspires to forward licentiousness. I say, brethren, that Masonry is as consistent with true liberty as any other supporter that true liberty ever boasts to have; and the proof of it is that Masonry in this country is patronised and countenanced, not only by all the authorities of our constitution, but by the Crown itself. (Cheers.)

Col. BURDETT: Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren, As representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, I feel it a duty at least to attempt to return thanks for the honour you have done us this evening. His Grace the Duke of Leinster, you all know, is very fond of the Order, generally of Masonry. He has given up and devoted much of his time to it, and it is for me now to attempt to return thanks for the very kind manner in which you have received his health. You are probably aware of the fraternal manner in which the Masons of Ireland entertain brethren; but I feel convinced that none of you know what fraternal feeling is until you have met your brethren of Ireland; and if any of you go there, I assure you you will be received in the most fraternal, kind manner as we of Irish lodges are received among brethren under the English Constitution. I have been a very short time among lodges under the English Constitution, but nothing could have exceeded the kindness and hospitality and liberality shown to me. I feel indebted, not only to the brethren of the Order in general, but to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, for the kindness with which you have received me among you as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. I return thanks for the Grand Lodge of Ireland. (Hear, hear.)

The EARL OF ZETLAND: Brethren, the toast I have now to propose is "The Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, the Past Grand Wardens, and the other Grand Officers, past and present." In proposing this toast, I do it with great regret and sorrow that the D.G.M. could not be present on this occasion; but I dare say you are all aware of the melancholy and sorrowful cause of his absence. Lord Carnarvon, the D.G.M., is absent to-day on account of having to go to receive the murdered body of his cousin, who is to him like a brother. I am quite sure that no one could expect him to be present, and I believe that no other occurrence would have prevented his coming among us. You are aware of the horrible events that have taken place, and the sorrow that must have afflicted our worthy brother, Lord Carnarvon, who was the nearest relative of his murdered friend, and as such he had to go to Southampton to receive his remains. It is with very great satisfaction that I know Lord Carnarvon has so cordially accepted the office of D.G.M. I know well his good wishes for the Craft, and his anxiety to promote its best interests; and I

believe a better selection of D.G.M. could not have been made. I therefore propose to you "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens of the year, and the present and past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England," and in doing so I would couple with the toast the name of Lord Jersey, the Senior Grand Warden.

The EARL OF JERSEY: I naturally feel very great difficulty in responding to this toast before so numerous a body of Masons so much more distinguished in Masonry than I am. I therefore say little on behalf of those who are Past Grand Officers, as their popularity speaks as to the able manner in which they perform their duties. I hope that we who to-day have the proud privilege of being the Present Grand Officers, invested by our Grand Master, will prove ourselves not unworthy successors to them, and by a careful performance of our duties we may earn their satisfaction and credit, and so prove ourselves to be worthy Masons. We thank you for the honour you have done us.

The EARL OF ZETLAND: Brethren, we are honoured to-day with the presence of many Provincial Grand Masters, and I am proud to see so many surround me. I beg, therefore, to propose "The Health of the Provincial Grand Masters of England," coupling with it the name of Bro. Fawcett, Prov. G.M. for Durham.

Br. FAWCETT: Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren, from the perhaps not very enviable privilege of seniority it devolves upon me to return thanks for the honour that you have done the Provincial Grand Masters, and in so doing I hope I may with confidence say that it is our anxious endeavour to fulfil faithfully those important duties that fall to us; that we wish to diffuse the genuine principles of Freemasonry, to promote its interests and sustain its high character in our respective provinces. And, brethren, it becomes the Prov. Grand Masters to seize every opportunity of appearing in Grand Lodge to evince to them the desire of the provincial brethren to join the great body of Freemasons in a practical exposition of the great principles of Freemasonry, and to seek for a reciprocal interchange of good fellowship and good feeling between us. And, brethren, if ever there was an occasion when the Prov. Grand Masters should have seized the opportunity of gathering together in Grand Lodge it certainly was on the present occasion—to come and do homage and respect to him from whom we now derive our authority, and to whom we are now responsible, and to join in the general and well-founded confidence in the future of Freemasonry derived from the high character, the commanding talents, the untiring assiduity, and the genuine Masonic feeling of the nobleman who is this day installed into the throne of the Order. But, brethren, he is not the only Mason here to-day. We come here, from whatever quarter we come, whether it is from north or south, from east or west, we come charged with one universal sentiment, and that is, the sentiment of respect, esteem, and affection for one who has presided over our interests for twenty-six years; to express to him our feeling of gratitude for the many services that he has rendered us, and to express our earnest hope that many years may be spared to him to witness the continued prosperity of an institution of which he is so transcendent an ornament, and on which he has bestowed so many and such inestimable benefits. Brethren, in the name of the Provincial Grand Masters of England, I return you my sincere and most heartfelt thanks.

Lord LEIGH: Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren, in place of the Past Grand Masters of England, I am called upon to propose the next toast. Although one of the last toasts of the evening, it is not by any means the least important. I have always contended, and I still contend, that Masonry shorn of charity is not worth anything whatever. What shall I say? It is something like a banquet such as the present, short of music and the presence of the ladies that we have had the pleasure of seeing here to-day. (Hear, hear.) You heard from Bro. Havers in Grand Lodge, in how prosperous a state the noble charities of this Order are at the present moment, and how much they have increased during the last six-and-twenty years. You have also heard in Grand Lodge, how our excellent Past Grand Master, when called upon to receive some acknowledgement of his valuable services during that time, expressed a strong wish, that whatever memorial might be given to him might take the form of a gift to a charity. (Hear, hear.) Consequently, a new charity is started under his auspices; and I hope and trust, as I am sure every brother present will hope and trust, that the new Zetland Fund may be in as prosperous a state in six-and-twenty years time, as those other noble charities are at the present moment. And now, brethren, perhaps for one moment I may be permitted on behalf of my own province of Warwick, to express in the name of the Warwickshire brethren, our deep sense of regret that we are losing the services of the noble lord who has been an ornament to the Craft; and we hope that his successor may prove as good, and follow in the footsteps of Lord Zetland. I propose, "Success to the Masonic Charities," may they increase and flourish under our new Master, in the same way as they have done under the old one. (Cheers.)

Bro. BINCKES: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Lord Leigh and Brethren, I had no idea till I just now heard the command, that I should be called upon to speak, but this having been made a prominent toast, I should be very sorry indeed, if it is allowed to go by unacknowledged. At the same time, my lord and brethren, I am only prepared to be as brief as possible in my observations, because we have an evening's business yet to go through, and there is much more for us to enjoy. But on these occasions, I am thankful to say, this is one of the festivals Masons from all parts of the world are gathered together, no special appeal is made on behalf of this or that institution. It is done for the purpose of celebrating the installation of the Grand Master, the appointment of our Grand Officers, &c., and I am happy to say, no matter where Masons are gathered together, however few in number or

however numerous, under whatever circumstances, our noble charities are never forgotten. I do not ask to-night for this or that institution; I make no appeal on behalf of this or that sex, but I do say this, as you have been gathered together under circumstances of a peculiarly unfortunate nature, which I can only allude to with feelings of regret, which all share—not enlarging on that melancholy subject—I never witnessed a more glorious gathering than this. I know well when brother Masons are gathered together in support of our charitable institutions they are always ready to do their best to support them, and to make them in the future what they have been in the past—the pride and glory of the Order. With regard to our Grand Officers, no man has a right to feel annoyed at not receiving Grand Offices, who has been distinguished by support of the institution. I hope that no Grand Officer will ever forget, that whatever he may have done in the past, or whatever he may possibly do in the future, the highest glory of Masonry is, that all should do their utmost to relieve distress, and those brethren who have not found themselves numbered in the ranks of our supporters should take the earliest opportunity of being so. I only have in my own name on behalf of all our glorious institutions to thank every brother and the Craft at large for the cordial support they have afforded the institutions in the past. We commit them to your consideration, and hope they will be more gloriously supported still in the future.

The EARL OF ZETLAND: Brethren, it is my pleasing duty to propose to you "The health of the Grand Stewards" of the year. I am sure we are very much indebted to them for the good arrangements they have made on this occasion, when there has been an unusually large assemblage of the brethren in the hall, and when their duties must have been most arduous and difficult to perform. Their arrangements have conduced to our comfort; and I give you their health, coupling with it the name of Bro. Bailey, Lodge No. 1.

Bro. BAILEY: Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, on behalf of myself and my brother Grand Stewards, I beg to return you our sincere thanks for your kindness in receiving this toast. As true Masons, we have executed the duties appertaining to our office to the best of our ability, and although they have been more onerous this year than usual, this kind expression of your sympathy warrants us entertaining the hope that they have been performed to your satisfaction. As the evening is far advanced, we will not trespass on your patience, but only thank you for the manner in which you have acknowledged our efforts.

The EARL OF LIMERICK: Most Worshipful Sir, we are always ready to obey when it is signified to us that it is time to adjourn to another place, so I will in a very few words propose to you "The health of the Ladies who have honoured us with their presence here to-day," and who show us that we have long enough continued here. It is a toast that is always well received among Masons. I propose to you brethren, "The Ladies who have honoured us with their presence to-day."

The company then adjourned to the Temple, where a charming concert was given, the performers in which were Madame Florence Lancia, Middle. Sofia Vinta and Miss Julia Elton, with Bros. R. Barnby, W. Coward, F. Walker, G. Carter and Lawler, under the direction of Bro. Jas. Coward, G. Organist.

The duties of the Toast Master were well discharged by Bro. Spencer.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

According to a long established and well observed custom, the preliminary visit to the School at Wandsworth of the Chairman (Bro. W. W. Beach, Prov. G.M.) and Stewards was paid on the Friday previous to the Festival, and they had then an opportunity of seeing the children in their home and satisfying themselves by personal examination that the Institution is in all respects what it is reported to be. On this occasion, as on all former visits, the pupils were exercised in the various branches of education pursued in the Institution, and their proficiency in such studies as music, singing, and elocution was tested. In all these they gave proof of having paid care and attention to their teachers, and the Chairman at the proper time distributed the prizes which each pupil had earned. The drilling or calisthenic exercises, which always form a favorite part of the entertainment, were also gone through and were well executed, and the visit was altogether satisfactory. The chairman expressed himself well pleased with what he had witnessed, and addressed a few encouraging words to the children in the course of the evening. His opinion of the establishment and the system pursued there was subsequently fully explained by him at the festival, last week, in giving the toast of the evening, and his opinion is very generally entertained by all the brethren who support the school, and the numerous ladies who so frequently visit it. The progress of the children, the state of their health, their comfort and happiness were all stated in the Chairman's speech, and consequently render it unnecessary to repeat them. We have only to add that a very pleasant evening was spent by all the visitors, and that the children appeared to be as well pleased as their guests.

BREAKFAST.—EPPS'S COCOA.—Grateful and Comforting.—The very agreeable character of this preparation has rendered it a general favourite. The *Civil Service Gazette* remarks: "By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately-flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills." Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in tin-lined packets, labelled JAMES EPPS & Co., Homoeopathic Chemists, London.—[Advt.]

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THE CRAFT.

PROVINCIAL.

DARLINGTON.—*Restoration Lodge, No. 111.*—The regular monthly lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 28th ult., and was attended by a large number of the brethren. The W.M., Bro. John Bailey, opened the lodge in the first degree, when the minutes of the preceding lodge were confirmed, and a ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. John H. Bell, of St. Helen's Lodge, No. 531, (Hartlepool), as a joining member, which proved unanimous. Mr. Wm. Smith, of the Darlington Section, N.E. Railway, was then introduced and initiated according to ancient usage into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, by the respected W.M.; Bro. Furmer, P.M., giving the working tools, Bro. Jackson the charge, and Bro. Joseph Morrell, I.P.M., the lecture on the first tracing-board. Bro. Boulton presented the report of the Lecture Committee and statement of accounts, which was read by the W.M., and showed the gross receipts of the lecture delivered on the 12th April, by Bro. the Rev. H. B. Tristram, LL.D., F.R.S., on the recent discoveries in Jerusalem, to have been £30 18s. 6d., leaving (after payment of expenses) the handsome balance of £20 11s. 6d., which was ordered to be remitted to "The Palestine Exploration Fund." Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to Bro. Tristram for his excellent lecture, and to Edmund Backhouse, Esq., M.P., for his kindness in presiding on that occasion. Bro. Lear, P.M., moved, "That a Committee be appointed to consider the desirability of obtaining a larger and more suitable lodge room," which was seconded by Bro. Farmer, P.M., and carried. Two candidates for initiation having been proposed, Bro. Morris, S.D., called attention to the imperfect ballot boxes now in use, and the W.M. promised to have the defects remedied by next lodge, after which the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, under the able presidency of the W.M., assisted by his principal officers, Bros. John Morrell, S.W., and Thomas Brunton, J.W., and supported on his right by the newly-initiated Bro. W. Smith and three visiting brethren, Bros. Ingram (P.M. 602, Middlesborough), Johnson (660, Malton), and Kay (236, York), and on his left by a number of P.M.'s, a goodly number of brethren crowding the festive board, and proving the necessity of more commodious premises. Bros. Farmer, (who sang the E. A. song,) Mitford, Chadwicke and Kay contributed much to the social enjoyment by the exercise of their vocal powers, the last-named being especially applauded.

LEICESTER.—*St. John's Lodge, No. 279.*—The last regular meeting of this lodge before the recess was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Stanley, and was well attended, the Provincial Grand Master and several other P.M.'s, together with most of the officers being present. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Dean 414, Reading, and Geo. Toller, W.M., and several other brethren of 523. After the preliminary business had been transacted, and the lodge opened up to the second degree, Bros. J. St. T. Clarke, M.B., and R. Overton, jun., were examined as F.C.'s, and having passed a very satisfactory examination were afterwards raised to the third degree. The W.M. having been called away by his professional duties, the chair was taken by the I.P.M., and P.G.M., Bro. Kelly, by whom the ceremony was completed. Bro. Stanley, W.M., and Bro. Dr. Pearce, Sec., were appointed to represent the lodge on the Library Committee. On the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

STOKESLEY.—*Cleveland Lodge, No. 543.*—The monthly meeting of this lodge was lately held at the lodge-room, Golden Lion Hotel, Bros. Stephen Hunter, P.M., W.M.; Henry Fawcett, B.A., S.W.; George Markham Tweddell, F.R.S., N.A., Copen., as J.W., (in the absence of Bro. Hodgson); J. H. Handyside, P. Prov. G.J.W., Sec.; Richard Watson, P.G.S.B., Treas.; Andrew Allison Boyle, M.R.C. Phys., Edin., S.D.; Richardson, J.D.; Rev. Spencer Cubitt, I.G.; and William Harrison, Tyler. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed, after which Mr. Frederick H. Wilcox and Mr. William G. Forbes, M.D., were balloted for as candidates, according to previous notice, both of whom were unanimously elected. V.W. Bro. George Marwood, late D. Prov. G.M. of the N. and E. Ridings, one of the P.M.'s of the lodge, then took the chair of K.S., and duly initiated the two candidates, the charge being given by the W.M.; after which the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the meeting adjourned until the Monday nearest the full moon in May, emergencies excepted. The W.M., Chaplain, and with other officers and brethren of the Lion Lodge, to the number of fifteen, were amongst the visitors, having travelled from Whitby, a distance of some thirty miles, to be present on the occasion, and met with a fraternal welcome.

RYDE.—*Ryde Lodge, No. 698.*—This lodge held its installation meeting on Thursday, April 28th at the Masonic Hall, Ryde. Bro. the Rev. J. N. Palmer, W.M., having opened the lodge at 5 p.m., the minutes of the last regular lodge held in March, in which the present W.M. was unanimously re-elected to the chair, and also the minutes of a Lodge of Emergency, held on the 7th ult., were read and confirmed. The W.M. then announced that inasmuch as he was in possession of the chair, it would not be necessary formally to install him again. The lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and in closing down Bro. Palmer was proclaimed W.M. by Bro. Herrington, P.M., in each degree. The W.M. then appointed and invested as his officers for the ensuing year, the following brethren:—Bros. F. Newman, S.W.;

R. Leeson, J.W.; J. Paul, Treas.; J. P. Mackinson, Sec.; R. I. Loveland, S.D.; H. Strickland, J.D.; A. H. Turner, I.G.; Brading, Tyler. The W.M. then gave a lecture on the first tracing-board. After the lodge was closed, a banquet was held at Bro. Barnes', Pier Hotel, which was attended by several of the brethren of the East Medina Lodge, and a very pleasant evening was spent, the very good style in which the dinner was put on the table giving great satisfaction.

SUNDERLAND.—*Williamson Lodge, No. 949.*—There was a large attendance of the brethren of this and other lodges at the lodge room, in the Royal Hotel, Monkwearmouth, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. R. Hudson, as W.M. for the ensuing year, among whom were retiring Master J. Tillman, P.G.S. of W., and Past Masters R. W. Halfknight; P.P.G.P., W. Adamson, L. Chatt, A. Cooke, P.P.G.S. of W., and J. Trewitt, P.G.R.; Bros. R. Dixon, W.M., St. John's Lodge, No. 80; Past Past Masters Douglass, W. H. Crookes, P.G.S.; R. Sangster, P.P.G.P., S. J. Wade, P.G.D. of C., and M. Weiner, S.W.; Past Masters J. Potts, P.P.J.G.D., and T. Halliday of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 94; Geo. Lord, P.M., and W. J. Skelton, S.W. of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97; J. W. Cooke, W.M. of the Borough Lodge, No. 424 (Gateshead); W. Brignall, jun., W.M. of the Earl of Durham Lodge, No. 1274, (Chester-le-Street), and S.W. of the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124 (Durham); and brethren, members of the different lodges in Sunderland and the neighbourhood. Bro. W. Adamson, P.M., ably officiated as Installing Master, and he having placed Bro. Hudson in the chair of the lodge, the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following officers:—J. Tillman, I.P.M.; W. Liddell, S.W.; W. Bryans, J.W.; R. W. Halfknight, Treas.; C. Bell, Sec.; J. H. Coates, S.D.; J. H. Sanderson, J.D.; T. Armstrong, I.G.; A. Forrest, D. of C.; W. M. Laws, Tyler; Atkinson and Egleston, Stewards; Austin and Barlow, Auditors. The lodge having been called to refreshment, Bro. Tillman, I.P.M., proposed "The health of the W.M.," in doing which he referred to Bro. Hudson's career in the lodge and the offices he had satisfactorily filled, commencing with that of Steward, and having been now unanimously elected to the chair, he argued well that the lodge would be conducted in that pleasant and harmonious manner that it was noted for during the first five or six years.—The W.M. in responding, trusted that he would so conduct the affairs of the lodge so that credit would be reflected both upon it and upon himself. Many candidates, he continued, after receiving their degrees are never more seen in our lodges. There was some reason for this. There was much besides the usual formula that should be taught, and he trusted with assistance, to be able to work up many of the sublime lectures, &c., that Masons possess, and draw the members back again. With reference to the relief of distressed Masons, he hoped to see some unity of action come to among the W.M.'s of the town, so that by the appointment of a united relief officer deserving cases should receive proper attention, and the progress of impostors arrested. He hoped often to meet every one present, and at the end of his year of office he trusted they would be able to say of him, "He did his duty well." Other toasts usual on such occasions were duly proposed, honoured, and responded to. The proceedings were enlivened by the excellent singing of Bros. R. Terry (97), F. Whinham (P.M. 94), R. Giesecke (80), Sanderson, Maddison, Leddell, Craven and Weiner; recitations by Bros. Skelton and Beattie.

SOUTHEND.—*Priory Lodge, No. 1000.*—The regular meeting of this lodge recently took place at their new lodge room (which is much admired for beauty of design and true Masonic keeping) in the Middleton Hotel, Southend, the W.M. Bro. B. Notley, R.A., being supported by his officers as follows: Bros. Eltham, S.W.; Wardell, J.W.; Wood, P.M., Treas.; Cox, I.P.M., Sec.; P.M.'s Harris and Rowley, Phillips, D.C.; Barton, Org.; Hemmann, S.D.; Lucking, J.D.; Glasscock, I.G.; and a large number of other members of the lodge and visitors were present. The W.M. opened the lodge in due form punctually at 6 p.m. Preliminary business having been transacted, the ballot was taken for Samuel James Girling, Esq., High-street, Bromley-by-Bow, and found to be unanimous, when the W.M. proceeded to initiate him in due and ancient form, and the charge was most efficiently given by Bro. Wardell, J.W., in a very able and impressive style. Bro. Frost was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the W.M. in the same excellent manner in which, during his term of office, he has carried out all his work. He also gave the traditional history of the third degree, illustrated by reference to the tracing board, in a manner which proved he had well studied and was completely master of his subject. Next came the principal event of the evening, when the W.M. rose and said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and one he felt sure would be gratifying to every member of the lodge, and that was to present Bro. W. S. Cox, I.P.M., in the name of the lodge, with a very elegant Past Master's Jewel. It was not for its intrinsic worth, although valuable, but it was to testify to him the high estimation he was held in by everyone, not only in the lodge, but out of it, the appreciation of his talents, not only in his admirable and perfect working, but for the genial and excellent manner in which he had presided over them during his term of office. He wished him long life to wear the jewel, and was glad to hear of the probability of his great prosperity, but regretted it would deprive the lodge of the valuable services of so worthy a Mason. (At the conclusion of his speech he was greeted with loud applause.)—Bro. W. S. Cox returned thanks in his usually eloquent manner; his excellent speech made a powerful impression on the brethren, and at its conclusion was enthusiastically applauded. The jewel bears the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. W. S. Cox, P.M., by the brethren of the Priory Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1000, as a token of esteem,

and for the skill and ability displayed by him during his year of office as W.M." The brethren subsequently adjourned to the banquet hall, where a dinner of the most *recherché* character was served, and gave unanimous satisfaction. Grace having been said, and the cloth removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. On the initiate's health being proposed by the W.M., and after the E. A. Anthem had been sung by Bro. Major Rowley, P.M., Bro. Girling returned thanks for the honour the brethren had conferred upon him in admitting him into the light, and said it would ever be his study to uphold and maintain those true principles of brotherly love he had seen so amply illustrated that evening. Bro. Dr. Phillips, D.C., then took the gavel, and in highly eulogistic terms proposed the health of the "Visitors," coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Chambers and Young. Bro. Chambers responded and expressed his gratification at having witnessed the ceremonies of the evening. He felt highly pleased at the skill and harmony with which the business of the lodge had been conducted, and he was confident that with such a W.M. and such Officers as he saw gathered around him, the lodge would still continue to increase and prosper, and he trusted that nothing would ever arise in the lodge to disturb the excellent feeling which he was quite sure existed now, and would continue to endure for many years to come. Bro. Young, in an excellent speech, also returned thanks on behalf of the visitors. Several other toasts followed, and the brethren separated, after having spent a most happy evening, the pleasures of which was not a little enhanced by the admirable singing of Bros. Eltham, Frost, Cantor, English, &c. The musical arrangements were ably conducted by Bro. Barton, Organist to the lodge.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—*Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, No. 1008.*—The sixth anniversary of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Angel Hotel. The lodge formerly held its meetings at Bro. Scott's, Bell Hotel, but the accommodation there was very limited, and the members availed themselves of a favourable opportunity to remove the lodge to more convenient and appropriate quarters at the Angel. This was the first meeting at the new headquarters, and therefore additional interest was attached to the proceedings. Lodge was opened at 3 p.m. by Bro. J. B. Fitch, W.M. The brethren present were Bros. J. T. Huddleston, P.M., S.W. and W.M.-elect; J. N. Yorke, P.M.; G. Thompson, P.M.; W. Lucia, P.M. and Sec.; C. Lamb, J.W.; W. Armstrong, J.D.; E. King, I.G.; Capt. Oakes, T. M. Bear, W. Yoxall, W. Bailey, Keeble, E. Hayward, 114 and 1008, F. Fearnside, W. Hudson, and Patrick. The only visitor was Bro. P. Comell, S.W. 114 and 376. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Messrs. F. M. Riches, W. Beales, and W. G. Guy, and having proved unanimous in their favour, Messrs. Riches and Guy, who were in attendance, were regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft. The ceremony was impressively performed by the W.M. The lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Huddleston was presented by Bro. Lucia, P.M., to Bro. Yorke for installation into the chair of K.S. The charges having been read, the lodge was opened in the third degree, and a board of installed Masters was opened, when Bro. Huddleston was duly installed W.M. The brethren were afterwards readmitted, and the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, appropriate music being played on the harmonium during this part of the ceremony by Bro. F. Fearnside. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Fitch, P.M.; C. Lamb, S.W.; W. Armstrong, J.W.; W. Bailey, S.D.; W. King, J.D.; Capt. Oakes, I.G.; W. Hudson, M.C.; W. Lucia, Sec.; T. W. Cooper, Treas.; and Gooch, Tyler. The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, served by Bro. Guy. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. In proposing the M.W.G.M. Earl of Zetland, the W.M. remarked if it had not been for the unfortunate occurrence in Greece he should have been among the first who would have had the opportunity of proposing the name of Earl de Grey and Ripon, the R.W.D.G.M., in connection with that toast. The toast of the P.G.M. Bro. Col. Sir R. A. S. Adair and the D.G.M. Bro. the Rev. J. E. Lockwood, was cordially drank. Bro. Fitch then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Huddleston," and stated how much the lodge was indebted to him from its commencement. In fact, it owed its origin almost entirely to Bros. Huddleston and Lucia. They were still further indebted to Bro. Huddleston for having again consented to fill the chair, notwithstanding that he lived some miles from the town, and that he would often have to attend at considerable inconvenience.—(The toast was warmly received.)—The W.M. in responding, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to do anything tending to the advancement of Masonry, and promised the brethren that he would attend lodge as regularly as he possibly could, and hoped that he should receive every assistance from his officers. Amongst the remaining toasts was that of the "Visitors," to which Bro. Comell responded. He apologised for the absence of the W.M.'s of the two Ipswich lodges to which he belonged, which was unavoidable in each case. He regretted they so seldom saw any of the Bury brethren at Ipswich, and could only tell them that if any of them would pay a visit to an Ipswich lodge their reception would only be equalled by his that day. He spoke of the advantages of visiting neighbouring lodges, for, however perfect they might be in their working, they could always find that there was something to be learnt. The health of Bro. Lucia, the Secretary, received special mention, the present flourishing condition of the lodge being due in a great measure to his indefatigable exertions to promote its welfare. At high twelve the brethren separated having spent a most enjoyable evening.

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COLBURN.—On 27th April, at Belmont, near Boston, U.S.A., very suddenly, aged 37, Bro. Zerah Colburn, M.I.C.E., and of 13, Gloucester-road, Regent's-park, of Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7, London.
PIKE.—On the 14th May, of apoplexy, aged 68, Bro. James Pike, of Vanburgh Fields, Blackheath, late of Westminster, for many years an active member of the Emulation Lodge of Instruction, deeply lamented.

Letters from R. W. L. and J. G., Bro. Hughan's Knight Templar Jottings, report of Macdonald Lodge installation meeting, and other interesting communications, crowded out this week, shall appear in our next.

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THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

THE installation of the M.W. Bro. the Earl De Grey and Ripon as Grand Master of England, is an event which will not be readily forgotten by those who had the good fortune to witness the important ceremony. Notwithstanding the gloom which the recent atrocious massacre in Greece has caused in the breast of every civilized being, and more especially in the breast of every Englishman, the assemblage of Masons on Saturday last was not only exceedingly numerous, but may truly be considered in many respects a demonstration in honour of the nobleman to whom the guidance and government of the English Craft

are now entrusted. From the Heir-Apparent to the humblest Mason present, all had met united by one common desire to testify their respect and admiration for Lord De Grey. And we are proud to add, that this natural desire to bow before the rising sun, was closely commingled with a kindly feeling of regret, that age had at length asserted its inexorable claims, and deprived the Grand Lodge of the active services of that venerable chief, under whose genial sway Freemasonry has so greatly and so widely flourished. We heartily echo the hope, that the Earl of Zetland may long be spared to enjoy the retirement which he has so fairly earned, but we also trust—to use the language of the address presented to him by the brethren—that his lordship will continue to give the benefit of his experience and advice to the Grand Lodge over which he has so long and so successfully presided. The visible emotion of the new Grand Master when he alluded to the horrid tragedy in Greece was evidently responded to by every brother present, and as it is said by the poet, that "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin," sad as may be the occasion, the Earl De Grey and Ripon commences his Masonic reign, not only with the respect of the Craft for his qualifications as a Mason, but with their entire sympathy and communion in his feelings as a man.

In his choice of Grand Officers for the year, the Most Worshipful Grand Master has, in our opinion, upon the whole displayed excellent discretion and sound judgment; and as we gave a few remarks respecting the officers last year, a few words may not be deemed uninteresting upon the present appointments.

We have recently stated our conviction, that the nomination of the Earl of Carnarvon to the high post of Deputy Grand Master was one sure to find favour with the Fraternity, and the cheers which greeted the mention of his name in Grand Lodge, are a sufficient indication that our prognostications were in accordance with the wishes of the Craft. His lordship is an initiate of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, in which he served the office of Master for two consecutive years, namely 1857 and 1858. Lord Carnarvon is also Provincial Grand Master for Somersetshire.

The Senior Grand Warden, Victor Albert, Earl of Jersey, is likewise a Past Master, the lodge in which he wielded the gavel being the Churchill, No. 478, Oxford. Lord Jersey was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, and was also a founder of the Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, at Isleworth, which bears his family name. His appointment is, in every sense of the word, a most judicious act.

Of the Junior Grand Warden, Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., *M.P.*, we can speak in terms of the highest praise; a more amiable gentleman, or a more thorough Mason never existed, and his reception by the Grand Lodge of England clearly shows that merit, however retiring, is not ignored

by generous hearts. Sir Frederick is a Past Master of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131, Truro, a Past Principal of the Rose of Sharon Chapter, No. 1006, and a Vice-President of all our Masonic Institutions, besides which he is a great supporter of Freemasonry in his native province.

Our new Grand Chaplain, the Rev. W. J. Short, is a distinguished Oxford Mason, a Past Master of the great Apollo Lodge in that city, where he is, we understand, permanently located, as a dignitary of the University, and in which he is enabled to render most valuable services to the Masonic Order.

We may note that the office of Grand Secretary for German Correspondence has been revived in favour of Bro. Wendt, the necessity for which we do not clearly understand, inasmuch as the present Grand Secretary, Bro. Hervey, is well-known to be proficient in the German tongue.

The Senior Grand Deacons, Bros. Horace Lloyd, *Q.C.*, and W. Romaine Callender, represent town and country, the former being a P.M. of the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, the latter being Deputy Provincial Grand Master for East Lancashire, and both excellent men and Masons.

The Junior Deacons also appear as representative men; Bro. Edward Barker Sutton, as a P.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, and Bro. Edward Turner Payne, as Provincial Grand Treasurer for Somerset; London and the Provinces being thus fairly considered.

In the nomination of the Grand Sword Bearer we do not so readily agree. There may be great claims upon the part of Bro. Hollon, but we could easily point to greater, and no man who reads the list of Governors of our Masonic Charitable Institutions can fail to appreciate our ideas upon the subject.

Though last, not least, we greet a worthy and a true-hearted Mason in Bro. John Coutts, upon whom the position of Assistant Grand Pursuivant has been conferred, in succession to Bro. James Brett, who has been most deservedly promoted to the rank of Grand Pursuivant. Bro. Coutts is, we are informed, a Scottish Mason, but during his Masonic career in London, he has won the esteem and regard of all who know him. Twice W.M. of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, at present Master of the Harrow Lodge, No. 1310, a liberal supporter and Past Steward of the Masonic Charities; this is a record which attests the reality of the man, and the truth of his professions as a Mason.

Moreover, it is a record which should never be found wanting when a brother aspires to the honourable position of a Grand Officer of England. There are now so many brethren capable and competent to discharge the routine duties of the Craft—so many who add to those desirable qualifications, a love for the true principles of the Order, and an untiring anxiety to promote its beneficent objects—that no difficulty ought to be experienced in excluding from the roll of honour, *all those* who forget the first

teachings of Freemasonry. We must have Grand Officers who have set an example to the brethren in every respect; whose devotion has been proved by practical deeds, and not merely by lip-service. Let the rule be as our Right Worshipful Bro. Havers observed in Grand Lodge, to "Seek merit wherever it may be found," whether in the metropolis or the provincial districts, and when found let it be rewarded with those high dignities which are so justly appreciated by the Craft. We know that great care is exercised in the selection of the Grand Officers of England, and we feel convinced that the Earl De Grey and Ripon has wisely and impartially exercised his right of choice for the first time. That his lordship may rely upon the support of English Masons we are well assured, and we conclude with the expression of a hope, that his reign may be long and prosperous, over a happy and united brotherhood.

Multum in Parvo, or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE "RED CROSS" ORDER.

In your paper of the 9th of April I find that H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex is mentioned as Chief of the above degree. Having lately gone through our manuscripts and finding several relating to different degrees referred to in your "Multum in Parvo" column, I enclose copy of a circular, which you may insert should you think proper. JOS. GREENWOOD, Todmorden.

Grand Conclave of Emergency of the Royal Order of H.R.D.M.K.D.S.H. Palestine, 1st and 2d Column of the Seven Degrees iii., v., vii., ix., xxvi.

NE PLUS ULTRA.

Sir Kt.,—You are respectfully requested to attend the Duties of the Grand Conclave at the Free Masons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 6th day of August, 1872, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon precisely, A.L. 5816, A.D. 1812, A.O. 694, A.C. 493.

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"RECIPROCITY" AND "W. J. HUGHAN" (page 235).

Bro. W. J. Hughan says I am a *Scotch* Mason, should it not be *Scots* Mason? Perhaps Bro. "Leo" will reply to this. EDINBURGH.

A RECENT ACT OF PARLIAMENT.

At page 199 of THE FREEMASON, the words ought to read "A recent Act of Parliament," instead of "An old Act." The question was asked by myself, if Masonic emblems are to be regarded as armorial bearings, and so liable to taxation, under the recent Act, 32 and 33 Vic. cap 14? It will be gratifying to the members of Masonic lodges throughout Great Britain to know that the Board of Excise has decided not so to regard them. To have pronounced Masonic emblems armorial bearings would have been an unnatural straining of the terms of the Act, and would have been felt as a great hardship by Freemasons generally. I am glad, therefore, that the Board of Excise has taken what I may venture to call a common-sense view of the matter. It is evidently, also, a just view; the Masonic emblems not being personal distinctions as armorial bearings, are but merely indicating connection with a lodge, and with the Masonic Fraternity.

CHALMERS I. PATON.

BRO. "W.G.D." AND "DR. CHALMERS."

On my many visits to the Journeyman Lodge, Edinburgh, No. 8, I made inquiries of the Right Worshipful Master the reason of a bust of Dr.

Chalmers being placed in a niche of their lodge, and he replied "that it was in respect for him, and that in his young days he had often visited the lodge."

CHALMERS I. PATON.

THE "RED CROSS," BRO. "LUPUS," AND BRO. MATIER, RE BRO. HUGHAN.

Bro. "Lupus" knows my opinion of his Masonic worth sufficiently well, I should hope, not to suppose for one moment I spoke of him when referring to the "petty opposition," &c., that the "Red Cross" degree had received. I did not even think of him when writing the observation. The matters under discussion appear to be generally in process of elucidation, and I am glad to find Bro. "Lupus" is quite my way of thinking, as also Bro. Matier with respect to the degree in question. Not having claimed anything but a *Masonic origin for any Masonic Chivalric degree*, I do not see how my last letter on the subject under discussion can be considered as an *amende honorable*. Perhaps Bro. Matier will kindly enlighten me as to what part of my previous communications he refers to when making such a statement.

I claim for the "Red Cross" as legitimate a Masonic constitution as any other Masonic Chivalric degree. Other brethren more conversant than myself with the history of the Order when *purely chivalric*, claim that the Masonic *Red Cross* is a direct descendant of the old Order, which was not Masonic. All that is needful to secure our adhesion to this statement is to make known the proofs on which such a claim is made. It would be well for brethren interested in this discussion to refer to my previous letter, so as to see with me that I have nothing to reply to. W. J. HUGHAN.

P.S.—As much of Bro. "Lupus'" letter refers to Bro. "R. W. L.," I can only say I have always found the latter brother very ready and willing to answer any of my numerous inquiries. Now is the time, however, to make known what exists with respect to this degree.

W. J. H.

EARLY GERMAN ARCHITECTURE.

"It was left for the Germans to carry this system to its acme of absurdity. Half the merit of the old round arched Gothic cathedrals on the Rhine consist in the solidity and the repose they display in every part. Their walls and other essential constructions are always in themselves sufficient to support the roofs and vaults, and no constructive contrivance is seen anywhere; but when the Germans adopted the pointed Gothic style, their builders—they cannot be called architects—seemed to think that the whole art consisted in supporting the widest possible vaults on the thinnest possible pillars, and in constructing the tallest windows with the most attenuated mullions. The consequence is, that, though their constructive skill still excites the wonder of the Mason or engineer, the artist or the architect turns from the cold vaults and lean piers of their later cathedrals with a painful feeling of unsatisfied expectation, and wonders how such dimensions and such details should produce so utterly unsatisfactory a result."

"The Germans *borrowed* their pointed style from the French, at a period when it had attained its highest degree of perfection in the latter country."

Anent Strasburgh Cathedral—"What he (Erwin von Steinbach) really did, was to commence the western facade, of which he laid the foundation in 1277, and superintended the erection till his death, 41 years afterwards (1318, or thereby), when he was succeeded by his sons, who carried it up to the platform in 1364. There is no novelty or invention in his design, and only those mistakes and errors which all Germans fell into when working in pointed Gothic. The spire that now crowns this front, rising to a height of 468 feet from the ground, was not finished till 1437, and betrays all the faults of its age. The octagonal part is tall and weak in outline, the spire ungraceful in form, and covered with an unmeaning and constructively useless system of tracery. The long stone bars which protect and hide the windows (of the facade) are admirable

specimens of Masonry, but they are no more beautiful than those which protected our kitchen windows in Modern times."

Compare the foregoing able remarks of Mr. Ferguson with the mistakes unfortunately made by Bro. Tindell at page 17 of his, in many respects, very valuable "History of Freemasonry," and the similar remarks at page 85 of the "Freemason's Vade Mecum;" also the following purely imaginary statement at page 54 of that work "The further improvement of the Gothic style, and the bringing of it to *perfection* (!), was reserved nevertheless to the Germans." This and many other similar remarks show that the author is not quite so well posted up in the *true* history of Gothic architecture as he might be, neither does he seem to understand that architecture does not consist in a large collection of pretty and clever littlenesses, pasted together without due consideration of their effect when put together as a whole; but of the making up of one grand and uniform whole, wherein every subordinate part duly blends in with the mass to make up a uniform, consistent, and duly proportioned whole. This is what Strasburgh—the glory and boast of Alsace—wants; its *high* spire appears to me as a heterogeneous mass, the octagonal part suggesting the idea of having been stolen from off some other building, while the tapered part reminds me of a Chinese pagoda—perhaps some poor bereaved Chinaman laments its loss to this day! The German *steinmetzen* got to be very good stonemasons, but it seems to me they were very bad artists; and although they were clever and handy masons, yet the rise and progress of Gothic architecture during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries was about as much due to them as it was to me. And as for the great Masonic lodges of Germany which existed in the fifteenth century, how comes it that none of these were the mother of the German Freemasonry of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries? Were our Freemasonry derived from these old operative lodges, we would have expected Germany to have received its speculative Masonry from its own operative lodges, whereas it did not; but German Speculative Masonry, as well as all other Speculative Masonry anywhere practised, was adopted or copied from that of England after 1717.

W. P. B.

The SYMBOLISM & SIGNIFICANCE OF NUMBERS.

BY BRO. WILLIAM CARPENTER, P.M., P.Z.

(Continued from page 231.)

8 (*eight*) is the beginning of a new week, and it indicates new life or resurrection. Noah's family of eight persons commenced a new life after the Flood, and Christ rose from the dead on the eighth day. Eight also denotes the primitive law of nature, being the first cube, and points out that all men are born equal. It is also esteemed the number most to be desired, new life.

9 (*nine*), as a symbol, has been taken in very diverse senses. As $3 + 6$ it is partly divine and partly evil; as $4 + 5$ it is incomplete worldliness; as the square of 3, it represents an intensity of individual completion. A striking peculiarity in this number is, that it always reproduces itself by multiplication: thus $2 \times 9 = 18$, i.e., 1 and 8; $3 \times 9 = 27$, i.e., 2 and 7; $4 \times 9 = 36$, i.e., 3 and 6; $5 \times 9 = 45$, i.e., 4 and 5, and so throughout. Hence, the Pythagoreans considered it a symbol of matter, which though continually changing its form, is never annihilated. It was consecrated to the spheres, because the circumference of a sphere is 360 degrees, and $3 \times 6 \times 0$ are equal to 9. It is also called the triple ternary. As in Freemasonry, 9 derives its name from its being the product of 3 multiplied into itself, so in the higher degrees, 27, which is 3×9 , and 81, or 9×9 , are esteemed as sacred numbers.

10 (*ten*) is the first wholly complete number; and it is the most sublime, as it contains the monad, or Unity, which created all things, and 0, the symbol of the chaos, out of which the world was formed. It is also the foundation of

the Hebrew sephiroth. By itself, it is the wholly complete number for the world, but its square, and its cube, more especially, represent its perfect completion in heaven. 10 is the whole, formed by two incomplete fives. It is the sum, too, of the two extremes of all the other numbers; i.e., 1 + 9, 2 + 8, 3 + 7, 4 + 6. The last are nearer to each other than the rest, hence $10 = 4 + 6$, represents, chiefly, the completion of the world and sin. In a lesser degree, $10 = 3 + 3 + 4 =$ completion of an individual in the world.

11 (*eleven*) is an omen of defeat, or death.

12 (*twelve*) represents full spiritual completion, as 10 represents full worldly completion. Twelve is $4 + 8$, or the world on resurrection or regeneration. It is also 3×4 , or the world intimately connected with the Trinity. There are 12 hours in the day, and 12 months in the year; all ruled or governed by the Supreme. The 12 signs of the Zodiac are expressive of the cosmogony of nature, spiritually and materially. The square of 12, i.e., 144, is the limit of the Rosicrucian circle.

This completes the review of the symbolism of numbers, unless we look at the higher and compound numbers, which obtain various significations as they are compounded of the lower numbers, or are produced by their multiplication. These, however, are seldom used, though they have been by Captain W. A. Baker, in his ingenious and curious work on the Book of Revelation, entitled "The Day and the Hour," to which I am indebted for some of the noticeable uses of numbers in the Bible, and where the student may find a great deal more to the same purpose. Thus, he notices that 3×10 —the 3 representing individual completion, or heaven and earth, and the 10 the wholly complete number for the world—should represent the completion of an individual epoch in the world. Thus, Joseph was 30 years old when he stood before Pharaoh; he had completed his term as a humble individual, and commenced a new kind of life. David was 30 years old when he began to reign. Christ was 30 years old when he completed his life as a mere man, becoming at that time a public teacher, &c.; $3 \times 12 = 36$, should represent, if we refer to the signification of each of the two numbers, completion of an individual epoch in heaven; $6 \times 7 = 42$, should represent completion of evil, and God's judgment thereon; $4 \times 10 = 40$, should denote a completion of time in the world. The spies were in Canaan 40 days, the Jews were in the wilderness 40 years, and they were delivered into the hands of Pharaoh for 40 years. The three kings of Israel, Saul, David and Solomon, each reigned 40 years. Moses was 40 years of age when he visited his brethren, and was 40 years a stranger in the land of Midian, each term representing full worldly completion, and the two making him 80 years old, the resurrection or new life number multiplied by the complete 10, when the exodus took place. $4 \times 12 = 48$ should represent spiritual completion, but with something worldly in it; thus, 48 cities were given to the Levites. $7 \times 10 = 70$, should represent perfect completion in the world. The days of a man are 70 years, when he has completed these he has lived his full term. The captivity of the Jews in Babylon was for 70 years, and their final dispersion is for 70 prophetic weeks. $10 \times 10 = 100$, and more fully $10 \times 10 \times 10$ or $10^3 = 1000$, represents divine completion. "One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." "Thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him."

(To be continued).

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Health and Vigour.—To the most regular livers occasional disturbances of digestion will occur, which may be corrected at once by these famous Pills, the alterative and tonic powers of which cannot be too highly extolled. A dose now and then will prove salutary to every one; but a continued course must be taken by the confirmed invalid. It is wonderful how the appetite and digestion improve in proportion as the Pills exert their wholesome influence over the animal economy. They augment muscular strength and mental vigour. Holloway's Pills frequently cure diseases of the digestive organs after all other medicines have failed to afford relief, and they are especially serviceable in disorders of the liver and kidneys.—[Advt.]

Original Correspondence.

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A PRESSING ENQUIRY.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It might be useless, but would it be unfair to ask for a report from the Grand Stewards as to the number and names of the brethren present at the Installation of our new Grand Master? to which might also be added a return of the number and value of jewels lost or destroyed, of dress coats and other articles of wearing apparel damaged, of bruises inflicted, of tempers ruffled, and of bones (G.L.) altogether lost?

Yours fraternally,

A VICTIM TO MISMANAGEMENT.

May 16th, 1870.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I know not who was responsible for the arrangements made for the admission of brethren to the Grand Lodge on Saturday last at the Installation of the new Grand Master, but whomsoever it may have been, deserves severe reprobation for not making proper and necessary provision to enable the brethren to pass in an orderly manner, and it is not to be wondered at that after being packed and pressed (more like animals than men) for at least an hour, loud cries of "Shame" came from all parts of the rooms. The scene that occurred is too well-known to those who were present, and need not be extended, but let us hope a recurrence of such an event will be avoided in the future, and which cannot tend to the elevation of the Craft.

Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
A COUNTRY W.M.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

SIR,—Being desirous of showing my respect to our new Grand Master by being present at his installation, I journeyed 250 miles in obedience to my summons from Grand Lodge, and presented myself at Freemasons' Hall at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Considering the probability of the attendance of many brethren from the country, I think it might reasonably have been expected that some provision would have been made for guiding their inexperienced footsteps in the proper direction on arrival, but no such attention was shown, and in company with a brother, who was apparently attracted to me by our common forlorn condition, I made my way, after several mistakes, to a room upstairs where the components of a struggling mass of humanity were attempting to sign what I supposed to be a visitors' book. Here, again, there was no information as to the book in which to sign, (and there were many books lying about,) no order, no regularity, and very little ink, and at this moment I am in ignorance as to what book I signed, or why I signed it. Arrived outside the door of the lodge, I found myself in a seething, surging crowd of brethren, most fraternally hustling, jostling and "chaffing," and here I remained nearly an hour, feeling like one of the crowd outside the pit door of a theatre on a Boxing night. Presently, with difficulty, a passage was cleared, and I beheld the Grand Officers pass into the lodge, the doors were closed and so remained, and I, in common with many others, had accomplished the feat, and paid the expense, of taking a long journey merely to be hustled in a crowd, and get a brief glimpse of the Grandees of the Order.

A more utter want of management and arrangement I never saw, and I am expressing the feeling of many provincial brethren of considerable rank in the Craft, who were near me, when I say that this, my first visit to Grand Lodge, is likely to be my last.

I ask you to insert these few lines in your next issue, in the hope that they may meet the eye of some of those brethren who have the management of these matters, and that the recurrence of such a discreditable scene as I saw this afternoon may be prevented, an end that could easily be accomplished by a very small modicum of tact and management.

I am, yours fraternally,

CHARLES JANSON, Jun.,
W.M. Tees Lodge, No. 509, Stockton-on-Tees,
Covent Garden, 14th May, 1870.

AN (IMAGINARY) MASONIC RELIC.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At page 212, Bro. Isaac Banks tells us that he "visited the St. Mark's Lodge, Glasgow, and had the pleasure of seeing a *very old* carved oak chair in that lodge." He further states, "I believe it belongs to the sixteenth century, and was found in St. Mungo's Cathedral

Church." Very good, and going on in the same strain I might add, that this is the very chair which St. Mungo himself used; further it is believed, that Malcolm Canmore rested his kingly body in this same chair, when dictating the celebrated Malcolm Canmore Charter, *discovered* in 1806! However, to come to realities, this "sixteenth century" chair was made in the nineteenth century, and was presented to the Glasgow Royal Arch Chapter by Bro. W. B. Huggins, Esq., on 6th December, 1850; consequently this "very old Masonic relic" is now about twenty years old! I have an idea that Bro. Banks has not a very clear recollection of what he really saw. I believe he refers to the old carved oak box, which belonged to St. John's Lodge, it has the date 1684 (*seventeenth* century) on it, and there is some childish story of its having been found in the Cathedral, lying where I consider it never was *lost*. However, this box is really an interesting Masonic relic, it is finely carved, and on the lid are cut out several of the Masons' working tools; there is a twelve inch rule, (not a twenty-four inch gauge as I have heard erroneously stated), compasses and square, plumb rule and level, and on the front the date 1684, and the words "God save the King, and Masons' Craft." If Bro. Banks' "Scotch" story is a specimen of the way "Scotch" Masonic relics are treated or manufactured, then as a Scotchman all I have got to say is, "Save us from our friends," &c.

I am, yours fraternally,

W. P. BUCHAN.

MASONIC LIFE BOAT FUND.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

SIR AND BROTHER,—Seeing many letters and enquiries in your paper respecting the "Late Masonic Life Boat Fund," I thought the following might be interesting to some. It is copied from a subscription card sent to lodges some time ago:—"In the meantime Bro. Hyde Clark, D.D.G.M. for Turkey, and Bro. Wm. Smith, C.E., P.M. 26, 33, 840, &c., have consented to act as Treasurers. All cheques and P.O.O. to be crossed through Messrs. Willis, Percival & Co., Bankers. Communications to be addressed to either of the Treasurers, or the Secretary, Masonic Life Boat Fund, at the office of the *Freemasons' Magazine*, 19, Salisbury-street, Strand, London." There is no name given for Secretary.

Yours fraternally,

NORTHERN LIGHTS.

THE LEGEND OF JOSHUA.

(To the Editor of The Freemason.)

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Three questions are asked by the writer of the above-named article at page 206 of your valuable journal:—

1st. Had Moses prayed that the light of day might be prolonged?

2nd. Did Joshua hold up his hand when he prayed for the day of light to be prolonged?

3rd. What is the book of Jasher?

In reading the passages of scripture to which the article refers, and to read the Bible as commanded by our Lord (see Mark xii. 24), and as Masonry teaches us—not by the doctrine of Colenso and others like him—we may understand that there is some truth in the ceremony of the second degree of our Order. Referring to the book of Exodus, xvii. 12, we read, "And his hands were *steady* until the going down of the sun." The Hebrew word of "steady" is *אמונה*—faithful. The Targum Onkelos, the most ancient we have, translate it in the Chaldee dialect—

והיה ידו פרוסן בעלי עד דעל שמשא

"And his hands were spread in *prayer*, until the going down of the sun."

We have nothing plain mentioned particularly of that prayer, but by the time the sun set the battle was over. Why should we not suppose that the prayer was for the sun to stand still, and that Joshua in his own battle with the Amorites remembered the victory over the Amalekites, and prayed to God in the *same manner* and for the *same purpose* as Moses did?

Now, what is the book of Jasher? It means nothing more than the book of Genesis, as Targum Onkelos calls it, *ספר דאורייתא*, "The Book of our Law," and it refers to the passage of Genesis xlviii. 19, "And his seed shall become a multitude of nations." Jacob prophesied that of Joshua, for when the sun stood still Joshua's name became known amongst all nations. The same in 2 Samuel i. 18, "Also he bade them teach the children of Judah the use of the bow; behold it is written in the book of Jasher." This refers to the passage in Genesis xlix. 8, "Thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies," and was the reason David taught the tribe of Judah the use of the bow.

Yours fraternally,

D. STOLZ.

SCOTLAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, MIDDLE WARD.

The first annual festival of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Middle Ward of Lanarkshire was celebrated on the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall (Br. King's), Motherwell. There was a large attendance of brethren.

The following lodges were represented:—Hamilton Kilwinning, No. 7; St. Mary, Coltness, No. 31; New Monkland Montrose, No. 88; Royal Arch Cambuslang, No. 114; St. John Airdrie, No. 165; St. James Old Monkland, No. 177; Hamilton, No. 233; St. John Woodhall, No. 305; St. John Dalziel, No. 406; St. Clair Cambusnethan, No. 427.

The chair was occupied, in the absence of the P.G.M., Bro. James Merry, M.P., by Bro. W. M. Gilmour, D.P.G.M., supported by the following deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow: F. A. Barrow, D.P.G.M.; James Steel, S.P.G.M.; Archd. M'Taggart, M.A., Prov. G. Sec.; James Thomson, acting P.G.S.W.; James Wallace, P.G.S.D.; and James Balfour, P.G.I.G.; also by W. Forrest, P.G. Bible Bearer; John Currie, P.G.S., Upper Ward; and Bailie Kellar, No. 7 Hamilton. The duties of croupier were discharged by John C. Forrest, S.P.G.M.; Provost King, Motherwell; James Nisbet, P.G.S.W.; Wm. Spiers, P.G.J.D.; A. King, P.G. Treas.; John Glen, P.G.S.D.; W. M'Murdo, P.G.S.; J. Christison, P.G. Marshal; Symington, P.M. 117; Lang, R.W.M. 88; Baird, 88.

After dinner, Bro. Gilmour intimated that letters of apology had been received from Bro. the Earl of Stair, Major Barbor, Bros. Hector F. M'Lean, Henry Inglis, of Torsonce, W. J. Lawrie, W. Montgomery Neilson, Col. Campbell, of Blythswood, and Rev. B. C. Brown. "The Queen," "The Craft," and other loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair. Bro. Barrow, in a few happy sentences, submitted, "The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Middle Ward," coupled with the name of Bro. Gilmour, D.G.M.

Bro. Gilmour, in acknowledging the toast, said: On behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Middle Ward, I beg to return you our most sincere thanks for the honour you have done us in drinking the toast. (Applause.) On the 15th of March the Office Bearers commenced a series of visitations in the province. The first lodge we visited was that of Shotts 471, and on the 26th April ended with the Lodge No. 7 Hamilton—singularly enough, beginning with the youngest and ending with the oldest. Between these dates we visited every lodge with the exception of Cambuslang, but I had the pleasure to visit it so lately as July last, when Substitute-Master. I cannot help expressing our thanks for the truly brotherly and Masonic manner we were received in every lodge. Our visits were strictly those of a business character, and I am confident that the Masters and Office Bearers will bear me out when I say we examined most carefully the books and other details of the various lodges. With one or two of them we were by no means pleased, and at the time I pointed out the defects. I feel confident, from the manner in which my remarks were received, that these defects will be speedily rectified. With the state of the other lodges we were much pleased, although there were details in some that might be improved. I trust we will not be content to remain stationary, but that one and all of us will strive who each can perform best his part. (Applause.)

Other toasts suitable to the occasion followed, and an agreeable evening was spent.

ABERDEEN CITY PROVINCE.

The Lodges of St. Nicholas, St. George, and Neptune have closed their fortnightly meetings for the season, meeting again for the winter session early in October.

The R.W. Masters of the St. George and the Neptune were re-elected on St. John's evening, and we not doubt but that they will keep up with dignity their positions as those who filled the respective chairs did before them. Both lodges are in the highest state of efficiency, the only cause for regret being the want of unanimity on the part of the members of Lodge Neptune. Members ought to remember that the lodge is a bond of Brotherhood, and that the system of debate now carried on, if persisted in, will sooner or later be the means of breaking up the lodge. Both lodges were lately visited by the P.G. Lodge on the usual periodical visit of inspection. The R.W.P.G.M. (Dr. Beveridge) complimented both lodges on the working and the really correct manner in which the books were kept. Both lodges lately entertained the P.G. Lodge in honour of the visits. The members of the St. George's Lodge at the same time presented their R.W.M., Bro. George S. Forrest, with a very fine gold watch and chain in order to show their appreciation of his services for the past three years.

A change has taken place in Lodge St. Nicholas, and the chair is again filled by Bro. Edward Savage, one of the best working Masons in Scotland. Br. Savage has already held the chair of this lodge. When he resigned some years ago he received the thanks of the lodge with a tangible recognition of his eminent services. In this lodge we have met many a one highly gifted and quite qualified to be, and have been, called to the East, but who have refused. Such parties we are rather inclined to think look on Masonry as only a jargon of aprons, sashes, and jewels. The level is only a level, and the square only a square—

"The primrose by the river's brook,
A yellow primrose was to him—
And it was nothing more."

Thanks to such as Bro. Savage, he has, like many Masters, found in the order that which will comfort him in his daily walk of life, and cheer him ere he is called to the presence of Him who is the great I AM. We wish him God speed.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.—At a special meeting of the Supreme Council of Scotland, held at Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 28th ult., H.I.H. The Prince Rhodocanakis was formally received, admitted, and constituted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33rd and last degree, and Member of the Supreme Council of Scotland.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN.

Charterhouse Club of Instruction.—On Friday, the 13th ult., we derived much pleasure in attending this very excellent school for aspirants to office, when Bro. R. S. Hart, (J.W. of the Finsbury Lodge,) in a most creditable style opened the lodges and worked the ceremony of initiation, afterwards delivering the charge in a most impressive manner. Bro. Franks (212), then took the chair, opened in the several degrees, and ably worked the second ceremony. Amongst those present we particularly noticed, Bros. Jas. Nicholls (W.M.-elect 861), Purdy (P.M. and Sec. 861), Forbes (S.W. 65), Woodcock (374), Themans (141), Simpson and Edwards (65), Davy (65, a most efficient Deacon), Benjamin (S.D. 861), Webb (382), and Vesper (P.M. 554), who was unanimously elected an Honorary Member, as also was Bro. Wm. H. Gale, Wanbansia Lodge, 160, Chicago, U.S.A. All business being concluded, the lodge was closed in the usual form, and the brethren spent a most agreeable hour together. We must add that the club is held in a very comfortable room, and that Bro. Simpson, the worthy host, (who acted as J.G.) looked well after the happiness of the brethren present.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction, No. 79.—The Pythagorean Chapter, No. 79, which was consecrated in March last, at The Ship Hotel, Greenwich, (under such favourable auspices,) has already begun to show some proofs of the zeal of its founders, and of their great desire to promulgate the principles of the R.A. in the S.E. district, for on Friday evening, the 13th inst., a Chapter of Instruction in connection with the above was formally opened at Comp. C. Wall's, The Prince of Orange Tavern, Greenwich-road, (next the Railway Station.) The Chapter was opened by Comps. R. Wentworth Little, P.Z. 177 and 975, as M.E.Z.; W. West Smith, J. 79, as H., and Jas. Brett, P.Z. 177 and 975, as J.; and the Companions having been admitted, the ceremony of consecration was performed by Comps. Little and Brett, in the faultless manner for which they are so famed, and to the great satisfaction of every one present; after which the Patriarchal Benediction was delivered by Comp. Brett. The ceremony of exaltation was then rehearsed, Comp. Brett officiating as Z.; W. W. Smith, H.; Smithers, J.; Griffin, S.W., and J. R. Nash, P.S., all of which Companions fully merited the warm approval they received from the assembled Companions. The M.E.Z. having risen to inquire whether any one had ought to propose for the good of R.A. Masonry in general, Comp. W. West Smith proposed, "That the cordial thanks of this Chapter be given to Comps. Little and Brett, for their kindness in performing the ceremony of consecration, and also that they be elected Honorary Members," which was carried unanimously, and Comps. Little and Brett in brief, but expressive terms, tendered their thanks. A number of Companions were then elected as joining members. Comp. J. R. Nash then proposed, "That Comp. W. W. Smith be elected Preceptor," which was carried unanimously. Comp. Smith returned thanks for the honour they had conferred upon him, and expressed a hope that the Companions would support him in such numbers as to make the Chapter a prosperous one. Comp. Smith then proposed "That Comp. J. R. Nash be elected Scribe E.," which was carried unanimously, and Comp. Nash in reply said that nothing should be wanting on his part to conduce to the prosperity of the Chapter. The Chapter was then closed, and Comp. Brett delivered the valedictory addresses. Amongst those brethren present we noticed:—Comps. R. W. Little, P.Z. 177 and 975, P.G.S. Middlesex; J. Brett, P.Z. 177 and 975; A. Turner, P.Z. 12; J. Lightfoot, P.Z. 169; S. Noble, P.Z. 206; J. H. H. Doughney, M.E.Z. 79; R. Boney, H. 79; W. W. Smith, J. 79; T. Perridge, S.E. 79; J. Griffin, S.N. 79; J. R. Nash, P.S. 79; R. Trill, 1st A.S. 79; E. J. B. Bumstead, 2nd A.S. 79; R. Waterhouse (79), J. T. E. Firth (79), H. Roberts (79), C. M. Mienyard (78), C. Wald (79), T. Smith (High Cross Chapter), J. Koper (169), C. Smithers J. (435), W. Andrews (169), J. Bavin (73), T. Arnold (169) and Pulley (169.) This Chapter will hold its meetings every Friday evening at 8 o'clock, and we can strongly recommend the R.A. Masons of the district to attend, as we feel convinced it is a step in the right direction as supplying a want long felt in the locality.

The Domestic Chapter of Instruction, which is the oldest in London, now meet every Friday evening, at Bro. Fisher's Restaurant, Metropolitan Railway, Victoria Station, and we recommend all R.A. Companions in this neighbourhood who wish to perfect themselves in the Ritual of this sublime degree to enrol themselves as members, where they will have the advantage of Comp. Cotterburne's able instruction. The room, besides being strictly private is well lit and attended, and Bro. Fisher's name is a guarantee as to the excellency of the refreshments supplied.

Notings from Masonic Journals.

The *Chaine d' Union* of Paris states that Masonry continues to develop itself vigorously and widely in Hungary. The new lodge "Mathias Corvinus" at Pesth, has already 46 members.

The Lodge "George Washington," at Palermo, has seceded from the Italian Supreme Council, and declared its independence, in consequence of a sentence affecting Bro. Crispo, editor of the *Humanitario*, being promulgated by the Council.

The Lodge "Chaine d' Union," at Beyrouth, Syria, was consecrated on the 4th ult., nearly 80 brethren took part in the ceremonial. Bro. Monastercki was installed as Venerable, and Bros. Kulp and Lenir are the two Wardens. The Ven. delivered an excellent discourse on the progress of Freemasonry in the East.

The *New York Landmark* announces the formation of a New German Lodge, at Paterson, New Jersey; the lodge is named after Humboldt.

For some time past the brethren of the "Goderich Union Lodge," No. 490, English Register, meeting at Goderich, O., have been contemplating the surrender of its English warrant, and affiliating themselves into the Grand Lodge of Canada, and we now have pleasure in chronicling the consummation of this important and satisfactory change. The M.W. Grand Master having been pleased, on the unanimously-signed memorial of the brethren composing the said lodge, to authorize the issuing of a warrant of Constitution and Affiliation, and the said lodge will in future be known as "Goderich" Lodge, No. 33, the following-named brethren being the principal officers, viz: W. Bro. Harry Reed, W.M.; Bro. Alexander M. Johnson, Senior Warden; and Bro. Daniel Ferguson, Junior Warden.—*New York Figaro*.

The Order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, which had lately been introduced into this Dominion, and to which we referred in *The Craftsman* of a previous number, is fast extending itself, and already we learn of petitions having been sent to the Supreme Conclave in England from this city, Montreal and London, and that preparations are being inaugurated for opening Conclaves at Toronto, Kingston, Peterboro', Collingwood and other places. We hope to be enabled in our next to give the names of the officers and other particulars in connection with this beautiful Order.—*Craftsman and Canadian Masonic Record*.

The oldest member of the Masonic Craft in Jersey died on Tuesday, and was buried on Friday last in the Jews' burial place, in St. John's-road, according to the rites of the Jews, by the Rabbi, the Rev. T. L. Hanau. The subject of this notice was named Isaac Benjamin Asher, and at the time of his death was in his 88th year. He was initiated into the Order of Free and Accepted Masons in the island of Jamaica, in the year 1809.—*Jersey Express*.

The following New Conclaves of the Red Cross Order have been recently established in Canada:—St. Helena Conclave, No. 21, at Montreal; Harrington Conclave, No. 22, at Hamilton; Huron Conclave, No. 24, at London; Moore Conclave, No. 25, at Peterborough. Several others are in course of formation under the auspices of Colonel M'Leod Moore, 33°, C. Instructor-General for the Dominion, and T. Douglas Harrington, 33°, Instructor-General for Ontario and Quebec. A Conclave is also about to be started at Gibraltar.

THE Kent Lodge of Instruction for Mark Masters has changed its name to "Metropolitan," and the installation ceremony will be worked therein, at the Lyceum Tavern, Strand, on Monday evening, the 23rd inst.

The brethren of the Adams's Lodge, Sheerness, have recently subscribed the funds necessary to erect a splendid carved headstone in the Sheerness Cemetery to the memory of two brothers who were killed in the recent terrible accident on board H.M. Ship, "Thistle." The names of the deceased were John Dean, a fitter, and Joseph Lawrence, a stoker, who lie buried side-by-side. Thus will be recorded for many years the dreadful catastrophe which launched into eternity so many human beings, and made so many widows and orphans.

GARDEN IVIES.—The Ivy Green appears to be on the high road to be regarded as a fancy plant, if such a term be allowable. At all events, as auriculas and geraniums and roses are cultivated in endless variety, and regarded as "fancy flowers," and flowers for "fanciers," so the ivy, apparently a most unpromising subject, has evidently found one advocate of its claims to be introduced to the intellectual region in which "fancies," "tastes," "passions," and "manias" originate. In the *Gardeners' Magazine* just published occur descriptions and figures of no less than 50 varieties of ivies in the well-known collections of experimental plants cultivated by Mr. Shirley Hibberd. We learn from the descriptions of these ivies that they are various in character, some of them producing gigantic leaves of a thick texture, some producing white or golden berries; others, again, richly variegated, and a few that are both minute and curious, the smallest of all having leaves of a purple colour, that in outlines resemble the foot of a bird. Few of us who look casually at common things could have had any idea that any one cultivator, however ardent and able, could have accomplished such wonders for such a sober plant as the "ivy green;" nor is our surprise in any degree lessened when we learn that these 50 sorts have been actually selected as the most distinct and beautiful out of about 200. All the best specimens, some 200 in number, in the Stoke Newington collection have lately been purchased by Mr. Charles Turner, of the Royal Nursery.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE & HOSPITAL.

The Regular Grand Conclave of the Orders of the Temple and Malta was holden at Head Quarters, 14, Bedford-row, on Friday, the 13th inst.

Owing to the announcement that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had graciously signified his intention of attending, there was an unusually large muster of present and past Grand Officers and other Knights entitled to be present, in fact the large hall was full some time before the hour appointed for the commencement of the proceedings.

Among the most prominent members of the Order present we observed the M.E. and S.G.M., the Rev. J. Huyshe, D.G.M.; Col. Vernon, P.D.G.M.; several Prov. G. Commanders, the Earl of Limerick, Lord Lindsay, and many others.

The Grand Conclave having been opened in due form the minutes of the last Grand Conclave were read, and afterwards the Report of the Committee of General Purposes as follows:—

“Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master,

“Your Committee has the honour to state that no important changes have taken place in the Order since the Grand Conclave in December, 1869.

“A Warrant has been granted for a new Encampment and Priory at Orillia, in the County of Simcoe, Province of Ontario, Dominion of Canada, named the Mount Calvary; making the total number of Encampments under your Banner 107.

“It has pleased you, Sir, to appoint Sir Knight the Honourable F. Walpole, M.P., Grand Commander for the Province of Norfolk, in the room of Sir Knight Benjamin Bond Cabbell, resigned, and the necessary Warrant has been passed under the Seal of the Order in accordance with your authority.

“Your Committee regrets to report the death of the Reverend Edward Chaloner Ogle, heretofore Provincial Grand Commander for Northumberland and Berwick, and trusts you will be able to replace his loss by an appropriate appointment.

“Your Committee has to lament the resignation of one of your best and most active officers, the Rev. Dr. Senior, Provincial Grand Commander for West Yorkshire, on the ground of advanced age, which obliges him to reduce the circle of his Masonic usefulness. Your Committee has, however, the satisfaction of stating that Dr. Senior has consented to hold the office *in commendam* till the appointment of his successor.

“The Province of Ceylon has become vacant by the retirement from that country of the Provincial Grand Commander Sir Knight Crookshank, in the course of his military duty, who, however, will now perform his homage.

“Your Committee has been unable, as yet, to submit to your favourable consideration a Knight of adequate position to assume the command of the Province of Stafford and Warwick, in which your Grand Chancellor held *virtute officii* Provincial Grand Conclaves, in February, 1869 and 1870. In the meantime that Province has not suffered by the provisional administration of the Deputy Provincial Grand Commander Sir Knight Hibbert, whom your Committee recommends for Grand Office, as a reward for his zeal and judgment.

“Your Committee has, in the execution of an unpleasant duty, felt it necessary to recommend the suspension of the Tynte Encampment, for persistent neglect in making the Annual Return, after repeated and formal applications, no other means being left to reduce this Encampment to a sense of obligation.

“The following Encampments have been reported to your Committee as not having sent in their Returns for the year 1869:—

Bermuda, Cabbell, Cœur de Lion (Canada), Celestial, Cornubian, Coteswold, De Furnival, Faith (Bradford), Faith (Wigan), Fearnley, Geoffrey de Saint Aldemar (Canada), Grove, Harcourt, Hope, Hugh de Payens (Canada), King Baldwyn (Canada), Loyal Burmah, Mount Calvary in the East (Bombay), Mount Zion, Plains of Mamre (Hawarth), Royal Edward, Saint John of Jerusalem (Todmorden), Star of the East, Sussex (late Plantagenet), Canada, Temple Cressing, Tynte, Union, and William de la More the Martyr (Canada).

“You have on the recommendation of your Committee struck off the Roll two Grand Officers, who after five summonses have neglected to pay their fees of honour.

“Your Committee recommends that these fees should in future be paid on acceptance of the nomination to Grand Office.

“In consequence of the non-attendance of Grand Officers at the Meetings of Grand Conclave, your Committee has determined strictly to enforce in future the fines due from Grand Officers for non-attendance to their duties.

“The premises at 14, Bedford-row, having passed into other hands, the Grand Conclave received, on 25th December last, a formal notice to quit, in consequence of which arrangements have been made for meeting in future at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street.

“Your Committee invites the serious attention of Grand Conclave to the financial report of the Grand Treasurer, which it begs to support; and to recommend that, pursuant to notice given at the last Grand Conclave, the fees for Registration and Certificates for Knights Templar should be raised from 15s. to £1 1s. od.; the fee for Grand Officers' Patents, from 7s. 6d. to 10s. 6d.; and that the Annual Contribution by Members of the Order should be raised to 2s. 6d., exclusive of the 1s. to the Fund of Benevolence. It is estimated that this slight increase will, joined with strict economy, enable the revenue to cover the expenditure; an object which is at present effected with difficulty, and will soon become impracticable.

The Balance in the Grand Treasurer's hands, at the end of the financial year ending with March, amounts to £177 9 5
Benevolent Fund £183 15 2

£361 4 7

“By Order of the Committee of Grand Conclave,
“† P. MAC C. DE COLQUHOUN, Grand Chancellor.”

In pursuance of a recommendation contained in the Report and of a Notice given at the last Grand Conclave, the Grand Treasurer then proceeded to move a resolution for the increase of fees—premising by remarking that the income was daily growing more inadequate to meet the expenditure, notwithstanding the rigid economy practiced by the Executive—that at the present the Knights only paid one shilling per annum to the General Fund, while their brother Knights in the United States cheerfully paid many times that amount. Nevertheless, he hoped the small addition asked for would enable the business at Head Quarters to be carried on with less difficulty, and he felt sure the matter only needed bringing under the notice of Grand Conclave to ensure a ready acquiescence in so moderate a request.

The motion was seconded by the Rev. John Huyshe, the D.G.M., who said he felt almost ashamed to detain the attention of Grand Conclave on such a point; he did not doubt that the motion would be readily agreed to by all concerned.

After a few remarks by the Grand Prior, the Earl of Limerick, who explained that the Grand Treasurer only asked for an annual increase of 1s. 6d. per head, the motion was put and carried without any dissent.

The motion to confirm the Report of the Committee having been moved and seconded, was carried unanimously, and then, upon the proposition of the D.G.M., the Grand Master was proclaimed and saluted.

The following Grand Officers were appointed by the Grand Master:—

Grand Seneschal	Lord Skelmersdale.
Grand Prior	Earl of Limerick.
Grand Sub. Prior	Colonel Elliott.
Grand Prelate	Rev. E. Moore.
First Grand Captain	Major Hebbert.
Second Grand Captain	C. Chandos Pole.
Grand Chancellor	Sir P. Colquhoun.
Grand Vice Chancellor	W. Tinkler.
Grand Registrar	J. Lavender.
Grand Chamberlain	E. J. Morris.
Grand Hospitaller	L. P. Metham.
Grand Director of Ceremonies	J. Lambert Sim.
Asst.	J. Starkey.
Grand Superintendent of Works	T. Williams.
Grand Constable	J. H. Younghusband.
Grand Provost	J. G. Chancellor.
Grand Almoner	Capt. Phayre.
Grand Warden of Regalia	George Lambert.
First Grand Expert	C. F. Aiden.
Second Grand Expert	Colonel Ratcliffe.
First Grand Standard-bearer	S. Jones.
Second Grand Standard-bearer	B. Davis.
Third Grand Standard-bearer	T. W. Harrison.
Fourth Grand Standard-bearer	J. W. Boord.
First Grand Aide-de-Camp	G. R. Crickmay.
Second Grand Aide-de-Camp	E. A. N. Roysds.
First Grand Captain of Lines	M. O. Sim.
Second Grand Captain of Lines	Lord Lindsay.
First Grand Herald	W. Mabey.
Second Grand Herald	J. Poulter.
Grand Organist	W. Gantz.
Grand Sword-bearer	E. D. Anderton.
G.M.'s Banner-bearer	T. Wilson.
Grand Equerries	{ J. Woodstock. { J. G. Froud.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was then announced, and entered the Hall in a procession in the following order:—

The Grand Director of Ceremonies
(carrying the banner of His Royal Highness).
The Grand Chancellor.
The Grand Seneschal. The Grand Prior.
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.
Aide-de-Camp. Aide-de-Camp.
(Passing through the arch of steel)

After his Royal Highness had taken his seat on the right of the Grand Master, the following knights were presented to him by the Grand Chancellor: Past Grand Commanders W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Dr. Bryant, Major Crookshank, G. Francis, Capt. Philips, A. M. Ritchie, C. J. Vigne, W. J. Meymott, Capt. Clerke, R. J. Spiers, the Grand Prelate, Grand Vice-Chancellor, Grand Registrar, and Grand Treasurer.

His Royal Highness was then saluted by the Knights present, the column being commanded by the two Grand Captains, Sir Knights Major Hebbert and C. Chandos Pole.

Sir Knight Tepper was then duly proposed and seconded, and unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The following Knights were then nominated by the Grand Master to serve on the committee: Grand Prior the Earl of Limerick, Grand Prelate the Rev. E. Moore, R. J. Spiers, D.P.G.C. Oxford, and Grand Director of Ceremonies, J. L. Sim.

The following Knights were then duly proposed and seconded as members of the committee, and elected by Grand Conclave: C. Fendelow, J. Taylor, Hon. Capt. Hood, M.P., S. Rawson, Past P.G.C. China, and W. Birch, P.G. Registrar, Lancashire.

Sir Knight Major Alexander C. Crookshank, P.G.C. for Ceylon, was then presented to the Grand Master by the Grand Chancellor and performed homage.

After the Grand Conclave had been closed in due form,

his Royal Highness retired to his private room for a short time, returning to the hall in the clothing of a Knight of Malta.

The Grand Prior, the Rev. J. Huyshe, then opened a Priory of the Order of Malta, under the banner of the Observance Priory, when the following Knights were admitted to this Order:—All Souls Encampment: C. F. Aiden and G. R. Crickmay; Faith and Fidelity: C. J. Hampden and R. H. Thrupp; Fearnley: J. Wordsworth, Hinxman, J. Douglas; Kemeys Tynte: J. Taylor; Loyal Brunswick: L. P. Metham; Mount Calvary: C. Harcourt; St. George's (London): D. C. M. Gordon, Stuart and J. Steavenson; United: T. Wilson.

After the Installation the Arch of Steel was re-formed, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales retired in a procession as on his entrance.

The M.E. and S.G. Master having opened a Grand Priory of Knights of Malta, the minutes of the last Grand Priory were read and confirmed, and the Report of the Committee was read as follows:—

“Most Eminent and Supreme Sir,

“The increase of this Order having rendered it advisable that a Grand Priory should be holden in the present month for the admission of Members under the banner of some Private Encampment, you have been pleased to assign this honour to the Observance Encampment.

“Your Committee begs to recommend that the Register of this Order should be kept separate, that proper books be provided for that purpose, and that the Fees for the Registration and Certificates of Members be raised from 2s. 6d. to 10s. 6d., with the object of covering the extra expense occasioned thereby.

“By Order of the Committee of Grand Priory,

“† P. MAC C. DE COLQUHOUN, Grand Chancellor.”

The Grand Treasurer then *pro forma* moved the resolution relative to the fees so far as concerned this Order which was seconded and carried.

The Report of the Committee having been received and adopted, the Grand Priory was closed in ample form from. After the proceedings of Grand Conclave a Banquet took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. The M.E. and Senior Grand Master presided, supported by the Deputy Grand Master, Col. Vernon, the Earl of Limerick, Sir P. Colquhoun, W. J. Meymott, and about 40 other Knights.

SUPREME CHAPTER OF G.E. KTS. K.H.

MAY 12th, 1870.

Present: Ill. Bros. Vigne (M.P.S.) 33°, H. C. Vernon 33°, Capt. Philips 33°, Col. Clerk 33°, Rev. W. Bowyer 33°, Major Adair 33°, Sir M. Costa 33°, J. M. P. Montague 33°; members of the Supreme Council. Ill. Bro. Hyde Pullen 33°; Bros. R. Costa 32°, Sir Colquhoun 32°, Bannister 32°, T. M. Talbot 32°, Glaisher 32°, C. Fendelow 31°, T. Middleton 31°, Lord Lindsay 31°, Chandos Pole 31°, Rev. C. R. Davy 31°, Blenkin 31°, and Gen. Doherty 31°. Bros. Col. Birchall, E. Ashworth, Boord, Dubosc, F. King, A. B. Cook, R. de M. Lawson, J. J. Forrester, W. Brignall, jun., S. H. Clerke, Dr. E. B. Bogg, Joseph Taylor, W. H. Brittain, C. Hutton Gregory, C. A. Newnam, G. Lambert, A. B. Fraser, James Keene, H. W. Hemsworth, W. H. Marwood, F. Binckes, J. Starkey, C. Fox Roe, C. C. Whitney Griffiths 30°.

Candidates admitted: Bros. Rev. T. FitzArthur T. Ravenshaw, John Lambert Sim, T. Jowitt, J. Hervey, Capt. G. Annersley Phayre (R.N.), Dr. F. H. Woodforde, and Lieut.-Col. John Elliott.

Letters were read from members stating cause of absence, &c.

Congratulatory remarks were made as to the steadily increasing prosperity of the Order, and votes of thanks were given to the three auditors of the accounts, to Ill. Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips for his valuable services as Grand Treasurer, and to Col. Clerk for his services in the chair.

The banquet was well attended, and the proceedings of the day passed off with that perfect harmony and good feeling which characterise these meetings.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending May 28, 1870.

MONDAY, MAY 23.

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's, St. James's.
- " 183, Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 902, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
- Sincerity Lodge of Instruction (174), Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, at 7.
- Wellington Lodge of Instruction, White Swan Tavern, Deptford, at 8.
- Camden Lodge of Instruction (704), Adelaide Tavern, Haverstock-hill, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction (95), Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, at 7.30, Bro. E. Gottheil, Preceptor.
- British Oak Lodge of Instruction, Bank of Friendship Tavern, Mile End, at 7 for 8.

TUESDAY, MAY 24.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 92, Moira, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
- " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- " 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tavern, Walworth.
- Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship & Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-st.
- " 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, George Hotel, Aldermanbury, at 7; Comp. Brett, Preceptor.
- Domestic Lodge of Instruction, Palmerston Tav., Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, at 7.30.
- Royal Union Lodge of Instruction (382), Hotel de Cologne, 60 and 61, Haymarket, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Faith Lodge of Instruction, Metropolitan Railway, Victoria Station, at 8; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
- Prince Fredk. William Lodge of Instruction (753) Knights of St. John's Tavern, St. John's-wood; Bro. F. G. Baker, Preceptor.
- Prestonian Club of Instruction (for M.M.'s only), Lyceum Tavern, Strand.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25.

- Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
- " 753, Prince Frederick William, Knights of St. John Tavern, St. John's Wood.
- " 754, High Cross, White Hart, Tottenham.
- " 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
- K.T. Encampment, Temple Crossing, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
- Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction (79), Prince of Orange, Greenwich, at 8.
- United Strength Lodge of Instruction (228), Bull & Gate, Kentish Town-road, at 8; Bro. J. N. Frost, Preceptor.
- Israel Lodge of Instruction, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, at 7.30; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
- Confidence Lodge of Instruction (193), Railway Tavern, Railway-place, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
- Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, The Grapes Tavern, Duke-street, Manchester-square, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, P.G.P., Preceptor.
- New Concord Lodge of Instruction, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton, at 8.
- Sydney Lodge of Instruction (829), Cambridge Hotel, Upper Norwood, at 7.30.
- Peckham Lodge of Instruction, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham; Bro. David Rose, Preceptor.
- Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria-park, at 7.30; Bro. J. Terry, Preceptor.

THURSDAY, MAY 26.

ASCENSION DAY.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
- Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
- Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 657, Canonbury, George Hotel, Aldermanbury.
- Fidelity Lodge of Instruction (3), Goat and Compasses, Euston-road, at 8; Bro. T. A. Adams, Preceptor.
- Finsbury Club of Instruction, Jolly Anglers' Tavern, 42, Bath-street, City-road.
- United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. T. J. Barnes, Preceptor.
- St. George's Lodge of Instruction (140), Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.

FRIDAY, MAY 27.

- Lodge 197, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
- " 861, Finsbury, Jolly Anglers, Bath-st., St. Luke's.
- Chap. 749, Belgrave, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street.
- St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction (144), Pier Htl., Chelsea.
- Unions Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- Domestic Chapter of Instruction, Metropolitan Railway, Victoria Station, at 8; Comp. Cottebrune, Preceptor.
- Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, George Hotel, Aldermanbury, at 7; Bro. Brett, Preceptor.
- United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, Horns Tavern, Kennington, at 7.
- Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Duke of Wellington Htl., Spring-gardens, Charing-cross; Br. Pulsford, Preceptor.
- Doric Lodge of Instruction, Three Cranes Tavern, Mile-end-road, at 8; Bro. Isaac Saqui, Preceptor.
- Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7; Br. D. S. Potts, Preceptor.
- Temperance Lodge of Instruction, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford, at 8.

SATURDAY, MAY 28.

- Red Cross Conclave, Rose and Lily, Gosden's, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
- Star Lodge of Instruction (1275), Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, at 7.
- South-Eastern Masonic Charitable Association New Cross Branch.

THE Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction (1278), Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, on Wednesday next, 25th inst., by Bro. Saunders, S.W. of the parent lodge.

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