THE BOYS' SCHOOL PROVISIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND ITS CENSORS.

Very unfair treatment is being meted out to the Provisional Management Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. When nearly two years ago this body was appointed to reorganise the administration of the School, and place it on a footing which should be satisfactory to the Governors and Subscribers, it was recognised on all hands that the task with which it was entrusted was both an onerous and a responsible one, and that it would require clever handling in order to carry it out successfully. It was known, however, that the Committee was for the most part composed of men of large and varied experience, of sound common sense, and good business habits, and a feeling of confidence existed among the brethren interested in the welfare of the School that the duty it had undertaken would be performed thoroughly and well. That confidence has not been belied. The Committee has laboured hard, and with a zeal, an ability, and a singleness of purpose which reflects the highest credit on its members, both individually and collectively. The Head Master and his Assistants are deemed to have already greatly improved the tone of the School, while the report we published last week assures us that the new regime, which has been so effectively established, enjoys the unblushing effrontery that the claim was a preposterous one; that the milk bill, or some such item, was ridiculously small; and that the much-vaunted new system of accounts, as it was utterly unlike what it had been accustomed to in the good old days of its account-keeping, was about as ridiculous as the milk bill. The Provisional Committee wisely took no notice of this attack, but went quietly about its task, as men of business are wont to do, and last month it published its accounts and balance-sheet for the present year. In the meantime has the Finance Sub-Committee been idle. A new system of account-keeping has undergone a thorough revision, and in this new and revised form have been sanctioned and approved by the Governors and Subscribers in Quarterly General Court assembled. Nor in the meantime has the Finance Sub-Committee been idle. A new system of account-keeping has been adopted, and is carried under the supervision of a professional accountant, and the audited statement of account and balance-sheet, with the signature appended of that accountant, and verified by the Finance Sub-Committee, make it clear, as we stated in the article we penned on these documents a little while ago, not only that the funds at the disposal of the governing body have been wisely administered, but also that a distinct advance in the direction of a greater economy has been made. In short, the Provisional Management Committee, which is on the eve of retiring in order to make way for the newly-sanctioned Governing Bodies, is able to show that the duties which nearly two years ago it undertook to perform have been performed both generally and particularly with a considerable amount of success, and we doubt not that when its task is completed it will receive, as it richly deserves to receive, the sincere thanks of the whole body, or at all events an overwhelming majority, of the Governors and Subscribers.

Under the circumstances which we have been careful to describe with accuracy, and without any approach to exaggeration, it might be thought that the Committee, which had done, and was doing, its work so well, would have received encouragement and support from all quarters, or at all events that in the face of the recognised difficulties by which the path of the Committee was beset, the spirit of partisanship which would have had the decadence to remit at least until the said Committee was in a position torender a final and complete account of its stewardship. In the interests of that fair play of which Englishmen pride themselves, we had a right to expect such forbearance. We had the expectation have been realised. When the Provisional Management Committee issued its first accounts and balance-sheet—for the half-year ended 31st December, 1889—and clamed that it had reduced the expenditure to somewhere about £39 per boy, there was in the part taking, and declared with unblushing effrontery that the claim was a preposterous one; that the milk bill, or some such item, was ridiculously
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CONSECRATION OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE, NO. 2397.

The proceedings took place in the Scarsdale Lodge room, which was crowded with representatives of nearly all the neighbouring lodges. There was a numerous attendance of brethren.

The brethren having taken their places, Bro. C. O. O'Connell, P.G.J.W. England, took the chair, and stated that the initiating ceremony took place on the 11th of this month, at which time the brethren met to look for quality, and not for quantity. He wished to tell them what had been the usual formalities having been duly recognised, the Prov. Grand Master announced the object of the gathering, and B. G. W. C. Bennett, J.D.; W. H. Crofts, I.G.; A. Boden and W. T. Buckland, Secds.; V. W. Flower, Sec., and William Grayson, Appraiser were appointed to Masonic in a Masonic pose, and the Prov. Grand Master proceeded to constitute the brethren into a regular lodge.

An oration having been delivered, an anthem, "Hail the Universal Lord," was rendered, at the conclusion of which the first portion of the consecration prayer was offered. The second and third portions were then offered and joined in by the brethren, and the last portion was put together in unison. Having been sung, the Prov. Grand Master gave the invocation, and the necessary presentations of the lodge by the lodge brethren, as the name of the lodge was no longer trussed to the Prov. Grand Master, and it was now of the P.G.D. of C. and the lodge performed by the Prov. Grand Master of the Chapman with the emblems of the latter portion of the consecration prayer was read, and the lodge was associated with salt by the Prov. Grand Master, who pronounced the final dedication and consecration. The ceremony concluded with the installation of Bro. W. Wynne Jeudwine, P.W.S., W. M., designated as first W. M. of the lodge. The address of dedication and consecration was given by Bro. Sir Somers Vine. They were always anxious to throw upon another man's shoulders whatever their own duty might be, and he was happy to do so upon the present occasion on principle, because he had always occupied more of their attention than he probably had before. And, therefore, he should simply content himself with saying how happy he was that he had the honour of consecrating a lodge close to that building called the Anglo-American Lodge, from which many of them hailed, America was never finished and there was always something going on and being discovered, and in which the same excellent principles would be carried out which had been the case in the present day of indiscriminate admission, for the Order had too often the water. During the past four years its mission had been amply and successfully filled, for the Anglo-American Lodge had, as he was aware, held out to Masons who had made the Anglo-American Lodge so distinguished. They had met that day to receive a house "—was then proceeded with, and the lodge was solemnly dedicated and constituted in due form.

The Grand Secretary then installed the W. M., designate, Bro. Adolphus Clark, P.W.S., who, in the absence of the acting officers—Bros. Major George Lambert, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; and Francis W. Figout, P.M., Stewards; Brackstone and B. H. R. Weston, Secs.; and William Grayson, Tyler. Approval was obtained from Grand Lodge, and were desirous that the lodge, which had obtained a warrant from Grand Lodge, and were desirous that the lodge, when the first portion of the ceremony was now reached. The petitioners for the new lodge arranged themselves round one side of the room, and were questioned by the Prov. Grand Master as to whether they approved of the brethren nominated in the warrant to preside over them.

The founders and officers designate of the new lodge—a large majority of whom were Masons. The ceremony was concluded with the instal-
Wm. another little matter, and that was they claimed that Masonry was a grand and were not going to play more than second fiddle to any body. He said to those they were not ashamed of, and that it was associated with Charity. The secret installation was followed by an evening’s music, and no one went away but felt there was something in Masonry. There was one great thing—It is the one who did so much for the ritual in England, and whose example was great.

There were many brethren who were well-known in the two hemispheres, and anyone who did so much for the ritual in England, and whose example was great.

The ceremony of consecration having been performed by Earl Amherst, the following were installed by Comp. T. S. Warne as the three Principals of the Lodge:

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G. S., as D.C.; W. J. Lane, Prov. G.D.C., as A.D.C.; and Comp. P. G. S. as Prov. G.S.B.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

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VISITATION OF LODGES.

I am always very pleased to reply to any queries of my Brethren, especially when forwarded from abroad, and when they are truly interesting. Under these circumstances my Brother "Student" will not expect me to answer them in the usual manner. The more important the inquiry, the more particular will be the answer.

The usual loyal toasts and those of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.M.," &c., and "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," were warmly received, and by all classes of the Band.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities," was handed to the Secretary, being occupied at the moment by the W.M. of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when the great charity of the Craft was the subject of the occasion. The W.M., who was the first to rise, took a chair amounting to £1,752, being the same amount in pounds as the sum of £2,000 sent by the W.M. of the Lodge at the moment of the engagement, although he did not attain the proud position of being the W.M. of the Grand Lodge. But the W.M. of the Lodge at the moment of the engagement was the same as he was last year, as for his speech he was the sixth highest, and he sincerely thanked the Brethren, who, by his means, contributed to the carrying out of the W.M. to that very satisfactory result. After concluding his address the W.M. took his seat, and the attention of the Brethren was directed to the action of the Grand Lodge in declining to accept the recommendation from the Brethren of the Lodge to invest their I.P.M. with a Past Master's Chair. The Brethren of the Lodge would be inclined to invest their I.P.M. with a Past Master's Chair, and thus most useful for their members. Small as the W.M. was, it was far better for the W.M., when so far removed from head-quarters, to have the chair in the Lodge, than to have it in a distant part in relation to the instruction of the Scottish Crafts.

The Brethren of the Lodge, when the way is clear, Under present circumstances, will take the necessary steps to make a petition to the Grand Lodge to invest their I.P.M. with a Past Master's Chair.

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Birkenhead.

Moore's annual meeting (No. 603).—Bro. A. Moore was, on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Canning Place, Birkenhead, in the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, when a large number of brethren from the surrounding neighbourh.
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The Visitors was the next toast on the list and was read by Mr. T. M. Barron, T. A. Johnson, and G. N. Paterson.

Preliminary matters of the meeting included the opening of the lodge on the 15th inst., when several lay members of the lodge were present.

J. Griffiths, J.C.; and G. W. Hawke, S.F.

There was a large gathering of members and visitors.


The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned.

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The meeting closed with the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, and the brethren adjourned.
Lodge minutes and meeting notices from various lodges.
Mount Calvary Preceptory (D)—The recent meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Place, Darlington. Among the visitors present, we were happy to note the presence of Mr. R. A. Tuck, St. Cuthbert’s Preceptory (No. 139).—

The meeting was opened by the Right Worshipful Master, who gave an address of welcome to the brethren present. He reminded the brethren of the position of the Order in the community and the importance of maintaining its high standards.

The business of the evening was conducted in a most orderly manner, and the brethren were urged to work hard to maintain the high reputation of the lodge.

The evening was adjourned to the banquet room to dinner, on the invitation of the Right Worshipful Master.

The next meeting was arranged for the following Saturday, and all brethren were invited to attend.

Mount Calvary Preceptory (D)—The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and adopted, the Right Worshipful Master then read a letter from Mr. F. W. Driver, P.E.C., G.S.B., Treasurer, a position that he had only just vacated through illness. He wished the brethren of Mount Calvary Preceptory all success in their future work.

It was unanimously resolved that the summer outing take place at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Place, Darlington, on the 12th inst., and that the right of refusal be reserved to the individual Brethren.

The right of refusal was duly exercised by the brethren present, and the right of refusal was accordingly exercised.

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MASSONIC LECTURE AT PLYMOUTH.

Under the banner of Fortitude Lodge, No. 105, one of the most interesting meetings which have been held in connection with the work of Masonic and ceremonial took place in the large hall in Plymouth in connection with the working of Masonic rituals and ceremonies.

After a few preliminary remarks, Bro. Stevens proceeded with an address on "The Masonic Use of the Term Masson," and the meeting was largely attended for more than two hours.

A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens was proposed by Bro. W. S. Langley, P.M., of local lodges and carried unanimously.

Bro. J. R. Goddard, P.S.G.G., carried a motion that the same Constitutions of Freemasonry, with a few modifications, should be adopted by all Masonic lodges in the Province.

We should not fail to mention that in the course of the evening, Bro. ALFRED HENRY, P.M., of local lodges and carried unanimously.

Miss Clara Jecks was appointed to be媒值 the 19th inst., at the usual Harrisonian scale of profuseness, each lady having been entertained at a great expense, and the guests were regaled with a delicious banquet, which was followed by an excellent entertainment.

Mr. F. J. Horniman, in conjunction with Dan Leno and Mr. T. S. Baring, got up a mock show, and the performance was well received.

The next was a splendid imitation of "You dirty old thing," and the audience was highly delighted.

Mr. D. H. Seldon, in his inimitable style, was introduced to the audience, and the performance was highly appreciated.

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At a meeting of the Sylves Lodge, No. 1290, Duffield, on December 25th, W. J. Dixon was elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

The Masonic world has an interest in German Freemasonry, and the Masonic Review has been prompted to comment on the large increase in the number of Masons in the various Countries of Germany. The following figures illustrate the general growth:

- Bavaria with 5,589,382
- Saxony with 3,910,000
- Prussia with 10,083,000
- Wurttemberg with 2,035,443
- Alsace-Lorraine with 1,603,987
- Thuringia with 965,000

Since 1855, Germany has increased by 2,665,138 souls, equivalent to 5.7 per cent., and the total population of Germany is estimated at 64,500,000.

A splendid festival dinner of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum was held last night, among the guests invited to the occasion were the Prince of Wales and Bros. the Earl of Wharncliffe, T. H. Bolton, Sir Algernon Matthew White Ridley, Bart., T. H. Bolton, Sir Algernon

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In conclusion, the Magazine Committee of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum would like to thank all those who have contributed to the success of the past year, and look forward to a prosperous future.