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THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.

ONCE more we have the pleasure of wishing our readers A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR, and in doing so we desire to tender our heartiest thanks to the numerous friends of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE who have hitherto supported us. During the past twelve months we have frequently had to chronicle the ravages of that grim monster—Death—and, strange as it may appear on our part to refer to so dismal a subject, at what should be the most joyful season of the year, we cannot help calling to mind the many dear friends who, since the last Christmas, "have gone to the undiscover'd country, from whose bourn no traveller returns." But we must dismiss these thoughts from our mind, and strive, by every means in our power, to promote as much enjoyment as is possible among those who are still around us; and who, let us hope, will share with us the pleasures of Christmas for many years to come. As year by year we have the opportunity of joining in the hearty greetings of this festive season we cannot but feel a pride in the progress of the work we have undertaken. The number of our friends increases day by day, but it is only on such anniversaries as the present that we seem to be able to devote a moment to a consideration of the extent to which the circle of our good wishers has attained; and then, by comparing the position with that at the corresponding period of a previous year, we are enabled to congratulate ourselves on the fact that our labours on behalf of Freemasonry are appreciated.

THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE to-day starts on the sixth year of its existence, and on taking up our pen to record this fact, we are tempted to direct the attention of our readers to consideration of a few of the questions of the day which bear most particularly upon the welfare, happiness and prosperity of Freemasons as a body. On every side it will be conceded that we, as a nation, are passing through a season of great commercial depression; to say that the times are bad is no mere figure of speech, the fact is brought too palpably to our very doors to be lightly passed over. Those of our brethren who act as representatives of the large trading houses of the kingdom experience the greatest difficulty in filling their order sheets, and week after week the result of their labours is meagre, while the consideration of what is to be done in the future engenders a spirit of depression and discouragement most difficult to counteract. It is not within our province to offer opinions as to the why or the wherefore of this, nor are we tempted to suggest a remedy; still we think we may offer a few suggestions that will be found acceptable to our readers. First, then we will consider how it is that during the past year, to which season more especially our remarks will apply, that the extension of our great organisation has gone steadily on. During the Masonic year no less than 60 new warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master the Prince of Wales. Associated in the management of many of these new Lodges are brethren who bring with them great experience, and a knowledge of the duties and responsibilities expected of those who seek to govern the Craft, and maintain it in the state of efficiency it now presents. The financial result of the Festivals of our three glorious Institutions was far beyond what could ever have been anticipated by the most sanguine, while in the matter of private benevolence we boldly assert that no complaint of a falling off can for a moment be sustained. To what, then, can be attributed the desire to join our ranks? Many of a cynical turn of mind will tell us that a majority of those attached to our Order are influenced by motives of gain, and this impression is endorsed by many of those weak members of the Craft who—we regret to say—are too easily led by those who are continually seeking to find unworthy motives for almost every action of daily life. This brings us to a consideration of what our brotherly relationship, the one to the other, should be. It is said that the world may know that a Mason is one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrows, and the distressed may prefer their suit. Is this fully and fairly borne in mind by the Craft at large? Is not the first wail of a brother on whom the hand of adversity has heavily fallen, treated as the signal for the listener—who should be expected to render the help desired; help which, by the way, may not always be required to take the form of a monetary gift, but frequently merely a yearning for sympathy and advice—to make himself scarce, and studiously to avoid a future meeting, lest he should be pestered with the troubles of others. We fear in placing our views thus forcibly before our readers, we may lay ourselves open to the oft-repeated charge that those who join our ranks should remember that they are incurring heavy liabilities, and that if their pursestrings will not bear the strain it were far better to hold aloof. This, we think, we may be able to reply to. How many in our own immediate circle could we name whose prospects were of the brightest, yet through no fault of their own, have been struck down in their career of prosperity? Who amongst us can make a forecast of what his business—however flourishing it may be to-day—will produce five, three, nay, even one, year hence? Life at the present time may, indeed, be called a lottery, in which there are prizes, but wherein the number of blanks far exceeds. The man who to-day is prosperous should be thankful that he is so, and not, as is too frequently the case, take all the credit to himself; rather let him look carefully into his own heart, and draw a comparison with some of his less fortunate brethren. We think he need not be long ere he arrives at the conclusion that he has much to be thankful for, and that many of those less fortunate around him demand, and are worthy of his assistance. Let us bear in mind the old saying, "Many a mickle makes a muckle;" let us give according to our means; if we cannot assist with our purse, let us do so with our counsel; we need never intrude upon our distressed brother, but should we be appealed to, let us do all in our power to help, and not turn upon our heel and rush away as if contagion were at our elbow.

In this the opening number of the Eleventh Volume of the CHRONICLE we think it desirable to follow the time-honoured custom of most journals, and lay down a programme for the future. The past speaks for itself; and, therefore, we dismiss it at once. Our course throughout our career has been unfettered by any outside influences, and we have always striven to perform our duty faithfully and fearlessly; when we say that it is our wish to maintain this line of action in the future, we think we have said all that is necessary or possible to say in connection with a journal which professes truthfully to record Masonic intelligence. If in the discharge of our editorial functions we have offended any, we trust they will now accept the right hand of fellowship, and join with us in wishing every member of the Craft

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THE PROJECTED EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

IT will be seen from an advertisement which appears in another part of this issue that the desirability of purchasing Lyncombe House and grounds as an addition to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls is to be again brought before the Governors and Subscribers of that Institution before the vote passed at the recent Special General Court is offered for confirmation. The reason assigned for this step is, "to *ensure* the matter being 'in order'"—a question of the construction of the Laws having arisen as to the manner in which the notice was given for the resolution passed at the Special General Court of the 22nd ultimo. We are pleased that the proposers of the expenditure have adopted a course which will at least give an opportunity for a further discussion of the merits of the proposal, and now that an opportunity is offered, we trust that the subject will be fully considered from every point, and that in the end it will not be possible for either side to express disapproval at the action of the other. It is well known to our readers that we are opposed to the outlay, for several reasons, and we are still of opinion that the expenditure will prove detrimental to the Institution. We therefore urge every subscriber if possible to attend the Special General Court summoned for the 3rd January, and then form his own opinion of the subject, which is really of far greater import to the Craft then appears to be considered. The outlay of £6,500 on the acquisition of further premises is in itself a question for deliberation; but as at the present time there are ample invested funds belonging to the Institution, this will not entail an appeal to the Craft to make up the amount. What is of far greater moment, and what should influence the vote, is the cost of utilising the property for the purposes of a School, and providing the amount annually needed to maintain it in a state of usefulness. No house built for ordinary domestic purposes was, or ever will be, suited for a public school, and notwithstanding the fact that the sum of £700 has just been spent in repairs—as stated by "One of the Committee who voted for the purchase," in a letter in our present issue—we maintain that the building is only worth to the Institution its value in old building material. It is useless the proposer or his supporters stating that it is suitable as a school for the younger or more backward of the scholars—they are just the ones whose health requires the most attention, and if the Institution can afford to provide a separate establishment for them, it should be at some healthy sea-side resort, where bracing air and regular country life would implant strength and vigour to their young and sensative frames, not in the midst of a thickly populated and rapidly extending neighbourhood where, even now, it is next to impossible to obtain pure air. The mere fact that it has been desirable to lately expend £700 on repairs, appears to us rather a disadvantage than otherwise, considering the purpose for which the property is required. The house must evidently be an old one, or it could not have been necessary to lay out so large an amount as £700 in repairs—or it may be alterations. If it cost that amount to adapt the building to the modern style of dwelling-house, how much more will it cost to prepare it for a school? It would be far better to build an establishment on modern plans than to think of utilising an existing structure, unless we intend to disregard all existing ideas as to the sanitary and sleeping requirements of the inmates, and this we are certain would never be allowed in connection with one of the Masonic Schools. Some of the principal advantages of the existing building belonging to the Institution are the splendid arrangements that are made to ensure cleanliness. Is it proposed to put Lyncombe House on an equality; if so, how, and what will be the cost? We say again, it would be cheaper in the end to rebuild, and, in that case, what comes of the £700 recently spent in repairs, as well as the nominal value of the structure as a dwelling-house. The next question is, that of the cost of maintenance. The outlay of £6,500, even reckoning household investment at the same rate of interest as is at present obtained from Consols, represents an annual rental charge of over £200, in addition to which there is the cost of a separate establishment, teachers, clothing, &c. Considering the large amount required to maintain the present School, the addition is a considerable item, because it s virtually permanent. The brethren of the future may have different ideas as regards the Institution than are the views of the majority of to-day, and, if we encumber them with establishments requiring all their energy to keep up, it will be impossible for them to depart from the old course, except at a great sacrifice. As a consequence, being unable to work according to their own notions they will lose heart, and either give up the work altogether, or act independently. Unless something is done to assist every case that is brought forward, in some form or other, the movement that is being made by various provinces to support local funds, instead of acting as adjuncts to the great central ones, will be found to work in direct opposition. If the two Schools offered grants—say of £10, £15, or £20 per annum—to assist in the education and maintenance of children whose friends were willing to find a like sum, we are sure the benefits would soon be appreciated, because they would be extended over a large sphere. There are few Lodges but would do something to support their *protégé*, if such terms were offered, while in many cases it would be possible for the parent to supply the balance. As to our not being sure whether money so voted would be properly applied,—an argument put forward by Bro. Perceval in the letter already referred to,—the idea is preposterous. We might just as well ask, Are we sure it is properly applied now? Only responsible Schools would be selected, and the money paid direct to such, or to a Committee appointed by the Lodge who took charge of the case. If it is impossible to trust business establishments to the extent of a few pounds per annum, it would be far better to give up all idea of such a thing as honesty existing. There is always a risk, but to introduce this consideration as a special reason for stopping all outside grants is absurd. The only other objection to which we shall refer, is that of the price that is to be paid. It is generally admitted that the property is valued at a fancy amount, and the reason assigned is, that it possesses several advantages, among others that it gives the Institution a frontage in the main road near the railway station, and that by acquiring the property the present School cannot be hemmed in by other buildings on this side. Neither of these arguments are to our minds sufficient to warrant the funds of the Institution being so lavishly expended as is contemplated. We now leave the matter in the hands of the General Court, and again express a hope that personal feeling will be ignored, and that the interests of the Charity will alone actuate the votes of those who may assemble The meeting is fixed to take place on Saturday, the 3rd of January 1880, for twelve o'clock at noon, at Freemasons' Hall.

AN EXTINCT LODGE.

BROTHER HUGHAN, in his "Sketches and Reprints," alludes to the Lodge formerly held at the Punch Bowl, in Stonegate, York, and numbered 259, observing that "its career was very short, yet noteworthy." Perhaps an examination of the minute-book of this extinct body, which exists in the collection of the York Lodge, No. 236, may repay the trouble. This book is a small quarto, containing about sixty leaves, and on the parchment cover is inscribed "J. Granger, Secretary, 1761." On the first page is "The Manner of Drawing out Certificates," which is as follows:—

"Monday, the 17

"We, the underwritten Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Lodge held at the Punch Bowl, in Stone Gate, York, do certify that Mr. was this day by us made and initiated a free and accepted Mason, having received him into the 2 first degrees of the Craft, and by these do recommend him to all brethren to accept the said Brother as being duly such. As witness our Hands, on the above mention'd day and date.

Master.
} Wardens.
Past Master.
Treasurer.
Secretary."

The first minute is that of the opening night, 2nd February 1761, when Bros. Frodsham was in the chair, Oram S.W., Long J.W., Granger Sec., with four other brethren, presumably the founders. There were also eight visitors, one of whom was elected a member then and there. The Lodge was held fortnightly on Mondays, and seems at first to have been well attended and have had a good supply of candidates, the fees for the two first degrees being about a guinea and a half. On the 16th March, a candidate was made in consideration of his furnishing the Lodge with three candlesticks. On the 20th April, a Brother, who had received the two first degrees on the 16th February, "was raised a Master," and paid 11s 6d for the privilege, and at the same meeting the S.W. was fined 6d for not attending at the hour appointed. Fines were not unfrequent, and at the very next meeting a Brother was fined 6d "for sitting down in

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the Lodge not properly cloathed." The first two degrees were given in one night, but the third always occupied a night to itself.

On the 12th May the following entry occurs:—"This night it was unanimously agreed that the Deputies in the Old Officers' room should be as follows:—And then come the names of five brethren as W.M., S.W., J.W., P.M. and Sec. This set of officers, I gather from succeeding minutes, was merely intended to act in case of the absence of the regular ones, for on the 7th December of the same year, Bro. Beckwith, who was the Deputy W.M., is entered as having occupied the chair, and has D.R.W. after his name.

The Treasurer's current account appears in the minutes, and there never seems to have been very much in hand, the tavern bill (which, however, it must be noted to Mrs. Chaddock's, the landlady's, credit was always very reasonable) swallowing a good share. On the 15th June 1761 I find—

"Paid for 3 candles for the Brethren at Hull and a box, 9s 4d."

Several similar entries occur subsequently.

On the 17th August two brethren who had been fined 6d each for non-attendance made "proper excuses, and were pardoned their fines." The next minute of consequence was passed on the 23rd August 1761, thus:—"At this lodge, consisting only of Masters, after a debate whether those officers who shall come after the time mentioned in the summonses shall forfeit sixpence and lose the chair for that night, it was and is hereby ordered by the majority present, that any officer who shall come after the time above shall take his proper jewel from the Brother then in possession of it, and assume his own seat, and pay sixpence for his neglect of duty. And this for the future to be a standing rule in this Lodge," and further, "At this Lodge it is further ordered that no Brother shall be raised to the 3rd degree if 3 or more are against him."

The first election of Master and Officers took place on the 21st December 1761, when the Deputy, Bro. M. Beckwith, was chosen; the Wardens, Past Master, Treasurer, and Secretary, also being elected by the Members. On the 4th January 1762, an Entered Apprentice petitioned to be made a Fellow Craft, and was accepted and made. A dinner was held also on that day "in commemoration of St. John's Day." At this Lodge it was also arranged that the Secretary should be excused the payment of quarterages in view of his services, and that an annual balance-sheet and list of members be made out and sent to the "Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Secretary, as shall be thought most requisite." The installation of Bro. Beckwith took place on 18th January, and is thus recorded:—

"At this Lodge, after a learned and earnest exhortation to the newly elected Master and other Officers from the late Worshipful Master, Brother Frodsham, to support the dignity and maintain the harmony of the Lodge, Brother Malby Beckwith as Master, Brother Moone as Senior Warden, and Brother Barker as Junior Warden, were by our said late Worshipful Master sworn and installed accordingly. After which he, our said late Right Worshipful Master, condescended to become the Pass-Master of this Worshipful Lodge for the year ensuing, pursuant to the resolutions and votes of the Lodge held the 21st of December last, and took the seat and jewel of our late worthy Pass-Master Brother Crisp accordingly. At this Lodge, after the late Master Frodsham had delivered his before-mentioned charge, it was unanimously requested that he would be pleased to permit the same to be published, which he agreed to." This charge was published, and went through more than one edition. I possess the late Dr. Oliver's copy of an edition published at Newcastle in 1772, with a tail-piece by Bewick, and which is entitled "A Charge delivered to the most antient and honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, in a Lodge held at the Punch-Bell, in Stonegate, York, upon Friday, the 18th day of January 1762, by Brother Frodsham at his dismission of the chair."

Brother Oram, who was the first Senior Warden, but who does not appear to have ever passed the chair, was connected with the York Theatre, and in the collection of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, is an old playbill of that theatre, announcing that on the 5th February 1791 (just the date when the Grand Lodge of all England was at its last gasp) would be performed ("By Desire of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and accepted Masons, for the Benefit of Mr. Oram,") the Merchant of Venice, the Irish Widow, and A Trip to Scarborough.

About this time I notice several French names amongst the lists of visitors, as Villefort, L'Ainé, La Villaine, Du Fresne, Le Peltier, Terneau, De La Rue, &c.

On the 1st February it is recorded:—"At this Lodge it being judged proper to have Stewards to take care that the Brethren be well served, the motion was made, and Brothers John Palmes and Dalton were nominated to act as Stewards, who were accordingly approved of, and on accepting the office were thanked by the Lodge and drank to in due order." At a meeting in March it was agreed that every brother should provide his own apron, and that every new member should pay a shilling for one.

The Lodge appears to have had a Masonic library, for on the 15th March it is recorded that "Brother J. Palmes borrowed the Duodecimo Book of Architecture." Fines for non-attendance became very frequent, and the meetings began to get smaller. Very few candidates seem to have come forward, and the funds in hand were so small that visitors were charged their share of the reckoning. In December, Bro. Agar was elected W.M., and on the 3rd January 1763 was installed in the chair. After this, matters were a little more brisk and attendances better. In May, the Lodge sent a guinea to the Grand Treasurer, "for the benefit of the General Charity."

There was irregular Masonry at work in these days, for on 26th September 1763, "A Fellow' Crafts L. being opened, Brother John Bodens, having been made an E.P. and M.M., at Scarborough, in an irregular manner, petitioned to be made a F.C., who, being proposed and balloted for, was unanimously approved of and made accordingly." At the next meeting, this brother was raised, and, in consideration of his having previously paid for two degrees, was let off with 11s 6d. At the November meeting, Bro. Agar R.W.M. "generously offered to stand and execute the office of M. for the year ensuing," but whether the Lodge continued to exist during the whole of that year is doubtful, for the book closes with the minute of the January meeting in 1764. Other minutes may of course have been kept in another book or on loose papers, as in the case of the Grand Lodge at York; but as Bro. Seth Agar, the W.M., soon afterwards became G.M. of All England, it seems probable that the superior assumption of the Grand Lodge soon eclipsed the humbler Punch Bowl Lodge, and that the latter was deserted by its members.

In my copy of "Calcott's Candid Disquisition," published in 1769, I find several of these York brethren in the list of subscribers. Agar is mentioned, also J. Tasker, the Deputy Grand Master, who appears to have been a tailor, as in the Punch Bowl minutes he is paid so much for a pair of drawers for the candidates. "The Lodge at York" is also booked for ten copies, and Bro. Geo. Palmes, R.W.M. of that year, appears on the list.

Like most old minutes these are miserably meagre, and consist of very little more than names and cash accounts.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

York.

P.S. I observe that Bro. Gould, in his admirable *History of the Atholl Masons*, just published, says that the brethren of the Yorkshire Militia Regiments do not appear to have regarded the Grand Lodge of All England with any very high degree of veneration. This can scarcely be wondered at, since those regiments were mostly officered by the scions of county families, between whom and the burgher families of York in those days a great gulf was fixed. On the other hand, the Grand Lodge of All England seems to have been officered, at any rate for nine-tenths of the term of its recorded existence, by the trading classes of the ancient city.

T. B. W.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Wednesday, at Freemason's Hall. Col. Creaton, J.P., Grand Treasurer, presided. Among the brethren present were Bros. Frank Richardson, Colonel James Peters, Capt. N. G. Philips, S. Rawson, George Bolton, H. Massey, Edward Cox, Robert B. Webster, A. H. Tattershall, Joshua Nunn, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. A. Dubois, J. M. Clabon, W. Bailey, W. F. Cutler, and F. R. W. Hedges the Secretary. In the course of reading the minutes, the information was given that next Thursday week was appointed for the Twelfth Night Entertainment to the children remaining in the School for the Christmas Holidays. With reference to the resolution to purchase Lyncombe House and grounds, the Chairman explained that there had been an informality in the proceedings of the Institution, because law 34 laid it down that all propositions to spend over £500 must first be reported to the General Committee, and by them to a General Court. This had not been done; and therefore, to set matters straight, he would now give notice, in accordance with the recommendation of the Building Committee, that the sum of £6,500 be expended in the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds, and he should convene a Special Court—to travel over the ground already travelled over—for the 3rd of January. He was now in communication with a professional man, who was not a Mason, who was going to look over the house and grounds. His own opinion was, that because they would add considerably to the extension of the Institution grounds, and prevent any buildings being erected, they were worth almost any money; but before the Special Court he would have full information on the subject. Bro. Edw. Cox gave notice of motion for next Quarterly Court, to alter the resolution to increase the salaries of the governesses at the Institution in some particulars. A cheque for £100 was received from Bro. H. G. Buss, Treasurer to the Wentworth Little Memorial Fund, to be invested for an annual prize at the School, to be called "The Wentworth Little Prize." Nine additional children were then put on the list for April election, at which there will be forty-five candidates and twelve vacancies. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. M. Clabon P.G.D., President, took the President's chair, Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President, occupied the chair of Senior Vice-President, and Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, took the chair of Junior Vice-President. Amongst other brethren present were Bros. S. Rawson, G. P. Britton, W. H. Perryman, C. A. Cottebrune, E. Storr, A. Middlemass, C. Atkins, Griffiths Smith, W. Mann, E. F. Storr, Edward White, James Lewis Thomas, John Constable, H. G. Buss (Assist. Grand Sec), A. A. Pendlebury, and W. Dodd. The brethren first confirmed grants made at last meeting to the amount of £425. The recommendation of a grant of £100 made at last meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence, which was referred back by Grand Lodge for reconsideration, was unanimously confirmed, and the remaining thirty-seven cases on the list, which were new ones, were disposed of by votes and recommendations to the amount of £930 to thirty-two cases. Two were dismissed, and three postponed. The brethren separated at nearly eleven p.m., wishing each other "A merry Christmas."

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ALBERT GALLATIN GOODALL, 33°.

FROM THE "MASONIC NEWSPAPER."

——— "as the sunny rain
Of April makes the cloud and clay unite,
Thus links the Past and Present, the dark world and the bright."

THE subject of this sketch is a native of Montgomery, Alabama, having been born in that State on the 31st of October 1826. His grandfather was English, emigrating to this country at an early age, settled in the South, and espousing the cause of the colonists, was one of "Marion's Men," so famous for their daring exploits and effective service against the English in South Carolina and Georgia during the Revolutionary war. He subsequently settled in the State of Georgia, where his father, Samuel Goodall, at that time was a leading merchant, and one of the most influential citizens in that locality. The ventures of business life proved disastrous, and the father of young Goodall died when the son was but seven years of age. The widow, with her little family, returned to the reservation of the Creek Indians, in Alabama, with many other settlers, and engaged in farming; and amid such scenes, surrounded by the camps and villages of the Creek Indians, he was afforded opportunities for constant intercourse with the wild children of the forest, and experiencing a rough border life, amid scenes of danger. With such surroundings it cannot be imagined that there was much opportunity for educational advancement, and the subject of our notice was limited to the rough lessons which the vicissitudes of changing fortunes permitted, the schoolhouse being a place of refuge and fort. The belligerent disposition of the Indians in 1836, when their houses were burnt and farms destroyed, compelled a change of domicile, and in due time this widowed mother, with her little family, emigrated to Texas, and settled in Galveston, where she died within a year afterward. At the early age of fifteen the subject of this sketch was appointed midshipman in the navy of the Republic of Texas, wherein he remained for three years, during which time he was in active service, cruising in the Gulf of Mexico and Carribean Sea during the war between Texas and Mexico; afterwards we find our adventurer located on the "ever faithful isle, the Queen of the Antilles," where, after various vicissitudes, fortune associated him with an American resident, with whom he commenced business, with which he has since been identified, and which he has pursued so successfully to the present time. After four years' residence in Havana, we find our untiring friend domiciled in Philadelphia, whence after a few years, he removed to New York. It was in the "City of Brotherly Love" that the institution of Freemasonry first attracted his attention, and it was not long before he had achieved the grades to the Order of the Temple inclusive, having been made a Master Mason in Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, Philadelphia, 21st September 1854, and elected Master in 1860. Exalted in Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, 27th Oct. 1856, in Philadelphia; received the Cryptic Rite Degree of Royal Super Excellent and Select Master in Philadelphia Council, No. 11, 24th June 1855; dubbed a Knight Templar in Philadelphia Commandery, No. 2, 19th December 1856; elected Generalissimo in 1861, and Honorary Member in 1872. Advancing to a more prominent position in his business required a change of residence to New York, where he settled permanently in 1862, and in due time affiliated with Holland Lodge, Jerusalem Chapter, and Morton Commandery, of this city, and has continued an active worker in all the grades, securing a social and official standing in this country, and especially abroad, unsurpassed by any other Craftsman in our mystic circle, reflecting alike honour and dignity to American Masonry. Soon after becoming a resident of New York he attained the grades of the Ancient Accepted Rite, culminating in the honours of the thirty-third and last degree in Masonry, which was conferred upon him 16th September 1864, at the hands of the late illustrious Edmund B. Hays, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, and immediately thereupon received the appointment of General Foreign Representative of that body. How well he discharged the difficult and delicate diplomatic duties of that appointment in a Masonic field never before explored, the records of the Supreme Council for more than ten years will best attest, having visited all the regular Supreme Councils in the world, and with Masonic powers so extensive that he was universally received with distinguished honours, and in many instances elected to honorary membership. At the union of the Supreme Councils for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States, 17th May 1867, Illustrious Bro. Good II was elected an active member, and at the meeting of 1869, the following was unanimously adopted:—

Whereas Illust. Bro. Albert G. Goodall, General Grand Foreign Representative has, by a long, indefatigable, and invaluable service near Foreign Bodies of the Rite, advanced our interests and contributed largely to the continuance of amicable relations therewith; and Whereas, the several able and elaborate official reports which have been made by him to this Supreme Council, and are printed with our Proceedings, give ample evidence of the fidelity and in-

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dustry with which he has so handsomely performed his duty; therefore resolved, that the cordial thanks of this Supreme Council are eminently due, and are hereby tendered to Ill. Bro. Albert G. Goodall.

It is a fact perhaps not generally known that Bro. Goodall received from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, in 1869, an extraordinary honour, accorded, we believe, but once before, to wit, the appointment of General Foreign Representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York near all Grand Masonic Bodies in amity with it in the world. His honourable discharge of the important duties so confided to him is a matter of history, and the dignity of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was upheld and subserved at every Grand East at which Bro. Goodall presented his credentials. Referring to this subject, M.W. James Gibson, then Grand Master of Masons in New York, used the following expressions in his annual address in June 1869:—On this subject I have received very great and valuable information—at much loss of time and trouble to him—from Bro. A. G. Goodall, of the City of New York, who has spared no pains to give me all the information in his power, as well on this subject as on all connected with the several Grand Bodies in South America, the islands adjacent to and in the Gulf of Mexico, and in England, in all which countries he has been an extensive visitor. It being his intention to visit the continent of Europe soon, I expressed to him my desire to accredit him as special representative of this Grand East, near the Grand East of such Grand Bodies of the Fraternity with which we are in correspondence as he should be able to visit during the ensuing year. He accepted the appointment, and letters of credence have been issued accordingly. In the Orders of Knighthood, Bro. G. has taken an active interest. In 1869 he was appointed General Foreign Representative of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York, with the rank of Past Captain General, near all the Grand Bodies of Masonic Knighthood, and has contributed greatly to obtaining a knowledge of and Knightly intercourse with foreign Grand Bodies. He was Commander of Morton Commandery for two years (1872 and 1873), during which (December 1873) that Commandery celebrated its semi-centennial, at the Academy of Music, in the City of New York, which grand affair was pronounced to be the greatest demonstration of its character ever witnessed in this State. Sir Knight Goodall commanded the second division at the dedication of the Temple. Is Rep. of Gr. Com. of Pennsylvania, and is Eminent Commander of Morton Commandery during the present Masonic year. In 1875 our illustrious brother, as Grand Sovereign of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine for the State of New York, was instrumental in the establishment of the Sovereign Grand Council of that Order for the United States of America, wherein he was made the first Most Illustrious Sovereign Grand Master, thus creating a permanent regular organisation of that Knightly Order throughout this country, to control the same and prevent the irregular conferring of the Orders then being encouraged by ambitious parties for individual pecuniary gain. By request of prominent members of the fraternity in England, Bro. Goodall obtained permission from the Masonic authorities of the State of New York, and assisted by the then Grand Lecturer, Ill. Bro. Jackson H. Chase, established the degree of Most Excellent Master, under jurisdiction of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and organised a Grand Council of Royal Select and Super Excellent Masters in London, 4th August 1871, for England, Wales, and Dependencies of Great Britain. He attained the degrees of the Royal Order of Scotland, H.R.M. in the Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter of that Order in London, 1st of August 1873. Is honorary member of several symbolic Lodges in this country and abroad; also of Commanderies and Preceptories of Knights Templar. Honorary member of the Supreme Council 33rd degree, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, England and Wales, and Dependencies of Great Britain, Italy, Greece, Brazil and Peru. Grand Representative of several Supreme Councils near the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction, U.S. Also Representative of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, with rank of Past Grand Warden, and the Grand Council of Royal Select and Super Excellent Masters near all the bodies of those degrees in the United States, and in 1876 he was made a member of "The Masonic Veterans" in the State of New York. Among the incidents of his varied travels on land and sea may properly be mentioned his disastrous shipwreck on the coast of Denmark, in October 1860, while *en route* for St. Petersburg, Russia, on an important mission to that Government, the details of which were given in the English and American press at that time. The Master Mason's diploma he carefully kept in his pocket as the ship went down, and thus baptised in the angry waters of the North Sea a curious Masonic relic and record by the numerous *vises* of Lodges in different parts of the globe, and in as many languages. We have thus endeavoured to give, however imperfectly, something of the secular and Masonic experience of one who may be emphasized as the architect of his own fortunes, master of his destiny; in fact, a self-made man; one, though thrown upon his own resources at an early age, who failed not to appreciate the situation, and rose superior to its embarrassments, and, step by step, from youth to manhood, maintained his self-respect, and commanded the unbought regard of his fellows. As President of the American Bank Note Company he has attained a secular status of which the most exalted ambition might be justly proud, while as an *active* member of the Supreme Council of the North, he stands second to none in the Masonic dignity and honours. In social life the subject of our sketch combines with native modesty, all the graces and ease of a true and noble gentleman, all of the olden time.

"What is noble? to inherit
Wealth, estate, and proud degree?
There must be some other merit
Higher yet, than these for me!
Something greater far must enter
Into life's majestic span,
Fitted to create and centre
True nobility in man."

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UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The result of Grand Lodge vote on my motion on the 3rd December last was so completely satisfactory to me that for a while I have taken breathing time, and, *mirabile dictu*, have not rushed into print on the subject for nearly a month. I should probably have still further proved my sanity in this respect, but for the attacks made on the members of Grand Lodge who supported me, and on myself personally.

But that I know the general impartiality and fairness of the press I should not venture upon this letter, which I know at the outset must be a long one, and written so as to be adapted to the pages of both the Masonic journals, the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE and the *Freemason*. I ask your respective editors to give me a fair field, in order that my remarks may reach your respective subscribers, and the whole body of reading Freemasons may have the information I can afford in respect of the arguments pro and con which you have published.

To the editorial comment (*Freemason* 29th Nov.), I take exception. It implies that I am "forgetful of Masonic duty, and insensible of the benefits of Masonic toleration," and it calls on Grand Lodge to "affix its mark of reprobation thereon," and "put a stop to a senseless agitation," which the same writer had previously stigmatised as the outcome of "nonsensical bombast" and "childish ignorance." I dispose of this by referring to the Grand Lodge vote of 1869, the confirmation thereof in 1870, and the renewed vote of 3rd December 1879, as a satisfactory and very sufficient token of approval instead of reprobation.

Bro. Woodford's remarks in proposing the amendment in Grand Lodge on the 3rd instant are much more ably confuted by the letter of T. R., P.M. Cornwall (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE 20th December), than they could be by any comment of mine, and I refer your readers to that letter, personally thanking the correspondent, whoever he may be, for his valuable support on my behalf.

Bro. While, who seconded the amendment, simply forgot himself and his ordinary propriety. I shall have to refer to a letter of his a little further on.

I pass from the proceedings of Grand Lodge after the vote had been recorded to the subsequent comments and correspondence on the subject.

There seems to be a great desire on the part of the writer of the editorial remarks in the *Freemason* (13th December), and of Bro. Woodford in his letter (*Freemason* 20th December) to lessen the force of Grand Lodge vote by contending that it was carried "after a very partial debate," and that the motion itself was "rash and ill digested," that the mover indulged in "vehement incriminations," is a "professional agitator," and "an emitter of 'bottled moonshine.'" What awful words! And yet I live and bear it! My stubborn conscience quite alarms me; whither am I drifting? And yet I find it said, "If such abuses exist (here comes another five syllable expletive), they constitute a grave reflection," &c, and "if proved to be prevalent, we fancy the action of the Board of General Purposes would be summary and decisive." Why, there's my case! I say these abuses do exist, and I can prove them, and neither Board of General Purposes nor any other authority interferes with their continuance. Again, it is said, "Admit it that all be true, as Bro. Stevens puts it, what does it prove but the want of surveillance and control?" Exactly so; what does it prove but that, and is that not quite sufficient to demand a remedy? As to the references made to the publishing of spurious rituals and the unworthy imputation as to the enrichment of those who would prepare them (the article reads as though *I* contemplated such an outrage on my Masonic obligation), they are not worth my discussing. I learned my Craft Masonry without a MS. or printed ritual, and others can do the same if they will. None need be published; but, *if it be a necessity*, let Grand Lodge alone give it to the brethren, and so circumvent the "un-Masonic ventures and unhallowed gains."

To Bro. Charles John Perceval (*Freemason*, 13th December) I feel indebted for a plain and understandable explanation of my own argument on this subject, and his remark as to the apparent importance of "keeping an eye that the dues of Grand Lodge are paid," &c., over "keeping check on the several manners of working," exposes the blot in our present arrangement, whereby the Board of General Purposes does *not* control, as it should, the ceremonial and observance of a "standard ritual" throughout the several Lodges under the English Constitution. I may have again to make casual reference to Bro. Perceval's letter. For the present I thank him, and hail his support most cordially.

It is of course a matter of regret to me that I have not the benefit of the *Freemason's* concurrence with my efforts. I know its power and influence is great, and such an ally would have been invaluable to me. Still, as I freely act according to my conscience, I cannot condemn the exercise of a similar faculty by another, and that other an exponent of public opinion; and therefore, whilst I may contend against its arguments, I shall ever continue to respect its fair opposition. We shall, I hope—notwithstanding difference of opinion and journalistic warfare—retain our mutual personal esteem, and think of each other's only "our friend the enemy." But no cause that is rightly

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founded is without a friendly advocate, and, consequently, the kindly remarks of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, 13th December, demand my gratitude. That journal has seen fit to advise on former occasions, and the advice so given has not been neglected by me. I cordially accept every word of its editorial comment of 13th Dec., and shall follow out the suggestions given. I do sincerely hope that the Provincial Grand Lodges will each find some earnest Past Master, imbued with the same sentiments on this subject as myself, to be their representatives on my Committee. The work I have undertaken, so far, has not only occupied my fullest leisure for a long period, but has occasioned me some expense, and I should prefer not to be obliged, of necessity, to be at more labour and cost in bringing the matter before the Provincial Grand Lodges, by circulars and other means, if that object could be attained by the voluntary action of Provincial Grand Officers or other Provincial Past Masters. *Verbum sat sapienti.* I shall be glad to hear from any such.

In the same number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE (13th Dec.) is a letter from Bro. While, the seconder of Bro. Woodford's amendment, in respect of which I may say, for my own justification, that he misrepresents me in stating that "the critic refused to be criticised." Not so; I challenge and approve of criticism. It is the very *salt* of argumentation. But facts, if you please, not fallacies. And in the lack of facts lies the impropriety of this letter. I should say *one* of the improprieties, for there are many. It is not proper, Bro. While, nor is it politic, to suggest that any of the audience on the occasion referred to had the quality of the "bear" about them; nor to suggest that "intolerance" was shown by correcting your palpable errors; nor, recognising your own occupation, to sneer at "amateur reporters;" nor to make a "clumsy jest," which, having the eccentricity of a boomerang, could fly back and strike the striker. Bro. While, the "rancour of my wrath" is mildness itself. Why try to break a poor butterfly on such a ponderous wheel as that of your own acknowledged literary ability? But there, as you say, at Grand Lodge you, "indeed, conveyed more than you intended;" so now perhaps you have written more than you intended. "Indeed" I think you have. Therefore you are forgiven; go and sin no more.

I now reach the correspondence contained in the *Freemason* 20th December, and first deal with Bro. Woodford's letter. It commences by a "tu quoque," directed against Bro. Perceval, who thereby finds that his expectation of getting a rap over the knuckles for venturing to support my cause is promptly realised. Our Brother Woodford says he always objects to "tu quoques," but on my word I think he introduces more such into his writings than any one I know; and I am bound to say—and if he is the man he represents himself to be, he will forgive my saying—that to differ from him on *any* point is to lay oneself open to all sorts of invective, sometimes veiled in apparent courtesy, but oftener rude and harsh to an unnecessary degree. But that's not the present affair! The question is the "logic" of Bro. Woodford, not his style. Well, in that regard, and having reference to his speech at Grand Lodge, I refer him and your readers to the letter of "T. R., P.M. &c., Cornwall," which singularly enough appears in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of same date (20th December). If that does not answer the question, I do not know what will. Bro. Woodford says that Bro. Perceval has not yet clearly understood what his argument was, and I don't wonder at it. I have not yet found any one who does; not even Bro. While, the seconder of his amendment, clever as that brother is in saying all and a little more, than he intends to say. Then Bro. Bodenham, who thought fit to rise in his place, and object to Bro. Woodford's statement that the Lodges in the Provinces would not conform to the directions of Grand Lodge as to working, &c., gets his epithet, *hasty*, "hasty remarks!" as if there was always in Grand Lodge ample time allowed for the utterance of our thoughts in a deliberate and 'don't-hurry yourself" manner. Is there anything done in Grand Lodge which, if it takes more than a very limited amount of time to discuss, is not obstructed by cries of "question," and "vote," or "divide"? How then can the necessarily immediate denial of an assertion made in course of debate be properly designated as *hasty?* But hasty or not, Bro. Bodenham is right. The Provincial Lodges are every whit as loyal as those of the Metropolis, and Bro. Woodford does not do justice when he speaks in such general terms in regard to them. Even those who adopt the practices that others condemn err, I believe, more from the want of a reference to standard authority than from any intention to depart from what is recognised as fit and proper. And this remark brings me to a direct denial of the suggested inferences of both Bro. Woodford and Bro. John Neilson (*Freemason*, 20th Dec.) that I know nothing of the practices I have exposed in Grand Lodge. I repeat, and I cannot do more than again and again emphatically repeat, pledging my Masonic honour, and undertaking to name, in proper place, where I have witnessed some of them, and before which Provincial Grand Master; that without any exaggeration whatever, pardonable or otherwise, I have represented facts within my own experience. Does Bro. Neilson think no man travels but himself? I have nothing to say about Lodges under other Constitutions than that of England; and the English provinces have been enough for me, without the trouble of crossing St. George's Channel to observe what I know would further raise my indignation. It is sufficient that malpractices are to be found here, and whatever may be Bro. Woodford's opinion as to the present agitation, "landing us in a region of 'cribs and crams,' or helping to make the fortune of 'accommodating brethren'" (what are they?), I believe that those who took care to carry my motion will, despite all his beseeching and prayerful appeals, his denouncement of the inquiry to be made, and his hard words against all who do not agree with him, remain staunch, and see that the Committee is appointed in due course.

"Nothing is done whilst aught remains to do."

There is but one other letter unnoticed. It is that of "One who was in Grand Lodge" (*Freemason*, 20th Dec.). As its first paragraph contains two—well, *naturally*, and its last a promise to "recur to the subject on another occasion," I'll give the "Anonymous" author rope enough before I further notice him. He *may* hang himself, and save me an unpleasant operation.

I fear I have greatly intruded on your space, and this letter has extended beyond even the anticipated length; therefore I hasten to conclude. If no better arguments than those which have been hitherto advanced can be found to support the opposition to the measure I advocate, I have no fear for the result. When it becomes necessary to depart from logical deductions, to misrepresent facts even to the extent of mendacity, and to suggest interested motives in order to discredit a movement having for its object the reformation of acknowledged evils, the opponents thereof must be driven into a sad strait indeed. Such, I maintain, is the position of those against whose endeavours I now appeal to the general body of earnest Freemasons for continued assistance in making the resolution of Grand Lodge on the 3rd inst. complete, and aiding me in the formation of a satisfactory Committee to carry out the inquiry, and present its report.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

Clapham, 23rd December 1879. JAMES STEVENS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I should much like, as a matter of curiosity and interest, to pay a visit to the Lodges of some of those excellent brethren who are so strong in their opposition to any idea of Masonic Uniformity. I imagine, *à priori*, that *their* Lodges, at any rate, are quite free from the innovations of which those who hold the opposite view complain. It has not probably been their lot, after twenty-five years' service in the Craft, and familiar acquaintance with the working of such Lodges as the Alfred, at Oxford—*O si sic omnes!*—to find themselves associated with a Lodge which not only indulges in variations of the kind complained of, and defends them, but insists on it that their Ritual is the only true, genuine and correct form, and that all others are spurious. And the most amusing part of all is, that this assertion is made by brethren who, from no fault of their own, know absolutely nothing of Masonic Ritual as it is practised in Lodges of the highest standing in the Craft.

"My dear brother, I assure you that this, and that, and the other are not done in the Burlington Lodge, or in the Bank of England Lodge, or in the Alfred, or in a dozen other Lodges of high repute, which I have visited and could name." "I don't know anything about that," is the answer; "but so much the worse for them!" "But this very question has been referred to the Grand Secretary, and the practice I complain of has been condemned by him!" "Pooh! Grand Secretary! What have we got to do with him?"

I assure you, Dear Sir and Brother, this is no imaginary conversation, but a record of almost the identical words which have been used to myself on more than one occasion. A P.M. in my own neighbourhood was present in Prov. Grand Lodge, not long since, when the wearing of illegal jewels was especially forbidden by the Prov. G.M.; but what cares he? If he chooses to wear his Mark jewel, &c., he does so, and will do so—as Sam Weller says—"Let ev'rythin and ev'rybody do their werry fiercest."

And this is an illustration of the fidelity and obedience so "peculiarly and forcibly" impressed on young Masons at their initiation. I venture to think that it is high time that some attempt, at any rate, should be made to teach the rulers of the Craft in such Lodges that the Book of Constitutions and the ruling of the authorities is binding on all Lodges, and on all Masons, of whatever rank.

It vexes me, Dear Sir and Brother, to see—month after month, and in spite of protests—the Masonic ceremonies thus tampered with. And I, for one, look forward to the result of this agitation for Uniformity with hope, in spite of the protestations of its uselessness and futility.

All good success wait upon Bro. Stevens and the plucky brethren who support him!

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours very fraternally,

P.P.J.G.W.

DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to forward you a copy of the *Western Daily Mercury*, in which you will see a report of the Devon Educational Fund, and I shall be glad if you could give insertion to it in your columns, as I think it a very important Institution, and one that will do a great public good, and it is especially worthy of notice by brethren in the provinces at a time when it is proposed, in London, to expend a very large amount of money in the purchasing of a house with a small quantity of ground for the Girls' Institution. It will be seen that an immense amount of good is being done in the country, by an economical expenditure, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased Masons. We have, on former occasions, contributed largely, and shall probably still continue to do so, to the great Institutions of London; but, finding that our children had to contest for the benefits of these Institutions with all the other Lodges in the kingdom, and that it took a great deal of money and a great deal of personal exertion to get children elected, we determined upon the adoption of a system of educating and sustaining our children at home. The plan we have adopted is this: we have obtained subscriptions throughout the Province, and twice a year we proceed to the election of as many children as the funds will allow, and we give to the children so elected an education at some school near their own homes, which the Committee may select, with the approval of the relatives of the child. We also give to the mother, or the nearest friend, some money to sustain and clothe the child. By this means we are able to

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give them the advantages of home life, which are of themselves most valuable. It fosters the kindly feeling which ought to be maintained in families, and, the child not being taken away from family life, does not become a superior being as compared with the other children of the family. This is in itself a very material matter, and we are now able, by the means which I have very briefly stated, to give to a large number of children benefits which they could probably never obtain if they were entirely dependent on the Metropolitan Institutions. I may say that the Devon Fund has been created in about eighteen months, and that it will probably go on increasing as the Lodges become better acquainted with its operations and its benefits.

I am, Dear Sir, yours fraternally,

A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON.

PURCHASE OF LYNCOMBE HOUSE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As one of the Committee who voted for the purchase of Lyncombe House, I will, as briefly as I can, state my reasons for so doing; but first of all I cannot help calling your attention to Bro. H.'s letter, and express my opinion that had you followed his opinion of what the proprietor of the *Freemason* should have done with regard to an article which appeared in its issue of the 13th instant, you would have done well, for Bro. H., apparently a "galled jade," accuses the writer of direct falsehoodand vulgarity. Admitting, for argument's sake, that the article was stronger than perhaps it ought to have been, two blacks do not make a white, and Bro. H. out-Herods Herod, and I would certainly back him for vituperation against his opponent, and should have imagined his rhetoric must have been gathered from attending or practising bad cases at the Old Bailey. There is only one point in the letter to which I would call attention, i.e., "It is an attempt to *appropriate* the children's money." And for whom, pray? Why, for the children; that there might be room to take in more, that no obnoxious building might be put up or built over our present grounds, that greater convenience might exist for ingress or egress to the School and its grounds. Brethren may not be aware that £700 has just been spent in repairs to the aforesaid house, or that the purpose for which it is intended is for the younger or more backward, before they enter the present or higher school. Now, as to Bro. J. N. If he has studied the statistics of the result of the examinations, or been witness at their performances on exhibition or other days, their neatness, their healthful and thoroughly happy look, he could not wish them to be placed at home or elsewhere in preference; and I suppose he will acknowledge that the education that could be given for isolated cases for £20 per annum is meagre indeed, and not to be compared to what a number at the same money each can and do receive, and a query comes in here—Are we sure that the money so voted would be properly applied? In many cases it might, but not in all. I am afraid the temptation to the parents in distressed circumstances would be very great. I hope I have proved to "A DISGUSTED BROTHER" that his charity has not been misappropriated, but used for the very purpose for which it was collected, viz., for the use and benefit of the Girls; *i.e.*, providing more accommodation for an additional number, which could not otherwise be admitted, for the simple reason that there is not sufficient room in the present buildings. I admit that the price given was high—was, if you like, a fancy price; but it was of great value to the Institution, and to no one more so; and if we had had to pay more, it would have been well worth it. As an instance, at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, a few years ago, a large piece of ground immediately at the back could have been bought for £1000 or less, but false, short-sighted economy stepped in, and the money was refused; since then it has all been built upon, in inconvenient and unsightly proximity to the Asylum, and could not be had for five or six times the amount. I trust that what I have said will give offence to no one, as it is given in the same spirit as I wish ever to remain.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL,

V.P., and W.M. 1607.

8 Thurloe Place, 20th December 1879.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 13th inst. Present—Bros. Mullord W.M., Snare S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Garrod S.D., Western J.D., Valentine I.G.; also Bros. Hallan sen., Hallam jun., Giller, King, J. Millington, D. Moss, C. Lorkin, R. Defriez, Banks, Trewinnard, Hirst, Halford Treasurer, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Giller gave satisfactory proofs of his proficiency as a F.C. and was entrusted. Lodge advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Giller candidate. The ceremony was performed in a very correct manner, and we congratulate the W.M. on his having gained such proficiency in the ritual; this was the first time he had rehearsed the second ceremony. Bros. Pearcy worked the first, Moss the second, Fenner the third, and Moss the fourth and fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. A sum of £1 1s was voted towards entertaining the "Old People" at Croydon on New Year's Day. Bro. Banks, of the Manchester Lodge, No. 179, was elected a member. Bro. Snare was elected W.M. for next meeting.

Bro. Herbert Rymill, of the Royal Repository, Barbican, has again distributed liberally out of his means this Christmastide. We have helped to dispense his charity, and if the prayers and blessings of the poor and needy tend to make men happy, we can testify these have been freely showered upon the head of our worthy brother.

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A SPECIAL general meeting of this Fund was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., at the Masonic Temple, Plymouth. The W. Bro. R. Lose P.P.G.P., Vice President of the Institution, was in the chair; and amongst those present were W. Bros. Rev. E. Whittley P.P.G.C., V. Bird P.P.G.T., Treasurer of the Institution, W. Brodie P.M. 1254, P.P.G.J.D., S. Jew P.P.G.T., G. C. Bignell P.M. 105 P.P.G.S. Works, G. Jackson W.M. 189, J. R. Harris W.M. 230, R. Cawsey P.M. 230, J. Morris P.M. 53 P.P.G.O., J. R. Lord P.M. and Treasurer 1247, E. J. Knight P.M. 202, W. J. Stanbury 105, W. A. Fowler 156, W. A. Foreman, W. H. Lister, J. H. Trounce, R. Smith, S. Snell, all of 1205; R. C. Uglow 1247, J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C. Hon. Secretary. Before the general meeting there was a committee, who had before them three of the children who are already on the fund. Bro. Whittley read the report of the Educational Committee, as follows:—"The Committee have much pleasure in reporting favourably of the children at present on the fund. One has gone to New Zealand, but her progress had been admirable up to time of leaving. One boy has been attending Cheveley Hall School, and Mr. Slater's report as to his conduct and progress in education is satisfactory. Another boy attends George-street School, and has just received a certificate for having passed the Government Examination in every requirement. One girl attends the Public Free School, and the head mistress reports very favourably respecting her work. The mothers of the children, who had been previously consulted as to the school they would choose, have expressed themselves extremely well satisfied both with the schools and the general evidence of the success of their children, and the Committee have this day had the pleasure of having the children before them, and have been much pleased with their appearance, manner, and intelligence, and have presented each of them with a book as an encouragement to future effort." The Treasurer reported that £487 16s had been received from all sources, £400 of which had been deposited in the Devon and Cornwall Bank, at interest. Six months' allowance had been paid in advance to those who had care of the children, and he had sufficient funds to pay nearly every claim upon the fund up to the general meeting in April—thus leaving the £400 deposit untouched. The question of a permanent investment of a portion of the funds was then discussed. Bros. Gover and Lord proposed and seconded that £100 be so invested, they believing that the interest of the present generation was what ought to be considered. Bros. Whitley and V. Bird proposed and seconded, as an amendment, that the consideration of investment of funds be deferred. The money was already safely invested, and the matter might, therefore, well wait. Bro. Gover gladly withdrew his proposition, and Bro. Whitley's resolution was unanimously carried. The ballot for the election of four candidates was then proceeded with. Bros. R. Cawsey, E. J. Knight and A. Fowler were appointed Scrutineers, and they were assisted by the Hon. Treasurer, Bro. Bird. There were five candidates—No. 1, a boy from Lodge 156, Plymouth, mother living, father had been a member for fourteen years. This case was unsuccessful at last election, but brought forward 47 votes. No. 2, a girl from Lodge 112, Exeter, mother living, father had been a member for 10 years; also unsuccessful at last election, and brought forward 47 votes. No. 3, a girl from Lodge 202, Devonport, mother living, father had been a member for 11 years: also unsuccessful at last election, and brought forward 23 votes. No. 4, a boy from Lodge 797, Dartmouth, mother living, father a member for seven years; also unsuccessful at last election, and brought forward 36 votes. No. 5, a boy from Lodge 105, Plymouth, both parents dead, father had been a member for five years, first application. Bro. E. J. Knight, who had been chosen Chairman of Scrutineers, reported that the numbers (adding votes brought forward) polled were as follows—No. 1 on balloting paper, 179 votes; No. 2, 212 votes; No. 3, 62 votes; No. 4, 114 votes; and No. 5, 219 votes. The Chairman (Bro. Lose) declared cases Nos. 5, 2, 1, and 4 duly elected. Case No. 3 will carry forward 62 votes for the next election. A cordial vote of thanks was given to the Scrutineers for their valuable services. It was resolved that there be an election of two children at the annual meeting in April. Arrangements were made for the superintendence of the clothing and education of the children just elected. A suggestion was made by Bro. Brodie as to whether it would not be advisable to hold some of the meetings in other parts of the Province. All the Three Towns brethren concurred, and it is probable that this will be carried out. In reply to a very cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman, Bro. Lose said he had always pleasure in being of assistance, and time and money could not be better occupied than in carrying out the objects of this fund, soothing the affliction of the widow, and clothing and educating the children of deceased or distressed brethren.

CONSECRATION OF THE DARLINGTON MARK LODGE, 250.

In our report of these proceedings, last Saturday, we should have stated that the able and eloquent oration on the connection between the Mark and Arch was delivered by the R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M. Canon Tristram.

On Monday next, 29th December, Bro. Charles E. Hindley S.W., of the Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington, will be installed W.M. of the Lodge. Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland will officiate as Installing Master. We hope to give a full report of the proceedings in our next issue.

The ceremony of dedicating the new Masonic Hall, in Albion-place, Southampton, takes place on Monday next, when the principal part will be taken by the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.

The Rev. O. W. Tancock, M.A., Senior Assistant Master of Sherborne School, has been elected to the Head Mastership of Norwich Grammar School. Bro. Tancock has been an Assistant Master at Sherborne since 1862, he will resign his present post at the end of the Easter term, and will begin work at Norwich in May.

The members of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, will hold their Forty-first Annual Masonic Ball at the New Grand Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Wednesday, 28th January 1880, on which occasion the whole suite of elegantly decorated rooms will be thrown open. The following brethren constitute the Board of Stewards:—Bros. Headley W.M. President, Gladwell S.W. V.P., Garton, G. Watson, J. S. Ward, Gallant, Garnar, Gaubert, A. J. Dottridge, J. Hancock, Bennett, W. P. Gousey, Geo. King P.M. Hon. Sec. We trust our brethren and their friends will have a pleasant evening.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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CHAPTER OF INDUSTRY, No. 186.

THE regular convocation was held on Tuesday, 16th December, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. J. Seex as M.E.Z. (in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Black), W. Poore H., Tallent P.Z. J., J. Seex S.E., W. H. Hook S.N., W. Kew P.S., H. J. Johnson 1st Assistant, J. G. Horsey 2nd Assistant, G. Kelly P.Z. Treasurer; P.Z's E. G. Tallent, W. Mann, Noehmer, &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Comp. Taylor was installed J. by Comp. James Terry P.Z., who performed the ceremony in his usual perfect manner. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. J. I. Cantle W.M. 1257, A. D. Renshaw S.W. 194, J. Williams J.W. 1257, and R. G. Shute D.C. 1257, which were unanimous in their favour, and these brethren were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by Comp. John Seex, the acting M.E.Z. The H. and J. were perfect in their duties, and Royal Arch Masonry was well sustained by all engaged. The Chapter was now closed, and the Companions sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert provided by Comp. A. Best, and superintended by Comp. E. Dawkins. The acting Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts in brief and appropriate terms. Comp. W. Mann P.Z. then rose; he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the acting Z. The M.E.Z. was absent, through pressure of business; but the duties of the chair had been admirably performed by the acting Z. It is thought that when the Z. leaves the chair, his duties are at an end; this is not so. A good R.A. Mason is always ready and willing. Comp. Seex thanked Comp. Mann for the manner in which he had spoken of the work performed by him. In the absence of the Z. he hoped the Chapter would prosper. There were many members who were ready to assist in any way to advance its interests. While this happy feeling existed, he thought he might venture to say the Industry Chapter would be second to none. Before he sat down he should have great pleasure in proposing the toast of the new Exaltees, and he would call on the Companions to give them a hearty welcome. Comp. Cantle said it had been his ardent wish to join R. A. Masonry; he fully realised its beautiful ritual; it would be his study to perfect himself. Comps. Shute, Renshaw, Unity, and Williams also responded. The acting Z. then proposed the toast of the H. and J.; he would couple with the toast that of the P.Z.'s, all had done their duty. Comp. Poore H. responded; whatever duties required of him, in any office he might be appointed to, he would use his utmost endeavours for their satisfaction. Comp. W. Mann followed, in the name of the P.Z.'s. Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z. 188 responded for Visitors. The acting Z. then proposed the toast of the officers; the Chapter was fortunate in selecting such competent men, they would carry out all required of them. Comps. Kew, J. G. Horsey and Holland responded, and then the Janitor's toast was given. Comps. J. I. Cantle and Renshaw contributed to the harmony of the evening.

LODGE FIDELITY, No. 230.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at Ebrington Hall, Granby-street, Devonport. The W.M., Bro. R. Cawsey, after passing and raising seven brethren, completed a very successful year of office, by efficiently installing as his successor Bro. James R. H. Harris, who had at the former meeting been unanimously elected. In a portion of the ceremony he was assisted by the W. Bro. John Lynn P.M. P.P.G.S.B., and a Board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were W. Bros. A. Rowe P.M., R. Burt P.M., R. Pengelly P.M. 70, E. Knight P.M. 203 P.G.S., J. B. Gover P.M. 70, P.P.G.A.D.C., W. Coath P.M. 230 and 893, J. Baxter P.M. 954, A. Stephens P.M. 954, C. Watson P.M. 954, W. Foxwell P.M. 1071, J. Allen P.M. 1091, T. Searl P.M. 1091, T. Heath I.P.M. 1136. The following brethren were appointed as the officers for the next year:—Bros. R. Cawsey I.P.M., R. Ellis S.W., R. W. Pitcher J.W., J. Lynn Treasurer, R. Cawsey Secretary, J. Babb Chaplain, J. Whitford S.D., J. T. Border J.D., W. M. Ridland I.G., Chas. Haggarty O., H. Boyling S.S., E. H. Littleton J.S., E. Stephens Tyler. W. Bro. Cawsey was unanimously elected to represent the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions of Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon. One guinea was voted to the Devonport Society for Supplying Blankets to the Poor, one guinea to the Soup Society, and one guinea to the Coal Society. A donation of £5 was voted to a brother who had for many years filled the office of Tyler, and he was also elected an honorary member. In consideration of the valuable services rendered to the Lodge by W. Bro. R. Cawsey, whose year of office had been the most successful for very many years, a Past Master's jewel is to be presented to him, in recognition of his zeal and ability, and a similar token of respect will be presented to W. Bro. J. Lynn, for his services as Treasurer. Apologies were received from many Past Masters, who were prevented from attending in consequence of other important Masonic meetings at the same time.

KING'S CROSS LODGE, No. 1732.

This flourishing Lodge assembled on Saturday last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Present—Bros. W. M. Stiles W.M., J. T. Briggs S.W., H. Stiles J.W., J. J. Michael P.M. Treasurer, E. Saintsbury Sec., Higgins S.D., L. Solomon J.D., L. Jacobs I.G., Gorringe D.C., B. Kauffmann D.C., C. B. Putland Steward, W. Knight P.M.; and Bros. Fletcher, Hubbard, Cashmore, Baker, Gilbert, Pope, Dighton, Pawson, &c. Visitors—Bros. Pulbery 1507, Silvester 193, A. Maclaren 193, Heath 1642, Bamberger W.M. 1366, Side 1507, Edmonds 1507, J. J. Pope P.M. 889 and 916, Porter P.M. 1269, J. R. Stacey P.M. 180, Gilbert 1507, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Baker and Pawson answered the necessary questions satisfactorily, and were duly raised to the third degree. Messrs. J. Goodall, J. T. Davies, and T. Dunsford having been balloted for and unanimously accepted, were initiated into the Order. These ceremonies were perfectly and impressively rendered by the W.M., whose working was excellent; every Officer was likewise perfect. The W.M. presented the Lodge with a very elegant album, to hold the photos of the brethren. Bro. J. J. Michael P.M. and Treasurer, in graceful terms, accepted the gift in the name of the Lodge. He hoped to see the likenesses of the brethren in it. It would be very gratifying in after years to look upon the features of the brethren; their autographs, also, would serve as a remembrance of their association with this Lodge. Bro. Michael then proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for Bro. Stiles' very kind gift. This was seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. After a suitable reply from the W.M., the Lodge was closed and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Clemow, that gave those who were present every satisfaction. The W.M., in very genial terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. J. J. Michael P.M. and Treasurer, on rising to propose the health of the W.M., said Bro. Stiles was one who could ably fill the chair and perform his work without the aid of a Past Master to assist him. All present had seen how perfectly he had performed the duties that evening, especially by the manner in which he had conducted the ceremonies of raising and initiation. No better working Mason could be found; his heart and soul were in the cause, and when they found one like him they fully appreciated his qualities. With these few remarks he would ask them to give a hearty response to the toast. The W.M. thanked Bro. Michael for the manner in which he had spoken of him, and the brethren for their hearty response. Theirs was a very happy Lodge, and the members would have a good successor to him. He (the W.M.) had studied the ritual, and he hoped his exertions had given them satisfaction. Bro. Stiles then announced that he had accepted a Stewardship for the next Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School; the S.W. would also serve as Steward for the Boys' School. When he acted as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he had raised a goodly amount for that Charity, but he hoped the S.W. would get a still larger sum. They both had but one object in view—the advancement of the three noble Charities. The next toast was that of the P.M.'s. The W.M. spoke of the manner in which Bro. Knight had performed his duties. He was a Grand Officer of Kent, and they were indebted to him for many services. Brother Michael was also one who merited their regard and esteem; but, as he had to speak of him in another capacity, he would call on the former brother, now, to respond. Bro. Knight thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks. Although an old Mason, he had never seen better working than he and the brethren had witnessed that evening. Bro. J. J. Michael followed, and fully endorsed all the remarks of Brother Knight; he was proud of being the first Master of this Lodge; he also was gratified at its success. The W.M. announced that, thanks to the brethren, he had on his list over £50. In proposing the toast of the newly initiated members, the W.M. said he was pleased at the manner in which they had listened to the ceremony. Both he and his predecessor had initiated brethren of whom they were proud. Bros. Goodall, Davis and Dunsford, in excellent speeches, replied. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, of whom there were eleven present. The Lodge was pleased to see so goodly an array. Bros. J. R. Stacey, H. M. Levy, Dr. Pope, Stanhope; also Bro. Heath, of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge—a Lodge which had been made famous by one of its Stewards taking up a sum of £500 for one of the Festivals last year. In time he (the W.M.) hoped this achievement might be emulated by one of their members. The Visitors severally responded; all thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, his able working and genial presidency. The excellent manner in which the Officers had performed their duties was likewise not overlooked. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. The Lodge was fortunate in having the services of two such Officers; to the former brother is due the success of the Lodge. The Secretary is most assiduous; no Lodge could have a better one; his suggestions were always good. To both brethren they were in every way indebted. Bro. Michael was proud to say, after all the liabilities had been paid, and the Charities taken into consideration, there would be a balance in hand. Bro. Saintsbury followed, with a very effective speech. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers; he was proud of them. The Visitors had praised the working of the Wardens and the junior Officers, and had expressed their sentiments as to how ably they had discharged their duties. He fully endorsed them; he trusted to see the S. Warden the future W.M.; he hoped that the forthcoming year would be in every way more prosperous than the waning one, and he hoped to see the brethren in health and prosperity at the next meeting. The toast met with a suitable response, and then the Tyler's toast was given. A very pleasant evening was thus passed, several brethren contributed excellent songs.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At Bro. Butt's, the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday, the 15th inst., Bro. Symons presided; he was supported by Bros. Fox S.W., Wing J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Pelican S.D., Greene I.G.; also Bros. Halford Treasurer, Weeden, Gyer, Gibb, R. Defriez, &c. The usual formalities were duly gone through. Bro. Weeden proved himself proficient as a F.C., and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the second degree, Bro. Fox worked the second, Bro. Hallam sen. the third, Bro. Tolmie the fifth section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Fox was elected W.M. for the next Monday evening. The sum of £1 1s was voted out of the Lodge funds for the relief of a distressed brother, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

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LODGE OF PRUDENCE, No. 1550.

ON Monday evening the Christmas supper in connection with this Lodge was held at Chubb's Hotel, Plymouth. Bro. R. G. Tippett W.M. presided. Among those present were Bros. L. J. Webber S.W., M. J. Lakeman J.W., J. T. Avery P.M. Treasurer, R. G. Bird P.M. Secretary, W. Dawe S.D., J. D. Barker Organist, R. B. Twose P.M. P.P.G.T., E. Roseveare P.M. 1099, E. Square P.M. 1247, F. B. Westlake 70, Samuel Pearse P.M., J. March 105, G. R. Barrett S.W. 1255, W. Stanbury, T. Smith 1550, G. Mitchell 70, T. Jarvis 954, W. E. Hoare 156, T. Goodall P.M. 1550, S. Ramsden 70, T. Smith I.P.M. 1255, H. Boon, E. Manly P.M. 156. After supper the various Masonic toasts were given. Bro. E. Roseveare proposed "The health of the Worshipful Master of Lodge of Prudence," and spoke of Bro. Tippett in the highest terms as a working Mason. He expressed the pleasure it gave him in seeing his worshipful brother presiding over that Lodge, and hoped that, by skilful medical treatment, he would be speedily restored to his usual health. Bro. G. R. Tippett suitably responded. In responding to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. R. G. Bird stated that the affairs of the Lodge were in a healthy condition. During the evening Bros. Jarvis, Goodall, Joyce, and Roseveare rendered several songs in a pleasing manner. Bro. W. E. Hoare presided at the piano.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—The regular meeting of this rapidly progressing Lodge took place at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, 24th December. Bro. J. Willing I.P.M. and Treasurer in the chair, in the absence of the W.M. Bro. John Douglass, owing to his professional engagements. There were also present:—Bros. Jones J.W. as Senior Warden., Sillis (Organist) as Junior Warden, W. M. Stiles Secretary, Cook J.D. as Senior Deacon, J. C. Smith as J.D., R. Lloyd as I.G., and Bros. Redstone, Hoare, Ellis, Haro, Dickey, Hone, Jagels, Cole, Woods, Gray, H. Ellis, Ramsden, Wheeler, W. Bryant, Perugia, Michell, &c. &c. Visitor—Bro. Edmonds. The minutes were read and confirmed, and then Bros. H. Dickey, H. Hoare, and W. Redstone were raised; Bros. J. N. Hare, T. H. Ellis, J. Gray, and J. Hone were passed. The ballot was taken for Mr. G. C. R. Perugia, proposed by Bro. R. Lloyd and seconded by Bro. J. L. Jones J.W.; for Mr. Walter Bryant, proposed by Bro. R. Lloyd and seconded by Bro. W. Cook J.D.; for Mr. George Ellis, proposed by Bro. J. Willing I.P.M. Treasurer, and seconded by the W.M., as candidates for initiation; the result was favourable, and these gentlemen were initiated into ancient Freemasonry. The ballot was also in favour of reception, as joining member of, Bro. R. Michell (Covent Garden Lodge 1614), who was proposed by Bro. J. Willing I.P.M. Treasurer, and seconded by Bro. W. M. Stiles Secretary. Several names of gentlemen were given in for initiation, and then the brethren adjourned to light refreshments. Part of the evening was devoted to Masonic toasts, interspersed with some most excellent singing. The acting W.M. alluded to the fact of nearly forty brethren being present in spite of the inclement weather, and the notice on the summons "No banquet;" proving the members of the Royal Savoy Lodge were not merely brethren of the so-called fourth degree. The initiates, in responding to their health, announced their determination to qualify themselves at their "quickest" for the Master's chair. Bro. Michell (the proprietor of Ashley's Hotel), in acknowledging the toast of his health, remarked that during his illness he might have exhibited some lack of attention, but his best wishes were with the Lodge. Having had many opportunities of witnessing the working and the harmony of the Lodge, he felt proud to join it, and he further trusted by his future endeavours to please the members, and prove his gratitude for their unanimously electing him. A very pleasant evening was spent, the worthy Secretary, Bro. W. M. Stiles, W.M. of the King's Cross Lodge, being indefatigable in his exertions to make the brethren comfortable. The Lodge was adjourned until fourth Tuesday in January.

MASONIC TRAGEDY AND COMEDY.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

NO one likes to be disappointed. We recall to memory an occasion when a friend asked us to accompany him to the theatre to witness a comedy, but when we were seated, the curtain arose upon one of the saddest and most thrilling of tragedies. We went there to laugh, and came away in tears. That was a sad disappointment. But every Freemason of considerable experience has felt a kindred surprise during certain Lodge visits. Sometimes he has expected tragedy and found comedy, and at others he has looked for comedy and found something akin to tragedy.

There is something quite Masonic about tragedy? Is it not derived from *tragos*, a goat? And is it not always feeling, earnest, and grave, and teaching great truths by example? Plato defined tragedy to be an imitation of the noblest life, and its proper theme as the deeds and sufferings of a hero. Freemasonry can "fill the bill." It inculcates the noblest truth, and has for its hero one who is a perpetual example of the most praiseworthy fidelity—one who loved the truth as he loved his life. But then Freemasonry has also its afterpiece of comedy. Too much gravity is deadening, and reminds one of a walking tombstone. We believe, with Douglas Jerrold, that humour is "the harmony of the heart." Comedy we may term the treble of life, and tragedy the bass, and to play a perfect piece of music both must be employed. Freemasonry does use both. Its Labour is tragedy, its Refreshment comedy. It is because these two parts of the great Masonic whole bear so important and necessary a relation to each other that custom and wisdom alike teach us that the two should always be conjoined. The Craft is wiser than any single Brother, and the Craft demands that Refreshment should ever follow Labour.

Historians of the drama tell us that tragedy, from the earliest times, was deemed worthy to entertain the refined inhabitants of cities, while comedy was thought to be more in harmony with the rustic habits of country people! But the most refined people, now-a-days, divide their time between the city and the country, and are hence entitled to, and do demand both. It is not absolutely necessary, however, to go to a place of amusement to witness either. Carlyle was right when he said, "man carries under his hat a private theatre, wherein a greater drama is acted than is ever performed on the mimic stage." Yes, all the world is a stage, and all of us performers upon it. But Freemasons perform in a different manner from that of their profane neighbours, or at least they ought to. Ours is a private performance, a rehearsal of "mysteries." Masonic rites are pure "mysteries;" they deal with Biblical events and personages, and teach the doctrine of a resurrection unto immortal life. And mark this—no comedy is in place in the exemplification of this teaching. But thereafter the Brethren may unbend—then is the time for the afterplay.

It is painful to witness tragedy and comedy intermingled in the Lodge, and such an occurrence is not as uncommon as it should be. The oriental chair of King Solomon was never intended to be filled by one not gifted and dignified by gravity and wisdom. The Worshipful Master has weighty words put in his mouth, and weighty deeds are looked for from him, but if he is equal to neither he is worthless even as a figure head, and Master of nothing. When we have heard the inane, lifeless manner in which the ritual has been rendered by some Masters—weighty words falling as lightly from their lips as if they were feathers, we have been reminded of Shakespeare's making even his fools to speak wisdom. The words were golden, but the speech was—an airy nothing. A W.M. should ever remember that he is acting a noble part, and unless he acts it well, he neither gathers honour to himself, nor impresses the truth of Freemasonry upon the candidate. To such we may fittingly apply Shakespeare's description of certain poor players: "I have thought some of nature's journeymen had made men, and not made them well, they imitated humanity so abominably." How many Masons are made who are not made well! All the necessary words may have been used, but words are dead—it is the spirit that giveth life. Let, then, the fire of the spirit enliven every Master's speech; let truth be clothed with its own fitting garments of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty.

Not a few of the tragedies of life owe their origin to the warfare of suffering; biting need drives some to desperation. A part of the mission of Freemasonry is to lift the weight of sorrow that presses upon a Brother, or those dear to him in kinship. The gospel of Masonry is a gospel of love. It is intended to comprehend the twin worlds of thought and action. Horace Walpole said: "Life is a comedy to him who thinks, but a tragedy to him who feels." We are taught both to think and to feel—to think the truth, and to feel for the sorrows and ameliorate the sufferings of our Brethren. We may sometimes deem our lot a hard one, because we have either to suffer, or to minister to sufferers; but, be it remembered, there comes a period to our Labour, and then follows Refreshment. The now-time is not to be compared with the hereafter, either in duration or enjoyment. Here we dwell for a time; there we shall live for eternity. Here we labour and are heavy laden; there, if we have the Master's word, and can pass the examination of the Grand Master of the Universe, we shall be ushered into the presence of Him to see whom is the earnest of perennial happiness. Then the briers of this working-day world shall no more annoy, for Labour will have ended, and our Refreshment will have begun—and of that there shall be no end. We never arise from eternity's rich banquet.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 27th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham

MONDAY, 29th DECEMBER.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold

TUESDAY, 30th DECEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7 30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6 30 (Instruction)
290—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
573—Perseverance, Shakespeare Hotel, Hales Owen
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
K. T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire

WEDNESDAY, 31st DECEMBER.

201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquility, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
288—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Gloss op
720—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Instruction)
986—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1054—Townley Parker, Morley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1075—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. (Instruction.)
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1284—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1496—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
151 —Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R. C.—Stanhope, Queen's Hotel, Chester
K. T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 1st JANUARY.

3—Trinity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Coopers, 26 Union-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Survival, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes.
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Batley.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R. A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R. A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R. A. 753—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
K. T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 2nd JANUARY

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
811—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 70 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
603—St. Johns, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.
817—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
829—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
1026—Lord Warden, Lord Warden Hotel, Lower Walmer, Kent
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1537—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 5.30

SATURDAY, 3rd JANUARY.

Special General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

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FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 105.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess-place, Plymouth, on Thursday, 18th December, when Bro. Mark Embden, who had previously been unanimously elected, was installed as W.M. The ceremony was very effectively performed by W. Bro. John James, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was accorded. Important business prevented the Master (Bro. J. Browning) from being present until a later part of the evening. There was a large attendance of Past Masters, and apologies were received from many who were attending another meeting at the Ebrington Hall, Devonport. Among those present were:—Bros. J. Browning W.M., C. Cooper P.M., John James P.M., Martin Williams P.M., S. Jew P.M. P.P.G.T., A. Woolf P.M. P.P.G.P., Rev. R. Measham P.P.G.Chaplain P.M., J. Cornish P.M. 223, H. Miller P.P.G.D.C. P.M., V. Bird P.M. 1550 P.P.G.T., R. Marshall P.M., T. Price P.P.G.A.D.C. P.M., J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., H. W. Welch P.P.G.P. P.M., J. R. Lord P.M. 1247, T. W. Fitch P.P.G.D.C. Bombay P.M., J. C. Bignell P.P.G. Supt. of Works P.M., P. B. Clements P.P.G.O. P.M., L. D. Westcott P.M. 70 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, A. E. Lean W.M. 70, A. Lethbridge P.M., W. Powell P.M., and James Gidley P.M. The Officers appointed for next year were:—Bros. J. T. Browning I.P.M., W. S. Hearder S.W., H. J. Kitt J.W., G. S. Bignell Treasurer, C. H. Cooper Secretary, E. A. Lyons S.D., W. Stanbury J.D., J. Gifford I.G., E. Pillar D. of C., G. Horswill O., A. L. Levy S.S., S. R. Hayes J.S. The W.M. was appointed to represent the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions for the Prov. Grand Lodge of Devonshire. W. Bros. Mark Embden, G. S. Bignell, C. Cooper, S. Jew, and J. T. Browning were unanimously elected to be the representatives of the Lodge on the Committee of the Associated Lodges. The banquet was arranged to be held at Bro. C. Walters', and the date will be fixed at the next meeting of the Lodge.

LODGE OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP, No. 276.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was celebrated on Thursday, 18th inst., at Chelmsford, and passed off with great *eclat*. A goodly number of members of the Lodge and several visitors assembled in the Board Room of the Corn Exchange Company, at three o'clock p.m., to witness the installation of W. Bro. J. S. Brown the W.M. elect, which, with his well-known urbanity, was kindly undertaken by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk. At its close the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the year as follows:—W. Bros. A. F. Ginn I.P.M., J. P. Lewin S.W., E. Shedd J.W., Rev. F. B. Shepherd Chaplain, F. Whitmore Treasurer, James Nicholls Secretary, W. J. Upton S.D., A. Mead J.D., A. Durrant D.C., H. Bowles Organist, F. Woodard I.G., F. P. Sutthery Steward, T. S. Sarel Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to V.W. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn for his kindness in attending, which having been duly acknowledged, some further business was transacted, and the Lodge adjourned. About six o'clock between forty and fifty brethren sat down to banquet at the White Hart Hotel, a sumptuous repast being well served by Bro. Sheldrake, the host. The new W.M. presided, and was supported on his right and left by the V.W. Bro. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk, W. Bros. Frederick Binckes P.G.S. Sec. R.M.I.B., J. Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts Sec. R.M.B.I., Andrew Durrant Prov. G. Treasurer, Thomas J. Ralling Prov. G. Secretary, &c. Amongst the other brethren present during the day, either at Lodge or banquet, were W. Bros. F. J. Westwood I.P.M. 225 P.G.S.D. Suffolk, Vero W. Taylor P.M. 1312 P.P.G.J.W., F. G. Green W.M. 1024, H. J. Sansom I.P.M. 1024 P.J.G.D., G. P. Jay P.M. 1024 P.P.G.J.W., W. W. Brown P.M. 214 P.P.G.O., J. E. Wiseman P.M. 433 P.P.A.G.D.C., W. Busham W.M. 650 P.P.A.G.D.C.; Bros. Charles Taylor 1765, M. Mildred 1326, J. A. Reed 1228, J. Baker 567, A. W. Ralling 51; and the following members of 276, in addition to those mentioned above:—W. Bros. D. M. B. Wheeler P.M., J. P. Sarel P.M., Rev. G. S. Barnes P.M., W. Pullen P.M.; Bros. A. G. Maskell, J. W. Hair, A. C. Durrant, and W. Wood. Much regret was expressed at the absence of the D.P.G.M. of the Province, V.W. Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram, who was prevented from attending by indisposition. A most pleasant portion of the post prandial proceedings was the very choice vocal music of Bros. Ashton, Hubbard, Thompson and Kift.

LODGE CAREW, No. 1136.

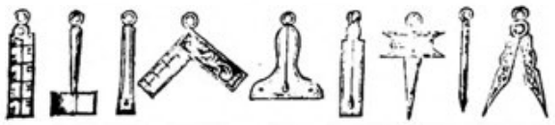
THE annual meeting of the Masonic Craft Lodge Carew, No. 1136, was held at the Masonic Hall, Torpoint, on 17th inst., and after several ceremonies had been performed, and usual business consequent at the end of every year, the W.M. elect Bro. Geo. Cassell, was in ancient form, and with accustomed rites, duly installed. Amongst the Past Masters who were present at the Board of Installed Masters, and afterwards, were Bros. Thos. Heath, who conducted the ceremony, H. Cochrane P.P.G.J.W. Cornwall, E. A. Davies P.P.G.S. Wks., H. F. Smith P.P.G.S. Wks., E. Poor P.P.G.P., H. Welch P.P.G.P., J. B. Gover P.P.G.A.D.C., E. March P.P.G.O., R. Pengelly P.M. 70, J. W. Collings P.M., G. Darke P.M., R. T. Truscott P.M., T. Rusholme P.M., R. Hayman P.M. all of 1136, R. Burt P.M. 230, R. Cawsey W.M. 230, J. James P.M. 105, R. Blight W.M. 223, E. J. Knight P.M. 202, W. Foxwell P.M. The Officers appointed for the next year were:—T. Heath I.P.M., W. G. Spear S.W., W. H. Phillips J.W., E. Poor Treasurer, J. W. Collings Secretary, W. Stephens A.S., W. J. Barratt S.D., A. White J.D., C. Haggarty I.G., A. Debnom D.C., J. Bayley O., J. Pearce S.S., W. Luxton, A. K. Collins, James Herbert; William Martin Tyler. The brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, Devonport, for the banquet, which was in every way admirable, reflecting great credit upon Bro. Parker, the manager of that establishment. The musical programme was large, and well carried out, a noticeable feature being the pianoforte accompaniment and solos of Miss Haggarty, a young lady of ten years, daughter of Bro. C. Haggarty I.G. She gives promise of becoming an accomplished musician.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction.—Meeting held at Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, Thursday, 18th of December, 1879. Present—Bros. A. Jones W.M., E. J. Acworth S.W., J. Wells J.W., F. Botley S.D., C. E. Botley J.D., Watkin Brown I.G., F. Millsom, W. M. Wyville. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Brother Millsom candidate. The Lodge was opened in 2nd degree, and Bros. Millsom and Wyville answered the questions leading to 3rd degree. The Lodge was closed in 2nd degree. Bro. E. J. Acworth was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed in due form with solemn prayer, and the meeting adjourned till Thursday, 8th of January 1880.

STRAND.

PRETTY and engaging Miss St. John still reigns supreme as "Madame Favart" at the Strand, and is likely to do so for some time, judging from the crowded state of the house nightly. Bro. Swanborough is to be congratulated on a lucky hit, still we cannot but feel it is not wholly due to merit of the piece, but to the very effective and careful way it is put upon the stage. Undoubtedly, the care and attention given by Mons. Marius, Mr. Ashley, Miss Violet Cameron—in fact, the whole of the company—may be reckoned as a good crew pulling well together, under the able leadership of Miss St. John, to the pretty music—renders the entertainment brilliant and pleasing from beginning to end; in fact, we have seldom seen an opera-bouffe better rendered, and the author, Offenbach, and Bro. Swanborough are to be congratulated on producing a pleasing and agreeable entertainment.

The Duke of Connaught has secured Forest Lodge, Farnborough, as a residence for the remainder of the time he may be stationed at Aldershot. Forest Lodge is distant about a mile from the North Camp, where his Royal Highness's battalion is stationed, and was rented by Sir J. Yorke Scarlett during his term in command of the division. As stated some weeks ago the health of the Duchess has not been good since her arrival at Aldershot. It is thought that the Pavilion—a wooden building, standing on the summit of a hill—is scarcely fitted for a winter residence, and it has therefore been abandoned.—*Whitehall Review.*



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THE ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

AT the beginning of the year 1880, we think it well to pause and survey the position of the Masonic Charity Fund which has been established during the latter half of the past year. In so doing we are but obeying the law of custom, for as year after year passes by, and seasons come round, most of us like to look back on the past as well as make plans for the future—either to rejoice at the success of our undertakings, or regret their failure or non-fulfilment. In the case of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund it is with pleasure we examine the present position of affairs. The success that has attended the efforts of the founders is certainly far beyond anything that could have been anticipated, or the most sanguine could have predicted. Only six months since, at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the members of the English Craft were told that there was a blot on those excellent Charities, on the maintenance of which they so justly prided themselves. The Earl of Rosslyn, in pointing out what he termed a little fault said, he was sure he had only to mention it to find it immediately corrected. Although we do not for one moment doubt the sincerity of our esteemed Brother's remarks, we hardly think he could have been so sanguine as to have imagined that his suggestion would have been thus speedily acted upon, nor do we think there were many of his hearers, no matter how much they may have coincided with his views, who would have been so bold as to think that a Fund similar to that suggested by his Lordship would be started, and that before the close of the year sufficient support would be received to permit of its being pronounced as firmly established, with every prospect of a brilliant future. A few days after the Festival Bro. Dick Radclyffe, in a letter addressed to the editors of the London Masonic newspapers, directed more general attention to the subject, and since that time he has exerted himself in every conceivable way to secure the foundation of an "Assistance Fund." A reference to our fourteenth page, whereon will be found a list of the Patrons up to the present time, is the best evidence that can be adduced in support of our verdict, that Bro. Radclyffe's endeavours have been crowned with success. From the first we have striven to aid the cause, and have had the pleasure of working with Bro. Radclyffe in the foundation of this Charity. At the same time we must not omit to credit him with by far the larger share of the honour of having inaugurated the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, for the majority of the brethren who have thus far given their names as supporters have been secured through his personal solicitation. Up to the present time the main object has been to obtain a strong foundation for the Fund, and this desire having been gratified, the real work of the projectors may be said to have commenced. Now it will be necessary to draw up rules for the government of the Charity, decide to whom and how the benefits shall be applied, and last, but not least, to secure the co-operation and support of the general body of members of the Craft. The latter task, stupendous though it is, should be somewhat of an easy one, when we take into consideration the position of the brethren who have already supported the formation of the Fund. The list, as will be seen, is headed by the name of the M.W. the Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who has made a personal donation of twenty-five guineas; his is followed by that of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who has sent twenty guineas, and H.R.H. Prince Leopold, who promises a like amount. The M.W. the Grand Masters of Ireland and Scotland each support the proposal, and then figure the names of our respected Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, Lords Carnarvon and Skelmersdale, as desiring the prosperity of the Fund. It is unnecessary for us to detail at length the numerous other Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers who support the scheme; suffice it to say that their number, as well as their rank, should be sufficient to stamp the proposal as a success from the outset. Of the forty Grand Masters who rule the various provinces into which English Freemasonry is subdivided, eighteen appear in the list of patrons, while twenty-two Deputy Provincial Grand Masters are numbered on the roll. These brethren represent twenty-five of the provinces, that is more than one-half the whole number. It will be an easy matter for them to lay the subject before the members of their respective provinces, and in this way alone we imagine a vast amount of good may be done. It appears now certain that the period has arrived for strong action on the part of the Craft in order to stop the number of disappointments which periodically take place on the occasions of the elections for the three Masonic Institutions, and if this Fund can be made the means of preventing some portion of the heartburning that must ensue after an unsuccessful ballot, the founders will be amply rewarded for any little trouble they may have gone to in starting it. Already several districts have taken the matter of Charity into their own hands, and in most cases success attends their efforts. On the principle that a little aid is preferable to no aid at all, we hope soon to chronicle the fact that the Committee of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund are in a position to offer something, however small it may be, to each of the unsuccessful candidates of the other Masonic Charities. This may hardly have been the idea of the Earl of Rosslyn when he referred to the matter, but the support already received is so great that we think this addition to the original idea is justifiable, and we are certain that Lord Rosslyn will never complain that his remarks are bearing too much fruit. The future alone can decide what it will be in the power of the Committee to undertake.

We now desire to support the Special Appeal which is being made to the brethren throughout the country on behalf of this Fund, and we hope that every subscriber to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE will in some way or other assist in the first year's work. As, doubtless, is well known to our readers, it is proposed to hold a Bazaar on 29th and 30th June and 1st and 2nd July next, and for this a large supply of fancy articles is desirable—nay, even necessary. We hope our brethren will prove themselves so liberal in their support of this undertaking that it will not be necessary for the Committee who may have the arrangement of details to purchase articles. Considering the extent to which Freemasonry is practised at the present day, it should surely not be possible to say that a Bazaar for so good an object failed for lack of support. We know arrangements are already made for various entertainments to be given during the four days the Bazaar is open, and little now remains but to secure a good stock of wares. Bro. Best has acted most liberally in giving the use of the large hall and suite of rooms, and everything augurs well for the success of the project if only the brethren will come forward and assist the Committee. We sincerely trust that the Craft will rally round us in establishing the Fund, and that the year 1880 will long be memorable for the splendid totals realised by the Masonic Charities.

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OUR CHARITIES—A YEAR'S WORK.

THE support given to the three central Masonic Charities during the year that has just closed brings the total receipts for the twelve months up to an amount unprecedented in the history of the Institutions, and this notwithstanding the fact that as year by year goes round the sums contributed for Provincial local Masonic Charities are greatly increased. The total of the income of the three which may be termed universal—if not by reason of the support accorded to them, at least from the fact that their aid is sought for and partaken of universally—amounts to £44,731 9s 3d, a splendid result, and one of which English Masons may justly be proud; for it must be borne in mind that this represents the receipts of three only of the Masonic charitable organisations. We are occasionally told that the amount annually raised for these Institutions is but a small sum per head, and that, compared with the expenditure on banquets, jewels, and other luxuries, it is very insignificant. We are quite prepared to admit, if taken amount against amount, without any consideration as to the objects, that there is a wide difference, but we think it is hardly justifiable to say that every Mason is necessarily compelled to support these three particular Charities—whether they are worked according to his ideas or not—to the extent that he does the banquet table of his Lodge. The experience of the past few weeks has led many good-hearted brethren to ask whether the subscriptions are in all cases judiciously applied, while the ever increasing number of rejected candidates renders it imperative that something special should be done in order to assist a greater number, even if only partially, and yet to this course there seems to be a strong feeling of opposition. It is not always policy for a majority to assert their supremacy, for by so doing they may drive the minority away altogether. To prevent this taking place in connection with the central Charities, we again advise a spirit of co-operation rather than opposition, on the part of those brethren who, because they think themselves able to whip up a majority for a particular meeting, seem determined to have their own way, without any consideration for the opinions of others. At the present time, everything must be worked in accordance with the go-a-head business spirit of the age, and when it is imagined that our Charities are to be an exception to the rule, a grave error is committed, which can have but one result—the diminution of the subscriptions, if not entire withdrawal by sections or districts. The whole question of Masonic Charity should be carefully inquired into, and as it is thought that beneficial results may be obtained by outside education—even though it may be the idea of a small minority—a trial should be made of that system, in order practically to decide the matter.

The following are the actual figures for 1879. From these it will be seen that the Benevolent Institution again takes the lead with a total of £17,781 12s. 10d. or £2,901 10s. 3d. in excess of that realised in 1878, the amount that year being £14,880 2s. 7d. The second position is this year secured by the Boys', with a total of £13,924 4s. 4d., as compared with £13,130 18s. 7d. in 1878, an increase of £793 5s. 9d. The Girls' Institution brings up the rear, following pretty close on the Boys' with £13,025 12s. 1d., this is the only case where a diminution in the total of 1879, as compared with that of 1878, takes place. The sum realised in the latter year was £13,366 1s. 8d., so that the falling off really amounts to but £340 9s. 7d., a somewhat insignificant amount in proportion to the whole, but still of sufficient importance to demand particular attention, lest the deficiency be allowed to increase.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	14,123	10	6
United Grand Lodge (Grant from) ...	800	0	0
Supreme Grand Chapter do.	150	0	0
Dividends (1½ year)	2,686	4	4
Sundries	21	18	0
	£17,781	12	10

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	12,051	2	3
United Grand Lodge (grant from) ...	150	0	0
Supreme Grand Chapter do.	10	10	0
Dividends	301	5	0
Legacy	103	10	1
Purchased Admissions	714	0	0
Life Presentation	525	0	0
Miscellaneous	68	17	0
	£13,924	4	4

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	11,179	18	0
United Grand Lodge (grant from) ...	150	0	0
Supreme Grand Chapter do.	10	10	0
Dividends	1,207	10	0
Legacies	123	9	1
Purchased Admissions	178	10	0
Miscellaneous	175	15	0
	£13,025	12	1

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE BALL.

A VERY pleasant evening was spent by the members of this Lodge and their friends on Thursday, the 11th ult., on the occasion of the first Annual Ball. As is well known, the Lodge meets at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, of which Bro. Butt is the proprietor. He has recently succeeded in securing a license from the City authorities, allowing Masonic Balls at his establishment, and of this privilege the members of No. 1612 were the first to avail themselves. Dancing was kept up until a late hour to the strains of Cohen's band, and altogether the arrangements proved most satisfactory. Bro. T. Meekham acted as M.C., and presided at the supper table. The few toasts usual on such occasions were duly honoured, Bro. Meekham, in giving that of the host, wishing that every success might attend the efforts recently made by that brother to cater for the enjoyment of his brethren.

LODGE OF INDUSTRY BALL.

A BALL will be given by the members of the above Lodge, on Thursday, 8th January 1880, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn. The W.M. and brethren desire to make this an opportunity for friendly and fraternal greeting. Bros. W. H. Hook W.M. and D. J. Robinson P.M. will act as M.C.'s, and the following comprise the Board of Stewards,—Bros. W. Mann P.M. and Treas., C.W. Noehmer P.M., W.W. Philp S.W., J. J. Taffs I.G., G. Hook Organist, G. F. Stutchbury, F. Alexander, G. J. Dyer, A. Leon, J. Seex P.M., R. Allison J.W., H. J. Johnson J.D., J. G. Horsey W.S., S. Earl, H. C. Day, W. B. Marcus, H. Stubbings, A. Nagle, and T. Mackness. Dan Godfrey's Quadrille Band is engaged.

"UNITED MASONIC BALL."

THE Committee have pleasure in announcing to the brethren and their friends that they have made arrangements for the Second Annual United Masonic Ball, to take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, 4th February 1880, and that they have secured the entire suite of rooms for the purpose. Relying upon the hearty co-operation of the brethren, and in order to secure the most perfect success, the Committee have determined to limit the number of Tickets. It is therefore necessary that an early application for the same be made. Bro. T. Goode is the Treasurer, and Bro. F. S. Rothschild the Hon. Sec. The brethren will be permitted to appear in Masonic Craft clothing and jewels. Mr. Dan. Godfrey and his celebrated Band have been retained. Bro. T. Meekham P.M. 1288 will act as M.C.

R.W. Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, on Monday consecrated the new Masonic Hall erected by the Southampton Masonic Hall Company. There was a large gathering of brethren from all parts of the Province. The building is situated in Albion-place, and embraces a very fine Lodge room, banquetting-hall, chapter room, and usual offices.—*Portsmouth Times.*

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MILITARY MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. T. B. Whytehead, in his communication of last week, suggests that the non-appreciation of *York* warrants by the local Militia (as instanced at p 34 of "Atholl Lodges") was probably due to the Officers of the Yorkshire Regiments being "scions of County families," whilst the Officers of the "Grand Lodge of *All* England" (York) were drawn from the trading classes."

This explanation would be perfectly satisfactory, if it were the case that, as a general rule, in Military or Regimental Masonry, the initiative was taken by the *Officers*.

On the contrary, however, and this mainly accounts for the preference exhibited by military brethren for the "Ancient" or *working men's* Grand Lodge. Regimental Lodges (of the last century), in nearly every case which I have been able fully to investigate, originated in the Masonic zeal of the *rank* and *file*, and, in the few instances where a Masonic spirit has pervaded an *entire* regiment, the love for the Craft has not spread *downwards*, but *upwards*, viz, from the soldier's barrack-room to the Officers' mess.

Nothing is more certain, than that the marvellous success of the "Ancient" or "Atholl" Grand Lodge (enabling it, as we are aware, to dictate its own terms at the "Union") was chiefly, if not entirely due, to its rigid observance of the principle of equality.

It was essentially a Grand Lodge of "Operatives" or "working men," ruled by brethren of their own selection; and the youngest "Atholl" initiate, if he cherished the laudable ambition of becoming a Grand Officer, knew that merit was the surest passport to preferment, and had no reason to fear that the practice of the "Moderns," under which rank and wealth had the preference, would be followed by the "Ancients," whose assertion of Masonic independence constituted, indeed, an enduring protest against the dangerous innovations made by the earlier Grand Lodge, upon the liberal and equalising spirit of Masonry.

It is but natural to suppose that the Masonic "polity" of the "Ancients," would commend itself to regimental non-commissioned officers, and as a matter of fact it did—for the Military Lodges of the "Ancients" at all times vastly outnumbered those of the "Moderns."

Of four Lodges held in the Royal Marines before the "Union," *three* were "Ancient" and *one* "Modern;" whilst of *fifteen* (English) Lodges warranted at the same era in the Royal Artillery *all* were "Ancient."

With the fusion of the two Grand Lodges in 1813, the decadence of Military Masonry commenced. A "working men's" Grand Lodge no longer existed, and the proportion (under the UNITED Grand Lodge of England) of Military to other Lodges, which was *one in twelve* in 1814, fell to *one in three hundred* in 1878.

A record of our Military Lodges, and of the remarkable events in their history is much called for. Many now *stationary* Lodges in the United Kingdom, in our garrisons abroad, and under independent jurisdictions, were originally warranted in British regiments.

Under the first heading comes the Royal Somerset House Lodge No. 2, which enjoys the unique distinction of representing both a "Sea" and a "Field" Lodge; the York Lodge of Perseverance No. 7; the Union Waterloo No. 13; the Royal Clarence, Bristol, No. 68; St. John's, Sunderland, No. 80; Unanimity, Preston, No. 113; the Salopian Lodge of Charity, Shrewsbury, No. 117; and Fortitude, Truro, No. 131.*

At Gibraltar, St. John's, No. 115 (first constituted in the Royal Artillery), is the oldest Lodge "on the Rock;" whilst under an independent jurisdiction, viz., at Quebec, the senior Lodge, "Antiquity," was originally warranted (by the Grand Lodge of Ireland), in the 46th Regiment in 1752, as the Lodge of "Social and Military Virtues" No. 227. The capture of their warrant by the French, its return under a military guard, and the controversy as to General Washington's initiation in No. 227, are topics that space will not permit me to linger over. The *second* Lodge on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Quebec—"Albion," was constituted in the Royal Artillery at New York as No. 213 (Ancients) in 1781.

The oldest *existing* Military Lodge is No. 128 on the registry of Ireland, which was constituted in the 39th Regiment so far back as 1742, and no doubt was in full working order fifteen years later, when the gallant 39th, for its share in the glorious victory of Plassey (1757) received the distinctive title of "*Primus in Indis.*" Having regard to the special perils besetting a Military charter, from which our "home staying" warrants are happily exempt, and bearing in mind the number of hard fought fields in which the 39th (Dorsetshire) Regiment has been engaged—the continuous existence of this Lodge throughout a period of *one hundred and thirty-seven years* must be pronounced one of the most remarkable occurrences of which the annals of Freemasonry afford an example.

About *two hundred* Lodges have been warranted in regiments or garrisons by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, of which *ten* only exist (as Military Lodges) at the present day, and are held (inclusive of the 39th Foot, above mentioned) in the 4th Dragoon Guards (1758), 29th Regiment (1759), 49th Regiment (1760), 38th Regiment (1765), 5th Dragoon Guards (1780), and the 12th and 17th Lancers, together with the 20th and 26th Foot, of more recent date.

Twenty-six regimental charters have been issued in former times by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of which none are now in work.

As previously stated, the Military Lodges on the English roll have almost died out; they exist only in the 1st, 6th, 12th, 14th, 31st and 89th Foot, whilst *one* only of the number (Unity, Peace and Concord, No. 316, in the 1st Royals) ranges back into the last century. Had the progress of Military Masonry kept pace with the general prosperity of the Craft, instead of *six* there should now be (exclusive of the *separate* jurisdictions of Ireland and Scotland) at least *one hundred and sixty* Regimental Lodges on the registry of England.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

P.S.—Reverting to the preference shown by the Yorkshire Militia regiments for Grand Lodges *out* of their native county, it is but fair to add that the Militia of the last century, having been called upon to undertake garrison duty throughout the United Kingdom, their applications for Masonic Warrants of Constitution were probably much influenced by the predominance of particular Grand Lodges in the towns in which they were quartered. For example; No. 176 "Ancients," the note to which Lodge, in my "Atholl Lodges," is alluded to by Bro. Whytehead, was warranted in the 1st Yorkshire Militia whilst stationed at Sheffield—a great stronghold of the "Ancients." The singular impartiality of the 6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons, in ranging itself under the banners of *three* Grand Lodges of England and *one* of Ireland, as well as experimenting in Royal Arch Masonry under Grand *Chapters of England* and *Scotland*, may also be cited, as illustrating that the "Regulars" were similarly influenced by local causes.

* It is curious and noteworthy, that whilst so minute a fraction of the 400 (more or less) Military Lodges has survived to this day, *two* out of the *three* "Sea" or "Naval" Lodges, established in the last century, are still represented on the roll of the G. Lodge of England, viz., No. 279 (1762), "on Board H.M. Ship the Prince at Plymouth," by No. 2 above (Somerset House), and No. 254 (1760), "on Board the Vanguard," by present No. 108 (the London Lodge).

DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—A letter in your issue of the 27th ult., signed "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON," upon the subject of the Devon Educational Fund, recounts that the Institution in question "is especially worthy of notice by the brethren, and that it is likely to become a great public good, and an important Institution."

I am one who worked hard on behalf and assisted to *found* this *Institution*, at a time when it was the fashion to pooh-pooh its claims and throw cold water on *our* efforts, or at best to "damn them with faint praise," and this by many who now are converts to the scheme.

Thus far I am fully with, and endorse all the good likely to accrue from this local Institution mentioned by "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON."

But when my brother, in a somewhat patronising tone, says:—"We have, on former occasions, contributed largely, and shall probably still continue to do so, to the great Institutions of London; but, finding that our *children* had to contest for the benefits of these Institutions with all the other Lodges in the kingdom, and that it took a great deal of money and a great deal of personal exertion to get children elected, we determined upon the adoption of a system of *educating* and *sustaining* our children at home."

Now, the foregoing is all very buoyant and cheerful, and shows great self-reliance, but unfortunately, at the same time, a lamentable want of both truth and knowledge, and makes assertions strangely at variance with facts.

First, "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON," instead of saying "We have on former occasions contributed largely, and probably shall do so again," should rather have said—We, as a Province, have received, and now are receiving annually, large sums from the great Masonic Institutions in London. We have more than our full share of children in each of the London Masonic Schools, and that, too, after having had to compete with all the Lodges of the kingdom for these benefits. How much more fairly would "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON" have written, had he but added—"Assisted by the sympathy and kindness of other Provinces and distant Lodges, who placed votes at the disposal of our London representative at each election."

Devon would not, from the strength of her own voting power, have ever been in a position to elect the candidates now on the funds of the great Charities who have been placed thereon during the last few years. Would "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON" consider it a labour of love or an irksome task to quietly analyse the lists of the great Charities, so far as they refer to the number of Devon cases on the funds, or in each School? After amusing himself with the Old People, he might take a *turn* with the Girls and Boys. Finding the amount received per annum, he would then be in a position to compare the "large contributions" he mentions with the past and present receipts from the Institution.

The brother, doubtless from the high position he holds in the Province, is quite familiar with the charity lists or records issued by the London Masonic Institutions, wherein is shown "Who's who." Let me hope—in fact I will *not* doubt it—he is at least a Life Governor of all the Institutions, as well as a *liberal* donor to the Devon Educational Fund.

But when "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON" says, "We determined upon a system of education, and '*sustaining*' *our children* at home, does the brother make this *rash assertion* as an individual, or in an official capacity in connection with the Devon Educational Fund? The latter I cannot believe, for in two of the most important essentials it is so contrary to fact, so misleading, that one would

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really imagine that in the future the Province of Devon intended keeping all its orphans at home, and "*sustaining*" them there.

Does "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. of DEVON" *know sustentation* is no part of the scheme of the Devon Educational Fund, which was founded to give education, clothe and advance in life those orphans whom the Province could not hope to get elected into the London Schools, in *addition*, and as distinguished from the children that are selected by the Committee of Petitions of the Province, and who do get elected to the London Schools.

Referring "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. of DEVON" to *bye-law* 6 of the Devon Educational Fund, what becomes of his expression of "*sustaining them at home?*"

I ask the brother to post himself in this and kindred matters in connection with the Fund before giving vent to perhaps harmless but most misleading statements.

Under no circumstances would I wish it inferred that Devon has been lax, or even neglectful in rendering good and liberal support to the great London Masonic Charities.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon in this respect might be accepted as a pattern to be followed by other Provincial Grand Lodges in the aid so often rendered to the great Charities. Many of the Lodges and Chapters throughout Devon have during the last few years subscribed handsomely, and supported Stewards for the London Charities, but unfortunately, be it remembered, during the same period the candidates having claims, or rather making claims on Devon, have been many, and far out of all proportion to votes held by the Province.

By a system of organising this voting power, and the judicious use of votes obtained from other provinces, Devon has thus been enabled to place on the funds of all the Masonic London Charities her more than full quota of candidates—hence, so far as those surplus orphans of the province were interested, it became an absolute necessity that the Devon Educational Fund should exist; but *not* to keep at "*home and sustain*" our urgent and most deserving cases; but to send those to the great Charities, working for their admittance to the utmost of our power, giving the benefit of the local fund to those surplus cases which the province have no power to work into the great Schools, in addition to those previously named.

Provincial Masonic Educational Funds are no new idea; we have the experience of Lancashire, Cheshire, and Yorkshire, and during the past twenty years each of those named have flourished. These local funds, auxiliary to the great Charities, and not antagonistic, find their main support from individual brethren of their province, who become Life Governors and Annual Subscribers to the local fund; thus fully recognising the fact that to ask for aid from the funds set apart by the respective Prov. Grand Lodges at annual meetings for the great Charities in London, would *be most* unwise; to say nothing of the manifest unjustness of such a course.

If the Devon Educational Fund is to prosper, let the Province be wise in her generation. The brethren—the rank and file of Masonry in the Province—must come forward as Life Governors and Annual Subscribers, and give aid to their local institution for purely local purposes of a secondary nature. To ask the Provincial Grand Lodge or the other governing bodies of Masonry in Devon for monies that should be devoted to the great Charities, as some adequate return for the present large sums received by Devon orphans and annuitants now on the funds of the several great Charities. Trench upon these Funds for the local Educational Institution, and the power now possessed by the Province in the great Charities will fade away. Do this; embrace the shadow, and, in the act, lose the substance.

So far as Devon is concerned; such is the aid received by her orphans and annuitants from the great Charities, her voting power at each election of those Institutions; and her returns in kind to the great Charities; as well as the features of the Devon Educational Fund.

I, without egotism, beg to subscribe myself,

Yours very fraternally,

AU FAIT.

THE PROJECTED EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am sorry to have incurred the displeasure of our Bro. Perceval, but will ask him to believe that it is neither offence nor anger that impels me to decline his offer to be my backer in a contest for supremacy in personal abuse. If, however, Bro. Perceval desires to discuss in a friendly spirit through your columns the *pros* and *cons* of what many subscribers consider an ill-advised project, I shall have great pleasure in doing my best to convince him that the opinions of himself, and those who adopt his views of the proposal, have been formed too hastily, without sufficient consideration of the Laws of the Institution, and with too little regard for the principle which, I submit, should govern all charitable efforts, viz., the greatest good to the greatest number. An inexcusable blunder in the previous proceedings, in consequence of which it has been found necessary to convene a new meeting to do that which was supposed to have been already done, is in itself a proof that haste rather than judgment has been the guide, resulting at all events in the uncalled for expense of two meetings in the place of one. It will scarcely be contended that this was for the benefit of the children for whose education and support the funds were collected. The subscribers are indebted to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE for pointing out this irregularity, which certainly ought not to have occurred. Mistakes, like misfortunes, seldom come singly, and I believe it can easily be shown that the second notice is as illegal as its predecessor.

It is satisfactory to have an admission that the sum named for the purchase of a property we do not want is "*a fancy price*," but may I beg Bro. Perceval to further consider whether Trustees of Charitable Funds subscribed for a specific purpose are at liberty to expend those funds in *fancy* speculations or investments? I think he may find that Parliament has dealt with this subject in a manner which renders the position of Trustees who may indulge in such whims particularly unpleasant from a financial point of view.

A military friend suggests that the promoters of this project would do well to execute "*a strategic movement to the rear*," and I have pleasure in placing his suggestion at their disposal.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

1st January 1880. H.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My letter in the CHRONICLE of the 20th inst., advocating grants of say £20 per annum each for education, &c., of children in the vicinity of their homes has drawn forth the inquiry from Bro. Chas. John Perceval—"Are we sure that the money so voted would be properly applied?" Your remarks on this question in your article in the CHRONICLE of the 27th ult. are exceedingly apposite, as is also the letter of "A P.M. and P.P.G.J.W. of Devon." For the information of your readers I will briefly state the course adopted by the East Lancashire Institution to secure the proper application of the grants made for education, &c., of children. On the election of a child, some brother of the Lodge to which the father belonged is selected by the Education and Relief Committee to undertake the supervision of the child's education, and generally to act as its foster father; and by this brother arrangements are made with the schoolmaster or schoolmistress, the school in all cases being approved by the Committee, and reports are regularly furnished by the school to the Committee, by whom the school bills are paid, after being certified as correct by the foster father. By this means I apprehend the Committee ensure the proper application of the grant.

I do not deny that the education given in our noble Institutions—the Girls' and Boys' Schools—is superior to that which could be obtained by a £20 grant, but that is not the question I raise. What I wish is, the benefits of these Institutions to be extended to the greatest possible number, and this I maintain will be better accomplished, and at much less cost, by the system of home education than by an extension of the present system.

There is no doubt at all that the provinces, finding it almost impossible to carry their candidates at the Girls' and Boys' Elections, are earnestly taking up this *home* system, and as it becomes more general, the Metropolitan Institutions must of necessity lack the liberal support hitherto extended them by the provinces, unless indeed the benefits of the Metropolitan Institutions can be extended in the way I have indicated.

Yours fraternally,

East Lancashire, 29th December 1879. J. W.

UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

8 Thurloe Place, S.W.
27th December 1879.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letter of a P.P.J.G.W. which appeared in your issue of to-day speaks volumes as to the kind of opposition to be expected with regard to the motion brought forward by Bro. James Stevens at the last Grand Lodge Meeting, "Uniformity of Ritual."

Now, I take it that the word "Uniformity" has been greatly misunderstood by a number of the brethren, and the "pishing," "pshawing," "ridiculous," "impossible," "can't be done," "Brothers, stand close," uttered against poor Uniformity, have been amusing and surprising, considering the sources from whence they sprang; why, one would have thought that Bro. Stevens imagined that he was capable of performing a miracle, that he was going to build Rome in a day, that he was uprooting the foundation of Freemasonry with his wonderful attempts at what ninety-nine out of a hundred will tell you is much to be desired; the others do not see how it can, or expect it ever will be done; and such brethren I would refer to one of Æsop's fables, about the man whose cart was stuck in the mud, and instead of putting his shoulder to the wheel and helping to get it out, went and knelt down on the roadside and prayed to Jupiter to get it for him, with the result,—cart remained stuck. To such brethren let me say, if each one of you will only put a pound weight of your help and assistance, our beautiful ritual will be lifted out of the various quagmires into which she has been allowed to sink bit by bit, in fact, so unlike herself, that her own mother could not possibly recognise her. Now what is it that Bro. Stevens is aiming at—Perfection? No, for that is impossible; but he asks in a straightforward commonsense way for a constituted authority, evoked from the combined talent of some of the most distinguished (by merit and ability) of our brethren, an authority whose decision shall be final, an authority to whom any W.M. desirous of fulfilling his obligation for the well-ruling of his Lodge can refer, for there would be no compulsion in the matter; but, at the same time, he could plead no excuse if doubtful of his working.

I have been informed that there is an authority recognised by Grand Lodge—viz., the working of the Lodge of Reconciliation at the Union, 1813, and handed down to us by the late eminent Mason Stephen Barton Wilson, that that Ritual is still in existence, and that the Emulation Lodge still carries it out; but, in the same breath, I am told if our late eminent ritual-

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ist was to be permitted to be once more amongst us, and attend on Friday evenings, he most assuredly would fail to recognise his own handy-work, it had been so improved upon. The first portion of the task would be long, difficult, but most interesting if carried on with that love and harmony by which we are supposed to be especially distinguished; that task once accomplished, the work of improvement, of reformation, and return to the once beautiful ritual, would be gradual, would be slow, but would be firm, lasting, and as certain as the incoming tide on a shallow beach, and like that gradually spread itself over the whole surface. Such I believe to be the aim of Bro. Stevens and all who support him, and with my earnest hope for his success. Of course, the above does not apply to those learned brethren who are so wise in their own conceit that they have nothing to learn, and need not that any should declare unto them of that in which they are perfect, unequalled, and without compeers, and whose wisdom is so much superior to that head to whom they gave their allegiance at their initiation, and at every step since that they feel themselves relieved from their obligation, and at liberty to follow their own conceits, and those only.

I remain,

Yours fraternally and faithfully,

CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL.

P.S.—Erratum in my letter of the 20th, lines 43, 44, 45, *for* "A large piece of ground immediately at the back could have been bought for £1000 or less," *read* "a large piece of *waste* ground, &c., for £1500 or less." This was my fault, not yours.

C. J. P.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Thank you very much for the insertion in your pages of my last letter on this subject, *as I wrote it*. Your contemporary has seen fit to "delete" certain portions, which spoil the context of the whole; and the letter written for both journals is shorn of its intended purpose, so far as that exponent of Masonic opinion is concerned. I will not here impute reasons for the excision of matter which you have seen no reason to reject. To those who have the opportunity for comparing the respective impressions they will be sufficiently apparent. The suppression of parts of my letter is unworthy of more than passing regret that an opponent cannot fairly publish the arguments of "the other side."

Will you add to all your former favours by giving me this opportunity to inform the brethren that I am now forming the Committee I have to nominate at next Grand Lodge meeting, and that I shall be glad to hear from any Past Masters (particularly those of the Provinces) desirous of joining with me in my efforts to secure "Uniformity, &c.," through the instrumentality of a preliminary "enquiry into the various systems now in practice and reporting thereon" to Grand Lodge at a future date?

With the compliments of the season, and wishing the CHRONICLE continued prosperity,

Believe me, yours very truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS.

Clapham, 31st December 1879.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 70.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on the 29th ult., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, and after the initiation of three gentlemen, which was efficiently done by the retiring W.M. (Bro. Alfred E. Lean), assisted by W. Bros. S. Roach and R. Pengelly, the installation of the new Master (Bro. William Odam), who was unanimously elected at the previous meeting, took place. This ceremony was admirably performed by W. Bro. Lean, assisted by W. Bros. J. B. Gover P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. and Richard Pengelly P.M., in the presence of a large Board of Installed Masters. The musical portion of the ceremony was beautifully rendered by the Organist of the Lodge, Bro. John D. Barker. The Officers appointed and invested for the ensuing year were:—Bros. A. E. Lean I.P.M., Edwin Tout S.W., James Griffen J.W., Leonard D. Westcott P.M. P.P.G.S. Wks. Treasurer, John B. Gover Secretary, George Mitchell S.D., Francis B. Westlake J.D., J. H. Dwelly D.C., Thomas King sen. A.D.C., W. H. Symons O., John D. Barker I.G., G. Sercombe S.S., W. T. Denniford J.S., John Holmes Tyler. Bro. John D. Barker was appointed Charity Steward of the Lodge. The especial duty of this Officer is to collect subscriptions and donations from the members for the Devon Masonic Educational Fund; and in several Lodges where similar appointments have been made it has been found to work well, and for the benefit of this as well as the great Masonic Charities. A sum of three guineas was voted to a brother who was known to be in needy circumstances. The Treasurer reported the Lodge to be in a prosperous condition. The dinner to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist was provided by Bro. Charles Walters, at the Farley Hotel, and was, in all respects, everything that could be desired. During the evening an elegant gold P.M.'s jewel was presented to the late W. Master, engraved as follows:—"Presented to W. Bro. Alfred E. Lean by St. John's Lodge, No. 70, in recognition of his zeal as Master, A.L. 5879." The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and many excellent speeches, inculcating Charity as the outcome of Freemasonry, were made. The musical intervals were very interesting. The glees of Bros. Firks, Goodall, and J. Rendle were admirably rendered, and many of the brethren exercised their musical talent to help to make the intervals between business highly enjoyable. In consequence of so many Lodges holding their annual meetings at this time of the year many distinguished brethren were unable to be present. Letters regretting their unavoidable absence were read from:—Right W. Bros. Lord Ebrington P.G.M., Walter G. Rogers D.P.G.M., L. P. Metham P.G.D. Eng. P.D.P.G.M., Right Hon. Earl Mount Edgcumbe P.G.M. Cornwall, Col. J. W. Peard D.P.G.M. Cornwall, William J. Hughan P.G.D. Eng. P.G.S.W. Egypt P.P.G.S., Cornwall, John Brewer P.G. Sec., Rear-Admiral F. H. H. Glasse C.B., Charles Godtschalk P.M. P.P.G.D., W. Derry P.M. P.P.G.S.D. (the Mayor of Plymouth), John Marshall W.M. 156, J. H. Dawe W.M. 1255, John Way P.M. 70 P.P.G.T., J. J. Avery P.M. 70 P.P.G.T, Richard Lose P.M. P.P.G.P., V. Bird P.M. 70 and 1,550 P.P.G.T. Amongst those present at the ceremony or the banquet, in addition to those whose names have been already mentioned, were V.W. and W. Bros. Francis P. Holmes P.M. P.P.G.S. Works, Charles Stribbling P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Samuel Roach P.M., Samuel Jew P.M. P.P.G.T., John Dupré P.M. P.P.G.D.C., F. R. Tomes P.M. P.P.G., H. W. Thomas P.M., R. G. Bird P.M., Joseph Wainwright P.M., all of Lodge 70; J. E. Curteis P.M. 189 P.P.G.S.Warden, Rev. W. Whittley P.M. 156 P.P.G. Chaplain, J. Matthews P.M. 282 P.P.G.S. Works, R. G. Tippett W.M. 1550, P. B. Clements P.P.G.O., C. Cooper P.M. and Secretary 105, W. Browning P.M. 223 P.P.G.A.D.C., R. Cawsey P.M. 230, George Firks W.M., John R. Lord P.M. and Treasurer, James Rendle P.M. and Secretary 1247, W. Criper 282, Thomas Goodall P.M. 954, B. Elliott W.M. 1247, J. R. H. Harris W.M. 230, Charles Richardson P.M. 1212, H. Chapis, C. Rodda, J. Kitt, H. S. Moon, T. King jun., P. Hamley, R. Blight, K. Bond, Hoare, J. Beard, T. Gard, T. Cuming, Holloway, Moysey, Lister, Leigh, Crossman, &c.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

DORIC LODGE, No. 81, WOODBRIDGE.

THE brethren of this Lodge celebrated their Installation Festival and the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist on Saturday, 27th ult., when there was a most successful and pleasant meeting. Lodge opened about 3.30. The presence book was signed by Bros. W. P. T. Phillips P.M. as W.M., F. Whisstock S.W. the W.M. elect, E. St. G. Cobbold J.W., B. D. Gall Treasurer, R. Allen S.D., J. Stidolph Sec., Past Masters A. Barnes, B. Gall, T. Grimwood; Bros. W. Roe, J. Cana Fisk, F. A. Kent, G. Freeman, E. R. Wood and W. H. Hessey. The Visitors were Bros. W. Clarke P.G.D.C. P.M. British Union 114 Installing Master, T. J. Wentworth P.G.S.D. I.P.M. St. Luke's 225, W. G. Cannold W.M. 225, G. Abbott P.P.G.S.B. S.D 225, C. Kent J.D. Prince of Wales 959, D. D. Steele 959, and R. Senton 225. The Lodge having been regularly opened in the three degrees by Bro. Phillips, the Installing Master assumed the chair. Bro. Whisstock was then presented, and having given assent to the ancient charges, all brethren below the chair left. The installation ceremony was then performed by Bro. Clarke in a most efficient and impressive style. The brethren having been readmitted, the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in regular form. The Worshipful Master invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. E. St. G. Cobbold S.W., W. P. Phillips J.W. (in his unavoidable absence, Bro. W. P. T. Phillips being invested for him), B. D. Gall Treasurer, Williamshurst Secretary (Bro. J. Stidolph being invested for Bro. Williamshurst, who was absent through illness), E. R. Wood S.D., F. A. Kent J.D., B. Gall P.M. D.C., J. Cana Fisk I.G., G. Hall Tyler, B. D. Gall, G. Freeman, and R. Allen Stewards. Bro. the Rev. A. Tighe Gregory Chaplain, and Bro. J. Stidolph Organist, were re-appointed at last meeting of Lodge. On the motion of Bro. W. P. T. Phillips, seconded by Bro. B. Gall, a resolution was passed that the usual subscription from Lodge to the Masonic Girls' School should be placed on Bro. Clarke's list. The Lodge then closed. The brethren adjourned to the Bull Hotel, where a splendid banquet was prepared by Bro. J. Grout. After the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. The W.M., in replying to the toast of his health, heartily thanked the brethren for the high honour which had been conferred upon him. He alluded to the responsibilities thrown upon him; he should, he said, do all he could for the welfare of the Lodge. He reminded his Officers of the importance of the punctual performance of their duties, and relied with confidence upon their co-operation and support at all times. Bro. W. Clarke proposed the Masonic Charities, earnestly urging upon his hearers the claims of the three great Institutions upon the entire Masonic brotherhood. The musical portion of the programme was efficiently carried out by Bros. Abbott, Grayston and Steele, Bro. J. Stidolph accompanying on the pianoforte.

BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 159.

THIS Lodge has now been in existence over one hundred years; and it will be remembered that a few months since the brethren celebrated the centenary anniversary of their Lodge. During the whole course of its career the brethren have not had a regular abiding place for their "warrant;" and for some time past they have met at Lodge "Charity," Union-street, Stonehouse. These rooms, however, being somewhat out of repair, it was felt desirable by the brethren that they should assemble together in a more suitable place. Bro. R. Lose came forward and offered to provide the desired accommodation. The brethren availed themselves of Bro. Lose's kindness, and building operations were commenced at the back of Hobart House, Hobart-street, Stonehouse, and a neat and commodious building has been erected on this site. The structure consists of a handsome Lodge room 42 feet long, 20 feet broad, and about 18 feet high; a refreshment-room, ante-room, and the necessary offices. The Lodge is approached from a side street, and its exterior has a very neat appearance. Inside everything is elaborately fitted up, and the Lodge room, which is situated on the first floor, has been most hand-

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somely furnished. The Master's chair, which is made of mahogany, is a beautiful piece of workmanship. The arms terminate in two richly-carved lions' heads, whilst the back is studded with the emblems of the Order. It is 7 feet 6 inches in height, and the top is surmounted by a crown. The chair is upholstered with crimson Utrecht velvet, and is richly carved. There are three other high back chairs, which are about 5 feet 6 inches in height. In front of the Master's chair is a pedestal about 4 feet high, with a white marble top, and in front are two Corinthian columns. There are two other pedestals of a similar description. There are also provided twelve "horse shoe" chairs, upholstered in crimson velvet. The floor is covered with a beautifully designed Brussels carpet, and in the centre, instead of canvas, will be placed a tesselated carpet. Every convenience has been provided for the accommodation of the members. Around the room will be placed "warrants" and other matters connected with the Brotherhood. The apartment will be illuminated with the "sun light." The refreshment room will be fitted up in a very comfortable manner. The building has been erected by Mr. A. Lethbridge, contractor, Plymouth; and the furnishing arrangements are being carried out by Snawdon and Company, 43 and 44 Union-street, Stonehouse.

"Lodge Ebrington" will be consecrated on the 6th of January next, by Lord Ebrington Provincial Grand Master of Devon. For its formation the petitioners are eleven in number:—Bros. S. Jew P.M. P.P.G.T., R. Lose P.M. P.P.G.P., J. H. Stephens P.M., A. Lethbridge P.M., J. Bartlett P.M., F. Littleton W.M. 159, V. S. Johns S.W., T. Lose, R. Lose jun., J. Lose, Isaac Masters. The brethren of "Lodge Brunswick," who number about 126, will meet on the first Wednesday in each month, and those of "Lodge Ebrington," on the second Tuesday of each month.

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 202.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on the 29th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, St. Stephen's-street, Devonport, when there was a large attendance. After a raising, and the acceptance of three brethren as joining members, the installation of W. Bro. Henry Welch P.M. P.P.G.P. was performed by Bro. E. Murch W.M. P.P.G.O., assisted by J. P. Price P.P.G.S.B. and E. J. Knight P.G.S., in the presence of R. Marshall P.M., E. D. Parnell P.M., W. H. Terrell P.M., E. Binding P.M., all of 202; W. Coath P.M. 893, J. Allen P.M. 1039, J. Ripper P.M. 1212, — Jackman P.M. 178, F. Codd P.M. 230 P.P.G.O., M. Embden W.M. 105, R. Blight W.M. 223, J. Gidley P.M. Trethoway. The Officers appointed were:—Ed. Murch I.P.M. Grylls S.W., S. O. Elliott J.W., E. J. Knight P.M. Treas., J. D. Sandy Sec., G. Willcocks S.D., J. Viggers J.D., C. Organ I.G., W. Oates Org., C. Price D.C., E. Langmead A.D.C., J. Burns S.S., W. H. Cawse J.S., E. Benny T. The dinner was held at the Royal Hotel, Devonport, and the catering of Bro. Parker, the manager of that establishment, gave unbounded satisfaction. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The health of the W.M. Bro. Welch was especially honoured, he having been the Master of this Lodge some fifteen years before. It will be satisfactory to the friends of Friendship Lodge to know that it continues to be in a very high state of prosperity.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

THIS old-established Lodge, which originally had a special privilege to initiate, pass and raise in the French language, and now in its working is second to none, held its installation meeting on Thursday, 1st January, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Bros. Julius Quitman W.M., T. W. Cooper S.W., E. Child J.W., J. Kench A.G.P. Treasurer, J. B. Sly P.M. Secretary, E. Humphrey S.D., Swears J.D., Skinner I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. H. Wood, Walters I.P.M., C. Burmeister, E. Wilson, Lindus; and a numerous attendance of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted; it showed the financial position to be a flourishing one, and that a good sum remained in the hands of the Treasurer. The ceremonial portion of the day's proceedings was very heavy. Bro. Dickson was passed to the second degree, and Bro. Hawkins was raised. Mr. R. Marner was then ballotted for and duly initiated into the Order. Great praise is due to the W.M. for the excellent manner in which he performed the ceremonies, and each of the Officers rendered goodly assistance. Bro. Schubert enlivened the proceedings by playing some very appropriate music. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Thomas Cooper, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., who performed the work in a very perfect and impressive manner. There were sixteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. Bro. Kench gave the addresses very impressively, and he, as well as the I.P.M., received the warm congratulations of the members on the conclusion of the ceremony, which compliment was fully endorsed by the several visitors, amongst whom we noticed Bros. A. Mount 1328, Grist 1637, Wilson G.P., J. Rexworthy 1728, F. Blake W.M. 855, R. Pierpoint P.G.S.D. Gloucestershire 1365 S.D. 1828, E. C. Schubert, G. Wehlen W.M. 511, E. P. Albert P.G.P., Capstick 435, Mount, C. E. Birch 1223, W. Stephens P.G.D.C. Middlesex P.M. 1637 1489 and 1365, C. W. Davis P.G.S. Middlesex P.M. 382 W.M. 1637, H. Dicketts P.G.S., L. B. Pillen P.M. 180, S. A. Cooper J.W. 1637, Ginger The Great City Lodge, C. Tinney, Hurdell 1348, Bett, Verity, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The customary salutations were duly given, and the W.M. in appropriate terms invested his Officers:—Bros. J. Quitman I.P.M., Child S.W., E. Humphreys J.W., J. Kench A.G.P. Treasurer (re-elected for the ninth time), J. B. Sly P.M. Sec., Sweers S.D., Skinner J.D., G. Baumann I.G., Palmer D.C., L. G. Langdon W.S., Balo Organist, Elvin J.S., Church Tyler. The W.M.'s selection gave unqualified satisfaction. Bro. J. Kench A.G.P., in pursuance of notice of motion, proposed that the sum of twenty guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of endowing the W.M. and S.W. of the Lodge as Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This was seconded by Bro. Lindus P.M., and carried unanimously. Bro. Quitman was elected to represent the Lodge as Steward at the next Anniversary Festival of the R.M.B.I., and the amount voted by the Lodge as above stated was placed on his list. Bro. Sly P.M. and Treasurer stated that the W.M. had presented the members with a very splendid cloth, beautifully embroidered with the arms of the Lodge. It was proposed that the thanks of the members be tendered, and that the vote be recorded on the minutes. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Alfred Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts in brief but eloquent terms. In giving that of the D.G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, the W.M. expressed his pleasure at seeing three Officers of Grand Lodge present. Bro. Wilson G.P. in a very eloquent speech, responded to the toast, and thanked the W.M. for the manner he had spoken of the Grand Officers. Bro. Albert P.G.P. followed, and Bro. Kench also made a very excellent speech. Bro. Quitman said he had the honour and the privilege of proposing the health of the W.M., who was initiated in the Lodge; all knew how perfect he was in his working. Bro. Quitman was sure the brethren could not have made a better selection. The W.M. was one who was in every way calculated to fill the chair to the satisfaction of the members. The W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for the manner in which he had spoken of him. He had worked very hard to arrive at the summit of his ambition—the chair of this important Lodge. With the assistance of the I.P.M. and the Past Masters, who would guide him in his occupation of the chair, he hoped to preside creditably. When he left the chair he trusted he should meet with the same amount of cordiality that had been accorded him that evening. The toast of the initiates was given and responded to. Bro. Kench P.M. and Treasurer singing the E.A. song. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors—they were brethren whom all respected. Many among them had rendered great service to the Order. Bro. Schubert here delighted the brethren with a pianoforte solo. Bros. H. M. Levy, W. Stephens and Charles W. Davis returned thanks, and specially referred to the Charity vote made by the Lodge during the evening. In proposing the toast of the I.P.M., Brother Quitman fully endorsed all the Visitors had said in praise of that Brother: he was one who could not be excelled; who had shown what could be done by perseverance and a desire for the welfare of the Lodge. Bro. C. W. Davis then sang "The Jolly Waggoner" in a genial manner, the brethren joining in chorus. Bro. Quitman responded. He thanked the W.M. for the manner he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the elegant jewel presented him; he should always wear it with pride. He then proposed the toast of the Past Masters; there were eight among them, Bro. Wilson being the oldest. Bro. Pierpoint sang "My old friend John." Bro. Wilson P.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for their kind expressions. The I.P.M. had done good service for the Lodge, and it was highly gratifying to see a W.M. whose working was so creditable. The toasts of the Wardens and Officers were given. The W.M. said he hoped the selection he had made had given satisfaction. He knew their qualifications. All had been initiated in the Lodge, and no band of brethren could be better calculated to do their duty. He hoped eventually to see them in the proud position of W.M. of their mother Lodge. Bro. J. Humphrey J.W., in a very eloquent speech, returned thanks. In addition to those named, Bros. Bennales, Wood and several others contributed to the harmony.

MONTEFIORE LODGE, No. 1017.

THE Installation Meeting of this capital working and flourishing Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 24th December, at the Masonic Rooms, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. J. Lazarus W.M., L. J. Salomons S.W., W. H. Brall J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., Ellis S.D., M. Levy J.D., Syer I.G.; P.M.'s W. H. Gulliford, A. Eskell, S. V. Abrahams, De Solla, Blum, V. Myers, A. Blumenthal. Among the Visitors were Bros. S. M. Lazarus P.G.S.W. Wilts, Cramer W.M. 834, Alais P.M. 834, Silvester 193, L. Alexander P.M. 188, Davis 188, A. Myers 185, Barnett P.M. 185 and 1668, M. De Saxe Leete 188, Johnston 177, J. Abrahams P.M. 188, C. Merion 1744, J. West 73, Cutler W.M. 251, Greenwall 188, Samuelson 245, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Davis was passed to the second degree. A Board of Installed Masters was now formed, and Bro. L. J. Salomons S.W. and W.M. elect was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Lazarus, who, in his performance of the ceremony, exhibited a perfect knowledge of his duties. There were sixteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. The W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom, and he then, in appropriate terms, invested his Officers:—Bros. J. Lazarus I.P.M., E. Ellis S.W., M. Levy J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, J. Syers S.D., Mann J.D., Benjamin I.G., M. Leverton D.C., Goldberger W.S., S. Sampson W.S., Lazarus jun. W.S., Smith Tyler. The investiture of the Officers was received with loud applause. Letters of apology were read from Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., Col. Shadwell Clerke, and several others, who regretted their inability to be present. Bro. S. V. Abrahams P.M. gave notice of motion that the sum of £10 10s be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and £5 5s for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of any brother who would represent either of those Charities at the next Festivals. Bro. A. Blumenthal P.M announced his intention to act as a Steward for the Girls' School. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted; it showed there was a balance, after meeting every liability

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of £107 7s 8d. The amount in the hands of the Treasurer on behalf of the Benevolent Fund of this comparatively young Lodge was £367 4s 2d. Hearty good wishes were given by the numerous Visitors, and the brethren, 51 in number, sat down to a very sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Nichols, and superintended by Bro. M. Silver. The wines and viands were of first-rate quality. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft; the National Anthem was sung, and then the W.M. proposed the health of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, which toast likewise met with a hearty reception. Bro. Heine Hugo here sang, "Ruddier than the Cherry," and was deservedly applauded. The toast of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers followed. The W.M., in speaking of their qualifications, remarked it was with pride they had one among them—a founder of the Lodge—who had been selected for Grand Office. Bro. Albert was one whom they all respected; he is an honour to the Lodge; he had been invested by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. As one of the most esteemed Past Masters of the Lodge he was entitled to respect, and it was with pleasure he associated his name with the toast. After an eloquent response from Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P., Bro. J. M. Lazarus I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. On many previous occasions he had had to propose the toast of the W.M., but on this occasion he did so with infinite pleasure. On looking back to Bro. Salomons' Masonic career, they could not but be struck by what he had done in the minor offices. He might, however, say, Bro. Salomons was one who would be able to perform the ritual in a manner such as had not been excelled for some time, and would fill the office with credit to himself as well as to the Lodge. Apart from this, he would carry out all required of him. He therefore called on all to join in wishing him health and prosperity. Bro. Heine Hugo gave another specimen of his artistic ability as a singer. The W.M. thanked Bro. Lazarus for the eulogiums he had passed upon him; he hoped to thoroughly carry out the working of the three ceremonies. In presiding over them he was imbued with the knowledge that a great unity of feeling existed in the Lodge, and that the members were animated by the true spirit of brotherly love; he hoped to leave the chair with the same impression. His rise was due to the kindness of the P.M.'s and the brethren; he would always look to their interests, and it would be his pride to follow in the footsteps of his precedessors. The W.M. then proposed the health of Bro. D. Davis, who was initiated at the last meeting. From the attention Bro. Davis paid to the ceremony they might rely upon it he would become a credit to the Order. The toast was responded to in a manner that fully justified the remarks of the W.M. The toast of the Visitors was next given, the W.M. remarking how pleased he was to see them. There were distinguished brethren among them—Bro. L. Alexander, an old P.M. of 188, the Lodge from which the Montefiore sprang. As the Visitors were so numerous, he would call on Bros. L. Alexander P.M. 188, J. D. Barnett P.M. who represented Nos. 185 and 1668, and Vernon Heath to respond to the toast. Bro. L. Alexander felt a great pleasure in replying. He had witnessed the Lodge's excellent working; he saw several Past Masters present who had passed the chair in his own Lodge. The Montefiore being an offshoot of the Joppa, he was gratified to see it prosper and flourish. He felt proud and honoured by being called on to respond to the toast. Bro. Barnett fully endorsed all the former speaker had said. It afforded him great pleasure to be present, and to see such working. The good feeling that exists in the Lodge was such that it could but be appreciated by all present. He was a Past Master representing two Lodges; the Worshipful Masters being unable to be present, from pressure of business; he would, however, convey to them an account of the hospitality he had received. Bro. Vernon Heath also acknowledged the compliment. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge. He was pleased to see the I.P.M. by his side; all the brethren must have seen how admirably Bro. Lazarus had worked the ceremonies. The Lodge had voted him a jewel, which he hoped on the next occasion to have the honour and pleasure to invest him with. The W.M. then recounted the special qualities of the other Past Masters present, and called on those assembled to do honour to the toast. Bro. J. Lazarus was personally prepared to do anything required of him for the interests of the Lodge; what the Past Masters had done in the past, they would repeat in the future. Bro. Victor Myers followed, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers. No better or more efficient working Masons could be found in any Lodge. The Treasurer and the Secretary, Bros. L. Jacobs and Albert, are well known and respected; and every one of the other brethren have rendered services that entitled them to the esteem of the Lodge. Bro. Jacobs Treasurer and both the Wardens responded, and then the Tyler's toast was given. A most agreeable evening was thus brought to a close. The W.M. provided a very excellent concert, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden. The Misses Rose Bartle R.A.M. and Laura Grey, Messrs. Lovett, Verry and Prenton, Bros. Heine Hugo and Silvester (Sidney Franks) singing some excellent songs, many of which were deservedly applauded and encored.

STOUR VALLEY LODGE, No. 1224.

THE eleventh anniversary of this Lodge was celebrated on Friday, the 28th November, at the Masonic Hall, Market-hill, Sudbury. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., Dep. Prov. G.M. Suffolk, who has filled the office of Master of this Lodge during the past twelve months presided, and was supported by Bros. Robt. E. Jones S.W., S. Spurgin J.W., and numerous members and visitors, among the latter being Bros. Andrew Peacock P.M. 118, Charles Cooke W.M 1823, J. W. Collins P.G.C. Suffolk S.W. 1823, Thomas Stoke Secretary 1823, W. H. Fenner 1823, L. Klamborowski Junior Warden 1823, John B. King 27, W. H. Jones 1008. After transacting the minor business of the day, Bro. Martyn proceeded to install his successor, Bro. Robert E. Jones, who in turn invested the following officers, H. C. Canham S.W., S. Spurgin J.W., E. Reeve Boulter S.D., Geo. Murrells J.D., W. H. Smith D.C. Thos. B. Ardley I.G., H. Welham P.M. Steward. After the Lodge was closed the brethren partook of banquet, the regular toasts following. The W.M. in reply to the toast of his health, stated that he had been thirty years a Mason, and was extremely proud to now fill the chair of the Stour Valley Lodge. He was initiated in the Old Suffolk Lodge, No. 910. He assured the brethren he should do all in his power to make his term one of success for the Lodge. Bro. Martyn as I.P.M. thanked the brethren for their hearty reception. The past year was the fourth he had spent as Master of the Lodge, which would always receive his heartiest support.

Capper Lodge, No. 1076.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on the 11th ult. Bro. P. McCarthy P.M. opened the Lodge shortly after six o'clock, and was supported by the following Officers and brethren:—Bros. F. Brien I.P.M., Taplay S.W., J. T. K. Job J.W., J. Mitchell Secretary, W. Dorton S.D., W. Nevins J.D., N. R. Mason I.G., M. Brown D.C., M. Sherwin Organist, W. Harris W.S., W. Watkins A.W.S.; Bros. J. Gaskell P.M., J. W. Butler, R. G. Smith, J. C. Pitt, W. Robinson, W. B. Weeks, H. Taylay, E. Brien, G. Andrews, W. T. Arnett, &c. The business to be done was to ballot for Mr. Alfred Nash, and, if approved, to initiate that gentleman; to pass Bro. Taplay and Spencer, and raise Bro. Pitt. These three ceremonies were performed by the W.M. and his Officers in a very creditable manner. Bro. Spencer, arriving late, in consequence of the thick fog (which will account for the comparatively small attendance), Bro. McCarthy very kindly consented to pass him, although the hour was then advanced. The report of the Audit Committee was afterwards received, and presented some features very satisfactory to the Lodge, the steady support given to the Masonic Charities, and the operations of the Lodge Benevolent Fund being especially noticeable. Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren, after half an hour's social chat, dispersed to find their way home through a dense fog.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 29th December, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston. Present: Bros. Lorkin W.M., Christian S.W., Polak J.W., Hand S.D., Baker J.D., Clark I.G., Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wallington Preceptor, also Bros. Brasted, Carr, Darnell, Fleck, C. Lorkin, Wardell, and others. The Lodge was opened to the 2nd degree; Bro. Wardell answered the questions and was entrusted; the Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and Bro. Wardell was raised, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties; the Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree, when Bro. Carr answered the questions, was entrusted, and the Lodge being resumed in the 2nd, Bro. Carr was passed. The W.M. worked the 4th section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Williams was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Tenterden Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 251.—This new Lodge was consecrated on the 20th December, at the Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, by Bro. F. Binckes Grand Secretary G.L.M.M., assisted by Bros. D. M. Dewar Asst. G.S., C. F. Matier P.G.W., Stephen Barton Wilson G.S. Works, and F. H. Cozens P.G. Organist, after which Bro. Turquand was duly installed into the chair, and appointed his Officers as follows:—Bros. Tanner S.W., Gimingham J.W., Christian A.P.M. and Sec., Sylvestre M.O., Blackman S.O., Holloway J.O., Nicholson Reg., Pargeter S.D., Smith J.D., Walker I.G.

Obituary.

Bro. Thomas Joseph Sabine, P.G.S.W. Middlesex, P.M. 73 1423 1540 W.M. and P.Z. 73 1423 1540, &c., died on Sunday, 28th inst., at 8.30 p.m., at his residence, Grand Parade, Brighton. Bro. Sabine's death was very sudden, from the rupture of a vessel in his chest, after a long attack of bronchial asthma. Our late brother was initiated in the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, in 1863, and was a Vice-President of all the Charities.

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By Bro. LOUIS HIRSCH.

"That a Committee be appointed to consider the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the Election of Candidates and for other purposes, and to report to the next General Court."

By Bro. W. H. B. TOMLINSON, J.P., P. Prov. G. Reg. W. Yorks.

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By Bro. Edw. Cox, Vice-Patron, P. Prov. G. W. Norths and Hunts.

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F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary.

3rd January 1880.

The Ninety-second Anniversary Festival will take place in May next, on which occasion **HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE LEOPOLD, K.G.**, P.G.W., Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master for Oxfordshire, &c., has graciously consented to preside. Names of Stewards will be gratefully received by the Secretary.

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THE first annual installation meeting of the above Lodge was held in the Lodge Room, Foresters' Hall, Dargaville, Auckland, New Zealand, on 6th September. The attendance was so large that it was evident, if the Lodge continues to increase, the brethren will soon be obliged to build a hall for their own requirements. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. J. M. Dargaville, assisted by his Officers. After the usual preliminary business had been transacted, the Treasurer's report and balance sheet were read; these were most satisfactory, showing receipts amounting to nearly £250—and that, after having paid for Lodge furniture and regalia of the best description, as well as all ordinary and necessary expenditure, the Lodge still had a balance to its credit. A candidate was then introduced to Masonic light, after which the W.D.G.R. Bro. W. P. Moat P.M. 1711 took the chair, and in his usual impressive manner installed Bro. John Lindley P.M. 218 Calcutta as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. then appointed his Officers as follows:—Bros. E. Mitchelson S.W., W. H. Spiers J.W., R. A. Dargaville Treasurer, W. Vousden Secretary, W. Moore S.D., D. McLeod J.D., R. Mitchelson I.G., W. B. Jackson D.C., L. Dacre and A. Hood Stewards. Bro. H. J. Ludlow presided at the harmonium, and his masterly rendering of the music added greatly to the effect of the ceremonies. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren then proceeded to the banquet, which was provided and served by Bro. J. Raynes in a style which gave satisfaction to all present. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and duly honoured, Bro. Dargaville proposed "The health of the W.M." He said Bro. Lindley had not been long among them, still he had been long enough to prove himself a good Mason, and secure the esteem of all. It was a source of great gratification to himself that he should be succeeded by one who was evidently so well fitted to bring the Lodge to a high state of efficiency. Bro. Lindley briefly replied, thanking the I.P.M. and brethren for the honour done him, and making several useful suggestions, which he hoped the brethren would attend to in future. He was now getting on in years, and had hoped it would not have been necessary for him to have taken such an active part in Masonry as again to become W.M. of a Lodge, but as the brethren thought he would be of service to the Lodge, he had consented to be nominated for the office. He concluded by proposing "The health of the I.P.M." Bro. J. M. Dargaville, in returning thanks, said that the distance of his residence from the Lodge had prevented him from attending to his duties as regularly as a Master of a Lodge should do. Still, he had done his best, and from the manner in which the toast had been received, it was evident the brethren thought so. He had accepted the office of W.M. in deference to the wishes of the brethren, and against his own inclination, knowing that he could claim no credit for regular attendance to his duties as Master. He had thought that a Lodge might be successfully floated there, and the number of brethren present, as well as the Treasurer's report read that evening, proved that he was right. Bro. Dargaville then proposed the toast of "The Installing Master, V.W. Brother Moat." This, they would all admit, was really the toast of the evening; for no matter who was entitled to the credit of founding the Lodge, one thing was certain—that had it not been for the exertions of Bro. Moat it would not be in existence to-day. A great deal had been said that evening about their own Masonic zeal and enthusiasm, but when they considered the amount of work done and personal exertion voluntarily undergone by Bro. Moat on their behalf, they must, in common with all other brethren by whom he was known, regard him as a model Mason. Bro. Moat responded. He thanked Bro. Dargaville for the too flattering eulogy he had passed upon him, and the brethren, not only for the manner in which they had responded to the toast, but for the kindness shown him on all occasions, both in public and private, wherever they came in contact. He certainly had taken some exercise on their account, seeing that each visit to the Lodge entailed on him a journey of at least 250 miles, but the present position of the Lodge, and their appreciation of his services was ample reward for all his trouble. There were few Lodges indeed which, at the end of their first year were amply supplied with furniture and regalia and, at the same time, had a balance on the right side of the ledger. Most people about Auckland looked upon the Northern Wairoa as somewhere outside the bounds of civilisation,

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and the people there were supposed to be in very poor circumstances these hard times; but when the ordinary receipts of the Lodge in its first year amounted to £250, it was evident times were not so very bad. He urged them to be punctual in their attendance at the Lodge, and give the W.M. every assistance in bringing it to a high state of efficiency. After a most enjoyable evening, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren departed east, west, north and south to their respective homes, some of which are forty miles from the Lodge-room. It would be improper to end a report of the first Installation Meeting of this Lodge without making reference to Bro. M. S. Leers, P.M. Prince of Wales Lodge 1338, who may truly be said to have been the pivot of this Lodge, he having consecrated it, twelve months ago, and having been the mentor and instructor of the brethren by whom it has been carried on. Bro. Leers is well-known in Auckland as one of the brightest of Masons, and the leading Preceptor under the English Constitution. The excellent working of the Prince of Wales Lodge 1338, of which he is Secretary, and the position of that Lodge, which is the leading Lodge in the colony under the English Constitution, is proof of his great ability and successful labours.

GRAND MASONIC CEREMONY AT INVERCARGILL.

THURSDAY, the 23rd October, is a day that will long be remembered in Invercargill as marking an era, so to speak, in the advancement of the place. It saw the foundation-stone of the handsome structure that is to do duty as a Hall of Justice laid, with all the Masonic ceremonies customary upon such occasions. The stone was laid by the R.W.D.G.M., His Honour Judge Harvey, and the District Grand Lodge Scottish Constitution. The relegation of this important duty to the District Judge, whose connection with the bar and public has admittedly been a pleasant one, was singularly appropriate, and he deserves the thanks not only of the Craftsmen but of the community at large, for remaining in Invercargill in order to carry out the wishes not only of the Masons but of the members of his own profession, and, we may add, of the public generally who have the slightest acquaintance with his Honour. In this duty he was assisted by several members of high standing in the Order, numbers of whom came from Dunedin and intermediate places, while not a few were from Queenstown and the Arrow. The members of the Aparima Lodge also mustered extremely well—in fact, so many Masons never before assembled in Invercargill, and it was the general remark with the Craft that they had no idea so many could have been brought together in so short a time. If we estimate the number at over two hundred we shall be within the mark. There were many notable visitors—brethren of high standing and skilful as Freemasons. Amongst them we noticed Bros. C. de L. Graham I.P.M. Port Chalmers Marine Lodge and P.M. of the Palmerston Lodge, Bro. G. F. Rowlatt P.M. and W.M. of Mount Ida Lodge, and the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and brethren of the Lake Lodge of Ophir. These were all E.C. Masons. Of S.C.'s there were—Worshipful Bros. Louis Court P.M. 116, Caldwell P.M. St. Andrews Lodge, Forest R.W. Mark Master 116, Golder P.M. St. Andrews Lodge Dunedin, McGavin P.M., J. O. Eva P.M. (formerly Grand Secretary), and Marsden P.M. Dunedin Lodge and Grand Organist E.C. We estimate the number of visitors from the north at close upon seventy. Need we say that the presence of so much outside talent, combined with local ability, ensured almost perfection in the voluminous details of the impressive ceremony, in which Freemasonry was pre-eminent. Below we give a detailed account of the proceedings, from the time the procession started from Sloan's Theatre, shortly after three o'clock, until the vast crowd, who had witnessed the whole proceedings, dispersed. It is, therefore, unnecessary to refer to these matters in detail here. As to the building, at the time of tenders being called for, we published a description that would convey a fair idea of its dimensions, and suitability for the purpose for which it was designed. The proceedings commenced at the Kelvin-street Lodge-room at high noon, with the installation of Bro. F. W. Burwell as Right Worshipful Master of Lodge St. John S.C., by a Board of Installed Masters, numbering twenty-five. This number was remarkable, and it may be questioned whether so many had ever before assembled in a Lodge in Otago. This in reality was but a minor part of the whole ceremonial. Extraordinary preparation had been made to lend the latter the utmost possible *eclat*. As it was pretty well understood that the assemblage of Masons would be exceptionally large, arrangements were made by Bro. Sloan for the use of the Dee-street Theatre. The interior of this large building was arranged as a temporary Lodge-room, and we can assure our readers that when the Lodge was in full sitting the scene presented was one that will not readily be forgotten by those whose privilege it was to gather within the walls. There were the members of four Lodges besides those of the District Grand Lodge, the latter conspicuous by their distinctive and gorgeous regalia. After the installation ceremony at the Kelvin-street Lodge the members of the Southern Cross Lodge assembled there, and after performing the usual rites, marched in procession to the Dee-street Theatre. Meanwhile the members of St. John's Lodge and numerous visiting brethren had assembled in the lower part of the building, and at a given signal the door was opened, and the members of the Southern Cross Lodge entered in procession and took their places. Then, under the direction of the District Grand Directors of Ceremonies (Bros. C. de L. Graham and G. F. Rowlatt), the imposing formula that heralded the entering of the District Grand Lodge was performed. The District Grand Master, Bro. Harvey, having taken his seat, the final act of the installation of the Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge was gone through. This was followed by the investiture of the various Officers of the St. John's Lodge. The Grand Director of Ceremonies (Bro. Graham) then commanded the brethren to form procession. The procession marched along Dee-street and Tay-street to the site of the new building, where a large amount of bunting was displayed. When at a proper distance from the stone the brethren opened out right and left, and allowed the D.G.M. and Office Bearers to pass up the centre, in the following order:—The Architect, Chaplain, Deacons, Secretary, Treasurer, Wardens, Substitute Master, Deputy Master, Grand Steward, and D.G. Master. Marshalled by the Grand Director of Ceremonies (Bro. Graham), all gave way to the D.G.M., who was conducted to his seat on the platform by Bro. Graham, the D.G. Substitute on his right hand. On the table at which the D.G.M. was seated were placed the D.G. jewels. The ceremony immediately connected with the laying of the stone was initiated by an extempore prayer by the D.G. Chaplain, Bro. Craig. The band then played the National Anthem. The scroll to be deposited in the cavity of the stone, and which had been artistically engrossed by Mr. G. C. Baker, was then read by the District Grand Secretary, as follows:—"In the forty-third year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, this first stone of the Invercargill Law Courts was laid in due Masonic form on the 23rd day of October, A.D. 1879, and in the year of light 5883, by George William Harvey, District Grand Master of the Freemasons of the Scottish Constitution of the Middle Island of New Zealand, Bro. Sir Hercules Robinson, K.C.M.G., being Governor of the said colony; Bro. Frederick Wentworth Wade being R.W.M. of Lodge St. John, 610 S.C.; Bros. Henry Feldwick, Horatio Wragge, and E. R. C. Bowen being P.M.'s thereof; Bro. L. E. Reade being the W.M. of the Southern Cross Lodge, Invercargill, E.C., George Goodwillie being Mayor of Invercargill, Cuthbert Cowan being Chairman of the County Council of Southland, Bro. Henry Hirst being Chairman of the County Council of Wallace, James Prendergast being Chief Justice of New Zealand, James Alexander Johnston, senior Puisne Judge; Christopher William Richmond, Thomas Bannatyne Gillies, and Joshua Strange Williams being Puisne Judges; Bros. Charles Robert Dudley Ward, George William Harvey, and John Bathgate being District Court Judges for the Middle Island; Henry McCulloch and John Nugent Wood being Resident Magistrates for the district of Southland. Bro. Frederick William Burwell P.M. Lodge St. John No. 610 S.C. Architect; Colin McKay, Builder; Bro. Peter Walker, Inspector of Works. May the undertaking prosper, by the blessing of Almighty God." The document was handed to the D.G.M., who folded it up, and placed it in a bottle handed to him by the Director of Ceremonies. It was then securely corked. In another bottle were placed copies of the local papers. The architect then presented his plans to the D.G.M., who, together with the members of the D.G. Lodge, duly approved of them, the D.G.M. remarking that he trusted the erection of the building would be a credit to the town, and enhance the reputation of the architect. The following hymn was then admirably rendered by the choir:—

Round the spot—Moriah's hill—
Masons met with cheerful will.
Him who stood as King that day,
We as cheerfully obey.
Lord, we love Thy glorious Name,
Give the grace Thou gavest him.

Round this spot—thus chosen well—
Brothers with fraternal bail.
Gather in your mystic ring,
Mystic words, and joyful sing.
Lord, our hearts, our souls are Thine,
On our labours deign to shine.

Round this land may plenty reign—
Peace with spirit all benign;
Unity, the golden three,
Here their influence ever be.
Lord, these jewels of Thy store
Send them bounteous, flowing o'er.

The architect (Bro. Burwell) then presented the D.G.M. with a silver trowel suitably inscribed. The presentation was accompanied by a few appropriate remarks. The D.G.M. said he had great pleasure in receiving the trowel, which he should retain as a memento of a most auspicious occasion. It was most gratifying to see such a large assemblage of brethren of the Craft. Preceded by the Director of Ceremonies and Architect bearing the bottles and the coins to be deposited, and the D.G. Wardens with the level and plumb, the D.G.M. proceeded from the platform to the east of the stone, the D.G.S.M. on his right hand. The bottles and coins were then placed in the cavity of the stone by the D.G. Secretary. The mortar was then spread, and the stone lowered slowly into its place, the choir singing the following hymn, to the tune of the Old Hundred:—

Great Architect of heaven and earth,
To whom all nature owes its birth;
Thou spake! and vast creation stood;
Surveyed the work, pronounced it good.

O, God of Justice, own and bless
This hall we build, this sacred place;
And let Thy mercy ever shine
Within these walls—this house of thine.

The D.G. Wardens then applied their plumb and level to the stone at command of the R.W.Sub. D.G.M., and he thereupon reported to the D.G.M. that the stone was well and truly laid. The latter acknowledged the report as coming from workmen of skill and ability, and tapping the stone three times with the gavel, declared the laying of it to be completed. Corn was then strewed upon the stone by the Substitute Master, and wine and oil were poured upon it respectively by the S.W. and J.W. The W.D.C. then handed round the cups to make a collection for the workmen who were to be employed at the building. The foreman of works, Bro. Walker, was then presented to the D.G.M., who wished him success in the undertaking he had in hand. The D.G.M. and members of the D.G. Lodge then returned to the platform, and the choir sang the following hymn:—

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Grant, Lord, all we, who here to-day,
Rejoicing, this foundation lay,
May be in very deed Thine own,
Built on a lasting corner stone.

Endue Thy creatures with Thy grace,
That shall adorn Thy dwelling place;
The beauty of the oak and pine,
The gold and silver, make them Thine.

To Thee, they all pertain; to Thee
The treasures of the earth and sea,
And when we bring them to Thy throne,
We but present Thee with Thine own.

The heads that guide endue with skill,
The hands that work preserve from ill,
That we who this foundation lay,
May raise the cope-stone in its day.

Bro. Harvey G.D.M. then addressed the assemblage as follows:—Ladies, gentlemen, and brethren, who are assembled here to-day to inspect this ceremony, know all of you that we are lawful Masons, true to our Queen and to our country, and who profess to fear God, who is the Great Architect of the Universe, to confer benefits on our brethren, and to practise benevolence. From time immemorial it has been the universal custom amongst civilised nations to level the foundation-stone of every building of importance or great public utility with certain ceremonies which by the courtesy of the architect and builders are almost always placed under the guidance and supervision of the Masonic fraternity, whom we have the honour to represent here to-day. The ceremony in which we have now taken part has been conducted by us and completed in due form, and I now declare this stone well and truly laid, and in accordance with the ancient custom. I have peculiar pleasure in having been permitted to take part in this interesting ceremony, inasmuch as I hold, as it were, a dual capacity—namely, as the head of the Scottish Freemasons in this island of New Zealand, and as an officer whose duty and privilege it will be to administer justice within the walls of the intended structure. Permit me here to draw your attention to the object for which this building is being erected—namely, the administration of justice—which, I venture to assert, to be one of the most important—if not the most important—object which can possibly engage the attention of any community. As an element in the attainment of a high degree of civilisation, the strict and impartial administration of justice stands second to none; and I do not hesitate to say that where the administration of justice is corrupt, religion will be entirely disregarded, and civilisation will become an impossibility. It is the spirit of indomitable energy and perseverance in the attainment of this paramount object which has distinguished the Anglo-Saxon race, and which has placed them foremost amongst nations in that position of freedom and liberty which they so proudly occupy to-day. This spirit has not been of a mushroom growth—it was not implanted in our breasts yesterday—but has been bequeathed to us by our ancestors from long before the time of the Saxon Heptarchy. The stern barons of old, who wrested Magna Charta from King John at Runnymede obtained from him no new thing. They said to him—"This is the common law of England. This is so; and we will that it shall remain so in future for ever." No free man (and let me here remark that all men at that time in England were not free, although freedom followed as a necessary consequence of their action)—no free man shall be condemned in property, person, or life, except in accordance with the law of the land, and by the judgment of his peers. Justice shall not be sold, neither shall it be denied to any one. These are the principles which we, as Englishmen, have always contended for; we have shed our blood in their defence, and we are ready to sacrifice everything to maintain and transmit them pure and unsullied to future generations. The enacting of wise and just laws, and the appointing of wise, just, and incorruptible judges to administer them is the first duty of every Government, and I think I may safely say that the Government of this colony has recognised these duties to their fullest extent. And although those laws may not at all times have turned out quite so advantageous as they were expected to do, and although unfortunate selections of judges may have been occasionally made, yet we may rest assured that our rulers have been actuated by the most sincere and earnest desire to do all things for the welfare of the people, and that if failure has at any time ensued we must attribute it to those imperfections to which human nature is at all times liable. In conclusion, friends and brethren, let us implore the Great Architect of the Universe, of His divine goodness and mercy, to fill our legislators with all wisdom and judgment to do everything in obedience to His divine will, and to guide and direct all those who may be entrusted with the duty of presiding within these walls, so that justice may never be prostituted or perverted therein. Let us implore Him to watch over and protect the workmen employed in the erection of this building, so that when the cope-stone shall be placed it may be crowned with success. Bro. Macrorie, in addressing the District Grand Master, said he had been asked to say something, not only as a Mason and citizen, but in the name of the district generally. Why he had been asked he was utterly at a loss to explain, but he supposed it was owing to his position in the Council, and in the absence of the head of the Corporation, he had to ask the D.G.M. Bro. Harvey to accept the thanks, not only of the citizens, whom he had the honour to represent on the occasion, but the thanks of the Freemasons also, for performing the very impressive ceremony they had just witnessed. When he looked back and saw the discomfort the public at large had been subjected to through want of proper accommodation—when he thought of the never-ceasing presentments of grand juries on the subject—when he pictured to himself the discomfort the judges themselves must have experienced, the inconveniences the legal profession and the public, the witnesses, and jurymen had been put to—when he remembered that at least one death had resulted from the total want of accommodation that existed, for it was a fact that one cold day a strong Southland farmer who was called as a witness in a case, caught cold while hanging about waiting for the case to come on, and died from the effects of that cold; when he considered all this, need he say that he hailed with great satisfaction the ceremony that had been performed that day, and which was practically the forerunner of court accommodation, of which Invercargill and the district generally might well be proud. After a few humorous remarks regarding Southland weather, the speaker went on to say that the superstructure which was to be erected on that site would afford accommodation for all parties concerned in Court work, while its proximity to the police barracks was a desirable factor. He was glad to see Judge Harvey in the position he occupied that day. He had known him now for something like twenty years, during which time he had been an ornament not only to his profession and to the high judicial position he filled, but to Freemasonry. In the name of the residents of Southland he thanked him for the part he had taken in the proceedings of that day, and trusted that the superstructure that was to be raised on those foundations would soon be completed, and would be perfect in all its parts, and a credit to the builder. A final hymn having been sung by the choir, the procession was re-formed, and headed by the volunteers and band, proceeded through Tay and Dee streets to the Theatre, where they parted company, the members entering their temporary Lodge-room, and closing the Lodge in form. The Volunteers proceeded to the drill-shed, where they were dismissed. This terminated the proceedings.—*Southland Times.*

Old Warrants.

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No. 295, "Ancients;" No. 375 at the Union A.D. 1813; No. 259 A.D. 1832, and 214 from A.D. 1863.

[L. S., ATTACHED BY RIBBON.]

ATHOLL, Grand Master.

JOHN BUNN S.G.W. WM. DICKEY D.G.M. ROBERT GILL J.G.W.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

WE THE GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.) in ample form assembled, viz. The RIGHT WORSHIPFUL *The Most Noble and Puissant Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kinclaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley in the County of Gloucester, &c.* Grand Master of Masons, The Right Worshipful WILLM. DICKEY ESQUIRE Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful JOHN BUNN ESQUIRE Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful ROBERT GILL ESQUIRE Junior Grand Warden (with the Approbation and Consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster) do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful THOMAS SOWELLS one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful ROBERT RAMSAY his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful WILLIAM MASTERS his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, aforesaid, at the *Ship, in Bridge Yard, Tooley Street, Southwark, or elsewhere, in the Cities of London or Westminster, upon the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in every Calendar month, and upon . . . . .* on all seasonable Times and all lawful occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the Most Ancient and Honourable custom of the Royal Craft in all ages, and nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and impower our said trusty and well-beloved brethren, THOMAS SOWELLS, ROBERT RAMSAY, and WILLIAM MASTERS (with the consent of the members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their successors, to whom they shall deliver this warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And their successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their successors, &c. &c. &c. Such Installations to be upon (or near) every St. John's Day during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their successors always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

No. 295, *The Lodge of Hope and Unity.*

Given, under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge, in London, this *third* day of *November*, in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred *and ninety-five*, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand seven hundred *ninety and five*.

ROBT. LESLIE, *Grand Secretary.*

NOTE.—This warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 9, Letter I.

The present title, No., &c., are—The Lodge of Hope and Unity, No. 214, Brentwood.

Memo.—Bro. J. C. Earle, of No. 214, kindly furnished me with above transcript, which enabled me to show the exact date of the Warrant in my recently published work, "The Atholl Lodges."

In Ahiman Rezon 1813, the Lodge is wrongly placed at No. 296.

The "Hope and Unity" was one of the numerous Lodges in which the famous Masonic Instructor Bro. Peter Gilkes served the Office of Master.

In the Register of G. L. Bros. Sowells, Ramsay, and Masters are described as Mason, Carpenter, and Shipwright respectively.

R. F. GOULD.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 3rd JANUARY.

Special General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1373—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 5th JANUARY.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
M. M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)
M.M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
155—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
483—St. James, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Basingstoke
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Room, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1[illegible]60—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester.
1[illegible]68—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1108—[illegible]oyal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks.
1109—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1124—St[illegible]ward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1180—For[illegible]ich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1211—Gode[illegible]orth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1239—Wentw[illegible] Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1264—Neptune [illegible], Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1302—De Warre[illegible], Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1380—Skelmersda[illegible] Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1449—Royal Milita[illegible], Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
1519—Albert Edwar[illegible] Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1573—Caradoc, Mason [illegible]Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1578—Merlin, New Inn [illegible], Rhyl
1674—Caradoc, Town Hi[illegible]asons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freen[illegible]all, Manchester.
1796—Zion, Hulme Town h[illegible]el, Shrewsbury
R.A. 263—Salopian, Lion H[illegible]ic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 302—Charity, New Maso[illegible] Temple, Morley
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic [illegible]all, Church-street, Basingstoke.
M. M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic h[illegible]

TUESDAY, 26th JANUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, a[illegible]4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, [illegible]outhampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Lea[illegible]denhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, V[illegible]ictoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
173—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C[illegible]erwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cam[illegible] (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney [illegible], St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hote[illegible]rk
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southw[illegible] Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
980—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, [illegible]un's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. A[illegible]reet, Islington.
1296—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st[illegible]0 (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7. [illegible]at 8 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park,
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 at 7 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., [illegible]ate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moor[illegible] Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, [illegible]e-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1693—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, I[illegible]lington
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-[illegible]street, 6.30 (Inst)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (In[illegible]truction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee Hou[illegible]e, Cornhill, 6.30.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
134—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
246—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
556—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 B[illegible]rry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
M. M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham
M. M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham

WEDNESDAY, 7th JANUARY.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 3 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1388—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
296—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1065—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1333—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R. A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
R.A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 8th JANUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.3[illegible] (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1056—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
R. A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
R.A. 1214—Scarorough Hall, Scarborough, Caledonian-road, Batley
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 9th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road (Instruction)

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902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
458—Acre and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
536—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
663—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K. T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 10th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8
1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

THE NORTH EAST ANGLE.

THE Neophyte, as he passes through the mystic ceremonies of his reception, is for a certain period placed in the North East Angle of the Lodge, and there given to understand that he is so placed to represent the foundation stone of those superb and stately edifices, which our ancient operative brethren invariably placed at the North East Angle of the Building, and then the hope is expressed that from the lessons given, and admonitions he has received during the course of the evening, he will figuratively represent that stone, and upon it erect "a superstructure perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder." It is at this time when the Worshipful Master gives this advice, that a few kindly words (free from ritualism and extempore in character) should be expressed, and expressed in such a manner as to leave upon the mind of the Neophyte a deep and lasting impression of the sincerity of Masonic friendship, the earnestness of the Masonic labour in which he has embarked, and the grandeur and sublimity of those principles which have been handed down through countless generations, from time immemorial, and above all things to make him realise the fact that we *practise* those principles and expect him, as a true follower of Hiram, to do the same. The custom of glibly running through a few set phrases and inculcating charity in a parrot-like manner does not teach the candidate what means he is to adopt to raise that superstructure which we tell him should be perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder. He must be taught how he is to accomplish this task. He cannot do it unless it is now fully explained to him, and this is the great feature that we so often neglect. In some Lodges the excuse is there is so much work that the brethren cannot devote more attention to a single candidate. In others, that the Neophyte should discover these things for himself, grope along as it were in the dark, stumbling here and there amidst the rubbish and fallen timbers of our Mystic Temple, and in a few (many) Lodges, the Worshipful Master and his Officers are not aware, have never made the discovery that Freemasonry is anything more than a secret society, divided into degrees, with a ritual, a few signs, and some secrets attached to each. The consequence of all this is that the Neophyte is lost in a haze of doubt as he ponders in the North East Corner how and by what means he is figuratively to represent the foundation-stone of our Ancient Brethren. The fact is patent to all that we do not impress our lessons sufficiently upon the minds of our neophytes. *Ritualism is not sufficient.* It leaves a vacuum that requires to be filled up before the aspirant can be satisfied. Why teach him that we honour the name of God, if we bring curses upon our heads by invoking his hallowed name on every trivial occasion? Why tell him that he is never to pronounce *that name* except with the reverence due from the creature to the Creator, if we clinch our arguments with an oath, and "bespatter and besmear" our conversation with blasphemous epithets. Why *talk* charity if we do not *practise* it? The neophyte will notice these things very quickly, and if, after hearing these moral lessons, and being told that, on the foundation laid that evening he is to erect, symbolically, a moral edifice, the corner-stone of which is a belief in the Fatherhood of God—if after hearing all these things as he stands in the North East angle of the Lodge, he notes, as soon as he leaves the Lodge-room, that these brethren saunter away to bar-rooms, billiard-rooms, gambling-hells, dance houses and dens of iniquity, his moral sense is shocked, and he is apt to view the ceremony as a farce and the utterances of our Officers as arrant hypocrisy. Brethren, therefore, should set a seal upon their lips and a watch upon their actions. Good example and honest work tell far better than plausible precepts and the varnished veneer of slothful idleness. It is worse than useless running over the ritual to the Neophyte if we fail to carry out our glorious precepts in the every-day walks of life. We cannot, therefore, too strongly urge upon every Craftsman the vital importance of making the Freemasonry of the present day more practical in its character. We blush with shame as we note the hundreds of thousands of dollars given away in practical charity by the American Order of Oddfellows (in 1876, 1,698,840 dollars), and the fabulous sums expended by the Manchester Union or English Branch, and *then note the fact that* the Grand Lodge of the Empire State, with its seventy thousand Masons, expended last year in charity *five hundred dollars!* Fie upon it. The excuse that we are not a benevolent society is a farce, a snare, and a delusion. We are not a benevolent society strictly speaking, because our charity should be greater, more diffuse, more general. We delude ourselves with the idea that we are wondrous liberal, whereas in comparison with other societies we are far, far behind. Our place should be in the forefront, and not in the rear. Let the Neophyte see this, and his interest in the Craft will be greatly enhanced; let him see that Masons really love one another and are true to their vows, their precepts, and their principles. Let him see that the jest of the scoffer and the profanity and obscenity of the libertine meet with no response from the true Mason. If he notes these he will soon understand how to build up "a superstructure perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder." Make Masonry practical, and the Neophyte will then appreciate the God given truths expressed to him as he stands on the symbolical foundation stone of the moral edifice he proposes to erect, and then, as he adds ashlar to ashlar, he will soon prove to his brethren that he is following out the design laid down by the Chief Architect on His unerring trestle board, and keeping his labours within due bounds by the Compasses of Truth, and squaring his work by the Square of Virtue, and levelling it with the Level of Brotherly Love, and finally with the Trowel uniting it into one symmetrical whole with the Cement of Faith, Hope, and Charity.—*Eclectic.*

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APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.B.I.

THE first meeting of Stewards in connection with this Festival was held on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. There were present—Bros. J. J. Berry, H. A. Dubois, C. Hubbard, George Kenning, Edgar Bowyer, J. B. King, C. A. Cottebrune, W. S. Hunter, T. Hallett, Geo. Cooper, E. Montennis, Louis Hirsch, Samuel Poynter, W. Clarke, S. T. Catterson, B. Isaacs, E. Hopwood, W. H. Farnfield, Samuel H. J. Parkhouse, H. R. Cooper Smith, E. C. Woodward, Frank Green, J. B. Poole, E. F. W. Berger, G. W. Greenhill, Benj. H. Paul, J. Terry Secretary of the Institution, &c. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune was appointed Acting President of the Board, and took the chair on this occasion. The usual preliminary details were discussed, committees appointed, and routine matters settled. The meeting was adjourned until the 23rd inst., at four o'clock. The number of Stewards at the present time is nearly 200, a number very much under the total at the same period of last year; we trust the services of several more will yet be secured, and that in every respect the Festival of 1880 will be as great a success as any of its predecessors. As is already known, the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. for North and East Yorkshire, will occupy the chair; the following distinguished brethren supporting him as Presidents of the Board of Stewards, viz.:—Lord Kensington, M.P. Senior Grand Warden England, Major-General Somerset, J. G. Calthorpe Junior Grand Warden England, Major Marmaduke Ramsay District Grand Master Punjab, and R. W. H. Giddy District Grand Master Griqualand. Bro. W. H. Farnfield P.M. 907, 1766 Sec. 1804, was appointed Treasurer of the Board, and Bro. James Terry Hon. Secretary.

TOUTING FOR THE HIGH DEGREES.

THE Founders of Blue, or Craft Masonry, acted wisely in introducing the law making it imperative on every candidate for initiation to declare, before he could be admitted into the Lodge, that he sought participation in the mysteries of the Order of his own free will and accord, entirely unbiassed by the improper solicitation of friends. So generally is this law respected that no member of the Craft would for a moment think of openly advertising for initiates, and it is likewise generally understood by those outside the mystic circle that Freemasons are not allowed to ask strangers to join their ranks. Most persons know that they must voluntarily express their desire, if they entertain one, to participate in the benefits of the Order, before they can hope to have it gratified. By this restrictive law the members of the Craft are enabled to confine the benefits of the Order to a class who at least have some desire for the welfare of the Brotherhood at the time of their initiation, however much their interest may dwindle when once they have been admitted to a participation in the secrets of the First Degree; and to this we owe very much of our freedom from disputes. Of course there will always be a number of initiates who express themselves as disappointed by their experience of Freemasonry, and as a consequence do not proceed further than the preliminary step, but not one of these, no matter what may be the nature of his disappointment, can charge the Brotherhood with being the cause of it; nor can he say that he was induced to join under false pretences. When we remember that the advantages of Freemasonry are mainly of a moral tendency, we cannot too highly approve of our law-givers having made this admission necessary; for were it otherwise, we might expect disappointed novices laying all manner of charges against us, or bringing claims against the brethren for having overstated the benefits of the Craft. It cannot be denied, notwithstanding all our precautions, that there are some who really do join our ranks in the hope that they will reap a financial benefit, or that their business will be advanced by their connection with the Craft; now, if such as these are disappointed, they have only themselves to blame. On the other hand, if Freemasons were allowed to canvass for initiates, it would be different, and we should at all times be open to the charge of having promised more than we performed. To prevent this it was wisely ordained that the first act of a candidate after he had been accepted by the Lodge should be to declare that he offered himself freely, voluntarily, and unsolicited. Once admitted to a participation in the mysteries of the Craft, the restriction is relaxed, and as a consequence, brethren are frequently solicited to become candidates for the higher degrees. We think it very questionable whether this course benefits either the degree it is intended to advance, or the brethren who, against their real inclination, are led to put themselves forward as candidates.

To such an extent is this "touting" carried on in some districts, that a mild protest is frequently necessary in order to check the ardour of the more energetic members. This appears to be the case in Kingston, Jamaica, from whence we have received a small pamphlet, entitled "A Caution to the Younger Members of the Masonic Fraternity, against the so-called High Degrees. By H. J. Bürger." The arguments used by that distinguished Craftsman are very strong, but we cannot entirely agree with all he says, nor do we think such harsh remarks as some he makes can be necessary to secure the end he has in view. He thinks that the definition given of Freemasonry in the ceremonies is so clear as to make it impossible that any one should "mistake the Royal Arch Degree, or the Knights Templar, or the Rose Croix, as constituting any part or portion of our beautiful system," and then proceeds to state that the Royal Arch Degree was formed by the secessionists of 1717, in order that some extra inducement might be offered to secure members for their independent Grand Lodge. We do not think it policy to print here all our Brother has written regarding the work of the Royal Arch: his aim is to prove that it really has no connection with ancient Masonry, and that it is merely the concoction of a few disappointed Craftsmen of 1717. He says that the mere fact of the arrangements of the whole system of Craft Masonry on the *triad* system is sufficient to prove that there could never have been more than the three degrees. "There are," he adds, "three chief Officers, three subordinates, three great Lights, three lesser, three columns, three jewels, three steps, three modes of recognition, three points of entrance, three working tools in each degree, and consequently *only three degrees*. Any one may see that a system evidently built on the TRIAD cannot violate it in so essential a matter as the division of its mysteries into four degrees, as such a proceeding would be anomalous. The Egyptian mysteries were divided into *three degrees and no more*, viz.:—Those of Isis, Serapis, and Osiris; and we know that in the

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Christian Church there are only three Orders, viz.:—Deacon, Priest, and Bishop. How, then, could Freemasonry, either as an Ancient or a Christian Institution, be divided into four degrees?"

All this is very true, but as the Royal Arch has existed for many years as a recognised adjunct to Craft Masonry, we see no good that can accrue from a severance at the present time. The matter is entirely in the hands of the existing members, who, for the sake of their own reputation, may be supposed to watch carefully the working of the Degree. We think that Bro. Bürger could have protested as strongly against "touting" without attacking a part of our present system. The Royal Arch has long been, and we suppose will now always remain, a recognised part of English Freemasonry. It has its advantages, and naturally its disadvantages; if its members would display greater discretion in advocating its cause, one of the latter would be removed, and we should not so often hear that candidates did not attend, although their names were put forward on the agenda paper of the day.

PROJECTED EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

ON Saturday last, according to advertisement, a Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Girls' School was held, to repass the voto proposed by Bro. Colonel Creaton, that the sum of £6,500 be expended in the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds. As we have before pointed out, this course was deemed necessary in consequence "of a question of the construction of the Laws having arisen." We can but again regret the result,—the vote being carried by a majority of those present. We feel assured that the expenditure will in the end prove most disastrous to the Institution, and that were the general body of subscribers able to express an opinion without personal attendance in London, it would be found that this expenditure was opposed to the views of a large majority. We are informed that the question will not be allowed to rest as it is; that, if necessary, legal proceedings will be resorted to in order to endeavour to stop the proposed outlay. This is a step which all must regret, for it is but the beginning of a course which will end in the severance of a section of the supporters of the Institution. It would be far better to ascertain the general feeling than to run the risk of creating a breach, for however strong the Institution may be at the present time, it should be borne in mind it *has a future*. When such strong opinions are expressed, as is the case on this subject, they should secure some consideration.

SPECIAL COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

A SPECIAL General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 3rd instant, Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presiding, for the purpose of passing the resolution recommended by the Building Committee, "That the sum of £6,500 be expended in the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds (freehold), the property of William Evill, Esq., adjoining the grounds of the Institution at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, S.W." The Chairman, after Bro. Hedges had read the advertisement convening the meeting, in which the above motion was set out, stated that the advertisement the brethren had heard fully explained why this second Court had been convened—that there had been a question of the construction of the Laws as to the regularity of the former meeting. The object of the present meeting was to propose the purchase of the house and grounds adjoining the Institution, which he believed every one now was conversant with. The advantages of the purchase would be that the Institution would retain the space by the side of its present spacious premises, and the large house which was to be purchased would accommodate five-and-twenty children as a probationary School, and by the removal of a wall, that ground which he proposed they purchase would become part and parcel of their present premises. He was asked at the last meeting if he had had any professional opinion with regard to the value of the ground and house. He had not at that time, but since he had procured the opinion of a gentleman of very high standing—Mr. Knowles, 17 Albert Mansions, Victoria Street, who had written him the following letter:—

"17 Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W.,
31st December 1879.

"DEAR COLONEL CREATON,—In reply to your request for my opinion as to whether or not the sum of £6,500 would be a fair and prudent price for the Freemasons' School to pay for the freehold house and grounds called Lyncombe House, adjoining their premises on Wandsworth Common, I do not hesitate to say, after my personal visit to the place yesterday, that I think the School would do wisely to secure it at the above-named price.

"I am not now pretending to estimate with accuracy the market value of the property, but it seems to me that even were £6,500 above this (which I by no means imply that it is or is not), the many advantages which the School would gain with it should decide in favour of the purchase.

"One consideration alone would weigh with me enough to settle the matter, namely, that in other hands the place might grow to be the most serious injury and drawback to the School. Were I one of the authorities, I should be very sorry to take the responsibility of not guarding against such a risk when the opportunity was offered of doing so. If nothing else were done but to obtain possession and consequent control of it, even if part of it were let again by the School as landlord, I should suppose it might be a prudent thing to do as a safe investment for some of the School funds, and an invaluable safeguard to the rest of their property.

"But I imagine that it could be converted at very small cost into additional accommodation for children, which would in no other way be procured so economically, and that this would be the best ultimate destination for it.

"At any rate I should advise you, as Treasurer, to make it perfectly clear that you are free from all responsibility in the future which might and probably would arise if the property were allowed by the School authorities to pass into other hands.

"Yours very truly, (Signed) JAMES KNOWLES."

Having thus opened his case he would move, "That the sum of £6,500 be expended in the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds (freehold), the property of Wm. Evill, Esq., adjoining the grounds of the Institution at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, S.W." The motion was seconded by Bro. Griffiths Smith. In answer to Bro. Warner Wheeler, the Chairman said the land proposed to be acquired was a little over three-quarters of an acre, and the house was a very large one. Bro. H. Thompson asked the Chairman whether he had received notice that the meeting was an illegal one, and that the motion could not be put. The Chairman replied that he had not received any notice, but he had been told before he came into the room. Bro. Thompson asked if the Chairman still intended to put it, to which the Chairman replied that he did. Bro. Thompson said then he should advise the brethren not to vote, whereupon the Rev. Adolphus Woodford begged to call him to order. If Bro. Thompson had an amendment to the motion, he could make it; but if not, he had no right to use language which would influence the votes of the brethren. Bro. Thompson submitted that the fact that the meeting was not a legal meeting quite overrode every motion. If the meeting was illegal an amendment could no more be moved than an original motion. Bro. Gover said it was extraordinary to take exceptions to a meeting and not state the grounds of objection. Col. Burdett supported the motion for the purchase, but he wished to ask whether a legal opinion had been taken as to whether the trustees had power to invest their money in this way. The Chairman said he had not, but perhaps Bro. McIntyre would give them his opinion. Bro. Edward Cox said it was not an investment at all; it was a proposed purchase. He rose to oppose the motion. £6,500 was an outrageous price to give, and he should move as an amendment, "That it is not expedient at the present time to make any addition to the grounds and premises of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." As to the value of the property, Mr. Knowles had given the go-by to the question, and had merely said it would be good to purchase the house, &c., because it would keep other people out. Then, on this account, they should buy up the whole of the ground on that side of the Wandsworth-road which abutted on the ground of the Institution, as that alone would give seclusion to the School. Bro. Cox then stated that Lyncombe House and grounds would not fetch £4,000 if put in the market. The gross annual rental was only £120, and the rateable value £100. It had been said that the proprietor had laid out £700 in decorations, but why did he do that if he intended in twelve months to pull it down, and lay out the ground for building. If the place was wanted only to obtain access from the main road, £6,500 was a large price to pay for that. Persons visiting the School would not object to going by way of the present bridge. If it was proposed to take in 25 more children, he thought the Institution was already burdened with as much as it could bear, and posterity would not thank them for the increased expenditure. If they found out at a future time that they had not sufficient space, they could then increase it. Bro. Freeman seconded the amendment. Bro. Clabon supported the original motion. The price was high, but the value of the premises to the Institution was great. Access to St. John's Hill was already meagre. They would not think of moving their Schools, and therefore they must see if they could not get hold of any property which their means would fairly allow them to get hold of to improve it for the present and the future. Bro. Cox wanted them to wait a couple of years, but then the opportunity of purchasing the property would be gone. As to the means of the Institution, he would be ashamed to suppose the great Society of Freemasons could not raise £6,500. He thought if the property was not purchased now, the brethren would regret it. Bro. W. S. Gover and Bro. Perceval supported the motion, and on the chairman putting the amendment proposed by Bro. Cox, only five hands were held up for it. The original motion was then put and carried, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very much surprised at the amount of steam "AU FAIT" has been able to get up on what appeared to me, when I wrote to you, a very simple matter indeed. I had no idea it would create a controversy, nor had I any thought of saying anything to the disparagement of any existing Institution; my only desire was to show that while the Institutions in London were doing good work, other good work could be done much cheaper at home. The Province of Devon is a very large one, and has a large number of Freemasons; consequently the death rate is in excess of the power of the central Institutions to afford relief to all the unfortunate orphans to whom it may become necessary. As a consequence, it was felt desirable that means should be taken to raise a fund for the purpose of educating and clothing, and, where necessary, giving something to the friends to sustain the children of deceased Freemasons who may require this substantial aid. It was found by experience that it required immense efforts—manipulation of votes for the Boys' to the Girls' School, and *vice versa*, and a union with the neighbouring Province of Cornwall—to secure the election of a boy or girl against the vast number of applicants that came from all parts of England.

Now, by these comparatively small subscriptions, gathered in the Province, you will have seen in my communication of a fortnight since, that four children were elected, who are now under instruction by means raised in the Province. It cannot be supposed for a moment that these children could get elected into the Central Institutions for a very long time to come, if at all. Consequently, there is a great deal of good done by these local subscriptions; and further, the good done by the children being educated in association with the families in which they have been brought up I maintain to be of very great importance, for the family tie is not broken, and the children so educated do not look down upon their brothers or sisters who may not have had the same opportunity of receiving so good an education as they have received themselves. It is also found that the proprietors of schools, entering into the spirit that stimulates the promoters of this scheme, are prepared to receive children—and have offered to do so—at a lesser sum than they receive for their ordinary pupils; and this adds to the power of the Committee to give additional aid where such aid may be wanted. I do not desire to enter into a controversy with "AU FAIT" on what should be a pleasant matter, and not one to excite unkindly feelings. I am quite prepared to admit that the Province of Devon has received more benefit than it has subscribed, but that only makes my case stronger. I am quite satisfied that for the last ten or fifteen years this Province has very largely contributed to the funds of the three great Masonic Institutions, for there has been a spirit of rivalry amongst the Stewards, who have done their very best, by canvassing the Lodges in behalf of those Charities.

Thus we have not left undone what we ought to have done, and we have done other things besides. "AU FAIT" ought to be rather pleased than otherwise to think, while we have done our best for the great Societies, we are also doing something for the lesser.

I wish "AU FAIT" a calmer spirit, and a "Happy New Year," while I beg to subscribe myself, as before,

A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON.

UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am greatly obliged to Bro. Charles John Perceval for his able advocacy of my cause, and I could wish that I received more of that active sympathy which he evinces, rather than the passive approval of a friendly majority who are willing,—or if not willing, who submit to see my endeavours made the subject of virulent attack by a small, though probably very influential, minority.

I cannot see the necessity for all this controversy now the vote of Grand Lodge has been again secured. I had set myself to work to form the Committee to be nominated by me at next Quarterly Communication, and, finding sufficient to do in that respect, was well inclined to avoid further argument. But those who think differently from me will not have this, and, unless I can silently consent to have my cause and my exertions misrepresented, I must take up the cudgels on my own behalf.

I desire to assure yourself and the brethren generally that I do not seek this controversy. If others will refrain from writing on the subject I will! If there is no evil to be remedied, the Committee which Grand Lodge has decided to appoint for the purpose of preliminary inquiry only, and report thereon, will soon set me down, without all this misrepresentation of what is actual fact. They will soon let the Craft know whether or not my assertions are false or overstrained, my actions to be condemned or encouraged, my endeavours those of a sane and reasonable man or of a perverse fool. I am quite willing to accept this test. Why cannot others submit to the same reference? The Committee can do no harm to them; and if I am what my opponents represent, it must affect my Masonic credit and justify them in their opposition. Will Bro. Woodford, who desired to negative my motion in Grand Lodge, honour me by acting on that Committee? Will a representative offer to serve for each of the following Associations, namely, "The Board of General Purposes," "The Emulation Lodge of Improvement," and "The Stability Lodge of Instruction?" Will the Provinces take care that they are represented? Will each section of my opponents appoint a representative to advocate the continuance of non-interference if I cannot show sufficient reason for amendment? I shall welcome the names of such on my list now in course of formation, and not hesitate to nominate even my bitterest antagonist. From them I will receive sentence, if it be just; and submit to it—if adverse, with cheerful resignation, for it will be of those best able to form a collective judgment, and not the mere objectiveness of individuals. Once for all I demand (respectfully of course) that Committee which I have been promised, and pending their report I am willing, if not provoked by personal remarks, to give my pen a long rest.

Pray let me close this by an extract from a letter of an esteemed correspondent, which will exemplify "one kind of opposition," so ridiculous as to be unworthy of consideration but for the possibility of its influencing brethren who cannot think for themselves. "One little joke for your amusement! At our meeting on Wednesday last I happened to mention to one of the brethren in the ante-room your effort for 'Uniformity,' when the *Tyler* of the Lodge (*bearlle, town crier and bill poster*) interrupted me with, 'I don't agree with him at all!' Now I will undertake to say that this man has never been in any Lodge but No. —— since he was made, and he has been only outside the door of *that*. I replied quietly that the question was one for Grand Lodge to determine, and that his agreement or disagreement was not of much moment."

Yours fraternally and faithfully,

Clapham, 6th January 1880. JAMES STEVENS.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE BY LORD EBRINGTON.

A SPECIAL Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire was held on Tuesday, 6th inst., at the Ebrington Masonic Temple, Hobart-street, Stonehouse. This new building, recently erected for the Brunswick Lodge, was fully described in our columns a few days since. The occasion of the meeting was the constitution and consecration of the Ebrington Lodge, No. 1847, a warrant for which was granted by the M.W.G.M. a short time since. Those who had the pleasure of witnessing the installation of the P.G.M. of Devon, R.W. Bro. Lord Ebrington, in Exeter, in August last, and the admirable manner in which he presided over that large and influential meeting, were prepared to expect that the ceremony would be efficiently performed, but his lordship's solemn and perfect rendering of this his first official duty was an agreeable surprise, even for those who had expected much. The P.G. Lodge having been opened in due form, and the P.G.S. having announced the desire of certain brethren to be constituted into a regular lodge in ancient form, the warrant from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England was read. The brethren of the new lodge than signified their assent to the officers named in the warrant (Bros. Richard Lose P.M. P.P.G.P. Master, John Henry Stephens S.W., and Francis Littleton J.W.) The R.W.D.P.G.M. Bro. W. G. Rogers then delivered an oration on the subject, and congratulated the brethren upon the very convenient and handsome building they had erected for their place of meeting. He trusted that the pleasing appearance offered by the building was an emblem of the very satisfactory proceedings that would follow therein, and hoped the strict mode of the business of the Lodge or Lodges hereafter held there would be carried out in conformity with the principles of Freemasonry. At previous P.G.L. meetings it had been customary to deliver a lecture on the antiquity of Freemasonry. He did not want to repeat that course on the present occasion, nor on the wide extent and progress of the Order, from Calcutta to Cucatan. He would rather call the attention of the Lodge to the dignity and character of the Order. No one should be admitted but with a due regard to his fitness for Masonry. None but those on whose admission their fidelity and obedience could be relied on. No candidate should be admitted or recommended for admission unless it was felt to a certainty that he would be an honour to their Lodge and to the Order. The ancient mysteries of Freemasonry had maintained its position from time immemorial in defiance of the power of persecution and the howling fanaticism that had been brought to bear against it. That position was, and would be, much strengthened by a close attention being paid to the extension of its borders. Every care should be taken not to allow a Lodge to become a mere friendly society, or a more social gathering of the members. He wished, however, to be carefully understood not to denounce in any way the social meetings that followed labour. What he sought to impress was the great necessity of a careful attention to the character and position of candidates, and that they should confer honour on Freemasonry and credit to the Lodge. The P.G.M. having pledged the Master and members of the new Lodge to obey the laws and constitutions of the Grand Lodge, then declared the Ebrington Lodge to be a regular and duly constituted Lodge. The ceremony of consecration was inaugurated by a Masonic ode—W. Bro. James E. Moon P.M. 189 presided as Organist, and Bros. James Rendle, E. Roseveare, and P. B. Clemens leading in the responses. They especially distinguished themselves in the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together." The Lodge having been declared duly consecrated, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The D.P.G.M. having opened the Ebrington Lodge in usual form, proceeded to instal the Master of

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the Lodge, and this was done fully, and quite in accordance with the known ability of Bro. Rogers. The Officers appointed were Bros. A. Lethbridge I.P.M., J. H. Stevens S.W., F. Littleton J.W., S. Jew P.M. &c. Treas., J. H. Stevens Sec., C. Nicholson S.D., T. Lose J.D., J. Masters I.G., J. Lose Org., R. Lose D.C., and W. Bro. B. S. Johns was elected to represent the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Farley Hotel, where the banquet was provided by Bro. C. Walters, who, with the hostess, was subsequently thanked for their admirable catering. Lord Ebrington presided, and proposed the Loyal toasts. His lordship's health having been drunk, Lord Ebrington, in reply, heartily thanked the brethren for their reception, and was glad that his first important Masonic ceremony had been in the Three Towns—the Metropolis of the West. In proposing the toast of W. Bro. Lose, and speaking of the pleasure it was to him to assist in founding a Lodge where it was wanted (but only there), he said he felt proud of the Lodge being called "Ebrington." He prayed that he might always be found worthy of Freemasonry, and the Lodge might be always worthy of him. Bro. Lose, in responding, said it had been his endeavour through life to make a friend whenever he could, and always to avoid making an enemy. He felt pride in being the first Master, and would endeavour to show that the brethren who would be introduced into this Lodge would show, not only to the Craft, but to the world at large, that Freemasonry was something more than a name. W. Bro. Isaac Latimer proposed the health of the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe Prov. G.M. of Cornwall, who was prevented from attending by an important pre-egagement, and of Bro. Col. Peard D.P.G.M., who was prevented being present from illness. The usual other toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening spent. The brethren present at the Lodge were—W. E. Elphinstone Stone P.G.S.W., W. Hine-Haycock 164 P.G.J.W., Rev. C. W. H. Holley 1753 P.G. Chaplain, Hy. George Beachy 1138 P.G.T., George Hirtzel 112 P.G.R., John Brewer 251 P.G. Sec., Alf. Bodley 39 P.G.D.C., Bevy Barber 1254 P.G.A.D.C., Major Swann 847 G. Swd. Bearer, Daniel Box 156 P.G.P., F. Pollard 1284, James Jerman 39, William Pidsley 1254, J. Harris Ignare 1496, Edwin Knight 202 Stewards, Peter Blanchard 444 P.G. Tyler, John Rogers 202 A.P.G. Tyler, J. E. Curteis P.M. 189 P.P.G.S.W., I. Latimer P.M. 189 P.P.G.J.W., Rev. W. Whittley P.M. 156 P.P.G. Chap., Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., Samuel Jew P.M. P.P.G.T., T. H. Bayly P.M. 189 P.P.G.T., R. H. Rae P.M. 189 P.P.G.T., L. D. Westcott P.M. 70 P.P.G.S. Wks., S. Loram P.M. 1443 P.P.G.D.C., Alfred Bodley P.M. 39 P.P.G.D.C., E. A. Davies P.M. P.P.G.S. Wks., H. Miller P.M. 159 P.P.G.D.C., W. Brodie P.M. P.P.G.S.D., J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., J. M. Hifley P.M. 223 P.P.G.A.D.C., H. Bartlett P.P.G.D.C., Joshua Austin P.P.G.O., H. B. Stark P.M. 106 P.P.G.O., H. Leigh 70, P. B. Clemens P.M. 156 P.P.G.O., A. Wolf P.M. 223 P.P.G.P., John Peter P.M. 557 P.P.G.W. Cornwall, T. W. Fitch P.M. 639 P.G.A.D.C. Bengal, W. Odam W.M. 70, S. Roach P.M. 70, F. B. Westlake S.D. 70, Geo. Sercombe S.S. 70, H. Chapes 70, Mark Embden W.M. 105, J. T. Browning I.P.M. 105, John James P.M. 105, W. Chapple 156, B. S. Johns W.M. 159, Owen Knowles S.W. 159, Jas. Bartlett P.M. 159, Geo. Jackson W.M. 198, Charles G. Stentiford J.W. 159, W. Ollis I.G. 189, Lieut.-Col. Fitz-Gerald S.W. 189, Hy. Horton J.W. 189, E. Coppin S.S. 156, C. R. Bardin S.S. 189, W. C. Howard P.M. 215, J. R. Lord P.M. J.T. 1247, James Rendle P.M. 1247, James H. Keates P.M. 1247, J. A. Christie Org. 1247, J. H. Trounce Sec. 1212, G. R. Barrett S.W. 1255, R. Cawsey I.P.M. 230, J. H. H. Harris W.M. 230, A. Rowe P.M. 230, J. H. Toms P.M. 1091, J. Morris P.M. 53 P.P.G.O., R. C. Uglow S.S. 1247, W. L. Sampson S.D. 282, W. Harris P.M. 1138, E. T. Fulford W.M. 1254, B. W. Pitchen J.W. 230, E. Binding P.M. 202, T. H. May J.D. 1099, T. E. Peek J.W. 1205, H. L. Friend P.M. 1443.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday last, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. There were present—Bros. W. Roebuck (in the chair), W. F. C. Moutrie, S. Rosenthal, W. Paas, George J. Row, Henry W. Hunt, J. G. Chancellor, Thomas Cubitt, Donald M. Dewar, William Mann, C. F. Matier, John Constable, W. H. Perryman, Charles Birch, A. Durrant, H. Massey, R. Warner Wheeler, Arthur E. Gladwell, Frederick Adlard, Charles F. Hogard, H. G. Buss, and F. Binckes (the Secretary). Eleven petitions were considered, and the candidates placed on the list for the April election. Outfits of £5 each were granted to three boys who since leaving the School had obtained situations, and the list of candidates for the April election was fixed at 81, if three of the candidates comply with certain requirements. The number to be elected in April was settled at 20.

Our friends in the East End of London are proverbial for their support of the Charities, and generally for their enthusiasm in all affairs connected with the Craft. This naturally takes them from home very frequently, and the question "how to get back" is often a grave consideration. However, the comfort of a private carriage can be secured at a trifling expense. To those who contemplate adopting this method, we advise a visit to Bros. Rochester and Fox, 799 Commercial-road.

We have received a copy of the latest issue of Messrs. Dick Radclyffe and Co.'s Seed Catalogue, and have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the evident care which has been taken in its compilation. This firm has now secured a wide reputation, and we feel assured that any orders with which it may be entrusted will meet immediate attention, while the goods will give satisfaction.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37, BOLTON.

THE installation meeting of this ancient Lodge was held at the Hotel, Bolton, on 5th January, when amongst others present were—Bros. Samuel Crowther Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works W.M., Johnson Mills S.W., R. Pennington J.W., T. Glaister P. Prov. S.G.W., G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D., W. Slater P. Prov. S.G.D., J. D. Porteous P. Prov. G.W. Renfrewshire, James Newton, James Walker, James Brown, R. K. Freeman, John Morris, John Duxbury P.M.'s; Visitors—Bros. John Wild P.M. 146, Thomas Morris P.M. 221, Nath. Nicholson W.M. 1723, Kerfort 1354. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The chair was now taken by Bro. James Newton P.M., the Installing Master. The W.M. elect Bro. Johnson Mills was then presented by Bro. James Walker P.M., and the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Newton. The following brethren were then invested as Officers for the ensuing year, by Bro. John Morris P.M., viz., Bros. Rooke Pennington S.W., E. N. Garstang J.W., Rev. J. H. Gibbon Chaplain, W. Slater Treasurer, J. D. Porteous Sec., John Booth S.D., James Robinson J.D., G. P. Brockbank D.C., R. K. Freeman Org., F. W. Pacey I.G., J. W. Roiley Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. Samuel Crowther, for his services during the past year. Bro. Crowther announced his intention to serve as Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The W.M. (Bro. Mills) also intimated his intention to serve as Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. All business being concluded, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room.

INSTALLATION AND FESTIVAL OF THE LODGE OF LIGHTS, No. 148, WARRINGTON.

THE following is extracted from "Memoirs of the Life of Elias Ashmole, drawn by Himself." "October 16th, 1646. I was made a Freemason at Warrington in Lancashire, with Colonel Mainwaring of Karincham, in Cheshire; the names of those who were then at the Lodge, Mr. Richard Penketh Warden, Mr. James Collier, Mr. Richard Sankey, Henry Littler, John Ellam, Richard Ellam and Hugh Brewer." We need scarcely add that Elias Ashmole was the author of the well-known "History of the Order of the Garter," and founder of the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford. It is a matter for great regret that the ancient records of this Lodge are lost, and that the history of Freemasonry in Warrington cannot now be connectively traced further back than 8th November 1765. From time immemorial the installation and festival of this old and flourishing Lodge has been held on the last Monday in each year, and no deviation to this rule was made on the last occasion. The Lodge was summoned for three o'clock in the afternoon, and punctually at that hour the W.M. Bro. J. Rymer Young took the chair, and was supported by Bros. Charles E. Hindley S.W. W.M. elect, Alf. H. Young J.W., James Paterson S.D., Thos. Grime J.D., John Armstrong P.M. Treas., John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, J. Shee Pattison Org., Arthur Peake I.G., Thos. Domville Tyler, John Pierpoint P.M., Thomas H. Sutton W.M. 1250, Thomas Tunstall P.M., W. Sharp P.M. P.P.G.J.W., John Harding P.M., Jos. Pickthall P.M., Charles Skinner, W. Burn, C. Ekkert, John Laithwaite, W. Dooley, W. Kinsey, John Dimmelow, A. Crawford, Dr. Walter, S. E. Johnson, Thos. Jones, Thos. Morris, Dr. Mackie, F. E. Rawlinson, Thos. Gartside, F. Curzon, Jas. Bayley, R. W. Francomb, S. Wallhead. Among the Visitors we noticed—Bros. Dr. Duncan P.M. 1354, Dr. Gornall, D. W. Finney P.M. Prov. G.D.C., E. C. Cooper P.M. 484 P.P.G.S.B., Schonstadt P.M. 1502, Robert Brierley P.M. 1250, E. Roberts Flegle, J. Paul Rylands 1354, W. H. Rylands 417, William Simpson 1159, and J. H. Galloway S.W. 1250. The Lodge was opened in form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the W.M. invited Bro. Bowes to take the chair as Installing Master. The W.M., assisted by Past Master Tunstall, then presented Bro. Hindley, the W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. This being attended to, and the W.M. elect having pledged himself to submit and obey, the Lodge was opened in the third degree. All brethren below the degree of W.M. now retired, except the W.M. elect, who was entrusted before retirement. A Board of Installed Masters was now opened in ample form, the W. and S. being presided over by Bros. Armstrong and Finney. The W.M. elect now applied for admission, which being granted, he was installed in due form, according to ancient custom, and received the congratulations usual in this high degree. As a proof of his desire to maintain the ancient landmarks of the Order, the W.M. then invited the W. brethren to apply the usual "cement." Labour resumed, the Board was closed in the "name and fear" and the brethren in the several degrees re-admitted, and the W.M. proclaimed, greeted and saluted. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. J. Rymer Young I.P.M., Alf. H. Young S.W., James Paterson J.W., Thomas Tunstall P.M. Treas., John Bowes P.M. Secretary, Thomas Grime S.D., Arthur Peeke J.D., Charles Skinner I.G., T. M. Pattison Org., Thomas Domville Tyler. The Installing Master addressed each Officer on the nature and importance of his duties, and meaning and teaching of their emblems of office, and concluded the ceremony by delivering the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren. The W.M. then, on behalf of the Lodge, presented the I.P.M. with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel. Bro. J. Rymer Young, in acknowledging the gift, said:—Let me first thank you, Worshipful Sir, for the very kind words you have deemed fit to utter concerning myself. It is not my present purpose, nor would it be to my interest, perhaps, to ascertain how

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far these remarks are appropriate or deserved, since they are so complimentary, but I can say in all sincerity that whatever may have been my measure of success in this direction, it has always been my desire and endeavour to merit your approbation. And now, Brethren, I have to thank you most heartily for the handsome jewel which adorns my not too handsome figure, and I am anxious to tell you, at the same time, how the assistance and forbearance of the members of this Lodge have made my year of office as W.M. both easy and pleasurable. So pleasurable, indeed, that if the same consideration is extended to your present Master (which I doubt not) he will vacate his chair, next Christmas, as I do now, with much reluctance. The jewel itself is very beautiful, and very valuable too; but it pleases me better to regard it as a token by which to know that I still retain the confidence you reposed in me when you elected me to the chair from which I have just retired, and finally, Brethren, it will serve well to remind me, so long as I shall live, of the happy time I spent when occupying the honourable and enviable position of Master of the Ancient Lodge of Lights 148.

The auditors having presented their report, which was most satisfactory, it was ordered to be printed and circulated among the members. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Bro. James Hepherd P.M., after which the hearty good wishes of the Visitors were tendered and gratefully accepted. Among these was a congratulatory telegram from Bro. Thomas W. Ockenden, of Friday-street, London. After some routine business the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Lion Hotel.

The banquet was of a *récherché* character, and excellently served in the handsome Assembly Room connected with the Hotel. After the cloths were withdrawn the W.M. briefly introduced the more formal toasts, and this treatment of them was highly appreciated by those present. Bro. Finney acknowledged the toast of the Prov. G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and in doing so spoke highly of his Lordship's Masonic worth and great anxiety for the success of the Craft in his large Province. Bro. Finney's remarks were well received, not only on account of his personal character, but also in appreciation of the well-merited honour which the Provincial Grand Master had conferred upon him in appointing him Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Bowes proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Chas. E. Hindley, and said that he had for years noticed his Masonic zeal. Some time ago when he occupied the chair for the second time, he appointed Bro. Hindley I.G., and from that time he had risen by regular gradations to the chair of K.S.; he was sure that in that position he would discharge his duties with credit to himself and advantage to the Lodge. The W.M. responded at some length, and assured the brethren that he very highly appreciated the honour they had conferred upon him—the highest in their power to bestow. He would do his best to merit their approbation, and to enable him to do this, he looked for the counsel and advice of his predecessors in office. Bro. Sharp had a pleasing duty to perform in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master and brethren of No. 1250. That Lodge was an offshoot of the old Lodge, and he believed it exceeded its "mother" in numbers. They wished the "Gilbert Greenall" every success. Bro. Thos. H. Sutton W.M. No. 1250 responded, and in doing so said that they were grateful to their mother Lodge for the good example she set them in every respect. Bro. J. Rymer Young Immediate Past Master in proposing the toast of Installing Master, remarked that Bro. Bowes was by no means a stranger amongst them, he was no puling infant in Masonic matters either; but a regular well seasoned and experienced veteran of "The Square and Compasses," who had performed the beautiful ceremony of installation perhaps some dozens of times, and in such a manner that, though we in 148 have heard him on several occasions, the ceremony in his hands never tires on our ears or our memories. Bro. Young had especial pleasure in proposing this toast (which doubtless would be received as it deserved) feeling much indebted to Bro. Bowes for having relieved him of the duties of Installing Master. Bro. Bowes briefly acknowledged the compliment, assuring the brethren that it always afforded him great gratification to take part in Masonic ceremonials, and never more than in his mother Lodge. Before he sat down he was commanded by the W.M. to propose the toast of the P.M.'s and Officers of No. 148. They were a noble band, and well sustained the reputation of the Lodge. No Lodge could prosper unless the Past Masters and Officers were able and willing to undertake and to do the work. He begged to couple with the toast the name of the Immediate Past Master. Bro. J. Rymer Young said: Up to this evening I have found it somewhat difficult to realise that I am no longer your W.M.; but am, however, at length beginning to recognise the fact, and not only recognise it, but I hope to thoroughly appreciate it, for it is a distinction of no mean Order—well worthy of appreciation—to be permitted to join the noble army of Past Masters of which this Lodge can boast. When I see around me so many "just and upright men" who have filled the office of W.M. with such credit to themselves and advantage to others; and when I remember that some of these have gained the coveted and well-deserved dignity of Prov. Grand Lodge distinction, I feel proud to take even the lowest place among brethren who have worked so well and so hard in the Masonic cause. Brethren,—I thank you very sincerely, on behalf of the Past Masters and Officers of this good old Lodge, for the hearty manner in which you have been pleased to respond to this toast. The Worhipful Master proposed the Visitors, and in so doing said it was always a source of pleasure to see visiting brethren either at labour or refreshment, or both. They were honoured that day by the presence of several distinguished brethren not of their own Lodge, and he bade them welcome. He then coupled the names of the Visitors with the toast. Responses were made by Bros. Gosnall, Cooper, Flegle, J. Paul Rylands, W. H. Rylands, Schonstadt, W. Simpson, and others. Bro. J. Paul Rylands said he had been a Mason for some years, but he was only just now beginning to fathom its beautiful mysteries. It only needed brethren to attend a well worked Lodge, like No. 148, and they would soon begin to realise the beauties of the Craft. Bro. W. Simpson gave some interesting particulars of religious ceremonies which he had witnessed abroad, and showed how nearly they were allied to the Masonic ritual. Bro. Gornall said he had renewed friendships that night which had for some time been dislocated. Bro. Schonstadt said he had thoroughly enjoyed his visit both in Lodge and at the festive board. He had often heard the ceremony of installation performed, and had worked it himself, but he must confess that the manner in which Bro. Bowes rendered the beautiful ceremony proved his (Bro. Schonstadt's) own weakness. He only wished he had had Bro. Bowes for his Preceptor, and then he might have hoped to discover to the full the deep meaning of much they had heard that day. Bro. Joseph Pickthall proposed "The Musical Brethren." He dilated at some length on the influence for good that music possessed, and then referred in particular to the tasteful performances they had listened to that night. They were greatly indebted to Bros. Barton, Gaskin, Lockhart and Taylor for coming amongst them. He (Bro. Pickthall) was very fond of music, and often had opportunities of listening to that of a high character, but it was a long time since he had such a treat as the musical brethren had afforded them that evening. He concluded by proposing the toast, which was responded to by Bro. Barton. Bro. Finney, in an interesting and instructive speech, proposed "The Charities." He said that the President at the next Boys' School Festival would be their own Prov. Grand Master, and he was greatly in hopes that at least two Stewards would be sent from Warrington to support Lord Skelmersdale. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, and it was conceded on all hands that the St. John's Festival of 1879 was one of the most successful the Lodge had experienced for some years.

LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Monday, the 5th instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, and was numerously attended by distinguished Grand Officers, Visitors, and Brethren. The chair was occupied by Bro. L. Alexander P.M., H. Hymans S.W., R. Baker as J.W., J. S. Lyon Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., L. H. Myers S.D., Blank J.D., Benjamin I.G.; P.M.'s A. Dodson, M. Alexander, L. Lazarus, H. Beckowitz, L. Alexander, H. M. Levy, O. Roberts, J. Abrahams. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The report of the audit committee was read and adopted. There remained a balance in the hands of the Treasurer. The Committee of the Benevolent Fund also presented their report, showing a balance in hand of £1061 6s 7d. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the brethren proceeded in procession to an adjoining room, which had been specially fitted up. The Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., and Colonel Shadwell Clerke P.G.D. Bro. Henry Hyams S.W. and W.M. elect was then duly installed into the chair by Bro. S. Hickman P.M., who performed the ceremony in a perfect and impressive manner, fully justifying the encomiums passed on him at the conclusion of the work. There were 27 W.M.'s and P.M.'s present at this assembly. The brethren having returned to the Lodge, the newly-installed W.M. received the customary salutations. In appropriate terms he then appointed and invested his Officers:—L. Alexander P.M. I.P.M., R. Baker S.W., L. H. Myers J.W., J. S. Lyon Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., Benjamin S.D., Blanks J.D., Baum I.G., J. G. Dodson P.M. D.C., J. Davis A.D.C., Bean and A. Botibol Stewards, P. E. Van Noorden Org., Woodstock P.M. Tyler. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. proposed a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner the I.M. had performed the ceremony of installation. This was seconded by Bro. M. Alexander, and supplemented by some excellent remarks from Bro. Berkowitz. Several propositions were handed in to the Secretary; the case of a distressed foreign Brother was considered, and the applicant was assisted by the brethren voting him the sum of two guineas. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, who now numbered 94, sat down to a banquet and dessert, for serving which the Albion is so celebrated; Bro. W. G. Jennings superintended. The W.M. very ably presided, and proposed the first Loyal Toasts; the National Anthem was sung. In proposing the toast of the Grand Officers, the W.M. said he had the pleasure of the company of one of the most distinguished brethren of the Grand Lodge of England, who had honoured them by his presence. Bro. Martyn was one whom all were pleased to see among them. Wherever good work was to be done, whether in Freemasonry or in Charity, that worthy Brother's name was prominent, and he hoped as this was Bro. Martyn's first visit, it would not be the last; a hearty welcome would always be given him. The next was Bro. Col. Shadwell Clarke P.G.D., and last, but not least, our esteemed P.M. Bro. E. P. Albert the Secretary of the Lodge. He (the W.M.) was sure the members would heartily drink the toast. No better representatives of the Grand Lodge of England could be found. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., on rising to respond, was enthusiastically cheered. He said it was at all times very pleasant to have to return thanks for the Grand Officers. The chiefs of the Order were a tower of strength in themselves. All appreciated the excellent Pro Grand Master, while as to Lord Skelmersdale the Deputy Grand Master, what he had done in Lancashire alone entitled him to their regard. Lord Skelmersdale was a thorough good Englishman, and the example of these two was alone sufficient to urge others on to do their duty. Bro. Mason P.G.S.B. followed; he thanked Bro. Albert for his kind invitation; he had often wished to visit the Joppa Lodge—a Lodge that is known in Masonry throughout the world. Bro. Mason also tendered to the W.M. his thanks for the kind reception he had received. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Benevolent Fund, which he said was well looked after by the President Bro. L. Alexander P.M. and the several Vice Presidents. He was sorry to say the Fund was rather below what it had stood at for the last twelve years; he trusted the brethren would continue to support the Fund; he would now ask them to drink the toast, and couple with it the name of the President

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Bro. L. Alexander P.M. Bro. E. P. Albert P.M. then read the report of the Benevolent Fund, to which we have already referred. Bro. Alexander, in returning thanks for the President, Vice-Presidents and Committee, said they were all thankful for the hearty response that had been given to the toast. Bro. Alexander then gave a long account of the history of the Benevolent Fund, which he stated was established by the late Bro. Dr. Constatt, in 1849. Year by year the amount in hand had increased, but during the last twelve months they had been called on to disburse large sums. During the last six months they had given £292 2s 6d; in the six months ending June they gave £160; that was a large amount from a single Lodge. The Worshipful Master had made an appeal to them; Bro. P.M. L. Lazarus had, by his exertions, collected the sum of £17 17s. Theirs was essentially a local fund; they never accepted anything from visiting brethren. The Secretary then announced that the W.M. had given £5 5s, the S.W. £2 2s, the J.W. 21s, Bro. E. P. Albert 10s, and several other brethren had likewise subscribed. The J.W. then announced that he had a son five days old; he would give in his name 10s 6d. Bro. James also tendered 21s. Bro. L. Alexander P.M. said he would now take the gavel, and direct their attention to the toast he was about to propose, which they were aware was the health of the W.M. This was to him an esteemed privilege, at the same time he would trouble them with a very short speech. All would cordially agree with him that no worthier brother could have been placed in the chair. Bro. Hymans was a gentleman and a scholar, who would carry out the principles—temperance, fortitude, and justice. Bro. Hymans, in responding, said it was difficult to find words to thank Bro. Alexander and the members for their kindness. What he had done in the past he hoped to excel in the future. Nothing should be wanting on his part to do honour to the Lodge, and when his term of office expired, he trusted he might leave many pleasing recollections of his Mastership. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Visitors, said the Lodge was honoured by many whose names were worthy of notice. He would assure those who were present that the members accorded them a hearty welcome. He would call on Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke P.G.D. to respond. Bro. Clerke had the pleasure to say he had never witnessed the ceremony of installation performed better: the W.M. must be complimented for presiding in so excellent a manner, for the first time. He had frequently heard of their great Institution—the Benevolent Fund, and he hoped other Lodges would follow their example; at the same time he trusted in future the demands for grants would become small by degrees, and beautifully less. He sincerely thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the P.M.'s, remarked on the ability they had displayed in carrying out their several duties. He would call on Bro. Hickman, the Installing Master of the day. After a response from Bro. Hickman, the toast of the Wardens was given, coupled with the names of Bros. R. Baker and L. H. Myers. Those brethren severally responded, and then the Treasurer and Secretary were complimented. The merits of the Junior Officers were not overlooked, and then the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. asked permission to propose a special toast—To our next merry meeting. He was sure the brethren did not require him to interpolate it with many remarks. He had come all the way from Suffolk to be present, and he hoped all those who partook would be as happy on the next occasion of their meeting. The Tyler's toast was next called for, and this closed the proceedings. The W.M. provided a well-arranged concert, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, the Organist of the Lodge. We append the programme:—Anthem, "God Save the Queen," solo by Madame Thaddeus Wells; song, "The Death of Nelson," (Braham), Bro. Arthur Thomas; aria, "Quando a te," (Gounod), Madame Thaddeus Wells; (Violoncello Obligato), Herr T. Liebe; solo violin, "The Little Grandmother," Maddle. Cicely Brousil; song, "Thady O'Flinn," (Molloy), Miss Rose Barnby; solo, violoncello, Herr T. Liebe; song, "La Danza," Bro. Arthur Thomas. Among the Visitors were Bros. Colonel Shadwell Clerke P.G.D., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., T. Cubitt P.G.P., J. Lazarus P.M. 1017, J. Mason P.G.S.B., Wilson G.P., I. P. Cohen P.M. 205, I. Myers 205, L. J. Solomons W.M. 1017, S. M. Lazarus P.G.D. Wilts, Bassington 205, H. J. Levy 1319, G. Green 15, Pare W.M. 185, Fletcher 180, Jacobs 1732, H. Lewis 907, C. Merion, Anidjah 205, Abrahams 205, D. Posener 185, Green 861, Edwards 861, 1107, Myers 185, Kauffman 1732, Bamberger, Jacobs 1732, Woolf, H. Ashley 1319, E. Swanborough W.M. 1319, L. H. Harris, Senecal P.M. 860, Woolfson, &c.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

THE bi-annual dinner of this Lodge was held on 2nd instant, at Bro. C. Walter's, Farley Hotel, East Stonehouse. The Lodge is well known throughout the Province for the stand which it has taken for many years to devote the greater portion of its receipts for charity, and no Lodge stands higher than this for the amounts which they have sent to the great Masonic Institutions. Amongst those present were Worshipful Bro. G. Jackson, the Master, who presided; Bros. Col. Fitzgerald S.W., Charles Croydon J.W., A. T. Hendry S.D., J. E. Moon P.M. O., T. H. Bayly P.M. P.P.G.T., T. Robert Rae P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Sec., J. E. Curteis P.M. P.P.G.S.W., J. Dampney P.M. all of 189; S. Jew P.M. 105 P.P.G.T., J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., J. Browning P.M. 105, R. L. Blight P.M. T. 1209, Thomas G. Owen P.M. P.P.S.G.D., F. Aubrey Thomas P.M. 1217 P.P.G.S.D., W. W. N. St. Aubyn, Dr. Thompson, C. Rodda, John Rogers P.M. Tyler, A. H. Swiss, Charles R. Burdin, George R. Barrett 189 and 1255, George Hawken, R. R. Pengelly 1209, E. Pront. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Queen, remarked that as our gracious Sovereign had ruled so well and so wisely for so many years, it was very evident that we made a mistake in not admitting the ladies to a participation in the ruling other bodies—School Boards for instance. The toast of the W.M.'s health was very cordially received, it being very generally known that, notwithstanding his heavy professional duties, he had always found time to perform all the duties appertaining to his office in a highly satisfactory manner. In replying, Bro. Jackson adverted to the large increase in the number of Masons, but he thought so many new Lodges were not necessary. There was plenty of room for good men in the existing Lodges. Bro. Curteis, in proposing the Charity toast, referred to the fact that he had had the pleasure of taking from the Lodge and the neighbourhood large sums for the great Charities. He took the opportunity of mentioning that the Lodge had not yet, as a Lodge, subscribed to the local Charity—the Devon Masonic Educational Fund; but seeing the Secretary of the Fund (Bro. Gover) present, he thought he might pledge the Lodge to some substantial subscription soon. The musical arrangements were carried out by Worshipful Bro. J. E. Moon, who sang several songs in his usual admirable manner.

PHŒNIX LODGE, No. 257.

BROTHER T. R. Williams was, on Saturday, 27th December, installed as the Worshipful Master of this Lodge for the ensuing year, in presence of a numerous and distinguished assembly of the Craft. Bro. Dr. Jacob O'Connor P.M. performed the duties of Installing Master in an efficient manner, and the new W.M. afterwards invested his Officers, as follows:—Bros. George B. Puttock I.P.M., J. R. Hayman S.W., Storey J.W., Dr. Jacob O'Connor P.M. Treasurer, H. J. Dowse Secretary, Lieut. Noel S.D., E. Hall J.D., Arthur Jolliffe I.G. Amongst the Visitors present were—Bros. M. E. Frost P.M. P.G. Treasurer, W. Edmonds P.M., G. A. Gale P.M., Whitcomb P.M., &c., and the following W.M.'s of neighbouring Lodges:—Bros. Edgar Goble, Fareham; W. D. King, Landport; H. Cawte P.P.G.W. Duke of Connaught, Southsea; V. Brown, Gosport; Grant, Prince of Wales's, Gosport; M. H. Emanuel, United Brothers, Southsea; Willmott P.G.S. Royal Sussex, Portsea; and Liddell, Havant. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. George Bond, of the Castle Hotel, Southsea.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 309.

THIS Lodge was, on Thursday, the 1st January, honoured with a visit by the Junior Grand Warden of England (M.W. Bro. General the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe), on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Arthur R. Holbrook as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. There was an unusually large attendance of the brethren, including Bros. Arthur Cudlipp P.M., Mayor of Portsmouth, W. D. King W.M. Landport Lodge, H. Cawte P.P.G.W. W.M. Duke of Connaught Lodge, M. E. Frost P.M. P.G. Treasurer, Barfield W.M. Medina Lodge, Cowes; Williams W.M. Phœnix Lodge, Liddell W.M. Havant Lodge, Valentine Brown W.M. Gosport Lodge, Johns W.M. United Service Lodge, Creedon W.M. Lodge of Friendship, Petersfield, Emanuel W.M. United Brothers' Lodge, G. A. Gale P.M., J. B. Goldsmith P.M., J. Tayler P.M., T. Robinson P.M., Edgar Goble, the retiring W.M. of the Lodge, E. S. Main P.M. S. R. Ellis P.M., R. Holbrook P.P.G.D.C., T. King, Dr. Brake R.N., Dr. C. Knott, G. E. Kent jun., W. J. Dale, G. F. Brown, H. J. Dowse, A. H. Bone, Arthur Jolliffe, &c., and the Officers and several members of the Lodge. Letters of apology were received from Bros. Sir F. FitzWygram, Bart., F. Newman P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, &c. The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. T. Robinson P.M., who received a special vote of thanks for the able manner in which he carried out the duty, and was also highly complimented on his efficiency by the M.W. the Junior Warden of Grand Lodge. The newly installed W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. Edgar Goble I.P.M., Rev. A. Headley S.W., J. R. Hayman J.W., Rev. — Hervey Chaplain, J. B. Goldsmith P.M. Treasurer, W. Gilbert Heath Secretary, Ernest Hall S.D., Geo. Ellis J.D., E. Goldsmith I.G., Arthur Nance D.C., J. Gieve and T. J. Hooper Stewards. The brethren afterwards partook of a capital banquet, provided by the Misses White, of the Red Lion Hotel, in their usual excellent style.

FOWEY LODGE, No. 977.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Fowey, on Monday, that being the usual day for the monthly meeting. Amongst the Visitors present were Worshipful Bros. J. Rundle W.M. and J. Stephens P.M. 1151, Bros. Colonel Bake S.W., V. C. Pearce J.W. 1151, and Bros. Bassett W.M. elect and Whetters J.W. St. Matthews. The usual Lodge work having been transacted at two meetings in December, the only work to be done on this occasion was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. C. Slade, the late S.W. A board of P.M.'s having been formed, consisting of Bros. Rev. Dr. Treffry P.P.G.C., W. Tonkin P.P.G.S.W., F. B. Williams P.G.S.B., A. P. Davis W.M., W. N. Abbott P.G.S. 1874, J. Stevens P.G.S. 1878, N. H. Lamb, J. Rundle W.M. 1151. Bro. W. Tonkin, acting as I.M., proceeded to instal Bro. Slade as Worshipful Master for the year. At the close of the installation, the W.M. invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. A. P. Davis I.P.M., A. Luke S.W., T. Walton J.W., Rev. R. Harper Chaplain, H. W. Durant Treas., W. Tonkin P.P.G.S. of W. Sec., C. K. Stevens D.C., T. Richards S.D., G. Varco J.D., W. Phillips I.G., M. Terrill, and J. W. Davies Stewards, T. Beale Tyler. Bro. Rev. Dr. Treffry P.P.G.C., in touching terms, thanked the brethren for their kind letter of condolence and sympathy sent to him on the fatal accident which deprived him of his grandson, heir presumptive to the Treffry estates, &c. He called on them to

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carry out the Masonic principle of relief by assisting a brother in distress from a heavy misfortune, by granting a sum of £5, which was unanimously carried. At 4 p.m. a large party of the brethren and visitors adjourned to Bro. T. Richards' Commercial Hotel, to the banquet, during which the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to in appropriate terms by Bros. Rev. Dr. Treffry, F. B. Williams, W. Tonkin, Rev. R. Harper, J. Rundle, Col. Bake, A. Luke, and others.

ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1637.

THE regular meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 7th instant, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields. Bros. J. Hancock W.M., J. B. Docker S.W., J. Crosland J.W., W. C. Parsons P.M. Sec., L. Beck P.M. Treasurer, Forscutt J.D., Duret I.G., J. Berrow Organist, Livermore D.C., Green A.D.C., and Bros. Philpott, Cathew, Lloyd, Smith, Valeriani, Green, Booth, Mole, Wallace, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Bocket, Carthew, Smith, Wells, and Booth were passed to the second degree by the W.M., very perfectly. Bros. Lloyd and Mole were, by the courtesy of the W.M., raised to the third degree by Bro. W. C. Parsons P.M. and Secretary, in his usual perfect and impressive manner. Great credit is due to the Officers for their able assistance. Bro. L. Beck P.M. and Treasurer had the privilege of initiating Mr. Walter Adams, who previously had been ballotted for. Two propositions for initiation were handed in to the Secretary, and two for joining. After hearty good wishes had been given, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. W. Gosden. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. L. Beck proposed the toast of the W.M., who, he was sure, would have all their good wishes. He wished him a happy New Year, and a successful one in his office. The W.M. having replied to the toast, proposed that of the newly initiated brethren. He was proud to see them, and to drink the toast as it merited; they were gentlemen who he was sure would be a credit to the Order. Bros. Adams, Carthew, and Bocket severally returned thanks for the toast. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 returning thanks. The W.M. complimented the Treasurer and Secretary. No better Officers could have been selected in any Lodge. Their talents were recognised throughout the Craft. The former Brother is a P.M. and Secretary of an influential Lodge, the St. James's Union, and his ability is there fully recognised. Bro. Beck was their first W.M., and as a Grand Officer of Middlesex he is entitled to their respect. Bro. Lonis Beck responded. It was the first opportunity he had had of returning thanks as Treasurer; he was gratified at the confidence the brethren reposed in him; his services were always at their disposal. Bro. Parsons said he felt flattered by the remarks of the W.M. He should always be found at his post, and hoped that he might give satisfaction to the W.M., or any succeeding Master who would appoint him. His services were always at the command of the Lodge. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Wardens, said no better Wardens could be found than Bros. Docker and Crosland, whose working they had seen; they were also among the founders of the Lodge. The W.M. hoped to see them occupy the chair in due course. Bro. Docker said if he were spared to occupy the chair, in the course of events, no one would try to do more for the interests of the Lodge than he. The Tyler's toast concluded the list. Several songs, humourous and sentimental, were given, while Bro. Berrow the Organist gave some excellent accompaniments and operatic selections. Visitors—Bros. Festa 834, R. Phillips 1021, W. Denford 1150, S. A. Cooper 1657, Gibbons 156, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

SINCERITY LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, on Monday evening, when Bro. Josiah Austin P.M. P.G.D. England, P.P.G.M.O., was installed as W. Master by W. Bro. Rev. T. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G.C., assisted by Bros. R. H. Rae P.M. P.P.G.T., T. S. Bayly P.M. P.P.G.J.W., and E. A. Davies P.M. P.P.G.J.D. The Officers appointed were—Bros. Rev. T. Lemon I.P.M., Geo. Jackson S.W., C. Croyden P.P.G.S.B. J.W., Rev. T. Lemon Chaplain, H. Orton M.O., G. R. Barrett S.O., E. Prout J.O., T. H. Bayly Treasurer, R. H. Rae Secretary, J. E. Curtcis P.G.D. England P.P.G.J.W. Registrar, W. Hallis S.D., J. Harris Square I.G., J. Rogers P.M. P.G.T. Tyler. A meeting of the A. and H. F. of the Sincerity Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was held immediately afterwards, when W. Bro. Josiah Austin was installed as W.C. Noah, by his predecessor Rev. E. T. Lemon M.A., I.P.C.N., and the other Officers appointed were—C. Croyden S.W. Japhet, H. Horton J.W. Shem, T. H. Bayly Treasurer, R. H. Rae Scribe, Lieutenant-Colonel Fitzgerald S.D., J. R. Barrett J.D., E. A. Davies I.G., E. Prout D.C., W. Hallis D., J. Rogers W.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE BALL.

THE Annual Ball of the New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695, will take place on Wednesday next, at the Athenæum, Camden-road, N. Dancing will commence at nine o'clock. From the arrangements which have been made to ensure the enjoyment of the party, we feel assured a pleasant evening will be spent by all who may attend.

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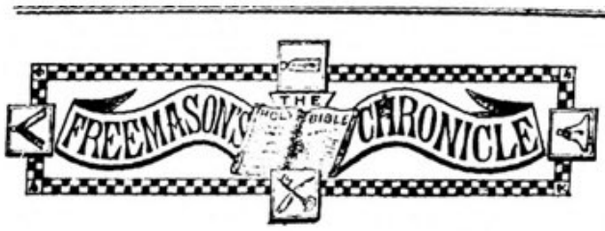

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DEDICATION OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT SOUTHAMPTON.

THE handsome and commodious hall, erected in Albion-place by the Masonic Hall Company, was dedicated to Masonry by the Right Wor. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., on Monday, 29th December 1879. The whole of the work has been carried out in a most creditable manner, and it is no little satisfaction to the architect, Bro. J. G. Poole, and the builder, Bro. S. Stevens, to know that the shareholders and brethren are, if possible, more than pleased at the handsome and commodious premises they now have in which to carry on the art of Masonry. The position of the hall is the most central it was possible to obtain without an enormous expenditure of money, and the outlook is extremely pleasant, and it is fully anticipated that the shareholders will receive a fair return for their outlay. The ceremony of dedication was most impressive, and the attendance very large, including the following brethren:—Bros. W. Hickman D.P.G.M., F. Newman 175 698 P.M. P.S.G.W., M. E. Frost P.M. 257 487 P.G. Treasurer, J. E. Le Feuvre P.M. 130 P.G. Secretary, W. Parsons P.M. 694 J.G.W., C. B. Whitcomb 1705 I.P.M. P.G. Steward, J. Blount Thomas P.M. 130 P.P.G.S.D., J. Harris P.M. 76 P.S.G.W., R. Harfield 38 1112 S.D. J.W. P.P.G.S.W., J. R. Weston P.M. 130 359 P.P.G.R., T. P. Payne P.M., A. Platt Wills P.M. 698 P.P.J.G.W., J. Adams P.M. 359 P.P.G.D.C., J. W. Wilmott 342 P.G.S., G. W. Smales 312 P.P.G. Supt. of Works N. and E. Riding of Yorkshire, H. P. Aslatt P.M. 394 P.P.G.S.D., Barfield W.M. 35, C. W. A. Jellicoe W.M. 130, Thomas Lashmore W.M. 359, W. Bone W.M. 394, R. R. L. Rosoman W.M. 1461, R. Sharpe P.M. 130, J. Cole S.W. 130, A. W. Ward W.M. 132, C. A. Dyer P.M. 359 P.P.G.S.B., W. H. Martin I.P.M. 359, J. Lowe W.M. 175, E. Lowe P.M. 152 P.P.G.D.C., S. S. Pearce P.M. 319 1780 P.P.G.S.D., H. Coles P.M. 359 P.G.D.C., J. Clark P.M. 359, P. Keane P.M. 130 P.G.J.D., J. Walker P.M. 394, J. N. Palmer P.M. 698 P.P.S.G.W., Morris Miles P.M. 130 P.P.G.D.C., F. Pinco P.M. 257 P.P.G.J.W., C. J. Phillips I.P.M. 130 P.G.S.D., J. D. Barford P.M. 359 P.P.G.S., S. Scott Chap. 394 P.P.S.C., H. Dusantoy P.M. 359 P.P.D.C., W. Waters P.M. 359 P.G.S.D., A. J. Miller P.M. 152 359 P.P.G.S.D., W. J. Hickman P.M. 130, E. Goble W.M. 309, W. Kinsey, A. Ede, J. C. Halliday P.M. 132, A. A. Headley S.D. 309, J. K. Linstead, B. Tanner D.C. 1730, G. H. Liddell W.M. 804, A. M. Bailey, C. Callaman, A. C. Hervey, C. Marshall S. 130, W. S. Ffrench Chap. 146, S. R. Everett P.M. 76, Sydney Myer J.W. 130, C. Cox P.M. 394, J. Robertson J.D. 130, G. J. Tilling P.M. 1461, J. Parkinson S.W. 1112, W. H. Chapman J.W. 1461, J. F. Obree I.G. 130, C. Crew Treas. 1112, W. Bowyer P.M. and Sec. 1461, Henry Lashmore J.D. 394, J. Methven S.D. 1461, K. G. Westley I.G. 359, A. A. Dupont Chap. 130, W. Grinyer 139 1780 J.D. and Sec., J. Patstone J.D. 359, S. Stevens J.W. 195, D. Hobbs I.G. 146, W. Baird S. 130, R. Talmey-Turner J.W. 1726, Mark Linfield P.M. 551, J. Johns W.M. 342 P.G.S.B., C. V. Helsdon P.M. 1373 P.G.D.C., T. Morgan Styles, R. Purefoy Fitzgerald, J. Stevens, W. J. O'Neill, F. T. Rodwell, J. Wilson, C. B. Nash, J. Diaper, E. Williamson, J. T. Horton, J. C. Munday, J. Bailey, J. T. Doswell, W. G. Thompson, J. Catley, F. Carter J.W. 75, B. J. Marvin I.G. 175, W. Daniels, I. Harle S.W. 1780, J. S. Pearce J.W. 1780, W. Williams P.M. 345, J. C. Stroud J.W. 359, Gregory P.M. 359, M. Emanuel P.M. 205, G. Grant I.G. 1780, J. W. Pratten, R. Barnes, J. Beer, A. Wilkins, C. W. Swainson, C. H. Perress, Greenslade, J. R. R. Sharpe, J. Louney, J. H. Martin, J. Hart, R. Rood, E. G. Baker, W. Smith J.D. 903, E. C. Kemp, G. Poole, S. Stevens, Longham, E. Harvey, S. Lamb, W. Jurd, Alger, J. McDongall, J. J. Johns, R. James, A. F. Venables, J. Lintott, F. Ekless, J. White Bursledon, Aldis, T. Walton, E. Gayton, D. W. Donaford, W. Short, J. E. Wilson, H. Barber, E. T. Wise, G. Wareham, T. E. H. Rodwell, J. Robson, R. Thornback, J. F. Livik, E. Reeves, Dr. Osborne, John Bright, C. Turner, T. Butcher, T. Nichols; and Biggs, Norris, Vare, Exell and Harrington Tylers.

The brethren assembled at two o'clock, when the provincial and other officers formed in procession and conducted the Grand Master into the hall. The Lodge having been duly formed, the ceremony of dedication was proceeded with, during which the Prov. Grand Master addressed the brethren, saying it was gratifying to know that the old hall had become too small, as it showed the Order in the town was increasing to a great extent. Before he asked their assistance in dedicating that hall he proposed to make a few introductory remarks in reference to the Order. Having done this, tracing Masonry back and dealing with it in a most interesting manner, he went on to speak of the glorious and superb edifices erected in the middle ages, and many of which exist to the present day, as evidences of the skill in architectural construction possessed by their forefathers in those days. Alluding to Masonic Lodges, the Prov. Grand Master spoke of the time of Queen Elizabeth. When she ascended the throne she heard there was a body of men called Freemasons, who carried on certain mysteries, and she ordered a Royal Commission to inquire into the merits of the Order, and after the result of the inquiry had been furnished to her she ordered Freemasonry should be no more interfered with, and since then they had never suffered persecution, but had been rather encouraged by those highest in rank, or, at all events, not opposed by them. He then pointed out that Masonry had existed while mighty empires had crumbled away, and alluded to the unmistakable causes of its unsullied existence. From generation to generation there had been many eminent men who had stood forth and made it their particular object to disseminate the lessons of Masonry. Others there had been less zealous in their day, but who, nevertheless, would stand out in such eminence as to be revered and respected, as having done their best to extend the principles of the Order. So long as they possessed such men as those they need never entertain any doubt that the Order would flourish, or the principles of it be lost. In whatever part of the world brothers meet the bond of union between them was very powerful. The mystic signs had been known to arrest the sway of the sword in war. But there was something pure in the ties which bind brethren togethren. In the hall he was about to dedicate he trusted the pure principles of Masonry would be carried out. Might they be carried out unsullied within those walls, and might every one who entered that hall be impressed with a desire to do something in his day and generation to promote and encourage the principles of the Order of which he was a brother. The hall was then dedicated to Masonry, some solemn music being rendered during the ceremony, the solos being impressively sung by Bros. P.M. Phillips and Poole. This being concluded, Bro. Weston addressed the Pro Grand Master, saying at the early part of the present year they embarked in the undertaking of erecting that edifice for the purposes of Masonry, and they had met that day to celebrate its completion. They were encouraged by his (the Prov. Grand Master's) presence at its commencement, when he kindly assisted in laying the corner stone of the building, and at that time it was briefly explained that from the rapid increase of Freemasonry in the town, the hall in which they had so many years assembled was inadequate for carrying on the work. They would have been pleased that if by a moderate and judicious expenditure they could have enlarged and modernised it, but the tenure of the property would not justify them in adopting that course, and it was with considerable regret they left a place endeared to them by many pleasant and happy reminiscences. It was there a majority of those by whom he was surrounded had become Masons, and many pleasurable and profitable hours had been spent within its portals. There many friendships had been formed, which would terminate only when with them life itself would be no

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more. At the time to which he had alluded he (the Prov. Grand Master) expressed a wish that they should raise a superstructure creditable to the Craft and suitable to their requirements. In that they hoped they had succeeded, and he had the pleasure of expressing the entire satisfaction of the shareholders with the manner in which both the architect and the builder had performed their respective duties. They had not attempted to raise a gorgeous palace, but contented themselves with building a solemn temple in which the great principles of their Order might be acquired and practised. The Prov. Grand Master briefly expressed his pleasure at the success of the undertaking, and the ceremony was concluded.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a *récherché* banquet, supplied by Bro. Dartnall, in the Victoria Rooms. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master presided, supported by his Officers. The banquet being concluded,

The Prov. Grand Master proposed "The Queen and Craft," referring to the active interest taken in Freemasonry by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master. He was present when the Prince was installed, and the interest he had then professed never languished. He coupled with it the names of the Prov. Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Hickman Deputy Prov. Grand Master replied, in conclusion asking them to respond as heartily as they had done to the last toast, to one who was most dear to the hearts of all present. They all knew how ready the Prov. Grand Master was to fulfil his duties in Freemasonry, and he had much pleasure in proposing his health, wishing him every health and happiness.

The Prov. Grand Master, in acknowledgment, thanked the brethren for their enthusiasm, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present on that occasion. It was very creditable to the Masons of Southampton that they had raised a building adequate to the carrying on of their various ceremonies. In other countries they see the noblest and largest buildings used for the purpose of carrying on Freemasonry, and it was gratifying to see in England that they were following the example in carrying out the beautiful ceremonies of Freemasonry in buildings well fitted for the purpose. From his knowledge of the Freemasons of Southampton, he knew that Masonry would be carried out in their new hall in a pure and efficient manner. Were it not so he was sure no one present would regard with the same satisfaction as he now did the opening of the building he had been proud to dedicate that day. In Lodge he alluded to the events of former Freemasons, and he would now rather say a few words with regard to the future. With regard to what had already taken place, he asked them to let it be an encouragement to them in time to come, and to be animated by the example of their forefathers which had been so set, so that future Masons might be able to look back and follow the example of what was taking place at the present day, in the same way as they were enabled to do now. To all those who had been engaged in the work of that day he wished health and prosperity, and expressed a desire that Freemasonry might flourish in the town, in the county, and in the country, pure and unsullied.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer (Bro. Frost) proposed "The health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master," who was known, he believed, to every person in the room. He was most courteous in his manner to every one with whom he was brought into contact, and was at all times willing to give any information Masons were ready to receive.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master suitably responded, saying he felt great pleasure in fulfilling the duties of his office. He had a chief whom it was an honour to serve, and who was ever ready to listen to anything he had to refer to him. He felt sure every brother who first saw the light of Masonry in the old Hall would regret it could no longer be used for Masonic purposes. It was inadequate, and could not be suitably enlarged, and now they had a new Hall he hoped they would all rally round those who had expended their money, and endeavour to secure a fair return. He concluded by proposing "The health of the Prov. Grand Officers," to which the Junior Prov. Grand Warden (Bro. Parsons, Basingstoke) replied, congratulating the Masons of Southampton upon acquiring adequate premises in which to hold their meetings.

The Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. Le Feuvre) proposed "The W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Provinces," expressing the great pleasure it afforded him, as in the discharge of his duties he was brought in contact with them perhaps more than other Mason in the Province. The prosperous state of Freemasonry in this Province was in a great measure due to the Grand Master. The Lodges were increasing very rapidly; during the last five or six years they had increased from 27 to 34. He regretted very much the absence that evening of Bro. P.M. Booth, one of the Masonic brothers in Southampton, through ill health, and he trusted he would soon be well enough to be amongst them again.

Bros. Nash (Winchester) and Jellicoe W.M. (Gloucester) suitably responded.

The Prov. Grand Master proposed "The Directors of the Southampton Masonic Hall Company." He congratulated them upon the success of their undertaking, and trusted that the financial return would also be as satisfactory.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Chairman of the Directors), in reply to the toast, observed that the principal spirit which actuated the Directors in their undertaking was to provide proper accommodation for the observances of their Order. They might congratulate themselves upon the success they had attained. He took very little credit to himself, as he had been so ably supported by his brother Directors. Some of them had devoted a large portion of their time to the superintendence of the work, and assisting the architect and builder in every way that lay in their power. They did not wish for large profits, only a fair return for their money, and he belived in that they would be successful.

Bro. Weston P.M. P.P.G.R. also responded.

Other Masonic and complimentary toasts were given, after which the brethren separated.—*Portsmouth Times.*

DR. BARNARDO'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

ON Wednesday evening, between thirteen and fourteen hundred houseless children were invited by the well known friend of the poor—Dr. Barnardo, to a substantial tea at the Mission Room adjoining the Edinburgh Castle, Rhodeswell-road, Burdett-road. Similar efforts, in the shape of suppers or free teas are made from time to time to carry out the main object of Dr. Barnardo's institutions, which is stated to be to rescue and train street children for useful lives. The various establishments comprised in this undertaking are:—Home for Working and Destitute Lads, Stepney-causeway; Village Homes for Girls, Ilford; Temporary Receiving House for Neglected Girls; Temporary Receiving Houses for Street Boys; Training House for Little Boys, Jersey. There are also Industrial Brigades in connection with the institutions as follows:—The City Messenger Brigade, the Wood Chopping Brigade, the Union Jack Shoe Black Brigade. In all these establishments there are now between 800 and 900 homeless, destitute, or neglected children being fed, educated and trained for useful lives. A home is contemplated in which lads from 17 to 20 years of age, taken from the lodging houses, may be tested by means of some industrial pursuit for a few months, and then drafted on to situations or places of employment which the director of the homes shall obtain for them. No boy or girl, however deformed or diseased, is refused admission, provided only they be really destitute. With a view to testing such extreme cases, and also dealing successfully with diseases which may arise in the institutions, a special infirmary for sick children, containing 30 beds, has been erected in Stepney-causeway. After tea, Dr. Barnardo put some questions to the boys with the view of selecting some for admission into the homes, it being intended also to assist in removing all the girls from their present objectionable surroundings. Before asking the questions, however, he explained that his object was to help them if he could, as he had found out that there were a large number of boys and girls who had not had a really good chance of leading an honest life. He could take some boys into the homes, recommend others to various institutions, send some on board ships, and obtain employment for others. He then asked how many lads had fathers or mothers living in lodging houses, and a comparatively small number of hands were held up; but to the query as to how many boys were selling things in the streets, the response showed that the majority of those present were thus engaged. The question, "How many lads have not got a 'doss' (bed) for the night?" caused an almost general show of hands. Those boys who wanted help were then asked to stand up, and between 80 and 100 availed themselves of this offer, and were then passed into an adjoining room, in order that inquiries might be made with a view to their admission into a home. Dr. Barnardo also invited any lads who had not liked to stand up—one of the boys having informed him that two of his "pals," although wishing to go into a home, had not had the courage to come forward—to see him at the institution at Stepney. He advised them all to get work away from the streets. The proceedings were brought to a conclusion by singing and prayer, and each child was presented with two oranges and a new sixpenny-piece, the coins being the gift of a donor who preferred to remain anonymous. Amongst the friends of the movement present were the Rev. W. Tyler, Mr. J. G. Sheppard, Mr. R. C. Morgan, Dr. Heywood Smith, and several members of the committee. The band from the home at Stepney performed several selections during the evening.

THE LIFEBOAT SERVICE IN 1879.

YEAR by year the work of the National Lifeboat Institution becomes more and more extensive, and testifies to its great importance. The list of services rendered on the coasts of the United Kingdom by its Lifeboats to shipwrecked crews details succinctly the success and unabated bravery and perseverance of the Lifeboat men. A total of 637 lives have been rescued by the Society's Lifeboats during the year, in addition to 21 vessels saved from destruction. In the same period the Lifeboat Institution granted rewards for saving 218 lives by fishing and other boats, making a total of 855 lives saved last year, mainly through its instrumentality. Altogether, since its formation the Society has contributed to the saving of 26,906 shipwrecked persons. It should also be mentioned that during the past two years the Institution has not lost a single life from its 269 Lifeboats. The Committee of the Lifeboat Institution, in view of the foregoing facts, appeal with renewed confidence to the British public for support and sympathy.

The first Ball of the Lodge of Industry, No. 186, was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Any surplus that may arise is to be given to the Masonic Charities, to be placed on the list of the W.M., who is a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. There were nearly 200 guests present, and every one thoroughly enjoyed the meeting, thanks to the W.M., the Past Masters, and an efficient body of Stewards. An early supper was provided by Bro. A. Best, under the superintendence of Bro. Dawkins, which gave every satisfaction. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. W. Mann P.M. and Treasurer, in an excellent speech. The toast was enthusiastically received. The W.M., in responding, said this was the first Ball in conjunction with their Lodge; he was pleased to see so many present, and hoped that the gathering would be an annual one. Bro. Cantle proposed the health of the Stewards, who by their exertions had contributed to the success of the evening. Bro. Johnson J.W. replied. Bro. H. M. Levy responded for the Visitors; while Bro. Dyer did a like service for the Ladies. Bro. Dan Godfrey's Band discoursed sweet music till an early hour.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 10th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1326—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8
1231—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1558—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stanafield

MONDAY, 12th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
15—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
53—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
814—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
701—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1366—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Milford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greg's-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
841—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1063—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1439—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Ismael, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Welsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
R. A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R. A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelvin-street, Leeds
R. A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R. C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R. C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 13th JANUARY.

46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
869—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 24 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden
1635—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
401—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
471—Fairfield, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
501—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
503—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
526—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
695—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Westminster
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
805—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Mildburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1270—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1314—Aencia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1425—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
1495—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1508—Malpas, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1678—Tonbridge, New Public Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R. A. 285—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
M. M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M. M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 14th JANUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
Annual Ball of the New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695, Athenæum, Camden-rd.
9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1360—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R. A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Ball's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Couch and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
284—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Symathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, at 7.30. (Inst.)
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1090—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1034—Borough, Ball Hotel, Barnsley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1107—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1214—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1350—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill St., Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1388—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 15th JANUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
109—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Couch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1274—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
695—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1260—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1492—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R. A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

FRIDAY, 16th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
804—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1294—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
750—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
903—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 7

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R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
K. T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

SATURDAY, 17th JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1732—Kings Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 30th December 1879, at Bro. Bond's, Redford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C. Present:—Bros. Panter W.M., Snodin S.W., Pownceby J.W., John Soper Secretary, Hallam S.D., T. B. Linscott J.D., Dickins I.G., Past Master T. B. Dodson Preceptor. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Pitman offered himself as a candidate for initiation, and that ceremony was rehearsed. The first and third sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Hallam. Bro. Pitman, of Lodge 1706, was admitted a member. Lodge closed, and adjourned to Tuesday, 6th January 1880, at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, the 6th instant. Present—Bros. Walter Snodin W.M., Hallam S.W., F. B. Linscott J.W., Dickins S.D., Abell J.D., Panter I.G.; Past Masters Bros. T. B. Dodson and Gilruth. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Stroud offered himself as a candidate for initiation, and that ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M. The following sections were then worked:—second by Bro. Hallam, third by Bro. Abell, fourth by Bro. Hallam jun. Bro. Hallam jun. was elected a member of the Lodge. Bro. Hallam was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Tuesday, 13th January, at 7 p.m.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on the 30th ult. Present — Bros. Roberts W.M., Caton S.W., King J.W., Daniel S.D., Moss Preceptor, Hollands Sec, Couture, Jones, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Couture candidate. Bro. Roberts vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. King, who duly passed Bro. Couture to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Caton was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. It was proposed that £1 be expended on Bro. Daniel's tickets for a ballot for Life Governorships for the Old Men and Women. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Roberts, it being the first time he had occupied the chair of W.M. in this Lodge of Instruction.

On the 6th January, Bros. Caton W.M., Ferry S.W., King J.W., Danier S.D., Schndler J.D., T. Wooding I.G., Hollands Secretary, Moss Preceptor; Bros. Lay and Couture. Lodge was opened in usual form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lay candidate. Bro. Caton vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Lay, who worked the second degree, Bro. Couture candidate. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. The second section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Moss, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Ferry was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Caton, it being the first time he occupied the chair at this Lodge of Instruction.

St. John's Lodge, No. 137, Blairgowrie.—This Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John in the Victoria Hotel, on Friday, the 26th ult., Bro. J. Playfair R.W.M. presiding. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, the R.W.M. proposed "St. John's Lodge No. 137," which was enthusiastically given. Other toasts followed. Songs were given by a number of the brethren. There were upwards of thirty present, including a deputation from the Coupar Angus Lodge. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present:—Bros. A. Valentine W.M., W. James S.W., W. Sayer J.W., J. K. Pitt Secretary, Thomas B. Biddle S.D., P. Tobias J.D., G. L. Walker Preceptor, E. James Smith I.G., C. Harris. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smith as candidate. The first section was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Tobias candidate. This Lodge has recovered its normal position, and we think its future is hopeful. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his able conduct in the chair. Bro. Walter James was elected to fill the position of W.M. at next meeting.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 737.—A meeting was held on Monday, 5th January, at the Lodge room, Herriott's-lane, Wellingborough. Present:—Bros. J. H. Harte W.M., N. T. Hewens S.W., John Slinn J.W., L. C. Knight Sec., W. Renshaw S.D., W. Jackson J.D., John Wallis Steward, Caleb Matthews I.G., W. Matthews Tyler; Bro. Aris P.M. Visitors—Bros. Butler Wilkins Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Green P.M. 360, Stanton P.M. 360, Hanger 455, Atkins S.W. 1764, Standley W.M. elect 455, Haynes 455. The Lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. James was passed by the W.M. from the first to the second degree. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. N. T. Hewens received the benefit of installation from the hands of Bro. Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M., who performed the ceremony in his usual impressive and dignified manner. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and after receiving the customary salutations, the Master proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. Slinn S.W., L. C. Knight J.W., Caleb Matthews Secretary, Renshaw and Jackson Deacons and Oldham, Inner Guard. After closing the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Hind Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. John Wallis, and a very enjoyable evening was spent under the presidency of the esteemed W.M.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction.—Held at the Coach and Horses, Tottenham, Thursday, 8th January 1880. Present—Bros. Oxley W.M., Lewis S.W., Everdell J.W., Poore S.D., Tegg J.D., Japes J.D., Thompson Preceptor, Garrod Sec.; also Bros. Driscoll, Taverner, Bryant, Mattocks, &c. The usual formalities in opening the Lodge having been observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Bryant acting as candidate here, as he had done in the previous ceremony. On the resumption of the Lodge, the sum of five guineas was voted out of the funds for the R.M.I. for Boys, to be placed on Bro. Thompson's List for the forthcoming Festival. A most distressing case of destitution was brought before the Lodge by Bro. Driscoll, being that of a Brother with a family of six children, who had through misfortune been reduced from a comparative state of affluence to abject poverty. The Lodge voted one guinea for his temporary relief, which was supplemented by a further sum of 30s in the form of a subscription by the brethren present. Bro. Lewis was elected W.M. for next Lodge meeting (Thursday, 15th January) when Bro. Driscoll P.M. will rehearse the ceremony of Installation.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on 6th inst. Present—E. Williams W.M., Polak S.W., Christian J.W., Hand S.D., Clerk J.D., Greenwood I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. C. Lorkin, Dallas, Perrin, Fleck, Darnell, Carr, Allen, &c. After formal opening, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Darnell candidate. The Lodge was called off, and on resuming its Masonic duties, was opened in the second and third degrees, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Polak was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., on Thursday, 8th January. Bros. Hine W.M., Patrick S.W., Serjeant J.W., Clark S.D., Giesoke J.D., Fenner Preceptor, Wallbrecht Secretary; also Bros. Defriez, Andrews, Thorn, Key, Trewinnard, and Stroud. The usual formalities were duly observed. Bro. Andrews answered the questions leading from the first to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Andrews candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the fourth section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Thorn, of the Royal Savoy Lodge No. 1744, was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Patrick was appointed to preside at next meeting.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—A meeting was held on 31st December 1879, at the Salmon and Ball, Bethnal-green-road. Present—Bros. Wooding W.M., Clarke S.W., Hind J.W., Abrahams S.D., Lazarus J.D., Quay I.G., Past Master Bro. Hogg Preceptor; Bros. Christian, Hammond, Stewart, Smith Sturtevant and Ward. Business—Questions leading from first to second degree were answered by Bro. Stewart, and the ceremony of passing was worked, Bro. Hammond candidate. Lodge resumed to first degree, and first and second sections were worked by Bro. Christian, assisted by the brethren. It was proposed and carried that Bro. Ward, No. 205 become a member. Lodge was then closed in due form.

On the 7th inst. the chair was occupied by Bro. Hand. There were present—Bros. Clarke S.W., Abrahams J.W., Smith Treas., Chitson Sec., Lazarus S.D., Christian J.D., Toye I.G., W. Hogg P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Ward, Stephens, Jones, Hammond, Stewart, Collins, Wooding, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and usual preliminaries observed. The ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Ward candidate. The first four sections of the lecture were worked by the following brethren:—1st, Bros. Wooding; 2nd, Christian; 3rd, Stephens; 4th, Christian. Bro. Clarke was elected W.M. for the meeting next Wednesday. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hand, this being the first time he had worked a ceremony here. Arrangements were also made for holding an installation meeting, notice of which will appear in due course. Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned, having spent a very enjoyable evening. Bro. Hogg Preceptor is to be congratulated upon the proficiency of the members of this Lodge.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—Held at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday,

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29th December. Present—Bros. Grist W.M., High S.W., Blunt J.W., McDowall S.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., C. Lorkin Preceptor. The Lodge was opened to the second degree. Bro. Martin answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Martin was raised, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

On Monday, 5th January, Bros. Allen W.M., Finch S.W., R. Olley J.W., Garrod S.D., Darnell J.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., C. Lorkin Preceptor; Jones, High, Goodman, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jones candidate. The W.M. worked the 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros Allen W.M. 933, Finch S.W. 1365, Daniel J.D. 1649, were elected member. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair, for the first time. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Trodogar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 5th instant, at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, Bro. W. Hogg P.M. Preceptor. Present—Bros. C. Kendall W.M., T. Wooding S.W., J. Pringle J.W., G. Kendall S.D., C. Veal J.D., J. P. T. Couture I.G., J. Allison Hon. Sec., also Bros. Hubbert, G. H. Stephens, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hubbert candidate. Bro. Pringle worked the first three sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Wooding was elected to the chair for Monday next, when we hope to see a good master.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1692.—Held at Bro. Wood's, the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road, on Tuesday, 6th instant. Present—Bros. Weston W.M., Fuld S.W., Fenner J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, W. Williams S.D., Hirst J.D., W. Rowley I.G.; also Bros. Wood, Fox, Weeden, and others. The usual ceremonies were observed, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. Fox acting as candidate. The ceremony was performed in a very careful manner by the W.M. We trust soon to see him make such progress as will enable him to fulfil the duties of the chair with honour to himself and credit to his mother Lodge; he is now the S.W. Bro. Fox worked the first, Bro. Pearcy the second, and Bro. Fenner the third sections of the lecture. Bro. Fuld was elected W.M. for next Tuesday, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507.—A meeting of this Chapter took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, New Year's Day. In the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z, Comp. J. R. Stacey, E. Comp. J. Willing I.P.Z. and Treasurer occupied the chair. There were also present—E. Comps. W. J. Ferguson H., W. M. Stiles J., C. Hudson S.E., Edmonds as S.N., H. Stiles P.S., Sillis as 1st Asst. Sojourner, F. Johnson as second ditto; also Comps. Deller, Van Camp. Visitor—Comp. Ward, of Truth Chapter No. 22, County Antrim, Ireland. The minutes being read and confirmed, apologies were received from the M.E.Z. Comp. Stacey, Douglass, Holt, and two of the intending Exaltees. Bro. Field was impressively exalted to the supreme degree of the R.A., and several names having been announced for balloting at ensuing meeting, the Convocation was closed in due form with solemn prayer. The Companions afterwards partook of supper, and a very pleasant evening was spent. W. Bro. J. Scales, W.M. of the Parent Lodge, was to have been exalted, but weighty reasons prevented his being present at this meeting, to his regret.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction.—The usual meeting of the Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction was held on Tuesday evening, 6th January, at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. Present:—Comps. Lee Z., Cattermole H., High J., Pennefather N., Lardner P.S.; also Comps. Sayer, Thompson, Letty, Brasted and Walker. Comp. Brown, the able Preceptor, acted as S.E. The ceremony of exaltation was most ably rehearsed, Comp. Walker being the candidate. The Chapter was closed, and adjourned till Tuesday evening, 13th January, at half-past six o'clock.

The Installation Meeting of the Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1288, was held on the 1st instant, when Bro. F. S. Rothschild was installed as W.M. for the year. Our report stands over until next week.

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THE Stewards entrusted to settle the preliminaries in connection with the Fourth Annual Ball of the above Lodges, Nos. 1572 and 1671, announce that they have made arrangements for the Ball to be held at Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Friday, the 27th of February next. They will be pleased to welcome members of other Lodges, as also gentlemen who are not Masons. In order that proper provision may be made, the Stewards desire that application for tickets be made on or before the 15th proximo. The address of Bro. Nelson Reed, the Hon. Secretary, is St. Helen's Lodge, Lee, S.E. We are assured he will be pleased to answer any enquiries addressed to him. The enjoyment at the Balls given by these Lodges on previous occasions leaves no doubt but that this gathering will be a success.

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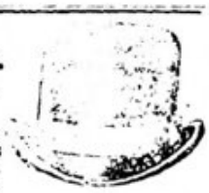

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PROJECTED EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has been held, and the vexed question as to the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds seems to be as far off settlement as ever. In fact, the more that is done in the matter the less likely it appears that an amicable solution will be arrived at. It is greatly to be regretted that one section of the supporters of one of our Charities should find it necessary to threaten legal proceedings in order to stay the action of another, or that one party should persist in their efforts to carry a proposition so repugnant to the feelings of their fellow workers without first endeavouring to answer the objections raised, or to ascertain the feeling of the general body of subscribers. On questions requiring the smallest amount of discussion it seems impossible, even among Freemasons, to prevent the oft-repeated charge of personality being made. It appears that because one or two members have expressed themselves as strongly in opposition to the vote as others have in favour of it, that a war is to be waged between them, and, as may be imagined under such circumstances, the meeting of Saturday last—so far as this subject was concerned—was of a most stormy nature. Because Bro. A objects to the proposal of Bro. B, it seems to be immediately assumed that a personal affront is intended, whereas, as we have frequently pointed out, the motives of Bro. A are as likely to be sincere as are those of Bro. B; one entertains one opinion, the other the opposite. To assume that this shall be a cause for personal quarrel is absurd in the extreme; and we must say we were somewhat surprised that so much of the time of the meeting of Saturday was allowed to be occupied in making and answering charges purely of a personal nature, and not in any way bearing on the subject at issue. If feeling is to be allowed to interfere in the discussions which must necessarily arise in connection with the Institutions, it will speedily be found that ruin will result, and therefore we again urge all concerned to settle the matter amicably if it is any way possible to do so.

Some of the objectors to the vote, finding that friendly protest was of no avail, and feeling that no respect was shown for their opinion, determined on procuring legal advice as to whether the purchase was in accordance with the objects for which the Institution was established. The following questions were accordingly submitted to Mr. C. Locock Webb, Q.C., whose Masonic position as Past Grand Officer of England it was thought would lend additional weight to his decision.

COUNSEL'S OPINION IS REQUESTED—

1. Whether the Charity Funds collected for the general purposes of the Institution can be applied to the purchase of Houses and Land not really necessary for the purposes of the Charity? (*vide* Cl. 2.)

2. Can the Trustees be held personally liable to the Charity for any funds which they may have applied already, or may in future expend out of any other than the Sustentation Fund, in the acquisition of Buildings and Land?

3. What course is advised to prevent the monies of the Institution being devoted to other purposes than those set forth in Cl. 2?

In answer to the above, the following opinions are given:—

1. I am of opinion that the purchase, by the Trustees of the General Fund, of Lyncombe House and grounds would be clearly *ultra vires*, and an illegal application of the monies vested in them for the general purposes of the Institution. It would not be competent for any General Court to make any new law, or any grant authorising such purchase, or the advance out of the general fund of the proposed consideration money of £6,500, or any part thereof; and any resolution purporting to do so would be utterly null and void. I think that the notice convening the Special General Court for to-morrow (the 3rd January) would be bad, even if the objects of such meeting were valid, instead of being, as in my judgment they are, clearly invalid.

The funds collected for the general purposes of the Institution could not properly be applied to the purchase of any houses or lands not really necessary for the purposes of the Institution, and I doubt if any of such funds could, strictly speaking, be applied in the purchase of any building or lands (see laws II. and VII.) The General Fund would seem to be applicable to the maintenance, clothing, and education of the children, who, being duly elected, are or may become inmates of the establishment. The "Sustentation" Fund would seem to be applied to the maintenance of the buildings.

If it is deemed expedient to enlarge or add to the existing Institution a special fund should be subscribed for that purpose.

2. If the Trustees have already applied, or should in future apply monies out of the General Fund in or towards the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds, I think they would be personally liable to recoup all such monies.

3. I am opinion that an action in the Chancery Division may be maintained at the suit of any member of the General Committee (see Law XXXV.) who should sue on behalf of himself and all other members of such Committee, except the defendants, against the Trustees for an injunction to restrain the contemplated misappropriation of the general fund. But, under the circumstances of this case, I should strongly advise that every effort should be made to avoid litigation. To that end I would suggest that those on whose behalf I am advising, being Governors, should attend the meeting to-morrow and state their objections; they will not, of course, vote upon any resolution. And if resolution purporting to authorise such purchase should be carried, I think they should at once write to each of the Trustees such a letter as I have already suggested in conference before commencing an action.

LOCOCK WEBB.

Lincoln's Inn, 2nd January 1880.

Now, in the face of the above, and even assuming that Bro. Webb is wrong, and that the brethren who sought his advice are wrong, what can be the motive for endeavouring to pass this vote in so hurried a manner and in direct opposition to the desire of a large and representative minority? It is not possible to ensure a large attendance of brethren at Freemasons' Hall at twelve o'clock on a Saturday,—why that time should have been fixed for the regular Courts is, and always has been, a mystery to us—and this seems to be taken advantage of to secure a majority for the proposers of the vote. One side says that unless the question is at once settled the chance of purchase will be lost, a statement which is flatly contradicted by the other; and as neither side produce any evidence in support of their statements, it is impossible to say which is right. The main objection appears to be that the price to be paid is greatly in excess of the value of the land, and although the proposers express so much concern lest their plan shall be frustrated, it appears to be impossible for them to procure an unbiassed opinion of the value of the property. It is admitted that the Institution can afford something above what an ordinary purchaser would be willing to pay, because the acquisition would be beneficial in many ways; but if the price asked—as is stated by all who have taken the trouble to mention figures—is £4,000 above the market value of the property, the course taken to oppose the expenditure is not only justifiable, but the efforts of the brethren who have organised it greatly to be commended. If the property were proved to be worth say £6,000, no one would object to the extra £500 outlay if it were necessary in order to secure the plot for the Institution, but at present the only estimate given of the value is that of the objectors, who say that if put up to

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auction it would fetch between £2,000 and £2,500. Can this be contradicted? If so, why is it not done? Conciliation would be much the better course for all to pursue, and if each side agreed to discuss the various points calmly and thoroughly, we believe one would willingly give way to the other rather than allow a continuance of a strife which must be pronounced on all sides as likely to materially affect the future of the Institution. As Bro. Clabon said, the question to be considered was—whether it was desirable to buy the property? to which we add another,—is the price asked a fair one for the Institution to pay? Surely it should not be impossible for these two questions to be satisfactorily disposed of. We trust that at the adjourned meeting, which is fixed for Saturday next, the 24th instant, the subject will be amicably settled, and that all who have taken a part in the discussion will again unite in their efforts to promote the interests of the Girls' School.

THE ELECTION OF SECRETARIES TO THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

AT the time of the election of a Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in 1878, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. Little, considerable discussion took place as to the advisability of continuing the restriction making it compulsory for voters to personally deliver their ballot papers at the place of polling. As was pointed out at the time, this law virtually has the effect of placing the election entirely in the hands of the London brethren, the expense both in money and time entailed by a visit to the metropolis practically shutting out the Provincial members. When it is taken into consideration that upwards of one-half of the subscriptions year by year contributed to our Charities are sent by country brethren, it must be admitted that the law operates somewhat unfairly. The post of Secretary is one of the most, even if not the most, important in connection with the Institutions, and for this reason the whole of the contributors should have an equal voice in the election. Since the question was raised in 1878, measures have been taken to remove the restrictions both as regards the Boys' and the Girls' Institutions. On motions duly given it has been decided that for the future the election of Secretary shall be conducted in a similar manner to that observed in the election of children to the Schools—that is, by ballot papers, which, when signed by the voter, may be presented, on his or her behalf, by any member of the General Committee; thus avoiding the trouble of a personal attendance at London or wherever the poll may be taken. We trust it may be some time before it will be needful to put this new law into practical use, as all wish the three brethren who now fill the position of Secretaries to the Institutions health and strength to continue their labours for many years to come; but as it is certain that at some time or other it will be necessary to elect successors, it is as well that proper arrangements be made beforehand. We look upon this change as one that was greatly needed, and feel sure it will conduce to the welfare of the Institutions. On one point alone the alteration is justifiable,—it will be the means of forming another connecting link between the brethren of London, and those of the Provinces, who have hitherto—and we trust always will continue to compete with each other as to who shall do the most for the Charities. On a question of so much importance to the whole body of Subscribers as the choice of a Secretary, it is but natural that all who are interested should desire to express an opinion, and they are entitled to every consideration which will enable them to do so. When large bodies of supporters of an Institution find themselves shut out from the exercise of what they consider their just rights in connection therewith, they naturally take less interest in the welfare of the undertaking, and as a consequence the subscriptions fall off. There is a widespread feeling in many of the Provinces that local Charities may be established, and successfully carried on, independently of those in London. At present these local efforts have been directed with a view of helping in the good work carried on by the central Charities, without any rivalry or opposition, but if restrictions such as that which used to exist on the question of voting for Secretary are allowed to continue, it will speedily be found that the local Institutions will receive the whole of the support of the brethren of their immediate neighbourhoods, instead of being, as they are considered at present, of secondary importance. To prevent the chance of a withdrawal on the part of the Provincial brethren from the maintenance of the central Charities, every concession which can reasonably be accorded should be made by the London members to the Provincials, who, be it remembered, labour under great disadvantage by reason of the distance at which they reside from the point of action. The slightest sign of a breach between the two sections should be at once stamped out.

At the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School, held on Saturday, the question as to how the elections should be conducted in the future again came under the notice of the brethren assembled, the vote altering the rules so as to admit of ballotting without personal attendance, which was passed at the last Court, on the proposition of Bro. Birch, being a part of the minutes offered for confirmation. As will be seen from the report which appears on another page, Bro. A. E. Gladwell moved the non-confirmation of so much thereof as related to this subject, his reason for doing so being, that he considered the matter should be left in the hands of the House Committee, who from their personal acquaintance with the duties of the Secretary were, he thought, far more competent to select a brother fit for the office than brethren residing at a distance, and who perhaps might never have occasion for personal communication with the officer appointed. We admit that brethren whose official duties in connection with the Institutions bring them into almost daily intercourse with the Secretary would doubtless be the best judges of the man they would like to fill the post, but it must be remembered that the Secretaries are not appointed solely for their ability to prepare the work for the various Committees, but rather to bring the claims of the Charities under the notice of the Craft at large, and secure subscriptions to enable the good work to be continued. As the future of the Charities in a measure depends on the ability of the Secretaries, there should be no restriction which would act prejudicially to any particular candidate for the post. Another argument used by Bro. Gladwell was, that a brother from a distant Province might, by the combined efforts of his friends, be elected, and then he might find himself in a very awkward position, perhaps unknown to but one or two London brethren, and too far away from his own circle to receive any material aid from them. Should such a result occur, he would have to open up a field for himself, a task no man of energy would be likely to look upon as impossible, especially when backed, as he would be, by the reputation of the Charity he represented and the friends who had secured his election. It must be remembered that from whatever part a candidate may come, before he is elected he must secure a number of votes in excess of all other brethren who are competing, and this could hardly be done without support being rendered from some other source than the candidate's own particular circle. The only objection we see to the present arrangement is, that it will greatly increase the number of candidates. As a consequence, the votes would be so divided as to render it possible for a comparatively small number to carry the day. We would suggest that a preliminary ballot be taken, and that the four or five then proved to be at the head of the poll should compete among themselves for the post. It would then be necessary for a brother to secure the support of about one-third of the voters before he could be sure of success, and if any one could obtain that proportion it would have to be purely by ability rather than by private influence. We have before stated that we hope the occasion is long distant when an opportunity will arise for a test of the new system; still it behoves us to consider every argument now. When the time does arrive, it will be too late to make any alteration, just as it was in 1878, when numerous brethren would have tried to pass the resolution which has since been brought forward if they had seen a possibility of its being done in time to have then become available.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—During piercing winds and excessive variations of temperature every one is more or less liable to internal disease. Throat, chest, liver, bowels, kidneys and skin, all suffer in some degree, and may be relieved by rubbing in this Ointment, aided by proper doses of the Pills, for administering which full directions accompany each box; in truth, any one who thoroughly masters Holloway's "instructions" will, in remedying disease, exchange the labour of an hour for the profit of a lifetime. All bronchial, pulmonary, and throat disorders require that the Ointment should be thoroughly well rubbed upon the skin twice a-day, with great regularity considerable briskness, and much persistence.

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QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of the Governors of, and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presiding. When the minutes of the Quarterly Court held in October last were read, Bro. Arthur E. Gladwell, before they were put for confirmation, moved that the portion of them be not confirmed which recorded the carrying of Bro. Birch's motion for giving the provincial brethren the choice of voting by balloting paper at the election of Secretary. Although a member of the General Committee, he would be willing to surrender his privilege of voting to the House Committee, who he thought, from their personal acquaintance with the Secretary, were better able to form a judgment of his ability than brethren at a distance. He thought the power of electing the Secretary should be vested in the House Committee. Col. Burdett seconded the motion, which was opposed by Bro. Edward Cox, as Bro. Birch's motion was carried at a meeting when a large number of provincial brethren were present. In his opinion, it would be unfair that the motion should be now confirmed at a meeting which they did not attend, as they would if they had had notice that Bro. Gladwell's motion would be made. Such a proceeding would lead to a secession of the country brethren, whom the London brethren should do all they could to keep on good terms with. Bro. Gladwell's motion was put and lost, and the minutes of the October Court were confirmed. The minutes of the Special Court of the 3rd inst. were next read, as well as a letter from Bro. John Thomas Moss, with copy of opinion by Bro. Charles Locock Webb, Q.C., advising that the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds could not legally be made. Col. Creaton therefore asked for an adjournment of the Court with respect to the confirmation of the minutes of 3rd January, and Col. Burdett having moved this adjournment, it was seconded by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, who took advantage of his seconding the motion to analyse Bro. H. T. Thompson's printed circular, which was in the following words:—

TO THE SUBSCRIBERS TO THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Proposal to expend Six Thousand Five Hundred Pounds in the purchase of a House and Three Quarters of an Acre of Land.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND GENTLEMEN,—Having been improperly interrupted in attempting to make known to the Subscribers present at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last the circumstances attending the opposition to this project, and the Treasurer having omitted to state the objections which had been communicated to him, this means is taken of bringing the facts to your knowledge.

You are possibly already aware that by public advertisements, on 15th November last, notice was given that a Special General Court would be held on that day week, on the requisition of the Treasurer alone, to consider a resolution proposed by himself, to the effect that £6,500 should be spent for the purpose above stated. It was subsequently reported that a meeting, presided over by the Treasurer, and consisting of six members of the Building Committee, and about twelve others, had been held, and the resolution passed. After consultation with other Governors, who are opposed to this mode of dealing with charitable funds, I waited on the Secretary to see the minutes, and to obtain a copy of the laws. The latter, I was informed, were not yet printed. In a friendly way I directed the attention of the Secretary to the fact that the meeting was an illegal one, for several reasons, but, in particular, from the proposal not having been reported to a previous General Court or General Committee, as required by section 34 of the Laws. He denied that there was any irregularity, and affirmed that everything had been done strictly in accordance with the Laws and with precedent.

The legal aspect of the matter appears to have been reconsidered, for, at the General Committee Meeting of 24th December, the Treasurer announced that a question had arisen on the construction of the Laws, and to ensure the matter being in order he would convene another Special General Court, for 3rd January, to re-pass the same resolution. On the appearance of the second advertisement I again made a personal objection at the office, to the proposed meeting; but finding it was determined to proceed with the scheme, my friends agreed to take counsel's opinion upon the subject.

The case was accordingly stated by Mr. J. T. Moss, and the opinion of one of the most eminent Queen's Counsel of the Chancery Bar is now before you; and although I do not feel at liberty to publish that learned gentleman's non-professional observations in connection with his conciliatory advice at the conference which I had the honour to attend, I may express regret that our efforts to give effect to the general purport of his kind recommendation—*to make further endeavours to stop the intended illegal proceedings by moral suasion*—have been repulsed by the action of the Treasurer or his advisers, after a knowledge of Mr. Locock Webb's opinion and advice.

The so-called meeting was held, the Treasurer again officiating as Chairman upon his own proposition. The personal communication of Mr. J. T. Moss to the Treasurer, after conference with counsel, was not made known to the subscribers present, an amendment to *delay* the purchase was defeated, and the original motion declared carried by a majority. In accordance with the advice of counsel those of our friends who were present declined to vote on either question.

Under the same advice, as a further effort to prevent litigation, a friendly protest has been addressed to Lord Leigh, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and Col. Burdett, co-Trustees with the Treasurer, and should that unfortunately fail, we shall have before us, what counsel terms "the moral duty of preventing by law a contemplated misappropriation of the Funds of a Charitable Institution." No personal considerations whatever can be permitted to interfere with that duty should the necessity for discharging it unhappily occur.

In order to prevent misapprehension, the Governors with whom I am acting particularly desire that these facts should be in the possession of those Subscribers who may attend the confirmation meeting, to be held at Freemasons' Hall, at twelve o'clock on Saturday next, and in their names, as in my own,

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient faithful Servant,

HENRY T. THOMPSON,

Nightingale-road, Clapton, E. *Life Governor.*
8th January 1880.

Bro. Woodford complained of this circular, and said it was not the first time in the history of the Institution that such circulars had been sent. He referred to a circular sent a twelvemonth ago after Bro. Thompson had addressed Colonel Creaton, in which circular offensive bynames were applied to Colonel Creaton and other members. Were they, as gentlemen and Masons, to sanction such proceedings? The present circular contained palpable untruths, in that it stated that the Chairman had omitted to state the objections which had been communicated to him, and that Bro. Thompson had been improperly interrupted. The charge of improper interruption referred to him (Bro. Woodford). Colonel Creaton was not open to the charge of withholding the objections to the meeting, because Bro. Moss had stated that his communication was private, and that he came as *amicus curiæ*. With regard to the alleged improper interruption, he (Bro. Woodford) rose to a point of order, Bro. Thompson not having moved an amendment, and he had no right to advise the brethren not to vote because the proceedings were illegal without stating why they were illegal. This ground was also taken by Bro. Gover. Bro. Woodford concluded by observing that this system of adopting personality was disgraceful and derogatory, and in opposition to the spirit of Freemasonry. Bro. Edward Cox thought an adjournment advisable, as if the question were decided in the present state of excitement, it might be damaging to the interests of the Institution. His own opposition to the proposed outlay was based on his idea that the amount to be paid was too large, but if at a future meeting the Craft were fully represented, and they decided to purchase the property at £6,500, he should bow to their decision, and never say anything more about it. An adjournment might be made till the Quarterly Court in April. The Chairman said Mr. Evill expected an answer this day. Bro. H. T. Thompson, not wishing to aggravate the warmth of feeling, desired to have the proceedings conducted legally. As Bro. Woodford had referred to a circular sent out by him (Bro. Thompson), he would merely explain that it was a lampoon, written under irritated feelings, but it was not circulated all through the Craft, but only among a few friends. He was sorry he had written it, and if he had thought over it once again he should not have done it. He did not think that if it was shown to people outside the immediate circle they would have recognised any of the persons to whom bynames had been applied. With respect to the interruption by Bro. Woodford, he certainly was interrupted, and Bro. Cox had to complain of the same thing when he was speaking. Bro. Clabon would like to throw oil on the troubled waters. He could not believe that any real Mason would go into the Chancery Division. Was it desirable to take these new premises? He thought it was. Let them throw aside legal cobwebs, and consider whether it was desirable to buy the property. He thought a fortnight would be well employed in considering this. The confirmation of the minutes of the Special Court of 3rd January was then adjourned for a fortnight. On the motion of Col. Burney, authority was given to the Trustees to consult counsel on the legal question. Forty-five candidates were declared to comprise the list for the April election, and thirteen vacancies were also declared for filling up. Bro. Louis Hirsch withdrew for the present his motion—"That a Committee be appointed to consider the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the election of candidates and for other purposes, and to report to the next General Court."

The following motion by Bro. W. H. B. Tomlinson, J.P., Past Prov. Grand Reg. W. Yorks.:—"That in pursuance of notice this Court accept the sum of One Thousand Guineas from the Province of West York for the purchase of a perpetual presentation of one girl to the School, to be called the 'Bentley Shaw Presentation,' the right of such presentation being vested in the Provincial Grand Master of West York for the time being, or other duly authorised person, in accordance with an agreement similar to those providing for presentations from West York to the Boys' School," was carried.

The motion by Bro. Edward Cox, Vice-Patron, Past Prov. G.W. Norths and Hunts, "That the question as to an increase to the salaries of the Head Governess, Assistant Governesses, &c., &c., be referred to a special Committee." And, in the event of the foregoing being carried, "That such Committee consist of nine members of the General Committee, to be nominated at this Quarterly Court," was declared to be out of order, as the General Committee had alone the power to fix the salaries of paid officers. This being the whole of the business, the proceedings were brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under:

By the members of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425, at the Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., on Thursday, 29th inst. Bros. George Read P.M. 511 W.M., George Davis S.W. 167 S.W., G. Reynolds 1441 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. C. Powell, Foskett, Rogers, West, Coop, Maillard, Pocock. Second Lecture—Bros. Williams, George Davis, C. Webster, Reynolds, Dutton. Third Lecture—Bros. Festa, Burton, Side. Bros. Cull S.W. 1446 Preceptor, W. J. Collens I.G. 766 Hon. Sec.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—When a Brother in the position of "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON" takes upon himself to give information upon an important subject, through the medium of a recognised journal of our Order, that medium being the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and the subject upon which he writes a local Masonic Institution in his own Province, one at least expects facts, and that the writer be conversant with his subject.

Referring to the first letter of "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON," published in your journal of the 27th December last, I now re-produce his own words :—We have, on former occasions, contributed largely, and shall probably still continue to do so, to the great Institutions of London; but, finding that our children had to *contest* for the benefits of these Institutions with all the other Lodges in the kingdom, and that it took a great deal of money and a great deal of personal exertion to get children elected, *we determined upon the adoption of a system of educating and sustaining our children at home.*"

In the most fraternal spirit, I ask "A P.M. AND P.P.J.G.W. OF DEVON" what construction is to be placed upon that sentence?

If it means anything, it means—Devon in the past has had so much expense and so much trouble to get her orphans elected into the great Charities in London, with results nil, that "*we*" (the Province) have "*determined*" upon a system of educating and "*sustaining*" the children at *home*. Or, in other words, leading those who know no better to believe that in the future the Province of Devon intended keeping her orphans at home. The writer hereby does a positive injury, by misleading those to whom we look for votes to aid the Province in the future elections of our children into the London Masonic Schools.

Before me, as I write, is the agenda paper calling the half yearly meeting of the "Committee of Petitions for Devon." This has just been issued, and summons the meeting for Tuesday next, the 20th inst. It is therein stated that part of the business of the Committee will be to *select* candidates from the Province for the great Masonic Schools in London respectively—a girl and boy—such candidates to receive the support of the Province.

Surely, my brother, this is not carrying out your expressed determination of "*educating*" and "*sustaining*" your children "at home."

Again, and for the information of "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON," do I refer to the bye-laws of the Devon Educational Fund, here quoted :—"I. This Fund is established for the purpose of raising means to be applied to educate, clothe, and advance in life the children of Freemasons of the Province of Devon."

Sustentation or "*sustaining*," as roundly and broadly stated in the first letter of "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON," in your issue of 27th December last—and stated without the slightest qualification—is no part of the object of the Educational Fund of Devon, and in that form has *no existence*.

The Bye-laws of the Devon Fund, which I will here quote, will again show this more clearly :—"VI. The General Committee be authorised in extreme cases to give additional assistance in or towards the maintenance of children, provided a majority of two-thirds of the members present at a meeting of such Committee specially convened for that purpose vote in favour of such application being granted."

Passing by the apparent want of good taste exhibited by "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON," in totally ignoring in his letter of 27th December last the aid received from the great Charities, as also the bumptious "we have on former occasions contributed largely to the great Charities in London;" and again, "Our children having had to contest with all other Lodges throughout the kingdom for the benefit of these Institutions," I ask my dear brother to tell me who he supposes the children of Devon should "contest" with, if not with the children brought forward by each Province and every Lodge throughout England, who have, like Devon, by their subscriptions and donations to these great Charities, earned the right of sharing the benefits of the great London Masonic Charities.

Heartily, earnestly, and hopefully, I am with the Devon Educational Fund as the means of giving timely relief to those children who cannot be selected by the Committee of Petitions of the Province for the great Charities, and who would be left out in the cold, helpless and in want, if it were not for this local Institution. Proud am I of the part I took, with others, in its *creation*. This Fund will prosper, and, with judicious management, has a great future before it, and most cheerfully do I subscribe to all and each of the colourless platitudes expressed by "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON," and all the good likely to be accomplished, which have again and again been reiterated, years ago, by other of our Provinces, with whom local Masonic Educational Funds are now time-honoured and flourishing Institutions.

My worthy brother, in his letter of the 10th inst., has amended himself wondrously; all therein is quite safe and thoroughly *orthodox*, the element of rash assertions is absent, "we" is not so pronounced; altogether this adds truth and grace to his style, he evidently has looked up authorities, has taken a peep at bye-laws since giving birth to the crude bantling of 27th ult., and I now feel sure he is much better up in his subject than a week or two since.

Hoping yet to get the *steam* up in conjunction with "A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON" for the progress and prosperity of the Devon Educational Fund, and reciprocating the good wish of my brother for the year we are in, with the calmest possible spirit, I beg, Dear Sir, to subscribe myself,

Yours fraternally,

AU FAIT.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. JAMES'S UNION LODGE No. 180.

THE installation meeting was held on Tuesday, 13th January, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. E. Farwig W.M., W. Stollard S.W., C. J. Wade J.W., Pillin P.M. Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Sec., G. B. Fletcher S.D., W. H. Baker I.G., Hart W.S., Bishop A.W.S., P.M.'s A. Stonor, Cameron, L. Herf, A. L. Annett, and a numerous assemblage of brethren and visitors. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Boemper was raised to the third degree, and Bro. Denne was passed by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. W. H. Stollard S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., whose working was perfect; in fact, might be equalled, but not excelled. There were thirteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. On the re-admission of the brethren, the Worshipful Master invested and appointed his Officers :—Bros. Farwig I.P.M., Wade S.W., G. Fletcher J.W., Pillin P.M. Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Secretary, Wood S.D., Baker J.D., Bishop I.G., Cameron P.M. D.C., L. Herf P.M. W.S., Maxted A.W.S., Chester A.D.C., Gilbert P.M. Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was read; there was a good balance in the hands of the Treasurer. The Benevolent Fund showed a balance of £153 11s 3d. The report was unanimously adopted. The W.M. announced his intention to act as Steward at the next Festival for the Girls' School; he is also a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Bro. Pillan P.M. and Treasurer consented to act as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. £10 10s was voted to the W.M. for his list, and £10 10s to Bro. Pillin. The W.M. took the opportunity of thanking the brethren for placing him in the chair. The resignation of two brethren was accepted, with regret. Hearty good wishes were given by the Visitors and brethren, and the Lodge closed. An adjournment to the Crown Room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M. provided some excellent menus, with his monogram. The snuff-box, the gift of the widow of the late Bro. Francatelli, bearing an appropriate inscription, was handed round, and much admired. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem was sung by Bro. Burden. The toast of H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master was enthusiastically drank, and Bro. Pillin sang "God bless the Prince of Wales." Bro. E. Farwig I.P.M. then rose; he that evening occupied a new position—that of I.P.M., and in that capacity had pleasure in proposing the toast of the W.M., whom he had installed into the chair. If the Worshipful Master had the co-operation of the Officers of the Lodge, he would be able to carry out the duties required of him. Bro. Russell sang, "Stay, my darling, stay." The W.M., in reply, said it was with feelings of pride and pleasure he returned thanks for the toast. It was seven years since he was initiated, by the late Bro. G. Bubb, whose memory they all revered. The I.P.M. who had installed him that day was one whose qualities he would strive to emulate; it would be a proud pleasure to follow in such footsteps. He hoped, during his year of office, to be able to act in every way so as to give the Lodge satisfaction. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Installing Master. He had performed that duty in every way to their satisfaction, and all appreciated him. He had another pleasing duty, and that was to place on his breast a jewel; may he live long to wear it. While Bro. Farwig remains with us the brethren will have the assistance of one ever ready to further their interests. Bro. Burden again delighted the brethren with a song. Bro. Farwig I.P.M. felt pleased and proud to hear words like those uttered by the W.M.; the kind respect and the good feeling now exhibited to him he hoped would exist until time with him shall be no more. He hoped to be associated with their Lodge for many years. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Visitors, said he was proud to see them. They had twenty visiting brethren on this occasion, generally they had more, but if they lacked quantity they had quality. He would call on Bros. Burden No. 11, Parkinson No. 22, G. H. Goodey No. 34, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188, to respond to the toast. Bro. Pillin P.M. then sang the "Welcome Guest." Bros. Burden, Parkinson, G. H. Goodey, and H. Levy replied; all paid compliments to the Installing Master, and for the hospitality shown by the W.M. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s; in them he placed every reliance; if he required assistance he was sure they would give it him; their knowledge of Freemasonry was so perfect that he could not err under their guidance. Bro. J. Innes then sang "The Skipper and his Boy." Bro. Cameron P.M. said he was initiated in the St. James's Union Lodge, twenty years ago; they had seen many changes, but the P.M.'s were always ready to render service. In the name of the P.M.'s he wished the members health and prosperity. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the Officers; he might congratulate the Lodge on having such a competent staff. The Treasurer is one in whom they can place every confidence, their Secretary is second to none; he would ask the brethren to give the toast the reception it merited. Bro. Pillin said he followed in the footsteps of a very worthy and respected Mason, the late Bro. G. Bubb; all his energies were at their command; on the accounts being presented to them, they would see that the balance was on the right side. Bro. Parsons said he was appointed Secretary after the retirement of Bro. Stacey; he had been reappointed, and would always endeavour to carry out what was required of him. The S.W. and J.W. followed; they thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks; they would always be ready to do their duty. The Tyler's toast was then given, and thus a most agreeable evening was passed. Bro. L. Herf P.M. and D.C. did all in his power to promote the comfort of the members and visitors. Among the latter were Bros. G. Gregory W.M. 1538, S. Brooks J.W. 1608, W. R. Lister S.W. 145, H. C. Joppes 749 G. H. Goodey J.W. 34

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Daisey P.M. 141, Finch P.M. 173, T. Whaly 55, Hardley 1608, Burden 11, J. Innes 795, Cantle W.M. 1257, Dr. Forsyth 140, Parkinson 22, Jefferys, Innes 1263, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 223.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 8th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, 193 Union-street, Plymouth, when, the usual business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Charles Walters', Farley Hotel, where the annual banquet was held, to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. The W. Master Bro. Richard Blight presided, and he was supported by Bros. J. Lavers S.W., J. Moysey J.W., J. Cordish P.M. Treasurer, H. S. Hill I.P.M., W. Browning P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Secretary, J. M. Hifley P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., J. P. Phillips P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. B. Witheridge P.M. P.P.G.P., John Treeby P.M., J. T. Smith P.M., S. R. Anniss P.M., A. Wolf P.M. P.P.G.P., J. Delve S.D., J. Leno J.D., J. Goodyear I.G., J. Martin Rowe, all of 223. Amongst the Visitors were—W. Bros. J. E. Curteis P.M. 186 P.P.G.S.W., I. Latimer P.M. 189 P.P.G.J.W., Samuel Jew P.M. 105 P.P.G.T., J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., H. Welch P.M. and W.M. 202 P.P.G.P., John James P.M. 105, C. Cooper P.M. 105, H. W. Thomas P.M. 70, J. Trethewy P.M., R. Marshall P.M. 202, G. Darke I.P.M., J. W. Collins P.M. 1136, Thomas Gibbons W.M. 954, C. R. Bardin S.S. 189, M. Zefertt, P. Hamley, J. Bartlett P.M. 156. About 65 were present. Bro. Isaac Latimer proposed "The health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master." He (Bro. Latimer) was reminded that he had been appointed Junior Warden of the Province in the same year that the Prince of Wales opened the Guildhall in Plymouth, and he had also had the pleasure of seeing him installed in London. All knew how popular the Prince of Wales had made himself to all classes, and how much during his reign Freemasonry had flourished, and that, notwithstanding the depression of trade, over £44,000 had been sent to the great Charities in London during the past year. Bro. Curteis proposed the Grand Officers, speaking highly of their well-known abilities. W. Bro. John Treeby, in proposing the health of the Prov. G. Master Lord Ebrington, stated his lordship's father was initiated in the Charity Lodge in 1845, and presided as Master of the Lodge in 1849. All who had the pleasure of witnessing the consecration which took place a day or two since were convinced that his lordship's reign would be a happy one. The W. Master's health, proposed in glowing terms by Bro. H. S. Hill, was responded to by Bro. Blight. He advocated the cause of the various Charities, saying it would be his desire that Charity Lodge should always do in the future as it had in the past, and be known for practising as well as by the name of their time-honoured Lodge. During the evening a very massive and handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, engraved as follows:—"Presented to W. Bro. H. S. Hill I.P.M. by the members of Lodge Charity, No. 223, as a token of their fraternal esteem. 8th January 1880." Bro. Hill returned thanks in suitable language. The important question of the year had been whether the Lodge should join the Brunswick Lodge, but they had decided—and he thought wisely—that they would not be a peripatetic Lodge, but would prefer to remain in Plymouth. He had travelled about a thousand miles during the past year to attend his Lodge, and had been amply rewarded. Other toasts followed, and a very happy and instructive evening was spent. Bro. and Mrs. Walters were especially thanked for their admirable catering.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

THE brethren of this Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist by dining together at the Masonic Hall, York, on Wednesday evening, 7th instant. The W.M. Bro. W. H. Gainforth presided, and was supported by Bros. J. P. Bell P.G.D. Eng. Dep. Prov. Grand Master, A. Buckle I.P.M. 236, J. Hanly I.P.M. 295 I.C., T. J. Wilkinson I.P.M. 1416, T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. Todd P.M. P.P.G.R., M. Rooke S.W., J. S. Rymer J.W., G. Kirby Sec., and about twenty other officers and brethren. An excellent dinner was served up by Bro. J. Toes, to which ample justice was done. In replying to the toast of the Grand Lodge of England, the D.P.G.M. took a retrospect of Masonry as it existed in York a century ago, when three Lodges were in existence, the Apollo, the Grand Lodge of All England, and the Union Lodge (now the York Lodge), and related many interesting particulars respecting their working. He then touched upon the motion of Bro. Stevens in Grand Lodge, and expressed an opinion that it was calculated to do good, and that a revision of the ritual in many quarters was desirable. In replying to the toast of the Prov. Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire, Dr. Bell spoke of the progress of Masonry in the district, and hoped that he should meet many of the brethren at Middlesbro' on the 21st instant, when the Ferrum Lodge, No. 1848, would be consecrated. Bro. J. Hanly (4th Dragoon Guards) responded in a neat speech to the Army and Navy, alluding to the hospitality which he had experienced from the Masons of York. "The Masonic Charities" were proposed by the Treasurer, Bro. J. Todd P.M., who alluded to the coming Benevolent Festival, when the Earl of Zetland would preside, and expressed a hope that the Province would be well represented. Bro. T. B. Whytehead proposed the Visitors, and spoke of the hospitality of the Lodges in York a century ago, as proved by the number of visitors recorded in their minute books. He also said that he was thoroughly with Bro. Stevens in wishing to see a suppression of certain foolish excrescences which had grown upon the orthodox ritual in certain Lodges, and he thought Bro. Stevens had adopted the most straightforward and commonsense plan of going to the fountain head in the first instance, and claiming the aid of the Grand Lodge in the matter. The toast list was soon afterwards concluded, when the brethren were regaled with songs, &c., by Bros. G. Kirby, J. Todd, T. G. Hodgson, and others. During the progress of the banquet, the silver loving cup of the Lodge was handed round, and prosperity to the York Lodge 236 was drank by the assembled brethren.

BEDFORD LODGE, No. 282.

THE Festival of St. John was celebrated by the brethren of this Lodge, at Tavistock, on Wednesday, 7th inst., when there was a numerous attendance. Bro. W. R. Northway jun., the W.M. elect, was duly installed by the W.M. Bro. T. L. Knight, assisted by P.M. Bro. Chapman. The W.M. invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—T. L. Knight I.P.M., H. Down S.W., P. K. Harrison J.W., J. J. Daw Treasurer, W. L. Sampson Secretary, N. Bray S.D., R. B. Woolcock J.D., Isaac Roskilly D.C., John Bowhay Organist, — Uren I.G., Barrett S.S., H. Strike J.S., E. Hendy Tyler. After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Bedford Hotel, were they partook of the customary banquet.

TRUE AND FAITHFUL LODGE, No. 318.

THE brethren of this Lodge, met at the Masonic Rooms, Helston, on Wednesday, 7th inst., at two o'clock, for the purpose of installing their W.M. elect, Bro. Walter Wearne. There was a candidate for initition who, on being accepted by ballot, was duly admitted into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, W. Bro. R. Sedgman James W.M. in the chair. After which the installation of Bro. Wearne was ably and impressively preformed by the retiring W.M. in the presence of the following board of Installed Masters, viz.:—W. Bros. T. Davey P.M. 318, J. Q. James P.M. 318 P.P.G.S., Thomas Taylor P.M. 318 P.P.S.G.D., H. Trembath P.M. 318 P.G.S., A. J. Grant P.M. 318 P.P.G.P., J. Jeffery jun. P.M. 318 P.A.G.P., and J. Wallace W.M. 75. The newly installed W.M. invested the following Officers for the ensuing year:—W. Bro. R. Sedgman James I.P.M., Bro. Josiah Rowe S.W., J. M. Pascoe J.W., W. Bro. Thomas Taylor P.P.S.G.D. Chaplain, W. Bro. T. N. Curry P.P.S.G.D. Treasurer, W Bro. J. Q. James P.P.G.S. Secretary, J. H. Philp S.D., W. Ellis J.D., J. Willey Organist, W. E. Lukies I.G., Bros. W. Hudson, W. H. Eddy, R. Dunstan, and J. H. Willey Stewards, J. M. Richards D.C., J. D. Richards A.D.C., Richard James, Tyler, W. Bro. H. Trembath P.G.S. was elected Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Benevolent and Annuity Fund. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Globe Hotel, were a banquet was served by Bro. John Ellis in his well-known style. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily drank, and a most enjoyable evening spent. The visiting brethren who joined in the banquet, were W. Bro. J. Wallace W.M. 75, W. Bro. W. H. Kinsman P.M. 121, Bro. Rogers S.W. 75, James Lovell jun. J.W. 121, Bro. Trebilcock, formerly a member of "True and Faithful," Bro. Edwards 1006, and Bro. J. Pascoe, of Lodge "Unity and Concord," Maryport, Queensland. Bro. Lovell and others enhanced the enjoyment of the evening with songs, &c. The lodge is prosperous and healthy in its tone.

CORNUBIAN LODGE, No. 450, HAYLE.

THE members celebrated St. John's Day on the 30th ultimo. For the first time in the history of this Lodge a Wesleyan minister was installed W.M. The Rev. George Kennedy, who has filled the office of J.W. during the past year, was the brother in question. The ceremony was very impressively performed by W. Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce P.M. in the presence of the following Worshipful Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. John Poole, John Rosewarne P.P.G.S., C. Ellis P.P.G.S.D., John P. Smith P.P.G.S.D., Dr. Mudge P.P.G.J.W., John Coombe P.P.G.S.D., G. H. Eustice P.P.G.S.B., Frank Harvey P.P.G.S. of Works, F. H. Pool P.P.G.S.B., J. G. Osborn, W. Hathnance, W. Husband, James Pool, George Stevens, H. J. Warren, G. Pearce, H. Trevithick, members of Cornubian Lodge; and J. Hocking 580, W. H. Kinsman 121, and H. S. Hill 223. The W.M. invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. W. H. Trevithick I.P.M., Bigglestone Spray S.W., Thos. Mills J.W., G. B. Pearce P.M. Chaplain, Frank Harvey P.M. Treasurer, J. P. Smith P.M. Secretary, W. J. Jordan D.C., Frank Vivian S.D., Capt. J. Woolcock J.D., Richard Hawkins I.G., J. Rogers Organist, J. Bazeley and R. Hoskin Stewards, and J. N. Bray Tyler. Wor. Bro. Coombe P.M. was re-elected Steward of Charities, the W.M. remarking that Bro. Coombe was never happier than when he was securing comforts to others. The statement of accounts presented showed that the receipts for the year were £150, and there was a balance in hand £17, after £20 had been paid on the new Lodge account, on which £135 still remains to be paid. The brethren subsequently celebrated the Festival of St. John at a sumptuous banquet, served by Miss Oliver, White Hart Hotel, Worshipful Bro. the Rev. George Kennedy the newly-installed W.M. presiding. When dessert had been laid, the W.M., in felicitous terms, gave the Loyal toasts, speaking of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as a whole-hearted Englishman, and an honoured Mason, and one to whom all looked up with loyal and respectful confidence. The health of the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, was drunk at the bidding of Wor. Bro. Husband. Wor. Bro. Harvey proposed the Prov. G.M. of Cornwall, and had the whole company heartily with him in describing the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe as a model Provincial Grand Master, governing the Provincial Grand Lodge with consummate tact, firmness and courtesy. Wor. Bro. Rosewarne gave the Deputy Prov. G.M. Col. Peard, and Wor. Bro. Huthnance the Prov. G.L. of Cornwall. To the latter toast Wor. Bro. John Hocking jun. P.P.G.J.W. responded, feeling sure that the working of their Prov. Grand Lodge was equal to that of any Province. This was due to the zeal and energy of the Prov. G.M., who had most wisely encouraged Lodges to provide halls of their own. The Prov. Grand Lodge was never numerically stronger, and its Charities never more liberally supported. Next came the toast of the evening, the W.M. of Cornubian, No. 450, and it was received most enthusiastically. It was heartily submitted by Wor. Bro. Pool, the senior P.M., who was pleased to say without hesitation that during his membership of thirty years no one had filled the Master's chair in a manner more worthy of esteem, respect, and confidence than its present occupant.

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Wor. Bro. the Rev. G. Kennedy rising said: I am pretty well accustomed to public speaking, as you know, and contrive, as a rule, to be at home when on my legs. But for once I feel that your excess of courtesy and kindness has almost taken from me the power of adequately addressing you. My position to-day is somewhat singular. I am, I believe, the first minister of our religious body who has occupied a Masonic chair in the British dominions. I need make no apology to the Church with which I am associated, nor to society at large for occupying this position. I regard myself as being a kind of pioneer, and feel assured that when Masonry is better understood, the unnatural and untrue distinction which at present exists in some men's minds between it and religion will be swept away as something out of place and decidedly in the road of human progress. It would be mere affectation to say I am not proud of the position. To be Master of a Masonic Lodge is an honour which any true-hearted man may covet. But to be Master of such a Lodge as the Cornubian, one of the foremost in the West of England, is a distinction which falls to the lot of only a favoured few. Rest assured that I am not insensible of the honour which you have this day done me. I am no candidate for fancy degrees in Masonry, and am inclined to regard them as to some extent rather violating the spirit of genuine brotherhood and equality; but should it ever be my fortune to possess the adornments of even the highest grades in our Order, I will never esteem them so highly as I do the Master's symbol which you have hung around my neck. I take the chair of this Lodge under several very favourable circumstances. I cannot forget, dear brethren, the spontaneity of your action in electing me. I came among you a total stranger as it were, but yesterday, and you have accorded to me the highest honour it is in your power to give. I could not, of course, in honour, promote my own election, and you did not expect me to stoop to unworthy cringing or canvassing to secure the Master's Office; the brethren will bear me witness that neither by word or hint have I paved the way to my own exaltation. Another very happy circumstance is the unanimity of the vote which has placed me at your head. Unfortunately, sometimes there is a divided vote, which I have known to rend a Lodge in twain, and leave behind it legacies of heart-burning and jealousy, which made harmony impracticable for years. I hold my place to-day without one adverse vote, a circumstance in which I heartily rejoice. I am happy also in the recollection of your financial condition. You are more than solvent, having not only paid all current expenses for the year, but reduced the outstanding debt upon our premises. To keep our finances in a healthy condition; to secure a continuance of perfect harmony in the Lodge; to maintain its honour unsullied and its usefulness undiminished, will be the object of my constant care, during the year of my incumbency. I cannot forget that as Masons we are associated with an institution possessing and exhibiting singular vitality. It reaches, we know, far back into the hoary past; and is venerable with age and antiquity. It comes to us, not with the flush of untried novelty, but with the adjuncts of history, experience, strength, and fruitfulness. Many institutions which sprang up side by side with Masonry have been weighed in the balance of human want, and, being found wanting, have been swept aside in the progress of ages. They were not bound up, in any vital sense, with the life and interests of humanity. But Freemasonry, with its eye undimmed, and its natural strength unabated, shows no sign of failing energy. On the contrary, it bids fair to live as long in the future as it has done in the past; an evidence of the soundness of its constitution. It may not be generally known that some twelve hundred Lodges have been chartered and consecrated within the past two and forty years. Now, I cannot but ask myself, to what is this vitality and progress owing? Certainly it is not to any ostentatious parade on our part. We do not boast, although we might, that our Order has numbered kings and princes by the hundred, and dukes and nobles by the thousand. We are not for ever publishing the fact that, from the middle and upper classes, we attract officers by tens of thousands, and we number faithful brethren all over the world by millions. We do not engage in the work of proselytising. Freemasonry has no missionaries, no propaganda; it wins men to it by its own inherent beauty and goodness—a fact which stimulates every Freemason to a life which shall illustrate and adorn his principles; and covers every unworthy member of our Craft with shame. It is only too true that for centuries many have joined the Order to satisfy what, I fear, was little better than an unworthy and prurient curiosity, and having done so, cease to be numbered with us. Nor can we forget that numbers of men bring a reproach upon us, by making Masonry synonomous with idleness, intemperance, and excess. Still Masonry survives and flourishes. Time, which annihilates so many things, spares it. While other institutions labour to be heard for their much speaking, and make music like that of the cuckoo, always repeating its own name, Masonry, like the lark behind a cloud, is content to sing unseen, so long as its voice gives greeting at the gate of heaven and falls with a gentle influence upon lonely hearts below. Brethren, Masonry owes its place and power to the principles upon which it rests. It has for its centre faith, truth, and honour; it has for its circumference virtue, purity, and charity. More particularly, it owes its position and influence to the true view which it cherishes of our human aspirations. It is in strict harmony with the perrenial instincts of the human heart. Look where we will, humanity shows us one thing springing like hope within it eternally, the consciousness of, and the desire for, immortality. That there is for man another life when his present existence has run its course, Masonry proclaims with no uncertain voice. I regard this primary element in our organisation, this tenacious hold on immortality, as one of its highest and most helpful functions. Take away the conviction of an after-state, and you reduce man to the level of a soulless animal. Strike out of the common heart this conception, and you destroy all intelligent and operative distinction between vice and virtue! Practically, you abolish the very spring and reason of moral rectitude in man. Freemasonry is a power just in proportion as it tells us that while we seem to stumble over other men's graves until at last we stumble into our own, above the emblems of mortality there is an immortal mansion, to which the pure in heart will at last ascend, and in which the just will find their reward. I trust the day will never come when, as Masons, we shall be ashamed of our loyalty to this great vital instinct of the human heart. Freemasonry is powerful also, because it gives a true answer to the deepest of all human needs. Looking at society, both in its natural and artificial aspects, we discover one great need, that is God. Every kind of existence has something which is essential to it. Find out that which conduces to its welfare, and you discover what belongs to it. Ascertain what destroys or injures it, and you may conclude that, whatever that may be, it does not belong to it. Now, brethren, if I look at society as a political economist, merely seeking to promote the greatest good of the greatest number; or, if I regard it merely as an artist, having respect to its symmetry and stability, I see no hope for humanity either actual or possible apart from God. You can throw no hand around men strong enough to knit them together, save that which unites them to God. Herein Masonry is again strong. It tells us that men are not poor voyagers over the sea of life with no hand at the helm of affairs, and no haven for which to steer. It gives the assurance that our prayers are not idle wails flung to the winds of heaven, but cries which evoke from the heart of the Infinite a quick and sure response. And in these days when the battle is set in array between faith and no faith; when, after ages of fencing, we have to face the naked issue—is there a God or is there not? shall we pray or shall we forbear?—this institution stands out in direct conflict with Atheism. When men missed those signs by which, from the beginning, the Great Architect of the Universe has announced his existence, and obliterate his handwriting upon the inner walls of our universal consciousness, Masonry takes its stand upon the dread brink of a universe denuded of God, and warns us back. Masonry does all its work beneath the sacred symbol, and its light would be quenched and the glory gone from its scutcheon did our Lodges cease to be to us from that hallowed association, Holy ground. Further, Masonry retains its place and power because it owns the only true and rational conception of human life. It recognizes the level of equality which runs through life; the level from which we all alike start. Below that level men may sink, and above it they may rise into rank and eminence. But, in essentials, Masonry contends for manhood, free and equal beneath the canopy of Heaven. It teaches us to see in every man a copy of ourselves, and we see in the race one's-self only multiplied by millions. The man, no matter in what land he first drew breath, or however mean his garb, who advances to a Mason the claim of a common nature is assured beforehand of a prompt and brotherly respect. In looking at it, Masonry takes into account the accidents and inequalities of life. We find human beings trampled down by many waysides, and stricken down upon many battle-fields with their lives overshadowed with sorrow and overburdened with misfortune. For these, our Order has a voice that cheers and a hand that helps, as witness our magnificent Schools for the orphan, standing side by side with charitable institutions for the aged, the widowed, and the poor. In addition to this, Masonry contemplates a coming unity when as Burns, himself a Mason, says,—

Man to man the world around,
Shall brothers be, and a' that.

As faithful Craftsmen we play our part in bringing about this welcome consummation, but how? Not by framing a world-wide political programme, or hurling Governments from power, nor by formulating a world-wide religious system. In order to blend the race into oneness, Masonry confronts the world with this for its motto everywhere, the common Fatherhood of God above, and the common Brotherhood of Man below. It is because our Order cherishes these views of life that the world pays it reverence and concedes to it its place and power. There are two standing popular objections to Freemasonry. From time immemorial it has been objected to on the score of mystery, and of its symbolism. Upon these grounds, and specially the first, superstition has decried our mystic art, and ecclesiastical stupidity has risen in wrath to launch its thunders against us; while the popular mind has judged us with suspicion and disfavour. Now, we frankly admit that our institution has its mysteries, what then? Is Masonry alone in this respect? Can we go anywhere without verging upon the region of mystery? Is not our life hemmed in with it on every side? Nature has her mysteries, only told to those in harmony with herself. Knowledge has its mysteries, only yielded up to patient study. Science has its mysteries, jealously guarded from any but the most reverent inquirer. Why should not Freemasonry also have its mysteries, kept under wise guardianship from idle and prying eyes? We keep our mysteries under seal only from him who exhibits neither the will nor the worthiness to know them. We use them to inspire that teachability and respect for those who are wiser than ourselves, which it is the purpose of all genuine education to impart. Again, Masonry in its symbolism is equally far from being singular. The language of signs enters very freely into human life. Royalty has its symbolism, with which to impress the common mind. Law has its pageantry, and chivalry its endless devices. Scholarship proclaims itself in hood and degree, and religion itself clings fondly to its symbols. Every corporation has its seal; every city its coat of arms; and every branch of industry its distinctive badge. Nay, the universe itself shows us but glorious symbols of Him who piled it in beauty, strength, and wisdom. Our imputed love of what is fantastic and showy in attire is but an illustration to the public eye of what we may not communicate to the uninitiated public ear. In conclusion, brethren, I cherish an ambition, a conviction, and a purpose. My ambition is to make the year before us at least equal to all that have preceded it, for efficient, harmonious, and fruitful Masonic work. My conviction is, that should divisions arise among us, the same votes which placed me in the chair will sustain me in it, provided that my ruling is for the wisest ends, and in accord with our Constitutions. My purpose is, if possible, so to bear myself as your Master, at all times and in all things, that I shall when my term of office expires, lay down the symbol of my authority

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untarnished by one unwise word, or one unworthy act of mine. When the W.M. had resumed his seat, the applause was loud and long continued.

W. Bro. Mudge, in very hearty fashion, proposed "The Visitors," and W. Bros. J. Hocking jun., W. H. Kinsman I.P.M. 121, Penzance; H. S. Hill I.P.M. 223, and J. Lovell jun. Prov. G.O. responded, "The I.P.M." was rapturously applauded, and W. Bro. Trevithick warmly recognised valued assistance received from the Past Masters. "The I.M.," was also given with well-deserved eulogy on the manner in which W. Bro. Gilbert Pearce performed the installation ceremony. Other toasts followed, and the W.M. made a graceful reference to the special brotherly courtesy he had received from the S.W., Bro. Bigglestone Spray, who had been content to stand aside that Bro. Kennedy might be exalted to the Mastership. A very pleasant evening was spent, Bro. Lovell contributing most efficiently to the harmony.

BRECKNOCK LODGE, No. 651.

ON Friday, the 9th January, the installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Castle Hotel, Brecon. Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, performed the installation ceremony, in his customary impressive style. The following are the W.M. and Officers for the present year:—Bros. Frank Grundy W.M., J. A. Whittle S.W., W. Webb J.W., W. Howell Chaplain, T. H. Price Treasurer, H. O. A. Maybery Sec. and Almoner, E. H. Teale Asst. Sec., John Morgan S.D., Rhys Davies J.D., T. L. Lewis Organist, T. C. Bargrave Watkins I.G., Adam Orlopp and E. T. Edwards Stewards. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

SHIRLEY LODGE, No. 1112.

THE ceremony of installing Bro. John Parkinson, the Senior Warden of the Shirley Lodge for the past, as its Worshipful Master for the current year, took place at the Shirley Masonic Hall on Monday, 5th instant, in the presence of a numerous attendance of the brethren, the Deputy Grand Master of the Province, Bro. W. Hickman, officiating in his customary able manner. At the conclusion the Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Lodge, presented the retiring W.M., Bro. F. H. McCalmont Past Prov. Grand Reg. of Oxon, with a gold Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the zeal and ability with which he had conducted the affairs of the Lodge during the year—a compliment which Bro. McCalmont feelingly acknowledged. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his Officers for the year as follows:—Bros. C. Crew S.W. and Treasurer (re-elected), Capt. Brookes J.W., J. T. Fletcher Secretary, Mayoss S.D., J. D. Sharp J.D., Rolfe Organist, Mortimer I.G., Walker P.M. D.C., Vere Tyler. Thanks were tendered to the retiring Master for his services during the year, and to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for his efficient rendering of the installation ceremony: and the Lodge separated, after a series of propositions which gave excellent promise of the year proving a successful one.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE, No. 1288.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on the first of the new year. Lodge opened at 4·30 with the following Officers:—Bros. J. W. Simmonds W.M., T. Rothschild W.M. elect, and a goodly attendance of members. Visitors—W. S. Hunter P.M. 1677, A. Thomas P.M. 1446, G. Blackmore 65, L. Solomons 1732, H. Parsons 175, S. Rushton 1677, H. Hollis 167, R. T. Cummings 1677, W. J. Upton 1677, A. Kent 1425, J. R. Stacey P.M. 180 and 1141, B. Jackson 1677, W. B. Tuck 1366, T. Silvester 193, J. H. Southwood P.M. 1260, W. F. Green 861, G. S. Elliott P.M. 1623, T. Butt 907, James Bellamy 1625, T. Walton P.M. 157, C. Hutchison 1695. After ordinary Lodge business, the installation ceremony was proceeded with, in a most impressive and able manner by Bro. Stacey P.M., who, notwithstanding the inconvenience of a small Lodge room, absolutely rivetted the attention of the brethren, who evidently appreciated in a high degree the ceremony. After the installation, the Officers were invested as follows:—Bros. Lord S.W., Piggott J.W., Price P.M. Treasurer, Goode P.M. Secretary, Hill S.D., Rest J.D., Wood I.G., Davis P.M. D.C., Meckham W.S., Upward Organist, Very Tyler. During the evening the Royal Warrant was read, giving permission for wearing Masonic clothing at the United Ball, which has already been referred to by us, but which we may again state will be held on Wednesday, 4th February. Lodge was then closed. An enticing banquet followed; a capital menu was supplied, and a good room was provided, with adequate attendance; in fact, everything tending to tempt the weakest stomach, or gratify the most vigorous operator with the knife and fork. Wine of exquisite vintage flowed freely, and if any brother went away dissatisfied it could not be the fault of those who had to minister to the wants of the guests. The speeches and responses from the W.M., the Past Masters, Officers, and Visitors were most gratifying. The music, songs, &c., were excellent, and devoid of offence to the most fastidious, indicating careful selection on the part of those who contributed to the evening's enjoyment.

ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1780.

THE first regular Lodge meeting held in the Southampton New Masonic Hall took place on Tuesday, 6th inst., in connection with the installation of the W.M. of this Lodge. Advantage was taken of the occasion to mark the labours of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master of the Province, in promoting the establishment of the Lodge and presiding over it for its first year, by a portrait in oil, which has been hung on the walls of the Lodge, and forms a most suitable addition to a number of other portraits similar in form and style, some of which have now become Masonically historical. The first to be mentioned in point of age is a portrait of Lord Montagu, the W.M. of the Lodge of Concord, which became defunct about half a century since, but whose name is locally perpetuated by the Chapter of Concord, a comparatively modern offshoot from the Royal Gloucester Chapter. Some other prominent portraits are those of three Provincial Grand Masters of Hampshire—that of Sir William de Crespigny P.G.M. 1819, Mr. Penlenze, a member for the borough of Southampton, P.G.M. 1832, and Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis D.P.G.M. 1832, P.G.M. 1840, whom many living Masons well remember. Hung opposite to these three last-named portraits, which are on the east wall, and therefore behind and on each side the Master's chair, are portraits, also in oil, of the late Bro. C. F. Deacon D.P.G.M. 1843, and J. R. Stebbing D.P.G.M. 1859. These being hung on each side the S.W.'s chair needed only, to complete the set, the portrait unveiled on Tuesday, and hung immediately over the chair. It is an excellent likeness of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Hickman, three-quarter length, wearing the collar of a Past Grand Officer of England, with the jewel of Dep. Prov. Grand Master pendant—his Dep. Prov. Grand Master's apron and badge, and other Masonic clothing, appropriately making it a companion to the other oil portraits in the hall. To make the presentation on Tuesday, the Grand Master of the Province, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., courteously attended at Southampton. The Lodge having been duly opened, and five candidates initiated by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, as retiring Master of the Lodge, Bro. Beach, in the name of the Lodge, presented the portrait to Bro. Hickman, in a speech most appropriate to the occasion, full of fraternal spirit and of marked regard for the presentee, to whose Masonic career and industry Bro. Beach bore kindly testimony, the portrait at the close of his address being unveiled amidst the general and hearty plaudits of a very full Lodge, embracing nearly 20 Past Masters in the Craft, many of them wearing Provincial Grand Lodge clothing. Bro. Hickman, in reply, expressed his inability sufficiently to express his thanks to the brethren for this mark of their approval and regard, passed on to bear high testimony to the fraternal feeling which had marked the conduct and administration of the Lodge since its establishment, and concluded by expressing his personal thanks to Bro. Biddlecombe, the artist, for his admirable and satisfactory picture. Subsequently, Bro. Sir Frederick Perkins, M.P., whose life-size oil portrait also hangs in the hall, in the name of the brethren, presented Bro. Hickman with the jewel of a Deputy Provincial Grand Master, remarking, in passing, that Bro. Hickman would be able to bear this testimony with him wherever he went of the fraternal feeling of those brethren with whom he had been associated, and himself bearing testimony, through many years' experience, to Bro. Hickman's worth as a Mason and a townsman. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master had no sooner acknowledged this presentation than Bro. Joseph Stevens, on behalf of the members initiated into the Lodge during its first year's existence, presented the retiring W.M. with a gold Past Master's jewel, the unexpected receipt of which he feelingly acknowledged. He subsequently asked the acceptance by the Lodge of a set of gavels for the use of the principal Officers, which was received with thanks, it being next resolved that a vote of thanks, tendered to him for his past year's services, should be engrossed on vellum and presented to him, bearing special reference to the day's proceedings, to be retained by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The new Master, Bro. Irvine Harle, having been duly installed, according to ancient custom, by his predecessor in the chair, appointed and invested the following as his Officers of the Lodge for the year:—Bros. James S. Pearce S.W., W. Berry J.W., S. S. Pearce Treasurer, W. Grinyer Secretary, Geo. Grant S.D., Algar J.D., Goodwin Organist, Furner I.G., Scorey and J. Stevens Stewards, Biggs and Harrington Tylers. At a subsequent banquet, prepared by Bro. Gibbs, of Above Bar, the customary Masonic toasts were given.—*Portsmouth Times.*

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THE Governors and Subscribers of this Institution are requested to take notice that the Quarterly General Court, adjourned on Saturday, the 10th inst., will meet at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., on Saturday, the 24th inst., at 12 o'clock noon precisely.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
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APPOINTMENT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, has been pleased to appoint Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke to fill the vacant position of Secretary to the Grand Lodge of England. A special meeting of Grand Lodge will be held this (Saturday) evening, at Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of formally investing Bro. Clerke with the insignia of office.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE January Quarterly Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, on Monday. There were present Bros. Col. Creaton (in the chair), S. Rawson, Donald M. Dewar, William Roebuck, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Frederick Adlard, Arthur E. Gladwell, R. Warner Wheeler, W. H. Perryman, W. H. Hamann, Thomas Meggy, and F. Binckes Secretary. After reading and confirmation of the minutes, the Meeting declared eighty candidates and twenty vacancies for the April election. Bro. Binckes then read the correspondence which had taken place with regard to Bro. S. B. Wilson's claim against the Institution for professional services, and a long discussion ensued on the point. It was, however, ultimately arranged that the matter should be further considered by the House Committee for which purpose, a motion referring it to those brethren was proposed by Bro. Woodford, seconded by Bro. R. Warner Wheeler, and carried. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hill. There were present Bros. Col. Creaton (in the chair), W. Hale, C. A. Cottebrune, R. Warner Wheeler, J. A. Farnfield, J. M. Case, James Brett, John G. Stevens, R. H. Giraud, Louis Stean, Jabez Hogg, John Henry Leggott, Henry G. Warren, W. Hilton, Thomas Cubitt, Charles John Perceval, Raynham W. Stewart, S. Rawson, J. Newton, William Stephens, C. G. Dilley, Erasmus Wilson, Edgar Bowyer, Henry Strong M.D. Hon. Surgeon, Thos. J. Barnes, Charles Frederick Hogard, and James Terry (Secretary), who, after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, announced the death of three female annuitants. The Warden's report was then submitted, and Bro. Terry informed the brethren that the Supreme Council 33° had presented the library of the Institution at Croydon with 130 volumes of the works of Dickens, Lytton, Lever, &c., and Bro. Cutbush had sent a hamper of bulbs. Votes of thanks to these donors were passed for their gifts. Thirteen petitioners were afterwards placed on the list. Bro. Leggott's motion to build a board room and chapel at the south end of the Institution was not seconded, and consequently dropped. He withdrew his motion to build an infirmary, and moved that the board room be used as a reading room and library for the inmates of the Institution. Bro. Warner Wheeler seconded the motion, which was opposed by Bros. Farnfield and Raynham Stewart. Bro. Perceval hoped the board room would soon be enlarged, as there was not room in it for the half-yearly entertainments given to the old people. Dr. Strong, from a daily acquaintance with the annuitants, was able to say that they preferred reading in their own rooms, and he did not think they would be induced to use such a cold room as the board room. He agreed with Bro. Perceval that it would be an advantage to have the room enlarged. The motion was lost. On the motion of Bro. Farnfield, seconded by Bro. Stewart, a vote of congratulation to Bro. Norris, the Warden, on his attainment of the ninetieth year of his age on the 21st inst., was passed, and ordered to be transmitted to him; and on the motion of Bro. John Stevens, seconded by Bro. Bowyer, a vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Terry for having, through his zealour energy, raised the receipts last year to more than £17,000. Bro. Terry acknowledged the vote, and assured the brethren of his desire to be, if possible, of still greater benefit to the Institution. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business of the day.

The remarks we published in our issue of the 3rd inst., when reviewing the result of last year's work in connection with the three Masonic Institutions appear to be open to misapprehension. We then stated that the Girls' School was the only Institution whose total receipts for 1879 showed a diminution as compared with 1878, and quoted the actual figures of the two years in support of our statement. It has been pointed out that by so doing we may lead brethren to suppose that the actual donations to the Charity are falling off, which is not really the case, for if we take out of 1878 the Special Grant of £500 stock from Grand Lodge, and which is looked upon more as a transfer to the Stock Account of the Girls' School, we find that 1879 really produced something near £160 in excess of its predecessor. In justice to Bro. Hedges, whose labours as Secretary have resulted in an actual increase in the amount collected from the brethren, we think we are right in pointing out what to some may appear like a falling off as the result of his labours.

LONDON COTTAGE MISSION.

THE waifs and strays of Limehouse, Ratcliff, Shadwell and Stepney, who had been invited by ticket, again presented themselves yesterday at noon, in large numbers, at the entrance of the London Cottage Mission Hall, Conder-street, Limehouse, to the Irish stew feast. This makes the 95th week of dinners given. The poor children, being piteously hungry, cried for food. Unfortunately the milder weather does not fill their stomachs, and this benevolence is in as great demand as ever. The premises were besieged, and the earnest rush was melting in the extreme. Like everything else, this work of charity cannot be continued without money, and we are sorry to learn that the Mission which has vigorously and untiringly fed now over 20,000 of the starving poor, will have to conclude its work of charity unless its funds are at once increased. The last pound has gone, and if each of our readers would only send a trifle, many more thousand little mouths, which know of no meal from week's end to week's end but dry bread and water, will have the intense joy of participating in many more Irish stew banquets—such indeed it is to them. We sincerely hope that the London Cottage Mission and its able founder and staff, who are carrying out so good an evangelistic, philanthropic, and benevolent work, will be encouraged by the liberal and timely help of a benevolent and sympathising public, who will send their free-will offerings to Miss F. Napton, 304 Burdett-road, Limehouse, E., and Mr. Walter Austin, 14 Finsbury-circus, E.C.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 17th JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1732—Kings Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

MONDAY, 19th JANUARY.

1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
59—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
M. M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
382—Royal Union, Belmont Hall, Uxbridge
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
823—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1308—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1503—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
K. T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston.

TUESDAY, 20th JANUARY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 3 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
348—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
990—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff
1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1053—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R. A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
R. A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.
R. A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham

WEDNESDAY, 21st JANUARY.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons Hall, W.C. at 6.
General Committee, Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Inst.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
66—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpoo
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R. A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
M. M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
78—Imperial George, Asheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 23rd JANUARY.

House Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham.
R. A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 24th JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
306—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—Held on Tuesday, 13th January, at Bro. Bond's, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C. Present—Bros. Hallam sen. W.M., Dickins S.W., Abell J.W., John Soper Sec., T. B. Linscott S.D., Hallam jun. J.D., Bingemann Preceptor, Walter Dunedin I.G.; P.M.'s Gilruth, T. B. Dodson, and many other brethren. After due regard had been paid to requirements of custom, Bro. T. B. Dodson offered himself as a candidate for passing, answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Dodson was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The following sections of the second lecture were worked:—First Bro. Dickins, second Abell, third Hallam jun., fourth Hallam sen. Bro. Dickins was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Tuesday, the 20th January, at 7 p.m. On Tuesday, 10th February, the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. T. Pownceby W.M. of Constitutional Lodge, No. 55.

Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73.—The regular Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday, 8th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Comps. J. C. Mason M.E.Z., M. D. Loewenstark H., F. Walters P.Z. S.E. as J. and others opened the Chapter. The ballot proved unanimous in favour of the admission of Comp. J. B. Shackleton as a joining member. Comp. F. Walters, in his usual painstaking manner, installed Comp. A. J. Ireton as J. The bye-laws were read. The elections were unanimous in favour of Comps. Loewenstark as Z., A. J. Ireton H., J. B. Shackleton J., J. W. Baldwin P.Z. Treasurer (re-elected), F. Walters P.Z. S.E. (re-elected for 16th time), B. Isaacs S.N., W. K. Goodall P.S., C. T. Speight Jan. (re-elected). The usual P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. J. C. Mason for services rendered to the Chapter during his year of office. The bye-laws were revised, some candidates were proposed for exaltation, the Chapter was closed and adjourned, to meet on Thursday 18th May, at four o'clock p.m. Banquet followed. The usual Loyal toasts were given and responded to. There were present besides those named Comps. J.T. Moss P.Z., &c., W. Pennefather, and others. Visitors—Bourne P.Z., W. A. Simmons 1275, C. G. Rushworth 1503, T. W. Adams 1623, &c.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—The usual weekly meetings were resumed at the Star and Gartel Hotel, Kew Bridge, after the adjournment for the Christmas vacation, on Friday, 9th instant. Bros. Acworth W.M., Youens S.W., Gomm J.W., Blasby S.D., Innes J.D., Maton I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor, C. E. Botley Hon. Sec. pro tem, F. Botley, Goss. M., Geflowski, Franckel, Metcalfe, and Wotton. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. F. Botley candidate. Bro. Maton answered the questions leading to the second degree and retired. The ceremony of passing was next rehearsed, Bro. Goss P.M. candidate. Lodge was advanced to the third, and then closed. Bro. E. Edward Geflowski, of the Mariners Lodge, Liverpool, was elected a member. Bro. Youens was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and a vote of thanks accorded to Bro. Acworth for his kindness in providing printed notices of the meeting. The Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 13th Jan. Bro. Polak W.M., Christian S.W., Hand J.W., Clark S.D., Wardell J.D., Smyth I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., W. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Collins, Dallas, Williams, Brasted, Baker, C. Lorkin and Allen. The Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. Baker was interrogated and intrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree and Bro. Baker was passed. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bros. Smyth, Clark and Hand assisted Bro. C. Lorkin to work the first, second and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro. C. Lorkin, on Tuesday, 27th January at seven o'clock.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—The regular Meeting of this Lodge was held at Bro. Clayton's, "Duke's Head," Whitechapel-road, E., on Friday, the 9th inst. Bro. C. Veal occupied the chair, supported by the following brethren:—Bros. West S.W., Levy J.W., Payne S.D., Davey J.D., McDonald, I.G., also Benjamin Cundick P.M. Preceptor, W. Musto P.M. Hon. Secretary, T. J. Barnes P.M., Clarke, Ellis, Richardson, Mills, Tate, McGrath, Waterer, Job, Loane, Stephens, Taylor, Clayton, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Richardson answered the questions, and was passed in an able manner by Bro. Veal. Bro. P.M. Barnes worked the whole of the sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Payne of 933 was elected a member. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Veal for his excellent working of the ceremony, it being the first time he had occupied the chair in the Lodge. After hearty good wishes had been given, Lodge was adjourned until the 16th inst. To brethren seeking first-class instruction, we can recommend this Lodge.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday afternoon, 10th January, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. George W. Blackie W.M. presided, who was supported by the following Officers:—Catchpole S.W., Hamer J.W., the Rev. R. J. Simpson Chaplain, N. B. Headon Treasurer, C. Taylor S.D., Kibble J.D., Keeble I.G., Baber D.C., Freeman I.P.M., and Jenkins Organist. The Lodge was attended by the following Visitors:—C. Fountain W.M. 1216, R. A. Wright P.M. 504, E. W. Davis P.M. and Treasurer 95, G. W. Saul P.M. 120, Benson P.M. and W.M. 1613, J. R. Green 228, Warney 657, Tiddeman 813, Leon 780, P. W. Harris 177, T. Lee 862, Medwin S.D. 1613, Bossett 1851, Pardle 1201, Harper S.D. 1216, J. T. Jago 1259, A. Trigge 1385, T. Eastgate 1563, W. H. Kerby 1641, J. Berryman 1671, W. T. Buck S.D. 1702, A. Elford 14, R. Barham S.D. 144, H. Burgess and Smith 948, G. M. Felton P.M. 1613 and W.M. 1956, W. E. Pearce 1670. The minutes of the last Lodge having been read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Postans was examined as to his proficiency in the science. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and he was most impressively raised to the degree of a M.M. The next business, on the resumption of the Lodge to the second degree, was the passing of Bro. Wood to the degree of F.C. The Lodge was then resumed to the first degree, when a ballot took place for Mr. William Murdoch, who was a candidate for admission to the Lodge, and this being unanimous in his favour, he was introduced, and formally initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. Some communications having been received, Bro. Headon P.M. and Treasurer, gave notice that at the next Lodge he should move that 25 guineas be voted from the funds, to be placed on the list of the W. Master, who would, as Steward, represent the Lodge at the next Festival for the benefit of the Girls' School. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and on the withdrawal of the cloth, the usual formal toasts were given, Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson responding for the Grand Officers. The W.M. proposed the health of their brother initiate, who had been proposed by a very worthy member of the Lodge, which was a sufficient guarantee of his quality. It was necessary that they should have fresh blood infused into their Order from time to time, for without it their privileges would soon become extinct. There had that night been laid the first stone of a symbolic building, and he hoped that what their brother initiate had passed through in the ceremony had been deeply impressed upon his mind, and he trusted that he would never regret the step he had taken, but ever remember with pleasure his birthday in Freemasonry. Bro. Murdoch briefly returned thanks, expressing a hope that he might become a good and faithful Mason. The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Freeman, in very complimentary terms, proposed the health of the W. Master, who acknowledged the hearty reception they had given him on all occasions, and particularly since he had been installed into the chair. He would do his best during the time he occupied that position to give them satisfaction, and when the time arrived for him to instal his successor he trusted he should be able to deliver up the Lodge to him with all the *prestige* for good working he had received with it. As he was about to represent the Lodge as Steward at the Girls' School Festival, he trusted the brethren would rally round him upon that occasion. The health of the Visitors was given, the W.M. giving them all a hearty welcome, for which several returned thanks. The health of the Past Masters of the Lodge was also given and responded to. The W. Master then gave the health of Bro. Headon P.M. and Treasurer, and that of Bro. Moody P.M. and Secretary, expressing his great regret that the latter, in consequence of illness, was unable to be present amongst them that evening. Bro. Headon, in replying, said:—Worshipful Master, Bro. Wardens, and Brethren—Allow me first to thank you, on behalf of the Secretary, who, as you have heard, is too indisposed to be with us this evening, but who will, I am sure, be very gratified to know he has been so kindly thought of in his absence. And now for the Treasurer. I can assure you it is very difficult for me to find fresh words to express my thanks for the very kind way in which this toast is always mentioned and received. However, there are a few lines in Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, which well express my sentiments, and which I think I cannot do better than quote on this occasion:—

> "I can no other answer make but thanks,
> And thanks, and ever thanks. Often good turns
> Are shuffled off with such uncurrent pay;
> But were my work, as is my conscience, firm,
> You should find better dealing."

Some other toasts were given, and the evening was spent in great cordiality, the concluding toast being given by Bro. Steedman the Tyler.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.—Held at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 12th January. Present—Bros. Finch W.M., McDowall S.W., Crane J.W., Goodman S.D., High I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, C. Lorkin Preceptor; also Bro. Beckett. After preliminaries, ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Beckett candidate; the ceremony of the 2nd degree was also rehearsed with the same candidate, who was afterwards elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. McDowall was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was recorded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Monday, the chair being occupied by Bro. J. S. Cumberland I.P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. C. G. Padel. The whole of the Officers were in their places, and on the dais were Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. Balmford P.M., &c., and many visitors and brethren were also present. The business consisted of the raising of Bro. Brown to the third degree, which was well worked by the I.P.M. Bro. Whytehead announced that the books in the Lodge library were now available for the members. A liberal response was made to the appeal for the Benevolent Institution, and several brethren expressed their intention of attending the Festival. A successful ballot was taken for a joining member. A number of minor matters were disposed of, and the Lodge was closed. At refreshment the usual toasts were proposed from the chair. In replying to that of the Prov. G. Master

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and the Prov. G. Officers, Bro. T. B. Whytehead said that Lord Zetland had shown himself the right man in the right place, and the circular before them, announcing that the consecration of the Ferrum Lodge No. 1848, at Middlesborough, would be performed by his lordship, showed the living interest he was taking in the Craft in not leaving these matters entirely in the hands of his Deputy. He (the speaker) had lately been turning over some old volumes of the *Freemason's Quarterly*, and he had come upon the announcement of the appointment of the late Earl as G.M. of England. The comments made by the editor were not very complimentary to his lordship, who was said to have been pushed into the office without any special qualification. Most of them remembered how the late Earl had falsified such an assertion by the manner in which he had endeared himself to the Masons of England, and he thought the case of the present Earl was curiously analagous. When Lord Zetland was installed at York, a few years ago, as head of this important Province, he had heard it said that his lordship had merely been appointed because he was his uncle's nephew. Well, how had the event proved? Plainly, that the appointment was the very best that could have been made. He believed every Mason in the Province honoured and loved his lordship as one who conscientiously did his duty to the Craft, and did it well. It was a pleasant thing, too, to see him coming prominently forward in the Masonic Charities, and he was glad to know that York would support him well on the 9th proximo, when his lordship would preside at the Benevolent Festival. The list of the York Lodge, 236, was already a very substantial one, and he hoped the junior Lodge would still sustain its already well earned reputation for charity. The health of the W.M., the I.P.M., &c., was then drunk, and a very pleasant evening was passed, enlivened by the singing of Bros. Wilkinson, Marshall, and others.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 8th January. Present—Bros. E. J. Acworth W.M., J. Wells S.W., C. E. Botley J.W., E. C. Porter S.D., A. Jones J.D., H. Youens I.G., J. J. Clarke, H. Stephens, Bellerby, W. M. Wyville, Gasson, H. Kasner, F. Botley, F. Brown. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Bellerby candidate. The Lodge was resumed, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. J. Clarke candidate. Bro. J. Wells was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 8th inst., at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, W. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. E. M. Lander, who was supported by the I.P.M. Bro. Samuel J. Parkhouse, Samuel Smout S.W., C. Darby Reade J.W., George Penn P.M. Treas., W. J. Murlis P.M. Sec., S. Smont jun. S.D., Frederick C. Frye J.D., F. Delavante Org., W. W. Buckland Steward, Jas. Bartle I.G., John Woodmason D.C., and a large attendance of members and visitors. Among the latter were Bros. Jacob P. Batch 1273, Francis Bartle P.M. 1006, J. L. Baker P.M. 1305, W. H. Beauchamp 167, T. Williams 1261, W. Macneill 101, W. M. Stiles W.M. 1732, H. J. Turner 1608, R. H Jackson 733, S. Pardoe jun. 1585, Thos. Fisher 733, J. B. Frye 195, J. Gillingham 1238, G. Davis S.W. 167, W. W. Morgan jun. FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the Lodge was advanced and, on the special request of Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, the W.M. vacated the chair in order that his Immediate Past Master might advance the brethren whom he had initiated. Bro. Hart was on this occasion a candidate for the third degree, and in due course the ceremony was performed on his behalf. The Lodge was resumed, and Bros. Rubenstein and Job Gillingham—the latter a member of the Gooch Lodge, No. 1238—were passed, Bro. Parkhouse in each case performing the ceremony in a most creditable manner. Bro. Lander now resumed the chair, and proceeded to close the Lodge. Before this was done it was proposed that the sum of twenty-five guineas be expended in the purchase of a harmonium. After some remarks it was pointed out that as there was at present no accommodation for storing an instrument it would be better to postpone the question for a time, and accordingly the subject was deferred. The W.M. announced that a Chapter attached to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge would shortly be consecrated. He hoped that it would be as well supported as the Lodge had been. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, during which the W.M. appropriately drank with his Officers and the members, "A Happy New Year," a wish that was heartily reciprocated on the part of all present; later on he paid a similar compliment to the Officers of other Lodges. After the banquet, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts. The regular preliminary ones having been honoured, Bro. Parkhouse proposed that of the W.M. This was, he said, a special toast, and one that he trusted would be always recognised in the Lodge. Their present W.M. deserved to be especially honoured, but he (Bro. Parkhouse) hoped the toast would be heartily responded to for all time. He trusted the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge would always respect the gavel of the W.M. and show him respect. The present Master was as distinguished a Mason as ever lived, and had always worked hard for the good of the Craft. The W.M., in replying, having expressed his thanks to the company for the reception they had accorded the toast, said he should do his best to secure success for the Lodge during his term of office, so that when he vacated the chair he might leave the Lodge in as good a position as it was when he was installed. The toast of the Visitors was now given. Bro. Bartle being the first to respond, that brother expressed the great pleasure he experienced in attending. But for the invitation he had received to be present at their gathering, he would then have been in Cornwall, he was extremely pleased he had stayed in London. Bro. Stiles, who followed, complimented the members on the excellent way all their arrangements were carried out. No Lodge could attain a higher reputation than was possessed by the Earl of Carnarvon, both as regarded its support of the Charities and the excellence of its working. Bro. Gillingham also thanked the brethren for the hospitality they had exhibited. He was especially indebted to them for their kindness in advancing him to his second degree. Bro. Spencer also responded. The W.M. then briefly introduced the toast of the Past Masters, to which, after a most hearty reception had been accorded by the brethren, each responded. Bro. Parkhouse having expressed his thanks, desired to say a few words on behalf of the Charities, for one of which he was working as Steward. If any of those who were present felt they could give anything for the maintenance of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution he should be most happy to add their names to his list. At present he had promises of over 200 guineas; by a supreme effort he hoped to increase this to 350 guineas before the day of the Festival arrived, but to do that he should require assistance from every member of the Lodge—he had no doubt but that it would be accorded, and that again the Earl of Carnarvon's representative would occupy a foremost position on the roll of Stewards. The profits on the Annual Ball to be held at the Kensington Town Hall would be placed on his list, a fact that should be an additional incentive—if any were needed—to make that gathering a success! It had been said that after the splendid result of Bro. Penn's stewardship that the Lodge would not do much for its next Steward; but he hoped, with the assistance of the brethren, to prove that to be an error. Bro. Murlis was gratified that he once more had the pleasure of responding. His affection for the Lodge seemed to grow warmer as meeting after meeting came round. He believed the Lodge was among the most successful ever established, and it only remained for the brethren to prove that it should ever continue to be such. Bro. Penn felt it a great honour to be numbered among the Past Masters of what on every side was characterised as a most successful Lodge. The Officers of the Lodge were next toasted, each of those present tendering their acknowledgments of the kind reception always accorded them. Bros. Rubenstein and Hart acknowledged the toast of the lay members, which brought the evening's programme to a conclusion. As usual, at this Lodge, Bro. Delevante and others exerted themselves to render the enjoyment of the party complete.

The fourth annual ball of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, will be holden at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, 10th February. The following comprises the Board of Stewards:—R. R. Harper W.M., S. George S.W., W. Gabb J.W., W. Stead P.M., T. Bartlett P.M., J. Taylor S.D., J. Thomas J.D., W. Pierpoint I.G., J. Stillwell Tr., J. Boulton S., A. J. Potter D.C., H. J. Allardyce, H. Blyther, T. Glass, P. Harnett, G. Mustoe and F. Swales. Application for tickets should be made to any of the following, who form the Acting Sub-Committee, and to whom we refer our readers for further particulars:—R. R. Harper, 86 Clifton-street, Finsbury, E.C., S. George, 50 King-square, Goswell-road, E.C., J. Stilwell, Bridport-place, New North-road, J. Thomas, 62 Bath-street, City-road, E.C., Wm. Pierpoint, 58 Richmond-road, West Brompton.

A very agreeable meeting of the members of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, was held on Tuesday. The S.W., Bro. W. Radcliffe, was unanimously elected W.M. for the next twelve months, while Bro. C. Greenwood P.M., Prov. G. Sec. Surrey, was re-elected Treasurer. A full report in our next issue.

A meeting of brethren will take place at the Metropolitan Hotel, South Place, Finsbury, on Monday evening next, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of making arrangements for the formation of a Fifteen Sections Club. Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 has kindly consented to preside. Brethren are fraternally invited to attend.

The annual meeting of the Jordan Lodge, No. 201, was to take place last evening, at Freemasons' Hall, London, Bro. T. J. Hyland being the W.M. elect. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next issue.

The installation meeting of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, was held on Friday last, at Anderton's Hotel, E.C. A report of the meeting is in hand, but in consequence of the heavy demands on our space, we must crave the indulgence of those interested until next week.

The place of meeting of the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 834 has been changed from the "Bell and Anchor" to the "Six Bells," Hammersmith, at which latter place the regular weekly meetings will in future be held. Lodge is opened at eight o'clock every Friday evening.

The 17th annual ball of the St. James's Union Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on 3rd February, under the Presidency of the W.M. Bro. W. H. Stollard and an efficient body of Stewards. It is expected a numerous assemblage of Brethren and Visitors will be present.

Bro. Louis Beck P.M. Rothesay Lodge announces his annual private ball at St. James' Hall, under an efficient body of Stewards, including the W.M., Bros. J. Hancock, J. B. Docker, F. Green, G. Hudson, F. C. Jones Rimmell, J. Smith, R. G. MacNaughton, &c. Bro. Jarvis, No. 205, will be the M.C. Tickets can be obtained of Bro. L. Beck, Adam-street, Adelphi, andat St. James's Hall, Piccadilly.

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GOSPORT CHAPTER, No. 903.

A Special Meeting was held on Tuesday, 6th inst., at Gosport, for the purpose of installing the Principals for the ensuing year. The following Companions were installed and invested:—Comps. E. S. Main P.Z. 342 Z., C. B. Whitcomb H., Valentine Brown J. F. Powell E., R. W. Mitchell N., R. W. Downing P.S., Count Des Geneys A.S., A. L. Emanuel A.S., J. W. Stroud Treasurer, L. Canvin Janitor. After the business of the Chapter had been transacted, the First Principal presented E. Comp. George Felton Lancaster I.P.Z., with a P.Z.'s jewel, suitably engraved, as a mark of the high esteem in which he is held by the Chapter.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

Eboracum Conclave, No. 137.—The regular meeting of this body was held on Thursday, at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel York. In the absence of the M.P.S. the Earl of Zetland, the chair was occupied by E. Comp. T. B. Whytehead P.S. Intendant General Unattached, and he was supported by E. Comps. J. S. Cumberland V.E., T. Humphries as S.G., G. Simpson I.G., A. T. B. Turner Recorder, M. Millington Prefect, S. F. Bousfield as Herald, Rev. W. Valentine Prelate, &c. Bro. W. B. Dyson of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, was ballotted for and installed a member of the Order. Ballots were then taken for Sovereign, Viceroy and Treasurer, resulting in the unanimous election to those respective offices of Bros. J. S. Cumberland, C. G. Padel and G. Simpson. Bro. H. Jackson was re-elected as Sentinal. Two Auditors were appointed, and the Conclave was closed. The St. Peter's Sanctuary and Commandery of St. John was afterwards opened, and E. Comp. Cumberland was elected Commander. Several opinions were expressed regretting the absence of regular communications of the ruling body, and hoping that steps would be taken to place the Order in a more vigorous condition.

ORDER OF ST. LAWRENCE.

Ebor Lodge (T.I.)—A Meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York, on Thursday evening. The W.M. Bro. G. Simpson occupied the chair, and the following brethren, amongst others, were present: J. S. Cumberland S.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M. as J.W., M. Millington Conductor, A. T. B. Turner Secretary, T. Humphries I.G., P. Pearson Tyler, S. F. Bousfield, E. J. de Salis, &c. Bro. W. B. Dyson, of the Eboracum Lodge 1611, was ballotted for, accepted, and admitted. Bro. Whytehead then presented to the Lodge, on behalf of Bro. J. Morgan 1611, who has left York, a very valuable and rare old line engraving of the Martyrdom of St. Lawrence, for which the hearty thanks of the Lodge were voted. Bro. Whytehead then proposed, and Bro. Cumberland seconded as hon-members of the Lodge: Bros. the Rev. G. M. Portal P.G.M.M.M. Eng., and President of the Council of Side Degrees, and Bro. A. M. Broadley D.D.G.M. Malta, and both those brethren were accordingly elected. Bro. J. S. Cumberland S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. Bro. G. Simpson was elected Treasurer, and Bro. P. Pearson was re-elected Tyler. Two Auditors were appointed, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards met at a grill supper, and passed a most social evening.

An Amateur Performance in aid of the funds of the Warehousemen and Clerks' Schools will be given by the Connaught Dramatic Club, at St. George's Hall, Langham Place, on Thursday next, 22nd inst. The Programme includes "Little Daisy" by T. J. Williams, Esq., and "Weak Woman" by H. J. Byron, Esq. The band of the Honourable Artillery Company will be in attendance. The net profits realised by seven previous performances of this Dramatic Company have realised £572 18s 7d. Bro. T. W. Ockenden, 7 Friday-street, is Secretary to the Club.

The installation meeting of the Samaritan Lodge, No. 368, Sandbach, Cheshire, will take place on Wednesday, the 21st inst. Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland will be Installing Master. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next issue.

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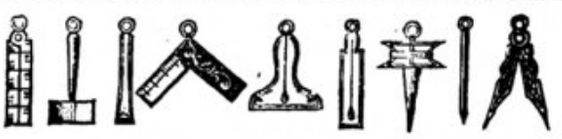
A large number of Members and Visiting Brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, Isola, on St. John's Day, 27th December 1879. The Lodge was opened in due form, at noon, for business, the formal part of which having been disposed of, the J.W. called the Lodge from labour to refreshment. A light luncheon having been partaken of, the W.M. Bro. Charles Thompson suggested ways of spending the afternoon that would combine pleasurable enjoyment with profit to themselves; the result was, that several parties were formed, for boating, walking, and other pastimes. A considerable number took carriages, and were driven to Krendi, where they busied themselves in exploring the old quarries and interesting ruins abounding in the neighbourhood, leaving their *marks* for the inspection of visitors in future years, and, perhaps, future ages. After completing their researches, the brethren partook of slight refreshment, and then returned to the Lodge, where they were called to resume labour, the work carried on was conducted with earnestness, and in peace and harmony. In due course the Lodge was closed, and the officers and brethren assembled in the spacious banquet hall, where about sixty sat down to a sumptuous repast, with which every one present expressed unqualified satisfaction. The usual Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. Bro. C. Thompson, and were received with unqualified enthusiasm. The proceedings were interspersed by some capital singing by the brethren. W. P.M. Bro. Dahn of Leinster Lodge I.C., Bro. W. Read of Union Lodge, Malta, 407 E.C., and Bro. J. Abbott of 17th Lancers Lodge 218 I.C., added materially to the hilarity and general enjoyment of the company. The happy party dispersed at 11.45 p.m., each Brother anticipating a future happy meeting. *So mote it be!*



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UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE.

WHEN we received from Bro. James Stevens his letter of the 6th inst., which was published in our issue of the 10th, we could but regret with him that it should be necessary to write in such strains of his brother Masons. Of course those who oppose his efforts have a perfect right to use what means they like to strengthen their cause, but we think they go too far when they descend so low as to lay themselves open to the charge of misrepresenting the facts of the case. As Bro. Stevens points out, he has asked for and obtained the sanction of Grand Lodge for the appointment of a Committee to make enquiry if there really are any material variations in the working of English Lodges, and if they find there are, they will recommend to Grand Lodge what course they propose in order to prevent a continuance of the deviation. Surely this should not be a sufficient reason for disagreement between any brethren or sections of brethren, rather all should be united in such a cause. So far we fail to see any motive for the opposition which should entitle it to a minute's consideration. If the Committee is appointed, we suppose the meetings of its members will be publicly announced, and that any qualified brother will be allowed admission to the debates. It will, therefore, be as easy for the opponents to attend as for those who support the project, and each will then learn for himself the value of the evidence adduced. It may be asked, do the brethren who now oppose the appointment of the Committee desire that variations should continue—if proved to exist? We think not; we believe that all would prefer the adoption of one uniform system, so far as the main points of our ceremonies are concerned. What, then, can be the reason for trying to prevent the appointment of the Committee to make enquiry? It is not as though the Committee were to be entrusted with power to make alterations in the ritual, that would be a matter for the serious consideration of the Craft, and we should most strongly oppose any such power being given to a few members; but nothing of the sort is here contemplated; the work of the Committee is merely to ascertain if there be any foundation for the remarks of Bro. Stevens. If they find there is, it then becomes a question whether they consider them of sufficient importance to be taken notice of; but if they find there is not, the whole subject is disposed of, and Bro. Stevens assures us that he will rest content. The real point which will require consideration at the hands of Grand Lodge will be to decide what shall be done with the Committee's recommendations—provided they may deem it necessary to make any. Until they give their report we cannot see why the efforts of Bro. Stevens, endorsed by the majority present at a large meeting of Grand Lodge, should be impeded or ridiculed. No brother need fear that he will be nominated for the Committee against his wish, nor do we suppose it will be compulsory for him to attend the meetings even if he is appointed, so that it cannot be urged that any serious labour will be entailed on any one unless they desire it. It must be admitted by all who are unprejudiced that if divergencies in the Masonic system, such as were named by Bro. Stevens at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, really do exist, there is reason in his endeavour to have the Committee appointed; and we see no reason to suppose that he has put forward statements that if untrue can easily be proved as such. The first question the Committee will have to decide will be whether there was any need for their appointment; and as they will have the means of gathering any evidence they may wish for, it should not be any serious task to decide that point. Having done so, the reception of the evidence follows as a matter of course.

Bro. James Stevens is now actively engaged in the preparation of the list of names which he has to submit to Grand Lodge at its next meeting. He has sent us a circular letter, a copy of which, he tells us, has been sent to the Secretary of each of the English Provinces, asking if it be the wish of their district to be represented on the proposed Committee. By this means Bro. Stevens invites the co-operation of the whole of the English brotherhood, and it is to be hoped he will thereby secure a good working committee. It is not for him to say who shall be appointed, but as he has been called upon to nominate certain brethren, it may be imagined that the task virtually rests with him. It is, therefore, desirable that every facility should be afforded for brethren to be enrolled, and for this purpose we advise Bro. Stevens to invite propositions from Lodges or brethren who may be interested in the matter. We are sure that no question of feeling will be allowed to interfere with the subject, so far as Bro. Stevens is concerned, and we hope those who now differ with him will, if they continue their opposition, adopt only such measures as become gentlemen and Freemasons.

PROJECTED EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE January Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School stands adjourned until twelve o'clock to-day, at which time the minutes of the Special General Court of the 3rd instant, relating to the vote of £6,500 for the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds, will be again put for confirmation. It is imposaible to predict what will be the result, as both those who propose the purchase, and those who oppose it, seem determined to press their views to the end. If the vote is confirmed to-day, and the purchase effected, the brethren will have to submit to it, but we fear that the outlay will prove to be one of the most unfortunate ever undertaken on behalf of our Charities.

In support of their case, the opposers of the grant have sought professional opinions as to the value of the property, and as a result have received the following letters:—

25 and 26 Bishopsgate-street-without,
14th January 1880.

I beg to say that the property in question, at £6,500, ought to produce a rental of £325 per annum to pay 5 per cent. on the outlay, and this is calculated upon the mere expenditure of the money, without taking into consideration any additional expense for law charges, stamps, &c. But should the proposed vendor decide to carry out his threat in erecting houses upon the present site, he would destroy his own property, represented to be of the above value, and in substitution thereof upon the site could only obtain room enough for some twenty very small houses, with contracted frontages and depths, which would make the ground rent upon each house £16 1s per annum, and this is presuming it had an available building frontage. But should a road and sewer have to be constructed, this will lessen the number of houses and increase the ground rent. I think, under the circumstances, that the Committee and the Governors of the Charity should not be hoodwinked in this matter, as no man would be insane enough to ruin, in its present form, a valuable property, to erect houses, or shops upon them, at ground rents that no one would think of taking the land upon.

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High-street, Clapham, S.W., 12th January 1880.

Whilst I think that no fair opportunity should be lost for extending the necessary accommodation for the Schools, and protecting the property from deterioration, through contiguous building operations, I am quite amazed at the facility with which the owner of Lyncombe House has obtained the offer of so large a sum as £6,500 for what I cannot believe to be worth more than £4,500, at the very outside. If I have any knowledge of this locality at all, as a house and land agent of nearly thirty years' experience, there has never yet been given, even for accommodation purposes, so extreme a price for such premises and *three quarters of an acre only of land*. In this respect I am entirely against the purchase, but, on the other hand, should not like to see the Masonic property closely surrounded by small houses. The Committee probably know best as to the prospects of entire disappointment if they had delayed their proposal to purchase, but in my opinion Mr. Evill would have delayed carrying out his design in respect of building whilst he had the chance of getting a little more from them than the value of the ground rents he could have created by building small property.

JAMES STEVENS,
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51 London Wall, E.C., 19th January 1880.

I am quite certain you have only to invite a valuation of the property by any of the brethren in the profession, and they would readily certify to the monstrous absurdity of paying the sum of £6,500 for such property. If the present letting value on lease were taken at £150 (*quite an outside figure*), that, at twenty years' purchase, would give only £3,000. Should the present owner build, as it is stated he is about to do, there is *no possibility* of his creating a ground rent on that piece of land of *more* than £150, if so much, and that, taken at even 25 years' purchase, gives a value of only £3,750, which clearly shows that the price now asked is beyond reason. Supposing that urgent necessities of the School warranted giving an advance on this price of say 10 per cent., the fact remains that even *that fancy price* shows only £4,125 against the proposed expenditure of £6,500.

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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—When will the Provincial Life Governors and Subscribers to our Charities shake off the lethargy and carelessness which seems to have taken possession of them?

When will the spirit of enquiry move amongst them, and a desire to know something of the Institutions of Charity, of which they may be justly proud, and yet so ignorant, manifest itself?

It is not sufficient to give and leave all further consideration with the Charity Steward. Careless relief is an injustice and a waste in any organisation, but reckless extravagance with Charity Funds is a sin. It behoves every brother to see that the funds to which he may subscribe are rightly disbursed.

Surely the present action of the Treasurer and Committee of the Girls' School, in—

Proposing illegally to spend £6,500 for the purchase of Lyncombe House and Grounds; in—

Illegally calling a meeting to consider that proposition; and—

In illegally endeavouring to confirm their proceedings, will stir them (Prov. L.G. and Subscribers) up. Let every member of the Craft interested in this Institution get a copy of the bye-laws (if possible), and learn the objects of the Society, and let him inquire into and examine the Treasurer's accounts and balance sheets of the past three years. He will be amazed to find how monies have been spent on matters beyond the intention of the Founders (as shown by bye-laws), how relief as intended by them is entirely neglected, and it will be apparent to the most careless amongst us, that a reform is necessary, or a severance of the Provinces from the London Institutions will become inevitable.

Hundreds of Life Governors of this Institution to-day know nothing of this intended expenditure, and if told about it would ask—

Why cannot we be informed about all proceedings connected with the Institution?

Ah, why not! Reform is wanted here. They might, and I have little doubt the majority would ask—

What can I do to prevent this expenditure? and with this question the enquirer would find need for further reform. He would find that as a Subscriber, he is a member of the Quarterly General Courts, and as a Life Governor he is further a member of the General Committee, but since there is no provision for his representation at these meetings by proxy, it will be necessary for him to go to London and personally record his vote, if he is to have any voice in the management of the funds of the Institution to which he has subscribed.

Qy?—Should not this be altered?

Last year I casually heard that a Sub-Committee had been appointed to consider some alterations of the bye-laws of the Girls' Institution, and in the hope that some better and more just representation of the Provinces would be a part of the plan, I eagerly watched for the reports in the Masonic papers. When seen, I was not surprised to find that the Provinces were still kept from meddling with the *pet schemes of the Committee* (except by costly attendances, with the certainty of being out-voted); but I was astonished to find the following in the report of Quarterly Court of Girls' Institution of the *Freemason* of 18th January 1879:—

"Bros. Tattershall and Peacock having expressed an opinion that sufficient time had not been given to the members of the Court to consider the proposed alterations of bye-laws,"

"Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C., on the contrary, thought sufficient time had been granted. He thought the proposal of Bro. Tattershall involved more than that brother thought he conveyed. The Court to-day was to consider alterations which had been proposed by a Sub-Committee, and which had been appointed for the express purpose of deciding upon some alterations which had been printed, *and a printed copy sent some time ago to every member of the Court*. . . . He opposed the proposition of Bro. Tattershall, on the ground that there were a great many brethren, who like him (Bro. Woodford) had come perfectly prepared to consider the alteration."

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford here seems to speak with authority on behalf of the Sub-Committee, and asserts that "a printed copy had been sent some time ago to every member of the Court."

Clause 29 of Bye-laws provides—"Quarterly General Courts consisting of all donors, including annual Subscribers, shall be held, &c."

As a Life Governor, I received no such copy, nor had I any notice of proposed alteration, and I can find other sixty Life Governors in my town, who must *also have been forgotten*.

I feel assured that if the Provincial Life Governors and Subscribers were in possession of all the facts concerning this proposed purchase, and had the power to record their opinions by proxy, they would strongly and unmistakably oppose any further expenditure in buildings or land, and would insist on the education and relief of the thirty poor girls unable to gain admission at the last election, out of the establishment, as provided by rules specially applicable to such cases on page 17 of Bye-laws.

Yours fraternally,

V. S. P.

West Yorkshire,
14th January 1880.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My attention has been directed to your report of the proceedings at the Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School, in which my interview with the Treasurer prior to the special meeting of 3rd January is particularly referred to, and as silence on my part might be considered as admission that my communication as to counsel's opinion had not been properly represented, I must depart from my usual custom of avoiding newspaper correspondence by asking you to insert these few lines in correction.

The object of my interview with Col. Creaton was to give the fullest possible effect to the advice of Mr. Locock Webb, Q.C., whose opinion you have already published, and to avoid, if possible, any necessity for further appeal even to the Trustees. With this view I read Counsel's opinion at length, and as "amicus curiæ" advised the withdrawal of the resolution, and having done so I considered it unnecessary to attend the Court to make that opinion public. I left the Treasurer perfectly free to make any use he might desire of the information I had given him, or to withdraw or postpone the proposition on any ground he pleased. The resolution having been pressed to a division and declared carried, I was advised by Counsel to bring the facts and opinion to the knowledge of the Trustees, and in doing so I expressed regret that my personal communication to the Treasurer had been disregarded. I could not have done this if the information had been withheld at my request. In acting as I have done, I have acted only as the solicitor for my clients, on whose behalf the case was laid before Mr. Locock Webb, and individually I have nothing to do with the matter.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN THOMAS MOSS.

38 Gracechurch-street, 20th January 1880.

BRO. WILSON AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A weaker and more disingenuous attempt to support a lame position I have seldom seen than that made by Bro. Roebuck in his letter published in *The Freemason* of this date, respecting my disagreement with the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—its weakness must be apparent to every one who has read the correspondence on the subject, and its disingenuousness must be acknowledged when it becomes known that the second paragraph is only a partial statement of the facts.

Bro. Roebuck says, "Mr. Wilson was repeatedly invited to attend the House Committee, to give an explanation of a certain charge in one of

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the estimates, but at the last moment he always sent some excuse, either through important business or otherwise, which prevented his doing so," but he omits to state that as soon as I knew what the information was that the House Committee required I sent them a written explanation, and also forwarded them the written opinion of a distinguished architect on the subject, which not only fully sustained the charges I had made, but, moreover, showed that they were less than I should have been justified in making. I also, at the request of the Secretary of the Institution, and at great personal inconvenience to myself, attended a subsequent meeting at Wood Green, viz.: on the 22nd of November 1878, for the express purpose of giving any further information the House Committee might require, but I was neither asked into the Committee room, nor did any of the members put any questions to me on the subject.

Bro. Roebuck should recollect that a partial statement often leads to as much misconstruction of the facts of a case as would a direct untruth.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

S. B. WILSON.

27 Walbrook, E.C., 17th January 1880.

YORK MARK LODGE (T.I.)

THE Installation Meeting of this healthy Lodge took place last Tuesday, at York, when there was a good muster of officers and brethren. At 6.30 the W.M. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett assumed the chair, supported by the following brethren—G. Balmford P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M. and Sec., Rev. W. Valentine S.W., J. Hollins J.W., Rev. W. C. Lukis Chaplain, J. S. Cumberland M.O., C. G. Padel S.O., G. Garbutt J.O., M. Millington S.D., A. T. B. Turner J.D., T. Humphries as I.G., T. G. Hodgson Org., P. Pearson Tyler; R. Ware, W. H. Gainforth, W. P. Husband, T. W. Wilson, T. D. Smith, W. Lackenby, E. J. de Salis, G. Irving, and the following visitors—Bro. Rev. J. Blake (No. 1 Chapter, Edin.), J. T. Foster (498 S.C.), J. Hanly (556 I.C.), and F. Sharp (226). Successful ballots were taken for Bros. W. B. Dyson, Eboracum Lodge No. 1611, E. T. Clark, St. Oswald's Lodge 910, and G. F. Atkinson, St. Oswald's Lodge 910, and for Bro. J. Todd P.M., as a re-joining member. Bro. Dyson was then advanced to the degree of M.M.M. by the W.M., after which the W.M. elect, Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine, was duly installed in the chair of A. in ancient form, Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. acting as Installing Master. Bro. Valentine then appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. Rev. W. C. Lukis S.W., J. S. Cumberland J.W., T. J. Wilkinson Chaplain, C. G. Padel M.O., Geo. Garbutt S.O., M. Millington J.O., T. B. Whytehead P.M. Sec., W. P. Husband Assist. Sec., T. J. Wilson Reg. of Marks, A. T. B. Turner S.D., T. G. Hodgson J.D., Geo. Balmford P.M. Organist, T. Humphries I.G., P. Pearson Tyler. The Sec. gave notice of his intention to propose at the next meeting, as an honorary member, Bro. William J. Hughan P.G.W. Two brethren were proposed and seconded as joining members, and the name of a candidate was also brought forward. At 8.45 the Lodge was closed, and at 9 o'clock the Brethren and their Visitors met at an excellent supper, served by Bro. J. Toes, to which ample justice was done. At its conclusion, the W.M. gave "The Queen and Mark Masonry," and "The Grand M.M.M. of England and the Grand Lodge." Bro. T. B. Whytehead then gave "The health of the W.M. and Prosperity to the York Mark Lodge." He said that the many excellencies and virtues of Bro. Valentine were so well known to them that for him to descant upon them would be idle. They all knew how, in spite of unavoidable drawbacks, Bro. Valentine had served conscientiously high offices in various degees in Masonry, and he was sure that they would all unite in striving to render his year of office one of enjoyment to the W.M. as well as to themselves. As regarded the Lodge, it was now established on a thoroughly firm basis. The roll of members was a sufficient guarantee of its popularity, numbering as it did nearly a hundred, and amongst them some of the best and brightest Masons in Yorkshire. The toast was heartily received, and feelingly responded to by the W.M., who thanked the brethren for their uniform kindness, and concluded by proposing the health of the I.P.M. Bro. W. T. Orde-Powlett, than whom a more energetic and exemplary Mason was not to be found in the Province. In responding, the I.P.M. said that he was grateful for the generous support he had received during his year, and could truthfully say that his association with the York Mark Lodge, as its W.M., had been a source of unmixed pleasure. The W.M. proposed the health of the Installing Master, saying that Bro. Whytehead had done an extraordinary amount of Masonic work, both in the Mark and other degrees. He was always ready when wanted, and, in fact, was a perfect Proteus in his Masonic gifts and qualities. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and Bro. Whytehead, in replying, gave some account of the light which modern research, especially amongst old minute books, had thrown upon the history and working of the degree in various countries. He hoped that their learned Bro. Hughan would shortly be in a position to bring out a history of Mark Masonry. He was quite sure that there was no brother so well qualified for the task, and he believed that Bro. Hughan had already amassed considerable information, with a view to such a history. He thanked the brethren for their kindness, assuring them that, as in the past, so in the future, the welfare of Mark Masonry, and especially the York Mark Lodge (Time Immemorial), would be very dear to him. The S.W. proposed the Past Masters of the Lodge, and called upon Bro. J. Todd P.M. to respond. Bro. Todd said, that though in one sense the oldest P.M. present, he scarcely had a claim to respond to the toast, as he had retired from the Lodge at the time that it came under the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and had only that night been elected a re-joining member. However, he was glad to find the Lodge so prosperous when he rejoined it, and should always be glad to place himself at its service. The S.W. responded to the toast of the Officers, and the J.W. Bro. Cumberland gave the Visitors, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Blake. The speaker said that he had seen himself such great advantages accrue from the interchange of visits, that he could never weary of advocating the practice. If visiting were more practised, there would be fewer corruptions creeping into the ritual. Bro. Blake, in responding, spoke of the peculiarly hearty reception he had met with in York, amongst the Masons—a reception far more fraternal and cordial than he had ever experienced before. The Tyler's toast shortly afterwards brought a most pleasant evening to a conclusion.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS CLUB.

AN influential meeting of brethren, under the presidency of Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933, took place at the Metropolitan Hotel, South Place, Finsbury, on Monday evening, the 19th inst. The meeting was convened by circular issued by Bro. J. B. King, for the purpose of discussing the practicability of forming a Fifteen Sections Club, the object being to diffuse the working of the Sections in the provinces as well as in the metropolitan and suburban districts. The idea, which entirely originated with Bro. J. B. King (27), met with the hearty support of Bros. James Stevens, W. Musto, W. H. Myers, A. Ellis, J. T. K. Job, many well known Masonic workers, including Bros. Martin, G. Andrews, D. Moss, Jas. Boulton, W. Yetton, Wooding, and other brethren. Bro. Barnes opened the meeting, and explained to the brethren the nature of the movement. When he was consulted on the matter he at once saw the great amount of good to be done (providing it could be carried out) by the formation of a Fifteen Sections Club. The idea appeared to him novel, yet with its drawbacks it had its great advantages, he therefore called on Bro. King to explain to the meeting what his ideas were. Bro. King informed the brethren that whomsoever he mentioned the subject to seemed to approve of the movement. He consulted Bro. Barnes, who consented to preside on the first occasion, and as there were many older Masons present, he should now leave the matter entirely in their hands. Bro. James Stevens proposed a general discussion of the matters before them, after which it was regularly proposed and seconded that a Fifteen Sections Club be formed, to be held at the Metropolitan Hotel, South Place, Finsbury, every Monday evening, at seven o'clock. The meeting was then adjourned till the first Monday in February, at seven o'clock. Unanimous votes of thanks were accorded to Bros. Barnes President, James Stevens Vice, and H. B. King Hon. Sec., for the interest and zeal displayed by them on the occasion. The above Club, if carried out, will be the means of enabling provincial brethren to hear the Fifteen Sections regularly worked at given places and times.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE BALL.

THE Annual Ball of the New Finsbury Park Lodge was held at the Athenæum, Camden Road, London, on Wednesday, 14th inst., and proved a great success. Dancing was commenced shortly after nine to the strains of Marriott's band, and was kept up until nearly five o'clock the next morning. Bro. Jarvis most efficiently acted as M.C., and to him very much of the success of the ball is due. Of course, in making this remark, we do not wish to put in the shade the work of the ball committee and stewards, but we think that they will allow that Bro. Jarvis did everything that was possible to bring their labours to a successful issue. In the lower supper room, the W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. Purkiss, presided, and as usual proposed the few toasts customary on such occasions. The toast—"Prosperity to the New Finsbury Park Lodge," he desired to direct more especially the attention of the Ladies, at the same time he was assured all would most heartily drink to it. Theirs was a young Lodge, but could boast many genial Masons among the members, and might be pronounced as a great success. He hoped that the ball financially would prove remunerative, as it was contemplated to devote any surplus to the benefit of one or other of the Masonic Institutions. The toast of the Ladies followed; this the W.M. termed the principal one of the evening. In calling upon Bro. Speller (the Secretary) to respond, the W.M. said that all were indebted to him for the trouble he had taken in connection with the arrangements for the ball. The Stewards and Committee had especially to thank him for his services. He thought that no brother was better entitled to respond for the Ladies than he who had taken the most active part in providing the entertainment on their behalf. After a few remarks from Bro. Davis, Bro. Speller replied to the toast. On behalf of the Ladies he thanked the brethren very much for the night's enjoyment. The Ladies hoped that the Lodge and the annual ball in connection with it might be as successful in the future as it had been in the past. For himself, he tendered hearty thanks for the kind remarks of the W.M. Next year he hoped to hold the ball at Freemasons' Tavern, and on that occasion he had no doubt that there would be 300 guests present. Bros. T. Press, R. V. Davies, F. Madgin, H. R. Dunn, and A. F. Speller comprised the ball committee, while the following acted as Stewards:—Bros. W. T. Purkiss, J. Eldridge, C. Hutchinson, J. Pizot, T. Jackson, H. Hollis, W. F. Richmond, F. F. Austiss, W. Earl, J. Swinyard, T. H. Tibbetts, and G. Chatter.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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DERWENT LODGE, No. 40.

OUR Sussex brethren mustered in strong force at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on Monday, 12th inst., on the occasion of the installation of W.M. and the appointment of the Officers for the ensuing twelve months. Among those present we noticed Bros. F. Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B. P.G.S. England, John Howell P.M., V. P. Freeman Prov. G. Sec., Thomas Trollope W.M. 1842 P.P.S.G.W., Cooper Smith P. Prov. S.G.W. of Oxfordshire, W. Dawes P.M. 341 P.P.G.R., C. W. Duke P.M. 40 and 1184 P.P.G.J.D., W. Lambourne W.M. 1184 P.P.G.P., C. R. Chandler P.M. 1184 P.G.S., F. Forss 1585, J. Dorman P.M. P.P.G.J.D., G. F. Wood P.M., W. Norris P.M., George Wellerd P.M. P.P.G.D. of C., C. D. Jones P.M. 1184, Dr. Abram, H. M. Baker, F. J. Parsons, T. H. Cole P.M. P.P.G.A.D. of C., E. Bradnam, C. J. Lowns, S. T. Weston, H. J. Emmerson, A. Josephs, R. Draycon, T. G. Hulburd, R. E. Wilson, D. W. Davis, T. Harwood, G. M. Wilkins, Rev. B. Puttick, W. H. Russell, T. Markwick, A. Wells, Capt. Hennah, F. Duke, H. F. Crossthwaite, H. J. Godbold, A. W. Elliott, Rev. T. S. Wells 309 P.P.G. Chaplain Hants, C. Martin 1184, E. Grant Salisbury, James Robertson S.W. 1821, George Roddis St. Peter's Lodge 1330, W. Salter S.W. St. Andrews Lodge 401, B. Sargent S.W. 1184, C. W. Hudson W.M. Royal York Lodge 315, W. Millsom W.M. Wellington Lodge 341 Rye. The Lodge was opened in the usual manner by the out-going W.M., Bro. Glenister, who, after transacting the ordinary business and raising a brother, handed over the insignia of his office to P.M. Trollope, who, in his usual impressive manner, placed Bro. F. Rossiter in the chair of K.S., and that brother then appointed his officers. The whole of the magnificent ceremony of installation was very ably and effectively rendered by Bro. Trollope. During the proceedings Bro. Glenister was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge as W.M. during the past year. The following is a complete list of the Officers for the year, viz. :—Bros. F. Rossiter W.M., W. Glenister I.P.M., A. Wells S.W., E. W. Hennah J.W., Rev. A. Hodges Chaplain, George Wellerd P.P.G.D.C. (elected for the thirtieth time) Treasurer, T. H. Cole M.A. P.P.A.G.D. of C. Secretary, Thomas Trollope M.D. P.P.S.G.W. M. of C., G. M. Wilkins S.D., G. Pearce J.D., W. H. Russell I.G., J. Attersoll Tyler. The Banquet was held immediately after the close of the Lodge, the W.M. in the chair, and full justice having been done to the good things provided by Bro. Gaze, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," remarking that he was sorry the evening was so far advanced as to necessitate the speeches being made as short as possible. Fortunately for him, the first toast did not require much to be said in its favour; they were all too loyal subjects to make it necessary for him to vary the remarks made by his predecessors on similar occasions. He, therefore, simply gave the toast, "The Queen and the Craft." The W.M. next gave the toast of the "M.W. the Grand Master of English Freemasons," which, he was sure, would evoke as much enthusiasm as the first toast. Most, if not all, of the brethren were well aware of the interest which his Royal Highness always took in everything pertaining to Freemasonry, and although not always present at the meetings of Grand Lodge, yet both the I.P.M., Bro. Glenister, and himself could both cordially testify to the care which the Prince of Wales always evinced for the Craft. In proposing the next toast, that of "The Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge," the W.M. stated that the brethren were all well aware that the business of a large Society like that of the Freemasons could not be carried on unless a considerable amount of interest was shown by the different Officers. Previous W.M.'s had pointed out, better than he could do, the duties those Officers had to perform, and every brother was convinced that all the Grand Officers showed great zeal in the discharge of the duties of their respective offices. The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The R.W. the Prov. G.M. for Sussex, Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., &c., the W. Dep. Prov. G.M. Bro. John Henderson Scott, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," saying that every brother was convinced of the interest their Worshipful Provincial Grand Master took in Freemasonry, and many brethren remembered with pleasure Sir Walter Burrell's visit to the Derwent Lodge. Of Bro. John H. Scott he need only say that several of the brethren had recently had an opportunity of listening to that brother's excellent address on Freemasonry when consecrating the St. Leonard's Lodge. Only that day he, the W.M., had heard several references made to it, and the address was still fresh in the memory of the large number of Masons who had the privilege of listening to it. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. C. R. Chandler P.M. 1184 and P.G.S. As time, tides and railway trains wait for no man, Bro. Freeman Prov. G. Sec. and a number of the Prov. G. Officers had been compelled to leave before the W.M.'s excellent speech was concluded. Bro. Chandler responded to the toast, and said that Bro. Lewns in his song, "The Jolly Old Knight," had thoroughly hit off the character of their highly-respected Prov. Grand Master. Sussex ought to be proud of their Prov. Grand Officers. Sir Walter Burrell went about among the Lodges, and his labours were ably supplemented by those of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. Scott and the other Prov. Grand Officers. According to ancient custom the I.P.M., Bro. W. Glenister, for a brief time assumed the custody of the gavel, and asked the brethren to receive the most important toast of the evening, that of "The health of the W.M." From what they had seen of Bro. Rossiter as an initiate, and as a subordinate Officer of the Lodge, they had every confidence that he would well fulfil the new duties that day imposed upon him. They had all known him for many years. As the hour was late he was compelled to cut his speech short, and in a few words asked them to drink Bro. Rossiter's health with musical honours. The W.M., Bro. Rossiter, in responding, said he hardly knew how to thank the brethren sufficiently for their hearty response to the toast so ably proposed by his friend and brother the I.P.M., Bro. Glenister. He, Bro. Rossiter, felt proud of the position of W.M. of the Derwent Lodge which had that day been conferred upon him. He esteemed it to be a very honourable position to be Master of so old and so esteemed a Lodge as the Derwent. He thanked the brethren cordially for their attendance, and took it as a personal compliment, as, in fact, every Master did. As an Officer of the Lodge, and as a Freemason, he had endeavoured to do his best; in fact, in whatever he took in hand he was actuated by the same feeling. He was certain that with the assistance he would receive from the I.P.M. and the Officers, that at the end of his year of office he should receive that meed of praise which was always accorded to a man who did his duty. Bro. Rossiter next referred to the Masonic remarks contained in Bro. Scott's speech at the consecration of the St. Leonard's Lodge, and strongly advised every brother to act thoroughly up to the principles of Freemasonry, and advocated the adoption of a good style among the brethren in their intercourse with each other. He strongly inculcated the necessity of giving candidates for initiation a proper idea of the obligation they were about to enter into, and thought that every one should know what was required of him. Masonry was called a secret society, but it was only secret so far as the signs were concerned; of the good that was done between man and man there was not any secret. The W.M. next proposed "The health of the Visitors," and discoursed learnedly on the pleasure and instruction to be gained by visiting different Lodges. The Derwent would always welcome visitors, from wherever they came, and he had great pleasure in seeing so many there that day. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Cooper Smith P.P.G.S.W. of Oxfordshire, and Bro. W. Dawes P.M. 341 Wellington Lodge, Rye, P.P.G.R. Bro. Cooper Smith regretted that so many of the visitors had been obliged to leave in order to catch the trains. He had come to Hastings for the past twenty years, but had not previously had an opportunity of visiting No. 40. There was always something to be learnt when visiting other Lodges. He had gained much that afternoon from Bro. Trollope. Another thing also that struck him was, the great work Sussex was doing for the Charities. Bro. W. Dawes could not consider himself as a perfect stranger amongst them, as he had always received the greatest kindness from the members of the Derwent Lodge collectively and individually, and he was proud to have his name coupled with a toast at a meeting of the members of so old and influential a Lodge as the Derwent. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Past Masters, and considered that that was not the least important toast. They were all indebted to the earnest work of the Past Masters, who were most assiduous in assisting to carry out the duties of the Lodge. He held it out as an inducement to young Masons to take an interest in the proceedings, to get themselves up in the work, and to endeavour to attain the position of Past Master. The W.M. next paid a great and well deserved compliment to Bro. Trollope P.M. for the zeal and assidnity he always evinced in the cause of Freemasonry. He was particularly indebted to Bro. Trollope for officiating as Installing Master, and for other assistance that worthy brother had given him in carrying out the proceedings of that day. To the I.P.M., Bro. Glenister, his best thanks were due for his uniform kindness and assistance. To Bro. Cole he must also return his thanks; that brother, after passing the chair, had kindly accepted the Secretary's collar on an emergency, and consented to continue to discharge the onerous duties attached to that very important office. Bro. Cole, he knew, was busy in his regular professional duties, and he knew that it was a great sacrifice for him to take the office, and it must oftentimes put him to great inconvenience. Bro. Glenister responded, as stated, accident had placed him in the position of I.P.M. Voltaire had said that gratitude was the lively sense of favours to come. In his case it was the reverse. He also felt in duty bound to thank the other Past Masters for their assistance during his year of office. First and foremost was Bro. George Wellerd, who that day, for the thirtieth time, had been appointed Treasurer, and who had been Treasurer of the Derwent Lodge when many present were still unborn. Of Bro. Trollope he could only say that he deserved all that had been said of him, and much more. Bro. Cole had been his right hand during the past year, and to him he also begged publicly to tender his thanks. He was also glad to welcome amongst them the familiar face of a worthy Past Master—Bro. John Howell. He congratulated that brother upon his recovery, and hailed with something like exultation the appearance of his well-known face. Of the other Past Masters he might say that Bros. Duke, Dorman, Norris, and others, were all well-deserving of the thanks of the members. They were in every respect pillars (not pillows) of the Lodge, and deserved all the encomiums which could be passed upon them. Bro. Cole also responded, as did Bro. Trollope, the latter remarking that, as it was impossible to paint the lily or gild the rose, he need not say much on behalf of his brother P.M.'s. To the P.M.'s the brethren should always refer in cases of doubt and difficulty. For himself, although he had been placed in the chair of a new Lodge, he should never abate one jot in his interest in the Derwent. The new Lodge was but another link in the chain. The members of the Derwent Lodge might always rely upon him to do all in his power, and although he had got a new love, his affection for the old one (the Derwent) would never diminish. The W.M. next proposed the Officers of the Lodge, referring to the pleasure he felt in investing Bro. Wellerd, who had been an Officer when most of them were in swaddling clothes, and to the great pleasure he felt in seeing Brother John Howell amongst them that night, restored in health. He felt that he had a good staff of Officers, upon whom he could fully rely for doing their duty in their respective stations. The W.M. concluded a very humorous speech by referring to the new Lodge at St. Leonard's, at the birth of which Bro. Dr. Trollope and so many doctors had assisted. The S.W. (Bro. Wells), in returning thanks, referred to the tuition they had received from the outgoing W.M. (Bro. Glenister), whose name, he said, would be handed down as one of the best disciplinarians and workers who had filled the chair of the Derwent. The J.W. (Capt. Hennah) also responded. The W.M. proposed "Continued success to the Masonic Charities." This toast, he said, although nearly the last, was not the least important. During last year over

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£44,000 had been subscribed in support of the three great Masonic Charities. These institutions needed no words of his to commend them to the notice of the brethren. They were the essence of Freemasonry, and however much some of the brethren might at times appear to devote attention to the social side, that was always secondary to the charitable. He was pleased to see Bro. Binckes, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, present. The brethren would also be glad to know that Bro. Scott their esteemed Deputy Provincial Grand Master had already over £600 on his list as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund. He (Bro. Rossiter) had no doubt that another year other Masonic charitable institutions would receive an equal amount of support. Bro. Fred. Binckes Secretary to the R.M. Institution for Boys, although he was more particularly connected with one of the Institutions, replied on behalf of all the Masonic Charities. This, he said, was not the first time he had been amongst the Hastings Masons; he had often had an opportunity of meeting them before, and while he could not claim the charm for novelty, he did not fear the "familiarity which breeds contempt." On the old subject of the Masonic Charities he had often addressed them, and he had not much on the present occasion specially to advance on behalf of the Boys' School. All the Charities must have their turn. He came that day to thank the brethren of Sussex for the hearty support which they gave to Bro. Scott in January last. All the Charities were equally deserving, and after having given all a turn he asked them to think of the Boys. While the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution had £42,000 invested, and the Girls' School £40,000, the Boys' School had only £10,000, so that they were comparatively poor, and he asked them to take that fact into consideration when in doubt as to where they should give. He came that day, at some inconvenience, through the seductive letter of his old and respected friend and brother, Dr. Trollope, who reminded him that it was some time since they had seen him in Hastings. He looked back to many years of kind assistance received from friends in Sussex, and particularly from the good town of Hastings. He paid a very high compliment to the sincerity of Past Master Trollope, whom he had known for years as a hard-working Mason. He felt sure before he came that although Sussex was pledged to support the Benevolent Institution this year, yet Heaven was canny, and he felt that if he came and acknowledged past kindnesses received, that they would not be forgotten. He (Bro. Binckes) was fond of attending social meetings, and whenever opportunity offered, he never omitted urging the claims of the Charities. He was not so young as he once was, and he missed the faces of many friends and supporters. Still he was delighted that so many had been spared to meet again. While enjoying prosperity themselves let their hearts be disposed to assist the sons and daughters of those they had known in days gone by. If many knew what he and others who were officially connected with their great Charities knew of the distress that existed, they would see that behind all that magnificent hospitality there was a black curtain of distress. On such occasions they always advocated the cause of Charity. He loved the social side of Freemasonry, he loved the charitable side, and had done his best to relieve the distress which existed. Bro. Binckes concluded a long and eloquent appeal by reminding the brethren that, rich as the fraternity was, there was a large and increasing amount of Masonic distress, which could only be relieved by their contributing freely to all the Institutions. He spoke not for one, but for all the Charities. The "Tyler's Toast" brought the proceedings to a close. The musical portion was contributed by Bros. Lewns, Russell, Joseph, and Marwick, while Bros. Dr. Abram and R. Draycon accompanied.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, No. 146, BOLTON.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th January, at the Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton. There was a large muster of the brethren on the occasion, amongst them being Bros. Robert Horridge W.M., James Dooley S.W., W. Cooper J.W., W. Nicholson, H. Ainsworth, John Morris, J. Wild, T. Collins P.M.'s. Visitors—Bros. S. Crowther P.M. 37 Prov. Grand Supt. of Works, J. Newton P.M. 37, J. Alcock P.M. 348, J. Harwood P.M. 348, Wolstenholme P.M. 348, Rigby W.M. 266 Natal, Nicholson W.M. 1723, &c. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. John Wild P.M. took the chair as Installing Master, and at once proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Dooley, into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. This ceremony being completed, the W.M. appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, and they were invested by Bro. Wild, viz.—Bros. W. Cooper S.W., G. Taylor J.W., W. Nicholson Treasurer (re-elected), M. Burgess Secretary, R. Duxbury S.D., J. Galloway J.D., J. Morris M.C., W. Heywood O., Fred. Williams I.G., H. Broughton Tyler, T. Rimmer, J. Kennedy Stewards. The I.P.M. Bro. Robert Horridge was presented by the Lodge with a P.M.'s jewel. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 174.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 21st instant. The chair was occupied by the W.M. Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, who was supported by his Officers, a goodly number of Past Masters, among whom we may mention Bros. Appleby, S. Rawley, John Newton, E. J. Moore, Charles Lacey, Barlow, Savage, Hilliard, and the following Visitors:—Bros. J. Terry 228, J. J. Berry P.M. 554, G. Huggett 1625, C. Norden 205, Dufresny 1275, T. Puzey 1107, J. H. Osman 1694, E. J. Anning W.M. 1625, J. D. E. Tarr 1293, Sindall 1293, Fardell 554, Ellis 933, W. Wallington P.M. 860, Barr W.M. 1766, Brooks P.M. 902, T. J. Barnes P.M. 933, W. R. Marsh 933, F. Breuer 205, S. Carrington S.W. 1314, E. J. Legge P.M. 1196, C. A. Morgan 1607, G. H. Stephens 1623, F. Carr 1607, E. T. Henman 1423, G. Robey 1805, W. H. G. Rudderforth W.M. 1668, W. Much 214, R. H. Blatchford W.M. 1196, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, T. Maidwell P.M. 27, &c. On the 15th inst. the members of this Lodge held an emergency meeting; by this means they had materially lessened the labour to be gone through on this the installation night. The first business was to read the minutes of the last regular meeting and those of the emergency referred to above; these duly received confirmation, and then the principal event of the day, the installation of Bro. Webb, was proceeded with. Bro. Seddon has, during his Mastership, well sustained the reputation the Lodge bears for competent working, and performed the ceremony most ably. In due course, the members were re-admitted, and Bro. Webb was saluted. He appointed the following Officers:—Bros. G. T. H. Seddon I.P.M., G. Jones S.W., F. Brown J.W., S. H. Rawley P.M. Treasurer, J. Newton P.M. Secretary, J. S. Fraser S.D., A. H. Brown J.D., T. F. Harvey I.G., W. Fraser D.C., J. Miller W.S., J. Very Tyler. The next duty was to present the I.P.M. with the jewel which the Lodge had voted him; this Bro. Webb did in most graceful terms, and Bro. Seddon briefly acknowledged the kindness of the brethren. He accepted their gift, not as a testimonial for doing his duties, but for getting through them. A ballot was taken for a candidate, Mr. Gurney, and that gentleman was introduced and initiated by Bro. Webb. Routine business followed; the case of a distressed brother, an old member of the Lodge, was brought under notice by the Secretary, Bro. P.M. Newton, who forcibly depicted the sad condition in which he found the applicant. It was proposed by Bro. Seddon I.P.M. and seconded by Bro. P.M. Savage that £10 10s be voted from the funds of the Lodge. This was immediately agreed to. The Secretary then read a letter expressing the thanks of the writer for a gift made by the members at a former meeting. Lodge was then closed. The members with their Visitors, making altogether a party of 96, sat down to a banquet, served by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Webb gave the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was followed by the National Anthem. The second toast was one all Masons readily recognised. The Prince of Wales conferred an honour upon the Craft by presiding at its head, and this toast is always acceptable at assemblages of Freemasons. Bro. Brown sang, "God Bless the Prince of Wales." In proposing the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," the W.M. said: We have at the head of the Craft a body of gentlemen who take the greatest interest in the business of the Order, and never tire in advancing its welfare. He would call on those present to do this toast full honour. The health of the initiate was the next toast the W.M. introduced to the notice of the brethren. Bro. Gurney had paid marked attention to the ceremony, and he (the W.M.) was assured he would become a worthy member of the Lodge of Sincerity. Bro. Gurney returned his sincere thanks for the honour they had conferred upon him; he trusted all the good things the W.M. had prognosticated would be fully realised. The W.M., at this stage of the proceedings, stated, as the result of the efforts of those brethren who had kindly gone round the room with his list, that £76 2s had been subscribed. Bro. Seddon rose: When an I.P.M. assumes the gavel all know on what theme he is about to address them. It is not the first time Bro. Webb has been installed into the chair of a Lodge. On this occasion he did not intend to occupy their time, but with all cordiality would ask them to do honour to the toast. After a song by Bro. Miller, rendered in that worthy brother's happy and mirth-provoking style, the W.M. rose to reply. He had to return his sincere and hearty thanks for the great kindness with which he had been received. He assured the brethren it would be his sincere desire to carry out his duties in the future as he had striven to do in the past, and he sincerely hoped they would be conducted to the satisfaction of the members. Before he resumed his seat he had to propose a toast which was a novel one. A member of the Sincerity Lodge, who was initiated therein in the year 1812, had that day attained his 90th birthday, Bro. Norris, who was known to all present as the Warden of the Benevolent Institution at Croydon, in which capacity he had gained the esteem of all with whom he was brought into association, for ruling with fairness—at the same time not with a rod of iron—was that day celebrating with a few friends the 90th anniversary of his birth. The brethren would all join in wishing Bro. Norris happiness during the remainder of his days. The next toast brought under the notice of the brethren, was "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities;" here the W.M. referred with satisfaction to the goodly response made by the brethren to his appeal. He pleaded the cause of their Lodge candidates for the respective Institutions, and urged on the brethren to see their votes were properly applied. With the toast he would couple the name of Bro. Terry. After a song by Bro Savage, "The Old Musqueteer," Bro. Terry would, first, on behalf of Bro. Norris, return the members his sincere thanks for the honour conferred upon him. He then stated that the worthy old Warden had invited the whole of the inmates of the Asylum to partake with him of a cup of tea, and assist by their presence at a musical entertainment. Bro. Perceval and he (Bro. Terry) had that day visited the Institution; they there found that the residents had provided for Bro. Norris a table lamp and other gifts, which were duly to be presented to him. Likewise an easy chair would be offered for the acceptance of Bro. Norris. In March next, should he live till then, he will have been a Mason 68 years, thus gaining the palm for length of membership over Sir Moses Montefiore, who though an older man, is six weeks his junior as a Mason. The brethren had doubtless heard of Lord Byron's saying that "Annuitants never die." He (Bro. Terry) hoped that Bro. Norris would be with them yet a few years. Bro. Terry then touched upon the charitable proclivities of the members; there were sixty-five present, and an amount of £76 had been realised as the result of the W.M.'s appeal for the Benevolent Institution. The Lodge had heavy claims on the Institutions at their next elections, and he would draw

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a comparison as to what their investment of that evening might produce. The Lodge had one candidate for the Girls' School, one for the Boys', and two for the Female Fund of the Benevolent Institution. He sincerely trusted they would be successful; if they were, all would agree that their liberal gift of £76 would not be badly invested. However, on behalf of the Charities, he returned sincere thanks. Bro. Terry then touched upon the fact that great trouble was entailed in getting boys into the School. He commented on the class of education provided. With respect to his own Institution, there would be at the next election 78 candidates, and only 18 of these to be elected: what a sad prospect to look forward to. With the Girls and Boys they sometimes heard of cases of adoption, but he never yet met with any one who seemed anxious to adopt an old man or an old woman. In speaking for the Old People, he could not advance as an argument that many of them had been successful in passing a Cambridge local examination, but he could point out cases where recipients of their bounty had attained a green old age. Bro. Terry then compared his prospects in regard to the approaching Festival. He referred to the fact of the *prestige* attaching to the name of the Chairman, and trusted that the present representative of that name would be well supported. Bro. Terry concluded by tendering his thanks to all, expressing a hope that he might be present at the next installation meeting of the Lodge. The health of the I.P.M. was the next toast. The W.M. here referred to Bro. Seddon's many good qualities. Bro. Seddon could boast of a much longer membership of the Craft than could he (the W.M.), but circumstances had prevented him assuming the Mastership of the Lodge at as early a date as he could have wished. However, he had ably performed his duties, and he (the W.M.) had pleasure in offering the toast for the acceptance of the brethren. Bro. Wallington sang "Welcome, friends." Bro. Seddon thanked the W.M. for his kindness in bringing his name so prominently before the members. To the brethren he expressed his thankfulness for the way in which they had received the toast. It had been his desire to carry out his duties perfectly. In consequence of having to fulfil a business engagement in the North of England, he had to forego for a few years the position he had now attained. He was deeply indebted to an esteemed brother, who was present, for the knowledge which he possessed of the ritual of the Craft—he referred to Bro. Barnes. He likewise had to acknowledge his indebtedness to Bro. J. J. Berry, by whose kindly assistance he had been enabled to carry out the duties of I.M. Bro. Seddon then made a fervent appeal on behalf of the son of their late fellow member, Bro. Gee. The lad, he stated, was a worthy son of a worthy sire, and he (the speaker) urged the brethren not to leave a stone unturned to secure the election of the candidate supported by their Lodge. In conclusion, he hoped that the day might be long distant ere his connection with the Lodge of Sincerity might be severed. The Visitors was the next toast, and Bro. T. J. Barnes replied; he was followed by Bro. J. J. Berry. Both eulogised the working of the Lodge, and commented on the liberality of the members. Bro. Barnes, in referring to the special toast, said he had learned something that night. The members of the Yarborough Lodge claimed Bro. Norris as belonging to their Lodge, but he felt, from what he had heard, they must give up the claim. In speaking of the Past Masters, the W.M. said, unfortunately several had had to leave; however, they were well known, and equally well respected; all had done good service in the past. With the toast he would associate the name of Bro. S. Rawley. Bro. G. H. Stephens here sang, "She wore a wreath of roses." Bro. Rawley said it was twenty-three years that day since he was installed into the chair of the Lodge. He regretted, on looking round, to miss so many good old faces. At the same time, there were many present who were familiar to all the brethren. Bro. Rawley referred to what the Lodge had done in the past for the Benevolent Institution. He was gratified to know that the Lodge had advanced. He spoke of what might be considered the term of Masonic life. During his year he had initiated twenty-seven candidates, but his immediate predecessor had initiated forty. He spoke of the ability of the brethren who in these days came forward for office, and who required but little help from the P.M.'s. However, he begged to tender, on behalf of the body he spoke for, his thanks to all present. The Officers were next honoured: the W.M. commented on the ability they one and all displayed. He was assured they would do all in their power to assist in carrying out the duties of the Lodge. Bro. Berry favoured with, "So happy we've been," and then came able replies from the S.W. and J.W. Bro. J. Newton added a few words. During his year of office he had not had the honour of initiating 20, 30, or 40 candidates, but in his position of Secretary he had had the pleasure of receiving fees from some hundreds. This was the 112th year of the Lodge's existence, the 90th year of their old Warden at Croydon. He trusted the new year the Lodge had that night entered upon would be a prosperous one. He was not a very young member; he was acquainted with all the doings of the Lodge, inasmuch as he had in his possession the records of the Lodge. He urged upon the members to keep up the bond of friendship that had ever sustained them. Bro. Newton concluded by hoping that his services would always be accepted in the spirit in which they were tendered. Several other of the Officers expressed their thanks, and then the W.M. summoned the Tyler, who gave the parting toast.

DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was celebrated on Friday, 9th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C. Shortly after the time announced on the summons Bro. Edward White the W.M. opened the Lodge, supported by Bros. H. N. Bowman Spink (the W.M. elect) S.W., W. Harris J.W., George Everett P.M. Treas., Thomas Morris Sec., James McLean S.D., W. Herbage J.D., E. W. Kent I.G., W. M. Foxcroft D. of C., R. Pierpoint Steward. Past Masters J. Buscall, James Willing jun., H. Elmes, J. E. Walford, F. Kent, J. G. Potter, W. J. Ferguson, &c. There was a large attendance, both of members and visitors. The regular formalities having been complied with, the lodge was advanced, and Bros. W. Davies and T. Scoborio, having satisfied the members of their proficiency, were raised. The next work was the passing of Bros. C. Ouin and John H. Gordon Winter, the ceremonies in each case being well performed. Bro. Spink was now formally introduced to the W.M. by P.M. Ferguson, to receive from him the benefit of installation. The W.M. having administered the necessary obligation, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Spink was regularly placed in the chair and saluted as Master of the Domatic Lodge for the ensuing year. The following brethren were named as the officers, and were in due form invested with the insignia of their respective positions:—W. Harris S.W., James McLean J.W., George Everett P.M. Treas., Thomas Morris Sec., W. Herbage S.D., E. W. Kent J.D., William M. Foxcroft I.G., R Pierpoint D. of C., James Jennings Steward, and Daly Tyler. A word of praise is due to the outgoing W.M. for the able manner in which he performed the various duties required of him during the evening. The report of the auditors was presented and received, and on the motion of Bro. P.M. Willing the thanks of the Lodge were voted to them for the way in which they had performed their work. Bro. Walford P.M. proposed that a vote of thanks should also be passed and recorded on the minutes on behalf of Bro. White, for the very able manner in which he had that day performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Willing seconded the proposition, which was carried with acclamation. The appeal of a French Brother, who petitioned the Lodge for some assistance, was next taken into consideration, a sum of £2 being voted from the funds on his behalf. Nothing further offering the W.M. closed the Lodge, and the brethren repaired to the banquet hall, where a first rate repast awaited them. The newly-installed Master presided at the banquet, and at its conclusion proposed the regular toasts. Bro. White the I.P.M. in introducing that of the Master to the notice of the brethren expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to have to propose the health of so excellent a Mason as Bro. Spink. The great interest he took in the welfare of the Lodge was evidenced from the fact that he had introduced more gentlemen into it than any other Member had done. If the Brethren entertained any doubt as to whether he was competent to undertake the duties of the chair, he could but refer them to what he had already done in the Lodge; he had there shewn himself capable of fulfilling any duty that might be required of him. Bro. White, in speaking of the high standard to which the working of the Domatic Lodge had reached, said it was owing to a strict principle it was the custom of its rulers to observe, viz., to prove that every brother was capable of undertaking the duties of an office before he was appointed to it. He (Bro. White) had no doubt but that the result of Bro. Spink's term of Mastership would be highly satisfactory. After a most enthusiastic reception, the W.M. rose to reply. He considered it a very high honour to be installed as Master of this, his mother Lodge. He had been initiated some seven years since, and after that ceremony he had thought what a proud moment it would indeed be for him if ever he occupied the chair of W.M. He hardly knew how to express his thanks to the brethren, but would assure them that he should strive his utmost to properly fulfil the duties of the chair during the term of his Mastership. The W.M. now proposed the health of Bro. White, the I.P.M., whom he complimented on the ability he had displayed in ruling the Lodge during the past year. He might say that no brother had excelled him in the office; in fact he had performed the duties in such a manner as to reflect the greatest credit upon himself, and ensure the satisfaction of every member of the Lodge. For his last act, that of installing his successor, he was especially to be complimented. He (the W.M.) had now the pleasure of investing Bro. White with the Past Master's jewel which had been voted by the members as a mark of their esteem. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, to Bro. Edward White, for his valuable and efficient services as W.M. of the Lodge. Jan. 9th 1880." The W.M. thought that the task of ruling a Lodge was a great ordeal for any man to go through, and if at the end of a term of office a brother possessed the good opinion of the whole of the members he was amply repaid for any trouble he might have been put to. He was sure Bro. White would be welcomed into the ranks of the P.M.'s, and he hoped that he would be found there for many years to come. In acknowledging the last toast, the I.P.M. said if he had felt somewhat awkward in proposing the health of the W.M., he must say he felt more so now that he had to respond for himself. The year of Mastership he had just passed through might be looked back upon as most satisfactory, especially so far as the finances of the Lodge were concerned. The Lodge was then in a better position, so far as funds were concerned, than it had ever been before. They had given a large amount to the Charities, and he thought they had done everything that was needed. He did not wish to take any credit to himself for this result, but he must say it was a great pleasure to look back upon it. He felt he had performed the duties of the chair with some amount of credit to himself. A young Mason such as he was must naturally feel great diffidence in ruling so large a Lodge as the Domatic, and he was pleased that the result had been so satisfactory. He believed all had enjoyed themselves during the past year; he was sure he had. He again thanked the brethren for the kindness they had at all times displayed towards him. The W.M., in introducing the next toast, said it was a very important one, and one that should be received with the greatest cordiality. The Lodge was deeply indebted to the visiting brethren for having been honoured by their presence. He should at all times hail with delight the advent of visitors. The Domatic Lodge was celebrated throughout the Craft for being one of the most hospitable as well as one of the largest and "noisiest" of the London Lodges, and he hoped they would long continue to deserve that reputation. On the present occasion they had thirty-four guests, all of whom he was pleased to see, and to each of whom he tendered his heartiest welcome. With the toast he coupled the names of Bros. Haddro, Briggs,

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Digby, Swanborough, Johnson, &c. Bro. Haddro assured the brethren that it afforded him great pleasure to attend. This was the first visit he had ever paid to a London Lodge, and he had thoroughly enjoyed it. No man more deserved the success that had attended him than the W.M., who was fully entitled to his present proud position. Bro. Swanborough expressed the pleasure he had experienced during the evening. He felt quite at home among the members of 177, so many of them being personally known to him. He had been told that his elder brother was initiated into Freemasonry in this Lodge some 25 years since; he was now pleased to visit, as it were, old friends of the family. Bro. Parkes paid the members a compliment for the excellent way in which the work of the Lodge had been conducted. If ever he had the fortune to be elected to fill the chair of a Lodge he hoped he might be able to conduct the affairs as well as they were carried out at the Domatic. Bros. Johnson, Digby and Briggs also responded. Bro. Digby said he had attended that night to see if he could learn anything that would enable him to perform the ceremony in his own Lodge better than he was before capable of doing, and he must admit that he had gained considerable knowledge from what he had seen. The W.M. next proposed the health of the P.M.'s. They were esteemed for their worth, and honoured for their antiquity. Of one thing there could be no doubt, the P.M.'s of the Domatic had for years past done their duty: one and all had ever been ready and willing to do everything in their power for the good of the Lodge. The W.M. specially referred to Bro. Elmes, the father of the Lodge, who he said was especially entitled to honour, having been a member of the Lodge for upwards of forty years. He concluded by expressing a wish that the P.M.'s might long be spared to take a part in the meetings of the Lodge. Bro. Walford considered it a great privilege to be numbered among the P.M.'s of the Domatic Lodge, he had enjoyed the position for some years past. He believed that all the P.M.'s were actuated by the same feelings as he himself,—to do everything in their power to secure the prosperity of the Lodge. Bro. Elmes briefly tendered his thanks. Bro. Ferguson hoped the P.M.'s would ever strive to obtain and always secure the good feeling of the members. Bro. Kent said the main object among the P.M.'s was to strive who should serve the Lodge the most. Bro. Willing congratulated the W.M. on the able manner in which he had that day been installed. The P.M.'s were very pleased to see the W.M. had arrived at the summit of a Mason's ambition. He believed the selection of Officers was everything that could be desired. In giving the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, the W.M. said that the two brethren who filled those positions in the Domatic Lodge were everything that could be wished. The brethren well knew, and thoroughly appreciated, the value of the brother who had undertaken the duty of Treasurer. Bro. Everett had always worked for the interests of the Lodge, and had secured the unanimous support of the members. Bro. Morris the Secretary followed worthily in the steps of the Treasurer. The brethren had heard how the Auditors had complimented him, and one and all knew how well he had performed the duties of his office. Bro. Everett, in reply, would content himself by saying that all the good things that had been said about the Domatic Lodge were correct. The members were happy, united, and unanimous. He had set his heart in doing all in his power to secure the happiness of the brethren, and he hoped his efforts had been successful. Bro. Morris felt he had but done his duty; as an Officer of the Lodge, he should try and give equal satisfaction during the coming year that he had in the past; and if the W.M.'s successor could speak of him as the W.M. had that night done, he should feel amply repaid for the trouble he was put to in carrying out the work of his office. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Officers; this toast he characterised as one always cordially drunk by the members of the Domatic Lodge. All must know that it would be impossible to manage a Lodge without good Officers; he felt that those appointed that night had done their duty in the past, and would continue to do so. He hoped that each in turn would be honoured by the Lodge conferring on him the highest appointment it was in their power to bestow. After a response from each Officer, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. Among the Visitors were Bros. W. Beavis I.G. 879, A. Price 1351, W. Banbery 217, George Briggs W.M. 1572, C. Digby W.M. 933, J. D. Barr 1293, R. L. Sindall S.W. 1293, Edward Swanborough W.M. 1319, H. J. Ashby 1319, J. H. Haddro P.M. 376, T. R. Elkington 376, Augustus F. Leech J.W. 749, W. Russell P.M. 77, Henry Walden 463, E. W. Parkes, W. Blank 704, W. J. Collens I.G. 766, James Barber 933, W. J. Cooper 1668, George C. Pulsford 1593, F. A. Kelly 1624, J. B. Edwards 861 and 1107, F. Silvester 193, J. L. Baker P.M. 1305, G. N. Johnson P.M. No. 1, Henry G. Thompson P.M. 299, John Owen 1459, W. P. Webb P.M. 1381, F. W. Koch P.M. 820, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385.

MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 179.

THE installation meeting of this ancient Lodge was held on Thursday, 15th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bros. D. M. Belfrage W.M., W. A. Lovett S.W., Green J.W., W. Hopekirk P.M. Treasurer, W. Hughes P.M. Secretary, C. Pugsley S.D., Dettmar J.D., Brown I.G. Kew P.M., and a numerous assemblage of brethren. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Kew P.M., by the courtesy of the W.M., raised Bro. Lindsay to the third degree. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. W. A. Lovett was presented to the Lodge, and received the benefit of installation at the hands of Bro. Kew. On the readmission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted, and he appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. D. M. Belfrage I.P.M., H. C. Green S.W., C. Pugsley J.W., W. Hopekirk P.M. Treasurer, W. Hughes P.M. Secretary, Dettmar S.D., Brown J.D., Dickinson I.G., Millward D.C., Osmond A.D.C., Parsons W.S., Doran Tyler, R. Webb Organist, Parker Musical Director. Bro. Kew was warmly congratulated at the conclusion of the ceremony. Hearty good wishes were given by the brethren and Visitors, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren then sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro Clemow. After grace had been said, the W.M., who ably presided, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. D. M. Belfrage I.P.M., in proposing the toast of the W.M., was sure he would prove as good a Master as any who had preceded him; he was already a Past Master of another Lodge. He (Bro. Belfrage) was confident the Manchester, under his direction, would prove a success. Bro. Stead sang a very humorous song. The W.M. then replied. He thanked the I.P.M. for the manner in which the toast had been proposed. From the moment he joined the Craft he had hoped to attain the position of W.M., and in no Lodge more than in this old and influential one; he hoped he should, on leaving the chair, have the same good feeling shown him that had been exhibited that evening. Bro. Parker sang, splendidly, "A father's love." The W.M. then proposed the toast of the I.P.M. Bro. Belfrage; all who had attended the Lodge had seen how he had carried out the duties of the chair during his year of office. in very feeling terms the W.M. then presented him with an elegant jewel, the gift of the Lodge; in placing it on his breast, he expressed the hope that Bro. Belfrage might live long to wear it, and that he might be among them for many years as a P.M. of the Lodge. After a capital song from Bro. Phillips, Bro. Belfrage replied; six years since he was initiated in the Lodge; his year of office as Master was one of unalloyed pleasure, the recollection of it would never be effaced from his memory. As to the jewel presented to him, and the inscription on it, this was more than he could find words to acknowledge. Bro. Parsons sang a very excellent impromptu song. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the visiting brethren, whom they were always pleased to see among them. Bro. Phillips P.M. 173 and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 responded, they complimented the Lodge on its hospitality, the working of the Installing Master, and the charitable feeling exhibited by the members. Bro. Lindsay sang "The Skipper and his Boy." The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Installing Officer Bro. Kew P.M. Every one knew his capabilities, and the interest he had taken, not only in the Lodge, but also in the Craft at large. The W.M. had never heard the ceremony more perfectly worked than had been done by Bro. Kew; he took this opportunity, in the name of the Lodge, to drink to his health, and thank him for all the services he had rendered to them. Bro. James Parker sang splendidly "The Village Blacksmith." Bro. Kew P.M. in a very excellent speech, returned thanks. What he did for the Lodge and Freemasonry was a labour of love, all and any assistance he could render would be at their service. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s, they were all patterns of what P.M.'s should be. He would ask the brethren to drink the toast, and accord it the reception it merited. Bro. Dickinson sang a capital song accompanying himself on the piano. Bro. Hopekirk P.M. and Treasurer responded. No one could wish the Lodge greater prosperity than did the P.M.'s. He hoped all would pay deference to the Master, and perfect themselves so as to be enabled to occupy the chair. In every day life, while he was connected with the Lodge, he hoped they would always have a member like the W.M. to fill the chair. Bro. Belfrage I.P.M. followed in a telling speech, and the W.M. then proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities, and spoke eloquently of those noble institutions. He informed the company that he was a Steward for the ensuing Festival of the R.M.B. Institution, which will take place on the 9th February; he hoped to have a good list to present. Bro. Jas. Terry returned thanks. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Officers said he hoped his selection had given satisfaction. He was sure, with their assistance he would be able to carry out the duties of the chair. This toast having been responded to, the Tyler's was given, and the brethren separated after passing a very agreeable and harmonious evening. Among the visitors were—Bros. J. C. Lardner 1586, J. Weston S.W. 1602, J. H. Townshend 1426, Phillips P.M. 173, Mansfield W.M. 766, Stead S.W. 1622, Walrond 141, Howard 1708, J. C. Reynolds 1229, Jacard 1314, Holland, Jas. Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts, H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1247.

THE dinner of this Lodge, to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, was held on Wednesday, 14th inst., at Bro. C. Walters', Farley Hotel, Plymouth. Amongst those present were Worshipful Brother Byron Elliott W.M., who presided, and W. Bros. George Firks I.P.M., Pearce S.W., J. Kinton Bond J.W., F. Aubrey Thomas P.M. P.P.G.S.D., J. R. Lord P.M. Treasurer, J. Rendle P.M. Secretary, R. P. Culley P.M., J. Fly P.M., J. H. Keats P.M., Elliott Square P.M., R. A. Penrose S.D., H. J. Barter J.D., H. Lewis I.G., A. Rider D.C., R. C. Uglow S.S., J. A. Christie Organist, E. S. Lancaster, all of 1247; J. E. Curtois P.M. P.P.G.S.W., Charles Gotschalk P.M. P.P.G.D., S. Jew P.M. P.P.G.T., R. Twose P.M. P.P.G.T., E. A. Davies P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., T. W. Fitch P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., Bowhay Mark Embden W.M., John James P.M. 105, S. Pearce P.M. 159, T. Goodall P.M., Thomas Gibbons W.M. 1205, W. H. Pike J.W. 156, J. C. Cornish P.M. and Treasurer 223, W. Criper 218. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the Worshipful Master especially. Since its formation—some eleven years since—this Lodge has been celebrated for the musical talent of its members. The arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors were quite in accordance with the reputation of the Lodge, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Thanks were given to Bro. and Mrs. Walters for their admirable catering. During the evening a very handsome gold Past Master's jewel, voted by the Lodge, was given to the I.P. Master, on which was engraved the following inscription:—"Presented to W. Bro. G. J. Firks, by the Brethren of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1247, to mark their appreciation of his zeal during his Mastership.—A.L. 5879."

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UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

A SPECIAL meeting of Grand Lodge was held on Saturday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, London, for the purpose of the appointment and the investiture of a Grand Secretary, in room of Bro. John Hervey, who resigned that office 3rd Dec. 1879, on account of serious and long-continued ill-health. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M. Wor. Grand Master, presided; and, on his entering Grand Lodge, which was composed of some 500 brethren, was received with vociferous cheering. On his taking his seat in the Grand Master's Chair, Lord Skelmersdale occupied the Chair of Deputy Grand Master on his right, and Colonel Burdett took the position of Past Grand Master on his left. Captain Platt Past Grand Warden took the Chair of Grand Senior Warden, and Major-General the Hon. Somerset G. Calthorpe the Chair of Junior Grand Warden. The Rev. R. J. Simpson and the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplains, officiated as Grand Chaplains. Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) Grand Director of Ceremonies, Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer, W. J. B. Monckton (Town Clerk) President of the Board of General Purposes, and H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, also occupied the seats reserved for those Officers. Among other Grand and Past Grand Officers present were General Brownrigg Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, Sir Michael Costa, Captain N. G. Philips Past Grand Deacon, W. R. H. Giddy District Grand Master of Griqualand, S. Rawson and H. Murray Past District Grand Masters of China, Thomas Fenn Past Grand Deacon, ex-Sheriff Hutton, James Lewis Thomas, H. J. P. Dumas, J. M. Case, Joshua Nunn, Dr. Jabez Hogg, and John Gibson Grand Superintendent of Works. The new Grand Secretary, Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, as a Past Grand Deacon, sat a little to the rear of the Grand Master among the Past Grand Officers on the dais. Bro. Henry G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, after the formal opening of Grand Lodge, by the direction of the Prince of Wales, read the summons assembling the brethren. The Prince of Wales then said: Brethren,—This special meeting of Grand Lodge has been called together for the purpose of investing Bro. Shadwell Clerke with the office of Grand Secretary. You will, brethren, I feel sure, agree with me that we have every reason to deplore and lament the serious illness of Brother Hervey, who has fulfilled the duties of Grand Secretary for many years so ably and well; and I am sure it is with unfeigned regret we learned that, from the state of his health he has thought it necessary to resign the important, and I may say very arduous duties of his office. Brethren, as your Grand Master, I have felt some responsibility in choosing one who I thought would be capable of holding this important post, and also at the same time I was anxious he should be one who would be agreeable generally to the brethren. I can only hope that the choice I have made is one which will meet with your approbation. I feel convinced that Brother Shadwell Clerke will do his duty to the utmost in the new and important situation he is about to fill. I may add, as you are doubtless aware, brethren, that Brother Shadwell Clerke has had many important duties in Masonry, but I know from him that those duties will in nowise interfere with the duties of Grand Secretary which he is about to hold. Colonel Shadwell Clerke was then conducted by Sir Albert Woods and Mr. Thomas Fenn to the right of his Royal Highness, when the Grand Tyler (Bro. Henry Sadler) attended with the Grand Secretary's apron, collar, jewel and gauntlets, on a blue velvet cushion. The Prince of Wales thereupon took these regalia, invested Colonel Shadwell Clerke with them, and afterwards cordially shook him by the hand. The new Grand Secretary proceeded to his table, under the conduct of Sir Albert Woods and Bro. Fenn, amidst universal cheering. Sir Albert Woods then called the brethren to "order," and taking the "fire" from him, Colonel Clerke was saluted with the salutes appertaining to his rank. The Prince of Wales then announced that there was no more business before the Grand Lodge, which was therefore closed in due form. On leaving Lodge, as on entering, his Royal Highness was greeted with loud and continued applause. Colonel Shadwell Clerke was presented with an address of congratulation from the Masonic Province of Monmouth by the hands of Brother William Watkins, of Newport, Monmouthshire, who was deputed by the brethren of that Province to perform the duty.

In another column we publish a letter from Bro. S. B. Wilson, referring to his unfortunate disagreement with the House Committee of the Boys' School. We regret exceedingly that there should be any cause for threats of legal proceedings, but if Bro. Wilson cannot obtain redress without recourse to law, we think he is quite justified in appealing to that tribunal. We shall take the opportunity of referring to the matter at more length in a future number. At present we can but hope, in the interest of the Institution so dear to us all, that an amicable settlement will be arrived at.

We have this year received, as usual, Calendars from the Provinces of West Yorkshire and North and East Yorkshire, compiled by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and of Lancaster; compiled by Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore P.G.S.B. England. We have before testified to the usefulness of these little works, and think it only necessary to say that the same care that has characterised previous issues appears to have been taken with those now under notice.

On Friday, 16th inst., the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, accompanied by the Masters of the School, the Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes, and others, paid a visit to the Alexandra Palace, and, on the invitation of Bros. Bertram and Roberts, witnessed the performance of the Pantomime there. We need hardly say that, "Our Boys" greatly appreciated the kindness of Bros. Bertram and Roberts, who have thus again evidenced the great interest they take in the institution at Wood Green.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

THE first meeting of the Royal Sussex Preceptory of Knights Templar since its removal from Devonport was held on Wednesday, 14th inst., at Newton Abbott, its future place of encampment. A satisfactory balance of over £12 has been handed over by the late Treasurer, E. Sir Knight Vincent Bird P.P.G.A. England, &c. Sir E. Knight Thomas Perry was elected E.P., and Sir Knight William Vicary was elected Treasurer.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 24th JANUARY.

Adjourned Quarterly Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8

149—Pence, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood

MONDAY, 26th JANUARY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1488—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1818—Clapham, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
204—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
404—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M. M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 27th JANUARY.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Dramatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
783—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
290—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1689—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R. A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K. T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 28th JANUARY.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masons Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
229—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Inst.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1136—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1548—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1763—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R. C.—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1084—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1095—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. (Instruction.)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1292—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Shaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R. A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
M. M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M. M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale

THURSDAY, 29th JANUARY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
298—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
439—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
934—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R. A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
M. M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K. T.—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale
K. T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 30th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
786—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 9 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Staidburn.
420—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1031—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 31st JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 20th inst., at Bro. Bond's, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, W.C. Present—Bros. Dickins W.M., Hallam jun. S.W., T. B. Linscott J.W., John Soper Sec., Snodin S.D., Hallam sen. J.D., Alford I.G.; Past Master Bro. John Bingemann Preceptor. Lodge was opened to the second degree, when Bro. Soper offering himself as a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Soper was raised. The following sections of the third

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lecture were then worked—1st by Bro. Hallam jun., 2nd by Bro. Hallam sen. Lodge resumed to the first degree, was then closed, and adjourned to 27th January, at 7 p.m. The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed on Tuesday, February 10th, by Bro. Pownceby W.M. of the Constitutional Lodge.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—The usual meeting was held at Bro. Seaton's, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Wednesday, 21st inst. Present—Bros. Walker W.M., J. Smith S.W., A. Kahn J.W., Biddle P.M. S.D., W. J. Ramsay J.D., Saint I.G., Tobias, &c.; Visitor Bro. McGuire, of the Corinthian, 1802. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. McGuire offering himself as candidate. Bro. McGuire was elected a member. The Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and the meeting adjourned till next Wednesday evening at 7.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 13th January 1880, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present:—Bros. A. Withers W.M., W. Radcliffe S.W., Dr. Waters J.W., W. W. Morgan Sec., Usher Bach S.D., W. E. Young J.D., J. F. Hentsch I.G., T. C. Speight Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Alfred Green, D. Drysdale, T. H. Lavers, J. Laver; Bros. H. Green, Peirce, Crapper, Thring, J. Withers, Carter, Skipp. Visitors—George King P.M. 172, W. V. Dunkley I.G. 1777, H. J. Carter 1585, Henry Webb P.M. 72, Alfred Kent 1425, J. A. Coldicutt late 211, Frederick Dickinson 1298. The Warrant of the St. Michael's Lodge bears date the 11th day of September 1795; the number it then bore on the roll of the Grand Lodge (Ancients) was 290. At the Union it was placed as No. 367; at the renumbering of the Lodges in 1832 it became No. 235, while since 1863 it has stood as No. 211 on the roll. The Lodge has, during its career, stood prominently forward, and has had many eminent Masons associated in its government; while, at the present day, it seems likely fully to sustain the *prestige* of the past. The meeting of Tuesday, the 13th inst., was an eminently successful one, and Bro. Alfred Withers the W.M. must be congratulated on terminating his Mastership under such auspicious circumstances. The first business of the day was a ballot for Mr. Alexander Dickson, Secretary Kent Water Company, who was proposed by Bro. Lavers P.M., and seconded by Bro. John Laver P.M. The result was unanimous in favour of the candidate. Bro. Crapper, a candidate for the second degree, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Thring, a candidate for the third, underwent examination. Bro. Crapper was then introduced, and the W.M. conferred on him the degree of Fellow Craft. Bros. Crapper and Thring then retired, and the Lodge was opened in the third degree; Bro. Thring was re-admitted, and the W.M. worked the ceremony of the sublime degree in favour of the candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the Secretary, who had not been able to attend in the early part of the proceedings, read the minutes of last meeting, which were confirmed and signed. Mr. Alexander Dickson was next introduced, and received his first lesson in Freemasonry, Bro. Withers rendering this ceremony, as he had those of the two other degrees, most perfectly. The election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelvemonths was the next business, and the S.W. Bro. William Radcliffe received the suffrages of the brethren without one dissenting voice—a result that that worthy brother seemed fully to appreciate. The choice of the brethren for the office of Treasurer again fell on Bro. C. Greenwood P.M. Prov. G. Sec. Surrey, and Bro. T. C. Speight P.M. was re-appointed Tyler. Bros. Young, Martin, and Bach were appointed Auditors. After the Bye-laws had been read by the Secretary, and the transaction of routine business, Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was served in the large Dining Hall of the Albion, and was placed upon the table with the accessories for which this establishment is so famed. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Withers proceeded with the toasts customary on these occasions. After that of the Queen and the Craft, the National Anthem was sung, Bro. P.M. Green sustaining the solo parts. In speaking to the toast of the M.W. Grand Master, the W.M. remarked that our illustrious Prince had given the most earnest attention to the duties required of him, and had gained the respect and esteem of Freemasons throughout England. The next toast—the Pro G. Master, the Deputy G. Master, and the Grand Officers Past and Present—needed not to be expatiated upon. The constituents of this illustrious body had every reason to be proud of their representatives. The toast was cordially received, after which Bro. Martin favoured the brethren with "Simon the Cellarer." Bro. Alfred Green I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., this pleasing duty devolved upon him that evening for the last time. He had infinite satisfaction in doing so. In whatever capacity they considered the claims of the W.M., whether as the persevering student, the Master of ritual, or for his liberality and generosity as a Mason, Bro. Withers was worthy of their esteem. All must regard with satisfaction the rapid strides he had made. His rendering of the ceremonies had been able and conscientious, while the poetry of his eloquence had taken all by surprise. He was always ready to extend the warm greeting of fellowship, and his year of Mastership had, indeed, shed a lustre on the St. Michael's Lodge. After a song from Bro. Kent, the W.M. returned thanks, in brief but hearty terms, and then came the several toasts of the Initiate, the Visitors, the Past Masters, the Charities. To all these brief replies were made, but the remarks were well to the point. The W.M. elect in due course received his meed of praise, which compliment he gracefully acknowledged. As usual at this Lodge the musical brethren well exercised themselves; we may especially mention Bros. Carter, Thring, J. Laver, Bach and A. Green. One feature of the evening we must not omit to mention. In the banqueting room was exhibited a capital portrait of the Worshipful Master, painted by a young, but we think a rising artist,—Mr. Ward Robertson. From the expressions of approval we heard, it is more than likely we may be called upon to give an opinion on other works by the same gentleman. The Installation Meeting of the Lodge will take place on Tuesday, the 10th February.

Chapter of Prosperity, No. 290.—The regular Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield, on 14th January. The Comps. were summoned for seven o'clock, but it was fully 7.15 before the Chapter was opened. In the absence of Comp. Allen Haigh Z., the duties were performed by Wm. Schofield P.Z., Sykes H., and Farrer J. The business being light, there was not so great an assemblage of Comps. as usual. Minutes having been read and confirmed, the three lectures were given—the Historical by Comp. Farrer J., this being the first time of his delivering a lecture; he did it very creditably, with care and attention, and a certain amount of impressiveness. The Symbolic was delivered by Comp. Sykes H., and more was expected from him, he evidently not being fully at home with the lecture; it was neither impressive nor perfect, he having to be continually prompted. The Mystical was delivered in a masterly manner by Comp. Brierley, and was a pleasing relief to the previous one, being delivered with great care, skill, and impressiveness. There were also present Comps. B. Hutchinson P.Z., John W. Turner P.Z., Wheawill E., Mitchell P.S., and others. After the completion of the business and the Chapter closed, the Comps. partook of refreshments, after which the usual toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and at an early hour the Companions separated.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the meeting on the 16th inst. there were present—Bros. Youens W.M., Gomm S.W., Jones J.W., Acworth S.D., C. E. Botley J.D. (Hon. Sec. *pro tem*), Maton I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Goss P.M., Gunner (Hon. Sec.), Wotton and Bellerby 1612. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Acworth candidate. Bro. Wotton answered the questions leading to the second degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Gomm, who opened in the second, and worked the ceremony of passing, Bro. Wotton candidate. The Lodge was closed in the second, and Bro. Youens resumed the chair. Bro. Gomm was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. C. P. Bellerby of the West Middlesex Lodge 1612 was elected a member. A cordial vote of thanks was given to the W.M. (to be recorded on the minutes) for his able conduct in the chair, it being the first time he had occupied that position. Bro. Gunner (Hon. Sec.) was congratulated on his reappearance after his severe illness, and the Lodge was closed with observance of ancient custom and adjourned till Friday, 23rd January, at 7.30. p.m.

Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 834.—A meeting was held on Friday, 16th instant, at the Six Bells Tavern, Hammersmith, Bro. G. Festa W.M., Perdue S.W., Jack J.W., Alais Hon. Sec., and a numerous attendance of brethren. The Lodge having been opened, the W.M. performed the ceremony of passing excellently. The Lodge of Instruction having been closed, the brethren, nearly forty in number, sat down to an excellent supper provided by Bro. Copplestone. The W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts; in eloquent terms proposing that of the worthy Secretary, Bro. Alais, who he said was worthy of their regard and esteem. They were also met to inaugurate the removal of the Lodge from the Bell and Anchor to its present place of meeting, and he felt this a fitting opportunity to present to Bro. Alais the testimonial which had been subscribed for by the brethren. He accordingly handed to Bro. Alais a very elegant clock, and hoped he would live for many years, and look on it as a souvenir of the regard and esteem of the brethren for his indefatigable exertions for their comfort. When he gazed on it, he would remember the many pleasing hours he had passed with them in this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Alais, in reply, said he was overpowered by his feelings at the flattering remarks of the W.M., and the reception of the toast, with their valuable gift. It would be an incentive to him to do all in his power for the Lodge; this he had done in the past. The toast of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Perdue in very feeling terms, and appropriately responded to. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Preceptor, Bro. Read P.M., who had rendered the brethren great services by his valuable instruction. This having been responded to, the brethren separated, after some very excellent songs. Bro. Copplestone was warmly complimented for his excellent providing, and attention to the comfort of those assembled. Among the brethren were Bros. B. Swallow P.G.J.D. Middlesex, Docker, Moiles, Joseph Andrews, Burton, S. Williams, G. Clayton, A. Thomson, Vowler, H. Blunden, R. H. Williams, Harrison, Carter, H. Corston, W. C. Williams, Collins, Morton, Read, Square, Oliver, Webb, Metcalf, W. H. Chalfont, Captain Gunge, Blake, Butt, Symons, Dobson, C. Corston, &c.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 20th instant, at Bro. Smyth's, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Christian W.M., Hand S.W., Clark J.W., Smyth S.D., Williams J.D., Fleck I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Polak, Dallas, Allen, C. Lorkin, Carr, and others. The Lodge was opened to the second degree. Bro. Polak was interrogated and entrusted. The Lodge opened in the third degree, and Bro. Polak was raised. Bro. Allen assisted Bro. C. Lorkin to work the 2nd section, and Bro. P.M. Wallington the 3rd section of the lecture. The Lodge was resumed to the second degree. Bro. Carr assisted Bro. C. Lorkin to work the 1st section of that lecture. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Hand assisted Bro. Lorkin to work the 3rd section of the lecture. Bro. Hand was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, 27th January, by the following brethren:—Bros. C. Lorkin J.D. 1524 W.M., Webb P.M. 1607 S.W., Christian 860 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Smyth 1524, Clark I.G. 1178, Hand 1178, Christian 860, Moss 1275, Webb P.M. 1607, Powell S.W. Second Lecture—Bros. Carr I.G. 1607, Hallam S.W. 1349, Fenner S.W. 1227, Smith S.D. 860, Worsley S.W. 860. Third Lecture—Bros. Brasted J.W. 1554, Allen W.M., Perren P.M. 1056. The Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock.

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JORDAN LODGE, No. 201.

THE Installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, 16th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, London. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Smith, who was supported by Bros. Hyland S.W., Payn J.W., Davage P.M. Treasurer, Robinson P.M. Secretary, Wallis S.D., Dovey J.D. Past Masters Bros. Ellsam, Reed, Wagner, Spooner, Whitley, &c. Bros. Gibbs and Smith were passed, after which Bro. T. J. Hyland was formally presented as W.M. elect. He was obligated, and a Board of Installed Masters being opened, he was placed in the chair of the Lodge by Bro. P.M. Ellsam. After the usual salutations, the following brethren were appointed as the Officers for the year:—Bros. Payn S.W., Wallis J.W., Davage Treas., Robinson Sec., Dovey S.D., Fox J.D., Simpson I.G. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room. At the conclusion of the banquet, after grace, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. He hoped the day was not far distant when all men would have as much reason to be proud of their rulers as Englishmen were of their Queen. The toast was heartily received and followed by the National Anthem. Those of the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers followed. With the latter was coupled the name of Bro. J. Wright P.G.P. who in reply, after acknowledging the kind way in which the toast had been received, said he believed all agreed with the remarks of the W.M. that the Grand Officers one and all did their duty. Nothing could give a greater zest to any brother or induce him to perform his duties more efficiently that an appointment to an office in Grand Lodge, be it ever so low on the list. The I.P.M. next rose; it was now his pleasure to propose the health of the W.M. All must feel proud that a brother so young and so amiable as the W.M. should have risen to fill the office. Had he been fortunate enough to have been appointed to the chair at so early an age he should have looked forward to a long round of pleasure; he had no doubt but that Bro. Hyland did so now, and he felt sure all present heartily wished that he might enjoy it. The W.M. in reply tendered his thanks to the brethren for having placed him in his present proud position. Without doubt he considered it was a great honor to be placed in the chair so young as he was. He hoped he might carry out the duties of the office to the satisfaction of the brethren and conduct the affairs of the Lodge in a way that would add to its good name. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Visitors. He saw several round the board, many of whom had done so much for Freemasonry that were he to attempt to recount all the good work they had accomplished he feared they would not get away before midnight. He would simply call on the members to honour the toast, and then let each of the guests say a few words for himself. Bro. Walls having explained that he considered much time was wasted at Masonic gatherings in long speeches, which he did not think were necessary, proceeded to thank the W.M. and members for the reception accorded to the Visitors. Bro. Stiles followed. He was very pleased at the way in which the work of the Lodge had been conducted. Several of the brethren present may not have had the experience of the W.M. that he had. In another Lodge he had seen him perform his duty extremely well, and in Lodges of Instruction he had so often shown his ability that he felt sure the work of ruling the Lodge would be efficiently carried out. Bro. Hyland now proposed the health of the I.P.M., whom he had known for many years. He had always found that Brother using his utmost endeavours to carry out the duties of any position he undertook with zest and true Masonic feeling. More especially was this the case as regarded the Masonic Charities which had been one of Bro. Smith's first cares. Bro. Hyland said he had the pleasure of being initiated with his I.P.M., and therefore felt that a closer tie existed between them than was ordinarily the case. In reply to the toast the I.P.M. tendered his thanks. He always tried to be a good Mason, and to act up to the principles taught in the Lodge. He felt a great pleasure in associating himself with the Charities, all of which he hoped to see in a continued state of prosperity. He was convinced that if the brethren more numerously visited the Institutions there would be many more supporters, as all must be gratified at the way in which they were conducted. The W.M. in giving the health of the P.M.'s said he was very happy to say the Lodge possessed a long array of trusty brethren who had in years gone by faithfully discharged the duties of the chair. Even now they were ever ready to undertake any duty or perform any work that might be required of them. Bro. Ellsam in reply said it always afforded him the greatest pleasure to attend the Lodge or do anything for its members. He really felt it a great pleasure that he had that night installed into the chair a brother who, he was sure, would be able to perform all the work that might arise. He felt sure he was echoing the sentiments of the other Past Masters when he said they were all anxious to do what was required of them. Bro. Spooner followed. He was initiated in the Lodge 34 years back, and since that time had always met with the greatest kindness from its members. The Lodge appeared to him to be formed of a happy and united band. He felt sure the W.M. would speedily become an ornament to the Craft, and that he would do everything in his power to uphold the prestige of the Jordan Lodge. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was the next on the list. The W.M. thought that the election and the selection of those two officers met with universal approval. It was really impossible to find better men than those who filled the offices in the Jordan Lodge. Bro. Secretary, after tendering his thanks, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to perform the duties of his office. So long as he had worn the collar the Lodge had continued on a course of progress. It was then in a better position than it had ever been before, so far as he knew after an experience of twenty years. As a small Lodge, he thought they did as much in true charity as many much larger could boast of. Bro. Davage, the Treasurer, followed. It afforded him great pleasure to fill the office to which he had been elected. So far as he could ascertain the Lodge funds were in a better condition than they had been at any time during the past year. He hoped that every brother would assist him as far as laid in his power. The toast of the Charities was next given, and responded to by Bro. James Terry. As a result of that brother remarks one of the members offered himself as Steward at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and at once commenced collecting subscriptions on its behalf. Before the brethren separated, a goodly sum was promised, which we believe will be augmented at the next meeting by a grant from the Lodge funds. In addition to this, Bro. Smith, the Immediate Past Master, undertook a similar duty on behalf of the Jerusalem Chapter, which is, we believe, strongly supported by the Jordan Lodge, so that between the two the members of No. 201 promise to be to the fore in the Charity lists of 1880. Bro. Hyland, in proposing the health of his Officers, thought the selection he had that night made was the best that circumstances afforded. To this toast each of the Officers replied in brief and appropriate terms. The Tyler was now summoned, and he gave the usual closing toast, A.U.B.N.R. Among the Visitors who were present we may name Bros. Ferguson P.M. 177, Wright 781, Martins 1329, Storey 1107 P. Prov. Grand Steward of W. Kent, Millard 179, James Terry Sec. R.M.B.I., Pincher 1677, Walls W.M. 1381, Stock P.M. 1178, Garbit P.M. 1178, Stiles W.M. 1732, Cook J.D. 1744, Mabey 1744, Gibb 1178, and Morgan jun. 1385.

SALISBURY LODGE, No. 435.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 20th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. J. Holden W.M., Emil Berger S.W., Jeffs J.W., W. H. Hooper P.M. Secretary, H. T. Hooper S.D., Allhausen J.D., Ball I.G.; Past Masters Secker, S. Rosenthal, Wilhelm Ganz P.G.O., Stamwitz, Biggs, Sachs, and Rahells. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Captain J. Arnitt and Mr. J. R. Ward, which were unanimous in their favour. They will come forward for initiation at the next Lodge meeting. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Emil Berger S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., in a very perfect and impressive manner. There were fifteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. The W.M. having been saluted according to ancient custom, appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. J. Holden I.P.M., Jeffs S.W., Hooper J.W., W. H. Hooper P.M. Secretary, Allhausen S.D., Ball J.D., Cook I.G., Brown D.C., Marsh Tyler. Loud applause followed the investiture of each Officer. The Senior Warden presented the brethren with a new ballot box. Bro. Jeffs S.W. announced his intention to act as Steward for the Anniversary Festival for the Girls' School, and Bro. Capstick consented to do a like service at the Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School. The sum of five guineas was voted to be placed on each of their lists, and also five guineas on the list of the W.M., who is a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Hearty good wishes were given by the Visitors, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins, which gave great satisfaction. Among the Visitors were Bros. Frend P.M. No. 1, Southwood 1260, T. Cooper W.M. 538, Lindner W.M. 25, Baker P.M. 753, E. Humphreys 538, Powneby W.M. 55, C. V. Bibra 1446, Simmons 1677, Starkey 813, Drew 591, Humphries 45, Blundell 742, Meredith 742, Lloyd S.D. 1201, Dane 173, Fountain W.M. 1216, Belejante 36, S. A. Cooper J.W. 1637, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Grace having been said, the W.M., in eloquent terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Speaking of the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, he said they were proud to recognise Bro. Ganz P.G.O.; he generally was called on to respond to the toast, but on this occasion he was obliged to leave. Bro. Holden I.P.M. rose; holding the gavel, he had now the pleasure to propose the toast of the W.M. This always received at the hands of the brethren a good reception. The present W.M. would find such support as would enable him to carry out the duties, and would, at the end of his year, receive at their hands a testimony of their good wishes. The W.M. said he could not attempt to emulate the eloquence of the preceding speaker, but if they would accept his heartfelt thanks for the kindness shown him, and say after his term had expired he had performed the duties required of him, he should feel intensely gratified. He had now the great pleasure to propose the toast of the Installing Master, who had well shown his proficiency; the lecture on the Tracing-board given by him needed no comment. The brethren had voted him a jewel, which he well deserved, and in placing it on Bro. Holden's breast, he hoped he would live for many years to wear it, and enjoy health and prosperity. Bro. Holden said his services, humble though they were, it was gratifying to him, were appreciated; he was proud of the position of W.M., and equally so of that of P.M. As long as he was spared, he would thank the brethren who had awarded him and decorated him with a jewel; he did not think he should have such a badge of peace placed on his breast, as a mark of the kindness of those who had helped him to attain the Master's chair; he would always treasure it as a mark of their esteem. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters; they had many among them—all respected in the Craft; he would call on the brethren to give the toast the reception it merited. Bro. Rahells replied, in a very excellent speech; he had watched the career of the W.M.; he was one that would cultivate the right feeling of good fellowship, and would rule the Lodge with kindness. One of the precepts of the Craft is good will to all men; he (the speaker) was sure the W.M. would at the end of his year of office have the good wishes of every brother. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors; they were very numerous; he saw many who were distinguished in the Craft, and one who came from South America. Bros. Belejante, Frend, and H. M. Levy returned thanks; all complimented the W.M., who had so ably presided; while the excellent manner in which the Installing Master performed the ceremony was beyond praise. The toast of the Officers was next given, the W.M. especially complimenting Bros. Jeffs and Hooper, who replied. Several other toasts followed, and altogether the time passed most pleasantly.

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ORDER OF ST. LAWRENCE.

Metropolitan Lodge.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at 3 Red Lion-square, on Saturday, 17th inst. Present:—Bros. C. F. Matier P.M. as W.M., S. C. Dibdin S.W., S. Rawson J.W., D. M. Dewar Secretary, Robert Roy I.G.; Bros. F. Binckes P.M., S. Rosenthal P.M., J. Constable P.M., Thomas Cubitt, J. E. Anderson, George Graveley, C. E. Soppet, George Lambert, J. S. Badkin, James Glaskin, L. P. Coubro, George Cooper, R. P. Spice, and C. J. Morgan. In the absence of the W.M., the Lodge was opened by Bro. C. F. Matier P.M., in ancient form. The minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bros. J. S. Badkin, J. Glaskin, and L. P. Coubro, all of Clapton Mark Lodge No. 236, and Bros. George Cooper of Bon Accord Lodge (T.I.), and R. P. Spice of the Keystone Lodge No. 3, proposed by Bro. Dewar, and seconded by Bro. Soppet, were unanimously approved, and being in attendance, were duly obligated and admitted as members of the Order, the ceremony and lecture being ably performed by Bro. Matier. It was moved by Bro. Matier, seconded by Bro. Constable, and unanimously resolved, that the Secretary communicate to Bro. Roebuck the W.M. the congratulations of the Lodge on this the anniversary of his birth, and wish him "Many happy returns of the day." Bro. G. Lambert proposed, and Bro. S. Rawson seconded, Bro. William Bywater P.M. Royal Athelstane Lodge, as a candidate for admission to their degree. No further business offering, the Lodge was closed in ample form, and the brethren adjourned to a "grill" at the Holborn Restaurant, under the genial presidency of Bro. Binckes.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Change Alley, Cornhill, Comps. Lee Z., Edmonds H., Catterson J., Pennefather S.N., Pain P.S. Amongst those present were Comps. Le Feuvre Prov. G.S.E. for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Comp. Frederick Brown Preceptor, G. L. Walker, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Walker candidate. R.A. Masons in want of Instruction should pay a visit to this Chapter.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday, 15th January 1880. Present:—Bros. Patrick W.M., Powell S.W., Gieseke J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Wallbrecht Secretary, Bromet I.G.; also Bros. Legg, Klein, Pearcy, &c. Usual formalities were duly observed, and ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Klein acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree, when Bro. Leoffler of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, was elected a member. Bro. Fenner was appointed to preside at the next meeting, after which the Lodge was closed.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 20th January. Bros. Andrews W.M., Pavitt S.W., Cundick J.W., Smith S.D., Butler J.D., Power I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. Bannister, White, Sadler, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge opened in the second degree, when Bro. Musto answered the necessary questions; the Lodge opened in the third, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Musto candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Pavitt was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when sections only will be worked. He will be assisted by P.M. Bro. Cundick as S.W., Musto as I.P.M. The Secretary announced that the Fifteen Sections would be worked at the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction 860, at Bro. Smyth's, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday next, commencing at seven o'clock precisely. The Lodge then closed in due form. We are asked to state that this capital Lodge of Instruction has resumed its weekly meetings, after the recess.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Meeting held at Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday 15th inst. Present:—E. C. Porter W.M., A. Jones S.W., H. Westmore J.W., C. Bellerby S.D., J. W. Woolmer J.D., M. W. Wyville I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer, H. Martin P.M. 1329, F. C. Woolmer, J. J. Clarke. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. F. C. Woolmer candidate. The Lodge was opened in second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Wyville candidate. The Lodge was closed in second degree. Bros. H. Westmore 217, and H. Martin were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction, and Bro. A. Jones was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer, and the meeting adjourned to Thursday 22nd inst.

The regular meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, was held on Wednesday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. A report of the proceedings stands over until next week.

A very interesting entertainment is now provided at the Royal Polytechnic, in the form of a series of Tableaux Vivants, representing the career of the unfortunate Mary Queen of Scots. Each Tableau is preceded by a few words of explanation, and followed by music and dissolving views, further illustrating the story. The dresses are superb, and the general arrangements are worthy of praise. Mr. H. C. Sanderson has the direction of the whole, Bro. Stedman conducting the vocal music. As usual here, there are several other items to interest visitors, and a pleasant hour or two may easily be spent.

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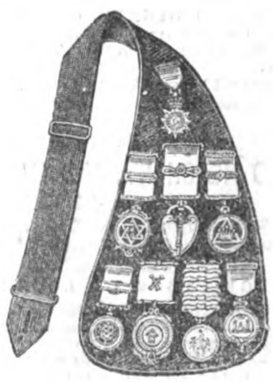

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THE PURCHASE OF LYNCOMBE HOUSE.

AS will be seen from our report, in another column, of the adjourned Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School, the vote authorising the expenditure of £6,500 for the purchase of Lyncombe House and Ground was confirmed by a large majority. Thus the purchase may be considered as complete, notwithstanding the fact that so excessive a price has been paid for the property. It now remains for each to do his best to make good use of the additional space at the disposal of the committee. We hope all feeling will be sunk in the general desire for the welfare of the charity, and that although many unkind things have been said during the discussions which have taken place within the past few weeks, it will never be proved that the Institution suffered because the views of one section were opposed to those of another. Those who have lost, must naturally feel disappointed, but let us hope that the winners will exert themselves to show the minority that they were sincere in their desire to acquire the property. We regret that we are unable this week to refer more fully to the subject; we have already to hold over several important items, and must leave any further comments on this subject to a later issue.

THE ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

THE preliminary arrangements in connection with the formation of this Fund are being rapidly proceeded with, and day by day the founders are receiving additional support as the result of their labours. A meeting was held last week for the purpose of settling the business to be transacted at the first general meeting, which will now be called as soon as the date, &c., can be decided which will best suit the chairman and others interested. We shall duly announce the time and place of meeting, and hope that numerous brethren will assemble in order to arrange the necessary particulars previous to the actual starting of the Fund. It is unnecessary for us to again detail the support that has been given to the proposal, as our advertisement pages contain the full list of patrons up to the present time.

It is no doubt known to many of our readers that the subject has been brought before some of the Provincial Grand Lodges, with various results; either the question has been postponed or a grant made, while in but a few instances has any objection to the formation of the Fund been raised. While this latter may in a measure be said to be the case in the Province of Warwickshire, it must not be overlooked that in reality the brethren there approve of the scheme, and by their own resolution show the actual need of its foundation. The following copy of a resolution, sent out by the Provincial Grand Secretary, amply testifies this:—

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE.

ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

At a special meeting of the Officers, present and past, of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the W.M.'s of the several Lodges of the Province of Warwickshire, convened by circular, and held at Warwick, 17th January 1880, the Right Hon and Right Worshipful Brother Lord Leigh P.G.M. in the chair. After fully discussing the desirability of forming a Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, as recommended by Lord Rosslyn, it was resolved unanimously—"That whilst fully approving of the principles of the scheme advocated by Lord Rosslyn, the Freemasons of this Province would be reluctant to see a Fourth Masonic Charity established for this purpose in England, believing that the machinery for carrying on such a Charity is unnecessary, and would be exceedingly expensive. The brethren fear that should the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund be established it would be the cause of reducing the amount at present subscribed annually to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the brethren pledge themselves to continue and, if necessary, to increase their present contributions to those Charities upon the condition that the Managing Committees of those Schools shall undertake to provide temporary assistance, by Scholarships or otherwise, to those pupils who shall require such assistance upon their leaving the Schools, from the funds which shall be at their disposal."

The above is accompanied by an official request to the respective Masters in the Province that they will bring the question before their Lodges at the earliest convenience. We may, therefore, expect to hear further on the subject from this district.

It will be seen from the above that the actual objection of the brethren of Warwickshire arises from the fact that they consider the expense of management would be great and unnecessary. At the present time it is impossible for us to contradict the former, as no estimate can be formed of the amount of work that will arise, but we feel sure we are justified in saying that the founders do not contemplate any serious outlay under this head. So far as we understand the work will be participated in by very many of the subscribers, without any desire for payment. As we have pointed out from time to time, individual support will be sought for rather than large monetary contributions. We are not in favour of making heavy grants of money to either boys or girls, who, after the education they have received in our Schools, should be able to undertake any duty they may be called upon to fulfil, but we feel the necessity for some organised system for obtaining for them situations where their ability will be appreciated and their education prove of practical service. Of course it will be impossible to carry on this work without some outlay, but we cannot agree with our Warwickshire brethren in saying it is unnecessary. If the object for which the fund is proposed is good, and there is an actual need for its foundation, we maintain there are certain necessary expenses in connection with it without which it cannot be started or carried on. The brethren of Warwickshire fear that should the fund be established, it would be the cause of reducing the amount at present subscribed annually to the two Schools. This argument was brought forward at the time of the establishment of the Benevolent Institution, and was strongly supported then by a section of the Craft who, as now, thought that the work of one Charity is distinct or in opposition to the others. On the contrary, we have no hesitation in saying that one really helps the other, and that a visit to a Lodge by either of the Secretaries as often leads to a Steward being appointed for the three as it does for the one more intimately connected with the brother who advocates the cause of our Institutions; we do not mean that the three Stewards are secured there and then, but it is seldom that a Lodge, when once it starts on the support of the Charities, leaves off after the first Stewardship, it is usually found that another brother undertakes to represent the Lodge the following year, and it is seldom that the same Institution is again selected. It will thus be seen that a certain amount of sympathy must exist between the Charities, and that it is merely a matter of time for each, in their turn, to receive the benefit of the other's exertions. This argument

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would, of course, be wrong if the resources of the brethren were at present taxed to the uttermost; but who will say that the £40,000, now raised annually for the Charities, great though it may appear in the eyes of some, is anything like the amount the Craft can and ought to subscribe in support of those who, from causes of unforeseen calamity or distress, are obliged to make claims on their friends. It is too well known that this amount is subscribed by a small minority to warrant any brother stating that no new supporters can be found. Time alone can prove whether the establishment of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund will affect the Charities now existing. We feel sure that additional supporters will be secured for all alike in consequence of the advocacy of the cause of charity by the projectors of this Fund, and that it will prove a valuable adjunct, not only by reason of the aid it will give to the pupils, but also in making more widely known the actual requirement for donations from each and every Lodge. We are very pleased to see that the Warwickshire resolution contains a promise to give further support to the two Schools, and we hope it will be acted up to, but the condition on which it is offered renders it impossible under existing circumstances. It must be known to the brethren of Warwickshire that the Committees of our two Schools are fettered by the laws of their respective Institutions in the matter of the aid they can render to pupils when they complete their course of training. The desire of the Provincial Grand Master—Lord Leigh—is to establish scholarships, and it must be patent to everyone that these cannot be attempted in connection with the existing Institutions, unless great alterations are made in the rules. It would be asking too much to expect either of the existing Committees to take under their charge this branch of Masonic Charity, and as, therefore, it would be imperative to create a new committee, we think there should be no two opinions on the advisability of making the work entirely distinct from that at present carried out. While there are numerous brethren who support the project, it cannot be denied that there are some who strenuously oppose it, and were the necessary alterations to be made to enable a part of the funds of the two Schools being diverted from their present channels, it might be found that these would withdraw their support from the main head, and thus a direct injury could be proved. We would ask the brethren who passed the resolution at Warwick to fully consider this matter, and if later on they see that they have asked somewhat too much from the Schools they will take an early opportunity of remedying the error. We tender to our Warwickshire brethren our heartiest thanks for the trouble they have taken in connection with the Fund we have so intimately associated ourselves with, and hope ere long to have the gratification of seeing their names enrolled on the list of supporters. We are sure their views would receive full consideration at the hands of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, and that each may help the other by immediate and hearty co-operation.

ADJOURNED QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which had been adjourned on the 10th inst., was held at the Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Lieut.-Col. John Creaton Grand Treasurer.

The chairman said he thought it would be unnecessary for him to take up their time by again explaining the grounds why it had been proposed by the committee to purchase Lyncombe House and grounds. The principal reason, he might say was, that twenty-five additional children could be provided for. Since the last meeting, counsels' opinion had been taken on the subject, and he called upon the Secretary to read the opinion which had been given by Mr. H. Davey, Q.C., and Mr. Hollis.

The Secretary read the opinion, which is to the following effect:—

"1. We are of opinion that the Trustees of the General Fund (as representing this voluntary Institution) can hold land in trust for the Institution, but that all such land must be vested in their names for the general purposes thereof. (See Law VII.)

"2. Assuming that all the formalities prescribed by the Laws with reference to an expenditure exceeding £500 are duly complied with, we are of opinion that it is not *ultra vires* to apply the sum of £6,500 out of the General Fund for the purchase of the land and premises of Mr. Evill, for the purpose of converting and applying the same to the use of the Institution.

"3. We think that the Special Court of the 3rd January 1880 was duly convened, under Laws XXXI., and XXXIV., and that the objects for which such a Court was held were valid accordingly. We see no reason for supposing that the meeting was otherwise than legally held. The minutes of the proceedings at such meeting can, in our opinion, be validly confirmed at the adjourned General Court to be held on the 24th inst.

"Signed HORACE DAVEY,
GEORGE HOLLIS.

Lincoln's Inn,
24th January 1880."

Col. Burdett moved that the minutes of the meeting of the 3rd of January be confirmed.

Bro. Edward Cox rose to order. He was not aware that proceedings of a former part of a meeting could be confirmed at an adjourned meeting.

The Chairman explained that the meeting was merely called to confirm the minutes of the Special Court of the 3rd inst. The last Quarterly Court was adjourned for that purpose, and that counsels' opinion should be obtained, and his co-Trustees consulted.

Bro. E. Cox asked if it was possible to confirm the minutes of a meeting which was not yet concluded?

The Chairman pointed out this was part of the Quarterly Court, at which the minutes of the Special Court could be confirmed or otherwise.

Col. Burdett said he made the motion principally on the ground that it was of great importance that the land in question should be acquired by the Institution. Though £6,500 was a high price, he thought the possession of the property would be a fair equivalent to the Institution. It had been rumoured that Lyncombe House might be taken for a boys' school, and if so they would have to run up a high wall, and lose an entrance to the main road. The whole matter had been most carefully considered, and he thought there would be no doubt that the purchase would be perfectly legal. It appeared to him they would be placed in a very awkward predicament if they allowed this opportunity of acquiring so eligible a property to slip through their fingers.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart seconded the motion. He thought it was of the utmost importance to the Institution to obtain the land, and could see no reason against it, except the ground of expense. It appeared to him that it would be the wiser course to pay a little more than the land was really worth rather than run the risk of having their property spoiled. If they converted Lyncombe House into a preparatory school for the education of twenty-five additional children, they would be increasing the benefits of the Institution. In his opinion there could be no object in the opposition to the purchase, except envy and malice. (Oh, oh.)

Bro. James Mason asked if there were any vacancies in the School?

The Chairman said there were none at present, unless they decided to admit more. He might say, that if the minutes were confirmed he proposed to give notice of a motion to increase the number received into the School, at the next Quarterly Court. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. E. Cox, though having the interests of the School at heart, felt compelled to oppose the motion, and moved as an amendment:—"That it is not desirable, at the present time, to increase the grounds and premises of this Institution." He had no hostile feeling to any of the Committees of the Institution, but he did not believe it was necessary to increase the premises, and if they made the proposed purchase they would increase them at an exorbitant price. He did not agree with Bro. Thompson, that they should rush into the Chancery Division, because, if they did so, he thought they would find themselves in a position of serious difficulty. He thought that the Committee ought to have applied to the General Court for its sanction to purchase land, if it was necessary that more land should be acquired, and that the Building Committee had been guilty of an irregularity, in recommending the purchase, as that was a question to be decided by the subscribers. He had previously told them that the house was of much less value than the Committee imagined. Mr. Evill had himself stated that its actual value was the gross annual rental of £100.

The Chairman interrupting said—Mr. Evill write to Mr. Harrup to the effect that the value was £130.

Bro. E. Cox then read the following letter which he had received from Mr. Harrup on the 27th December last:—"Dear Sir and Brother,—I must ask you to forgive my apparent negligence and discourtesy in not replying to your letter asking for information respecting Lyncombe House. That property belongs to one who is a very valued friend of mine, and as I gathered from the tone of your letter that you were inclined to endeavour to upset an arrangement I knew had been entered into for the purchase of his property, I felt that in common fairness I ought to know how far his interests might be affected. Having seen him, and knowing now the exact state of the case, and having also his permission, I freely give you the information you wish. Lyncombe House is rated Gross 120, Rateable £100. This is of course only the residential value. If the house and grounds were laid for building, as I have good reason to believe they are, they would realise a great deal more, and if the price that has been offered is correct, I should think that the Court have been able to get the property at a cheaper rate than they acquired other land in the rear. Although only a subscriber to the Schools of a small amount, I, like you, take a great interest in their welfare, and should be sorry to see the Funds at all wasted; but if all is to be done that I hear, I think that the Executive has acted wisely. I can only further add that the assessment is of five years standing, and would in all probability have been increased at the next revision." Now, assuming on a fair increase that the annual value of the property for the next five years would be £140, what would be the annual value of property rented at £140 a-year? It had been stated that Mr. Evill had recently spent £720 in structural decorations of the house, and this did not look as though he intended pulling down or altering it. Any new buildings must be erected at the back, and they could not be of a greater value than £40. per annum. It had been suggested that the house might be turned into a public-house, or into a boys' school,

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but these he regarded as remote and improbable contingencies. He protested against giving £6,500 for property the outside value of which was £4,500, and warned them of the consequences which would result from their giving "fancy prices" whenever the owners of adjoining property threatened that they would convert their properties into public-houses or boys' schools, &c.

Bro. James Stevens seconded the amendment, though at the risk of being charged with "obtuse stupidity and vulgar personality." He had known the neighbourhood for thirty years, and believed that £4,500 was an outside price for Lyncombe House and grounds.

Bro. J. M. Klenck also supported the amendment. There was a fatal objection to the whole building scheme, and that was that if they had a forty feet road there must be an outlet at the other end, as the Board would not sanction a blind road. Taking the lease of the property at £150 a-year, and putting it at thirty-eight years' purchase to make it a fancy price, they would not come near the price which the Institution had agreed to pay for it.

Bro. Walker Hopekirk said the addition to the School of twenty-five girls would be very satisfactory to the Craft. He gave credit to Bros. Cox and Stevens for an earnest desire to promote the good of the Institution, but thought they had put their knowledge of pounds, shillings and pence in the wrong place. The land was of more value than some of them seemed to think, and if it could be obtained for the Institution he believed it would prove most beneficial.

Bro. J. L. Stothert, as a Provincial brother, took a great interest in the Charities. He was informed that half an acre of ground was purchased by the Institution not long ago for £2,000, but they had now to deal with three-fourths of an acre. He did not think that £4,500 for the land was a high price, and £2,000 for the house—which was admirably adapted for the purpose intended—was a small sum; and he considered the Committee had acted very wisely in endeavouring to secure the property. He felt certain that a large number of the Provincial brethren would agree with him when he said they were willing to entrust the interests of the Institution in the purchase of this property to a Committee who had so thoroughly inquired into and considered the matter.

Bro. James Mason believed that the Committee, who stood in the position of trustees for the Charity, had carefully considered the subject, and that no imputation could be cast upon them, as they had acted honestly and *bonâ fide* in the interests of the Institution. They could well afford the money, and for the benefit of the Institution land should be considered before price. He deprecated Chancery proceedings as being un-Masonic, and the result might be that those who indulged in them would burn their own fingers. He thought the Committee was entitled to support.

Bro. H. J. Thompson said the ten days notice prescribed by the laws of the Institution of the meeting of the 3rd inst. had not been given, as the notice was not published until the 27th ult. The meeting had also not been called upon the recommendation of the General Committee as the Book of Rules laid down. He submitted that the Chairman, having had notice of Bro. Locock Webb's opinion, ought to have informed the Special Court. He did not think the Provincial brethren were in favour of the purchase, but, on the contrary, were averse to it.

Bro. A. F. A. Woodford was anxious to keep before the meeting the *bonâ fides* of the Chairman, who could not under the circumstances make use of the information he had received with regard to the opinion of Mr. Locock Webb. Bro. Thompson had stated that the Provinces were against the proposed outlay, but he (Bro. Woodford) could state from personal knowledge that the Province of West Yorkshire was heartily in favour of it.

After a few observations from the Chairman, the amendment of Bro. E. Cox was put, when the votes were—

For the amendment	8
Against	61
Majority against the amendment	53

The motion to confirm the minutes of the Special Court of the 3rd January was then formally put and carried. The Chairman then gave the following notice of motion:—"It being desirable to enlarge the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls by maintaining, clothing, and educating twenty-five girls, in addition to those already in the Institution, the House Committee be directed to make the necessary arrangements to accommodate such twenty-five girls, and that such twenty-five girls be elected at the next election, after the House Committee shall have reported the completion of the arrangements for the reception and accommodation for such twenty-five girls."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present—Bros. Col. Creaton (in the chair), Griffiths Smith, E. Letchworth, H. A. Dubois, James Peters, E. Spooner, A. H. Tattershall, H. Massey, Thomas Massa, J. A. Rucker, Thomas Francis Peacock, W. F. C. Moutrie, Joshua Nunn, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. The minutes of the December meeting having been read and confirmed, the minutes of the Special, Quarterly, and adjourned Courts, and of the House and Audit Committees were read for information. The establishment of the "Wentworth Little" prize of three guineas, to be competed for annually by the girls of this Institution, of which Bro. Joshua Nunn gave notice at the meeting of 21th December, was carried; after which two petitioners' children were placed on the list for the October election, and the Committee adjourned, with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

The Installation meeting of the Kilburn Lodge took place on Monday last; Bro. Samuel Brooks is the new W.M. Report of the proceedings shall appear next week.

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LYNCOMBE HOUSE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Let us hope, now that the question of the purchase of the above place has been a second time so unmistakably sanctioned by the voice of the brethren (that out of a Committee of 85 or 86, 61 were for, 15 against, and the remainder neutral), that the apparently malicious vindictiveness which seems to have followed our gallant and distinguished Chairman, Lieut.-Col. Creaton, for some supposed or fancied slight on one of the prominent members of the opposition, will cease. I had thought that our Grand Treasurer's name was somewhat like Cæsar's wife was, or ought to have been, above suspicion, or he would not have obtained that spontaneous burst of approval, which placed him in his present position, but it appears not, for there still remain some who would fain filch from him that deservedly good name which they themselves should only be too proud to achieve. It is to be hoped that the opposition will take the advice of that Brother, a Chancery lawyer, who, in that truly honest and fraternally Masonic manner which *should* guide all of us, warned them against the unknown and endless litigation and expense they would be plunged in if they persisted in placing the matter in Chancery, with a more than doubtful issue in their favour; but, perhaps, like this same Brother's excellent advice,—that Masons should be more courteous, more gentlemanly, and less un-Masonic, when discussing subjects on which they are at issue,—it will be soon forgotten, for a subsequent speaker could not let the opportunity slip of airing one out of his repertoire of elegant and choice expressions, "bottled moonshine." Of course, coming from one who repudiates personalities, there is nothing personal in it. To return to my subject. There are one or two questions, I think, would be *a propos*:—

1st. Is the purchase of this house and ground for the benefit of, and increased accommodation for, girls of the Masonic Institution? if so,

2nd. Was the money subscribed and given in their behalf, or for any other Institution?

3rd. Where did the money come from to build the new wing, or the laundry?

4th. Did it not come from the same source as will be used for the present purchase?

5th. Was not that money legitimately spent then on behalf of the children for whom it was given?

If it was legal then,—and I maintain it was,—it is legal now. Our Lodges increase, our members increase, and our dependent children will increase; and if we have not the requisite accommodation, we shall not be able to admit them. The only legitimate opposition was that of Bro. Cox, viz: The price given (undoubtedly the price was high); but as it was not to be had for less, I contend that it was well worth that to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and more, if it had been necessary; the very great increase of the value to the present property, the obtaining a frontage to the main street, the Wandsworth, as well as one at the back, looking towards the Common seems to be entirely lost sight of.

Yours fraternally,

HERSCHEL.

NEW ZEALAND.

Masonic Ceremony at Wellington.—On the 1st Dec. 1879, the foundation stone of the new Courts of Justice was laid down by the Hon. F. Whitaker, Provincial Grand Master of the North Island of New Zealand, S.C., assisted by District Grand Master Toxward E.C., and a large number of distinguished brethren. The weather was lovely, and the whole proceedings passed off without a hitch of any kind. Between 9,000 and 10,000 spectators were present, the assemblage of bodies in reserved seats numbering at least 800. The procession of Maoris numbered upwards of 500. Eloquent addresses were delivered by Brothers Whitaker and Rolleston. The ball in the evening was attended by His Excellency and Lady Robinson.

Funeral of Bro. J. Dickey.—The respect in which the late Mr. John Dickey was held was evidenced by the large number of townsmen and country settlers who attended his funeral at Auckland on 29th Nov. to pay the last sad tribute of respect to his memory. Mr. Dickey was a member of the Waitemata Lodge of the Order of Freemasons E.C., and although the funeral was not, strictly speaking, a Masonic one, it was largely attended by brethren of the Order, who appeared in mourning costume, but not in regalia. Every Lodge in the City was represented. The brethren marched in front of the hearse, the brother of deceased and personal relatives and friends following as chief mourners immediately after it, and a long line of carriages and vehicles brought up the rear. Upon reaching the entrance to the Presbyterian Cemetery, the Masonic brethren opened out right and left, allowing the coffin and the mourners to pass through, after which they closed in and followed the remains to the grave. The funeral service was read in an impressive manner by the Rev. R. F. Macnicol, Pastor of St. James's Church, Wellington-street.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF PRUDENT BRETHREN, No. 145.

THE installation Meeting was held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and was numerously attended. Bro. W. H. Leggott W.M. occupied the chair, W. R. Lister S.W., Wilkinson J.W., T. Bull P.M. Treasurer, G. States P.G.S. Secretary, J. Woods S.D., J. Chinnery J.D., A. Kerrell I.G., Curtis and Reid Stewards; P.M.'s Haslett, E. H. Thiellay. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bro. May was raised to the third degree, very perfectly by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. W. R. Lister S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. On the re-admission of the brethren the customary salutations were given, and the W.M., in appropriate terms, appointed and invested his officers:—Bros. W. H. Leggott I.P.M., Dr. Wilkinson S.W., Woods J.W., T. Bull P.M. Treasurer, E. H. Thiellay P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex Secretary, J. Chinnery S.D., Kerrell J.D., Curtis I.G., Reid D.C., Brock W.S., Grant Tyler. The W.M. had now a pleasing duty to perform—that was, to present the retiring W.M. Bro. Leggott with a jewel, which had been provided by the unanimous vote of the Lodge. In placing it on his breast he felt proud; no Brother better deserved it. Bro. Leggott, in reply, thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and also the members for their valuable gift. He hoped to wear it in this and many other Lodges; it would create a lasting impression on him. He also had to thank them for their support while acting as Steward for the various Charities. Bro. T. Bull P.M. proposed that, as the retiring W.M. had paid for his centenary jewel, that the Lodge present him with a P.M.'s square, with suitable inscription. This proposition was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown Room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided. Grace was sung by Madame Alice Barth, Miss L. Augarde, Bros. G. T. Carter and Theodore Distin. After the toast of the Queen and the Craft, the National Anthem was sung, Madame Alice Barth sustaining the solo verses. The toasts of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., the Pro G.M. and the Deputy G.M. were given. Bro. W. H. Leggott I.P.M. then rose; he, for the first time, had the privilege of proposing the toast of the W.M., who was one they all respected, and he was sure they had made a capital choice; their W.M. at the end of his year would have fully gained their esteem; he was sure they would rally round their W.M. Personally he (Bro. Leggott) wished him a prosperous year of office. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Leggott for the kind manner he had spoken of him; that night was a great event with him, he had worked for it for many years; his labour was now consummated; it would be his especial duty to see that the welfare of the Lodge should be fully sustained. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. After a song by Miss Louise Augarde, Bros. Finch P.M. 173 and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 returned thanks. They paid deserved compliments to the Installing Master, and hoped the W.M. would retain his health to conduct the duties of the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the I.P.M., whom they all respected; they had seen his working during his year of office, while his performance of the ceremony of installation left nothing to be desired; his energy in the cause of the Charities was known to every member of the Craft. Bro. Leggott was pleased that he had given them satisfaction; the jewel presented him he hoped to live long to wear among them. Their remarks as to his zeal in the cause of the Institutions was most gratifying. Before concluding he would state he was a Steward for the R.M.B.I. and had on his list the sum of £271. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s, who were always ready to do all required of them; no abler brethren could be. Bro. T. Bull P.M. and Treasurer said every Officer for many years had been thoroughly proficient in his duties, so that the several occupants of the chair did not require the aid of the Past Masters. The W.M. had now a special toast to give, and that was the health of their respected Bro. George States, who had occupied the post of Secretary for nearly twenty years; however, he had resigned it, but no better Secretary could have been found, or one whose knowledge of Masonic duties could be excelled. While regretting his retirement from office, the members hoped to have Bro. States among them for many years. Bro. G. States P.M. felt it a great pleasure in having his health proposed, and to be so singled out. The W.M. had said that it was a labour of love to him to work. He would always assist Bro. Thiellay, the newly-appointed Secretary. He was a Mason whose heart and soul was in the cause. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer, Bro. T. Bull P.M., and the newly-appointed Secretary, Bro. E. H. Thiellay, whose knowledge of Freemasonry in general, with his well-known energy, would—in combination with the exertions of Bro. Bull—ensure continued success to the Lodge. Bro. Carter here, by particular desire, sang the "Pilgrim of Love;" he was accompanied by Bro. Theodore Distin. Bro. Bull then said that his services were always at their command. Bro. E. H. Thiellay P.M. and Secretary followed; it was for the first time he responded in his present capacity; he fully estimated the position the W.M. had placed him in; it was a very onerous one. He undertook the work on the resignation of his predecessor Bro. Geo. States, and he hoped to discharge his duties to their satisfaction. The toast of the Officers followed; they were in every respect qualified to fulfil every duty required of them. Among the Visitors were—Bros. Wing P.M. 45, Sudlow 180, Woodward 1728, Byrne 201, Hughes 1553, Briggs P.M. 157, Warren 657, Godden W.M. 862, W. H. Rudderforth W.M. 1668, Green P.M. 27, Jardine P.M. 56, Burns 61, C. Matthews S.D. 263, Yates 78, W. Dawson 917, Tiddeman 813, T. Distin 173, Carter 173, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 213.

THE installation of Bro. J. E. H. Watson as W.M. of Lodge Perseverance, on Tuesday, 20th instant, was performed in a most masterly style by P.M. Bro. James Dunsford P.Z. (of course assisted with a complete galaxy of P.M.'s), Bro. Geo. Baxter being D.C. Among the members present were—W. T. Bloomfield, Captain H. Blake, J. B. Bugg, W. J. Butler, W. C. Bexfield, R. Colby, E. Coleman, G. Daniels, C. Fendick, J. Harvey (North Walsham), G. Kersey, T. C. R. King, S. Matthews, S. N. Berry, Dr. J. S. Offord, C. E. Sexton, J. Stanley P.M., E. C. Thompson, P. Soman, E. Skipper (Roughton), W. B. Wilkin, H. Youngman, R. J. Silburn, A. E. Le Good, &c. The Visitors included Bros. G. Green, J. Hunt, J. H. Brockbank, H. J. Minns, A. Berry, Gunn, F. Linging, F. Mills, J. Franklin (Yarmouth), T. Muskett, T. Isley, Bridgman, A. H. Santy, H. F. Barwell P.G.S., B. Quinton, W. M. Suffield, D. Mannings, Willing, M. Bailey, Roslin, Baldwin P.Z., W. Cooper, and others. The Officers appointed were—Bros. G. Kersey S.W., R. Silburn J.W., C. Sexton S.D., W. Bloomfield J.D., A. E. Le Good I.G., H. Youngman Secretary, S. N. Berry Organist. In addition to these Bros. T. C. R. King and E. C. Thompson were appointed Stewards, and Bro. George Baxter Treasurer, whilst Bro. Dunsford P.M. was made M.C. and Bro. Stanley Director of Masonic Hall Company on behalf of No. 213—Bro. O. D. Ray to serve on the Charities Committee. The banquet was served in the building lately erected in the garden at the back of No. 23 St. Giles' for Grand Lodge, &c.—much too large, of course, for those dining on Tuesday, though the brethren were inconveniently crowded when another table might have been rigged up. Everything was cold and cheerless, notwithstanding a huge stove in the centre of the room, and as to the catering—well, the Club Steward is new to his work, and no doubt will improve, and it must be said further that brethren should give in their names earlier if they are desirous of attending these banquets, so that proper provision be made, and thus prevent all from sharing in the general discomfort. The "social" part of the business was well carried out, till 12.30, by Bro. Watson, who is bound to prove a good W.M., and keep up the prestige of 213. He loses Bro. G. Daniels as Secretary, but all must rejoice at the vast growth of this useful Officer's business, which compels him to retire. During the evening the W.M. presented the I.P.M. Bro. J. Stanley, with a jewel, subscribed for by the brethren of the Lodge, in recognition of the way in which he has carried out his duties.—*Norwich Argus.*

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

THE annual banquet of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd, at the Royal Hotel, Devonport. It had a peculiar significance, and was of more than ordinary importance, as it celebrated, first, the Festival of St. John the Evangelist; second, the commemoration of the removal of the Lodge to their own recently purchased Ebrington Masonic Hall; and, thirdly, because it was the first occasion that ladies had been invited to a Lodge banquet in Devonport. The order of the evening after the banquet was, short speeches and long songs and solos. The performances of Miss Haggarty, a young lady of ten summers, who plays and accompanies with a correctness and confidence hardly equalled by professors, and of Miss Kate Burt, who rendered some exquisite music, were much appreciated, whilst the songs of Bros. Ridland, Debnam, Haggarty, Pile, and the reading by Bro. Kinton Bond, of Lodge 1247, afforded much enjoyment. Bro. Curteis returned thanks for the Provincial Grand Master and Officers, Past and Present, of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The W. Master (Bro. Harris) proposed the toast of the "Immediate Past Master," and after speaking highly of his energy and successful work, presented him with a very handsome gold jewel, engraved as follows:—"Presented by Lodge Fidelity, No. 230, to W. Bro. Richard Cawsey in recognition of his zeal and ability as Master, A.L. 5879." Bro. Cawsey warmly thanked the brethren, and hoped that the success of the year during which he had had the pleasure of presiding over the Lodge was an augury of future years of prosperity. The Lodge had done him an especial honour, inasmuch as they had not been in the habit of making presentations. He therefore esteemed their kindness more than he could then express, and would at all times be ready to assist the Lodge, either as P.M. or Secretary. Bro. Lyne reported the finances of the Lodge to be in a satisfactory condition. They had been able to support the Masonic and the Local Charities, and notwithstanding their recent large outlay for building and altering their rooms, were in a good position. Responding to the Freemasons' Wives, Bro. Gover said that he was sure the ladies after what they had heard would appreciate the excellencies of Freemasonry, and that if husbands would endeavour to return from Lodge just a little earlier, that they would like the Order still better, and he asked the ladies most especially to use their influence in the endeavour to promote the Masonic Charities. They had done much in the past, and their power to do good was irresistible. After a short interval the Assembly-room was cleared, and an impromptu ball finished one of the most enjoyable evenings the visitors and members have spent.

ROYAL SUSSEX LODGE, No. 342.

THE Installation of Bro. Robert Barnes as the W.M. for the present year took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Portsea, on Wednesday, 21st inst. There was a large attendance of members of the Craft, including Bros. Arthur Cudlipp P.M. (Mayor of Portsmouth), M. E. Frost P.M. P.G. Treas., J. L. Rastrick P.M. P.P.G.W., J. Ogburn P.M. P.P.G.W., J. Wallingford P.M. P.P.G.W., C. B. Whitcomb P.M. P.G.S., A. R. Holbrook W.M. 309, Liddell Worshipful Master 804, E. S. Main Past Master P.P.G.D.C., R. W. Mitchell W.M. 908, H. J. Guy P.M. P.P.G.D.C., S. R. Ellis P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. T. Craven sen. P.M. P.P., Grant W.M. 1705, J. W. Willmott the

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retiring W.M., R. J. Turney P.M., J. Cole P.M., A. P. Creedon W.M. 928, W. C. Redward P.M. P.P.G. Sup. Wks., Dr. C. Knott, T. Good, G. Sherman, J. Brickwood, G. F. Brown, G. Banning, W. Gunnell, &c. The ceremony of installation was very ably performed by Bro. J. W. Willmott, the outgoing W.M., to whom a special vote of thanks was accorded by the Lodge for the manner in which he carried out the duties. The new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. J. W. Willmott I.P.M., C. Knott S.W., J. T. Craven jun. J.W., W. C. Redward P.M. Treasurer, C. W. Rand Secretary, J. Brickwood S.D., J. E. Buck J.D., J. S. Dyer Dir. of Cer., J. S. Bechervaise I.G., W. Welch Steward. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a capital banquet, provided by Bro. G. F. Sherman. The W.M. presided, and was supported by about fifty members of the Craft.

SAMARITAN LODGE, No. 368, SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this good old Lodge was held on Wednesday, 21st January. There was a good muster of members and several visitors. The W.M., the Rev. T. Lunt, took the chair at four o'clock, and was supported by his Officers, brethren and visitors. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Tomlinson sen. said he had a very pleasing duty to perform in presenting to Bro. Gilbert P.M. P.P.G.P., on behalf of the Lodge, a Treasurer's jewel. Bro. Gilbert had been in charge of their finances for well nigh thirty years, and during that long period his efforts had been unceasing in promoting the general well-being of the Lodge. Indeed, if it had not been for Bro. Gilbert's unselfish efforts it was questionable whether the Samaritan Lodge would have existed on that day. He then asked the worthy brother to accept the jewel, which was a splendid specimen of the goldsmith's art. Bro. Gilbert made a most feeling reply, and was frequently cheered during its delivery. The Auditors then presented their report of the Treasurer's accounts, by which it appeared that although the year commenced with a balance against the Lodge, there is now a respectable balance in favour. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland to take the chair as Installing Master. The W.M. then presented Bro. Furnival S.W. W.M. elect for the benefit of installation. The first portion of the ceremony being completed, Bros. J. R. Tomlinson and L. Makin P.M.'s were invited to preside over the West and South respectively. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, when all below the rank of W.M. retired, except the W.M. elect, who was entrusted before retirement. A Board of Installed Masters was then opened in ample form, when Bro. Furnival was re-admitted and installed according to ancient custom, and received the usual salutations restricted to this high degree. The Board was then called off, and on resuming labour was closed, and the Lodge declared in the third degree. The brethren were now re-admitted according to rank, and the new Master solemnly proclaimed, saluted and greeted in each degree. In handing the Warrant to the new Master, Bro. Bowes pointedly alluded to the long and anxious care Bro. Gilbert had taken of the precious document. The W.M. now appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, the Installing Master fully explaining the duties, the situation, and the emblems borne by each, and concluded the ceremony by delivering the charges to the W.M., Wardens and brethren. Bro. Tomlinson P.M. P.P.G.D.C. said that before they adjourned to the banqueting room he begged to propose a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Bowes for his kindness in coming to Sandbach to perform the ceremony they had listened to with much pleasure. He had heard Bro. Bowes work the ceremony before, but he considered he had excelled himself on the present occasion. Bro. Rev. T. Lunt I.P.M. rose to second the proposition, and in doing so acknowledged his great obligations to Bro. Bowes for relieving him of so difficult a duty. Bro. Bowes had set them a high standard to aim at. The clear enunciation and quiet impressiveness which marked the ceremony throughout set them an example which they would do well to emulate. For his own part he should often claim Bro. Bowes's counsel and assistance. The vote was carried by acclamation, and Bro. Bowes suitably acknowledged the compliment. After the transaction of some routine business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The dinner was a good one, and well served. On the withdrawal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Rev. T. Lunt proposed the health of the Installing Master in complimentary terms. Bro. Bowes in reply said that his services were always at the command of any brother who was desirous of the help he was able to afford. The other toasts followed, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was brought to a close soon after nine. Among the visitors were Bro. D. W. Finney P.M. Prov. G.D.C. West Lancashire.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 496.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their annual meeting at the Masonic Rooms, St. Austell, on Tuesday, 13th inst., when Bro. Job the W.M. elect was installed acording to ancient established ritual, by W. Bro. Dr. Mason, the ceremony throughout being conducted in an impressive manner. The new W.M. invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. Stephens S.W., A. Luke J.W., White I.P.M., Guy Treasurer, Kitt A.S. (*pro* Brewer, unavoidably absent) Secretary, Tozer S.D., Higman J.D., Houseley I.G., Blight D.C., and Real Tyler. Bro. Guy was appointed Steward for the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. The brethren adjourned to Bro. Luke's, White Hart Hotel, where they partook of a good dinner, served by Mrs. Luke. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Several visitors were present.

YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 554.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at Bro. A. Walter's, Green Dragon, Stepney, E., on the 1st inst. The occasion had attracted a large assemblage of members and visitors, among whom were the following brethren:—J. Hansen Thorn W.M., J. S. Taylor S.W. and W.M. elect, E. W. Walter J.W., J. G. Stevens P.M. Treasurer, G. Ward Verry P.M. Secretary; Past Masters T. J. Barnes, J. Hood, J. J. Berry; also Bros. W. T. Tait S.D., J. Taylor D.C., G. T. H. Seddon Organist, J. R. Shingfield Steward, C. T. Speight P.M. Tyler; C. Warman, S. Allen, F. Bayliss, W. March, A. Symes, A. Gilby, H. Horner, W. Pain, W. Hawes, G. Clarke, C. G. Fardell, T. Russell, P. Heitmann, H. Wilson, O. W. Peacock, C. Allen, J. L. Anderson, W. C. Livermore, H. E. Swaffer, E. W. Thomas, C. J. Braithwaite, J. Fordham, A. Walter, G. Etheredge, H. W. Reed, W. Hunt, W. Kent, A. Wood, A. Britton, W. H. Mackenrot, G. J. Jennings, R. Lynes, H. Foras, &c. The Visitors included Bros. R. T. Sly 1625, H. Speedy W.M. 142, A. Russell 1776, A. Wade P.M. 1449, F. Binckes Secretary Boys' School, Rev. D. Shaboe P.P.G.C. Middlesex and Suffolk, J. T. K. Job J.W. 1076, G. Hollington P.M. 1421, J. W. Hobbs P.M. 749, E. W. Barnard P.M. 206, G. Levick P.M. 1227, S. Watkins P.M. 212, R. B. Greenwood 1623, J. Boulton S.D. 1056, T. G. Walter 89, P. M'Carthy W.M. 1076, J. Hunt I.G. 1421, H. N. Taylor S.W. 1421, J. Fowler 1158, C. J. Harmsworth P.M. 956, J. S. Fraser S.D. 174, G. H. Stephens I.G. 1623, J. Knight 1185, R. Jennings W.M. 907, W. Allen 1178, J. Terry Sec. R.M.B.I. P.P.G.J.W. Herts, H. J. Walter 890, J. Scales 1630, &c. Lodge was called for 3 o'clock, and punctually to that hour it was opened, the business before the Lodge being to receive Auditors' report, pass four brethren, and instal the W.M. elect, the appointment and investiture of the Officers, &c. Bros. F. S. Allen and J. W. Dobbins, candidates for passing, were in attendance, and were tested as to their proficiency, and afterwards passed to the second degree. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and Bro. J. S. Taylor was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. G. Ward Verry P.M., in the manner usual in this well-worked Lodge. The special dispensation from the Pro Grand Master was read to the brethren, permitting Bro. Taylor to be installed, although not quite out of his year of office in another Lodge. The Officers were appointed as follows:—Bros. E. Walter S.W., W. T. Tait J.W., J. G. Stevens P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Verry P.M. Secretary, J. H. Thorn I.P.M., W. Cross S.D., J. Lineker J.D., J. Taylor I.G., G. J. Jennings D.C. Bros. J. R. Shingfield W.S. and G. T. H. Seddon Orgst. continue their respective services to the Lodge. The report of the Auditors was then received, and the accounts rendered were most satisfactory, and arranged in capital form. True to their traditions as supporters of the Charities, 30 guineas was voted to the Masonic Institutions, viz., 10 guineas to each. A Steward from the Lodge is going up for the Boys and the Girls, and Bro. J. J. Berry is also taking up a list in aid of the Old People. Business being at an end the Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the large banquetting hall, in numbers which taxed its capacity to the utmost. Here a capital banquet was served by Bro. Walter, about eighty brethren partaking of the same. On the removal of the cloth, grace having been said by Bro. the Rev. D. Shaboe, the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were given and responded to, the W.M. stated that, the evening being advanced, he would be brief in proposing the toasts, so that the brethren who were there to entertain them might have a better opportunity. The toast of the Pro Grand Master and Grand Officers past and present was heartily received, and replied to at length by Bro. Frederick Binckes, who disclaimed his right to reply for so august a body to such an influential meeting of the Craft; no doubt the W.M. thought that, as they had not got the substance, at least they had the shadow. Speaking for the Pro Grand Master, who had been graciously pleased to grant a dispensation in favour of the W.M. being installed, he would, as this was New Year's Night, wish him a prosperous year of office. He took the opportunity of saying he was grateful for the hearty welcome he had experienced; for several years past he had been invited, and Bro. Stevens had hit him rather hard in consequence of his peregrinations not bringing him to the East End. He had, however, always given the East End brethren a hearty welcome when they came to see him, and he could assure the brethren that he fully appreciated the strenuous support they had afforded him. Bro. Thorn I.P.M. said it was the first time he had assumed the gavel to propose the toast of the W.M., which was sure to be heartily received. Bro. Taylor, in returning thanks, said the brethren might rest assured he would do all he could to maintain and uphold the dignity of the W.M.'s office. Whilst upon his legs, he would propose the toast of the I.P.M., of whom, they would agree with him, he need not say much, his successful year of office being the best test of how he had occupied the chair. Bro. Thorn, in reply to a hearty reception of his name, said his faded light might just as well be dimmed for all he knew; the pleasure of presiding over such a Lodge as this was departed and over; he thanked every one for the kind manner in which they had then, and always, drank his health, and never more so than on the present occasion. He hardly knew how to return thanks for, and express his appreciation of, the jewel they had presented to him. The Past Masters were next toasted; of them the W.M. said they were the finest in any Lodge, as, upon looking round, all would agree with him. Bros. Stevens and Barnes,—who are better workers for charity? Then there is Bro. Berry, who means to beat them; and Bro. Hood, and Bro. G. W. Verry, who had so ably installed him that day, initiated him into Masonry in this Lodge; he was proud to be installed by him; but they were all good fellows; he asked them to drink their health, and wish them a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Bro. Stevens P.M. said he was deputed by the Past Masters to thank the brethren, on their behalf, for the manner in which they received the toast of their health. Before going further, he would allude, with sorrow, to the absence of several Past Masters, who ranked before him in age; particularly Bros. Past Masters J. Wynn and J. Kindred, who were absent for the first time. He was sure the

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brethren of the Yarborough Lodge would regret the absence of those brethren, than whom none better had taken the oath of Freemasons. For himself, he had, as Treasurer, borne the burden of the Lodge for eleven years, during which time he did not think the brethren had any occasion to be sorry on his account. The Masonic Charities were next toasted. At this festive period of the year, when we have enjoyed plenty, it is right, Bro. Taylor said, that we think of others less fortunate. The toast was, therefore, one which should meet with great respect. Bro. Terry, whose name was coupled with the toast, wished the brethren to accept his sincere thanks for the reception it had received at their hands. In the Yarborough Lodge there was no occasion to recapitulate the claims of the Masonic Charities, although there might be members who had entered since the last installation meeting; to them he would say that the three brethren who were serving as Stewards would be sure to see them, and inform them what their duties as Freemasons to the Charities were. Bro. Terry concluded with a powerful appeal on behalf of the three Masonic Institutions, asking that a response should be made in keeping with the results of the Yarborough Lodge in the past. Bro. Binckes also spoke to the toast, advocating the special claims of the Boys' School, it having no funded property like the other two Institutions, and therefore being in need of constant support. The Visitors were next honoured, and in reply Bro. the Rev. D. Shahoe said that, as a very old Past Master of the Lodge, he thanked them cordially as a Visitor for their reception of the toast. The song just sung, "We love old friends," was most appropriate. He loved old friends, and having been twenty-four years a member of the Lodge, had been present at twenty-three installations to visit old friends. Bro. C. J. Harmsworth expressed his great pleasure at visiting amongst the wise men of the East. During a period of thirteen years in Freemasonry he had travelled a great deal in the South-eastern part of Africa, and had had ample opportunities of seeing Masonry practised there. There there is the same earnestness for the Craft, but often without the comfort attainable in England, where a first-class ride of five miles takes a brother from his home to the Lodge in comfort; there it is thought nothing to travel a distance of thirty miles over rough country to visit a Lodge or Chapter. He had, twelve months ago, the pleasure of visiting the Yarborough Lodge installation meeting, and since then had returned to Cape Town, and had been invited to a Lodge meeting at Simons Bay, where he met those gallant brethren of the 24th Regiment who had so nobly shed their lives. The toast of the Officers was next given, and heartily received. The Tyler's toast closed a meeting of a most successful and enjoyable character. Bro. Shingfield as Steward attended in good style to the creature comforts, whilst Bro. Seddon ministered to the intellectual pleasures of the post prandial proceedings in his usual able manner, the brethren who assisted him being Bros. Thorn, Berry, Stephens, Britton, Brown, R. Greenwood, &c.

DUNHEVED LODGE, No. 789.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, was held in the Masonic Hall, Launceston, when Bro. E. Trood the W.M. elect, was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the year ensuing, the ceremony being ably performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. C. Parsons, assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters:—W. D. Pearce P.P.G.S.W., C. G. Archer P.P.G.J.W., J. Hawkins P.P.G.J.D., W. T. Parsons P.P.G. Std., P. F. Simcoe P.P.G. Std. 789, W. M. Jackson P.M. 373, P.P.G. Regr. Hunts, F. Couch P.M., D. Thompson P.M., and T. P. Trood P.M. 789. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—J. Kittow S.W., H. M. Harvey J.W., W. S. Johns Chaplain, H. M. Harvey Treasurer, R. Sampson Secretary, W. Andrew S.D., T. C. Langdon J.D., R. Kittow D.C., W. Sloane-Evans O., R. Reed I.G., T. Sherston and J. Palmer Stewards, J. Fiddler Tyler. Bro. P. F. Simcoe was appointed Steward for the Masonic Charities. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the dining-room of the Lodge, where the annual banquet was provided.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE, No 901.

THE members of this Lodge held their annual installation at the Guildhall Tavern, on the 19th inst. The Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities by the W.M. Bro. Rubardt, he duly installed the W.M. elect Bro. Ginger, who was presented by Bro. Laurence. The ceremony was most efficiently performed, and, for the first time in this Lodge, with musical accompaniments, the passages being most impressively rendered by Bro. Stacey P.P.G.S. 289, who kindly volunteered to preside at the harmonium. The W.M. then appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—C. Beanmont S.W., E. V. Cundy J.W., H. D'Arcy P.M. Treas., W. Rubardt I.P.M., S. W. Harbord Assist. Sec., Parker S.D., J. Hughes J.D., D. Hughes I.G., E. Salisbury P.M. Stwd., W. Alder D.C., E. C. T. Hand O. The brethren were conducted by Bro. Baker P.M. 753, who kindly officiated as D.C., to their respective chairs. Messrs. K. Stubbs, G. T. McLachan, J. Vears, C. S. Pinn and E. Venner were then initiated into our ancient Order. Bro. Salisbury P.M. proposed that a jewel be presented to the late Secretary Bro. Wm. Alder (who he regretted to say had been compelled to relinquish his duties owing to ill health) in recognition of his services. The proposition having been seconded by Bro. Henry D'Arcy P.M., was carried unanimously. Owing to the heavy business of the Lodge the presentation of the harmonium, which had been subscribed for by the Officers, was postponed until the next meeting. The names of several candidates for initiation at the next meeting were handed in, and the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to a most sumptuous banquet, the attendance being much larger than on any previous occasion. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and heartily received. The W.M. in honouring the Visitors said that with so many distinguished brethren present it would be invidious to particularize, but he could not omit thanking Bro. Stacey P.P.G.S. 289 for so kindly inaugurating the musical ceremony, and also Bro. Baker P.M. 753 for his valuable services and assistance in the ritual; last but not least he was pleased to see present Bro. C. Lucop 1326, the Deputy Preceptor of the City of London Lodge of Instruction, and who so ably seconded Bro. Hy. D'Arcy, the efficient Preceptor of that successful Lodge of Instruction. The initiates' toast was given and responded to. The W.M. in proposing the health of the the I.P.M. expressed a hope that he (the W.M.) would have as successful and eventful a year as Bro. Rubardt, who had so efficiently discharged his duties. In proposing the toast of the P.M.'s the W.M. expressed his pleasure at seeing again his old friend the veteran Mason Bro. Osmond, who eighteen years ago filled the chair he had now the honour to occupy. The proceedings were enlivened by the vocal abilities of Bros. Harris, Hand, Morris and others. The usual concluding toasts having been given, the brethren separated, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

GOSPORT LODGE, No. 903.

THE installation of Bro. Robert Wake Mitchell as W.M. of this Lodge took place at the Star Assembly Rooms, Gosport, on Tuesday evening, 13th inst., when there was a large muster of the brethren, amongst those present being Bros. A. Cudlipp P.M. 487 (Mayor of Portsmouth), T. R. Williams W.M. 257, A. R. Holbrook W.M. 309, J. W. Willmott W.M. 432, James Johns W.M. 1428, G. Grant W.M. 1705, H. J. Guy P.M. 487, Wallingford P.M. 903 P.P.G.W., V. Brown the retiring W.M. of the Lodge, Dyson P.M. 394 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, G. F. Lancaster P.M. 903 P.P.G.D., C. B. Whitcomb P.M. 1705 P.G.S., Wilson P.M., Hellier P.M., &c. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by Bro. Valentine Brown, the retiring W.M., who also gave the addresses to the Officers. The W.M. appointed his Officers as follows:—Bros. V. Brown I.P.M. and Treasurer, G. R. Downing S.W., Francis Powell J.W., Rev. E. B. C. Churchill P.M. Chaplain, Brunwin Sec., Walter Smith S.D., E. Wood J.D., and A. J. Wright I.G. The W.M. then presented Bro. Brown with a P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the Lodge, in recognition of the manner in which he had conducted the proceedings of the Lodge during the past year, and referred in high terms to the great efficiency which had been shown by Bro. Brown in all his duties. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the India Arms Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Miss Eastlands.—*Portsmouth Times.*

The Crusaders' Lodge, No. 1677.—The monthly meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, Bro. Thomas Goode W.M. presided, supported by Bros. Simmonds S.W., Rothschild J.W., Maples Treasurer, Hunter P.M. W.S., Defriez Secretary, Millward S.D., Calderwood J.D., Piggott I.G., Rushton Organist and Very Tyler, together with the following Visitors:—Bros. Carpenter P.M. Urban, H. Thompson The Great City P.M. 177 and 1158, Churchyard 376, Lansdowne New Concord, Themans P.M. Faith, &c. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, Bro. Augustus Thomas Buckingham was reported as a candidate for being raised to the sublime degree. He was questioned as to those degrees through which he had already passed, and most readily did he answer every question that was put to him, clearly showing that since his introduction he had been no drone in the hive of Freemasonry. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the candidate was impressively raised by the W.M. to the degree of M.M. The Lodge was then resumed to the first, and a gentleman who had been balloted for, the vote being unanimous in his favour, was initiated into the privileges and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. Nothing could exceed the perfect manner in which the W.M. discharged that duty; whilst adhering to the ritual of the Order, he wisely discarded a few tautological expressions which showed the pains he had bestowed in qualifying himself for his duties, without once deviating from what has been considered the established mode of working. Some old Masons who were present expressed the gratification they had experienced in seeing so able a Mason preside over the Lodge as its W.M. Some other business having been disposed of the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large dining hall for refreshment, the Worshipful Master presiding. This having been disposed of, the Worshipful Master in rapid succession gave the usual formal and Masonic toasts. In proposing the health of their brother initiate, who he stated was well known in Clerkenwell, he was sure he was one whose admission amongst them would do credit to the Lodge. The newly initiated brother, in responding to the toast of his health, said he was very pleased at his admission amongst them; he could not find words to express his thanks for the honour they had conferred upon him; it was an honour he had long wished to obtain, and while thanking them for the way in which the toast had been received, hoped that he should prove himself to be a worthy member of their noble Order. Dr. Hunter P.M., in proposing the health of the W. Master, said he knew him to be a most zealous Mason, and although that night he was not recovered from his illness, still he was better than he had been; he was delighted that they had such a man to preside over them, and to see the excellent manner in which he had gone through the ceremonies that night, which showed the indomitable courage he had displayed in coming amongst them to perform his duties as Master of the Lodge. It was therefore with great pleasure he called upon the brethren to drink the health of the W. Master, a request which was enthusiastically responded to. The W.M., in reply, said he felt proud of the manner in which the toast had been received; he believed that he had only done his duty, and

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he hoped to do in the future what had received their approbation in the past. Bro. Rushton, the Organist of the Lodge, was called upon for a song, and he at once complied with the request, producing an original one, of his own writing, set to a proper nautical tune, which elicited unbounded applause, the principal members of the Lodge being individualy referred to. As the song is of considerable merit, a copy is subjoined :—

O have you not heard of the noble Crusaders,
Who in King Richard's time formed a true band,
To fight the bold Saracen down in the Holy Land,
And there for the Cross to make a brave stand.
Forth from the Priory gate, they went speedily,
Blest by the abbot and monks, who so readily
Urged them, with courage, to do and to dare,
And helped them in absence by many a prayer.

I sing not of them, but of other Crusaders,
Whose deeds as brightly will shine, we believe;
Who would wage a great war against hatred and envy,
And poverty, sickness, and suff'ring relieve,
'Tis a Lodge of Freemasons, which was consecrated,
And from the old Priory its charter is dated.
The shades of the abbot and monks hover there,
To bless all who sit in the Crusaders' chair.

I sing yet aloud of the most noble founders,
With Maples, and Hunter, and Goode to the fore,
Of Simmons and Catherwood, Gay, and of Piggott,
And dear old friend Davis, alas! now no more.
Of Millward, Defriez, of Knight, and of Rothschild,
Who large the jewels of Masonry share,
Who've proved themselves able, with zeal and devotion,
To environ with beauty the Crusaders' chair.

O join then in sympathy, all worthy Masons,
And pray the Great Architect grace may impart,
To make each Crusader a good and true Mason,
At last, as at first, in the depths of his heart;
That so we in Masonry, true knowledge learning,
The Grand Lodge above may be ever discerning,
And the Most High, for ever, His blessing shed there,
Where the brethren surround the new Crusaders' chair.

The W.M. next gave the "Past Masters of the Lodge," coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Maples and Dr. Hunter, stating that Dr. Hunter looked after their wants, and Bro. Maples looked after their funds. Bro. the Rev. J. Caseley, Provincial Grand Chaplain for Herts, and principal Curate of St. James's, Clerkenwell, sang a comical and very amusing song. Bro. Hunter P.M. said he felt gratified at the manner in which the brethren had received the toast; he was highly pleased at the manner in which it was always received. As that was the last opportunity he should have of addressing them before the Festival, most sincerely did he thank the brethren for the response they had made to his appeal as representing them at the Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Although they were a young Lodge, at present he held a sum of £113 towards that Festival, an amount which was highly gratifying to him as their Steward, and especially considering that they had hardly come into existence when they appointed a Steward, and sent him up with a sum of £70. When he entered upon the duty of Steward, he did not think he should get anything like the amount that had come into his hands, but lately he had met with many old friends, who had shaken hands with him, and said, "Well done, Bro. Hunter, I did not think you would get £50." Bro. Maples P.M. and Treasurer also returned thanks. The W. Master said the next toast he had the honour to propose was that of "The Visitors," and that night they were favoured with a good sprinkling of them; most happy should they be to see them again. In proposing the toast he mentioned the names of Bros. Carpenter P.M. of the Urban Lodge, Thompson of The Great City Lodge, Lansdowne of the New Concord, and Themans of the Faith Lodge, most happy was he to see them. Bro. Carpenter jocosely returned thanks for the toast, and Bro. Thompson remarked that the Lodge bore the name of the Crusaders, who were the pioneers of great and virtuous acts in early ages, carrying out the great principles of Christianity. From what they had heard that night from Bro. Dr. Hunter, they seemed determined by their bounty to follow the noble example of those whose name they bore, and appeared to be foremost in a Second Crusade in carrying out in the future those principles which had so well distinguished the acts of the noble Crusaders in the past. Some other toasts were given, including that of "The Officers of the Lodge." A very pleasant evening was passed. The Annual United Ball of this Lodge and the Finsbury Park Lodge will take place on the 4th February, at the Freemasons' Tavern, and, by special dispensation from the Grand Master, brethren will be permitted to wear Masonic clothing and jewels on that occasion. Brethren wishing to attend are advised to make early application for tickets, as the number is limited.

The place of meeting of the Earl of Zetland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1361, having been changed from the Old Town Hall, Hackney, to Bro. Bristo's, the Nag's Head, Mare Street, Hackney, the first meeting took place in the new premises on Saturday evening last, Bro. W. C. Maddever in the chair, when the ceremony of Installation was rehearsed. The future meetings will take place at the above address, every Saturday, except the third Saturday in each month, between the hours of 7 and 9, during the months of October to April inclusive. Bro. W. Fieldwick Preceptor.

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CONSECRATION OF THE FERRUM LODGE.

A new Lodge of Freemasons was consecrated in Middlesbrough on Wednesday, 21st January. The North York Lodge, the only one in the iron town, was established in 1852, and since that time the members of the Craft have grown very numerous. For a considerable period it has been thought desirable that there should be a second Lodge. In September last active steps were taken with the view of opening a new Lodge, and a charter was granted by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the following brethren to form the Ferrum Lodge, No. 1848 :—Andrew Farmer, John Thomas Belk, S. A. Sadler, W. H. Cowper, Wright Petchell, S. Walker, and W. J. Watson. At the ceremony of Consecration there was a large attendance. The ceremony was performed by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, assisted by Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D., D.P.G.M. The ceremony of Consecration having been completed, the installation of the W.M. was proceeded with, and the Officers were appointed as follows :—Bros. A. Farmer P.P.G.D.C. W.M., J. T. Belk S.W., S. A. Sadler J.W., W. H. Cowper P.M. Sec., S. Walker S.D., W. Petchell P.M. J.D., and R. Davison P.M. I.G. An address on the history and privileges of Masonry was then delivered by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, the Rev. R. Mitford Taylor P.M. 613, after which the Lodge was closed. Amongst the Visitors present were—Bros. the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett P.M. 123 P.P.G.S.W., J. M. Meek P.M. Prov. G. Reg. (Durham), J. S. Cumberland P.M. 1611, and numerous brethren from the Provinces of North and East Yorkshire, Durham, and Northumberland. About 75 of the brethren afterwards dined at the Queen Hotel, and spent a most enjoyable afternoon.—*Yorkshire Gazette.*

Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, the I.P.M. of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, writes us that our representative made an error in the report of the Installation meeting which appeared in our last issue. Replying to the kind remarks of the W.M., when he presented the P.M.'s jewel voted by the Lodge, Bro. Seddon is reported to have said, "he accepted their gift, not as a testimonial for doing his duties, but for getting through them." Our brother tells us that he said just the opposite, for he accepted the testimonial, not for *getting through* his duties, but for *doing* them. We regret the error; but really the instances where an I.P.M. can and does openly declare in the face of his Lodge that he has done his duty are unfortunately so rare that we think we are justified in craving a little indulgence for the mistake of our reporter.

In our notice of the New Finsbury Park Lodge Ball, we stated that Bro. Parkiss was the W.M. of the Lodge; in this, it appears, we were wrong. The present W.M. is Bro. Thomas Press; Bro. Parkiss is the I.P.M.

The *Portsmouth Times* says that Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight has postponed his audit for the Michaelmas rents until the middle of March, in order that the corn may get in better condition for the market, and then he will order an abatement of £10 per cent.

The adjourned meeting of the proposed Fifteen Sections Club will be held at the Metropolitan Hotel, South-place, Finsbury, E.C. on Monday next, 2nd February, at seven o'clock p.m. Brethren willing to co-operate in the above movement are kindly requested to attend on this occasion. Communications to be addressd to John B. King, Hon. Sec., 89 Cannon-street, E.C.

The Royal Standard Benefit Society.—This Society was founded in 1828 by the late Mr. Hunter, for the purpose of assisting members in time of sickness and death. It was the first Society of the kind under the Registration Act of Bro. Tidd Pratt. A gathering was held on Tuesday, the 20th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, in aid of the funds. Dancing was kept up with great spirit under the direction of Mr. James Cox. The amusements were varied. A child, nine years old, Miss Price, delighted the company by her talented singing; Bro. C. Solomons presided at the piano. Mr. Leech, in the Crown Room, President of the Society, occupied the chair, and here songs, given by the Visitors, were fully appreciated. On former occasions the services of professional singers have been engaged. A supper followed, and then the usual enjoyments were resumed. Among the Stewards were Bros. Croft 1351, Perryman P.M. No. 3, Handley 475, &c.

Part VI. of "Greenhouse Favourites," published by Messrs. Groombridge and Sons, treats more particularly of the Erica, Azalea and Pelargoniums. This work is now fairly established, and when complete will form a handsome volume for the table, as well as a most useful one for reference.

Doubtless many of our readers have seen or heard of the "Boys' Own Paper," which has now been published weekly by the proprietors of the "Leisure Hour," for about twelve months. The success that has attended the publication of that serial has induced the promoters to launch forth the "Girls' Own Paper" which, based on the same lines as that issued for the Boys, will we hope prove as successful. The movement to provide pure and interesting periodicals for the young has thus received valuable assistance.

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Has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding.

Brethren desirous of accepting the Office of Steward upon this occasion will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. on Wednesday, the 4th day of February, at 7 o'clock in the evening, *punctually*.

Business:—The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

After which the following report of the Committee of General Purposes will be submitted.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 15th October 1879, to the 20th January 1880, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance G. Chapter	1231	4	6	Disbursements during the Quarter -	251	4	6
„ Unappropriated Account -	170	10	1	Balance - -	1328	6	11
Subsequent Receipts	341	16	11	„ in Unappropriated Account -	164	0	1
	£1743	11	6		£1743	11	6

Which Balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Companions Edward Rosenbusch as Z, Charles Edward Coffey as H, Harry Gardner as J, and twelve others for a Chapter to be attached to the Union Lodge, No. 407, Malta, to be called The "William Kingston Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Malta.

2nd. From Companions Edward Pitt Yonell as Z, William Dods as H, Joseph Tomlinson as J, and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1631, Gorleston, to be called "The St. Andrews Chapter," and to meet at St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston, Suffolk.

3rd. From Companions James Henry Gration as Z, Thomas Braithwaite as H, John Bustard as J, and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Friendly Lodge, No. 1513, Barnsley, to be called "The Friendly Chapter," and to meet at the King's Head Hotel, Barnsley, Yorkshire.

4th. From Companions William George Lemon as Z, The Rev. William Taylor Jones as H, Charles William Thompson as J, and eleven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Ravensbourne Lodge, No. 1601, Catford Bridge, to be called "The Ravensbourne Chapter," and to meet at the Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham.

5th. From Companions James Terry as Z, John Howroyd Sadler as H, John Edwin Cussans as J, and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Highgate Lodge, No. 1366, Highgate, to be called the "Highgate Chapter," and to meet at the Gatehouse Tavern, Highgate, Middlesex.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, The Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

With reference to the Petition for a Chapter to be attached to the Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331 Aldershot, the consideration of which was deferred at the last Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter, the Committee have to report that the Grand Superintendent for the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, having since withdrawn his recommendation to the Petition, they do not now feel themselves justified in recommending that the prayer of the Petition be granted, but leave the matter in the hands of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee have also to report that a complaint was preferred by a Companion of the Ebury Chapter, No. 1348, London, against another Companion of the Chapter, for having on two occasions (on the latter while presiding as the Acting M.E.Z.) used his influence to prevent his election to office in the Chapter. The Committee having summoned the parties before them, and having fully investigated the case, are of opinion that the first charge is not proved, but that, on the second occasion, a statement was made to the Chapter, which was calculated to influence the votes of the Companions, and which was not justified.

The Committee have further to report that by a mistake in taking the date of initiation for that of raising the Hwllffordd Chapter, No. 464, Haverfordwest, exalted a brother, after only eleven months service as a Master Mason, contrary to Art. 67, page 22, of the Royal Arch Regulations. The Committee have therefore admonished the Chapter to be more careful in future, and have directed that the Candidate be re-obligated before his Grand Chapter Certificate be issued.

The following Notice of Motion has been received for the next Quarterly Convocation;—

By Companion William Smallpeice, P.Z. No. 21:—

"That Clause five (5) page five (5) of the Book of Regulations of the Royal Arch be repealed, in order that all Companions may be present at the opening of private Chapters."

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, G. Treasurer, President

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
21st January 1880.

Robert Burns Chapter, No. 25.—Met on Monday, 26th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present—Comps. G. R. Sherrill M.E.Z., Chas. Martin H., Kerby P.Z. Treas. as J., W. Land J. (being absent through illness), W. Platt P.Z. Scribe E., Allsopp P.Z. as N., Elsey P.S., J. E. Shand Asst. Scribe, Smith W.S.; also Comps. Thomas P.Z., Deaton and others. After ballot, Bros. J. Linden W.M. Robert Burns Lodge No. 25, and G. Simonds Globe Lodge No. 23, were exalted. The names of Bros. T. J. Robins P.M. Robert Burns Lodge, and Courtney Wymil J.D. 25 were on the summons as candidates for exaltation, but they were unavoidably prevented from attending. An audit Committee was appointed. A P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. Sherrill for his able and courteous discharge of the duties of Z. during the year. Comp. Kerby P.Z. Treas. proposed that in consideration of the long connection of Comp. Bennett P.Z. with the Chapter, and whose resignation was accepted with great regret at the last meeting, Comp. Bennett be elected an hon. member of the Robert Burns Chapter, which was carried. Chapter was then closed until fourth Thursday in March. The Companions afterwards dined; the usual toasts were duly honoured, accompanied with some excellent singing by the Comps. The meeting was appropriate, as the Scottish Corporation were holding, in the Tavern, a Festival to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of the poet Robert Burns.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—The regular convocation was held on Monday, the 26th, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. P. Dickinson M.E.Z., L. Lazarus H., W. H. Gulliford J., N. Baum S.E., Buderus S.N., H. P. Isaac P.S.; P.Z.'s S. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, J. Lazarus, E. P. Albert, M. J. Emanuel, W. Littaur; and Comps. W. G. Jennings, Grove Ellis, L. Jacobs, S. Botibol, A. Botibol, Quincey, Mann. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Comp. Rev. S. H. Harris, Swinbourn Chapter, No. 24, was unanimously elected a joining member. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. J. H. Hawkins S.W. 1693 and Lodge 65; it was unanimous in his favour, and he was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by the M.E.Z. in a very perfect manner. This was the first meeting since the installation; the working of the principals and Officers reflected great credit on them all. A notice of motion was proposed and carried, that in consequence of the next convocation falling on a Bank Holiday, it be held at a later date. The resignation of Comp. S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treas. was accepted with regret, after some feeling remarks from Comp. W. H. Gulliford. Comp. E. P. Albert P.Z. was appointed Treasurer, a result that received the cordial approval of the Companions. The Chapter was closed till 22nd March, and the Companions sat down to a banquet provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. Littaur P.Z., as I.P.Z., had great pleasure, and the great privilege, to propose the toast of the M.E.Z., who possessed the attributes of a gentleman. The mantle of Z. could not have fallen on a better man; Comp. Dickinson's whole study was for their welfare; his working was perfection, and he was sure he would leave the chair with the regret of the members, yet with eclat to himself. The M.E.Z. thanked the I.P.Z. for his kind remarks; while occupying the chair it would be his duty to perform the ceremonial part; he hoped to preserve harmony among them. It was his first night in the chair, and he trusted he had given them satisfaction; his aim, in every respect, was for their comfort and welfare. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the newly exalted Companion; in feeling terms he spoke of the duties incumbent on those entering the Order, which was the climax of Freemasonry. Comp. Hawkins responded to the toast; he hoped in future to be a useful member. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the visiting Companions—Eckstein P.S. 1196, J. Chinnery 145, W. Russell 913—whom they were all pleased to see. They were all well known and equally respected. These Companions severally returned thanks; the working of the M.E.Z. was beyond all praise. The Past Principals were next honoured, and Comps. Littaur and Albert replied. The Z. next proposed the health of the H. and J., whose working in that capacity was such that merited the approbation of all. The S.E., the S.N., and also the P.S., were in due course complimented, then the Janitor's toast was given. Companions Hawkins, Eckaus, Baum, and Davis favoured, during the evening, with some excellent singing and recitations.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement. — Notwithstanding the very unfavourable state of the weather, and in the presence of one of those dense fogs peculiar to the Metropolis, this noted Chapter for the Improvement of Royal Arch Masons was well attended on Tuesday evening last, 27th January, at the usual quarters, the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. There was a rather serious drawback to the proceedings in the absence of Comp. Brown, the talented and highly esteemed Preceptor of the Chapter. The Chapter, however, was opened as usual, and the following were the Officers for the evening:—Comps. Lee Z., H. Thompson H., Catterson J., Lardner P.S., Walter N., and J. L. Payne candidate. The following Comps. were also present:—Payne, Catterson jun., Moore, Lilley, Sayer, and Edmonds. The ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed, all the Officers being well up to their work, but the working especially of the M.E.Z. was worthy of the highest commendation, for the very perfect manner in which it was performed. There are but few places in London in which instruction in Arch Masonry can be obtained, but to any one seeking advancement in this superior degree, there can be no doubt that the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement is one of the best of those few places where such instruction is to be obtained. The Chapter was closed and adjourned to Tuesday evening, 3rd February, at half-past six o'clock.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 31st JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Fredeston, Grosvenor Club, Flury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

MONDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
171—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
188—Jeppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1480—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R. A. 1615—Havard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M. M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
482—St. James, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Room, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1015—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Guadulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks.
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Cuer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
1788—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R. C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Belgrave Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
86—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
820—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington.
1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1558—H. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1668—Samson, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
1707—Eleanor, Tronciers, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
R. A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R. C.—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
184—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
285—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire

734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 690—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R. A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
M. M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
United Masonic Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
101—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Inst.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd., S.W.
1667—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch (Installation)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
591—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
674—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1065—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1376—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1394—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1441—St. Alphage, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
R. A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R. A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Beckmondwike
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
R.A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
R. A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1529—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
M. M. 197—Stanhope, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.

21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
239—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Sapthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
280—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Weeks, Somersetshire
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
702—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1384—Equity, Alfordic Chambers, Widnes.
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.

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1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecknshire
R. A. 541—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
R. A. 758—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
R.A 1214—Scarborough Hall, Scarborough, Caledonian-road, Batley
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Kanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
343—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
839—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction)
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
968—Welsh Pool, Railway Station, Welsh Pool
1096—Lord Warden, Lord Warden Hotel, Lower Walmer, Kent
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 5.30
K. T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly.

SATURDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction).
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction).
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

Prosperity Lodge, No. 65.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, London, E.C., on Thursday, the 22nd inst. The W.M. Bro. Charles Daniel was supported by the following Officers, viz.:—Bros. Ferry S.W., Chicken J.W., Roberts S.D., Schadler J.D., George T. Brown P.M. Secretary, Leins P.M. D.C., and amongst the brethren present were Bros. Caton, Kearney, Rudd, Edwards, Braine, Barber, Scritter, Plater, &c. The Visitors were Bros. James Stevens P.M. 1426, Foulsham P.M. 1790, Steward 525 Hong Kong, Hughes and King 27, Bristow 1637, Sargent 1790, Ray 220, Martin 188, Hunt 1641, and Gardner 1563. By request of the W.M. of the Lodge of Unity 1637, Bro. Robert Bristow was raised to the third degree. Mr. William Walker and Mr. James Stafford were then ballotted for, approved, and initiated. The sum of fifteen guineas was voted to a worthy Past Master of the Lodge, whose circumstances had recently been greatly impaired by unforeseen losses. Two guineas were voted to an applicant, whose claims were thoroughly investigated and certified; and one guinea was given on account of the entertainment of the inmates of the Masonic Benevolent Institution. Support was also accorded to the W.M. Bro. Daniel, in aid of his forthcoming Stewardship for that Institution. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethen subsequently spent a genial hour in the social and informal intercourse of an "off night." Over a "grog and cigar" proceedings connected with Masonry in general, and the Prosperity Lodge in particular, were freely and pleasantly discussed; and all present, members and visitors alike, were gratified by the information afforded, and, above all, by the proof which had been given that the sacred cause of Charity had been so freely supported, through non-expenditure, on this and former occasions, on the pleasures of the table. The Prosperity Lodge is following a good example now advocated by other Lodges; and it is agreeable to notice that it does not require the announcement of a banquet to draw visitors in goodly numbers to take part in Masonic work. May such self-sacrifice long continue here and elsewhere, and then the second of our grand principles will be so developed as to bring on those who practise it the testimony of a good conscience, and its accompanying blessing—Prosperity!

Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, Devizes.—The installation meeting took place on Tuesday, the 20th inst., when the W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Wm. Henry Burt, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the retiring W.M., Bro. T. H. Chandler P.P.J.G.W. Wilts. The Officers for the coming year were installed and invested as follows:—Bros. T. H. Chandler I.P.M., H. Howse S.W., J. A. Randell J.W., D. A. Gibbs Treas., William Nott P.P.J.G.W. and P.G. Reg. Wilts Sec., G. S. A. Warlen S.D., S. M. Badham J.D., Henry Barrass I.G., W. H. Bush and Jas. Neate Stewards, and John Hayter Tyler. The customary addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren were delivered by the Installing Master. Bro. the Rev. T. F. T. Ravenshaw P.G. Chaplain England, and a P.M. of this Lodge, having resigned his membership, on account of leaving the neighbourhood, presented to the Lodge a handsomely framed copy of the Albert Installation Engraving. Such present was acknowledged by a cordial vote of thanks. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren dined together at the Crown Hotel, Bro. S. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke Park, contributing to the banquet a liberal supply of venison and game. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Among the Visitors present were—Bros. S. Gauntlett P.M. 632 P.J.G.D. Wilts, T. R. Lavington W.M. elect 632, F. D. Norris S.D. 632, H. Simpson S.W. 1271, &c.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—A meeting was held on Friday, 16th inst., at the Lord Warden Hotel, Walmer. Present—Bros. John Laggett W.M., H. R. L. Botting S.W., J. E. Carpenter J.W., E. Kirby P.M. Treas., T. J. Usher P.M. Sec., W. Carterfield S.D., F. R. England J.D., H. Abram Organist, G. G. Thomson Steward, W. Ryder I.G., S. Holgate Tyler; Past Master Bro. T. Ayling. Visitors—Bros. Jas. Pardon 1205, and Metham. Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lecture in the first degree having been delivered, the Lodge was opened in the second, when Bro. Harding, a candidate, was duly examined, and passed to the degree of F.C. The charge having been delivered by the J.W., the lecture was given by the S.W., and the Fellow Craft Lodge was closed. The W.M. then put the motion for the removal of the Lodge to the St. George's Hall, Deal,—which was made at the last meeting, and duly inserted in the summons for this, according to the Book of Constitutions,—to the members present, and the motion was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren spent a pleasant hour together.

Grey Friars' Lodge, No. 1101.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, the 14th. Present—Bros. J. E. Danks W.M., W. Ferguson S.W., T. J. Pulley acting J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, R. Dowsett S.D., C. R. Honey J.D., J. H. Hawkes D.C., T. Newman I.G., W. W. Ridley S.St., R. C. Prickett J.St., W. Hemmings Tyler. P.M.'s—Bros. Flanagan I.P.M., Hurley, Margrett, Welch, Brown. Members—Bros. Wheatley, Browne, Ravenscroft, Brigham, Baily. Visitors—Bros. R. C. Mount P.M. 1328 S.D. 414, C. G. Hawkes 414. The Lodge was opened in the first degree. The minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed—they were as follows:—Grey Friar's Lodge 1101, Regular Lodge, Wednesday, 10th December 1879. Present—Officers, Bros. Danks W.M., Flanagan I.P.M., Ferguson S.W., Blackwell J.W., Stransom Treas., Ivey P.M. Sec., R. Dowsett S.D., Honey J.D., Hawkes D.C., Hickie Organist, Newman I.G., W. Ridley S.St., Prickett J.St., Hemmings Tyler. P.M.'s—Bros. Hurley, Brown, Margrett, Welch. Members—Bros. Pulley, Cordrey, Rhind, Ravenscroft, Browne, Wheatley, Bailey. Visitors—Bros. Fernee 1612, Pocock P.M. 414, Hawkes 414. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Henry Ferguson 1714, who was elected a joining member. Messrs. W. Collins, Geo. Wort and W. G. Titcombe were elected as initiates. Mr. W. A. Weatherhead was initiated into Freemasonry. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the W.M. resigned his gavel into the hands of Bro. Flanagan I.P.M., who had expressed his wish to raise his brother-in-law, Bro. Wheatley, to the third degree. Bro. Wheatley replied most satisfactorily to the questions, when he was entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, Bro. Wheatley was admitted and duly raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed by the I.P.M. in his usual correct and impressive manner. The I.P.M. returned the gavel to the W.M., who resumed the Lodge to the second and first degree. The non-officia brethren appointed on the Permanent Committee were Bros. Bailey, Browne and Rhind. Previously to the closing of the Lodge the Secretary was challenged by the S.St. Bro. W. Ridley to retire, in order to adjust some difficulties, which being soon happily effected, they re-entered the Lodge and took their proper stations. The W.M. announced to the Secretary that during his absence a most pleasing duty had been entrusted to him by the members of the Lodge, that of offering for his acceptance a handsome Testimonial, consisting of the sum of £50, which had been voluntarily subscribed by them in recognition of his valuable services in the arduous duties of Secretary of the Lodge; and as a mark of respect for his courtesy of manner and geniality of disposition during the many years he had held that office; the Treasurer would hand him a cheque for the amount, and he (the W.M.) trusted that the Secretary would accept it, in the same brotherly feeling as he assured him it was offered; he also had the pleasure of stating that not one penny had been taken out of the Lodge funds, which he felt assured would enhance its value. The Secretary, in thanking the W.M. and members for this unexpected, and he might say unprecedented appreciation of his services, gave an outline of the formation of the Lodge in 1866, and its occasion; he also stated what a Secretary of a Lodge should be, whose difficulties sometimes are rather difficult, but he should be one

Who would not willingly offend,
Nor easily be offended;
What's amiss he will try to mend,
And endure what can't be ended.

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This reminded him of a couplet he intended to give to the W.M. on his being placed in the chair of K.S.

Every Master you will find
Must oft be deaf, and oft be blind.

This splendid Testimonial more than repaid him for all his anxieties of office, not so much for its intrinsic value, as for the spirit of sincere brotherly love manifested by the members in this acknowledgment of his services. Messrs. Collins, Wort and Titcombe were duly initiated. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment to Bro. Bailey's, Ship Hotel, where a very pleasant conversational evening was spent.

Dundas Lodge, No. 1255.—A meeting took place on Tuesday, 20th inst., at Plymouth. The brethren, upon the conclusion of the regular and formal business, adjourned to Bro. Watts', Globe Hotel, to partake of their half-yearly supper. Among those present were—Bros. H. Dawe W.M., Barratt S.W., Adml. Glasse, C.B., J.W., W. Bros. W. Bell P.M. Treas., S. B. Harvey P.M. Sec., S. H. Hearle P.M., W. B. Triplett P.M., I. Watts P.M. P.P.G.Tr., J. D. Westcott P.M. 70 P.P.G.S. Wks., — Holmes J.D., Jago I.G. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and responded to, the W.M. proposed the P.G.M. Viscount Ebrington, the D.P.G.M. and the P.G.L. of Devon. To this Bro. Chas. Godtschalk P.M. 1255 P.P.G.D. replied. He referred to the services rendered to the Order by their late P.G.M. The toast of the P.M.'s Treasurer, and Secretary of 1255 was proposed by Bro. Davis P.P.G.S.W., and was followed by that of the Senior and Junior Wardens and other Officers of the Lodge, both of which were replied to. The next toast was "Success to our Masonic Charities," responded to by Bros. J. B. Gover and Charles Godtschalk. Bro. Gover referred to the published facts that their great London Charities had secured, by voluntary means alone, in 1879, the large income of over £44,000. His attention had been called to it from the fact that the amount has recently been brought forward as a proof of the great benevolence of the Craft at large. But this bright picture had a dark shadow—the immense increase in applicants to all the Charities. At the next election of boys, in April 1880, recognised candidates would compete for twenty vacancies, and no more could be taken for want of funds. Between fifty and sixty girls would appeal for help, and fifteen or sixteen only would be elected. Many aged Masons and widows could not be assisted for want of funds. He concluded from this that the indiscriminate multiplication of Lodges during the past few years had produced a large amount of distress. In future, restrictions would have to be placed on the indiscriminate granting of warrants for new Lodges. The toast of "Our Visitors," and "Our Poor and Distressed Brethren" not forgotten, terminated the proceedings.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

Friars Lodge of Instruction No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 27th inst.—Bros. Cundick P.M. W.M., Myers P.M. S.W., Spencer J.W., Power I.G., Pavitt Acting Sec.; also Bros. Lewis, Richardson, Fyfe, Cope, Watkins, Roddam, Clark, Waterer, Dinsmore, Barker, White, Roberts, Sadler, &c. This being the fourth Tuesday, the following sections were worked:—First by Bros. Spencer, second Watkins, third Pavitt, fourth Myers, fifth McDonald, sixth Pavitt, seventh McDonald; second degree, first Bro. Watkins, second, third, fourth and fifth Bro. Pavitt. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bros. Jno. Lewis Victoria Park Lodge 812, and Jno. Clark Prince Leopold Lodge 1445, were unanimously elected members. After spending a pleasant hour on the closing of the Lodge, the brethren departed, very pleased with the entire working.

St. Peter and St. Paul Lodge, No. 1410.—On Tuesday, 13th inst., the members of this Lodge held their usual meeting at the Swan Hotel, Newport Pagnell. After the business had been transacted they adjourned to an adjoining room, where, thanks to the improved catering of host Cannon, an excellent spread was prepared and well served up, giving great satisfaction to all present. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the health of the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, and in eulogistic terms alluded to the important services he had rendered in respect to Freemasonry, and particularly to the Lodge of SS. Peter and Paul, where, through his instrumentality, such excellent harmony always prevailed. He then presented him with a Past Master's jewel, and hoped he would be spared long to wear it. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the Brethren of SS. Peter and Paul's Lodge, No. 1410, to V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., First W.M., in token of their appreciation of his invaluable services." The Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, in acknowledging the present, said:—W.M., Bro. Wardens, and Brethren,—It is most difficult for me to acknowledge as I would wish the very beautiful jewel you have given me. I have the privilege to wear a large number of Masonic jewels, but it has always been my habit to wear few, because I believe that jewels unless fairly earned are not worth much. It is a very common thing to see a brother covered with decorations which mean nothing. Some jewels I do value. I have one that reminds me of the days when as an undergraduate at Cambridge I was the first Principal Sojourner of the Euclid, the new University Chapter. By another jewel I call to mind my dear old Province of Cambridge, which at the close of my university career gave me the highest honour of the year, the Provincial Senior Grand Wardenship. Here is a jewel which I never deserved, that of the Past Grand Officer of England, and this one I deserved still less, the garter of English Freemasonry, the jewel of the Royal Alpha Lodge. You, brethren, have added to-night one that I shall value second to none. I value it because it is a testimony both of your good feeling to me, and also of the efficient state of this Lodge. It would be affectation for me to say I have not worked at this Lodge. For the seven years of its existence I have never missed a Lodge. I have installed every Master. I have often occupied the chair. Most of you are my Masonic children. You will understand that as Secretary I *might* have had many troubles. The W.M. and Wardens change every year. The Secretary is a matter of fact, handed on from Master to Master, though of course he receives his appointment annually afresh. This is, I believe, a necessary state of things for the well-being of a Lodge, but it may have disadvantages both for the Master and for the Secretary. It is most disagreeable to a new W.M. to find himself obliged to take on a crusty old Secretary, who never consults him about anything, and who resents any proposal which he does not himself originate. I hope my dear friends, Bros. West, Childe, Fitch, Donald Frazer, Heigham, Wilmer, and you, W.M., have not found me such. And, on the other hand, it is equally disagreeable to a Secretary to find that every new W.M. wishes to change every detail of Lodge management simply for the sake of change. I certainly, W.M., from yourself and your predecessors, have had nothing but the utmost consideration in all matters. I conceive it is the duty of a Secretary ever to remember that he is subordinate to the W.M. All that he does is by command of the W.M. He must manage details without interfering with the Master's prerogative. A Secretary who manages everything without consulting the Worshipful Master is unfit for his office. The Secretary who worries his chief about every comma in the circular is equally unfit. No one but those who have tried it know how hard it is to steer between these two extremes. I am conscious of many failures, to which you are most kindly blind to-night, but I have tried to preserve a due medium between a too great independence and a shirking of the proper responsibility of my office. So far as I have succeeded it has been through the good tone which has ever existed in this Lodge, not by my own merit. We have had a few difficulties to meet. We have had animated discussions. We have all had and held our opinions, but we have never for one minute lost sight of this truth that the liberty of opinion which we claim for ourselves we must ourselves allow to others. It is this fact which has made my work, whether as Secretary or Master of this Lodge, not a labour, but a pleasure. I shall wear this jewel, I hope for many years, as Secretary of this Lodge, in commemoration of the brotherly feeling of the past, as an assurance that we pledged, one and all, to preserve for the future those principles by which you have enabled me, I will not say to deserve, but to receive it as no empty compliment. The toast of the W.M. was given and heartily received, and a very pleasant and convivial evening was enjoyed.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—With much pleasure we report the revival of this Lodge of Instruction, under the Preceptorship of Bro. Wm. H. Myers P.M. of the mother Lodge, and P.M. and P.Z. 820. It is now held at the Mitford Tavern, corner of the Amhurst and Sandringham-roads, Dalston, within five minutes walk of the Hackney Downs Station on the Great Eastern Railway, and the Hackney and Dalston Stations of the North London Railway. The following is the programme of procedure throughout the year:—On the first, second and third Mondays in each month, the corresponding degrees and sections are worked, with personal instruction to members requiring it. On the fourth Monday, as many of the Fifteen Sections as can be worked in the two hours appointed for instruction. On the fifth Monday, which occurs in every three months, the Installation ceremony is worked, and preference is given to any Brother who is about to instal his successor in his own Lodge. At the meeting held on Monday, 26th January, Bro. Wm. McDonald W.M., Wm. H. Myers S.W., R. Durell J.W., B. Cundick I.P.M., T. E. Goddard S.D., W. Musto J.D., J. A. Robson I.G., H. S. Clarke Sec., S. L. Green W.M. 1445, and other brethren, the Lodge was opened to the third degree, and being resumed in the second, the five sections of that lecture were worked by Bros. R. Durell J.W. 1349, W. Musto P.M. 1349, W. H. Myers P.M., B. Cundick P.M. 1421, and R. Durell. The Lodge was then resumed in the third degree, and the sections were worked by the following Past Masters:—Bros. W. Musto, W. H. Myers, and B. Cundick. The Lodge was then resumed in the first degree, and Bro. T. Brereton No. 72, was elected a member, and Bro. T. E. Goddard S.W. 1445, was elected W.M. for Monday next, 2nd February. Bro. Myers proposed a vote of thanks to Bros. Cundick, Musto, Durell, and the presiding W.M. Bro. McDonald, for the excellent manner in which they had worked the sections. Bro. Myers then gave notice of motion to the following effect:—That the members' subscriptions be allowed to accumulate, and when there is an amount of five guineas in the hands of the Treasurer, a ballot be taken for a Life Subscribership in either of the Masonic Institutions, by members who have attended this Lodge of Instruction not less than six nights of meeting in the previous three months, dating from the first of a month to the first of the then current month.

Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470, Dunstable.—Quite a red letter day in the annals of this flourishing Lodge was observed by the installation into the Master's chair of the much-esteemed Bro. John Wood (also of 180), whose unanimous and enthusiastic election preluded to the great *eclat* which attended the day's proceedings. The Installing Master was Bro. P.M. J. R. Stacey of 180 and 1741, whose rendering of the ceremony was received by the brethren with great acclamation. The newly-installed Master having invested his Officers—Bros. McLean S.W., Crew J.W., Howell P.M. Treasurer, Russell P.M. Secretary—then initiated into the Order Mr. W. Shaw, of Clapham, and Mr. H. Harden, of Twickenham, performing the work in a most able manner. Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to partake of one of the most elegant banquets that could possibly grace a table, Bro. Saunders, mine host of the Sugar Loaf, Dunstable, sparing neither time, trouble, nor expenditure in producing such happy results. The musical arrangements were under the direction

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of Bro. E. E. Cooper, and the many personal friends of the W.M. were most solicitous in their endeavours to enhance the pleasures of the day by their excellent singing and recitations. Amongst these brethren we may especially mention Bros. E. E. Cooper, Walter Pelham, Wallis Mackay, Theodore Drew, E. Farley, A. C. Hunter, F. Howell, &c. Many visiting brethren journeyed from London to do honour at the installation of our worthy Bro. Wood, and amongst these were the Rev. Dr. Morris, Dr. Malcolm, J. R. Stacey P.M. 180, W. S. Daniel S.W. 1541, W. Higgins, T. Coleman, W. Mackay, W. F. Taunton, J. D. Langton, T. Drew, E. Farley, D. J. Chester, T. Denne, E. E. Cooper, J. Hillier, Mark Rest, A. C. Hunter, &c.

St. James's Lodge, No. 1579.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 24th inst., at the George Inn, Enfield, Bro. Cusworth W.M. presiding. Among the Visitors present was Bro. Levander Prov. Grand Sec. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Roach was passed to the second degree. This being the Installation Meeting, Bro. George Henry Jaffa, of Edmonton House, Edmonton, the W.M. elect, was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Cosworth, in a way that elicited unqualified approbation. The W.M. then appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. Hobbs S.W., Iron J.W., Everdell S.D., Rudd J.D., Tegg I.G., Greenwood D.C., and Weld Steward. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren were entertained at a banquet, when the usual toasts were proposed, Bro. Levander returned thanks for the Provincial Grand Officers.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the meeting held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 22nd inst., there were present—Bros. A. Jones W.M., H. E. Tucker S.W., E. C. Porter J.W., J. Wells S.D., Gasson J.D., Bellerby I.G., F. Millsom, J. J. Clarke, Tink Brown. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. F. Millsom and Clarke candidates. Bro. Tucker delivered the lecture on the Tracing Board, in a very able manner. Bros. Bellerby and Millsom answered the questions leading to third degree. Bro. Preceptor Tucker was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held on Monday, 19th January, at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Present—Bros. Pringle W.M., Forss S.W., Scherbohm J.W., Allison Sec., Robinson S.D., Hubbert J.D., Kendall I.G., Hogg P.M. Preceptor; also Anning W.M. 1625, Tyler, Robertson, Emery, Hamley, C. Kendall, Allison jun., and Stephens. The Lodge was opened, and after minutes of previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Pringle took the obligation as Master elect, and was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. Anning. Bro. Pringle after being installed invested the Officers in a very creditable manner. The third degree was rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Pringle, in a very able manner, a vote of thanks being unanimously accorded for the same. The sum of five guineas was voted to the "Aged Freemasons," and ordered to be placed on Bro. G. H. Stephens' list.

Obituary.

DIED, on the 15th proximo, after a lingering illness, Bro. David Pullen P.M. St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144, aged 58 years, regretted by all who knew him. Bro. Pullen was for over thirty years in the service of Sir Brandreth Gibbs, corner of Half Moon-street, Piccadilly, Secretary of the Smithfield Club. Bro. Pullen was Assistant Secretary. For his urbanity and courtesy in that office the exhibitors just before his illness, gave him a dinner at St. James's Hall, at which about fifty subscribers sat down, presided over by Mr. Gordon, M.P. He was then presented with a testimonial, consisting of a silver tea and coffee service, and a purse containing 500 sovereigns. The deceased was buried at Brompton Cemetery, and followed by his two sons, Mr. David and Mr. Charles Pullen, his two sons-in-law, Mr. Owen and Mr. Collins, brother-in-law, Mr. Tod, Sir Brandreth Gibbs, Bros. Dr. Regan, Ayshford, and Wm. Mann P.M. 180, &c. We noticed around the grave Bros. Unite P.M., Maples P.M., Warland P.M., Allen P.M., Ardin P.M., Wood, Markland, Holland; and Messrs. Scholefield, Curtis, &c.

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APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, London, on Monday next, on which occasion the R.W. Provincial Grand Master for North and East Yorkshire, the Earl of Zetland, will undertake the duties of Chairman. His Lordship was appointed to the ruling of the Province he now governs in 1874, since which time Freemasonry in his district, as in most others, has made considerable advances. New Lodges have been consecrated, old ones have prospered, and generally, we think, he may be congratulated on the position of the Province of which he is the head. But on one point, and that the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, an apathy has existed, to which we have on several occasions referred, and which we consider the more peculiar when we take into consideration the zeal evidenced in Freemasonry by a few of the Craftsmen of the district. We have taken upon ourselves, time after time, when reviewing the results of the Charity Festivals, to point out the meagre support rendered to the three Institutions by the brethren of North and East Yorkshire, and although we are aware that in some instances our remarks—intended as honest criticism—have been considered somewhat offensive, we must ask our friends to forget it; if we have erred, it has been in a good cause. Whether the majority of the brethren of this Province imagine that the few energetic ones do as much as the whole should accomplish or not, we are unable to say, but one thing is certain,—that hitherto the Province of North and East Yorkshire has not contributed to either of the Masonic Institutions anything like the amount which might reasonably be expected from it. A good opportunity to remove this stigma now presents itself, and we trust that the chairman of Monday next will receive such support from his Province as will entitle it to a place on the roll of honour—so far as support to the Masonic Charities is concerned; and further, that the presidency of this Festival, the first undertaken by his Lordship on behalf of either of the Charities, will make a change in the benevolent aspect of his Province.

Now, as regards the Festival itself; the prospect can hardly be termed a promising one; last year Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, had the gratification to announce on the night of the Festival that the promised subscriptions reached the splendid total of £13,875 10s 6d, with fifteen lists then outstanding. What those lists produced, and the changes that were made in others, may best be imagined on reference to the total of the donations and subscriptions actually collected last year, as given in our issue of the 3rd January last, the amount there being set down at £14,123 10s 6d. This result was achieved by the united efforts of 288 Stewards, and represents an average, in round figures, of £49 from each. The average, however, of the lists as announced at the Festival reached but a trifle over £48. Up to the present time the number of brethren who have undertaken the office of Steward for this year's Festival is but 224, as compared with the total of 288 referred to above who assisted in that of 1879, so that, even allowing for the receipt of a few more names before the time of announcing the result of the 1880 Festival arrives, it will be seen that there is a falling off of over twenty per cent. as regards numbers alone, and this at a time when the advocacy of so large a number of brethren can ill be spared, considering more especially the present aspect of financial matters. The general depression in business presses heavier as, month after month, it continues, and this, added to the fact that great distress exists at the present time in many manufacturing counties may be expected to cause a considerable diminution in the total that will be announced. Another item that will materially affect the total will be the absence this year of any very large amounts from the Provincial centres. Last year the Festival was presided over by Lieut.-Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. G.M. for East Lancashire, which Province numbers on its roll the Lodges of Manchester, Bolton, Bury, Salford, and many other large towns, and right nobly was he supported by the brethren of his district. As we stated at the time, fifty of its Lodges and one Chapter were represented, by seventy-nine Stewards, and the result of their exertions, including a donation of 100 guineas from the Chairman, 500 guineas from the Provincial Grand Lodge, fifty guineas from the Provincial Grand Chapter, and sixty guineas from the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, was, that a total of £3,542 was announced on the night of the Festival as contributed by East Lancashire. This year it would not be fair to expect so grand a total from the Chairman's Province. East Lancashire has a total of eighty-nine Lodges, while North and East Yorkshire has but twenty-seven; still we think we are not asking too much when we expect that the Earl of Zetland this year shall bring from his Province as large an amount, in proportion, as did his *confrère* the Grand Master of East Lancashire from the brethren of that Province last year. We should thereby have to announce the receipt of something over £1,000; let us hope that amount will be realised, but we are afraid we are doomed to be disappointed. Taking the above standard of £48 per Steward as the basis of this year's calculations, the result of the Festival should show contributions amounting to about £10,750, but from what we have seen of some of the London lists, that standard will not be reached, and therefore we fear we shall have to listen to an announcement of but a four figure total. It is impossible for any one outside the office—and we believe it is far from possible for those inside—to form any fair estimate of what the total really will be, as so many brethren keep their lists to themselves until they arrive at the banquet, thus making it very difficult to obtain reliable information on the subject. We can but hope that a grand success is in store for the Benevolent Institution, and in this we think we are joined by the majority of the Freemasons of this country. Whatever may be the result, we have no hesitation in saying that Bro. Terry deserves the thanks of all connected with the Charity for the continued exertions he has made to render the Festival of 1880 a success from a financial point of view.

We have so often dilated on the merits of this Institution that we do not think it necessary to point out here the need there is that it should be supported, or that its Committee should receive funds sufficient to enable them to continue the work in the future, as well, if not better than has been done in the past. Even with the large total of subscriptions, donations, &c., of 1879, there was ample scope left for further aid being rendered to really deserving cases; numerous candidates both for the Male and Female Funds being left unprovided for after the May election. What will be the result if anything like a falling-off of £3,000 in this year's receipts as compared with those of last year takes place, we leave to the imagination of our readers.

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With a hope that each will do his best for our "old people," we leave the subject until next week, with the earnest wish that as grand a total awaits us as has ever been announced by the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Terry.

THE MASONIC RITUAL.

BY BROTHER JACOB NORTON.

Now, tell us what 'twas all about!
Young Peterkin he cried;
And little Wilhelmine looks up,
With wonder waiting eyes.
Now, tell us all about the war!
And what they killed each other for?

It was the English, Caspar cried,
That put the French to rout;
But what they killed each other for,
I could not well make out.
But everybody said, quoth he,
That 'twas a famous victory!

LIKE Caspar, I know that a famous victory was gained, I know that Bro. Stevens fought for the "uniformity of the ritual," and Bro. Woodford opposed him. But as I have not read the *Freemason*, I could not clearly make out what "it was all about."

But as the Grand Lodge consented to appoint a committee upon the question at issue, I deem it proper to lay before the committee a history of the English Masonic Ritual I shall, however, premise by stating, that there are sectarian allusions in the ritual, which gave rise to a notion that Masonry was designed to inculcate Christian dogmas. For instance, the significant allusion to the "morning star," the dogma of resurrection. The declaration of the inspiration of the Bible, &c. These topics in the ritual encourage the *Cantwells* to make ignorant zealots believe that Freemasonry is a fifth wheel to Christianity. These notions have again and again been asserted in the press, as well as in the Lodges. This question ought long since to have been settled by authority of the Grand Lodge. I am sick and tired of hearing from one and the same man that Masonry *is a religion*, and that *it is not a religion*. If the Masonic aim is to inculcate Christian dogmas, let the Grand Lodge say so. And if not, sectarian allusions should be expunged from the ritual. Some clerical brethren may oppose this, and if so, I would ask them whether they were acting in conformity with justice, truth, and according to rule, *Do as you would be done by*. The question is, on which side is Bro. Stevens? Is he in favour for making such change, or does he merely advocate conformity to the Hemming ritual as promulgated by Peter Gilkes? If the last supposition is correct, the brother may have gained a victory; but with little Peterkin I ask,

"What good came of it at last?"

Brothers Woodford and Stevens may know as much about the history of the ritual as I do, and may be more. But I have no doubt that a majority of English Masons, like majorities in our American Grand Lodges, imagine that either Grand Master Noah, Nimrod, or Solomon was the author of the ritual. Its imagined antiquity gives to their minds an idea of sacredness, and hence they look upon any one who desires to make any change in it as committing a sacrilege. This almost universally accepted error I propose to remove, by showing the origin and growth of the Masonic ritual.

About 1430, A.D., a few years sooner or later, a Catholic priest wrote a Masonic poem, now known as the "Halliwell Constitution," which gives a significant outline of the then ritual. The writer ascribed the origin of Masonry, not to Solomon, but to Euclid in Egypt. And the origin of Masonry in England not to St. Alban, but to King Athelstan and his son Edwin. These, he says, gave the Masons a code of laws, consisting of fifteen articles and fifteen points, all which laws he gave in full in the poem. I have no doubt that the Rev. Brother invented both of these legends, and it is also evident that from that time, and for about a century after, the Masonic ceremony of initiation began with the reading of the said legends, followed by the laws, such as the Masons made from time to time. After the laws were read a prayer was made to "God Almighty and his moder Mary bright." The legend of the then patron saints (both in Germany and in England), viz. "the Four Crowned Martyrs" was next given. Noah's ark: the tower of Babel seven miles high, built by Nabocodonzor: the seven liberal sciences were all expatiated on, and a long Roman Catholic sermon, about going to church, sprinkling with holy water, shriving, &c., finished the ceremony.

The next ritual is known as "Matthew Cooke's *MS.*" This begins with a prayer to the Godhead, and as no mention is made therein of "Moder Mary," nor of the martyrs, I presume that the said MS. was written by a Protestant in the 16th century. This author claims to have read the Bible, St. Isador, the Polycronocon, and other books, both in manuscript and in print. From the Bible he inferred that Lamach, his two wives, and his sons were the founders of Masonry, that Nimrod composed Masonic charges, that Abraham taught Euclid Masonry, that King David gave charges to Masons. He also Masonized King Solomon and King Hiram, but he was not *cute* enough to *guess* that the widow's son was a mason. The legends of Euclid and Athelstan were reproduced, but he ascribed the origin of Masonry in England to St. Alban. In these two rituals there is no indication of any Masonic OB. according to our sense of the phrase.

In the 17th century the Matthew Cooke ritual was abridged. There are still in existence about twenty-five MS. of the 17th century. Bro. Hughan published a number of them, viz., "The Old Charges." In all these rituals but one the opening prayer is to the Trinity. The same legends are given (with some variation, of course) as in the Matthew Cooke ritual. Before reading the charges and laws the Elder requested the candidate to lay his hand on a book, and these Charges wound up with "So help you God," &c. Late in the 17th or beginning of the 18th century, a new brief oath was introduced, beginning with "I A.B.," but no saints were alluded to, and no penalties were mentioned in the said OB.

While treating of the brevity of the then OB., I cannot refrain mentioning that in 1869 I saw two initiations in Lodges at Leipsic in Germany, and the whole OB. consisted of the following words:—"I promise, on the word of an honest man, not to divulge what will be here communicated to me." I must here add that the Mason of the 17th century, and all the preceding Masons, never entertained the idea that Masonry was designed to unite men of every creed, but, on the contrary, in every constitution, both English and German, the candidate was enjoined *to be true to the church, and to entertain no heresy*; and in Germany, if a Mason abstained from attending regularly to confession, he was expelled from the Craft.

The founders of the Grand Lodge of England changed the nature and aim of the Masonic institution. The widow's son was now for the first time Masonized, new degrees were added; in fact, the ceremonies were all new, and into the charges was introduced the declaration that Masonry unites men of all creeds into a brotherhood, &c. But notwithstanding this declaration, *true universality* was ignored in the new ritual as well as laws. St. John's days were made into Masonic festivals. Lodges began to be dedicated first to one saint, and afterwards to the two saints John. In the new ritual Christ was referred to as being higher than a Mason, and the first Lodge was said to have been held in the holy Chapel of St. John. Prayers *were however entirely abolished*, and as late as 1766 prayer in Lodges under the Grand Lodge of England *was an exception*, but not a rule. The truth is, the *Ancients* (as they were called) reintroduced Lodge prayers, and the *Moderns* gradually followed the example of the Ancients.

The OB. in the new ritual was still without saints and without penalties, and very brief, and so was the ritual. A just and perfect Lodge consisted of two entered apprentices, two Fellow Crafts, and two Masters. Five, however, was the limit. The jewels were the square pavement, the blazing star, and the *Danly tassele*. The sun, the Master, and square were the three lights. They had also two lights, "one to see to go in, and another to work." The Key was symbolically explained, but the Bible was not then symbolized as the "great light," and I may here state that as late as 1730, when the Duke of Norfolk was installed Grand Master, the Grand Lodge of England was opened *in due form*, not with a Bible on the Grand Master's pedestal, but the Book of Constitutions, with a sword, laid there. This custom is in vogue in French Lodges, for which our French brethren are repeatedly abused by our American Masonic luminaries as infidels. It seems, however, the G.O. of France is following an old English Masonic usage.

The next ritual had still but one OB., and the penalties of the three degrees were embraced in it. The Lodge was said to have been dedicated to St. John. The Bible, compass and square were the furniture of the Lodge. The key and ivory box were symbolised. The point, centre, and letter G were there; seven or more made a just Lodge, but it was minus of *ornaments* and working tools.

The next ritual was in vogue during Lord Aberdour's Grand Mastership (about 1760). Here we have an OB. for every degree; in the first degree *only* working tools were explained. It was, however, still minus of *ornaments* as well as *parallel lines*. According to Dr. Mackey, that symbol appeared first in a ritual of 1776. It is ascribed to Dunckerley, who introduced the saints John as Masonic parallels. In 1814 Dr. Samuel Hemming substituted Moses and Solomon for the saints. It would, however, have been wiser had the Rev. Doctor thrown the symbol out altogether. In Pennsylvania, where the Masons pride themselves on preserving the Dermott ritual in its purity, the parallel lines are unknown, so they are in Scotland and on the Continent of Europe. The theological feature of that symbol clashes with the idea of universality. It is therefore *un-Masonic*.

This outline of the origin and development of the Masonic ritual must convince the most obdurate Masonic conservative that *ancient landmarks* cannot be pleaded in favour of perpetuating the accumulated rubbish in the ritual. If, therefore, Bro. Stevens is ambitious of gaining a "famous victory," he must exert his influence to make the ritual consistent with Masonic pretensions or professions. If Masonry cannot stand without promulgating sectarian dogmas, candidates should not be deceived by W.M.'s with solemn promises that Masonic duties would not interfere with their religious opinions, and all boasting of *Masonic universality* should be expunged from the constitution and Ritual. But if Bro. S. favours Masonic universality, he should advocate the removal of all sectarianism from the ritual. Sooner or later one or the other will have to be done, and why not do it now?

Boston, U.S., 17th January 1880.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS CLUB.

THE adjourned meeting of the Fifteen Sections Club was held at the Metropolitan Hotel, South-place, Finsbury, E.C., on Tuesday evening, 2nd Febuary, a numerous attendance of brethren being present. Bro. James Stevens was elected to the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Stevens proposed, and Bro. Job seconded,—That arrangements be made for a special Masonic night for the opening of the Fifteen Sections Club. Proposed by Bro. Latrielle, seconded by Bro. Hall,—That those arrangements be carried out by Bros. Stevens and King (Hon. Sec.), and that the Secretary call a meeting of members as soon as convenient, to report progress. Votes of thanks were accorded to Bros. Stevens and Latrielle (Vice), and King Hon. Sec., and the meeting adjourned. The date of the special night will be duly announced in the several Masonic journals.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF ECONOMY, No. 76.

THE ceremony of Installing Bro. J. Harris P.M. P.P.G.S.W. as W.M. of this Lodge, took place on Thursday afternoon, 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Winchester, in the presence of a full Lodge and many visiting brethren, inclusive of the Prov. G.M. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and several of his Officers, who were received with the usual honours. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. E. D. Godwin, in a manner that elicited the encomiums of the P.G.M. and all the brethren. The W.M. installed his Officers as under:—Bros. F. R. Bryan I.P.M., I. Murray S.W., G. F. Nixon J.W., Captain Hall S.D., W. H. Jacob J.D., T. Stopher P.M. Treasurer, W. Gamon P.M. Secretary, J. T. Clifton and H. Ventham Stewards, S. R. Everett P.P.G.D.C. D.C., S. Newman I.G. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a banquet was served by Mrs. Spriggs. The usual toasts followed.

UNION LODGE, No. 129, KENDAL.

THE annual meeting of this old Lodge, the oldest in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, took place at the Masonic Hall, Stramongate, on Thursday, 29th January, at four o'clock in the afternoon. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Banks, who was assisted by his Officers and a goodly number of members and Visitors. After the confirmation of the minutes a gentleman was initiated by Bro. McKay P.M., and subsequently a Bro. was raised by Bro. Nelson P.M. The W.M. then invited Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. to take the chair as Installing Master. Bro. McKay then presented Bro. Watson S.W. W.M. elect for the benefit of installation: the presentation being attended to, a Board of Installed Masters was opened in ample form in due course, the Installing Master being assisted by Bros. McKay and Nelson. Bro. Watson having been placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, he was greeted, proclaimed and saluted in the various degrees. Each Officer, after investment by the W.M., was placed in his chair and addressed as to his situation, duties, &c. by the Installing Master. The final addresses to the W.M, Wardens and brethren were delivered by Bro. McKay. The ordinary business of the Lodge being completed, Bro. T. Wilson P.M. proposed, Bro. McKay P.M. seconded, and the W.M. supported, a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Bowes for his invaluable services as Installing Master. The Lodge having been closed, the W.M. invited the brethren to his private residence to dinner, and we need not say that a most enjoyable evening was spent under his hospitable roof.

ISRAEL LODGE, No. 205.

THE Installation meeting was held on the 27th ult., at Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. A. Bassington W.M., who was supported by Bros. H. J. Phillips S.W., L. Norden J.W. W.M. elect, C. F. Hogard P.M. P.P.G. Sup. W. Essex Secretary, A. M. Cohen I.P.M., I. P. Cohen P.M., H. M. Harris P.M., M. J. Emanuel P.M., L. Littaur P.M., J. Da Silva I.G., A. Abrahams Steward, E. J. Ward, H. Shanly, T. Houghton, A. Abrahams, J. Houghton, C. Richmond, Z. Diamond, &c. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the Lodge balance-sheet was received; also that of the Israel Benevolent Fund, both of which documents were of a satisfactory character. The business of installing the W.M. elect was then proceeded with. Bro. L. Norden being presented to Bro. Bassington by Bro. I.P.M. A. M. Cohen, who acted as D.C. throughout the ceremony, which, as rendered by Bro. Bassington, formed a fitting finish to his year of office. Bro. Norden having received the salutations of the brethren in due form, proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. H. J. Phillips S.W., J. Da Silva J.W., C. F. Hogard P.M. Secretary (re-appointed), A. Abrahams S.D., A. Abrahams J.D., J. A. Gartley I.G., I. P. Cohen P.M. M.C., H. Handy Steward, E. J. Ward Assist. Steward, Bassington I.P.M., J. Rawles Tyler. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. C. Coote P.M. Treasurer, explaining that that Brother's absence was owing to illness, but accepting the office of Treasurer again. Bro. Norden said he hoped to have the pleasure of investing Bro. Coote on another occasion. Bro. A. M. Cohen P.M. called the attention of the brethren to the famine unfortunately raging in Ireland, and moved that £5 5s be contributed from the Lodge funds towards the Lord Mayor's list in aid of the sufferers; this was seconded by Bro. Hogard, and carried with unanimity. After several matters of interest had been disposed of, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to partake of a banquet, which reflected great credit both upon Bro. E. H. Rand, manager, and Bro. Cohen, who catered for the Hebrew brethren. Grace having been said for the Hebrew brethren and for the Christian brethren by Bro. I.P.M., the brethren did full justice to the good cheer. When the repast was over, the W.M. introduced the usual Loyal toasts in brief but expressive terms, which enabled the toast list to receive full justice without curtailment. The list presented a very agreeable feature, each toast being accompanied by an apt quotation from the poems of Tennyson, Lord Byron, Burns, Longfellow, &c. That coupled with the Immediate P.M.—

> Not Heaven itself upon the past has power,
> But what has been, has been, and I have had my hour.

from Dryden, in imitation of Horace, being a good specimen. The toast of the R.W. Dep. Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, received as hearty a reception as its predecessors, and was coupled with the name of W. Bro. J. L. Thomas P.G.D.C., who, in response, said he would fall in with the good example set by the W.M., and rise at once to thank them in the name of the Grand Officers Present and Past. It afforded him great pleasure to meet his old friend Bro. Hogard, and to be a guest in this old and highly esteemed Lodge. In our gatherings at Grand Lodge we hear a great deal of the doings of certain Lodges, and the Lodge of Israel is one of which we hear a high account. As the brethren so fully appreciated their Goff, he felt sure they did their duty, and justified their appointment. He thanked them for the cordial reception of the toast. Bro. I.P.M. Bassington next gave the W.M., in appreciative terms. He said all would agree with him that they had the right man in the right place, and he was sure from the manner in which Bro. Norden had conducted the several duties he had performed in the Lodge, the brethren would have every satisfaction from his year of office. In reply, Bro. Norden thanked Bro. I.P.M. for the kind introduction of the toast, and the brethren for the manner they had received it. He was now upon his trial, and hoped he would receive the same encomiums upon leaving that position as he had on entering it. The Masonic Charities and the Lodge Benevolent Fund were next honoured. The W.M. said he had expected Bro. Terry would have been present, but owing to the death of that brother's father, he was unavoidably absent. They all knew the extent of the Masonic Institutions, but they had one Institution near and dear to them, viz., the Lodge Benevolent Fund. He would call upon the brother who, in the past as well as the present, had so ably presided over it. He trusted it might soon attain the four figure proportions its president, Bro. A. M. Cohen, was so desirous of witnessing. Bro. Da Silva here sang "The Anchor's Weighed," after which Bro. Cohen said he wished the Bro. Cohen of the past days could respond for the Bro. Cohen of the present. To do full honour to the toast he should require the eloquence of a Cicero, but would do his best. Bro. Cohen gave an interesting account of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, to which as its object was the relief of Lodge members only, they alone were asked to contribute. He hoped that the brethren would that evening enable them to purchase another £100 of stock. Bro. Secretary was zealously waiting with a double pointed pencil, and he trusted the brethren would respond. To the credit of the Israel brethren we must say the Secretary had a very busy time of it, and with satisfactory result. The I.P.M. was next toasted, and the Visitors then received a hearty reception. The W.M. had much pleasure in giving the toast; they were honoured by the attendance of representatives of the Lodges of Tranquillity, Joppa, Montefiore, Samson, and Asaph. With each of these five Lodges there exists a bond of union and sympathy with the Israel Lodge. He would ask Bro. Hymans W.M. Joppa 188 to respond for the Lodges, and also couple with the toast the names of Bros. Nicholson P.M., Athelstan 19, and C. H. Webb P.M. 1607. To Bro. Webb especially the W.M. was indebted for the proud position he then filled, he having received instruction from Bro. Webb. Bro. Linging gave a sketch, which created much amusement. Bro. Hymans thanked the brethren on behalf of the sister Lodges, and Bros. Nicholson and Webb also responded. The W.M. here rose to say he would further connect the names of Bros. Musto P.M. and Stephens with the toast, they being respectively the Preceptor and Hon. Sec. of the Lodge of Instruction held under the Warrant of the Israel Lodge. This was received with enthusiasm, as many of the brethren and the newly-appointed Officers are gaining their Masonic knowledge at this Lodge, which Bro. Norden claimed to be one of the best to be found. Bro. Musto P.M. suitably responded, and the Past Masters were toasted. Bro. A. M. Cohen said it would require but few words from him to express the thanks of the P.M.'s. For himself, for a great number of years, he could say that there was no capacity in the Lodge which the P.M.'s had not filled, and were capable of filling whenever called upon. The Officers was next given; of Bro. S.W. the W.M. said it was only through his diffidence that he was not in the position of W.M. Bro. J.W. they would find a first rate worker. Bro. Treasurer, he was sorry to say, was, through ill-health, unable to be present; how well and faithfully he had always done his duty his re-election would testify. He trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would in His mercy and goodness be pleased to speedily restore him to health. Bro. Secretary was well known to all, and the W.M. was sure if the brethren were to search all the world they could not find his superior. Through his influence with the W.M., he had brought the Lodge out of debt, and with a balance on the right side. He asked them to drink to the Officers of the Lodge. Bro. S.W., in reply, said he would simply thank them for the hearty reception of the toast, and assure them of his constant endeavour to give them satisfaction. Bro. J.W. expressed himself almost overcome, in the presence of so distinguished an assembly of Grand Lodge Officers, representing as they did the *elite* of the Masonic world, surrounded as he was by so many distinguished members of the Craft, at having to respond as an Officer of the Lodge. The cordial manner in which their health had been drunk was not only a reward for past labours, but would prove an incentive to work for the Lodge, and so reach the proud position he saw so many brethren had attained. On behalf of himself and the junior Officers, he returned thanks for the toast. Bro. Secretary alluded to the lamented absence of Bro. Coote. He was sure if good wishes and heartfelt prayers could have restored that brother, he would have been among them. However, although upon a bed of sickness, he had a first-rate doctor, a Bro. Mason—Bro. Trollope—who Bro. Hogard believed was a Provincial Grand Officer. We hope he will soon be restored to that health he has hitherto enjoyed. Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. M.C. also humorously returned thanks, and the Tyler's toast was the signal for dispersal, after spending a happy evening. Among the items contributing to that end may be mentioned the excellent pianoforte playing of Bro. Davies 1017; a capital rendering of "The Execution of Montrose," by Bro. J. H. Clynds (St. Michael's); a song, "She wore a Wreath of Roses," by Bro. Stephens; a solo, whistled by Bro. A. Abrahams, &c., all of which were greatly enjoyed. The Visitors present were—Wor. Bros. J. L. Thomas Lodge 142 P.G.D.C., C. A. Cottebrune 733 957 Past Grand Pur., E. P. Albert 188 1017, &c., Past Grand Pur.,

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Watson Albion 9, Maidwell P.M. Egyptian 27, Nicholson P.M. Athelstan 19, Greasley 47, Russell P.M. Freedom 77 P.P.S.G.D. Kent, Hymans W.M. Joppa 188, Hickman P.M. Joppa 188, Williams Devonshire 594, Salomons W.M. Montefiore 1017, Davis Montefiore 1017, Hunt St. Paul's 194, Lazarus P.M. 53, 95, 335, G. H. Stephens I.G. 1623, Linging Westminster 1563, Bowyer P.M. 1580 P.P.G.D. Herts, Myers 185, Case 188, Levi Prince of Wales 671, Coote jun. Asaph 1319, Musto P.M. 1349, Webb W.M. 174, Grammar I.G. 27, Clynd's St. Michael's, Crosswaite late 205.

LION LODGE, No. 312.

ON Monday, 19th January, the members of this Lodge met at their hall, Whitby, when Bro. John Stevenson P.M., acting as installing Officer, installed Bro. Francis Thornton as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following appointments were made:—Bros. W. G. Lockey S.W., W. E. Wolsey J.W., George Farren S.D., Lieut. Walker Stokesby J.D., Brookes I.G., Thomas Harland D.C., J. N. Lawson P.M. Treasurer, J. B. Dale Secretary, Henry Hallgate Organist, T. H. Trueman Tyler. In the evening a banquet was held at the Royal Hotel, the W.M. presiding. The usual Loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts were given.

LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

THIS Lodge held its monthly Installation meeting on Tuesday, 20th January 1880, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Charles Oades W.M., Samuel Bradley (W.M. elect) S.W., Charles Stephens J.W., M. J. Withers Secretary, S. A. Pocock P.M. Treasurer, R. C. Mount P.M. S.D., F. J. Ferguson J.D., A. W. Parry D.C., F. Davis Organist, S. Wheeler I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Hounslow, Long. Smith, Baker, Strachan, Weightman, R. Bradley Prov. G. Sec.; Members—Bros. Butler, E. Davis, Higgs, Moffatt, Webb, Hart, Stallwood P.M. 558, J. R. Hayward, J. W. Martin, Haynes, Hawkes, Armstrong, Albury, R. Brachir; Visitors—Bros. Hurley P.M. 414, Cooper 1566, Ravenscroft 1101, Hester P.M. 749, Painter P.M. 749 1379, Cox W.M. 1566, Ivey P.M. Secretary 1101, Margrett P.M. 1101, Stransom Treasurer 1101, Danks W.M. 1101, Willoughby 1572, W. Ridley S.St. 1101. Business: The Lodge was opened with musical accompaniment. The minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. Mr. Arthur Edward Lloyd Oswell and Mr. Frederick Henry George were initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed in Bro. Oades' usual correct and impressive manner. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the W.M. resigned his gavel into the hands of the Installing Master Bro. Moxhay, and proceeded to introduce Bro. Bradley S.W. as the W.M. elect, and as his successor to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. We have so often had the pleasure of describing Bro. Moxhay's beautiful ritual of installation, that we shall only say that he was quite as good, or better, than usual. The Antient Charges having been recited and responded to, and the Lodge having been opened in the third degree, when all but P.M.'s retired, the Board of Past Masters was declared duly formed, and Bro. Bradley was, with the accustomed ceremonies, placed in the chair of K.S., and proceeded to invest as his I.P.M. Bro. Oades. The Lodge was resumed in the third degree, and again to the second and first, after the usual salutations in each degree had been given, under the direction of Bro. Ivey P.M. and Secretary 1101, who officiated on this occasion as D.C. The vocal and instrumental music greatly added to the beauty and solemnity of the ceremonies, the former by Bros. Hounslow, R. Bradley, and Stallwood, and the latter by Bro. Davis Organist. After proclamations and the excellent addresses by the Installing Master and the investment of Officers, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment to the George Hotel, where an elegant banquet was set down to by about fifty brethren. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, each toast being accompanied by appropriate music and singing. The Masonic Charities was given by Bro. Bracher, who made a fervent appeal to the brethren to support those noble Charities, which were the real ornament of the Craft; he also urged the case of Bro. Leaver, who had faithfully served the office of Secretary of the Lodge for upwards of thirty years, and alluded to the Stewardship of Bro. Charles Stephens S.W. and Bro. F. Ferguson S.D., who would represent the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the R.M.B.I. During this address the broken column was passed round, and received the contributions of the brethren, the result of which was very satisfactory to the Treasurer. The toast of the Installing Master produced a round of applause. Bro. Moxhay, in responding, was most happy in his expressions, giving caution to the newly initiated not to be led astray by those who call themselves Masons, for the purpose of obtaining the coin out of their purses, and who live upon mendicity; they should always be referred to the Almoner, who would see that they were not neglected if they proved themselves worthy; he also dropped some useful hints to the brethren generally, upon the subject of temperance. The speech was one of Bro. Moxhay's best. The Worshipful Master and brethren of Grey Friars Lodge 1101 was responded to by Bro. Danks W.M., who in a most fraternal manner spoke of the excellent working he had the pleasure of witnessing, and expressed his satisfaction at the perfect harmony that existed between the two Lodges, which he hoped might long continue. We have not space to give all the toasts and speeches which were delivered on this auspicious occasion; suffice it to say, they were all excellent, and the Tyler's toast concluded a most agreeable meeting. The brethren separated at an early hour, much gratified.

CAMALODUNUM LODGE, No. 660.

THE Installation meeting in connection with the Camalodunum Lodge was held at Malton on Tuesday, 20th January. The brethren met at Freemasons' Hall, Yorkersgate, where the ceremony of Installing Bro. A. W. Walker, of Norton, was performed by Bro. Samuel King P.M. and P.P.G.S.W. The W.M. appointed the following as his Officers for the year, viz.:—Bros. Rev. W. G. Chilman (Vicar of Wharram) Chaplain, J. W. Marshall S.W., T. B. Smith J.W., John Gibson jun. S.D., J. B. Nichols J.D., Robert Hartley Bower Treasurer, J. D. Dodsworth Secretary, James Buckle I.G., W. Newby and A. H. Smithson Stewards, W. Heckley Organist, and Kirton Waudby Tyler. After the investiture the brethren dined together at the Talbot Hotel, where the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Several visiting brethren from other Lodges in the province were present.

PRIORY LODGE No. 1000.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, on Wednesday, 21st ult. The W.M. Bro. J. C. Johnstone P.M. :0 I.C. opened the Lodge, assisted by his Officers. After the usual routine business the V.W. Bro. S. R. Wigram P.G.C. of England and D.G.M. of the Province was announced and received with the honours due to his rank. Bro. G. F. Jones W.M. elect was then presented by Bro. A. Lucking P.M. 160, P.M. and P.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C., to the outgoing W.M. for the benefit of Installation, who proceeded to instal his successor in the chair, which ceremony was performed in a most effective and impressive manner. The following Officers were invested, viz.:—Bros. J. C. Johnstone I.P.M., G. Berry S.W., T. F. Barrett J.W., F. Wood P.M. P.P.S.G.W. (re-elected) Treas., J. A. Wardell P.M. 160, P.M. and P.Z. 1000, Prov. A.G.D.C. (re-appointed) Sec., Rev. H. J. Hatch P.M. 160 P.P.G. Chap., W. D. Merritt S.D., F. D. Grayson J.D., W. G. Brighten P.M. P.Z. I.G., G. R. Dawson D.C., F. Canton and W. Waterhouse Stewards, A. Martin Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the V.W. Bro. the Deputy Prov. G. Master for attending the Lodge, and also to Bro. J. C. Johnstone for his able rendering of the ceremony of installation. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly responded to. Bro. Rev. S. R. Wigram in proposing the health of the I.P.M. complimented him on the highly efficient manner in which he had installed his successor, and presented him with a P.M.'s jewel in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered the Lodge as W.M. during the past year. Bro. Rev. S. R. Wigram responded to the toast of the Masonic Charities, and made an eloquent appeal to the brethren on behalf of those deserving Institutions, and announced his intention of serving as Steward for the Benevolent, and also for the Boys' School, at the approaching Festivals. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. Amongst those present, besides those mentioned above, were Bros. H. Rowley P.M. P.P.G.D., J. R. Hemmann P.M. P.P.G.D., J. Reeve P.M. 160, G. F. Collins, H. Sucker, Jas. Girling, G. J. Glasscock S.W. 1817, B. Johnston, T. Dickson, H. Beecher, Rev. H. Hayes, W. J. Chignell, H. Hassell, A. F. Godward. Visitors—Bros. W. Pissey P.M. 60, P.M. Sec. 1734, P.P.G.W., T. King W.M. 160 Prov. G.P., C. Eltham W.M. 1817, E. G. Phillips P.M. 96, H. Jones 1227, J. A. Withers 211, H. Harper J.W. 160, W. White 179.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE, No. 1287.

THE Installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street; Bros. G. West W.M., W. Robinson S.W., S. Webb P.M. Treasurer, Staton P.M. Secretary; P.M.'s Bros. Reed, Lancaster, Forbes, and Christie; Bros. Pellatt, Kain, Lancaster, Robinson, Hemming, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Messrs. Hill, Thierry, and Bell were duly initiated into the Order. Bro. W. Robinson S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. Bro. G. West, in a very able and impressive manner. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. G. West I.P.M., Arkell S.W., Trebbell J.W., S. Webb P.M. Treasurer, Staton P.M. Secretary, Owen S.D., Cleghorn J.D., Bathard I.G., C. Kempton D.C., Rawles Tyler. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The toast of the W.M. was enthusiastically received. In proposing the toast of the I.P.M. Bro. Robinson spoke of the excellent manner in which Bro. West had performed the ceremony of installation; in the name of the Lodge he presented him with a very elegant gold P.M.'s jewel for the efficient manner he had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office. The toasts of the Wardens, Visitors, P.M.'s, and Officers, in due course were proposed and appropriately responded to. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. Visitors—Bros. Brogg 25, Reid 72, Cox 144, Walbancke 144, Grove 188, Gardener 188, Carter P.M. 141, Capes 190, Stacey P.M. 209, Aronson 1044, Burton P.M. 1024, Klenck P.M. 1339 and 1686, Rudderforth W.M. 1668, Payne W.M. 1328, Storr W.M. 1769, Bailey 151, Joyce (Lewis Lodge), and Marshall 1585.

ANCHOR LODGE, No. 1337.

THE brethren of this Lodge met at the Freemasons' Hall, Northallerton, on Tuesday, 20th inst., to celebrate the annual festival and installation of Bro. C. Palliser P.M. the W.M. elect. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. A. C. Knowles, of Stockton-on-Tees, P.P.G.D. Durham, after which the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers for the year as follows:—Bros. R. Palliser S.W., J. Wheldon J.W., C. Waistell P.M. Treas., W. Stead Sec., J. Stainsby S.D., R. H. Southeran J.D., N. Russell jun. I.G., E. Wilkinson Tyler, and G. Walker and G. Chapman Stewards. There was a large attendance of brethren from the neighbouring Lodges,

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amongst whom were the following :—Bros. H. C. Pickersgill Sec. 837, Rev. W. C. Lukis P.P.G.C. I.P.M. 837, P. Donaldson W.M. 837, W. McConachie J.D. 837, F. Barroby 837, J. Stephenson S.W. 1001, T. Robinson 764, R. Fothergill 123, J. Newton 123, W. Coltman W.M. 1416, T. J. Wilkinson I.P.M. 1416, W. Hall S.W. 1416, C. Greensides J.W. 1416, T. Johnson J.D. 1416, G. Ayre P.M. Prov. G.J.D. 1416, J. T. Farmery 1416, J. Hunton P.M. 940, J. J. Thorman I.P.M. 1416, J. Bradley 509, J. F. Newart 602, &c. Letters and telegrams, regretting inability to attend, and congratulating the W.M., were received from Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.M., and many other brethren. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Golden Lion Hotel, where a substantial banquet was partaken of, the chair being occupied by the W.M. and the vice-chair by the S.W. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the rest of the evening was spent in harmony.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1426.

THE sixth anniversary meeting of this prosperous Lodge of Instruction was held at the Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, London, E.C., on Thursday, the 29th ult., and was well attended, although, in consequence of the severity of the weather, not quite so fully as had been anticipated. As many of the members and their invited friends reside in the suburbs, the absentees could be, and were, fairly excused for preferring the comforts of their respective homes to the miserable journey through the densest fog with which the City and its environs were ever visited. Amongst those present were the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, Bro. G. W. Blackie, who presided; Past Masters James Stevens, N. B. Headon and James Freeman; Bros. T. Hamer, T. Harper, R. Pawley, L. Lewis, F. Le Rossignol, H. Schove, W. Paddle, T. De Leliva, H. J. King, W. Shaw, J. Jenkins, W. Baber, G. L. Saul Preceptor, G. Lewis, R. A. Morgan, C. A. Baber, H. Warden, G. Taylor, J. Rixworthy, A. R. Staley, J. W. H. Ross P.M. 185, C. Acocks 879 I.C., J. Rush, A. Rule, G. Moss, L. J. Hudd, and others who failed to sign the attendance book. Lodge was opened at 6.30 by the W. Bro. Blackie, and the ceremony of the first degree was ably rehearsed. The Lodge was then "called off" and the brethren dined together. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the subsequent proceedings were pleasantly freed from unnecessary formality—songs and recitals being substituted for speech making. The purport of the meeting could not, however, entirely be lost sight of; and whilst the toast of "Success to The Great City Lodge of Instruction" afforded an opportunity for an excellent *résumé* of its past proceedings, and a statement as to its present popularity and prosperous position, hearty recognition was accorded to those who had laboured in the past and were now zealously upholding its established credit. To Bros. Blackie, as Secretary from its commencement, and until he became W.M. of the Mother Lodge; T. Poore and G. L. Saul, its past and present Preceptors; T. Hamer Treasurer, and T. Harper the present Secretary, hearty thanks and Masonic honours were given, and by them severally acknowledged. To the Mother Lodge, represented by its Past Masters, a very courteous acknowledgment was extended, and Bros. Stevens, Headon and Freeman briefly responded. At a reasonably early hour the Lodge was "called on," and several new members having been accepted and propositions made, was closed in due order. Shortly afterwards the Tyler's toast was given, and a very harmonious and agreeable evening having been thoroughly enjoyed by all, the brethren dispersed and we presume, if our experience was also theirs, groped their way through "darkness visible" to their respective residences.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1524.

THIS Lodge assembled for the first time at its new quarters, the Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., on Thursday, the 29th ult., on the occasion of the installation meeting. Brethren present :—Bros. N. Green W.M., W. H. Brand S.W., F. Brasted J.W., C. W. Smyth Treas., W. H. Lee P.M. Sec., T. C. Chapman P.M., E. Dignam S.D., C. Lorkin J.D., C. L. Payne I.G., A. Ferrar D.C., R. Polak W.S., W. Beasley, G. Reynolds, A. R. Olley, A. Leoffeler, E. Harding, E. W. Silk, J. Varney, H. G. Moon, J. Hill, G. Ferrar, F. Bonner, J. Symes, F. A. Kelly, R. Fisher; also Bro. H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, an honorary member of the Lodge. After the Lodge had been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, a satisfactory report from the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The names of four gentlemen appeared on the summons as candidates for initiation; having been duly elected, and being in attendance, Messrs. J. Larter, J. W. White, E. Woodman, and D. Munro, were regularly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Brand S.W. the W.M. elect was then presented for installation, and was duly installed as W.M. according to ancient custom, the addresses being delivered by Bro. Lee P.M. and Secretary. The following Officers were appointed :—Bros. F. Brasted S.W., E. Dignam J.W., C. W. Smyth Treas., W. H. Lee P.M. Sec., J. Lorkin S.D., J. L. Payne J.D., A. Ferrar I.G., R. Polak D.C., H. G. Moon Org., J. Hill and R. George Stewards, and J. Marsh Tyler. Some propositions were then received for the next meeting, and a Committee was appointed to revise the Bye-laws, after which the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the adjoining banquetting room, where an elegant banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Kent, the proprietor. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. Bro. Buss Assist. G. Sec. returned thanks for the Grand Officers, and expressed his great gratification in witnessing the continued prosperity of the Duke of Connaught Lodge. The health of the W.M. was next proposed by Bro. Green I.P.M., and cordially received, after which Bro. Brand W.M. returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and expressed his great desire to further the interests and welfare of the Lodge. A valuable jewel was presented to Bro. Green I.P.M. in recognition of his great services during the past year, and his health was drank, and the toast suitably acknowledged. The Initiates was then given, and suitably responded to. Bro. Brand W.M., in proposing the toast of the Visitors, expressed the great gratification he felt in seeing so large a number of visitors assembled to do him honour on the occasion of his installation. Amongst them were some eminent Masons, and he gave them a hearty and cordial welcome. Bros. Cottebrune P.G.P., and W. Stephens Prov. G.D.C. Mid., responded for the Visitors, congratulating the Lodge upon the success it had attained, and wishing it every prosperity in its new quarters. The remaining toasts having been disposed of, the brethren separated, highly pleased with the first meeting of the Lodge at the Moorgate Station Restaurant. It may be added that the rooms, a complete suite on one floor, are highly suitable for Masonic purposes. The following Visitors were present :—Bros. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., Wm. Stephens Prov. G.D.C. Middlesex, E. Somers P.M. 1602, W. Fieldwick W.M. 1364, W. Wallington P.M. 860, A. A. Pendlebury P.M. 1056, J. F. Lovelock W.M. 212, W. Rogers J.W. 704, J. Cross J.W. 1194, G. W. Larter 1602, J. W. Dewsnap 188, F. Parkin 749, C. Barrow 1424, H. G. Harris 1586, A. Eldridge 1585, B. Ferdinando 13, F. Hawthorn 1489, F. Dickenson 1298, E. J. Gale 491, A. Chisholm 1602, J. Jones 1681, H. Russell 1669.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

THE annual meeting of the Committee of Petitions of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 21st ult. at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. The following brethren were present, representing Lodges :—Bros. James P. Heath W.M. 39, L. D. Westcott P.M. P.P.G.S. Works 70, M. Embden W.M. 105, Rev. W. Whittley P.M. P.P.G.C. 156, Francis Littleton P.M. 159, J. Edward Curteis P.M. P.P.G.S.W. 189, H. Welch P.M. P.P.G.P. 202, W. Browning P.M. P.P.G.D.C. 223, R. Cawsey I.P.M. and Secretary 230, J. R. Dugdale W.M. 954, Henry Cole P.M. 1091, E. A. Davies P.M. P.P.G.S. Works 1099, George Evans P.M. P.P.G.S.D. 1181, James Rendle P.M. and Secretary 1247, Samuel B. Harvey P.M. and Secretary 1255, Vincent Bird P.M. P.P.G.Tr. 1550, William Brodie P.M. P.P.G.J.D. 1753, John B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., the Secretary, and Bro. Charles Godschalk P.M. 70 and 1255, the representative of Devon in London. Bro. J. E. Curteis was elected chairman, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported that the Province, as regarded votes for the great Charities, was in a good position. Whilst they were indebted to other Provinces for about 200 votes, they held I.O.U.'s from certain others for over 300 votes. The report was received and adopted. There were only three petitions for assistance—in the first case the widow of a brother of Lodge 39, Exeter, was voted the sum of £5, and this case will be again considered at the next meeting. In the second case a brother of Lodge 156 was voted the sum of £5, and it will be recommended that he receive a further sum of £10 from the P.G. Lodge. In the third case the sum of £5 was voted for the widow of a brother of Lodge 112, Exeter. In each case the expenditure of the money will be under the supervision of the representatives of the different Lodges. The next business was to select from the various candidates, who had been before approved, one aged Freemason, or widow of a Freemason, to receive the united support of the Province. After mature consideration, it was resolved that the widow of a late brother of Lodge 159 and 77 should be the candidate to be so supported. There was then either a boy or girl to be selected for the London Schools, and it was unanimously resolved that the son of a late brother of Lodge 1123, Tiverton, be the Devon candidate. From the admirable way in which the votes are used by Bro. Godtschalk for the Province, and from the influence and credit the Province has, both these candidates may be expected to be successful at the approaching elections. It should be known that the committee had before them the difficult task of selecting from fifteen candidates from all parts of the county, all eligible, but they have in this case selected the most necessitous. A letter was read from the Right Worshipful Bro. L. P. Metham P.D.P.G.M., expressing his intention of resigning the Chairmanship of the Committee, an office which he has held from the commencement of its being re-organised. He had been associated with it for a long time, and he knew the large amount of real good which he had been enabled to do in conjunction with the Secretary. It was then unanimously resolved that the R.W. Bro. W. G. Rogers D.P.G.M. of Devon be the Chairman for the ensuing year, his well known business qualifications, high Masonic attainments, and eminent position in the Order ensuring this position. W. Bro. J. B. Gover was re-elected the Secretary, and W. Bro. Charles Godtschalk, who was warmly thanked and complimented on his highly successful exertions, was elected the representative of Devon in London. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed in favour of R.W. Bro. Metham for his past services, and there was a general expression of regret that he could no longer give them his assistance. Thanks were also given to Bros. Gover and Godtschalk, and an especial vote to V.W. Bro. Curteis for his conduct in the chair, his genial and firm rule having received the admiration of all present.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BRISTOL.

AN open Provincial Grand Lodge of the Freemasons of the Bristol Province was held on Friday evening, 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Park-street. There was a large attendance of the members of the Craft, and the Hall presented a most brilliant appearance. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in form by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. W. A. F. Powell, and there were present Bros. S. E. Taylor P.G. Treas., John F. Norris P.G. Reg., R. M. Worlock P.G. Sec., John Morgan P.G.S.D., Daniel Williams P.G.D.C., Robert Burnett P.G.S.B., E. C. Howell P.G.S.W. and numerous Past Prov. Grand Officers, together with several members of private Lodges. The Very Worshipful D.P.G.M. having conducted the ordinary business of Prov. Grand Lodge, proceeded to fill the chairs of office. Bro. Samuel Ed. Taylor was proposed by the V.W. P.G.M. as P.G. Treas., which office he had held during the past twenty-four years. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Bryant, and carried amidst the acclamations of the brethren. The following brethren were then appointed:—Wm. Barnes (Sussex) P.G.S.W., Montague Worlock (Canynges) P.G.J.W., Pearson (Beaufort) P.G.R., W. Hodges (Jerusalem) P.G. Sec., John Gard (Clarence) P.G.A. Sec., Bond (Colston) P.G.S.D., David Bell (Beaufort) P.G.J.D., Wm. Munro (Moira) P.G.S.W., Daniel Williams (Canynges) P.G.D.C., William Hazard (Beaufort) P.G.A.D.C., Bennett (Sussex) P.G.S.B., J. W. Lawson (Beaufort) P.G.O., William Maby (Clarence) P.G.A.O., Joseph Bingham (Canynges) P.G.P.; Bros. Stoate and Pearce were re-elected P.G. Tylers, and Bros. Anseldo, Halford, Alexander, T. Bamfield, Patterson, Randall, Cope and Anson were nominated Stewards to P.G.L. After the appointments were made, Bro. S. Bryant, in a most telling speech, wherein he referred to the lengthened services to the Craft rendered by the V.W. Bro. W. A. F. Powell, stated that the brethren had caused to be painted a portrait of their esteemed Deputy, which should occupy a place within that beautiful Hall, which he (Bro. Powell) had been mainly instrumental in procuring for the use of the brethren. He then called upon the P.G.R. Bro. John Norris to read the following address:—

To the Very Worshipful William Augustus Frederick Powell, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Bristol.

Very Worshipful Sir and Brother,—At a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held at Freemasons' Hall, Bristol, on the 31st day of January, A.L. 5878, A.D. 1878, it was proposed by the Worshipful Brother Samuel Bryant P.P. Senior Grand Warden, and seconded by the Worshipful Brother Taylor P.P.S.G.W. Provincial Grand Treasurer, and carried unanimously—"That it is desirable that a portrait of the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master Brother William Augustus Frederick Powell should be painted and hung in the Freemasons' Hall, with those of other eminent Masons of the Province, and that the Provincial Senior and Junior Grand Wardens for the year, with the Worshipful Masters of the various Lodges, be requested to act as a committee (with power to add to their number) to make the necessary arrangements for the carrying out of this resolution."

The above resolution was, in due course, brought before the Lodges of the Province, and great gratification and pleasure were expressed by all the brethren that, after thirty-seven years' connection with the Province, during five and twenty of which you have held the distinguished position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, an opportunity was afforded them of testifying their high appreciation of the generous and valuable services you have so constantly rendered to the Craft in general, and the Province under your government in particular. The portrait which has to-night been uncovered will serve to remind us of one to whom the whole province owes a deep debt of gratitude. This address, of which we beg your acceptance, will, we trust, preserve to you the memory of the brethren with whom you have been associated in kindly, cordial, and fraternal relations. Humbly beseeching the Great Architect of the Universe to grant you many years of health and strength, and to have you at all times in His holy keeping.

We remain, on behalf of the subscribers and ourselves,

"Yours very truly and fraternally,

"J. F. NORRIS P.G.R.
"R. MONTAGUE WORLOCK P.G. Sec."

The address, which was beautifully illuminated by Bro. P. A. Kent, of Swansea, and was mounted with a handsome gold frame, was then presented to Bro. Powell, and the portrait unveiled amidst the applause of the brethren. The picture, which is a three-quarter portrait, of life size, is excellently executed in oil by Mons. A. Durant of Clifton, and harmonises capitally with the other portraits which adorn the Lodge. The V.W. D.P.G.M. returned his acknowledgments to the brethren in an admirable speech. The Deputy P.G.M. in explaining the absence of the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Limerick, stated that he was on his estates in Ireland, using his endeavours to mitigate the suffering which prevails there. A sum of ten guineas was then voted to the Duchess of Marlborough's fund, and a similar sum each to the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

CRYPTIC DEGREES.

Grand Master's Council, No. 1.—A meeting was held on Friday, 29th January, at the Masonic Rooms, 2 Red Lion-square. Present—Bros. C. Walls R.J.D.M., Thos. Poore as Principal Cond. of Works, H. R. Cooper Smith as Captain of Guard, Donald M. Dewar Recorder, Col. Burdett, Frederick Davison, Jas. Stevens, Thos. Cubitt, Robert Roy, Rev. W. Stainton Moses, H. C. Levander, J. E. Anderson, Thos. Meggy, S. C. Dibdin, and many other brethren. Business—Bros. Geo. Cooper, Thos. J. Pulley, Geo. Graveley and E. Passawer were duly admitted as Most Excellent, Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Master, the ceremonies being most ably performed by Bro. Walls, the Deputy Master, assisted by Bros. Poore, Cooper-Smith and Dewar. The Cryptic Degrees are now highly valued.

MARK MASONRY IN READING.

AT the Masonic Hall, Greyfriars'-road, Reading, on Monday, 26th ult., the V. W. Bro. Charles Stephens, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons for the Province of Berks and Oxon, was installed as Worshipful Master of the Leopold Lodge, No. 235, in the presence of about fifty Officers and brethren of the Order. The Lodge was opened at half-past three o'clock, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Edward Margrett G.S. Prov. G.J.W., when Bro. H. H. Hodges P.M. Ellington Lodge, No. 1566, Maidenhead, Bro. W. Morris 1566, Bro. R. Nicholson 1566, and Bro. Geo. J. Cosburn Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, Newbury, were severally balloted for and advanced. The Worshipful Master proposed the Earl of Jersey, Provincial Grand Master, as an honorary member of the Lodge, and the motion being seconded by the W.M. Elect, was unanimously adopted. Before leaving the chair, the W.M. expressed his thanks to the brethren of the Lodge for their co-operation and support during the past year, and moved a special vote of thanks to Bro. T. J. Pulley, the energetic Secretary, for his assiduous labours for the Lodge. The proposal was carried by acclamation, and Bro. Pulley replied, observing that his motto was, "Deeds, not words." The installation of Bro. Stephens as W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. Margrett, after which the W.M. appointed and invested the Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year as follows:—Bro. Arthur Welch S.W., Bro. G. Westall J.W., Bros. J. Egginton M.O., W. G. Flanagan S.O., S. Bradley J.O., Bro. the Rev. C. R. Honey Chaplain; Bro. J. T. Stransom Treasurer; Bro. Henry Ayres Secretary; Bro. John Long R.M., Bro. H. Brett S.D., Bro. W. C. Moffatt J.D., Bro. H. W. Howmann D.C., Bro. W. Hickie Organist, Bro. R. Glasspool I.G., Bro. F. White Steward, Bros. F. Ferguson and C. J. Butler Assistant Stewards, and Bro. Hemmings Tyler. The W.M., in the name of the brethren of the Lodge, then presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. Margrett, in recognition of his zealous services during the past year. Bro. Margrett feelingly returned thanks, and after one or two matters of business had been transacted, the Lodge was closed in due form at six o'clock. A banquet was subsequently served by Bro. Bailey at the Upper Ship Hotel, when the usual Masonic toasts were honoured. The W.M. presided, and in addition to the brethren already mentioned, there were present M.W. Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal Past Grand Master of Mark Masons and Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons for Hants and the Isle of Wight, W. Bro. Farr P.P.G.W. Bengal, Bros. R. Eve P.M. 54 G.M.O., F. Binckes P.M. 54 Grand Sec., H. Hacker J.W. 54 P.P.G.J.W., F. W. Ansell W.M. 247 P.P.J.O., J. Lamb P.M. 37, D. M. Dewar P.M. Grand Assist. Sec., T. Benham W.M. 54, P.G.D., C. Park S.W. 247 P.G.S.D., Cordrey, Ravenscroft, Dormer, &c. We hear that arrangements are in progress for resuscitating the "Porchester" Lodge of Mark Masons, No. 27, at Newbury.

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If your correspondent "HERSCHEL" desires not to raise a further discussion on this subject, he should refrain from attributing to the opposition motives for which there does not exist the slightest foundation. "Malicious vindictiveness" may have served its purpose as a party cry, but it is scarcely the suggestion to be expected from one who professes to advocate courtesy in discussion.

"HERSCHEL" does not correctly represent the ground of Bro. Edward Cox's opposition when he confines it to "*the price given*" for the property. Bro. Cox, in proposing his amendment, ably argued against—1. The policy of the scheme; 2. The form of proceeding; and 3. The extravagant waste of funds. A reference to the report of the discussion in your columns will clearly show this.

The questions propounded by "HERSCHEL" refer to the *legality* of the expenditure. As you have already published the professional opinions of most eminent counsel,—Mr. C. Lecock Webb, Q.C., on the one side, and Mr. Horace Davy, Q.C., and Mr. Hollis on the other,—I venture to doubt, with all respect to your correspondent, whether any of your readers are now likely to be influenced either by the contention of "HERSCHEL," or by a reply in opposition from,

Yours truly and fraternally,

H.

3rd February 1880.

The great Handel Festival, which will be held at the Crystal Palace this summer, under the joint auspices of the Crystal Palace Company and the Sacred Harmonic Society, has been fixed for Friday 18th, Monday 21st, Wednesday 23rd, and Friday 25th June.

It has been decided by the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction to have a banquet on Tuesday, 2nd of March, at the Moorgate Station Restaurant.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—The audit meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Moorgate Station Restaurant. The financial result of the year's work is most satisfactory. The brethren afterwards partook of supper together, which was served in Bro. Kent's usual good form.

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JAMAICA.

Royal Keystone Lodge of Mark Masters. — The ordinary meeting was held at Friendly Hall, on 15th December, presided over by Bro. J. J. G. Lewis Hon. M. and W.M. of Clifton Mount Lodge, G. Sargeant S.W., E. X. Leon J.W., &c. The following were installed as Officers:—Bros. G. J. Sargeant W.M., E. X. Leon S.W., G. A. Campbell J.W., B. Stones jun. M.O., J. N. Aguilar S.O., T. Demetrius J.O., S. A. Iffla Treasurer, A. P. Athya Reg. of Marks, W. R. Ryder Secretary, J. F. Fryer S.D., R. J. McPherson J.D., A. Tripe I.G., J. Hayes Tyler. Several Past Masters and brethren of sister Lodges were present. Bro. R. Langley I.P.M. was unable to attend from sickness. The brethren afterwards adjourned for light refreshments.

The R.W. A. E. Burke, P.P.G. Sec. of Scotland for Jamaica, has been appointed Haytian Consul for this port.

Bro. Harris, S.W. of the Sussex Lodge, has been elected Master; the Installation took place in January.

The R.W. J. L. Ashemieu has been elected Master of the Friendly Lodge, and was to have been installed on the 12th January. This is the second time this Brother has occupied the chair.

Bro. Pearce S.W. of the St. John's Lodge (S.C.) was elected Master at a meeting held on St. John's Day.

Presentation.—On Christmas morning last, Captain G. F. Coward, Dr. J. Pringle, Bros. H. F. Hire, J. Nelson, and A. C. Solomon, on behalf of several members of the Caledonian Lodge, Port Maria, waited on Bro. D. N. Berwick, at his residence, and presented him with a very fine gold Past Master's Jewel. Captain Coward (the W.M. elect) presented the jewel in appropriate terms, and his remarks were endorsed by the other brethren who formed the deputation. Bro. Berwick, in a few well-chosen words, acknowledged the compliment. The jewel is a beautiful work of art, and bears the following inscription:—"Presented to the Rt. Wor. D. N. Berwick P.M. P.G.J.D. by 15 members of the Caledonian Lodge, No. 554 S.C., Port Maria, Jamaica, as a mark of esteem, and in appreciation of services rendered to the Lodge."

AMOY, CHINA.

THE members of the Ionic Lodge held a most successful meeting on Tuesday, 9th Dec., at the Masonic Hall, Kulangsu, for the purpose of installing Wor. Bro. H. A. Giles, H.B.M. Consul, as their Master for the ensuing year. A number of visiting brethren from the fleet honored them with their presence, indeed one of the most pleasing features of this meeting was the attendance of several Blue Jackets, and this goes far to prove the trite saying that in Masonry "all meet on the level and part on the square," for here we acknowledge no class distinctions. The noble Hall that the zeal and liberality of the Amoy Masons has given to this little island was tested to its fullest extent, and we heard nothing but praise as to its splendid fittings, and the perfection of its acoustic properties. Several very handsome donations were made to the Hall Fund. The wife of one of our prominent Masons made the Lodge a present of a set of magnificent markers for the Volume of the Sacred Law; another gift was two excellent engravings of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and the late Prince Consort, both loved Patrons of the Noble Order. We are glad to find that Bro. W. C. Howard, W.M. elect of the Sister Lodge—the Corinthian—received the highest honour it was in the power of the Ionic Lodge to bestow; he was elected the first honorary member of the Ionic as a slight acknowledgment of his invaluable services in the building of this splendid Hall, and we are sure the compliment will be appreciated by his own Lodge, and that the year that has been ushered in so successfully will be one of great progress and of renewed effort in promoting the benefits of brotherly love and good fellowship amongst our little community.

The new Masonic Hall on Kulangsu was again lighted up and thrown open to all brethren of the "Mystic Tie" on Saturday evening, 13th Dec. The occasion was that of the installation of Bro. Howard, Harbour Master at Amoy, and Junior Warden of the Corinthian Lodge, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. A large number of distinguished Masons were present, no less than five P.M's occupying the dais, among whom were most of the brethren from the sister Lodge and many officers from the British and United States' navies. The absence of the *Ling Feng* from the port was much regretted, entailing as it did the absence of her Commander and four of her Officers. However, in spite of this and other unlooked for contingencies, the Hall was well filled and a worthy object of admiration to the numerous visitors. We hope to see it "warmed" before long in a manner creditable to the well-known hospitality and liberality of the Craft.

Worshipful Bro. H. Æ. Sidford P.M. of 1027, 1433, and 1781 E.C. and D.G.S.W. for Hong Kong and South China, in writing to us from the Far East, says:—"I am glad to tell you that we have made great progress here since Masonic light dawned upon Amoy, a short year and six months ago. Not content at hiring rooms, the Craft set to work, and have erected a splendid building devoted solely to Masonry. The Lodge Room is fifty feet by twenty-five, and has an open vaulted timbered roof, and refreshment, preparation, and other rooms in proportion." As soon as the place is thoroughly finished, he hopes to have a photograph sent to some of the London illustrated papers. He has enclosed us several reports of proceedings which may prove interesting to some of our readers, and we are sure wherever Bro. Sidford resides, there will the lights be found burning brightly. He has done well for the Craft, as witness the formation of four Lodges in China, the outcome of his exertions, namely, Tuscan 1027, in Shanghai in 1864; Doric 1433, in Ching Kiang in 1873; Ionic and Corinthian 1781 and 1806 in Amoy in 1878. If he was to form yet another, he would doubtless complete—what we imagine is his intention—the Five Orders of Architecture.

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The utter failure of the 1879 vintage in the Champagne districts has very naturally enhanced the prices of the well-known Cuvée and Brands, so that we must look for other Vin Mousseux if we wish to economise and yet enjoy the wholesome. A new sparkling wine has recently been imported by Messrs. J. E. Shand and Co., and on the occasion of the recent Markets Exhibition at the Agricultural Hall was referred to by the *Times* and other journals. This sparkling Sauterne is of 1875 vintage, sec and extra sec; the price at which it is offered brings it within the reach of all. We have tried the wine ourselves, and can recommend it to our readers.

The proprietors of the *Portsmouth Times and Naval Gazette* announce that in future that paper will be issued on Wednesday and Saturday mornings at one penny; and also that the mid-weekly edition will be permanently enlarged to eight pages. Arrangements have also been made for the amalgamation of the *West Sussex County Chronicle and Chichester, Midhurst and Petersfield Advertiser* with the *Portsmouth Times*, so that the paper may be expected to become even more interesting than before. We trust our brethren in its district will do what they can to support the proprietors in making this enlargement; they are well known as advocates for the Masonic cause, and we have no doubt will continue as opportunity offers to devote a portion of their space to the doings of the Craft.

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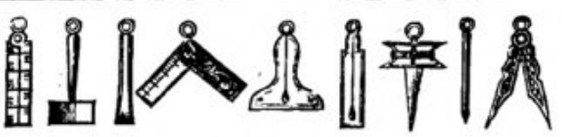

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand Superintendent of Hants and the Isle of Wight, acted as M.E.Z., Rev. C. J. Martyn, Grand Superintendent of Suffolk, as H., Comp. Powell, Grand Supert. of Bristol as J., Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., Burt S.N., Capt. W. Platt P.S., James Glaisher 1st A.S., J. A. Rucker 2nd A.S., Col. Creaton Treas., James Lewis Thomas as Swd. B., Thomas Fenn P. Swd. B., H. J. P. Dumas P. Swd. B., J. C. Parkinson P. Swd. B., Samuel Mullens D.C., Joshua Nunn P.D.C., J. M. Case P.D.C., Robert Grey P.A.S., H. G. Buss P. Std. B., and a large number of Comps. also attended. Comp. Beach informed the Comps. that in conformity with the Royal Arch Regulations, p 24, Comp. Shadwell Clerke took the position of Grand Scribe E. Warrants were granted for the William Kingston Chapter, No. 407, Valetta, Malta; St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 1631, Gorleston, Suffolk; Friendly Chapter, No. 1513, Barnsley, Yorkshire; Ravensborne Chapter, No. 1601, Catford Bridge, Lewisham; and the Highgate Chapter, No. 1366, Highgate, Middlesex. Comp. Beach stated that after a long correspondence and much consideration, his objections to the granting of a warrant for the Aldershot Camp Chapter had been overcome, and he now gave his recommendation that it be granted, on condition that only military brethren be members of the Chapter. The motion was seconded by Comp. H. Hacker, and carried unanimously. After the Comps. had adopted the remainder of the report of the Committee of General Purposes, as published in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE last week, Comp. W. Smallpeice P.Z. No. 21, brought forward his motion "That Clause five (5), page five (5), of the Book of Regulations of the Royal Arch be repealed in order that all Companions may be present at the opening of private Chapters." Companions were allowed to be present at the closing of Chapters, when the form was almost the same. No insight was given into the secrets of the chair in the opening, and he did not see why all Companions should not be present. When Companions reached the position of Principals they consequently knew nothing of their duty in opening, and he felt that his work as an instructor in Royal Arch Masonry was incomplete while he could not instruct in the ceremony of opening. Comp. H. Garrod seconded the motion, which was opposed, first by Comp. Thomas Fenn, Past Sword Bearer, who deprecated any resolution having in view an alteration of any of the Masonic ceremonies. Conscientiously and consistently he resisted every attempt at tampering with ceremonies, either in the Craft or Arch, and although the present was very small and trivial, there were reasons why ordinary members of a Chapter should not be present at the ceremony of opening. If the clause complained of had never existed, no one beneath the rank of a Principal could attend Grand Chapter, which was as essentially a Past Principals' Chapter as Grand Lodge was a Master Masons' Lodge, which no Entered Apprentice could attend. He questioned very much whether Grand Chapter had any right to alter its ceremonies, because it had peculiar secrets, agreed upon by a Committee first, and afterwards acknowledged by Grand Lodge, and if they were altered Grand Chapter would have to go to Grand Lodge again. There was no hardship in the present system, by which Comps. were only kept out of the Chapter about four minutes. The matter might be considered by a Committee, who should examine the records, and go back to 1835, when a Committee was appointed, which settled the present system of working. If they examined, they would probably see there was strong reason for excluding Companions from the opening. Comp. Joshua Nunn also opposed any alteration, unless inquired into and reported upon by a committee. Comp. the Rev. C. W. Arnold was in favour of the motion, and thought that if carried it would conduce to the good of Freemasonry. Many Comps. did not attend their Chapters at all because they could not be present at the opening. If Comps. were allowed to be present it would have an influence on the way the opening ceremony was performed; in Chapters it was usually performed in a very slovenly and disgraceful manner, when it should be most orderly and impressive. Comp. James Lewis Thomas, who had had much experience of Chapters, dissented from this view. Considering the forms employed, he thought it would be injudicious to admit all Comps. to the opening. Being excluded, they felt that there was a more important ceremony going on than they were qualified to be admitted to, and it stimulated them to anxiety and ambition to go up to the three chairs. Comp. Parkinson was instinctively led to sympathise with Comp. Smallpeice, but he wished for more information from skilled and competent Comps. before deciding which way to vote. He had not experienced any hardship himself, nor had he heard of any from the present system; but if there was even small hardship to any one, he would be in favour of its being removed. He thought the matter should be referred to a Committee. Comp. Woodford, who was opposed to any change in the present system, thought that the best plan now to adopt would be to meet the motion with a direct negative, and Comp. Smallpeice could then bring the matter on again in another form. After some further slight discussion, an amendment for referring the question to a Committee was carried, after which another amendment, "That the motion be dismissed," was also carried. Comp. Beach having stated that Grand Chapter was much indebted to Comp. Smallpeice for calling attention to the subject, that Companion thanked them for having listened to him, and the Grand Chapter was closed.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN YORK.

A FEW weeks ago we published an account, from the pen of Comp. Whytehead, of the doings of Royal Arch Masons in the ancient City of York a hundred and twenty years ago, and now we have to record a grand field-day of members of the Supreme degree under the shadow of the grand old towers of St. Peter, the patron Saint of the Cathedral so curiously associated with both ancient and modern Masonry. The Eboracum Lodge, whose activity is notorious in the Masonic world, having been in existence a little over three years, has had a Royal Arch Chapter attached to it, and on Wednesday, the 28th ult., the ceremony of constitution and consecration was conducted by the Grand Superintendent of North and East Yorkshire, Dr. J. P. Bell, at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York. The founders of the Eboracum Chapter had looked forward to the first chair being filled by Bro. Thos. Cooper, who was the first Master of the Eboracum Lodge, and who had three times served the office of Z. in the Zetland Chapter 236; but, as recorded in our columns, the G.A.O.T.U. removed that distinguished Brother during the last year from the scene of his earthly labours, and Comp. T. B. Whytehead, as the senior member of the Lodge, was selected as the Z. Designate, the second and third chairs being assigned respectively to Comps. J. S. Cumberland and P. H. Rowland P.Z. At 3. p.m. the Comps. assembled in the ante-room, where light refreshments were provided, and the Provincial Officers proceeded to open a Chapter in the Lodge Room. The Grand Superintendent then entered and proceeded at once to perform the ceremonies of the day, in which he was assisted by E. Comps. Sir James Meek P.Z. 236 P.P.G.H., W. H. Porritt Prov. G.H., J. Todd Prov. G.J., McIvor Murray Prov. G.N., and other distinguished Companions, Comp. T. B. Whytehead presiding at the organ. The delicate state of health of the Grand Superintendent making it necessary for him to retire from the Chapter at the conclusion of the consecration, he was accorded the thanks of the assembled Companions; but before retiring he addressed a few remarks to those present, in which he touched upon the early history of the degree, its origin and progress, and expressed a firm assurance that the Eboracum Chapter would be worked in such a manner as to reflect credit on the Province and on its founders. The ceremony of installation of the Three Principals was then proceeded with, and was carried out by E. Comp. J. Todd P.Z. Prov. G.J. with great excellence. On the re-admission of the members the following Companions were invested with their collars of office—James Kay S.E., Matthew Millington P.S., J. T. Seller 1st Assist. Soj., A. T. B. Turner 2nd Assist. Soj. The M.E.Z. then spoke of the pleasure it had afforded them to see amongst them their Grand Superintendent, who in spite of bad health had contrived to be present, and read several letters from Companions in all parts of the country who were unable to attend, some through illness, and others who were at the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Yorkshire that day at Pontefract, and concluded by proposing the election of the Grand Superintendent (Dr. Bell) and E. Comps. W. H. Porritt Prov. G.H., J. Todd Prov. G.J., M. C. Peck Prov. G.S.E., as honorary members, which was carried unanimously. A number of names of candidates for exaltation were then proposed and seconded, and the Chapter was closed. The members afterwards entertained their Visitors at a "high tea," when the good things were thoroughly enjoyed. At seven p.m. the party adjourned to the Masonic Hall, where the Zetland Chapter (attached to the York Lodge 236) was holding its annual meeting for the election of Officers. The Three Principals E. Comps. Sir James Meek, Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett and Geo. Balmford were in their chairs, and two candidates were exalted to the Supreme Degree. The election of Officers resulted as follows:—Comps. W. T. Orde-Powlett Z., George Balmford H., J. M. Meek J., J. Todd P.Z. Treas., J. Hollins S.E., Rev. W. Valentine P.M. S.N., A. Buckle P.S. Comp. J. Redfare was elected Janitor. A Committee consisting of the three Principals, the S.E., the P.S., and Comps. J. Todd and T. B. Whytehead was appointed to make preparations for the reception of the Prov. Grand Chapter, which will meet in May next under the banner of the Zetland Chapter. At 10 p.m. the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to supper, at the conclusion of which a few of the principal toasts were drunk, and a pleasant time was experienced. Amongst those present at the consecration of the Eboracum Chapter we noticed (in addition to those already named) Companions Rev. W. Valentine 236, J. Ward Prov. G. Janitor, G. Balmford J. 236, G. Simpson 236, R. Cundall 250, J. Hanley 555 (I.C.), T. Gibson P.Z. 289, W. Rowley 289, C. Palliser 236, J. Redfare 236, E. Houlden P.P.G.S.B. 236, Jas. Blake 216, Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett H. 236 Prov. G.D.C., W. Watson Z. 734, Quarter-Master Sergt. Somerset 555, Sergt.-Major Harris 555. At the meeting of the Zetland Chapter in the evening we noticed in addition to the above Comps. J. G. Turner S.E., M. Rooke, T. S. Camidge, C. D. Barstow, J. Tissiman, A. Hanson, G. Cattell, J. Fairburn, G. C. Lee, G. Kirby, T. J. Wilson, W. Draper, T. G. Hodgson, S. Border, J. Ayres, Rev. C. E. Camidge 154, H. Smith 837, W. B. Jackson 1248, &c.

The first regular meeting of the Eboracum Chapter was held on Tuesday evening. Present—Comps. T. B. Whytehead Z., J. S. Cumberland H., J. Todd P.Z. as J., J. Kay S.E., Turner as S.N., M. Millington P.S., &c. Bros. C. G. Padel, P. Pearson, T. D. Smith, R. Ware, W. Lackenby, W. P. Husband, J. E. Wilkinson, and W. J. Girling, of the Eboracum Lodge 1611, were exalted to the supreme degree by the M.E.Z., the mystical lecture being given by Comp. Todd P.Z. Comp. the Rev. James Blake, Sacred Delta Chapter 216, was elected a joining member; Comp. G. Simpson was elected

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Treasurer; Comp. C. G. Padel to the office of S.N., and Comp. P. Pearson to that of Janitor. On the proposition of the M.E.Z., seconded by the H., Comp. A. M. Broadley P.Z. Ancient Carthage Chapter 1717 was elected an honorary member. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to an excellent supper, after which a short toast list was gone through. In proposing the Honorary Members of the Chapter, the M.E.Z. said that the Eboracum was fortunate in having at least one honorary member who had already proved himself really useful. He alluded to E. Comp. Todd, who had given them so ably the mystical lecture that evening. He the (M.E.Z.) had not been enjoying very good health of late, and it would have been quite impossible for him to have delivered the lecture as it ought to be given, and had it not been for the kindness of Comp. Todd it would have to be postponed. Comp. Todd, Prov. G.J., in responding, said that he was glad to see the Eboracum Chapter making such an excellent start, and under its present rulers he had no doubt it would rival the Eboracum Lodge in its excellence of working and success. The P.S. proposed the health of the M.E.Z., saying that his energy was unfailing, and whatever degree they went into, Bro. Whytehead seemed to be the pivot on which it swung. The M.E.Z. said that whilst thanking the P.S. and the brethren for their kindness, he trusted that what he had said about his connection with various degrees was not justified by facts, for he should think it a bad day for any Lodge, Chapter or Conclave when its prosperity hung on the existence of any one member. As it was, he knew that he was surrounded and supported by so many hearty and warm-hearted Masons that the success of the York Masonic bodies was assured by the combined energy and influence of genuine Masonic feeling. The evening sitting was not prolonged; and the Comps. parted early. Comp. G. Balmford, J. 236, acted as Organist.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of the Province, convened by the M.E. Provincial Grand Superintendent (Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), was held at the Masonic Hall, Basingstoke, on Friday afternoon, 30th ult., when the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Comps. Hickman, P.G.H.; Dew, P.G.J.; Le Fouvre P.G. Scribe E.; Newman, P.G. Scribe N.; M. E. Frost, P.G. Treasr.; Arnold, P.G.P.S.; V. Brown, P.G. 1st A.S.; Francis, P.G. 2nd A.S; Stone, P.G. Regr.; Thatcher, P.G. Swd. Br.; Palsgrave, P.G. Stand Br.; Osborne, P.G. Org.; Powell, P.G.D.C.; Biggs and Exell, P.G. Janitors.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire held its quarterly court at Pontefract on Wednesday, 28th ult. The proceedings throughout were of a more than ordinarily attractive and interesting character. The preliminary Lodge having been opened by the W.M. and Officers of St. Oswald Lodge (No. 910), Pontefract, Provincial Grand Lodge entered, and having been duly opened, was presided over by Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., R.W. P.G.M., assisted by Bro. T. W. Tow D.P.G.M., and a large muster of P.G. Officers. Notwithstanding the severity of the weather, nearly every Lodge in the province was represented, about 250 brethren putting in an appearance. After the customary salutation of the Provincial Grand Master and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master,

Sir Henry Edwards said: Brethren and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge,—Once more, and at the commencement of a new year, Anno Lucis 5880, I have the gratification of meeting the Craft of West Yorkshire assembled in Provincial Grand Lodge, and in doing so tender to the different Lodges here represented the heartiest congratulations of the new year. As year after year rolls away, when in my capacity as your Prov. Grand Master I have to reciprocate the best wishes of this season, I cannot but feel pleasure in this recurring opportunity of offering to every one of you my felicitations upon the welfare, happiness, and unanimity of the Freemasons, as a body, in my province. Let us hope that this new year opens with evidences of prosperity to all; that in spite of hostile tariffs, and a too dear labour market at home, we, as a nation, have bid adieu to the worst period of commercial depression, and may look forward in a spirit of confidence to a happier future both as regards agriculture and commerce. The brother who to-day has been able to withstand the strain of discouragement should be thankful indeed; and he who has not been unprosperous should draw a comparison with his less fortunate brethren whose prospects were once of the highest, yet, through no fault of their own, have been struck down in their career of prosperity, and reduced, it may be, in some cases, to depths of poverty and distress. Towards such some of us can give counsel and advice, and others the assistance of that charity which blesses him that gives as well as him that receives; and all of us can offer that sympathy to those who have been the least fortunate, which acts like balm poured out upon the troubled spirit, by encouraging renewed efforts for the future. We must now devote a moment to the consideration of the extent to which our Masonic circle of good of late has attained. Our welfare, as a Masonic body, has steadily progressed. During the Masonic year, although no new Warrants were granted for West Yorkshire, yet 65 new Warrants were granted by the M.W. Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; and there is no lack of desire to join our ranks in the 7475 certificates granted by Grand Lodge. The financial result of our Festival is, that sums of money have been realised for our three Charities far beyond what could have been anticipated, £44,800, and now there is a special appeal to the brethren throughout the country to establish a Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, and if the founders of this fund can create an organisation for preventing some portion of the heartburning that ensues to candidate, who have not been successful at the ballot of the Masonic Charities it will have your dispassionate consideration and support, and the founders, if the scheme be successful, will be rewarded for the trouble they have taken in inaugurating this, and to prevent disappointment at the elections of candidates in London. There is now under consideration the projected extension of the Girls' School. It is intended to spend £6,500 for the purchase of a house, on three-quarters of an acre of ground adjoining the Girl's School at Battersea Rise. The policy in an outlay of so large a sum for an old building, and so small an area as this purchase of Lyncombe House, is in itself a question for deliberation in your Lodges. Considering the large annual amount required to maintain the present School, the addition this purchase will entail is a serious item, because it is virtually permanent, and pledges the future generation to a still greater amount for maintenance than we are at present committed to. It will be gratifying to West Yorkshire that at the Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution, held in London on the 10th Jan., in pursuance of notice given by the chairman of our Charity Committee, the Court has accepted the sum of 1000 guineas from this province, for a perpetual presentation of one girl to the School, to be called "The Bentley Shaw Presentation;" the right of such presentation being vested in the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire for the time being, or other duly authorised person, in accordance with an agreement similar to those providing for presentations from West Yorkshire to the Boys' School, Wood Green. The cash paid into the bank on account of this fund is £1,035. Should the donations promised not all be paid, you may rely upon the guarantee offered by myself and Deputy for the balance when the money has to be handed over to the Court. Referring to another of our Charities, the Festival of the Aged Freemasons' and Widows' Annuity Fund is fixed for Monday the 9th February, in the Freemasons' Hall. The Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, the Earl of Zetland, has consented to take the chair. I should like the noble Earl and his Deputy, Dr. Bell, to be surrounded by a goodly list of Stewards from this Province. My Deputy, and probably myself, will be present, and we trust the old contributing Stewards of West Yorkshire may be supported by new names. On the list in circulation I see the old names of those who have served the office of Steward three, five, and eight times over. I appeal to the Worshipful Masters of Lodges to obtain fresh subscribers. We much regret the retirement from the Secretaryship of the Grand Lodge of England of Brother Hervey, through failing health. Every one of us can speak of the learning and excellent qualities of Brother Hervey, and the invaluable services he has rendered to the Craft. May the Great Architect of the Universe spare his life for some years to come to enjoy the pension of £500 a year, and the gratuity Grand Lodge has awarded to him, with the unanimous concurrence of the Craft. And lastly, brethren, as this Provincial Grand Lodge has assembled for the third time, since its establishment in 1862, under the banner of the "Saint Oswald" Lodge, and in this Town Hall, let me express the acknowledgments of the province to Brother W. S. Simpson, the Worshipful Master, and his Officers, for their invitation and arrangements. The previous occasion was one never to be forgotten. It was the last public appearance in this province in his official capacity as Grand Master of West Yorkshire of the Marquess of Ripon. He laid the foundation stone of St. Stephen's Church, East Hardwick, October 1872. Principally through the energies of the Freemasons of this Lodge that work is completed, and the church has been consecrated. A new vicarage house has been also added by the liberality of the Craft, and the old trust school there put upon a better educational footing. The son of an old Freemason of this province is now the vicar of that newly-created ecclesiastical parish, and not only is he personally popular, but his ministerial services are much appreciated. To-day the Freemasons of this Province are asked to inaugurate another charitable work, viz, that of a new and much needed building for the Dispensary of this town. The Vicar of Pontefract has invited us to the Parish Church of Saint Giles, and we thank him for according us an opportunity of promoting this work, which my Deputy, who is the treasurer and secretary of the institution, and his brethren of "Saint Oswald's" have, with others, so much at heart to accomplish. And last, not least, we thank the Rev. J. J. Christie for permitting the Freemasons of West Yorkshire to show their public attachment to and belief in the volume of the sacred law and the principles of religious faith. May Jehovah bless and prosper this work of a new Dispensary. I have accepted a cordial invitation from the brethren of the two Lodges in Dewsbury to hold the annual meeting under their banners, in April next, at Dewsbury. A petition was forwarded to me for this purpose from the Worshipful Masters of 208 and 827, and recommended by our Provincial Grand Registrar and Brothers Whitaker and Critchley. It now only remains for to acknowledge your salutation. I feel a pride in the progress of the Masonic work we undertake, and I am sure that you will one and all join with me in wishing every member of the Craft a happy and prosperous year.

The business of Provincial Grand Lodge being concluded, the brethren formed into order of procession, and marched to St. Giles' Church, where, by permission of the vicar, a sermon was preached by the Rev. Brother John Room, and a collection made in aid of the funds. After service the brethren returned to the Lodge room, when Provincial Grand Lodge was duly closed.—*Yorkshire Post.*

We have received a copy of the 1880 issue of the diary of Masonic Meetings in East Lancashire, which is compiled by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. John Chadwick. With a Province comprising so many Lodges as East Lancashire, our brother has had no light task, for even though he may have the best wishes of the Secretaries of every Lodge in his district, he cannot rely on receiving from them the necessary information, except after a great amount of labour. The work appears to have been most carefully undertaken.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
R. A. 306—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 9th FEBRUARY.

FESTIVAL ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION, FREEMASONS' TAVERN, AT 5.30 FOR 6
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1626—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
K. T.—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
567—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
685—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1582—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
M. M.—Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.

TUESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

Supreme Council 33°, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
New Concord Lodge Ball, Freemasons' Tavern, at 9
46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
167—St. John, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden
1635—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R. A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Shoe, Selcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1674—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R. A. 537—Zion, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M. M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R. C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 11th FEBRUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
Supreme Council 33°, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R. A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
M. M.—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
R. C.—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
223—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
606—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, at 7.30. (Inst.)
851—Worthing of Friendship, Stevne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill St., Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llandiloes, Trewythen Arms, Llandiloes, North Wales
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R. A. 873—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M. M. 102—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 12th FEBRUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
198—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
R. A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Bittinghourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.

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1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K. T.—Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

FRIDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R. C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction)
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 14th JANUARY.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1428—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
R. A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 29th January. Bros. Chapman W.M., Coulson S.W., King J.W., Abrahams S.D., H. Phillips J.D., J. A. Gartby I.G., Webb Preceptor, L. Norden Secretary; also Bros. Davis, Valentine, Ward, Maidwell, Blitz, Richards and Haynes. The Lodge was opened to the third degree, and was then resumed in the first. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M. The Lodge was resumed in the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of investiture of Officers. Bro. Maidwell rehearsed the charges of the installation ceremony. Bro. Haynes was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Coulson was elected W.M. for ensuing week, and appointed Officers in rotation.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 27th ult. Present—Bros. Shadler W.M., Wooding S.W., Valentine J.W., Roberts S.D., Couture J.D., J. B. King I.G., Moss Preceptor, Hollands, Daniel, Ferry, Weller, Walker, Clements, Tarling, Brain. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Walker candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Moss, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Walker, an initiate, answered the questions leading to the second degree for his improvement. Bro. Wooding was elected W.M. for ensuing Tuesday. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Shadler for the very proficient manner he filled the chair for the first time. Bro. Souton announced that he was deputed to give £20 from his Lodge to be placed on the lists of Bros. Daniel and J. B. King, for the Old People, which was accepted, with thanks. Bro. Daniel's ballot then took place, the following proving successful:—Bros. Wooding 1306, Marlet 1743, Moss 1275, Edwards, Kirby, Ferry 65. Bro. King's ballot took place on Tuesday, 3rd February, at this Lodge of Instruction.

Old Globe Lodge, No. 200.—On Wednesday afternoon, the 21st January, the brethren of the Old Globe Lodge met at the Lodge room, Scarborough, when Bro. W. Benson Richardson was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. W. Woodall P.M. P.P.G.S.W., assisted by Bros. Col. W. H. Smythe P.G.M. Lincolnshire, G. H. Walshaw P.M. P.P.G.D.C., D. Fletcher P.M. and J. W. Taylor P.M. Prov. G.S.W. The W.M. invested the following brethren as Officers for the year:—Bros. J. R. Dippie S.W., Geo. Dippie J.W., J. W. Woodall Treas., C. J. Roberts Sec., E. Cooper S.D., R. Hume J.D., Joseph Hardgrave D.C., J. W. Taylor Chaplain, B. Shaw Organist, W. Meek and G. R. Coates Stewards, J. Wanless I.G. and Jno. Verity Tyler. The banquet, which was subsequently held in the Lodge-room, was presided over by the W.M., and attended by several distinguished brethren from the various towns in the Province.

High Cross Lodge, No. 754.—The first regular meeting of the new year was held on Wednesday, the 28th January, at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Tottenham, under the presidency of Bro. Geo. Burford the W.M., who was well supported by his Officers, Past Masters, and a good muster of the brethren, together with the following Visitors:—Bros. Driscoll P.M. 30, E. W. Mackney P.M. 134, George Dickerson 177, Stevens 1766, Bryant 1237, and G. Tegg 1579. The Lodge was duly opened in ancient form, and the minor business having been disposed of, Bro. A. Smart was passed to the second degree, and the Lecture on the Tracing-board in that degree was given. The Lodge unanimously voted that the sum of £10 10s should be placed on the W.M.'s list, who will act as Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at the forthcoming Festival. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when ample justice was done to the far-famed catering of the host, Bro. Oddy. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Wells P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the I.P.M., proposed the health of the W.M., who thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast; he trusted he should prove worthy of the confidence they had placed in him; it would always be his desire to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and with such an able staff of Officers he felt that the task before him would be comparatively easy. To the toast of the Visitors Bro. Mackney, in his remarks, expressed great pleasure at what he had witnessed that evening; it was quite clear that the principles of Freemasonry were carried out with that excellence which was a credit to any society. The rest of the Visitors briefly replied. Bro. Wells, on behalf of the Past Masters, expressed the great pleasure it gave him—as he felt sure it did to the other Past Masters—in rendering any assistance to the W.M. that laid in their power; as long as he was able he should consider it his duty to support the chair. Other toasts followed, and a particularly enjoyable evening was spent, as there happened to be present many of the brethren who were able to conduce to its harmony, especially may be mentioned Bro. Mackney, who thoroughly delighted his hearers, as did also Bro. Driscoll, in giving the "Speech of Mr. Serjeant Buzfuz," in the celebrated trial of Bardell v. Pickwick. The Tyler's toast concluded the evening's proceedings, and the brethren separated at a reasonable hour.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on 27th instant Bros. C. Lorkin W.M., Smith S.W., Christian J.W., Hand S.D., Johnson J.D., Clark I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas., Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Allen, Fleck, Baker, Worsley, Hallam, Finch, Bingham P.M. 771, Brasted, Fieldwick, Wardell, Garrod, Perren, Polak, Marsh, Weige W.M. 860, T. Cook 1056, and others. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and then resumed to the first, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Smyth 1524, Clark I.G. 1178, Hand 1178, Christian 860, Hallam S.W. 1349, Fieldwick W.M. 1364, C. Lorkin J.D. 1524. Second Lecture—Bros. Wardell S.D. 95, Hallam S.W. 1349, Garrod I.G. 754, Smith S.D. 860, Worsley S.W. 860. Third Lecture—Bros. Brasted J.W. 1524, Allen W.M. 733, Perren P.M. 1056. Bro. Hand was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Cook was elected a member. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which the W.M. had worked the Fifteen Sections. He was also elected an honorary member of the Lodge. A vote of thanks was likewise recorded to the brethren who assisted to work the Sections.

On 3rd inst., present Bros. Hand W.M., Clark S.W., Smyth J.W., Collins S.D., Wardell J.D., Baker I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Christian, Brasted. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Christian candidate. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and after resuming its Masonic duties, Bro. Christian worked the first and second, and Bro. Brasted the fourth sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The brethren of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction will work the Fifteen Sections in this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, 24th February (by invitation).

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—The first meeting since the installation was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. L. J. Salomons, Ellis S.W., A. Lazarus as J.W., L. Jacobs Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., Syers S.D., Mann I.G., P.M.'s Grunebaum, J. Lazarus, S. Abrahams, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Davis having answered the usual questions very satisfactorily, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for slight refreshments. This being an off-night, the brethren, over a social glass and cigar, discussed Masonic affairs, no toasts being given. The Visitors were Bros. L. Alexander P.M. 188 and Phillips 205.

St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 14th instant at the Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping, E. Bro. W. W. Hayward opened the Lodge, supported by Bros. C. Veal S.W., J. Magrath J.W., T. Wooding S.D., W. Horseley J.D., J. Carrociero I.G., R. Hayward P.M. Treasurer, H. T. Hardy Secretary, A. W. Coleman I.P.M., W. Poore P.M., Bros. T. Barnes, Rev. M. C. Brown, J. Sommers, C. Kurnber, T. J. Tarling, A. G. Clements, T. Tyer, J. N. Stevens, H. Parsons, J. McDougall, C. Rayner, I. P. T. Couture, E. Blaney. Visitors—J. Bowron P.M. and Sec. 933, G. H. Stephens I.G. 1623, Crane J.W. 933, M. Watson 95 (S.C.), Bro. Longstaffe Tyler. Bro. Blaney having proved proficient, was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and he was admitted to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bros. Clements, Couture, and Rayner were tested as Craftsmen and afterwards entrusted, the W.M. finishing the labours by raising them to the superior degree in a creditable manner. An interesting event of the evening was the election as members of Bros. Rev. M. C. Brown 93 I.G., and Thomas Barnes 536. Lodge was closed, and the brethren, after a tedious wait, partook of

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supper. Owing to the length of the business and the delay, the W.M. was compelled to put the toasts rather briefly, but in his usual happy manner. After the Loyal and Craft toasts had been duly honoured, and a song sung by Bro. Veal, Bro. Coleman I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who in response expressed his thanks for the reception of his name; he would apologise if he had fallen short in the work of the Lodge, and was gratified to find his efforts were appreciated. The P.M.'s was received with applause. Bro. Beck, who had so often distinguished himself, the W.M. regretted was absent. Bro. Poore, who had kept away through illness, they were very glad to see. That evening he had filled a double capacity, and had proved a host in himself by his unremitting attention to the Visitors at the table. Bro. Coleman had also rendered the Lodge good service, and they were all pleased to see his happy and blooming countenance in their midst. Bro. P.M. Poore thanked the W.M. and brethren for the flattering reception of the toast. He was pleased to find the W.M. so well acquainted with the duties that he did not require the service of the P.M.'s, which however they were at all times ready to afford. The Visitors, which the W.M. considered the toast of the evening, was heartily received. He was sure the Visitors would agree with him that it was not outward display that gave a welcome, but the innermost sentiment of the heart. The Lodge of Wapping was always pleased with its Visitors. Bro. Stephens will never wear his welcome out. Bro. P.M. Bowron they were glad to see again; Bro. Crane he had known under other circumstances, and he was glad to meet him for the first time in Masonry. To Bro. Watson the W.M. also extended a hearty welcome. Bro. Poore favoured the brethren with "Happy be thy dreams," after which Bro. Crane responded. The W.M. next honoured the joining members, whom the Lodge highly prized, not only for their personal, but for their social qualities. Rev. Bro. Brown thanked them sincerely for the hearty reception of the toast; coming as he did as a stranger among them, they had paid him much honour, and he confessed he fell in love with the Lodge on his first visit, and determined to become a member of the Lodge if they would accept him. Bro. T. Barnes endorsed Bro. Brown's remarks. He had long had opportunities of visiting them, and at last had come and seen what he had not seen in his lonesome wanderings—a house of rest; the brethren knew the rest. He hoped he should always be proud of being with them. The Officers was next given, and severally responded to, and the Tyler's toast closed a very happy evening.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 3rd February. Bros. Pavitt W.M., Smith S.W., Power J.W., Barker S.D., P.M. Myers J.D., Fyfe I.G., Worsley Sec., P.M. Musto Preceptor; also the following brethren:—Butler, Spencer, Watkins, White, Sadler, H. G. Cope, Nash, Thos. Cope, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Worsley as candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the first four sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. G. H. Cope, of Prince Leopold Lodge, Victoria Park, 1816, and Nash of Capper Lodge 1076, were unanimously elected members. Bro. W. J. Smith S.D. 860 was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was announced that the Annual Supper would take place on Tuesday, 2nd March, the Secretary will feel much obliged by the brethren giving in their names, as no tickets will be issued. The chair on this occasion will be taken by Bro. Musto P.M. the Preceptor.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—Held at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on 26th ultimo. Present—Bros. McDowall W.M., Bryant S.W., Fleck J.W., Garrod S.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., C. Lorkin Preceptor, &c. Bro. Pige answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and then raised. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and then called from labour to refreshment. Bro. Bryant was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—The regular meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, 21st inst. Bro. Scales the W.M. presided, supported by Bros. C. W. Side S.W., W. M. Stiles J.W., J. J. Michael P.M. Treasurer, G. Colls S.D., Henry Lovegrove D. of C., G. Clark jun. I.G., John Douglas I.P.M. Among the Visitors were Bros. G. Mayes 51, J. H. Southwood P.M. 1260 S. Albert John 1260, Caleb Wells 212, Sidney T. Fisk 212, Thomas W. Heath 1642, F. A. Kelly 1524, Robert Gillard 109, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, W. Terrington 1360. The work comprised the raising of Bro. C. Turner, the passing of Bros. R. W. Fraser and J. Jones, and the initiation of Mr. J. Barnard. It will thus be seen that the ability of the W.M. and Officers was put to the fullest test, and when we remember the past of the Metropolitan Lodge, we hardly like to comment on the way in which the work was done. Still we think that we should be wanting in the proper discharge of our duty if we omitted to draw the attention of the Officers to the fact that at this meeting their reputation for good working was greatly shaken. We trust our friends will accept these remarks in the same kindly spirit they are offered, and that at the next meeting they will retrieve their good character. We know they can do the work, and we were the more surprised at the last meeting from this fact. A vote of fifteen guineas was made from the Lodge funds on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of the Worshipful Master, who has undertaken the duty of Steward, after which the Lodge was closed. After the banquet which followed, Bro. Michael proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. It had devolved on him to offer this toast to the brethren in consequence of the other Past Masters being absent. No W.M. ever strove harder to do his duty than the present Master of the Metropolitan Lodge; with what result the brethren had seen for themselves. They were at all times pleased to give honour to whom honour might be due, and that honour he now asked the brethren to accord to the W.M. Bro. Scales, in reply, after tendering his thanks said, that Bro. Michael had made some reference to his working; it had been far from satisfactory to himself. He felt somewhat nervous so many Visitors being present. However, he had striven to do his best, and he felt that the brethren would appreciate his efforts on that account. He should, however, have liked to have done much better, and hoped that at future meetings he should do so. He then proposed the health of the Past Masters. He regretted that so few of the number were present. They only had Bro. Michael, but he was so zealous in his duties that they need have no fear but that the toast would be well responded to. Bro. Michael, in reply, thanked the company on behalf of the Past Masters. It was a very proud position for any brother to rank as P.M. of No. 1507. The health of the initiate was next given and suitably acknowledged, after which the Visitors and Officers each received their due meed of praise. The toasts were heartily received and responded to. During the eveing Bro. Heath, of 1642, contributed two cornet solos, thereby adding to the harmony of the evening, which on this occasion was well maintained.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—On Monday, 26th January, an emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at York, when the W.M. Bro. C. G. Padel presided, supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. Balmford P.M., J. T. Seller S.W., G. Simpson J.W., J. Kay Secretary, and a number of Officers and brethren. The Lodge was called for purposes of instruction, and accordingly the S.W. took the chair as soon as the Lodge was opened, and worked the first degree with great excellence, Bro. G. H. Simpson acting as candidate. The W.M. having subsequently resumed the chair, Bro. T. B. Whytehead read a paper on "Women in Freemasonry," in which he gave some account of the system of adoption as worked on the Continent of Europe, of the androgynous systems of the ancient mysteries, and of the modern systems of Side Degrees for women as carried out in America. The address was listened to with attention, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Whytehead, who said that any little trouble involved in the preparation of a paper was more than compensated for by the assurance that the brethren were thereby led to cherish a real taste for the study of Freemasonry. The Eboracum Lodge had taken a very high stand amongst the English Lodges in this very matter, and it was his earnest desire that its reputation should be sustained by its members. At the close of the Lodge the brethren met at refreshment, several visitors being present, and passed a pleasant evening.

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FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Festival of the Benevolent Institution for the year 1880, which had been looked forward to for some time with great anxiety, has passed, and many now be looked back upon with the greatest pride by all concerned; the total of the subscriptions, collected by the 228 Stewards who this year worked for the Institution, being announced by the Secretary on Monday last, after the toast of the evening had been proposed and acknowledged as no less than £12,005 16s 6d with thirteen lists then outstanding. True, this amount is less by £1,870 than that announced under similar circumstances last year, but even allowing for this fact, the result of this year's Festival on behalf of our "Old People" is one of the grandest, if not the greatest success ever known in connection with the Masonic Charitable Institutions. Last year the Committee were singularly fortunate in securing the services of the ruler of one of our largest Provinces as Chairman at the Festival, and he was enabled, with the co-operation of the members of his district, to bring up the largest amount ever contributed by a Province to one or other of our Institutions. This year the ruler of one of the smaller subdivisions undertook the duties of President, and he certainly deserves the thanks of the Craft for the heartiness with which he entered upon the work of his office. With a personal contribution of one hundred guineas he nobly heads a total of £855 from his Province of North and East Yorkshire, a result which we trust is but a specimen of what he and his district intend to do for the Institutions in the future. Other Provinces show well in the totals they have sent up at the hands of their respective Stewards, but of these we shall speak further in a later issue. Suffice it to say here, that the Provinces, represented on this occasion by 101 Stewards, have contributed a total of £4,682 1s and that the 126 London Stewads have collected no less a sum than £7,270 15s 6d, one Steward from the Punjab completing the total with a list of fifty guineas. It will thus be seen that to the London Stewards belongs the credit of having placed this year's Festival in the prominent position it occupies, and all praise is due to them for the grand totals they have collected. This result more particularly shows the need for a Secretary who avails himself of every opportunity of visiting the Lodges, and there urging the members to support the Steward of the Lodge or other brother who may be representing them. Bro. Terry has for weeks past worked day and night among the London Lodges to secure the result on which we must congratulate him, and this notwithstanding the fact that a heavy affliction, in the death of his father, has befallen him. He has not neglected the Provinces, but we think we are correct in saying that this year he has devoted his energies more particularly to London; undoubtedly the result proves the absolute need for personal canvass. At the time of the election of Bro. Hedges, as Secretary for the Girls' School, it was urged by some that this work should not be required of the three Secretaries. We then pointed out that it was absolutely necessary, and we are more and more convinced as, day by day, our experience of the Craft increases, that it is the only way to secure large lists. Left to themselves, we have no doubt but that Lodges will appoint Stewards, but something more is necessary. It is impossible for every Steward to make himself acquainted with all the details of the task he has undertaken, and therefore he is unable to put the matter as forcibly before the brethren as can a brother whose sole duty it is to work for the Institution more particularly interested, and thus it is we consider that visits from the Secretaries are needful for the welfare of the Institutions. We have already said that the London total so far as was known at the time of announcement was £7,270 15s 6d, which sum was collected by 126 Stewards. It will be seen that the above gives an average of £57 14s to each Steward, an amount considerably in excess of the average of last year, and even this may be considerably increased when the amount of the lists now outstanding are added. The place of honour is secured by Bro. Parkhouse, who, as Steward from the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge No. 1642, brings up a list of £400. When we consider that in June last this Lodge sent up 500 guineas for the Boys, at the hands of Bro. Penn, we can but again congratulate the members on the work they do for the Charities. After the very handsome results of the Festivals of the past few years, it may reasonably be asked —What is done with the vast amounts subscribed to this Institution? The sum expended last year in annuities was £10,820, that is to say, at the time of the last election there were 145 brethren each in receipt of £40 per annum, 145 widows each receiving £32 per annum, and nineteen entitled to half their late husband's annuities. The total number of those who had been elected to the benefits of the Institution then was 509 brethren and 278 widows. As a result of this year's grand total notice was given at the Committee meeting of Wednesday to create fifteen additional annuities—ten widows' at £32 per annum each, and five men's at £40 each—so that, supposing this proposition to be carried, as we have no doubt it will be, there will be 150 brethren and 155 widows receiving grants from the Institution, in addition to those widows who are entitled to a moiety of their late husband's annuities. This indeed is a work of which we may feel really proud, and we sincerely hope that at no future time will it be necessary to reduce either the number or the amount of the grants. It was wisely stated at the meeting of Wednesday that it was better to create more annuities than increase the amount of existing ones, and this we fully endorse. The amounts at which the grants are at present fixed is as much as can be expected from a charitable source, and when we consider the number of the annuitants—305 if the additional fifteen as proposed is decided on—it will be seen that a very large sum would be absorbed by even a small addition to each. As at present appearing, there are seventy-nine candidates for the next election, which will take place in May, while the number of declared vacancies is but twenty-six. Taking into account the additional fifteen annuities which we hope will be created before that date, it will be seen that thirty-eight candidates will have to be refused a participation in the benefits of the Charity. There are thirty-one male candidates, for whom there are now thirteen vacancies, and forty-eight female, among whom will be divided a like number of grants. We cannot but be gratified at the splendid work we are able to carry on; still, we must express the hope that some day it will not be necessary to send away any one in need and found worthy.

A military correspondent of the *Yorkshire Gazette* writes:—It may interest some of your readers to know that Freemasonry flourishes in Cabul. A warrant has been granted for the opening of a Lodge to be called the Seaforth Lodge, and Captain J. A. Stewart-Mackenzie, 9th Royal Lancers, has been elected Worshipful Master.

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WHAT DO WE DISCOVER IN THE MINES AND QUARRIES?

WHAT do we discover in the Mines and Quarries? This is a question that is worthy of something more than a brief and hasty reply. There are probably two million brethren engaged in the labours of the Craft; surely therefore there must be some reward for the expense, time and labour attendant thereon. Yes, the workmen of the present age are daily and hourly discovering in these quarries and mines more precious stones, more brilliant gems and richer ore than ever the skilled masons and miners under the superintendence of the king of ancient Tyre, and the direction of his friend and coadjutor the martyred Abif brought forth from the gigantic quarries of Jerusalem, or from the dark and intricate mines in the mountains of Palestine.

The Hiramites of to-day are obliged to labour hard and search long for that material and those precious stones that are requisite for the construction of the building of that Holy Temple in which they are engaged. Despite all our efforts a vast amount of rubbish is constantly being washed into our mines and quarries from the cesspools of materialism, rationalism and infidelity, with which our works are surrounded, and are only eliminated by streams from the fountains of truth which are constantly poured in upon them by the labours of the Craftsmen. What then do the brethren of the Mystic Tye discover in these mines and quarries, at which they are so assiduously, so constantly working?

We discover deep down in the figurative quarries and sympolic mines of Freemasonry many precious gems, many priceless jewels, many sparkling stones, many brilliant crystals, many diamonds of the first water; we are engaged in hewing and preparing perfect ashlars for the Temple of the Lord, and these we inlay amidst the silver of friendship and gold, of love with the emerald of faith, the opal of hope, and the ruby of charity, surrounding them with the sapphire of purity, the onyx of brotherly love, and the topaz of fraternal relief, whilst we crown each one of them with a circlet of the diamonds of truth. These are the rewards of the faithful delver in the mines, and the honest workman in her quarries.

We have thousands amongst us who, although they have been brought to light are still so enshrouded in darkness that they cannot discover these priceless treasures. They are blind to the varying hues of the opal and brilliant flashes of the diamond; they cannot appreciate the value of the precious metals, or discover aught of beauty or worth in the most dazzling gems. They care not for the sapphire of purity or the gold of love, and never exhibit the ruby of charity or the silver of friendship. The diamond of truth is to them the valueless crystallised carbon.

Now, since there are so many precious treasures in these mines and quarries, since they are so pregnant with wealth and riches, how important is it that we should only admit good workmen, true workmen, and zealous workmen. We want no idlers; we desire not the careless and negligent. Every Mason should be an ardent enthusiast. There is much to learn, and we should teach every neophyte that the Freemasonry of the present day is a living system vitalised from the wellspring of fraternal love and god-like charity. We desire to make our Masonry more practical; too many join us because they view the society as fashionable, or look upon the Association as a convivial club, whereas the fact is the Craft of the nineteenth century has a most holy and honourable mission to perform. We claim to be the *only* fraternity on the earth that teaches in all its symbolism the science of truth; that truth which renders man honourable and woman pure, because it springs from the Godhead Himself, who is truth vitalised and truth deified.

Freemasonry is the emblemification of liberality and purity of thought, and consequently the embodiment of charity in every shape and form. The true student of our mysteries, the laborious delver in our mines, the earnest worker in her quarries, soon discovers that beneath our formal ritualism and mystic symbolism there runs an undercurrent as pure as crystal, as holy as an inspiration of Deity, *and so it is*. These ceremonies and this mysticism hide the science of sciences, which teaches man his own puny finiteness, and at the same time exhibits a knowledge of the wondrous power and glory of the Omnipotent Infinite. The mind of the Freemason must expand the longer he labours in the quarries and delves in the mines, because he hourly discovers more precious truths. More, he learns to view as a brother,—this is really the first lesson; his brother-man becomes precious to him, part of himself. The honour of a brother is as important to him as his own; he learns to view with holy reverence those that are near and dear to a brother, and woman in his eyes and heart assumes a purer, holier form; the nature and character of the Supreme becomes clearer and plainer to his mental vision, because Freemasonry has taught him to accept the Jehovah of the Hebrew, the Allah of the Mahommedan, and the Nazarene of the Christian, as a central being from whom all purity, goodness and kindness ever flow, who is a *Friend and Father of the Children of Earth*. In a word, the Freemason's idea of the Creator is a supreme being elevated above the puny god of a sect, or the heavenly lord of a race, into an Universal God of Infinite Space and Innumerable Worlds; a Creator of Creators, a God of Gods. These are the true treasures, the precious stones, the rich metals that we discover in the Quarries and Mines of Freemasonry.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution assembled on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present—Bros. Lieut.-Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), James Brett, William Stephens, George Bolton, C. G. Dilley, James Kench, Baron de Ferrieres, C. A. Cottebrune, J. M. Case, Nathaniel George Philips, H. S. Somerville Burney, A. H. Tattersall, Henry Smith, Raynham W. Stewart, William Clarke, John G. Stevens, S. Rawson, Thomas Cubitt, William Hilton, William Hale, C. H. Webb, Edgar Bowyer, F. Adlard, Charles F. Hogard, and James Terry Secretary. Bro. Terry announced the death of five male annuitants and two females. He then stated that he had to report that the Festival of the Institution took place on Monday, under the presidency of the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. for the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, on which occasion £12,005 16s 6d was subscribed. Four out of thirteen outstanding lists had since come in, with a total of over £80. He expected that the remainder would make up the amount of Monday's subscriptions to another £200. Votes of thanks were then passed to the Earl of Zetland and the Board of Stewards. Bro. G. R. Green having given his entertainments, "Enoch Arden," and "a Roman among the Romans," to the annuitants of the Institution at Croydon, a vote of thanks to him for doing so was passed unanimously. Some of the brethren having made some useful presents to, and entertained Bro. James Norris, the Warden of the Institution, on his completing his ninetieth year, a letter from Bro. Norris thanking the brethren was read by Bro. Terry. In answer to Bro. Henry Smith, Provincial Grand Secretary for West Yorkshire, the Chairman said that Grand Lodge having purchased some additional property, plans were submitted to the Building Committee for giving increased accommodation for the work of the office of the Secretary of the Institution. He afterwards proposed to add ten women and five men to the number of annuitants, which he thought was but right considering the state of the funds and the large subscriptions of last Monday. This would make 23 widows and 18 men to be elected in May, out of a total list of 79 candidates. This was seconded by Bro. R. W. Stewart Prov. Grand Deacon, and approved by Bro. Henry Smith, who thought it better to increase the number of annuitants than the amount of the annuities. The motion was then carried. The grant of half her late husband's annuity was made to a widow, and the Committee then adjourned.

A ball in aid of the Masonic Charities was held on Thursday, 29th ult., at the Star Assemby Rooms, Portsmouth, under distinguished patronage. The necessray arrangements had been carried out by Bros. J. W. Stroud, J. D. Hill, A. T. Cave, and W. C. Webb, and the room was tastefully decorated, festoons, flags, evergreens, Chinese lanterns, and coloured lamps being effectively introduced, while Bro. A. L. Emanuel had lent candelabra and plate for the decoration of the hall and the supper tables. Figures in armour, devices in swords and bayonets, and also Masonic mottoes and emblems were likewise used for decorative purposes. Dancing commenced at half-past nine o'clock, and notwithstanding the unfavourable weather the attendance numbered about a hundred. Shortly after midnight supper was served in the billiard room by Host Bowers, whose catering gave unqualified satisfaction. The company did not disperse till nearly five o'clock, when a special steam launch left for Portsea. The ball was a complete success. The Masonic mottoes had been executed by Mr. Cave, ship's decorator, of the High-street, the other decorations having been carried out by a non-commissioned officer and men of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, together with seamen.

The fifth anniversary banquet of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, will take place on Tuesday, the 2nd March, at the Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 p.m. Bro. C. J. Scales the W.M. of the mother Lodge will occupy the chair, being supported by an efficient Board of Stewards, comprising the Past Masters and Officers of the Metropolitan Lodge and several others. We feel assured our brethren will spend a pleasant evening, and that a good supper will be provided by the proprietor of the Restaurant, Bro. Kent. The price of the tickets is 2s 6d each. We can promise any of our readers a hearty welcome if they can attend.

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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual Festival of this Institution was held on Monday at the Freemason's Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, under the presidency of the R.W. the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. for North and East Yorkshire, who was supported by Sir W. W. Burrell Prov. G.M. for Sussex; Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; Major-Gen. the Hon. Somerset G. Calthorpe, G.J.W. of the year; Bro. R. H. Giddy, D.G.M. of Griqualand, &c. About 500 brethren were present. A pleasing feature of the gathering was the attendance of several Brethren of the Fitzroy Lodge in their uniform as Members of the Hon. Artillery Company, and later in the evening, when the toast of the Prince of Wales was given from the chair, they, in compliment to H.R.H. who is Colonel of their regiment, gave the special "fire" well known to visitors of their Lodge. The toast of The Queen was given by the Noble President, who, amid the cheers of the assembly, spoke of Her Majesty's deep interest in the Craft and its institutions, as shown by the donations Her Majesty had made to the Charities of the Order. The introduction of the toast of the Grand Master required, the Chairman said, but few words from him. H.R.H The Prince of Wales was the most popular Grand Master ever known, and the toast usually proposed in his honour was universally received with acclamation in Masonic Lodges. The toast was then given, and coupled with it were the names of the Princess of Wales and the other Members of the Royal Family. To the toast of the Grand Officers, present and past, Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell responded, and then followed the toast of the evening—Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. The Earl of Zetland, in proposing the toast, said that if it were necessary to educate the young, it was also necessary to provide for those who in the evening of life found themselves in distressed circumstances. The Institution was founded at the suggestion of the late Duke of Sussex, nearly 40 years ago, and the work carried out by it was seen in the fact that last year a sum of £10,820 had been distributed among Decayed Brethren and the Widows of Brethren, the former receiving annuities of £40 a year, the latter of £32; while to some an almshouse was also vouchsafed. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Colonel Creaton, who acknowledged it; and then Bro. James Terry, the Secretary, read out the list of subscriptions, showing that the Craft had sent up from the different Lodges in England Stewards whose subscriptions amounted in the whole to £12,005 16s 6d, with thirteen lists outstanding. Of this sum, London, represented by 126 Stewards, had sent £7,270. The Provinces, 101 Stewards, £1,782 11s 0d, and from the Punjab, one Steward £52 10s 0d. Bro. Giddy, the District Grand Master of Griqualand proposed the toast of The President of the Night, and reminded the brethren, amid great applause, of the association of the Earl's name with the Craft, his predecessor in the title having been Grand Master for upwards of a quarter of a century. The Chairman having acknowledged the toast, proceeded to propose Success to the other Masonic Institutions, to which Bro. Hedges replied, announcing that H.R.H. Prince Leopold had fixed the date of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls as the 16th of April. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke proposed the Stewards, which having been acknowledged, that of the Ladies was given, and to this Bro. Quarter-Master W. G. Brighten, of the Fitzroy and other Lodges, replied. A very good concert was provided by Bro. Charles E. Tinney, the artistes engaged rendering the songs in a perfect manner, and being fully appreciated by the brethren.

The following is a corrected list of the Stewards and amounts collected by them up to the time of our going to press.

LONDON

Lodge			£	s	d
	Bro. E C Woodward		—	—	—
1	George Martin		17	17	0
2	Charles O Tagart		52	10	0
4	Rev. George W Weldon M.A.		15	15	0
5	W H Clarke		31	17	0
8	Frank Green		26	2	0
10	Hamon le Strange		35	4	0
11	G J Palmer		35	14	0
14	Eugene Montennis		19	19	0
15	Edward P Barlow		78	0	0
21	Robert Berridge		39	2	0
23	Edward Nixey		15	14	6
26	W C Beaumont		12	11	0
27	J B Poole		140	3	6
28	T J Thomas		47	5	0
29	Fras Farnan jun.		—	—	—
30	Alfred Lefeaux		35	0	0
33	Edward Stronts		40	0	0
55	Samuel Pownceby		50	2	0
65	Charles Daniel		124	0	0
66	Macrae Moir		26	5	0
73	Benjamin Isaacs		64	5	6
87	Thos Janeway		52	12	0
95	H-W Ruff		31	9	6
101	W George		43	1	0
141	Edward Hopwood		40	14	0
Chapter					
142	Comp. F Statham Hobson		41	7	0
Lodge					
145	Bro. J H Leggott, V.Pat.		276	5	6
157	C Buckhurst		26	5	0
162	Jeremiah Lyon		34	13	0
165	G E Wainwright		37	5	6
172	H Hoadley		52	5	0
173	Edward W Allen		52	10	0
174	C H Webb, V.P.		121	8	0
Chapter					
174	Comp. Theophilus Hallett		210	0	0
177	Chas A Cottebrune		44	2	0
Lodge					
179	Bro. H A Lovett / W Hughes		48	0	0
180	Ernest Farwig		57	15	0
183	H C Archer		49	17	6
Chapter					
185	Comp. James Smith		13	2	6
Lodge					
186	Bro. W H Hook		52	10	0
193	W W Collier		35	0	0
197	Dr Benj H Paul		22	19	0
198	H C Lambert		23	2	0
201	Theophilus Dunkley		20	5	0
206	Samuel Gamman		52	10	0
211	Alfred Withers		79	5	6
228	Richard Pearcy		86	16	6
235	Edward H Hewett		10	10	0
235	Thomas C Chown		15	15	0
256	Joseph Heming		31	10	0
256	Charles Birch		—	—	—
259	Maj-Gen. Hon. Somerset J G Calthorpe		178	5	0
435	Emil F W Berger		22	0	0
511	John Avery		50	0	0
511	Bro. C E Williams		10	10	0
538	Julius Quitmann		71	8	0
548	S P Catterson		75	1	6
Chapter					
554	Comp. Jno Jas Berry		105	0	0
Lodge					
569	Bro. William H Bateman		131	5	0
657	John N Ward		113	7	0
704	C B Hilliard		—	—	—
720	W R Sheadd		42	0	0
749	Peter Parsons		23	0	0
754	George Burford / Henry V Clements		50	0	0
754	George Newman		26	5	0
813	Lewis C Haslip		36	4	6
820	Charles Hubbard		144	16	0
857	H J Green		—	—	—
862	S Godden		48	0	6
871	Wm Hy Luckraft		57	15	0
879	Albert Emler		105	0	0
901	E Salisbury		25	5	0
902	Samuel Poynter		43	0	0
907	Richard Jennings		50	7	0
957	Andrew Middlemass		53	11	0
1155	Joseph Bates		65	17	0
1178	Charles Deakin		59	10	0
1196	R H Blatchford		27	12	6
1278	A Lazarus		57	15	0
1288	J W Simmonds		55	13	0
1298	Geo Hy Hunter		44	17	0
1348	Edward Jacobs		50	12	0
1365	Archibald McMillan		65	17	0
1366	Louis Bamberger		84	9	6
1381	Wm Mann		31	10	0
1382	J Delves		119	6	0
1383	R W H Giddy Dist. G.M. Griqualand		187	3	0
1397	John H Galton M.D.		34	8	0
1425	Samuel Sones		31	10	0
1471	William Bansor		228	13	6
Chapter					
1471	Comp. Edgar Bowyer V.P.		68	5	0
Lodge					
1472	Bro. Alf Jno Manning		86	5	6
1507	C J Scales		47	19	0
1539	M S Larlham		10	10	0
1540	E S Stidolph		—	—	—
1572	George Briggs		70	17	6
1586	W Jerrett Miller		50	8	0
1589	Alfred Tisley		10	10	0
1599	Wm Hy Marston		33	4	0
1602	J Osborne		26	5	0
1607	C J Perceval V.P.		125	4	0
1608	S Brooks		127	11	6
1615	Frank Richardson V.P.		63	0	0
1623	G H Stephens		115	10	0
1632	G T Thornes		18	12	6
1642	S Hy Parkhouse		400	0	0
1642	Edward M Lander		—	—	—
1657	Geo Kenning V.Pat.		69	11	0
1677	Wm J Hunter		114	0	0
1679	E Francis Storr		38	0	0
1693	Hy P Isaac		42	0	0
1704	F E Wotton Collard		67	4	0
1716	John K Coleman		38	1	0
1728	Thomas W C Bush		137	0	6
1744	Bro. J Douglass		34	10	6
1791	Hy Jas Johnson		174	5	0
1803	Edwin March		—	—	—
1804	Chas A Heimann / W H Farnfield		50	1	0
1805	W R Marsh		52	10	0
1818	Louis Hirsch		52	18	6
1827	H Wildey Wright		40	0	0

BERKS AND BUCKS

Lodge			£	s	d
209	Bro. Joseph Andrews		16	16	0
414	C Stephens		90	13	6
414	F J Ferguson		61	0	0
574	Stephen Knight		27	16	0
591	Sam. K Page		—	—	—
948	Andrew McDowall		18	18	0
			215	3	6

CHESHIRE

			£	s	d
321	Bro. James Salmon		27	1	0
1576	John Dutton		42	0	0
			69	1	0

CORNWALL

			£	s	d
1151	Bro. Controller S G Bake		63	0	0

DERBYSHIRE

			£	s	d
802	Bro. W. L. Ball		36	15	0
1324	Fitzhubert Wright		95	8	0
			132	3	0

DEVONSHIRE

			£	s	d
110	Bro. Chas. Godtschalk		110	5	0
112	Samuel Jones		81	8	0
			191	13	0

DORSETSHIRE

			£	s	d
	The Province, Bro. H. C. Burt		183	10	0
707	Bro. I M P Montague, J.P., D.L., Vice Patron		47	5	0
			230	15	0

ESSEX

			£	s	d
Chapter					
214	Comp. George Cooper		38	15	0
Lodge					
1000	Bro. Rev. R S Wigram		—	—	—
1343	James Godwin		50	18	6
			89	13	6

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

			£	s	d
	The Province, Bro. Col. Hy. Basevi		10	10	0
82	Bro. W Anslow Sole		24	3	0
82	Baron de Ferrieres, J.P., Vice Patron		10	10	0
1067	Russell Jas. Kerr		43	5	0
			88	8	0

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HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

Lodge				
35	Bro. Asher Barfield	25	0	0
723	Henry Stone	31	10	0
903	John Wallingford	44	2	0
		100	12	0

HERTFORDSHIRE

Chapter				
403	Comp. David Roberts, V.P.			
Lodge				
449	Bro. James Shilcock	14	18	0
1327	Frederick Drummond	92	7	0
1385	John Brittain	35	12	6
1580	Henry Cox	75	11	0
		218	8	6

JERSEY

Island of, Bro. J T du Jardin		57	15	0

KENT

Lodge				
20	Bro. H W Moore	7	7	0
77	W Barlow	38	16	0
77	Wm. Hicks			
709	Geo. W Greenhill	50	2	0
829	Wm. Moulder	20	0	0
1096	George Thompson	53	0	0
1436	Adam Keeler	31	10	0
1464	J A Farnfield, V.P.	35	14	0
		236	9	0

EAST LANCASHIRE

Chapter				
62	Comp. George Higgins	30	0	0
Lodge				
300	Bro. Ald. J W Boulton			
992	J J Meakin	10	10	0
1504	Josiah Pollard	15	15	0
		56	5	0

WEST LANCASHIRE

	Bro. Robert Wylie	105	0	0
580	Captain J Balmer	21	0	0
1325	J W Burgess	31	10	0
		157	10	0

MIDDLESEX

Lodge				
708	Bro. Alban G H Gibbs	12	12	0
1293	John Kirke	25	4	0
1309	Clement L Smiles	11	10	0
1326	Coneman Wm. Fox	22	15	0
1415	E Kimber	27	14	0
1597	R L Sindall	26	5	0
1637	John B King	125	6	0
1777	Horace B Marshall, C.C., Vice Patron	105	0	0
1777	H A Dubois			
		356	6	0

MONMOUTHSHIRE

1429	Bro. Wm. Watkins	46	15	0

NORTHS. AND HUNTS.

466	Bro. E J Orford	115	10	0

NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

1477	Bro. John Corbett	10	10	0

OXFORD.

357	Bro. Reginald Bird M.A.	65	0	0
357	Rev Hy Deane B.D.	40	9	0
357	H R Cooper Smith M.A.	106	9	6
478	Fentham Hedges	20	0	0
		231	18	6

SUFFOLK.

The Province, Bro. N Tracy		100	8	0
114	Wm Clarke			
		100	8	0

SURREY.

416	Dr Bro. Stanislaus Makovski	13	12	0
Chapter				
1395	Comp. Arthur H Bowles			
Lodge				
1638	Bro. Hy Wm Linton	55	13	0
		69	5	0

SUSSEX.

The Province, Bro. J H Scott D.P.G.M.		600	0	0

NORTH AND EAST YORKS.

	The Chairman	105	0	0
	John P Bell M.D. J.P. D.P.G.M.	325	13	0
Lodge				
200	Bro. John W Woodall	105	0	0
236	Sir Jas Meek	81	10	0
Chapter				
236	Comp. Hon. W T Orde-Powlett	34	17	6
Lodge				
250	Bro. John Thompson			
312	W H Marwood	52	10	0
566	John T Atkinson	25	18	6
1605	R Boggett	73	10	0
1611	T B Whytehead	26	5	0
1611	J S Cumberland			
643	J Johnson Field	25	0	0
		855	4	0

WEST YORKSHIRE.

	Bro. Lt-Col Sir H Edwards Bart. M.P. Prov. G.M.			
139	Joseph Spencer			
139	S Linton Swann			
208	R J Chritchley J.P. V.P.			
208	Henry Day J.P.			
290	Wm Harrop			
302	Benj Broughton			
302	W W Barlow			
302	Thos Bill			
304	Chas L Mason			
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	Bro. Lord Kensington M.P.	10	10	0

WILTSHIRE.

663	Bro. Wm Nott	15	15	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

567	Bro. Joseph Boddington			
567	George Hall	21	0	0
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	Bro. Maj. Marmaduke Ramsay, Dist. G.M.	52	10	0

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ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly give me space for one or two remarks on your leader in last Saturday's CHRONICLE?

The resolution of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire was passed unanimously, after mature deliberation, many of the brethren present being intimately acquainted with the working of large public schools. It was the undivided opinion of all that the scheme as suggested by Lord Rosslyn was impracticable, and could not possibly be managed in a satisfactory manner without the assistance of the School Committees, they alone understanding the character, temperament, physique, and capabilities of the pupils. There are scholarships attached to all large public schools, which are managed by the governing bodies thereof, and if the Masonic Institutions are really fettered by restrictive laws it would be quite possible for the "Charity Commissioners" to grant permission for the appropriation of certain funds raised specially for certain objects. This would be far preferable to creating the heavy expense of maintaining another Institution, Secretary and staff.

The foregoing arguments weighed heavily with the Warwickshire brethren, and it is unfair to suppose that "EXPENSE" was the sole cause of opposition to the scheme in its present form. The subscriptions sent from this Province to the Charities will exempt its Masons from even the least suspicion of meanness.

It is quite true that Lord Leigh is, and always was, favourable to scholarships when under the management of existing Committees; he expressed himself so when he last took the chair at the Boys' Anniversary Dinner (the third year of his presidency). In this instance he only disapproves of the *modus operandi*.

A plan has been suggested, but not yet discussed, that a fund for Masonic pupils should be instituted in every Province, and worked by the existing Boards of Benevolence. Many advantages would accrue from this system, as it would enable the pupils in many cases to live with or near their friends, and the idea is well worthy of consideration.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN MACHEN,

D.P.G.M. WARWICKSHIRE.

Lillington, Leamington, 3rd February 1880.

[We take the earliest opportunity of correcting an error our esteemed brother has fallen into with reference to our remarks. We certainly said that it was the question of expense which deterred the Warwickshire brethren from joining in the foundation of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, but we did not intend thereby to cast any slur on the Province. As we understand it, the Warwickshire verdict is, that the Fund will be an expense on the *whole* English Craft; not that they object to contribute their share to any good cause. We do not for one moment wish it to be thought that we consider the brethren of Warwickshire remiss in the matter of Charity, or that we think they would refuse support to anything in the form of benevolence merely on the ground of its entailing a further display of their liberality.—ED. F. C.]

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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FORTITUDE AND OLD CUMBERLAND, No. 120.

THIS Lodge held its Installation meeting on Monday, the 2nd instant, at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. In the room were displayed the banners of many distinguished P.M.'s. Bros. W. H. Bateman W.M., H. Mower S.W., R. Coombs J.W., L. Ruf P.M. Treas., W. A. Snelgrove Secretary, E. E. B. Kidder J.D., Bandenbauch I.G., W. C. Beedell D.C., P.M.'s W. B. Kidder, Dudley Rolls, Sidney Rolls, G. Angold, Lemaitre, Nicols, Lilley, R. W. Stewart P.G.D. After preliminary business a ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. H. A. Rolls, which was unanimous in his favour; by the courtesy of the W.M. he was initated into the Order by Bro. Dudley Rolls P.M., who performed his duty in a careful and perfect manner. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and showed his proficiency by passing Bro. Ludovic Noel. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, Brother Henry Mower S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. W. B. Kidder P.M., in the presence of thirteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s. Bro. Kidder was warmly congratulated by the brethren for the able manner he performed the ceremony. The newly-installed W.M. was saluted, and invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. W. H. Bateman I.P.M., R. Coombs S.W., E. E. B. Kidder J.W., L. Ruf P.M. Treasurer (re-elected for the fifteenth time), A. Snelgrove P.M. Secretary, Beedell S.D., Bandenbauch J.D., Matthews I.G., Pigache D.C., Marsh Tyler. The W.M., in feeling terms, presented the retiring P.M. with a very elegant jewel, for the able and efficient manner he had discharged his duty, and in token of the regard and esteem in which he is held. Bro. Bateman returned thanks for the valuable gift, and the kind expressions of the W.M. The resignation of a brother was accepted with regret. Bro. Kidder announced the death of a brother belonging to the Lodge, who was respected by them all. Hearty good wishes were then given, and Lodge was closed. The brethren, fifty-five in number, sat down to a *récherché* banquet and dessert, that reflected great credit on Bros. C. and A. Painter. Grace having been sung, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, and the National Anthem was sung. In proposing the toast of the M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the W.M. said the Craft were honoured by having one so beloved presiding. Only a short time time since, on the occasion of the investiture of the Grand Secretary, the G.M. came among the brethren, and every loyal heart beat with pleasure at seeing him. "Hark to the rolling drum" was then sung. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers. He would couple with the toast the name of a respected P.M. of the Lodge—Bro. Raynham Stewart, a Past Grand Officer of England. After Bro. Frank Ward had sung "Jack's Yarn," Bro. Stewart P.G.D. rose: He felt proud to wear the purple of Grand Lodge; he hoped the honour given to him would be continued to other members of this distinguished and ancient Lodge. Bro. Bateman I.P.M. then rose: He was pleased to see the present W.M. in the chair he had just vacated. Bro. Mower had worked up to the chair, and had filled every office in the Lodge; he had done his duty, and had gained the approbation of his colleagues. The W.M., on rising, was enthusiastically received. He could hardly say how deeply indebted he was to Bro. Bateman for his kind remarks; for many years he had had an ardent wish to become W.M. of this old and influential Lodge. In saying that he would do all in his power for their welfare, he was not unmindful that he had to follow brethren whose names were known and respected; however, all his energies would be devoted for the welfare of the Lodge, and the comfort of the brethren. The W.M. said it was a rare event to have an initiate at the installation meeting; however, Bro. H. A. Rolls had been favoured, and the ceremony had been performed to the satisfaction of every one by their respected P.M., Bro. Dudley Rolls. He would ask them to drink the toast of the newly-initiated brother. The E.A. song was sung, and then the toast was responded to. The W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Bateman, who had done his duty in every way to their satisfaction. He hoped the brethren would give the toast the reception it merited. Bro. Faulkner Leigh sang the "Death of Nelson." Bro. Bateman thanked the W.M. for the toast so kindly proposed; he appreciated the kindness of every brother who had assisted him. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s; they were brethren of influence, not only in the Lodge, but also in social life, where they were equally respected. "Soft, ye winds," was then sung. Bro. Dudley Rolls said he was pleased to see so numerous a gathering. It was gratifying to see the Lodge so flourishing. The W.M., Bro. H. Mower, was one who would carry out in every respect the duties of the chair. The toast of the Visitors was next on the list. The W.M. saw many distinguished brethren present; it was by visiting Lodges a spirit of brotherly feeling was engendered; he hoped the members would give the toast a hearty reception. Bro. Dr. Ramsay P.P.J.W. Middlesex responded to the toast: he was pleased to see an old friend in the chair. Several of the P.M.'s were old and valued friends of his, well known in Freemasonry. The working and hospitality of the Lodge was such that could not be excelled. The Installing Master, Bro. Kidder, was next complimented; the W.M. could hardly find words to thank him for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation; there was scarcely a hitch. As a thorough Mason and kind brother he trusted they would give Bro. Kidder's toast the reception it merited. After Bro. Frank Leigh had sung "The anchor's weighed," Bro. W. B. Kidder replied. It was a source of satisfaction to hear that he had done his duty. He was initiated in this Lodge, and whatever he had done, and whatever he might be called upon to do in the future, would be done with a will. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary; he had the honour of having the best of Treasurers and Secretaries; the former is the father of the Lodge, and he had been re-elected for the fifteenth time. The more the brethren see of Bro. Ruf the more they like him. Bro. A. Snelgrove was his (the W.M.'s) father in Freemasonry; he was initiated, passed, and raised by him. The W.M. hoped that these brethren would have their health and a long life to be among the brethren of the Lodge. By particular desire Bro. Pigache sang a song, and elicited the warmest plaudits. Bro. L. Ruf P.M. and Treasurer responded: it was satisfactory to know they thought he had done his duty, and fully appreciated his efforts, which would be always at the command of the members. Bro. A. Snelgrove followed; he fully endorsed all Bro. Ruf had said. He hoped to be among them for many years. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities. With all the distress in the outer world, the Masonic Charities were well looked after. They had a brother among them high and distinguished in Freemasonry, who represented the Boys' School,—Bro. Binckes. He would ask them to drink the toast, coupled with his name. Bro. Binckes felt it a great compliment to be associated with the toast; he regretted the absence of Bro. Terry. The Festival of the R.M.B.I. would take place on Monday next. Owing to a death in his family, Bro. Terry could not be present that evening, but he (Bro. Binckes) trusted they would sympathise with him in his bereavement. The W.M. had spoken of the distress in commercial circles; he would contrast with this the condition of the Charities; the support to the Charitable Institutions had not fallen off, but those who sought their benefits were increasing in number. We have not the outer world to appeal to; we ask only from members of the Craft. Bro. Binckes urged the members to do all they could for the three Institutions. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers; their working had given great satisfaction. Bro. Coombs S.W. returned thanks. He was followed by Bros. Kidder, Beedell, Matthews, and Pigache. The Tyler's toast was then given. Bros. L. Ruf and Pigache were indefatigable in their exertions for the comfort of the brethren and Visitors. The music was under the direction of Bro. Ward. Among the Visitors were Bros. F. Binckes P.G.S., W. Searles 127, T. Robinson P.M. 917, Werchsim 12, W. T. Buck 1196, F. Matthews 1766, L. A. Mesrovyz W.M. 1238, E. Storr 167, Stevenson 192, Dr. Ramsay P.P.G.W. Middlesex, Cartier 11, Baelz 238, Stevens 1793, W. H. Smith J.W. 108, F. Ward 1341, Kirby, Barnes W.M. 66, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

BALL OF THE PHŒNIX LODGE, No. 173.

THE annual ball of this ancient and flourishing Lodge was held on Thursday, 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. E. W. Allen and an efficient staff of Stewards,—Bros. J. Blyth S.W., G. Carr, A. Conolly, D. Ferguson, Capt. J. Finch I.P.M., F. Foyley S.D., J. Gardner, G. Gutterbrook I.G., F. Parker, S. S. Phillips P.M., H. W. Davie W.S. Hon. Sec. and Treas. The ball was in every way a success, there being over 200 guests present, Bros. Coote and Tinney's band played excellent music, conducted by Bro. Thaddeus Wells. During the interval a sumptuous supper was provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen. Bro. Capt. Finch I.P.M., in a very eloquent speech proposed the health of the W.M., whom all respected. The fact of his being elected to fill the chair so unanimously was sufficient to show appreciation. They had found he was the right man in the right place. The ball, held annually, had been, and he was sure always would be, a success. Bro. Allen, in reply, thanked Bro. Finch for his kind expressions, and also the company for the enthusiastic manner in which the toast had been received. When he looked around and saw so many happy and smiling faces he felt almost in a higher sphere. He trusted this evening would be remembered by all. He hoped to meet them on many happy occasions like the present. Bro. Davie Hon. Sec., in a very happy speech, returned thanks for the Stewards, and Bro. S. S. Phillips P.M. replied in a very humorous manner for the ladies. Dancing was kept up with great spirit until an early hour.

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 928.

THE installation of W.M. took place on Monday, 2nd February, at Petersfield. The Lodge was close tyled at 4 p.m., and the brethren present were:—Bros. Creedon W.M. and W.M. elect, Pierson S.W., Edgeler Treas. and Sec., Cordery S.D., Burley J.D., Knight Tyler, L. B. Cole P.M., J. Cole P.M., J. Swan, J. Woodhouse, F. Mells J. Wright, C. Oakley, J. Whitefield, T. Gosden, C. Masters, W. Smoker; Visiting Bros. T. Francis P.M. 804, C. H. Liddell W.M. 804, J. Leggatt I.P.M. 1428, W. R. Carter 76, F. C. Batchelor 76, C. J. Slade 199, W. Hawkins 319, J. Cecconie 442, G. P. Arnold 342, G. Nayler 1776, W. Marshallsay 1776. The Board of installed Masters was opened by Bro. Edgeler, the installing master, the Wardens' chairs being filled by Bro. Francis and L. B. Cole, Bro. Leggett performing the duty of I.G. The ceremony of installation was most ably carried out by Bro. Edgeler, at the conclusion of which a vote of thanks, proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. L. B. Cole P.M., was accorded. The W.M., previous to investing his Officers, returned thanks to the brethren of the Lodge for the honour conferred upon him by his re-election to the office of Master, and especially thanked Bro. Pierson for the part which he had taken, being S.W. of the Lodge during the past year, and although the brother directly interested, the first to advocate his re-election. The W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers as follows, delivering the usual address to each:—Bros. J. Cole I.P.M., H. Pierson S.W., W. C. Burley J.W., J. Woodhouse S.D., J. Swan J.D. J. P. Cordery D.C., F. Mells I.G., J. Wright S. Steward, C. Oakley J. Steward, C. Knight Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Red Lion Assembly Rooms, where the banquet was served in excellent style by Mr. and Mrs. Pay, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

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LODGE OF REPOSE, No. 802.

THERE was a large and influential gathering of brethren at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Thursday, 15th ult., to witness the installation of Bro. Samuel Steele as W.M. of the Lodge of Repose for the ensuing year. The ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. Thomas Cox P.P.S.G.W. Subsequently, the W.M appointed his Officers, in the following order :—Bros. Wm. Heathcote P.P.G.D. of C. I.P.M., G. Cay S.W., W. L. Ball J.W., Burn Treasurer, E. Belfield Secretary, Butterfield S.D., W. Tempest J.D., T. Smith D. of C., Glover I.G., Waller and E. Smith Stewards, and Holden Tyler. The attendance of visiting brethren was exceptionally numerous, the following, among many others, being present :—Bros. Frank Campion P.P.S.G.W., Geo. Pipes P.M. 1085, William Knight 731, H. W. Malchan 296 (Sheffield), E. R. Ward I.P.M. P.G.R., W. Willott Popplewell P.G.S., Jas. Worsnop P.M. 1085, B. F. Peacock 1163 and 624, John Parkinson W.M. 1112 (Southampton), Thos. H. Orme 1085, J. E. Russell 1085, Wm. Cooper W.M. 731, Frazer S.W. 731. At a later period the brethren partook of a banquet, sumptuous in character, and having the additional merit of being exceedingly well served. The loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the health of the W.M. was enthusiastically drunk, abundant testimony being borne to the assiduity, geniality of manner, and kindliness of purpose which had characterised the whole of his Masonic labours. The warmest eulogiums were likewise forthcoming in reference to the untiring industry, the urbanity and intelligence which had marked the conduct of the W.M.'s predecessor in the chair, Bro. Heathcote. The prosperity of the Lodge was touched upon, in terms of gratification, by several of the speakers, one brother humorously suggesting that it ought henceforth to adopt the name of "Progress," having regard to the steady and continuous advancement it was making. The toasts were happily interspersed with unusally good singing, and throughout the proceedings were singularly harmonious and enjoyable.—*Derby Daily Telegraph.*

GLADSMUIR LODGE, No. 1385.

THE installation meeting was held on Friday, 30th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet. Bro. Gray the W.M. elect was installed according to ancient custom; the retiring Master Bro. Venables performing the ceremony. The following were appointed Officers for the ensuing year :—Bros. Enerby S.W., Yolland J.W., Lowthin P.M. Treas., Young P.M. Hon. Sec., Allen S.D., Askew J.D., Parrott I.G., Brittain D.C., Hopkin A.D.C., Schmidt Steward, Goddard Tyler. Previous to the installation of the W.M. Bro. Mattinson was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, Bro. Lowthin taking the chair and working that ceremony. At 5.30 the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, served in good style by host Bro. Goodwin. We are pleased to see our worthy Bro. Yolland advancing in office. Bro. Yolland fulfilled the duties of S.W. in this Lodge some years back, but his business engagements at that time precluded his taking the post of W.M. We trust nothing will now interfere to prevent his passing the chair of the Lodge.

KILBURN LODGE, No. 1608.

AT a time when the consideration of how to maintain the Masonic Institutions in their present state of efficiency, and the energy and eloquence of their respective Committees and Officers are being exercised to the fullest extent, it is gratifying to note how steadily and with what persistency the members of some of our Lodges exert themselves to assist in this praiseworthy work. This Lodge, consecrated but three years since, has already identified itself as a consistent supporter of the Charities, and though in the order of events it cannot be anticipated that its members will continue their stream of benevolence so bountifully as hitherto they have induced it to flow, we may, judging by the result of what was contributed in this good cause at the meeting it is now our pleasure to record, decidedly predict that any serious falling off in this respect will not evidence itself during the present year. The Lodge meets at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn, where accordingly the brethren assembled on Monday, the 26th ult., at 3.30. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Charles Brewer W.M., who was supported by his Officers, Past Masters, and a goodly assemblage of members and visitors. Among the latter we may enumerate Bros. E. King P.M. 857, Brown P.M. 65, Armstrong P.M. 108, Daines P.M. 1306, Collier P.M. 1306, White P.M. 177, Hunt East Surrey, Sams 45, Wilson 1328, Hurdell 1348, Carrington 1314, Winter P.M. 198 P.P.G.O. Herts, Little 511, Pattison 34, A. H. Wilson 1704, S. Crawford 192, Morgan 211, Finch P.M. 173, J. Johnston jun. J.D. 55, Baker S.W. 188, J. Warner P.M. 23, O. H. M. Latrielle J.W. 1262, G. Anderson W.M. 60, J. Kent 177, A. Ginger W.M. 901, Frank Meeking 21, W. Joyce 1158, Puzzie Nine Muses Lodge, Hudson 1158, Slyman S.D. 753, and Eccles. The first business of the day was to read the minutes of last meeting, which were duly confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Wm. Ward, of the Scientific Lodge No. 840—proposed by Bro. George Everett P.M. Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Kiallmark I.P.M.—as a joining member. This proved favourable, and Bro. Ward took his seat as a member of the Lodge. Bro. John Palmer now took the chair as Installing Master, and Bro. Samuel Brooks the W.M. elect was presented to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. Bro. Palmer is a most careful and impressive expositor of Masonic ritual, and on this occasion he well sustained the reputation he has acquired. In due course the Board of Installed Masters, which had been opened for the purpose, was closed, and those brethren who as yet are not privileged to wear the levels were admitted, and the salutations in the three degrees were effected. The appointment of Officers followed :—Bros. Charles Brewer I.P.M., J. W. Cuff S.W., F. Brewer J.W., J. C. Wharton Hon. Chaplain, G. Everett Treas., Alfred W. Webster Sec., Fred. J. Baker S.D., H. B. Phillips J.D., J. Parry Cole Org., W. Blackbourn I.G., Haswell J. Turner D.C., George Barclay S., Charles Thomas Tyler. Bro. Palmer then delivered, most impressively, the addresses to Master, Wardens and brethren, and resumed his seat amidst the congratulations of the many distinguished Masons present. The Auditors now presented their report on the Treasurer's balance-sheet, which had been printed and sent to every member of the Lodge. This showed the Lodge to be in an eminently satisfactory financial condition, with a goodly balance in hand; it is therefore almost needless to say the report was unanimously adopted. A ballot was now taken for Mr. Harry East, proposed by Bro. H. B. Phillips, and seconded by Bro. Thomas Hartley. This likewise was unanimous in favour of the candidate, and he being present was initiated into our mysteries by the W.M., who brought to bear upon his duties a knowledge of ceremonial that denoted that he had been a diligent student after Masonic lore. During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Master, Bro. Charles Brewer; the W.M., Bro. Brooks, remarking while tendering it, that it might be considered the highest honour it was in the power of the brethren to bestow; at the same time, it was given for great and valued Masonic services rendered. Bro. Brewer thanked the brethren for the gift they had presented him with; it would ever remind him of the happy year he had passed as W.M. of the Kilburn Lodge; moreover, it would likewise bring to his recollection the many pleasing friendships he had made. The next consideration of the brethren was as to what should be done for the Masonic Institutions. Bro. Brooks announced that he had undertaken a Stewardship for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, whereupon the I.P.M. proposed that a sum of twenty-five guineas be voted from Lodge funds to be placed on his list. This was seconded by Bro. Past Master Palmer, put to the brethren by the S.W., and carried unanimously. One or two other matters having been considered, Lodge was closed. After a short interval the banquet was served, and Bro. H. P. Hartley, the proprietor of the Queen's Arms Hotel, won golden opinions for the way in which he catered. However, we will venture to make a suggestion for future occasions when the business may be as heavy as on this day—that is, that a little more expedition be used over the service. It may be all very well for those brethren who live in the neighbourhood, but many of the members reside a considerable distance away, and it must be something disconcerting to them when the proceedings are protracted to so late an hour. Bro. Brooks makes a capital president, and he pushed on with the toast list with all the energy he could command. Bro. I.P.M. Brewer proposed the toast of the W.M. He was a personal and tried friend; Bro. Brooks had ably performed the duties of Secretary in the Kilburn Lodge for two years, and brought with him every qualification to make a good Master. This compliment was gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Brooks, who then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, referring, in high terms, to the ability displayed by the Installing Master Bro. Palmer, and to the services of the other brethren who had acted with him as rulers of the Lodge. Bro. Palmer, in responding, regretted that illness prevented other of the P.M.'s being present. It would ever be his pleasure to place his services at the disposal of the Lodge. In the course of the evening Bro. George Everett referred to what had been done by the brethren of the Kilburn Lodge in aid of the Masonic Institutions. The first year Bro. G. Kiallmark served a Stewardship, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; the Lodge voted him 25 guineas, and by the liberality of the members he was enabled to take up a sum of £114. The second year Bro. G. Everett undertook a Stewardship for the Girls' Institution; the Lodge voted him 25 guineas, which he was able to increase to the sum of £176 8s. The third year the Boys' School received the support of the Lodge; 25 guineas was again the amount voted by the brethren, and Bro. P.M. Brewer went to the Festival with the handsome sum of £210: thus making a grand total in three years of over £500 from a Lodge that does not yet register more than forty members. Good work this, which needs no remark from us to commend it. Later in the evening the brethren made a liberal response to Bro. Brooks' appeal, and, as will be seen by reference to the list of amounts contributed at the Festival of Monday last, Bro. Brooks took up a total of £127 11s 6d; again we say, not bad work, considering our esteemed brother only tendered his services to Bro. Terry three weeks before the Festival. Would we had a few more such liberal-minded brethren. The remaining toasts comprised the health of the Initiate, the Visitors, the Charities, and the Officers. Brief but pertinent replies were made, and then the Tyler gave the parting remembrance for our poor and distressed brethren.

ANCIENT CARTHAGE CHAPTER, No. 1717.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, North Africa, on 6th February. In accordance with the result of the election, held on 25th October last, the outgoing P.Z. E. Comp. Broadley D.D.G.M. Malta installed the following Companions in their respective chairs, viz. :—Thomas Fellowes Reade P.D.D.G.M. Egypt, Agent and Consul General of Her Britannic Majesty in Tunis Z., Perini M.D. W.M. 1717 H., and J. E. L. Barker W.M. 1835 J. Several successful ballots having been taken P.E.Z. Broadley exalted Bros. Captain R. A. Johnstone, Dr. Pace-Williams and M. Le Gallais of No. 1717 and S. Sessing of Lodge Belisaire at Algiers. The First Principal invested with appropriate remarks the following Officers for the year 1880 :—Comps. Clement S.E., Pentecost S.N., Souiller P.S., Cassar 1st A.S., Curletto 2nd A.S., Dr. Pace-Williams Registrar, Barsotti D. of C., Captain Johnstone Organist, Le Gallais and Enriquez Stewards and Eymon Janitor. The I.P.Z. was invested as Treasurer. Most Excellent Companion Reade then addressed the brethren, and having thanked them for the honour done him, and alluded in eulogistic terms to his predecessor, said,—You are all aware that this degree of the R.A. is the apex—

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the *ne plus ultra* of English Craft Masonry; and I am sure that as English R.A. Masons it behoves all of us to do our utmost to support not only the degree itself, but the general Institution of English Masonry in this country. We cannot better carry out this laudable object than by setting our faces against spurious Masonry, which is nothing more nor less than open rebellion against our own Grand Lodge and its illustrious sister the Grand Lodge of Italy, having its centre at Rome. Although my official duties may interfere with my atttendance at every particular meeting, my heart is always with you. The regular Masons of Tunis, and you English Masons especially, may always count on my support and aid. I trust the Officers of the Chapter will be punctual in attendance and zealous in the performance of their duties, each one carefully studying the part allotted to him. I trust that during the present winter many may join this beautiful degree, and that, working with union and harmony during the coming twelvemonths, the Ancient Carthage Chapter will not regret having bestowed upon me the highest honour in its possession. The address of the M.E.Z. was loudly applauded. Bro. Broadley spoke at some length of his stay in England, and visits to various Chapters. The following illustrious R.A. Masons were unanimously elected honorary members of Chapter 1717 :—M.E. Comps. R. Bower P.G.H.P. of Iowa, U.S.A., T. B. Whytehead Z. 1611, H. C. Levander G.S.E. Middlesex, Rev. Thomas Robinson P.G.H. Kent, and James Lewis Thomas Z. 1328 P.G.S.B. England. It was resolved to send to each of these brethren one of the highly artistic certificates designed by Bro. Whytehead, of York, and a special letter of thanks to M.E.C. Comp. Robinson for the very valuable information given to the P.Z., which would greatly improve the working of the Chapter. After the charitable collection, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to the usual installation banquet.

THE HISTORY OF CRAFT MASONRY IN READING.

An Address, delivered by Bro. Chas. Oades W.M. to the Union Lodge 414, *on Tuesday,* 16*th December* 1879.

BEFORE commencing my address, I will read extracts of a letter I received from the A.G. Sec. of England: "There were two Lodges at Reading, under the *Athol*, or Antient Constitution, one of which appears to be Lodge of Virtue, to which you allude. 1st, the (Athol) Lodge, No. 80, was founded in 1759, to meet at the Ship, Reading, but it appears, from a memo in the Register Book, that the Lodge did not pay the fees for the Warrant, nor make any Return of Members, &c., and, therefore, cannot claim any existence.

2nd, the (*Athol*) Lodge, No. 122, was founded on the 14th October 1763, to meet in the 2nd Division of Marines, but appears to have been transferred to the *Swan*, at Reading, in 1808. It was held at the *Upper Ship*, Reading, in 1809, or thereabouts, and in "Ahiman Rezon," edit. 1813, it is stated to be held there. At the Union, 1813, it became No. 147, and then appears by the name of *Virtue*. It ceased working, and the warrant was returned in 1827."

The oldest minute book that I have been able to discover is that of January 1813, the Lodge being No. 122. Bro. J. B. Monck was in office two and a half years; the W.M. was elected annually. As an example of the expeditious way of getting on in the olden time, Bro. J. J. Blandy was initiated October 1814; passed and raised the same evening, November 1814; acted as S.D. in December, as J.W. in January, and as W.M. *pro tem* in April following. The first Officers in 1813 were—J. B. Monck W.M., J. Parker S.W., J. Hornbuckle J.W., Jos. Warry S.D., Thos. Williams J.D., Matthew Boulter Treasurer, Nathan Elliott Secretary. I am unable to discover any further records—a minute book must have been mislaid or lost. On 8th May 1822 is a memo, that two years previously the Lodge seemed well attended. In September, October and December, the Lodge could not be opened, there not being enough members present, but strange to say, at the last recorded meeting, three candidates were proposed; what became of them we know not. There appears to be a vacuum in our history for twelve years; no record can at present be found. The furniture and effects were removed to Coley Park, the residence of J. B. Monck, Esq., M.P., for safe custody, and on the 17th September 1833, the Lodge of Union, No. 597, was opened, with a new Warrant, to meet in a room at the back of the Wheat Rick Inn, on the east side of London Street. The names of the founders were Bros. G. Rackstraw W.M., Baker S.W., Munday J.W., also Bros. Drysdale Smith, Cheeseman, Pocock, Coxhead, Boulter, and Hone. The celebrated Bro. Peter Gilkes was deputed by the P.G.M. to consecrate the Lodge and instal the W.M. On the 8th October 1833 business was suspended, and upwards of fifty ladies were admitted to see the decorations of the Lodge, and kindly condescended to stay an hour and a half in the company of the brethren.

It did not appear a peaceful commencement, for at the Lodge 12th November, two months after its formation, the record states: "In consequence of certain reports being circulated detrimental to the interest of the Lodge, and the same having been traced to Bro. Cheeseman, he was called on to explain and exculpate himself. That brother, who appears to be the landlord of the Wheat Rick, did not bow to the decision of the Lodge, either at that or either of the two following Lodges; therefore, the Lodge was removed to the Upper Ship, 17th December 1833, when they passed a strong vote of censure on Bro. Cheeseman. On the 31st January 1834, Bro. W. Baker was installed as the second W.M. On the 11th May 1835, the Lodge voted one guinea to the Boys' and one guinea to the Girls' School, to be paid when the funds admit of it! In March 1835, it is recorded, "Bro. Cheeseman having apologized for his behaviour, was forgiven, and received back into the Lodge." In the same year the P.G.M. attended the installation, and granted a dispensation to the brethren to attend the funeral of Bro. Charles Smith in Masonic form. A resolution was passed that the Lodge do annually subscribe to both of the Schools, and also to have weekly meetings of instruction at the Woolpack.

In 1836, they resolved to "discontinue suppers until the Treasurer was in funds." In August, an address was forwarded to H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex G.M., congratulating him on the successful result of an operation which restored his sight.

In January 1837, they moved the Lodge to the Woolpack, in March to the Crown Hotel, and in May to the Masonic Hall, Forbury. In November, the late Bro. Dr. Woodhouse was installed W.M. He was re-elected for 1838, and in April of that year he proposed "that the Lodge dues be increased to two guineas—that the brethren dine together at least six times a year—a contribution of 2s 6d per head to be paid from the Lodge funds." The brethren intended going in procession to the laying of the foundation stone of the Royal Berkshire Hospital, but being refused permission by the P.G.M. to take the candles and the volume of the S.L., they declined going.

In 1840, the Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes joined the Lodge—he is the oldest living member.

In 1841, I find the names of the late Bros. Charles Blandy and John Simonds as initiated.

In October 1842, Bro. Ramsbottom, the P.G.M., held a P.G. Lodge, and went in procession from the Town Hall to the Cemetery, to lay the foundation stone of the Episcopal Chapel.

(*To be continued*).

A CHINESE BANQUET.—As a substitute for table-napkins, every one was supplied with a considerable number of squares of paper figured over in various devices. The chairs arranged round the table were made with marble backs, not so luxurious perhaps, but more suitable to the climate than the padded lounges in general use elsewhere. Nothing could be more perfect, or served in better style, than the entire banquet. The Bignon of the district, as if aware that he was catering for connoisseurs, seemed to have been anxious to surpass himself in the preparation of the many dishes that crowded the *menu*. For the first course were handed sugared cakes, caviare, fried grasshoppers, dried fruits, and Ning-Poo oysters. Then followed successively, at short intervals, ducks, pigeons' and pewits' eggs poached, swallows' nests with mashed eggs, fricasses of ginseng, stewed sturgeons' gills, whales' sinews with sweet sauce, freshwater tadpoles, fried crabs' spawn, sparrows' gizzards, sheep's eyes stuffed with garlic, radishes in milk flavoured with apricot kernels, matelotes of holithurias, bamboo sprouts in syrup, and sweet salads. The last course consisted of pine-apples from Singapore, earth-nuts, salted almonds, savoury mangoes, the white fleshy fruits of the "long-yen," the pulpy fruits of the "lit-chee," chestnuts, and preserved oranges from Canton. After the dessert rice was served, which the guests raised to their mouths with little chop-sticks, according to the custom of their country. Three hours was spent over the banquet. When it was ended, and at the time when, according to European usage, salvers of rose-water are frequently handed round, the waiting-maids brought napkins steeped in warm water, which all the company rubbed over their faces apparently with great satisfaction. The next stage of the entertainment was an hour's lounge to be occupied in listening to music. A group of players and singers entered, all pretty young girls, neatly and modestly attired. Their performance, however, could scarcely have been more inharmonious; it was hardly better than a series of yells, howls, and screeches, without rhythm and without time. The instruments were a worthy accompaniment to the chorus; wretched violins, of which the strings kept entangling the bows; harsh guitars covered with snakeskins; shrill clarionets, and harmoniums all out of tune, like diminutive portable pianos. The girls had been conducted into the room by a man who acted as leader of the Charivari. Having handed a programme to the host, and received in return a permission to perform what he chose, he made his orchestra strike up "The bouquet of ten flowers," a piece at that time enjoying a vast popularity in the fashionable world. This was followed by other pieces of a similar character, and at the close of the performances the troop, already handsomely paid, were enthusiastically applauded, and allowed to depart and gain fresh laurels from other audiences. After the concert was over the party rose from their seats, and having interchanged a few ceremonious sentences, passed to another table. Here were laid six covered cups, each embossed with a portrait of Bodhid-harama, the celebrated Buddhist monk, standing on his legendary wheel. The cups were already full of boiling water, and each member of the party was provided with a pinch of tea, which he put into the cup, without sugar, and at once drank off the infusion. And what tea it was! Europeans would have exclaimed in wonder at its flavour, but these connoisseurs sipped it slowly, with the air of men who duly appreciated its quality. They were all men of the upper class, handsomely attired in "hunchaols," a kind of thin shirt, "macoaals," or short tunics, and "haols," long coats buttoned at the side. On their feet were yellow slippers, and open-work socks, met by silk breeches that were fastened round the waist by tasselled scarves; on their chests they wore a kind of stomacher elaborately embroidered in silk. Elegant fans dangled from their girdles.—JULES VERNE *in Leisure Hour*.

An exhibition will shortly open, which at a time when there is so much controversy on the subject of female beauty, promises to be of some interest. The proprietors of the *Graphic* have commissioned most of the leading artists of the day, each to paint a head typifying his conception of beauty. They have taken up the idea with great spirit, and the result is a number of admirably painted heads, and doubtless there will be many discussions and differences of opinion as to which is the most beautiful. The Gallery, which is situated at No. 14 Grafton-street, one door from New Bond-street, will be opened to the public on Monday, the 16th of February; and the entire proceeds will be given to a Charitable Fund for Artists.

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MASONIC VALEDICTORY BANQUET.

ON Thursday, 29th ult., in pursuance of a resolution carried unanimously at the last Craft meeting of the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, a complimentary banquet was given to Bro. A. W. Gardner, who is about leaving England for New Zealand. The principal reason for Bro. Gardner taking so important a step is that, under medical advice, he is anxious to remove to a more genial climate. The necessary arrangements having been satisfactorily completed, one of the last and most pleasing incidents to the emigrant took place at the Fleur-de-Lis Hotel, where Bro. Gardner was given God speed by his brother Masons of Lodge 31. The gathering was virtually confined to members of Lodge 31. The chair was occupied by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Canterbury. W. Bro. John Hemery P.M. 31, P.P.J.G.W. Kent, M.E.Z. 31, Rose Croix 18°, who had on his right the guest of the evening and Bro. Major Knight P.M. 31, and on his left Bro. W. Tice W.M. 31, and Bro. A. J. Beer P.M. 972, P.P.J.G.D. He was supported by Bro. Ward P.M. P.Z. P.P.J.G.W. and P.P.G.H. Wilts, Bro. Higham P.M. P.P.J.G.W., Bro. J. Coppin P.M. P.P.G. Supt., W. Bro. J. R. Hall P.M. P.P. Assist. G. Sec., Bro. J. E. Wiltshier P.M., Bro. J. Plant P.M., the following officers and brethren of the Lodge—Bros. W. Longhurst S.W., T. H. Walkley S.D., Alf. W. Cattelle J.D., D. Collard, F. W. Cross, F. Wacher, W. G. Pidduck, W. D. Young, G. Collard; and A Wetherelt and Pelling visiting brethren. Bro. F. Finn J.W., Bro. F. Horner I.G., and others were absent through illness and unavoidable causes. A *récherché* banquet was provided, and after formal toasts, the Chairman in well-chosen terms gave the health of Bro. Gardner; it was ever a characteristic of Freemasonry to encourage the practice of the virtues brotherly love, relief, and true friendship. They were now assembled to take farewell and wish God speed to a worthy brother, who had broken up his home and was about to proceed to a far distant land for the sake of his children. In making this great sacrifice he had the consolation of knowing that he was leaving with the good wishes of the brethren of his mother Lodge, and that he had earned the esteem and respect, not only of his brethren, but of the citizens of Canterbury generally. The brethren of his Lodge could not permit so worthy a brother to leave his home and native land without meeting to wish him God speed and every prosperity in his new home. He was well assured that in that far distant land Bro. Gardner would carry out those sacred principles which he had been taught in his mother Lodge in Kent; that he would there continue to be the ornament to the Craft he was at home, and would never forget the ancient city in which he had been initiated into the rites of Freemasonry. It only remained for them now to unite in wishing Bro. Gardner health, success and prosperity in his new home, and that he might be able to return in his old age to enjoy that competency they all trusted he might achieve. Bro. Gardner, in reply, said it was impossible for him to express himself as he was moved by mingled feelings of gratitude, of pleasure, and yet of regret, and he scarcely knew how to return thanks for the kind manner in which he had been received by the brethren. He could but feel honoured and gratified at the attendance that evening of so many brethren to bid him farewell, and at the reception which they had accorded him, and for which he had been wholly unprepared. Yet his feelings were mingled with regret that in leaving he should have to part with so many brothers in Masonry, from whom he had received so much kindness, as well as from the citizens generally. It had fairly astounded him that his departure should have been received with so much generous sympathy and goodwill. People said it was a plucky thing to enter upon such an undertaking as the removal of his family to a distant colony; but he would be accompanied by a most devoted partner, and he thought that with the aid of such a partner, and the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe upon his undertaking, he had nothing to fear. He had taken a most lively interest in Masonry, and he should hope to do so even more in future years. Had he lived in Canterbury it would have been his ambition to rise through the various degrees in the Craft until he reached the high position which had been attained by several of the brethren present, and he yet hoped that he might be able to send some hearty good greetings as Master of a Lodge beyond the seas. He had no doubt that a new era in Masonry was about to commence in Canterbury, with the erection of the Masonic Temple, and that the outside world would soon see Masonry invested with the honour it deserved. He could say for himself that he found many friends he would probably never have known had he not become a Mason. It was very true that Masonry could not make him a good man, but it certainly was highly calculated to prevent him becoming a bad one. In conclusion, he would wish to one and all health, happiness, and prosperity. He could never forget while he lived the kindness shown him in his old home and his mother Lodge. Though absent, his brethren would not be forgotten. He would ever cherish the recollection of their brotherly love and respect. Bro. Gardner then proposed "The W.M. of 31, Bro. Tice." Bro. Tice having acknowledged the compliment, gave "The Chairman, Bro. Hemery," which was enthusiastically received, and drank with all the honours. Brother Tice remarked that as they well knew Bro. Hemery had attained very high distinction as a Mason, having passed through every office which could be conferred upon him, until he had reached the high position he now held. Nor was it amongst Masons only that he was so respected and honoured, for he now occupied the highest civic dignity any citizen could fill, and they as members of Lodge 31 were proud to see him Mayor of Canterbury. Bro. Hemery, who on rising to respond was greeted with hearty and continued applause, said if anything could enhance the pleasure he felt in being present to take his part in the farewell they were giving to Bro. Gardner, it would be the meeting so many brethren of No. 31. He saw round him many worthy Masons whom he had known as boys, and whose conduct gave him the greatest encouragement for the future of the Craft. He felt sure they would continue to carry out the principles of the Order with credit. No province in the empire could show more efficient and worthy Masons, and nowhere were the rites of Masonry carried out in a more punctilious manner than in Canterbury. He referred with pride to the establishment of the Royal Arch Chapter in this City, and trusted that many of the brethren present would be admitted into that exalted degree, which was the copestone of Freemasonry. He was proud as Mayor to be amongst his Masonic brethren, and proud to think that a brother of No. 31 should be Mayor of Canterbury. The following toasts were also given—"The Officers of the Lodge," "The Visitors," The Press," and "The Host;" after which Bro. Wiltshier said he felt sure that Bro. Gardner, although he was going to a distant land, on which his future hopes would depend, would find brother Masons in New Zealand who would be ready to hold out the right hand of fellowship to him. There was a wide-spread interest felt in Masonry in every part of the globe. Only a few months ago his own son had landed in Natal, and was there met by several Masons, who warmly welcomed him to the Colony, and promised to assist him because they knew he was a son of a Mason. He thought they could not allow Bro. Gardner to leave this country without sending hearty greetings to their fellow Masons in New Zealand, who would, he felt sure, give him a warm and brotherly reception. The health of "Our fellow Masons in New Zealand" was then drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Gardner said it would give him the greatest pleasure to carry those hearty good wishes, and he hoped in a few months to be able to give the same greetings by letter. The Mayor said that he himself was made a Mason in Madras, and he could testify to the brotherly feeling with which he had been received in all parts of the world. Bro. Gardner could not have chosen a better spot than New Zealand for his new home. It had been called the Great Britain of the South, and he held it to be the finest country in the world, for climate, scenery, and fertility. He had himself been there several times, had lived there many weeks at a time, and he was satisfied that no place afforded so many advantages, nor such fine prospects for an emigrant. He could comfort Bro. Gardner by the assurance that he would find in New Zealand as warm hearted and cordial a body of Masons as could be met with anywhere. The meeting ultimately broke up, the brethren before they dispersed individually giving Bro. Gardner hearty good wishes for his success in his future career.—*Kent Herald.*

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys assembled last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. William Roebuck (in the chair), William Mann, Rev. Dr. Morris Head Master, Arthur E. Gladwell, Henry W. Hunt, Don. M. Dewar, Frederick Adlard, George J. Palmer, George Crow, H. Massey, W. Maple, H. Young, Thomas Meggy, and Frederick Binckes Secretary. The various minutes having been read—some for confirmation and others for information, the brethren referred the claim of Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson back to the House Committee for their consideration. The petition for placing a boy on the list for election in October was deferred till next meeting, for fuller information. An outfit of £5 was granted to a former pupil of the Institution. The Committee then adjourned.

ROSE CROIX.

Hilda Chapter, York.—The installation meeting of this Chapter was held at York, on Friday, 6th February. In the unavoidable absence of the M.W.S., the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett 30°, Bro. C. J. Banister 33° presided. Bro. Wm. Hine Hall of the Eboracum Lodge 1611 was accepted and perfected, after which Bro. T. B. Whytehead the M.W.S. elect was duly installed, and appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. J. S. Cumberland H.P. and Recorder, Rev. W. C. Lukis 1st Genl., M. Millington 2nd Genl., A. T. B. Turner G.M., T. M. Richay R. The report of the auditors showed the funds of the Chapter to be in a healthy condition.

ORDER OF ST. LAWRENCE THE MARTYR.

A Lodge of this Order, denominated the St. Cyprian of Carthage Lodge, has been opened at Tunis, South Africa, under the authority of the Council of Side Degrees. Bro. Broadley P.G.M.M.M. of the Ancient Ebor Lodge, York, is the first W.M., and Bros. Captain R. A. Johnstone and S. Sessing 1st S.W. and J.W. respectively. Many of the members of the Craft Lodges No. 1717 and 1835 will very probably seek admittance to this curious relic of our operative forefathers.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
R. A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing

MONDAY, 16th FEBRUARY.

1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 8
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
K.T.—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square.
M. M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
350—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New street, Birmingham.
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1268—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1288—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction).
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R. A. 139—Parndise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 17th FEBRUARY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
M M.—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.C.—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square.

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1069—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1651—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1670—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.C.—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square.

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Buralem
537—Zetland, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 19th FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
1724—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts

FRIDAY, 20th FEBRUARY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Hanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
M. M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R. C.—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket

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541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
720—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction)
933—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1772—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 821—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 5.30
R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

SATURDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—Kings Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

306—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1585—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Albion Lodge, No. 9.—A meeting was held on the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present—Bros. James Forbes W.M., W. R. Marsh P.M. S.W., E. D. Willey J.W., James Abbott P.M. Sec., Thomas Moring P.M. Treas., Alfred Eodean S.D., S. W. Thompson J.D., William Willey P.M. D.C., Russell Elliott I.G., James Rawles Tyler; Past Masters Bros. H. S. Friend, W. T. Scott, S. Vallentine, L. W. Harvey. Visitors—Bros. J. W. Fuller Grand Master's Lodge No. 1, T. G. Pearce Bromley St. Leonards No. 1805. Business—Lodge opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The W.M. passed Bro. Walter Baker, and initiated Mr. T. S. D. Wallace. After routine business, the brethren adjourned to a banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, which was served in Bro. Alfred Best's usual satisfactory style.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—On 27th January, at Bro. Bond's, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C. Present—Bros. Hallam jun. W.M., Snodin S.W., T. B. Dodson J.W., John Soper Sec., Stroud S.D., Alford J.D., Thisleton I.G., John Bingemann Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cronin candidate. The following sections of the first lecture were worked—2nd by Bro. Hallam jun., 3rd and 4th by Bro. Bingemann. Bro. Cronin, of St. Andrew's Lodge 231, was elected a member. Bro. Snodin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Hallam jun., for the efficient manner in which he had performed his duties on this, the first occasion of his taking the chair. All Masonic duties being ended, the Lodge was closed.

On 3rd February there were present—W. Snodin W.M., T. B. Dodson S.W., Acland J.W., T. B. Linscott S.D., H. R. Hallam J.D., Stroud I.G.; Past Masters Bros. John Bingemann Preceptor, and Watts. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Linscott being the candidate. The following sections of the first Lecture were worked—the second by Bro. Hallam, third by Bro. Bingemann, fourth by Bro. Watts. Bro. T. B. Dodson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday week, 17th February.

Fidelity Preceptory (K.T.) No. 114.—The installation meeting of this Preceptory was held at the Fidelity Masonic Hall, Leeds, on Tuesday week, when Sir Knt. Walter Rowley was duly installed in the chair by E. Sir Knt. C. Z. Mason, the outgoing Preceptor, assisted by E. Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead P.E.P. Ancient Ebor, P.S.C. of G. England. Amongst those present we noticed E. Sir Knts. W. H. Porritt, J. Beck, J. Holmes and T. Gibson, and Sir Knts W. Paley, Rev. W. C. Lukis, Brown, &c. The Leeds Sir Knts. afterwards entertained their visitors at an excellent supper.

Lodge La Tolerance, No. 538.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The Lodge was in mourning on account of the death of the late respected Bro. W. H. Lindus P.M. There were present—Bros. T. W. Cooper W.M., E. Child S.W., Humphrey J.W., Kench A.G.P. P.M. Treasurer, J. B. Sly P.M. Secretary, H. Sweare S.D., Skinner J.D., P.M.'s Bros. Quitman I.P.M. Wilson and Wood; Bros. Elvin, Schött, Carl Quitman, W. Dixon, Marner, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Dixon was raised to the third degree, and Bro. Marner was passed to the second, to the satisfaction of the brethren, who acknowledged that, being the first time he had occupied the chair, the W.M. showed that their selection had been justified by his excellent working. A proposition was brought before the Lodge and duly carried, that the initiation fee be raised from £8 8s to £10 10s, and the joining fee, for a brother whose name had not been previously registered on the books of the Grand Lodge of England from £5 5s to £8 8s, and for one who had been previously registered from £4 4s to £6 6s. The W.M. said he had melancholy tidings to convey, which he was sure would be heard with regret, not only in this Lodge but in another. One who had held an important office in the Lodge had since their last meeting, he might say suddenly, passed away from their midst. He alluded to Bro. W. H. Lindus P.M. As they would recollect, he was with them at their installation meeting. His loss would be felt in this Lodge, and it would create a gap that would take some time to fill. His genial temper, his kind advice, his Masonic knowledge, and the high estimation he was held in by every one, was such that he (the W.M.) felt sure these sentiments would find an echo in the breast of every brother. He hoped that as many as could be present at the funeral would attend to pay the last tribute to their departed Past Master. Bro. Kench P.G.P. proposed, in eloquent and feeling terms, that a letter of condolence be sent to the sorrowing widow, and that it be inscribed on vellum and sent to her to show the feeling of the brethren of the Lodge. He had known and respected their departed brother ever since he had been a Mason, now fourteen years, and he felt as if he had lost a father. In his connection with the outer world he was the first to hold out a helping hand; he hoped the brethren would show the widow how he was respected and alleviate her great grief in the hour of her trial and bereavement. Bro. Wood P.M. seconded the proposition in an able speech, and several brethren followed, all testifying their great sorrow at the loss they had sustained. The Lodge was then closed, and out of respect to their departed brother the brethren separated.

The funeral of Bro. W. H. Lindus P.M. 538, P.M. Stanhope Lodge (of which he was one of the founders), P.Z. 538 and 1269, took place on Friday, the 6th inst., at Nunhead Cemetery. Among those present from the Lodge La Tolerance were Bro. T. W. Cooper W.M., J. Quitman I.P.M., J. Kench P.G.P. P.M., E. Humphrey S.W. J. Skinner J.W., C. Quitman, G. Schött; and from the Stanhope Lodge Bros. J. C. Ring W.M., R. E. Woodman S.W., H. Wood P.M. Treas., Seymour Smith Org., Canton P.M., Frampton P.M., Garner, Vickery, J. W. Lassam, A. S. Harrisson S.W., C. Pugsley W.M. 1585, and numerous others.

Panmure Chapter, No. 720.—A regular meeting of this Chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday, the 10th inst., for the election of Officers for the ensuing year. In the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z. Comp. M. S. Larlham, the chair of Z. was occupied by Ex-Comp. Henry Smith P.Z. The candidates for exaltation being unable to attend on this occasion, the time at disposal of the Chapter was utilised by discussion of sundry business relating to its affairs. The election for Officers resulted as follows, viz.:—Ex-Comp. Thomas Poore M.E.Z., Ex-Comp. R. N. Field H., Comp. Samuel Poynter J., Ex-Comp. James Stevens P.Z. Scribe E. (twelfth re-election), Comp. Thomas Meggy N., Ex-Comp. Henry Smith P.Z. Tr., Comp. B. R. Bryant P.S. and John Gilbert Jan. Comps. J. W. Watts and J. Walmsley were appointed on Audit Committee. A P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring M.E.Z. Comp. Larlham. After some routine business had been disposed of the Chapter was closed, and the Companions supped together. We are requested to state that the installation of Principals will take place on the 10th May, when the duties of Installing Principal will be undertaken by Ex-Comp. James Stephens P.Z., Founder and Scribe E. of the Chapter.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Meeting held at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 6th February, at half-past seven p.m. Present—Bros. J. C. Roe (P.M. and Preceptor) W.M., Acworth S.W., Botley J.W., Maton S.D., Franckel J.D., Youens I.G., Gunner Hon. Sec., Bellerby, Wyville, Becket, &c. Lodge was regularly formed and opened, the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. Roe then worked the installation ceremony in his well-known impressive manner, and vacated the chair, which was occupied by Bro. Acworth. The initiation ritual was then rehearsed, Bro. Roe kindly acting as candidate. Bro. Gunner gave notice of motion he would bring forward at next meeting, as to a proposed fund towards expenses of the Girls' School in acquiring new premises. Lodge closed and meeting adjourned till 13th inst., at half-past seven p.m.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, 933.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held on the 30th ult., at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, E. Present—Bros. Digby W.M. of the mother Lodge W.M., I. P. Cohen P.M. S.W., Payne J.W., Forss S.D., Clarke J.D., McDonald I.G., Loane, Posener, Ellis, Farness, Tait, West, Norden, Grounds, Friedeberg; also Past Masters Barnes, Webb, W. Musto Hon. Sec., and B. Cundick Preceptor. The evening was devoted (after the necessary formalities had been complied with) to working the installation ceremony, by Bro. I. Digby, who will shortly have to instal his successor in the mother Lodge. The ceremony, including the working of the Board of Installed Masters, being ably rendered, Bro. Digby received the congratulations of the brethren at its conclusion. Bro. Ellis, who had thus been placed in the chair, worked the ceremony of the 3rd degree, Bro. Loane candidate. Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. was elected to the chair for the next Friday. Arrangements for the audit were made, and a vote of thanks accorded to Bro. Digby. The Lodge was duly closed.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., Thursday, 5th February. Bros. Clark W.M., Peacock S.W., Hine J.W., Sergeant S.D., Abrahams J.D., Fenner Preceptor, Wallbrecht Sec., Gieseke I.G.; also Bros. Ohle, Andrews, Smith, Leoffler, Bronkhurst, Ward, and Stroud. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ohle candidate. Bro. Andrews worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Peacock was appointed to preside at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Clark for the very able manner he performed his duties as W.M. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—Held at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 2nd inst. Present—Bros. McDowall W.M., Garrod S.W., Crain J.W., High S.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., C. Lorkin Pre-

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ceptor; also Bro. Fetherstone and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fetherstone candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Fetherstone was elected a member.

On Monday, 9th February, Bros. C. Lorkin W.M., High S.W., Thos. Jones J.W., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Sec.; also Bros. Blunt, Fetherstone and others. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Fetherstone candidate. The Lodge was opened in the third degree and regularly closed. Bro. High was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, officers in rotation. Lodge was closed in due form.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the W.M. Bro. C. G. Padel in the chair, supported by his Wardens and a good muster of members. The names of two candidates and a joining member were brought forward. The business of the Lodge was instruction in the second degree, which having been concluded, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when some conversation took place as to the advisability of forming a Lodge of Instruction.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 29th January. Present—Bros. H. Youens S.W., G. S. Wright J.W., J. J. Clarke S.D., J. W. Woolmer J.D., J. Wells I.G., H. Stephens, M. W. Wyville, H. Kasner, C. Andrews, W. Seward jun. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. W. M. Wyville candidate. Bros. Millsom and Wyville answered the questions leading to the third degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. J. Wells candidate. Bro. Andrews P.M. was elected a member. It was unanimously agreed to set apart a night for the rehearsal of the ceremony of installation.

At a meeting on Thursday, 5th February. Present—Bros. H. Youens W.M., A. J. Burr S.W., J. Green J.W., C. E. Porter S.D., C. Andrews J.D., Bellerby I.G., J. Wells Sec., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, F. Botley, Buckley 700, J. J. Clarke. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. F. Botley candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Clarke having kindly volunteered as a candidate, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge resumed to first degree, and on the motion of Bro. Tucker, seconded by Bro. Burr, one guinea was unanimously voted from the funds of the Lodge in aid of a distressed brother. Bro. A. J. Burr was elected W.M. for Thursday, the 20th February. Lodge was then closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned to Thursday 13th, when the Officers of the mother Lodge will be in their respective places.

Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Chequers, Walthamstow, on Tuesday, the 3rd instant. The Lodge was opened shortly after six o'clock by the W.M. Bro. T. Franklin, assisted by Bro. F. Hallows S.W., T. Upward J.W., C. B. Carter J.D., Geo. Clark I.G., James Pinder P.M. and Sec., W. Groome P.M.; also Bros. Casey, Rubery, Stockwell, Wyborn, W. G. Hallows, &c. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Henry Ferguson Inman, son of the esteemed host, and proving unanimous in his favour, he was regularly initiated into the Order, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by the W.M. Bro. Patterson P.G. Org. Herts was elected an hon. member, in recognition of his valuable services to the Lodge, and the W.M. requested him to perform the duties of Organist until next Installation meeting. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned to October next. In consequence of the lamented death of Bro. George Brown, the Lodge was in mourning, and expressions of deep regret for his decease were uttered by the members.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on 27th January, at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, Bro. John Douglass the W.M. presiding. The agenda paper was an exceedingly heavy one, as may be imagined from the fact that notwithstanding the amount of work that was got through, several candidates had to be disappointed. We believe a Lodge of Emergency will be called before the next regular meeting, in order that those desiring initiation in this Lodge may receive it. After the usual preliminaries, and the Lodge being opened in the second degree, Bros. G. Esbelby, G. C. R. Perugia, W. Bryant and J. G. Ellis were passed. The next business was the working of the third degree, for which there were six candidates, viz.—Bros. C. Horton, J. T. Woods, J. N. Hare, T. H. Ellis, J. Gray and J. Hone, all of whom were in due course raised to the sublime degree. Lodge was then resumed to the first, and it being announced that Messrs. George Bryant, William Ponton, Henry Howard, A. Verdin, and Henry Richard Burton sought admission, they were regularly received, and in due course admitted to the privileges of participation in Masonic light. Bro. Willing, the Treasurer of the Lodge, then announced that their W.M. had undertaken the office of Steward for the Festival of the Benevolent Institution; he accordingly proposed that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to be placed on his list. This was seconded by Bro. W. M. Stiles the Secretary, and carried unanimously. Bro. Douglass thanked the members, and then closed his Lodge. The brethren now proceeded to the banquet room, where the good things provided by Bro. Michell were done full justice too. Bro. Willing proposed the health of the W.M., again referring to his Stewardship, and expressing a hope that the members of 1744 would support his endeavours. Bro. Douglass considered it a great pleasure to fill the chair of the Royal Savoy Lodge. He hoped the Lodge would be well represented at his hands at the coming Festival of the R.M.B.I. He next proposed the health of the Visitors, which he considered the toast of the evening. He did not think a Lodge could have a greater honour conferred on it than to have Visitors attend its meetings. Bro. Ferguson in reply felt that he had had honour thrust upon him that evening. First he had been called upon to fulfil the office of P.M. in the Lodge, which he considered a great honour. Now he was called upon to respond for the Visitors. The Master had performed his duty in such a way as must leave the brethren assured that the power of the Lodge would never be lessened while he occupied the chair. The W.M. next proposed the health of Bro. Willing the P.M. He considered that a great part of the prosperity of the Lodge was due to Bro. Willing, whom he justly termed a genial companion and a very excellent Past Master. With this toast the W.M. also coupled that of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Willing and Stiles. He paid a well merited compliment to the latter brother for the part he had taken and still took in the carrying on of the Lodge. Each responded. It was then announced that the list of the W.M. for the Benevolent Institution, which in the course of the evening had been passed round the table, showed subscriptions from the members amounting to £36. The health of the initiates was now given from the chair. The W.M. hoped they would look forward to the taking of the other degrees with as much pleasure as he thought they must have done to that of their initiation. Bro. Ponton was extremely proud of the reception that had been accorded him. He had for some time wished to become a Freemason, and he was most happy to have done so now in the Royal Savoy Lodge. Bro. Bryant was also pleased at having become a member of the Ancient Fraternity. Bro. Verdin likewise expressed his thanks for the reception that had been accorded him, as also did his fellow initiate. The toasts of the Officers, the Lay Members, and the Press, concluded the proceedings of the evening, the Tyler's toast bringing all to a finish. Among the brethren present in addition to those named were T. J. Hyland S.D., W. Cook J.D., A. Holt and J. W. Smith D. of C., G. H. Deller I.G., F. W. Sillis Organist, &c.; the following were the Visitors:—W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177, H. Stiles J.W. 1732, B. Kauffmann D.C. 1732, W. F. Abraham 1178, J. Knight Stwd. 1677, W. O. Piper 1064, H. J. Ashley 1319, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, J. Peace 890, &c.

Saint Leonard Lodge, No. 1766.—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, 4th February. Bro. G. T. Barr presided, being assisted by Bros. L. Stean I.P.M., C. F. Barham S.W., Rev. H. G. Henderson Chaplain, C. Stevens Treas., J. Cox Hon. Sec., J. A. Jones S.D., A. A. Clement J.D., J. Funston I.G., E. Walker D.C., F. Matthews S., G. C. Young Organist, and C. T. Speight Tyler. Bro. E. Benjamin J.W. being indisposed, Bro. W. Snellgrove occupied one of the chairs. There was a fair attendance of members of the Lodge, and several visiting brethren. The Lodge having been opened with solemn prayer, and the usual routine business transacted, Bro. J. G. Moore was passed to the F.C. degree, the ceremony being admirably worked. Bro. Charles Deacon, Temple Lodge, No. 171, was unanimously elected a joining member of the Saint Leonard Lodge. During the evening a Founder's jewel was presented to Bro. E. Walker, in recognition of services rendered to the Lodge. After the transaction of some further business, the Lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 10th February, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Smyth W.M., Carr S.W., Wardell J.W., Forss S.D., Brasted J.D., Christian I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Prec., also Bros. Williams, Polak, Baker, Dallas, G. Buderus J.W. 1298 (Visitor), C. Lorkin. Bro. Buderus was interrogated and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Buderus was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of P.M. Wallington, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Williams being installed, he invested his Officers. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Christian worked the third section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Carr was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his Officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

The brethren and friends of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, will hold their first Annual Ball on Thursday, 19th February, at the Holborn Town Hall, Grays-inn-road. Tickets may be obtained of Bro. Diokins, 16 Norfolk-street, Strand.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, Tuesday, 10th February. Bros. Smith W.M., Worsley S.W., Fyffe J.W., Rawe S.D., Johnson J.D., H. D. Cope I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. Pavitt, Keable, Sadler, Barker, Spencer, White, Dunsmore, Dixon, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Keable having answered the necessary questions, the ceremony of passing was excellently worked by the W.M. Bro. Rawe assisted the W.M. to work the first section of the lecture, Bro. Johnson the second; the W.M. assisted Bro. Worsley to work the fourth. The Lodge closed to the first, when Bro. Worsley was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, on which occasion the third ceremony will be rehearsed. On Tuesday next the brethren who will work the Sections on the following week are to be nominated. We will furnish names in our next. We are pleased that Bro. Worsley has resumed active duty in this Lodge of Instruction, of which he is a sturdy supporter. Our esteemed brother has lately experienced a heavy domestic affliction, and we are sure all members of the Craft who know him will rejoice that he feels now capable of attending to his Masonic work. We trust a full attendance of the brethren will testify their appreciation by supporting him on Tuesday next.

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Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The weekly meeting of this Chapter of Improvement was held on Tuesday evening, 3rd February, at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill. The following were the Officers:—Comps. Brown Z., H. Thompson H., Catterson J., Lilley P.S.; Pennefather N.; the other Companions present were Walker, Payne, Lardner, Edmonds, Gilland, Lovegrove, High, &c. The ceremony of exaltation was most ably rehearsed, Comp. Payne being the candidate. The convocation was adjourned until Tuesday evening, 10th February, at half-past six o'clock.

Consecration of the Newton Masonic Hall, Auckland.—The ceremony of consecrating the handsome new Lodge-room erected for Eden Lodge, No. 1530, E.C., took place on 3rd December, and was carried out in a most impressive manner. The ceremony was very largely attended, and amongst the visitors present we noticed, besides the Grand Lodge Officers and Past Masters and Masters engaged in the ceremony, Bros. R. B. Morrow P.M. 641, Cawnpore, East India, Burns P.M. 421 I.C., T. Hewson R.W.M. 418 S.C., Thomas Hallamore P.M. Ara I.C., J. H. Hatswell W.M. 689 E.C., W. H. Skinner P.M. 1338 E.C., A. Brook P.M. 421 I.C., and a number of other dignitaries of the Order. The arrangements for the consecration were of the best order, and the display of plate quite striking.

A Masonic Relic.—A dispatch to the *Hamilton Times* from sit Toronto correspondent says:—"Last night at Coates' auction rooms the Masonic diploma of Souter Jonnie (Burns' friend in 'Tam O'Shanter') was sold to Mr. J. Ross Robertson, of the *Evening Telegram*, for 178 dols. In the corner of the diploma is fastened a lock of Highland Mary's hair. The certificate bears the seal of St. James' Lodge, Ayr, Scotland, 6th October 1790. It is looked on as the oldest Masonic relic in existence."

The 17th ball of the St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the Presidency of the W.W. Bro. W. Stollard, and a body of Stewards, consisting of Bros. G. A. B. Fletcher V.P., G. S. Wade Treas., F. Thompson Sec., W. C. Parsons P.M., J. Wood, W. H. Baker, A. E. Sarti, E. Joseph, A. W. Staden, &c. During the interval a sumptuous supper was provided by Bro. A. Best. The W.M. proposed the toasts of the Queen, Vice-Presidents, Committee, Stewards, and the Ladies; these having been ably responded to, dancing was resumed. Bros. Coote and Tinney provided the band, Bro. E. S. Jones conducting. Bro. Johnson was, as usual, a very efficient M.C., and the company thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at a meeting of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, to be held at the Lodge House, the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday next, the 16th inst. Lodge will be opened at seven p.m. under the presidency of Bro. J. G. Milbourn, who will be assisted on this occasion by several eminent members of the Craft.

We are informed that amongst the brethren to be nominated by Bro. James Stevens on the Committee for enquiry into and report on the present systems of Masonic working are the nominees of the Provincial Grand Masters for Dorset and Warwickshire, the Deputy Grand Masters for Surrey, Herts, Suffolk, Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, and a Past Grand Chaplain.

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THE ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

WE announced last week that the result of the opening Festival of the current year would be the subject of further comment, and, as usual, we give such comment in the form of an analytical sketch of the subscriptions. We have very good reason for believing that these analyses are not without their advantage. We know they are closely scanned, and are occasionally the subject of sharp criticism. An oversight, a mere clerical error, the appearance of something in the way of a comparison, each and every of these is noted and made the subject of correspondence. It is, however, beginning to be recognised that the spirit in which they are written is one of complete impartiality. If a Province is unrepresented on one of these occasions, it is so stated. If a large Province sends up a small contribution and a small Province a large, it is likewise so stated. At the same time, while a full modicum of praise is bestowed on efforts which have proved more than usually successful, every possible means is suggested for the absence of a Lodge or Province or the smallness of its contributions. It did good yeoman service last year, or it is about to support one of the sister Institutions. If its contributions are modest, they have at least the merit of being regular. If, as has more than once happened, we have found a Province regularly unrepresented, we have felt it to be our duty to point this out—not in any unfriendly spirit, for people must not be abused because they do not give, but as it were palliatively, as though a better organisation or greater exertion were alone needed to place it on a level with the other Provinces, or because we happen to know there is in existence some local charitable Institution which boasts of a considerable annual income, and is proving a great boon to the indigent brethren, bereaved widows, or orphan children of Masons in that district. We approach our task on this occasion in the same spirit as we have done before. We shall deal with the figures which are, and the facts which are not, though as regards the latter a friend has very kindly suggested that "facts which are not" is merely an Irishicism for "nothing," and as every one knows, "*ex nihilo nihil fit.*" If so, our labours will not be very onerous, while the friendly critics cannot be very severe over "nothing." But to proceed with our remarks without further exordium.

The Festival of the 9th inst. must be written down as a very substantial, if not an unprecedented, success. Even with the big figures we have grown accustomed to during the last three or four years, a total of over £12,000 is one of some magnitude. Nor must we lose sight of the fact that if the Benevolent Festival of last year yielded very little short of £2,000 more, the Chairman on that occasion had, as regards the number of its Lodges, our largest Province to back him; while Lord Zetland's Province of N. and E. Yorkshire stands in this respect only about tenth on the list. E. Lancashire, with nearly ninety Lodges, contributed one-fourth of the £14,000 subscribed last year; this year N. and E. Yorkshire heads the Provinces, with, in round figures, one-fourteenth of the total sum; but then it has on its roll only some twenty-six Lodges, so that it cannot be said that it has done otherwise than support its chief most effectually, as well as most honourably and in proportion to its abilities. In this respect then, these Provinces—and the same may be said of all that do their duty thus Masonically—stand on the same level. Be it remembered, however, that in what we have just said, we have had no idea of instituting any comparison: we have been content with stating facts as they are. We may, indeed, offer our congratulations to the noble Chairman of last Monday week—who has an hereditary as well as a personal claim upon our respect—on the success of the Festival over which he so ably and so genially presided. This, in the minds of our readers, will have gone without saying, but our general remarks would have had an air about them of incompleteness had we not written what we have written.

Passing next to the details of the list, one feature about it will be especially noticeable, namely, that the difference in the totals of the London and Provincial contributions is more pronounced than usual. We find from the figures, as published last week, that the former, which was represented by 126 Stewards, subscribed in all £7,340 19s 6d, the Provinces, which sent up 101 Stewards, contributing £4,710 18s, while the District of the Punjab gave £52 10s, making a total of £12,104 7s 6d, or nearly £100 in excess of the figures that were announced at the Festival itself. These differences are inevitable when it is remembered that even on the morrow of the gathering a fresh list of contributions may be handed in to Bro. Terry; at the same time, however, they in no wise affect the main description. But to resume. London is a long way to the fore on this occasion, whereas in other cases it has been only slightly ahead of or behind the country. This, as we suggested last week, is probably due to the Secretary having devoted a larger share of attention to the Metropolitan Lodges than in former years, and also no doubt to an increased zeal on the part of the Lodges themselves. These Stewards represented 112 Lodges, and six Chapters, while one figures on his own account, and the brethren are certainly to be congratulated on the result of their conjoint labours; nor must we allow it to pass unnoticed that there is more than the usual number of three-figure lists among these London contributions. The place of honour is taken by a Lodge that is named after our respected Pro Grand Master, namely, the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, hailing from Notting-hill. Bro. S. H. Parkhouse acted as Steward, and his list amounted to the handsome, unusually handsome sum of £400. This Lodge has barely as yet enjoyed an existence of four years. All honour then to Bro. Parkhouse and his co-members for the work they have succeeded in doing. Following this list at a wide interval comes the Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145, with the excellent total of £276 5s, a sum which will suffice to show that the brethren of this Lodge are distinguished in reality as well as nominally by a "prudent" regard for the needs of Masonic indigence. A seven-year old Lodge, the Islington, No. 1471, meeting in the northern suburb of Highbury, stands third, with £228 13s 6d, and then the Sincerity Chapter No. 174, whose contribution of two hundred guineas by the hands of Comp. Theophilus Hallett is indubitable evidence of the "Sincerity" with which this body of Royal Arch Masons follows up its original profession of Masonic faith. A group of three West-end Lodges, all close together, next claims attention. The first of them in order, the well-known Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, is set down as contributing by the hands of Bro. Giddy £187 3s, a sum which sufficiently shows the members of this Lodge are not unmindful of the familiar saying that "friends in need are friends indeed." At all events, by this and former liberal contributions to our several Charities, these "Friends in Council" have proved themselves "friends indeed" to all our Institutions. The Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259,

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with the Junior Grand Warden of the year as its representative, contributes £178 5s, and the Creaton, No. 1797—a better name for so promising a Lodge could not have been chosen—stands next with £174 5s. The "Lily of Richmond," No. 820—a pretty deed matches well with so pretty a name—is down for £144 16s, while the Egyptian, No. 27, treads close on the lilies, but hurts them not, with £140 3s 6d. Another young Lodge, warranted as recently as 1877—the Temple Bar, No. 1728—has evidently not suffered by the removal of the Bar to which it owes its name. It flourishes sufficiently to be entered on the list for £137 0s 6d, while the military element, in the shape of the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, is only a few paces to the rear of Temple Bar with £131 5s. Well done, Masonic members of the oldest military body in the United Kingdom! Then passing rapidly westward we come upon the Kilburn, No. 1608, which, albeit only as yet a young Lodge, had given already over £500 among our Institutions, as mentioned last week in our report of its Installation Meeting. At this Festival its Steward, Bro. Brooks, still further increased this amount by taking up £127 11s 6d, Bro. C. J. Perceval, of Loyalty, No. 1607, being close up with £125 4s. Prosperity, No. 65, per Bro. Charles Daniel, sent £124, in token, we may justly assume, that in its "prosperity" it is not unmindful of other people's adversity. Brother Charles H. Webb, of Sincerity, No. 174, took up a list of £121 8s, which must be regarded as a very serviceable contribution, if we bear in mind that Sincerity Chapter No. 174 figures in the same list for £210. The Corinthian No. 1382, with £119 6s, West Smithfield No. 1623, with £115 10s, Crusaders No. 1677, with £114, Canonbury No. 657, with £113 7s, and Southwark No. 879, and the Yarborough Chapter No. 554, each with one hundred guineas, complete the tale of three-figure lists. It is also worthy of mention that of the Lodges consecrated last year no less than five figure in the Metropolitan roll. They are to be congratulated on having commenced their career so well. So, too, must the older Lodges which figure invariably or very frequently on these occasions. There is no doubt, likewise, that many Metropolitan Lodges distribute their support most impartially among the three Institutions, preferring, and that perhaps not unwisely, to throw their whole strength for the year into the support of one only. These manifestly are the reverse of neglectful of their duties, while the best method of treating those which invariably hold themselves aloof from contributing to our central Charities is to pass them over in silence.

We come now to the Provinces, twenty-seven of which are contributories of over £4,700 among them. Let us, however, begin by noting the absentees. First of all, and seemingly as a matter of course, appears Beds with its five Lodges. We should have thought that among them the Lodges of Bedford, Biggleswade, Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard, and Luton, might occasionally contrive to send up a few annual subscriptions, if not a Life Governorship or Life Subscribership. It is not improbable they find the wherewith to banquet; would it not be well to think of the aged and the orphan who are mostly hard pressed to find the common necessaries? Bristol (eight Lodges), though absent on this occasion, was a contributor on a small scale to this and the Girls' Institution last year, and to the Benevolent both in 1877 and 1878. Cambridgeshire (four Lodges) evidently needs rousing. We should have thought the Scientific, the Three Grand Principles, and the Isaac Newton University might have managed to figure, if only occasionally. Oxford University is not unmindful of one of the grand moving principles of Masonry, why should Cambridge University be so? Cumberland and Westmoreland (nineteen Lodges), as we have noted in former analyses, is now and again represented by Bro. McKay, or some other equally active member. Durham (twenty-five Lodges) certainly makes an annual donation of fifty guineas from its funds to this Institution, and, in addition, has figured at least once in each of the years we have been privileged to note, so that we may hope to find it among the contributing Provinces at one or both of the remaining Festivals. Herefordshire (four Lodges) let us hope will bestir itself a little more, especially as it is presided over by a new chief. As we know the spirit of Masonry is abroad in the Province of Leicester and Rutland (ten Lodges), we assume it is reserving itself for the Girls or Boys. On former occasions—in 1877, 1878, 1879—it gave over £750, or an average of £25 per Lodge per occasion. Lincolnshire (twenty Lodges) we have had the pleasure of noting at previous Festivals, if not at this, and so we have Norfolk and Northumberland, although very rarely, for this Institution. It occurs to us that the latter, containing as it does the important town of Newcastle-on-Tyne, with eleven of the nineteen Lodges, should figure more frequently. We do not think of sending coals to that northern town, but that is no reason why it should not send the equivalent of coals to our Masonic Institutions. Notts (nine Lodges) has been represented in 1875-6-7-8-9, and we hope will be so again this year. Somerset, which boasts of our Pro Grand Master as its chief, with over twenty Lodges, is very seldom among the absentees; nor has Staffordshire been often in the same list. Worcestershire did excellently well at the Boys' Festival last year, and backed up Bros. Terry and Hedges with smaller amounts—the result, no doubt, of its being presided over by a new and active chief. South Wales East, the Channel Islands, (Masonically speaking, comprising Alderney and Guernsey, Jersey being a distinct Province), and the Isle of Man complete the number of the unrepresented.

Having disposed of the absentees, we turn next with pleasure to give particulars of the contributing Provinces in their order of publication. Six Stewards, representing five Lodges, support among them the honour of Berks and Bucks, three of the five Lodges being located in the former county and two in the latter. One list is at present blank, but the other five together handed in £215 3s 6d, close on £200 of this, however, being Berks contributions. It would seem, therefore, that the Bucks are not as active in these matters as the Berks folk. It should be noted that the Union of Reading, with its two Stewards, gives upwards of £150 of the whole. We have before noticed this difference in the exertions of Berks and Bucks, and we should like to see them more nearly on a level in such excellent work. However, it is satisfactory to find the interests of the Province so uniformly looked after by some of the Lodges. Cheshire has a considerable array of Lodges, two only of which figure in the list, and for under £70. But, as we have also noticed on former occasions, this Province has a very flourishing Masonic Educational Institute of its own, which is continually doing invaluable service, both directly as regards the local interests of Freemasonry, and indirectly as affording considerable relief to the Central Charities. One Cornish Lodge gives in a list of sixty guineas, by the hands of Bro. Bake, but we have often had the pleasure of calling attention to the labours of this Province in the field of charity, and we know that in particular Bro. Hughan has shown himself a staunch and successful advocate of the interests of our Institutions on several occasions. Two lists for Derbyshire, amounting together to £132 3s, represent the work of this Province on this occasion. It has figured occasionally at other Festivals. Devonshire, as ably represented by Bros. Godtschalk and S. Jones, has sent up £191 13s a sum which Bro. Terry no doubt welcomes the more as this Province was not represented at his Festival last year. It has, however, done good service for the Schools, and doubtless will not be unmindful of its duties. Moreover, it is setting about establishing a local Institution, indeed for aught we know to the contrary, this may be already in working order. Dorsetshire, with its compact list of thirteen Lodges, is extremely well represented, the Province itself being entered for £183 10s, Bro. Burt being its representative, and Bro. Montagu as Steward of St. Mary's No. 707, Bridport, contributing forty and five guineas, making together a total of £230 15s. We have so often had occasion to congratulate this Province on its liberal support of our Institutions that further remark now is unnecessary. Three Stewards, representing a Chapter and two Lodges, do duty for Essex with its twenty Lodges, the amount being just within £90, and there is yet a list to come in. Doubtless under its new Grand Master this Province will outdo the praiseworthy efforts it has before made in behalf of our Charities. Gloucestershire, with four Stewards on behalf of the Province and two of its Lodges, is down for £88 8s. It did extremely well in 1878, when it distributed considerably over £700 among our Institutions, and proved itself a staunch supporter of them in 1879, £312 19s being its contribution to the Girls' School alone. The contribution of Hants and the Isle of Wight just exceeds £100 as against, in round numbers, £187 to the Benevolent last year, but then it is almost always included in the list of contributories, and we must occasionally look forward to smaller amounts as to larger. Little Herts, with its

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eleven Lodges, stands well, as it mostly does, with over £218, the joint contributions of four Lodges and one of its four Chapters, the King Harold No. 1327, of Waltham New Town, taking the lead with £92 7s, and the Cranbourne No. 1580, of Hatfield, being a good second with £75 11s. Jersey, which figures occasionally at our Festivals, sends a useful contribution of fifty-five guineas on behalf of its seven Lodges. It is a comparatively remote Province, and the amount is probably on that account the more welcome. Seven Kent Lodges, by the hands of eight Stewards, send up over £236. Last year it gave nearly twice as much to the Benevolent, and over £480 to the Girls. In fact, Kent never misses an opportunity of showing its sympathy with Masonic distress. It is a well organised Province, and invariably, therefore, appears to great advantage whenever these periodical appeals for assistance are made. Lancashire has more Lodges than any other county in England, excepting of course the metropolitan counties, and though for its Eastern and Western Divisions, together the amount reaches only £213 15s—one-fourth being the sum of the former's contribution, and three-fourths being the latter's—still we know that both are liberal and make strenuous efforts on occasions. Thus East Lancashire, as we have said already, contributed one-fourth of the grand total of £14,000 subscribed at the Benevolent Festival last year, when its chief occupied the chair. Western Lancashire liberally supported Lord Skelmersdale not long since, when he occupied a similar position in 1876, and as his Lordship has accepted the presidency for the approaching Boys' Festival, we may anticipate it will shew its full strength then. Middlesex, with nine Stewards, acting on behalf of eight of its Lodges, contributes £356 6s. As it is a regular contributor, and on a considerable scale, no comment of ours is required for purposes of encouragement or as an appeal. We may, however, congratulate it, as we do most heartily. Monmouthshire, though a small Province, is represented by one Steward, to the extent of £46 15s. Last year it gave the Benevolent over £136. Its appearance is frequent, if not invariable, and its subscriptions are in proportion to its zeal. Norths and Hunts, with one Steward, sends £115 10s. It liberally supported its Grand Master in 1878, to the extent of £300, and has not been found wanting on other occasions. A ten guinea subscription by a brother, on his own behalf or that of his Lodge, is all we have to note in connection with North Wales and Salop, with its numerous array of Lodges. We think it might be more strongly represented at times. Oxford's contribution is within a fraction of £232, upwards of two hundred guineas coming from Apollo University, which was represented by three Stewards, of whom one achieved the honour of a three figure list. It always does well, and doubtless will make a supreme effort for the Girls in April, when its chief, Prince Leopold, has undertaken to preside. Suffolk, as regards the Province, gives £100 8s, and there is a list yet to come from the Steward of Lodge British Union, No. 114, of Ipswich. Last year it subscribed £171 to the Benevolent, and almost invariably contributes. It has in its ranks some very able and active Masons, among them the Rev. C. J. Martyn. We are not surprised, therefore, at the regularity of its attendance. As there is one list still outstanding, we may look to the comparatively modest total of £69 5s for Surrey being increased; in fact, it may already have been so. This is not as large a sum as was given to the Benevolent last year, but then the Province is always sending up representatives. Sussex stands second among the Provinces, with a total of £600, a very handsome amount, reflecting the highest credit on the Province and its representative, the worthy Deputy Grand Master thereof, Bro. J. H. Scott. Here, too, it is only necessary we should remark that Sussex plays its part well, though in this instance it has surpassed the efforts of more recent years. We now come to North and East Yorkshire, the total of whose contributions is £855 4s. The personal contribution of its chief, who was the Chairman of the Festival, is one hundred guineas. His Deputy, Bro. J. Pearson Bell, acting for the whole Province, figures for £325 13s, the Steward of the Old Globe, No. 200, of Scarborough, has a list of one hundred guineas, while the York Lodge, No. 236, and the Zetland Chapter attached, together contribute £116 7s 6d, Sir James Meek being Steward for the former, and the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett acting in the same capacity for the latter. As we have had occasion to lament the non-appearance of this Province at former Festivals, it is with infinite pleasure we note the great success it has achieved on this occasion. The West Yorkshire Board of Stewards, headed by the P.G.M. Sir H. Edwards, and including Worshipful Bro. Tew, his Deputy, and other Masons of weight and eminence, are together responsible for £370, which would not seem excessive, considering the strength of the Province, were it not that we know it is always represented, its contributions being always reckoned by hundreds, even to the extent of some £900. South Wales West, but for Lord Kensington's apparently personal donation of ten guineas, would have been out in the cold. Last year it figured at the Benevolent for £225, while in 1878 it gave the Girls over £236, apart from its contributions at other Festivals. Wilts, though with a solitary list of £15 15s, is a small yet willing Province, and every now and then shows that it has in it plenty of true Masonic stuff, and so likewise does Warwickshire, though only one of its Lodges was represented on this occasion, and the one list returned was comparatively a small one, twenty guineas, there being one other yet to be returned. A sum of fifty guineas by the hands of that prominent and justly popular Mason, Bro. Major Ramsey, District Grand Master of the Punjab, is the only contribution from abroad, and this is very far from being the first occasion on which our Charities have had the benefit of his assistance. With this remark we bring our analysis to a conclusion, and we can only hope that at the other Festivals yet to come our task may be as agreeable as it has proved in this instance.

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THE MASONIC RITUAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There is so much go and verve in Bro. Jacob Norton's communications to your columns that they compel attentive perusal even when, as I fancy is often the case, they fail to carry with them the conviction of the reader.

Permit me to offer a few remarks in connection with Bro. Norton's letter in your issue of the 7th inst.

I do not purpose to re-open the controversy on Uniformity of Ritual; and this the rather because, as it appears to me, Bro. Norton has availed himself of the movement led by Bro. Stevens merely as a *peg to hang a hat upon.*

The real gist of Bro. Norton's remarks is the introduction of a proposal, which would, if carried into effect, produce an entire revolution in Freemasonry as it is accepted everywhere, so far as I know, except in France.

The proposal seems to be to render Masonry universal in a wider degree than it is at present, or than it ever has been, by striking out of our Ritual and Lectures not only the abundant references to Scripture history, but also to any belief in the existence of God, a future life, and a resurrection of the body. All these matters Bro. Norton classes together, and condemns wholesale, as being "accumulated rubbish."

But our worthy brother seems to me to *have a bee in his bonnet.* Your readers will not have forgotten Bro. Norton's defence of the action of the Grand Orient of France two years ago in throwing open the doors of the Craft to Atheism pure and simple; nor his condemnation—somewhat gratuitous, as coming from a brother hailing from the U.S.—of the action of our own Grand Lodge in the matter. And now he gallantly returns to the charge, and challenges Bro. Stevens to enlist under his banner and tear up Freemasonry, as it is now accepted, root and branch, substituting for it a society which owns neither God nor heaven, nor any motive for righteous living, except such as shall be drawn from purely mundane considerations.

Suffer me to ask on what ground does our brother suggest or defend such a serious upset of all our preconceived ideas?

If he could urge that the lines at present drawn exclude unfairly a large and estimable class of our fellow-creatures, that there are many, in all other respects eligible candidates, whose accession would be of great service to the Craft, who complain that their conscientious scruples will not permit them to join us under our present constitution. Were this the case, the question would be worth our serious consideration, but nothing of the kind is stated.

Instead of this, Bro. Norton assails the existing constitution of the Order on the ground that it is based on "sectarian dogmas."

Here, Sir, I beg to join issue with the worthy brother. The bases of Freemasonry are not *dogmas*, and they are not *sectarian*. Bro. Norton reminds me of the well-known definition of a crab, as being "a little red fish that walks backwards." An excellent and accurate definition, barring the facts that a crab is not necessarily small, is not red by nature, is not a fish at all, and does not walk backwards. A dogma is a definition or exposition of theological truth put forth by the authority of the Church as a corollary to Divine revelation. Sectarian implies that the noun qualified by the adjective belongs to or is connected with a sect or section, that is a part of the body as

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distinguished from the whole. I submit that in no respect are these three points, which lie at the root of the religious aspects of Freemasonry, sectarian dogmas. They are held by the entire body of Christians throughout the world not in obedience to any human authority, secular or religious, but, if I may use the expression, as axioms based on the instincts and experience of mankind at large, and only incapable of demonstration by reason of their being matters of faith.

Further, two of these points certainly, and I think few will contradict me if I add the third also, viz, the resurrection of the body, are held equally by Christians, Jews, Mahometans, Parsees, Buddhists, in fact by all men who have any idea of religion. Masonry therefore is to all intents and purposes universal; just as it is true to say that men universally have two feet, albeit some poor creatures are born without the full complement of members—so it is not necessary to go out of our course to consider the accidental monstrosities, to be found, alas! in every age, who deliberately shut their eyes, and then proclaim themselves as being the only people who are not in the dark.

Bro. Norton makes an amusing mis-quotation. He speaks of the W.M'.s promising candidates that "Masonic duties will not interfere with their religious opinions." Surely the W.M merely says to the candidate *who has already confessed his faith in God*, that his Masonic OB. will not clash with his religious *duties*. Imagine the *religious* opinions of a man who denies the existence of a God or a future state!

Further, Sir, Bro. Norton sneers at clerical brethren. Let me assure him, as a clergyman and a Mason of 25 years standing, that opposition to a scheme for the "secularising" of Freemasonry will not come from the clergy only; we in England are proud to know that the overwhelming majority of our lay brethren are at one with us in a sincere and loyal faith in the primary elements of religious truth. If we, which God forbid, were content to be silent, they would immediately cry out and shame our silence.

Lastly, Sir, Bro. Norton is sick and tired of hearing that *Masonry is a religion, and that it is not a religion*. The italics are his. Can he really not understand how a man may with perfect consistency say, "I am a religious man, holding and practising according to my ability religious truth; but it is not my office to teach it, and I decline to do so? Similarly a body of men may fairly claim a religious character for the society to which they belong, and yet withhold from pronouncing, or as our brother would say "dogmatizing" in matters of faith.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

11th February 1880. P.G.C. Oxon, 489.

ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I quite agree with you that in any scheme for assisting the children of deceased or indigent brethren, Warwickshire would play its part right loyally, but it strikes me the fear as to expense as expressed by Bro. Machen in his letter of the 3rd inst. is groundless. The Assistance Fund once raised will be invested in the names of certain trustees. There will be an honorary Treasurer who, will receive and disburse moneys on account of the Fund. A Committee of Management, to receive and consider applications for assistance would be necessary, but this would cost nothing, as those who already take an active interest in our Schools would, I am sure, be only too glad to give the slight services—slight as regards the time they would occupy, though important in other respects—that would be required of them, gratuitously. There would remain only the expense of postage, circulars, and an annual report, which need not and, I imagine, would not be excessive. The Fund would not require to be a large one, for I presume it is not contemplated to incur the expense of sending a number of pupils to one or other of the Universities, or to give a preliminary course of education to all who are candidates for admission into our Schools until they succeed in being elected. Only now and then will be found a pupil who is likely to achieve distinction at a University, and in assisting others on leaving School to begin the battle of life, a moderate sum, judiciously applied, will go a long way. Nor is the education of small children in the neighbourhoods in which they live likely to be very heavy. Thus, there is no reason why, in administering a supplementary Fund, a numerous staff of paid officials should be organised.

Fraternally yours,

Beta.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AND BRO. S. BARTON WILSON.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I read with much regret in your account of the meeting of the Committee, that Bro. Stephen B. Wilson's claim, which has been so long under consideration by the authorities of the Boys' School, has been referred back to the House Committee. Now this strikes me as being most unbusiness-like. The House Committee have already considered the claim, and there is little likelihood of their being able to throw further light upon it. There is but one issue which has to be determined, and many months are not needed for the purpose. Either the claim is just or unjust, and Bro. Wilson a long time ago handsomely offered to submit it to the arbitration of a prominent member of his own profession about whose worthiness to act in that capacity there cannot be the slightest question. This shows that Bro. Wilson has perfect faith in the justice of his charges, and as it is hardly possible to find a better way of settling the matter, I am at a loss to see why the Committee have rejected Bro. Wilson's offer. Without further and more satisfactory explanation than any the authorities have yet given, I should say—speaking of course Masonically, as certain other people speak in a Pickwickian sense—that harsh treatment is being, and for some time past has been, meted out to Bro. Wilson in being thus bandied about from pillar to post, or to be as precise as possible, from House Committee to General Committee, and back again to the former, and the question very naturally arises, are these Committees competent to settle whether an architect's charges are just or unjust? I imagine not, any more than a lay tribunal is competent to decide on technical points of law. Why not then have recourse to arbitration, when the matter in dispute can be settled in a few minutes, always providing, at least, the arbitrators possess a sound knowledge of the business to be determined. It may cost a little more than a brief "consideration" repeated monthly across a table, but it will be more dignified and less expensive than it must be if the difference has to be settled legally. In Committees there may be safety, in the sense of security from all responsibility for individual opinions, but I question if there is always a display of wisdom. Let us hope the House Committee, by the time these lines meet the eyes of your readers, will have completed their portion of the arduous task of considering. It is a fine thing to have a proper idea of duty, a still finer thing to fulfil that duty conscientiously, but it is the finest thing of all when people are able to bring common sense to bear in the conscientious fulfilment of a duty they appreciate and understand; and references and considerations, needlessly repeated, are not in accordance with common sense, but rather with a dilatory and perfunctory style of work; or, shall I say? with what has come to be known in Parliamentary circles, as the policy of "obstruction."

I am,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

T. G. R.

[We think there is some force in our correspondent's remarks as to the unbusiness-like character of these repeated delays, and shall take an early opportunity of considering the subject. We think, too, with him, that while Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson is having more than his just share of consideration of one kind, he is receiving less than he is entitled to expect of consideration of another kind.—Ed. F. C.]

The following verses, describing an incident that occurred at the opening of Parliament by the Queen on Thursday, 5th February last, are culled from a contemporary :—

DISAPPOINTED.

On Thursday morning last our office-boy
Remarked, "In state the Queen will open session."
Said we, "Well, go, if it will give you joy,
And try to make a great and good impression,—
By uttering a loud though childish cheer,
And smiling sweetly right from ear to ear."

Forthwith he went, and quickly found a place
Before the mighty crowd awaiting Royalty;
He put a cheerful smile upon his face,
Which savoured more of impishness than loyalty!
Yet, ah! his wish to cheer was most insatient,
And waiting idly made him quite impatient.

At last the Queen arrived. A breath he drew
As near to him the prancing horses pattered;
He raised his hat, and raised his small voice too,
But all his cherished hopes were rudely shattered.
A very stout policeman, indiscreetly,
Eclipsed our little office-boy completely!

A moment more, and then he moved aside;
But, ah! the Queen had journeyed on ahead!
Our little office-boy gave way and cried,
For all his fondly-cherished hopes were dead.
No matter how he smiled, how loud his cheer,
Her Majesty could neither see nor hear!

6th February 1880. F. Julian Crogen.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Lodge of Benevolence and the Quarterly Board of Masters was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn took the chair of President, Bro. James Brett the chair of Senior Vice-President, and Bro. James Kench the chair of Junior Vice-President. Nearly a hundred brethren attended. The agenda paper, on which were several important and interesting matters for discussion at next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, on the 3rd of March, was read to the brethren by the Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke; after which the Lodge of Benevolence was opened, and the brethren confirmed the granting of £270, recommended at the last meeting. The new list of petitions contained the names of thirty-one applicants for relief, and the consideration of these occupied a protracted sitting of close upon five hours. In the result two cases were deferred, and the remaining twenty-nine were relieved with recommendations of grants, and grants amounting in all to £913, viz., three of £75 each, three of £50 each, five of £40 each, three of £30 each, three of £25 each, seven of £20 each, two of £10 each, two of £5 and one of £3.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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EASTERN STAR LODGE, No. 95.

THE installation meeting of this ancient Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, 17th February, at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, and was numerously attended. Bros. Edwin Bonner W.M., Ruff S.W. and W.M. elect, Ayres J.W., E. Davis P.M. Treasurer, Edinger Sec., and a number of Visitors, amongst whom were the following :—Bros. J. Keen 766, Ralfe 1018, Birch 1712, Searboom P.M. 217, H. Thompson 1426 and P.M. 177 and 1158, Wath 186, Bristo W.M. 1361, Davison 216, Roberts 1702. Hume 134, Hollington W.M. 933, Wayland 1227, Wharton 1706, Hanson 1706, Dutton 1706, C. T. Speight P.M. 27 and Prov. Grand Tyler for Surrey, &c. The minutes of the previous Lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. Hill P.M. was called to the chair, and the Lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bro. Davis presented to him Bro. H. W. Ruff S.W. and W.M. elect, to receive from him the benefits of installation. After the usual preliminaries, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Ruff was placed in the chair of K.S. as Worshipful Master of the Eastern Star Lodge for the ensuing year. He appointed his Officers as follows:—Bros. M. Ayres S.W., Wardell J.W., Howard Ruff S.D., Macklin J.D., Davis Treas., Edinger Sec., Collier I.G., Marriott D.C., and Speight Tyler. Bro. Hill then concluded the installation ceremony, delivering the addresses in a most impressive and correct manner, and at the termination was rewarded with unanimous applause; it is only justice to him to remark that such a demonstration was well deserved. There being no other business, the Lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, and when it was stated that the fare was served in Bro. Painter's best style, and for which the Ship and Turtle has long been famed, no more need be said on that head. At the conclusion of the repast, grace was sung by the professional brethren—Wharton, Dutton and Hanson—who had been specially engaged for the occasion. The W.M. said the first toast he had to propose was that of "The Queen," and on these occasions it was usual to couple with it "The Craft," which was done, followed by the National Anthem. The W.M. said the next toast he had the pleasure to propose was "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." They all knew the great interest he took in everything connected with Freemasonry, and therefore any comment upon the toast was unnecessary. This, like the preceding, was enthusiastically responded to, and followed by "God Bless the Prince of Wales," which was sung in exquisite style by Bro. Hanson. The next toast was "The Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale; and the rest of the Grand Officers." The W.M. said all the brethren knew how well they performed their duties, and therefore he proposed the toast without further comment. This likewise was drunk cordially, and Bro. Wharton sang in first-rate style the old song "Hearts of Oak." Bro. Bonner I.P.M. said, it became his pleasing duty to propose the next toast, which he might call the toast of the evening; it was "The health of the Worshipful Master," and very proud was he to see him in that position. The toast was well received, and the W.M. in reply said, after the very flattering remarks of their immediate Past Master, he hardly knew how to respond to the terms he had been pleased to use towards him. He should only be too happy to do everything that he ought to do, and next year when he had to give up the chair he hoped that he should be able to give a good account, and to show them what he had done. He could assure them that he thanked them sincerely for the very kind manner in which they had received the toast, believing as he did that he possessed the goodwill of every member of the Lodge. He had then to propose "The health of Bro. Bonner the Immediate Past Master," who had fulfilled the duties of the chair most creditably, had been most punctual in his attendance, and they all know the great interest he took in the Lodge; he asked them to give him a good reception, and an "Eastern Star fire." He had now a pleasing duty to perform, which was to present Bro. Bonner with a P.M.'s jewel, and in attaching it to his breast said he was justly entitled to it, and he hoped he might be long spared to wear it. The jewel bore the following inscription :—"Presented Feb. 17, 1880, by the brethren of the Eastern Star Lodge No. 95, to the Worshipful Brother Edwin Bonner W.M., as a mark of esteem for the zeal and ability displayed by him as Worshipful Master 1879." Bro. Bonner I.P.M. said he could scarcely find words to express his thanks to the brethren for their very handsome present; he should wear it with pleasure as long as he lived, as coming from them. They were indeed a band of brothers, and when he received such a token from them, it expressed to him a thousand times its intrinsic value; he thanked them one and all for the honour they had conferred upon him. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was the health of Bro. Hill, the Installing Master; he felt sure that it must have been a great treat to all who had the privilege of witnessing the manner in which he performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Hill P.M. in reply said he thanked the W.M. most heartily for the very flattering manner in which he had proposed the health of the Installing Master, and the members of the Lodge for the way in which they had responded to the toast. He could assure them that it afforded him a great deal of pleasure, not only on that evening, but on other occasions to instal their W.M. It gave him peculiar pleasure to instal Bro. Ruff, who carried with him their esteem and regard; he felt assured that he would go through the duties of the Lodge with credit to himself and the satisfaction of every member of it. He then, in very flattering terms, alluded to another pleasure he had that evening received in placing a collar of office on Bro. Collier. It was a red letter day in the history of the Lodge, and he hoped to have the privilege of installing him in the chair. The P.M.'s was the next toast given, after which Bro. Hanson delighted the members by his rendering of Dibdin's "Tom Bowling." Bro. Marriott and several other Past Masters returned thanks, the former had been a member of the Lodge ever since 1845. The W.M. said he should propose the next toast with a great amount of pleasure, as it was the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bros. Davis and Edinger were two of the most energetic members of the Lodge. Bro. Davis said it afforded him much gratification to find that his services were so much appreciated by the members of the Eastern Star Lodge; he had been associated with the Lodge for twenty-two years, and after that lapse of time, it was gratifying to him to know that he had not lost their confidence; but if in the course of twenty years they could not find out a man's worth they would never find it out at all. He spent the happiest moments of his life when assembled with his brethren round the table of the Eastern Star Lodge, and he would always take care to afford them as much comfort as the funds would allow. He then in feeling terms alluded to the death of one of the Past Masters of the Lodge, whom they could ill afford to lose, but it had pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to take him from them; he also remarked that he found old age was creeping upon him, and the late cold weather and fogs had nearly done him up, but he felt great pleasure in coming amongst them that evening, knowing that he possessed their confidence, or they would not have elected him year after year their Treasurer, as they had done. Bro. Edinger also jocosely returned thanks for the honour they had conferred upon him. The Visitors was the next toast given, to which several of them responded, and Bro. Thompson, in the course of his observations, took occasion to refer to the manner in which Bro. Hill had performed the ceremony of installation, and remarked that after a somewhat lengthened career as a Mason, he had never heard the ritual more impressively or correctly given; he thought the members of the Eastern Star had reason to be proud of having so talented a brother amongst them. Some other toasts were given, and the Tyler's toast brought a most interesting meeting to a close. The vocal arrangements were conducted by Bros. Dutton, Hanson and Wharton.

LONDON LODGE, No. 108.

THE installation meeting was held on Saturday, 14th instant, at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Bros. H. W. Green W.M., C. J. St. Alphonse S.W., W. Giles P.M. S.G.D. Essex as J.W., Raynham Stewart P.M., &c. Treas., E. H. De Phillipe P.M. Sec., James Edell I.G., G. A. Berkeley D.C., Marsh Tyler; Past Masters Hyde Pullen, F. Giles, D. Rolls, F. Snellgrove; Members—E. B. Holloway, C. W. Tayleur, R. F. Macswinney, Thos. Patrick, C. Morgan, W. Winter, Dr. Derry Jones, &c. Visitors—R. J. Chappel P.M. No. 7, H. G. Heald P.M. No. 11, L. Ruf P.M. No. 12, R. G. Durant, G. J. Montefiore, Dr. Ramsay, and J. E. Shand S.W. 1563 P.M. 1056. Business—Bro. Wilcock was passed to degree of F.C. in his usual impressive style by Bro. Green W.M. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. H. Pullen P.M. acting as Installing Master. This brother's ability is so well known we need hardly say that the work was rendered very effectively and impressively. Bro. S.W. Alphonse was duly placed in the chair of K.S. The Officers were invested as follows:—Bro. Smith S.W., Davidson J.W. (both by deputy, as neither were present), Green I.P.M., Raynham Stewart P.M. Treasurer, Phillipe Secretary, J. Edell S.D., Holloway J.D., Tayleur I.G., Berkeley D.C., Marsh Tyler. It was proposed and unanimously agreed to, that in consideration of Bro. Green's courteous and efficient discharge of the duties of W.M. a P.M.'s jewel be presented at next meeting. The sum of twenty guineas was voted to be placed on Bro. Raynham Stewart's list for the Girls' School. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in admirable manner. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, including that of the Installing Master, Bro. Hyde Pullen. Reference was also made to the return of the Treasurer, Bro. R. Stewart, after an absence occasioned by illness; all rejoiced at his restoration to health. The Secretary's health was drunk with enthusiasm. The Visitors' toast was connected with the names of Bro. J. E. Shand S.W. City of Westminster, and Bro. Montefiore, each of whom in suitable terms thanked the W.M. and brethren for the compliment. The health of the Officers was given, and responded to by Bro. Edell S.D. (in chair of S.W.), and Bro. Holloway J.D. (as J.W.) Several lively songs were sung by the brethren, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant and agreeable evening to an end.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

THE annual festival, or what is usually termed the installation meeting of this Lodge, was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C., on Monday the 16th inst. Bro. G. Pare W.M. presided. There was work in the third and second degrees, and that having been satisfactorily completed, the W.M. vacated the chair, which was at once occupied by Bro. J. D. Barnett P.M., the Installing Master. Bro. W. D. Bailey having been presented in due form, was then regularly installed, the Board of Masters consisting of twenty Masters and Past Masters. When the brethren were permitted to re-enter the Lodge Bro. Bailey commenced to exercise his new functions by appointing his subordinate Officers in the following manner, namely, F. Croaker S.W., T. W. C. Bush J.W., J. Constable P.M. Treas., P. Levy Sec., B. D. Barnett J.D., S. Barnett J.G., M. Boas D.C., J. H. Peartree W.S., Potter Tyler. This selection appeared to give entire satisfaction. The Offices of S.D. and Organist being left open, because Bro. Staley S.D. sojourns for a short time on the Continent, and Bro. Geo. Bilby, the highly esteemed Organist, is suffering from severe indisposition, at which very genuine regret was universally expressed. The Lodge was next called off for refreshment. The banquet, of which nearly one hundred persons partook, was served under the superintendence of Bro. M. Silver, who on all occasions does the thing most

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creditably, but who in the present instance seems to have especially exerted himself. Grace having been sung by the professional brethren, the W.M. gave the health of the Queen, whose dignity as a monarch, and amiability as a woman endeared her to every one of her subjects. (Cheers, in which all present most heartily joined). H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present was next given, and with this toast was coupled the name of Bro. R. W. N. Giddy R.W. the District G.M. of Griqualand, who in thanking the brethren for his reception remarked upon the excellent working of the Immediate P.M., but more especially upon the brilliant eloquence displayed by the Installing Master. In 22 years' experience as a Mason, during which period he had had many opportunities of witnessing the performance of the same ceremony, it had never been his lot to see the work done with such perfection as it had been his great privilege to listen to that evening. The health of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Saver Treasurer of the Tranquillity Lodge, Sydney, N.S.W. Bro. Geo. Pare I.P.M. next proposed the toast of the W.M., remarking upon the harmony which has invariably existed among all the Officers of the Lodge, and terming it a happy privilege to have worked with him in harness together. The new W.M., who was greeted with tremendous applause, replied that it was a most difficult task to respond to a toast like this, as one does not like to speak in praise of oneself, for that might have the appearance of vanity; and then ideas of gratitude come tumbling over each other, leading to confusion of words. He concluded his humorous remarks by expressing his thanks to the brethren for the unanimity with which he had been voted to the high position he is occupying. Bro. Bailey then gave the toast of the Installing Master. He remembered when being initiated Bro. Barnett acting as J.D., and the kindliness and care with which the duties of the Office were performed had made a lasting impression upon him. No one could fail to have been delighted with the feeling eloquence and perfection with which the addresses were delivered. Responding, Bro. Barnett expressed his sense of gratitude, and stated that he had to thank Bro. Constable, who taught him all he knew of the ceremony, the performance of which seemed to have given so much satisfaction. Bro. Saul Solomon P.M., replying for the Benevolent Fund said, there was no need for him to direct attention, as was usual, to the existence and details of the Fund, the W.M., adopting a new principle, had done that for him. For years it had been attempted to raise the Fund to £1,000. They had now reached the sum of £900, although a great deal had been done by way of helping the unfortunate, not by small doles, but by considerable sums, sometimes amounting to £100. The next toast applied to the prosperity of the Masonic Institutions. Bro. Binckes thanked the brethren, and expressed his pleasure and satisfaction for their hearty response to the toast. Adverting to the long prevalence of commercial depression, he gloried in the fact that his good Brother Terry had nevertheless succeeded in obtaining a sum exceeding £12,000 on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. He trusted that under the auspices of Prince Leopold and Lord Skelmersdale the other two Institutions would be equally well supported, although he feared that the political agitation, which must of necessity shortly accrue, might possibly greatly interfere with the success of the two Festivals. Nevertheless, he trusted Masonic principles would be held aloof from, and raised beyond and above political agitations. Some opposition had of late been manifested as to the Secretaries attending these meetings and urging the claims of the Institutions; he however thought differently, and while his health and strength were spared (and God knew he was losing both), he would take every opportunity to persist in urging the claims of those who cannot speak for themselves. (Great cheering). For the Treasurer and Secretary Bro. Constable replied in his usual terse way, and in the course of his observations directed attention to the "Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund," and also to the fact that a Bazaar is about to be held in aid of that fund, at which his wife and daughter will attend at a stall. Bro. J. H. Peartree, as the youngest, responded for the rest of the Officers. The Lodge was then called from refreshment to labour. Among other matters it was announced that £30 had been granted to a poor brother, and £3 3s were voted towards the above mentioned Bazaar. The balance sheet, showing a most flourishing condition of the Lodge, was received and adopted, and the Lodge closed. Amongst those present were Past Masters S. Solomon, S. Moss, R. Z. Bloomfield, N. Moss, M. Harris, J. D. Barnett, J. H. Ross, N. Gluckstein, E. Gottheil. The visitors were R. W. H. Giddy District Grand Master Griqualand, Jacob Norton Boston, T. Griffiths P.M. 907, L. Alexander P.M. 188, E. P. Albert P.G.P., T. Cubitt P.G.P., E. A. Harris 201, J. Harris 201, W. Spark 201, Giles P.M. 108, Dr. Mickley P.M. 449, Martin 554, Roques 907, T. H. Miller P.P.G.O. Middx. P.M. 907, J. S. Lyon Treas. 188, H. W. Dixon P.M. 172, W. F. Papperell 180, W. Thompson 72, E. D. Culver S.D. 63, E. Bowyer P.P.G.D. P.M. 1580, Jas. Terry P.M. &c., Grakom S.D. 1540, Plummer 177, Harris 72, D. S. Woolf 72, Rudderforth W.M. 1668, Drake P.M. 186, Tibbits J. W. 59, F. Binckes P.G. Stwd. &c., Saver Tranquillity Sydney, N.S.W., Lawler, Carter 382, and Montem Smith. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. G. Carter. The programme included: Grace—"For these and all Thy Mercies," "God save the Queen," "Ode to the Prince of Wales," Glee—"With sighs, sweet Rose," "The Loves of the Brave and Free," by Bro. Montem Smith, Glee—"Breathe, my Harp," "My Queen," by Bro. Carter, "Katty Moyle," by Bro. Lester, Glee—"Bold Robin Hood," "In Cellar Deep," by Bro. Lawler, "Excelsior," Bro. Carter, Glee—"Poculum Elevatum," &c.

GOOCH LODGE No. 1238.

THE members of this compact little Lodge—as we often hear it called—assembled on Monday last, the 16th inst., at Bro. Philips's well-known hostelry, the Albany, Twickenham, for the business of their Installation Meeting. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. E. C. Woodward, who was supported by his Officers, and the following Past Masters of the Lodge:—Bros. R. Lonsdale, W. D. Townsend, A. W. G. Weeks, E. A. Baber, W. F. Laxton, F. Honeyman. The Lodge was formally opened, and the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, Past Grand Deacon, entered the Lodge, and received the salutations appropriate to his exalted rank. He was accompanied by Bro. H. C. Levander Prov. Grand Secretary, and among the other Visitors we may mention Bros. John Close P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, Henry Smith 1257, G. W. Saul I.P.M. 1201, Chas. F. Johns 1287, W. H. Van Baerele late 1238, J. H. Rutherglen 1642, and W. W. Morgan 211. Bro. Woodward tendered to Col. Burdett his gavel, which compliment was gracefully acknowledged, but the Prov. Grand Master directed Bro. Woodward to proceed with the business of the evening. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced, and Bros. Gillingham and Mayne were examined as to the knowledge they had acquired in the first two degrees of Freemasonry. It may be in the recollection of some of our readers that the former brother received his second degree in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No 1642. The questions were answered by each candidate most satisfactorily and Bro. Woodward performed the ceremony of the third degree to their advantage. The next business on the agenda paper was the installation of Bro. Mesrouze, and for this ceremony Bro. P.M. Townsend officiated as Installing Master. Bro. Mesrouze was duly presented, the obligations administered, and a board of Installed Masters opened. In due course the members who had not passed the chair were re-admitted, and the new W.M. saluted. The investitore of Officers then took place, the following brethren receiving the collars:—E. C. Woodward I.P.M., Varley S.W., Harding J.W., Baber P.M. Treas., Laxton P.M. Sec., Weaver S.D., Lonsdale P.M. W.S., Townsend P.M. D.C. Bro. Townsend, who throughout had acted most efficiently, then delivered the addresses, which were listened to with rapt attention. By direction of the W.M. Bro. Townsend presented to the retiring Master the P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted by the brethren. He trusted Bro. Woodward might live many years to be with them, and that among the many jewels he was entitled to wear, he would not prize any more highly than the one of which he had been the recipient that night. Bro. Woodward said he would lose no time in acknowledging the compliment that had been paid him. He esteemed it a great honour that had been paid their Lodge by the presence of the Provincial Grand Master and his worthy Secretary, Bro. H. C. Levander. Col. Burdett was well known to members of the Craft not only in England, but also in Scotland; as a Provincial Grand Master he was second to none. To the members he (Bro. Woodward) was deeply indebted, and he should always value the jewel they had presented him. The ballot was next taken for Mr. Charles Pierre Sellier, proposed by Bro. Mesrouze, seconded by Bro. Laxton P.M. The result was unanimous, and the candidate was admitted and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Mesrouze evidencing, by the way in which he conducted the ceremony, that he had spared no pains to make himself proficient. We regret we are compelled here to refer to the incompetency of the S.W.; considering that brother is a P.M., and has but just left the chair of a Lodge, it seemed to us incomprehensible he should exhibit so little knowledge of the duties required of him. Noticeable features of the evening's business were the voting by the members the sum of £10 10s to the R.M.B.I., and the presentation to the Lodge, by the I.P.M., of a set of pedestals for the candlesticks, the latter gift being recognised by the members recording a vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes. This completing the work of the day, Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was furnished by Bro. Philips, and the good things provided had justice done them. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Mesrouze proceeded with the toasts. In speaking of her Majesty he, as a foreigner, could say the Queen of England might be accepted as an example for the Sovereigns of Europe. As the Patroness of our Institutions, she had especial claims on us as Freemasons. The toasts of the M.W. the G.M., the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers of Grand Lodge having been fully honoured, Bro. Mesrouze rose to propose the health of the R.W. Prov. G.M. of the Province of Middlesex. He had not incorporated the name of Col. Burdett with the last toast, though no Grand Officer Past or Present was more highly esteemed. The zeal displayed on behalf of Freemasonry by the gallant Colonel was nowhere more appreciated than by the members of the Gooch Lodge, who fully realised the honour conferred by the Prov. Grand Master attending their meeting. Bro. Col. Burdett, on rising to reply, assured the W.M. and brethren of the Gooch Lodge that he felt intensely gratified at the way in which his name had been received. He esteemed it a very great honour to be associated as an Officer of Grand Lodge, which had at its head most worthy brethren. It was now some ten or twelve years since he had been appointed to preside over the Province of Middlesex, and he had pleasing recollections of having attended a gathering of members of this Lodge when they assembled elsewhere. In speaking of the Officers of this Province, Col. Burdett remarked they were ever ready to exert themselves for the welfare of the Order, and personally he was satisfied with the way in which they did their duty. He would also touch upon matters that more nearly concerned their Lodge. He could compliment the Installing Master on the way he had conducted the ceremony; while the way in which the Worshipful Master had performed the ceremony of initiation left nothing to be desired. This was the more commendable as Bro. Mesrouze was a foreigner. Before sitting down he would ask the brethren to drink heartily to the toast of their W.M. This compliment was acknowledged briefly, but with great fervour by Bro. Mesrouze. For the toast of the Prov. Grand Officers, Bro. Laxton replied; he likewise paid a deserved compliment to the W.M. for the way the business had been conducted. Bro. Townsend replied for the P.M.'s. The Initiate received due recognition, the Visitors were heartily greeted, and the remaining toasts were expedited through, the exigencies of train service not allowing much oratorical display. The Tyler gave the parting toast, and the brethren dispersed.

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PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 1643.

THE Installation and Annual Festival of this young but flourishing Lodge took place on the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Carr-street, Hebburn-on-Tyne. There was a very large gathering of Members and Visitors from all parts of the two Provinces. The Lodge was opened at 3.30 by Bro. G. Hardy W.M., supported by the following Officers:—Bros. McCulloch I.P.M., J. S. Mitchell S.W., W. Eckford J.W., S. Chadwick Sec., J. Marchent P.M. P.P.G.S.B. S.D., J. F. Stalk J.D., G. M. Richardson Org., W. Bowick I.G., M. H. Dodd J.S., and H. Bell Tyler; Past Masters T. S. Wrath and T. G. Mabane P.P.G.S.D. The visiting brethren present were—Bros. E. D. Davis P.M. 40 P.P.G.S.W., W. M. Bell P.M. 1557 P.P.G.A.D.C. Northumberland, B. Pord I.P.M. 1427 P.P.G.Org. Northumberland, W. H. Crookes P.G. Sec., R. Hudson P.G.D.C., R. Knox P.M. 406 P.P.G.S.D. Northumberland, John Page W.M. 406 P.G.S.B. Northumberland, R. Witfield W.M. 48, D. Taylor P.M. 1520, J. Bondee P.M. 1119, J. Wood S.W. 48, G. W. Lax S.W. 406 P.G. Steward Northumberland, John Mackey S.W. 424, J. G. Smith J.W. 48, J. W. Hodgson J.D. 1274, J. Mathews 48, M. J. Wetley 48, G. Davidson 240, G. Bradford 406, E. Thewbrooks 48, R. Brown 48, J. Allen 636, L. McFadjen 437, J. Marris, M. Chorlton, G. H. Thompson 240, and S. M. Harris Sec. 406 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The Lodge being opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the Treasurer submitted his report, which showed the Lodge to be in a very flourishing condition. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. James Mitchell, the W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The ancient charges were duly administered, and the usual formalities gone through. All below the rank of Installed Master then left the Lodge, and a Board of Past Masters was formed, and the ceremony proceeded with. On the re-admission of the brethren, they were informed by the Installing Master that Bro. Mitchell had duly and properly been placed in the chair of K.S., and they accordingly saluted him in the usual manner. The newly enthroned Master then appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—Bros. G. Hardy I.P.M., W. Eckford S.W., A. Brodie J.W., Rev. W. Hedley Chaplain, J. McCulloch P.M. Treas. and D.C., S. Chadwick Sec., W. Bewick S.D., W. Gowens J.D., R. Richardson Organist, W. Newlands I.G., W. Atkinson S.S., W. H. Fowkes J.S., H. Bell Tyler, &c. The Installing Master gave the several charges to the Wardens and brethren in a perfect manner, the whole of the ceremony being rendered most impressively, reflecting the greatest credit on Bro. Hardy for the amount of study and time he must have devoted to it in order to have acquitted himself so well. There were four propositions for initiation, amongst the gentlemen who offered themselves being the Mayor of Gorrow-on-Tyne. The names of four brethren were submitted as subscribing members. The W.M. received the hearty good wishes of the many visiting brethren, and a sum of £5 5s was voted towards presenting the I.P.M. with a jewel, in recognition of his many services to the Lodge. Other routine business being disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren, numbering seventy-four, adjourned to the banquetting hall, where they did full justice to a well-arranged *menu*. The dinner was provided by Bro. W. Bewick, of the Ellison House Hotel, and reflected great credit on him as a caterer, the viands and wines being of remarkably good quality. Grace having been said, the brethren adjourned to the smoking room to give an opportunity for laying the dessert. In a very short time the tables were tastefully dressed, and the brethren took their seats, the W.M. proceeding with the toast list. The first that received attention was "The Queen," which was followed by that of the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. The W.M., in giving H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, said the post he occupied in Masonry, as well as that which he holds in the nation, entitled him to their love and respect. He, therefore, charged the brethren to drink his health with all honour. The next toast, which emanated from the chair, was that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Officers of Grand Lodge. The W.M. expressed his opinion that they had more to do in Masonry than the Prince. He would not occupy their time by further remarks, as doubtless the brethren were anxious to smoke. Bro. Hardy I.P.M., in submitting the health of the Prov. G.M. Bro. J. Fawcett, the D.G.M. Sir Hedworth Williamson, and Officers of Grand Lodge, was sure the toast required no words of his to ensure it a hearty and enthusiastic reception. He regretted they had not had the honour of having the P.G.M. with them that day, but they had been favoured with the presence of two worthy and distinguished Officers, namely, the P.G. Sec. and the P.G.D.C. He trusted they had been satisfied with what they had seen; he should therefore couple with the toast the names of Bros. Crookes and Hudson. Bro. Crookes P.G. Sec. in replying, thanked them cordially for the way they had spoken of the Prov. Grand Officers, but more particularly for the way the Prov. Grand Master had been mentioned; he was sure all were proud of serving under a Mason like him. When it is remembered that he is a man of eighty years of age, he truly takes a good deal of trouble and interest in Masonry. Another thing they all might be proud of was, that he installed the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, at which ceremony he (Bro. Crookes) acted as one of the Stewards. On behalf of the Past Grand Officers, Bro. Hudson after expressing his thanks, congratulated the brethren on their Lodge room and the beautiful hall in which they met, which could not fail to impress the candidates with a proper feeling during the ceremonies. He also complimented the Installing Master on the perfect way in which he had conducted the ceremony, and hoped it would not be the last time he should have the pleasure of being amongst them. The W. Master then gave the toast of Earl Percy and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland; it was in the sister Province he had first seen the light of Masonry, being initiated by Bro. Knox, a distinguished Officer in that Province, whilst he was Master of the Northern Counties Lodge; he would, therefore, couple his name with the toast. Bro. Knox P.M. was afraid that the Province of Northumberland would suffer at his hands, and regretted that another Officer had not been selected to respond to the toast. Personally, he was delighted to be present that day, having initiated the W.M.; he hoped that each Province would continue to exchange Masons like him, and so cement the unity already existing. Bro. Wrath P.M. then gave "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," to which Bros. Capt. Bold and Quartermaster McCulloch suitably replied. Bro. Hardy, in a few well chosen and flattering remarks, introduced "Health, prosperity and long life to the W.M." After dilating on his many good qualities, he called on the brethren to drink the toast with bumpers. The W.M., who was enthusiastically received, returned his sincere thanks not only for the way his name had been received, but also to the brethren for the proud position they had placed him in; he hoped to hand the Lodge over to his successor in as flourishing a state as he received it. Before sitting down he passed some well merited encomiums on Bro. Hardy, the I.P.M. and Installing Master. He was sure no words of his were required to insure his name being well received. Bro. Hardy felt amply repaid for anything he had done by the approbation of the brethren. The Visitors received a hearty welcome at the hands of Bro. Wrath, and the toast was responded to by Bros. Mackey, Don, Taylor, and Wilson. The next toast on the list was "The Press," proposed in suitable terms by Bro. Hardy, who expressed his pleasure at having four representatives present, amongst whom was one from the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Bro. J. H. Thompson (*Newcastle Chronicle*) acknowledged the compliment, and in course of his remarks intimated to the brethren that his Lodge at South Shields, St. Hilda, No. 240, would celebrate its centenary meeting on the 31st of next month, at which he hoped to see all the brethren. The Past and Present Officers, and the Masonic Charities also received due attention, and the Tyler was then called. Bro. McCulloch acted as toast Master in a very efficient manner. Some exceptionally fine harmony was kindly rendered by Bro. Leatham of Durham Cathedral, also some amusing songs and imitations by Bro. George Thompson. During the banquet some well executed selections were performed on the harmonium, which were most enjoyable. We must congratulate the brethren of this Lodge upon having such a convenient and splendid Hall to meet in, the fittings of which are both elaborate and complete; they are fortunate in having a brother amongst them like brother Bewick, who has furnished and fitted the hall throughout at a considerable outlay, and leased it to the Lodge at a nominal rental. We are sure this generosity on the part of Bro. Bewick is duly appreciated by every member of the Lodge.

A Fancy and Full Dress Ball will be held under the auspices of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1557, in the Town Hall, Hexham, on the 2nd of April. Bro. E. D. Davis Provincial Grand D.C. has kindly consented to officiate as M.C., assisted by Bro. W. M. Bell I.P.M. 1557 P.G.A.D.C., by whom this movement is initiated. There is every prospect of its being a very large and successful gathering, after which it is contemplated, we understand, to hold one in aid of the Masonic Charities.

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Institution rendered it impossible for the regular Board Room being allowed. It is the wish of the founders that as many brethren as can make it convenient will attend, and as it is proposed then to announce the amount of subscriptions and promises received, it is hoped that brethren will make known as early as possible the amount of the support they intend to give, in order that the list may be properly prepared. It may also be pointed out that a knowledge of the amount likely to be subscribed will also give a better opportunity of deciding to what extent the benefits of the Fund shall be applied. We are informed that collecting sheets are now ready, and that the Secretaries will be pleased to receive the names of brethren willing to undertake the office of Steward, for which it has been decided there shall be no compulsory qualification, nor is there any fee payable on serving the office. Donations may be paid to the account of the Fund at the Bank of England (Burlington Gardens Branch), or sent to the Treasurer, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Long Melford, Suffolk, or to either of the Secretaries, Dick Radclyffe, 129 High Holborn, London, W.C., or W. W. Morgan jun., FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE Office, 23 Great Queen-street, London, W.C.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTERLY communication of the G. Lodge of Scotland was held on 5th instant, in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. There were about 400 of the brethren present, many of them being from country Lodges. The M.W.G.M. Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., occupied the throne; Bro. F. A. Barrow P.S.G.W. acted as S.G.W.; and R. Shaw-Stewart was in his place as J.G.W. The Grand Master was supported by the Earl of Mar and Kellie Depute G.M., and A. Smollett of Bonhill Prov. G.M. Dumbartonshire acting Substitute G.M. Most of the Grand Officers were present, as were also many of the Past Officers and numerous representatives of Foreign and Colonial Grand Lodges. The Grand Secretary intimated that apologies for absence had been received from Brothers Colonel Campbell of Blythswood, the Earl of Haddington, Charles Dalrymple, M.P., the Earl of Breadalbane, and Captain Colt of Gartsherrie, &c. Brother R. F. Shaw-Stewart presented his commission as representative of "The Countries" Grand Lodge of Germany, and was congratulated thereon from the throne. Grand Lodge having been properly constituted, reports of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of West Virginia, Nova Scotia, and Massachusetts, and also a copy of a sketch of the Incorporation of Masons and the Lodge of Glasgow St. John, from the author, Brother James Cruickshank Past Depute Prov. G.M. of Glasgow City Province, were received with thanks. An abstract was submitted of the accounts of Grand Lodge for the year from 1st December 1878 to 29th November last, which showed the total estate at the close of the account to have been £16,704, or an increase of funds during the year of nearly £1,570. The income had been £4,450, and the expenditure £2,880. There had been about 4000 entrants and affiliations during the year. An abstract was also tabled of the accounts of the Masonic Benevolence Fund for the same period, which showed an increase of funds during the year of £259—the total estate at the close being £5,460. The income had been £644, and the expenditure £385, of which £350 had been specially voted to benevolent purposes by the committee, and £19 had been granted in casual charities. A vidimus by the Grand Cashier of the income and expenditure of Grand Lodge for the three months ending 24th January showed an income of £1,283, which exceeded the expenditure by £604. From a statement regarding the Fund of Benevolence, it appeared that grants to the amount of £72 had been voted during the quarter ending 29th January.

The resignation of Colonel W. Montgomerie Neilson of Queenshill as Prov. G.M. of Glasgow was accepted. In accordance with the recommendation of Grand Committee, it was resolved that fraternal relations be opened with the Grand Lodge of California, and Bro. John Mills Browne was appointed representative of Grand Lodge near that of California. Bro. Rollin Jewett Tucker was appointed Prov. G.M. of Bermuda, in room of the deceased Bro. Dr. F. J. Hunter. Grand Lodge ordered that charters be issued in favour of Lodges Cœur de Leon, Moruya, New South Wales, and St. George's, Grenada. It was resolved that the Province of which Bro. the Earl of Haddington has been appointed Grand Master be named the Province of Berwick and Roxburgh shires. Intimation was made of the dissolution of the Lodge Caledonian, Haskieu, Constantinople. Leave was given to the Lodge St. Luke's, Edinburgh (No. 44) to alter its name, to the effect of being known and designated in future as the Lodge of Holyrood House (St. Luke's).

Bro. W. Officer drew attention to the report by Grand Committee that the Grand Master had presented to Grand Lodge a minute book of the Lodge St. Andrew, Dumfries, No. 179, of which Burns was a member, bearing the Poet's signature to the bye-laws, and containing the minute of his admission, the mallet of St. Andrew, and an apron used in the Lodge in Burns' time. Burns held the post of Senior Warden in this lodge during the year ending 30th November 1793. The last meeting of the Lodge at which he was present was held in the Coffee house on 14th April 1796, just three months before his death on 21st July. The Lodge was chartered in 1774, but was cut off the roll of Grand Lodge in 1816. The minute of the poet's affiliation is as follows:—"Saint John's Day, 27th December 1788.—The brethren having celebrated the anniversary of St. John in the usual manner, and Bro. Robert Burns, in Ailliesland, of St. David's, Strabolton, Lodge No. 178, being present, the Lodge unanimously assumed him a member of the Lodge, being a Master Mason; and he subscribed the Regulations as a Member. Thereafter the Lodge was shut.—Sim Mackenzie." Grand Committee had already thanked the Grand Master; and Bro. Officer moved that Grand Lodge should now mark its recognition of the present by according a vote of thanks for it. The motion was carried with acclamation; and the Grand Master, in replying, assured the brethren it had given him great pleasure to be able to present these interesting relics to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Bro. William Mann then rose to present to Grand Lodge a duplicate of the marble bust of the Grand Master which was lately presented to Lady Octavia-Shaw Stewart, in recognition of the services which her husband had rendered to Grand Lodge during the past six years. In doing so, he said that during that period Grand Lodge had passed from a state of disorganisation and discredit to a state of prosperity and order. He was quite sure a great deal of this had been brought about by the kindness and wise direction of the Grand Master. The bust, which is an excellent likeness of the Grand Master, was then unveiled amid cheers, and in a few complimentary sentences Bro. Mann, on behalf of the Freemasons of Scotland, asked the Grand Master to accept of the bust, to be retained in Grand Lodge through all time.

The Grand Master then asked, whether it was the pleasure of Grand Lodge that the bust be accepted? and this being answered by prolonged cheers, he proceeded to say—That being agreed to, allow me, for my own part, to return you my most sincere thanks for the honour you have done me. As my old friend, Bro. Mann has said, the Masons of Scotland have already paid me a great compliment in the most kind manner in presenting to my wife an excellent likeness of her husband, the Grand Master Mason—presented to herself at her own fireside, there to remain a memorial for my children, and a pleasure and an interest now to many friends coming about Ardgowan. Brethren, you have done more than this, kind as that act was. You have judged me fit to have my bust placed in Grand Lodge—a very great honour indeed. It is no small compliment to be thought worthy of having one's bust placed in the same line with those two already in Grand Lodge. Looking at these likenesses, of Whyte-Melville and Dalhousie, I cannot but remember that it was with very great misgivings, when more than six years ago you did me the honour to elect me to the throne, that I found myself the successor of those able Grand Masters. By no means strong in health at that time, I foresaw great difficulties in succeeding these men, to say nothing of my immediate predecessor, the vivacious and accomplished Lord Rosslyn. I remember expressing in Grand Lodge on that occasion my diffidence and fears as to my success; but I also remember assuring Grand Lodge that I would, as far as it was in my power, devote myself to the interests of Scottish Masonry; and, brethren, your kindness, your very great kindness, shows me that you kindly appreciate my efforts on behalf of Masonry. I do not wish to detain you by making a long speech. I thank my old friend Bro. Mann for the kind words in which he has alluded to me. Believe me that your handsome present to Lady Octavia, your kindness to myself, the confidence you have shown in me, and your friendship, and, moreover, the high honour which you pay me this evening, during my life will ever be gratefully remembered. Cheers were given also for Lady Octavia Shaw-Stewart and the Grand Master's family.

Grand Lodge next proceeded to the election of brethren to act as Members of Grand Committee, in room of Bros. George H. Thoms, W. J. C. Abbott, Chas. L. Ramsden, William Niven, Wm. Barton, Dr. John Middleton, John Davidson, John Beveridge, William Officer, James Turner, William Barry, and James Caldwell, who retired by rotation, and William Edwards and William MacLean jun. who held office *ad interim*. There were twenty-nine nominations, and the following were elected, with the number of votes mentioned:—Bros. James Turner, Edinburgh, 336; Hon. Francis Jeffrey Moncreiff, Edinburgh, 327; Sheriff G. H. Thoms, Edinburgh, 310; John Crombie, Aberdeen, 254; William Edwards, Edinburgh, 231; William Officer, Edinburgh, 227; James Caldwell, Paisley, 226; Charles L. Ramsden, Edinburgh, 220; William Barton, Edinburgh, 205; W. J. C. Abbott, Edinburgh, 197; William Barry, Leith, 195; John Davidson, Edinburgh, 186; David Hume, Dysart, 186; and William Niven, Edinburgh, 180.

Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.—*Edinburgh Courant.*

Obituary.

WE regret to record the death, on the 10th inst., at his residence, 138 Milkwood-road, S.E., of Bro. Charles Lambert Marshall, at the early age of 46. Our esteemed lamented brother formerly held a distinguished position in the 10th Hussars—retiring shortly after the Crimean war, at which campaign he was present. During the early part of our volunteer movement he took an active part in the development of three regiments, and being an excellent fencer and swordsman, assisted at many of those "Assaults of Arms" which have now become so popular. In the Craft he obtained high honours, being P.M. of the Neptune, No. 22, and P.Z. to Mount Sion Chapter, No. 22, besides a member of several other Orders. After a successful career in business, he retired into private life only six weeks before the G.A.O.T.U. thought fit to summon him—having survived his wife, to whom he was devotedly attached, 17 months. His remains were interred on Monday last, at Norwood Cemetery, during a storm of wind and rain. As we took a last look at the resting place of our departed brother the dark clouds cleared away and the sun shone brilliantly, as if nature herself was emblematically suggesting that although the grave seemed dull and dreary, future life is bright beyond. The principal mourners were Mr. Charles E. Marshall (eldest son of the deceased), Bro. W. Shury Marshall W.M. 1549 (only surviving brother), Messrs. C. E. Santry, Arthur and William Ashwell, Pearce, Bull, and Fisher.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—Kings Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

309—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

MONDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1462—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1818—Clapham, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
284—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction).
1512—Legiolinm, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Ficece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R. A. 731—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R. A. 833—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
213—Euphrates, Masons Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk]
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
768—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Inst.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. (Instruction.)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1302—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R. A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
R. A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
R. A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M. M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M. M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes.
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
90—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1563—City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R. A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R. A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth.
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 7.30. (Inst.)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
340—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliugh, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R. A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.
R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M. M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 27th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R. A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. C. 20—Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 19th inst., at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Bros. H. J. Phillips W.M., J. Da Silva S.W., J. B. King J.W., C. H. Webb Preceptor, L. Norden Secretary, A. Abrahams S.D., E. J. Ward J.D., J. Gartley I.G., A. Ellis, Hall, &c. The usual preliminaries were observed, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Abrahams candidate. Lodge was advanced, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Norden, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Hall candidate. Bro. Taylor worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree. Bro. Hall was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the presiding W.M., Bro. H. J. Phillips, for the efficient manner in which he had performed the duties, for the first time. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Beaudesert Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 97.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 12th February, at the Lodge rooms, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard. Present:—Bros. Howell P.M. as W.M., H. Poynter S.W., J. Williamson P.M. J.W., Fountaine P.M. Treasurer, McLean Secretary, McCubbin P.M., McDowall M.O., Morgan, Mickley, Gibbs Tyler. Lodge was opened and minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Knight of Lodge 948 was ballotted for; the result proving unanimous in his favour, he was advanced to the degree of M.M.M. Lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together.

Chapter of Elias Ashmole, No. 148, Warrington.—An emergency Convocation of this flourishing Chapter was held at the Chapter Rooms, on Tuesday evening, 17th February. The M.E.Z. Comp. John Bowes P.Z. P.P.G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmoreland was supported by the Officers of the Chapter, and an unusually large attendance of members and visitors from Wigan, Manchester and Birkenhead. The Chapter having been opened and the Companions admitted, the ballot was taken respectively for Bros. J. Paul Ryland, F.S.A., William Robinson and Dr. Walter. The ballot proving unanimous in favour, and the brethren being present, they were severally introduced and exalted in ample form. The P.S. being Comp. P. J. Edelsten P.Z. The historic, symbolic and mystic lectures were given respectively by E. Comps. James Jackson J., P. J. Edelsten P.Z. and the M.E.Z. On the close of the Chapter the M.E.Z. invited the Companions to light refreshment, and a most pleasant hour was spent, during which the health of the newly-exalted Companions and the Visitors was drunk. In responding, the Companions all expressed themselves much edified by the manner in which the beautiful ceremony had been interpreted by the Officers of the Chapter.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—At Bro. Seaton's, the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, on Wednesday, 11th inst. Present—Bros. Sayer W.M., Biddle S.W., J. Smith J.W., Walker S.D.; Ramsay, A. W. Smith, and several others. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Smith candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees and closed to the first. Bro. Biddle was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

On 18th inst., Bros. Walker W.M., James Smith S.W., John E. Fells J.W., W. Woodward D., Albert Kahn I.G., J. K. Pitt Sec., A. W. Smith, P. Tobias, W. Saint, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Kahn candidate. The questions for passing were put and the Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. A. W. Smith, a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and the Lodge being opened in the third degree, he was raised in due form. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. The Lodge was called off and on, and the W.M. gave the Ancient Charge for the instruction of those assembled. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for next Wednesday evening, 7 o'clock.

Prosperity Chapter, No. 290.—The regular Convocation of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, 11th instant, at the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield. The attendance of members was but meagre, compared with previous meetings. Chapter was opened by Comp. B. Hutchinson P.Z., for Comp. Allen Haigh Z. (absent), George Sykes H., Farrer J. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the only business—the election of Officers for the ensuing year—was proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—Comps. George Sykes Z. (unfortunately not unanimous), Farrers H. and J., B. Hutchinson P.Z. Treasurer, Wheawell S.E., Clark Turner Kaye S.N., J. Beanland P.S., and Smith J. There were also present Comps. John W. Turner P.Z., Murphy, Dyson, L. Brierley, and a few others. Business being concluded, and Chapter closed, refreshments were partaken of, and the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were proposed and responded to. The next meeting of the Chapter will be in November, when it is hoped to have a more successful year than the present, there having been but one ceremony during the season.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548.—There was a large muster of the brethren of the South London district at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, on Monday last, the 16th inst., on which occasion the Fifteen Sections were rehearsed by the members of this Lodge of Instruction, under the presidency of Bro. Milbourn, of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13. The other Officers were Bros. Martin D.C. 879 S.W., Batchelor S.D. 548 P.S. 79 J.W., Anderson D.C. 1536 S.D., Ross D.C. 700 J.D., Coen 169 I.G., and Griffin P.M. 933 S.W. 1531 P.Z. 79 and 933 I.P.M. At the appointed hour seven p.m., Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and resumed in the first. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and confirmed, and a commencement of the special business of the meeting followed forthwith, the first and second sections of the Lecture being worked by the S.D., the third by Bro. Greenwood 1571, the fourth by Bro. Duffield 87 and 1571, the fifth and sixth by the W.M.—the questions being put by Bro. Griffin, who holds the position of Preceptor and Treasurer to the Lodge of Instruction—and the seventh by the S.W. The Lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, and after a brief adjournment, was resumed in the second degree. The lecture appertaining thereto was then rehearsed, the first section by Bro. Gloster W.M. 1531 S.D. 1326, the second by Bro. Hutchins S.W. 147 J.W. 1531, the third by Bro. Taylor W.M. 753, the fourth by Bro. Linniker J.D. 554, and the fifth by the S.W. The Lodge being resumed in the third degree, the three concluding sections were worked—the first by the J.D., the second by Bro. Gibson Hon. Sec. to the Lodge of Instruction, and the third by the S.W. The Lodge was then resumed in the first degree. We may state that the working was in all respects most admirably performed, and reflected the utmost credit upon all concerned. That this was so is evidenced by the fact that unanimous votes of thanks were tendered to Bro. Milbourn and to the brethren who assisted him in the labours of the evening. Prior to to the closing of the Lodge, Bros. Anderson of the United Military Lodge, No. 1536, and Pye of the West Lancashire Lodge, No. 1403, were elected members.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—The regular meeting was held on the 17th inst., at the "Green Dragon," Stepney. Bro. E. W. Walter in the chair; Bros. J. Godwin S.W., Forss J.W., W. Cross Deacon, Mackenrot I.G.; P.M.'s Berry Preceptor, T. J. Barnes and J. H. Thorn; also I. P. Cohen, J. Taylor, C. Veal, W. Hawes, J. Andrews. Lodge was opened in due form and the ceremony of raising was worked, Bro. Veal candidate. Bro. J. Taylor worked the 1st and 3rd sections of the lecture, with the assistance of the brethren. Bro. Andrews W.M. 1227 was elected to the chair for the 9th March. The Annual Supper will take place on the 2nd March, when we hope there will be a full meeting.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Friday evening, 13th February. Present:—Bros. Acworth W.M., F. Botley S.W., Maton J.W., Gomm S.D., C. E. Botley J.D., Goss (P.M.) I.G., Roe (P.M.) Preceptor, Tucker Treas., Gunner Hon. Sec., Blasby, Irwin, Dorey, Andrews P.M. 77, &c., Niner P.M. 710, &c., and other brethren. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The sum of £1 1s was unanimously voted to a distressed brother, and the members kindly supplemented the vote by a subscription amongst themselves. The amounts were handed to the brother, who in touching terms referred to the vicissitudes of fortune which had fallen to his lot, and heartily thanked the brethren for their kindness. The business of the evening was then proceeded with. Bro. Acworth worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Niner kindly acting as candidate. Lodge was opened to 3rd, and closed to 1st degree. Bro. F. Botley was elected W.M. for the meeting on 20th inst. On the motion of Bro. Tucker, seconded by Bro. Roe, Bro. Andrews (P.M. 77) was unanimously admitted a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Blasby thanked the brethren for the hearty good wishes sent in their name to him by the Hon. Sec., on his marriage. In pursuance of notice given at the previous meeting the Hon. Sec., brought forward the motion,—"That a ball be given under the auspices of this Lodge of Instruction, towards meeting the expenses incurred in acquiring additional premises for the Girls' School." Bro. Gunner expressed it as his conviction that it was the duty of every Mason to endeavour to reduce the strain upon the Funds consequent upon such acquisition; and his willingness to lend a hand in that direction. Bro. F. Botley seconded the proposition in a humorous speech, and Bros. Roe, Goss, Tucker and others expressed their views on the subject, which provoked considerable discussion. The general view appeared to be that sufficient notice had not been given, as many brethren present had not heard of the matter till this evening, after some discursory remarks, and questions to Bro. Gunner regarding expense &c., connected with the proposed ball, the matter was put to the vote. So few of the brethren voted that Bro. Gunner expressed his great disappointment at the failure, for the present, of his motion, and with the consent of Bro. F. Botley (the seconder) begged to withdraw his proposition. Being urged by the W.M. and several brethren not to withdraw the motion, but to bring it forward on another occasion, the Hon. Sec. explained that his experience of such matters was, that from the first step it was absolutely necessary that all should pull together, for a perfect success could never be expected or obtained where, at the outset, one or two adverse voices were raised, he begged, with due respect to the chair, to decline to alter his resolve at least for the present. Bro. Blasby then gave notice that he would at the next meeting, bring forward a motion of a similar purport to that withdrawn by the Hon. Sec. Lodge was then closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned for a week.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction—At the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 16th Feb., Bros. McMillan W.M., Jones S.W., Olley J.W., High S.D., Neville J.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, C. Lorkin Preceptor, also Bro. Featherstone. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Featherstone, a candidate for the third degree, was interrogated, entrusted, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Thomas Jones was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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NEW CONCORD LODGE BALL.

THE annual ball of this Lodge, No. 813, was held on 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen St., London, under the presidency of Bros. R. R. Harper W.M. of the Lodge, who was supported by Bro. S. George the S.W., Vice President, and a strong list of Stewards. The gathering was a most enjoyable one, and we think all present enjoyed themselves. After the supper the usual toasts were honoured. Bro. Harper in proposing the health of the Stewards said that every one knew that the success or failure of gatherings like this mainly depended on the ability and energy of the Stewards. He flattered himself he had secured brethren who had one and all devoted themselves to ensuring complete success, a result he thought, beyond question, they had achieved. Bro. George replied, and then proposed the health of the President, to whom he said was due the honour of making the gathering what it really was. All who knew him were aware of his natural geniality, and he could assure those who did not, that no man existed who was more entitled to the respect of his fellows than their W.M. The President briefly responded. He felt amply repaid for any trouble he had taken in the arrangements for the evening by glancing at the pleasant faces he saw around him. He then proposed the toast of the evening—the Ladies. Personally, he thanked them for their attendance. He hoped the arrangements that had been made for their enjoyment had given satisfaction, and also that on many future occasions he should have an opportunity of welcoming them. Bro. Johnson, who throughout the evening acted as M.C., responded. The reputation of the Freemasons' Tavern for ball suppers is too well known to call for mention, and we are also aware that Bro. Best always desires that his guests should thoroughly enjoy what is put before them. To do this comfortably a little time is needed, as Bro. Best is doubtless aware, and perhaps he will take an opportunity of impressing this fact on the memory of his waiters, whose anxiety on this occasion somewhat affected the guests. Dining is, we believe, a fine art; so is cramming birds for the early markets. We have tried the former, but have no desire to extend our researches in the direction of the latter, more especially if we are to be the victims operated on.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, 14th February, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bros. Geo. W. Blackie W.M., R. Freeman I.P.M. (in the absence of Bro. Catchpole) S.W., Hamer J.W., N. B. Headon Treas. and acting Sec. The first business was the raising of Bro. Wood to the third degree, the ceremony being most efficiently performed by the W.M. The next item on the list was the passing of Bro. Murdoch, and this was followed by the initiation of Mr. Jury into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. On the W.M. rising for the second time, Bro. Headon said that he had received a letter from Bro. Moody, the Secretary, resigning his office. It was dated from Blackpool, 1st February, and was as follows:—

My Dear W.M.,—As it is almost certain that during the whole of the present year I shall be away from London, I feel that I cannot continue to do justice to the office of Secretary; and as I should be very sorry for the interests of the Lodge to suffer from the want of proper attention, I have decided, after serious consideration, and with much reluctance, to resign into your hands the collar you so kindly invested me with.

To this were added a few observations as to how the work might be carried on until his successor could be appointed. Bro. H. Thompson P.M. wished to know whether the decision to which Bro. Moody had come was irrevocable, or whether the causes that had drawn it forth were only temporary. Bro. Headon P.M. and Treas. said he believed that they were not temporary, and that indeed Bro. Moody had for some time past contemplated retiring from the office of Secretary. Bro. H. Thompson said that being so, he would, with the permission of Bro. Headon, who proposed merely to move that Bro. Moody's resignation be accepted, substitute for it the following resolution, viz.:—"That the resignation of Bro. Moody of his office of Secretary be accepted, but this Lodge cannot but express its most sincere regret at the retirement of so useful and able an Officer; and although no longer officially connected with them, this Lodge trusts that he may be long blessed with health, happiness, and prosperity, and continue for many years to be a member of The Great City Lodge." He said he need offer no observations in support of this motion, as he believed the kind and genial manners of Bro. Moody were so well known and appreciated that he should find no dissentient to it. Bro. Freeman I.P.M. said he should have great pleasure in seconding the motion, and after a few observations from one or two members, the motion was put and unanimously agreed to, and Bro. Headon undertook immediately to communicate the terms of the resolution to Bro. Moody. Bro. Headon said he had also received a letter from Bro. Catchpole Senior Warden, in which he also stated that in consequence of his almost continuous absence from London he felt compelled to resign his office as Senior Warden of the Lodge. This resignation was received with regret. Bro. Headon said he had received a communication in reference to the existing distress in Ireland, soliciting subscriptions towards the Mansion House Fund. Now, the only fund which they had available for such a purpose was the Samaritan, and he moved that the sum of ten guineas be voted from it to be applied to the Mansion House Fund for relieving the distress in Ireland. Bro. Freeman I.P.M. seconded the motion, which was agreed to with but one dissentient. Bro. Headon then brought forward a motion of which he had given notice at the last Lodge, "That the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to be placed on the list of Bro. Blackie W.M., who represents this Lodge as Steward at the next Festival for the benefit of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." After a few observations this was also put and agreed to. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and with solemn prayer. There was no banquet, but most of the members assembled afterwards, when various questions were discussed, with a view of promoting the welfare of the Lodge, and several practical suggestions were thrown out, having for their object the extension of its usefulness and the continuation of its proceedings with economy.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 17th February. Bros. F. Carr W.M., Christian S.W., E. Williams J.W., Clark S.D., Smyth J.D., Baker I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, F. Brasted acting Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Polak, Pettit, Allen, Hand, Fraser, Welford, and others. After preliminaries, Bro. Fraser was interrogated, entrusted, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. Allen worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Fraser and Bro. Welford were elected members. Bro. Christian was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge by the brethren of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday evening next, at seven o'clock, by invitation. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer, and adjourned.

St. Barnabas Chapter, No. 948.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 12th February, at the Chapter Rooms, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard. Present—Comps. F. Howell M.E.Z., H. Poynter P.Z. as H., Mickley J., Fountaine P.Z. Scribe E. and Treas., J. McCubbin P.Z. Scribe N., McDowall Principal Soj., Gibbs Janitor. Visitors—Comps. Williams P.Z. and McLean. Business—Chapter opened, minutes read and confirmed. Ballot for Bro. Knight, Lodge 948, unanimous. He was admitted and exalted. Comp. Williams, at the desire of the M.E.Z., gave the mystic lecture. Chapter closed. Companions afterwards dined together. Comp. Morgan, of the Elephant and Castle Hotel, catered to the great satisfaction of the Companions.

Beaudesert Lodge, No. 1087.—A meeting was held on Friday, 13th February, at the Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard. Present:—Bros. Green W.M., Holdom S.W. and Treas., Grafton J.W., Gotto P.M. Sec., Willis S.D., McCubbin P.M. J.D., Sandall I.G., Gibbs Tyler; Bros. Spiers, Platten. Visitors Bros. H. Poynter P.M. 1087 and 948, J. McCubbin P.M. 948, C. J. Morgan 948, and H. Willis 948. The Lodge was opened in ancient form; Bro. Platten, a candidate for the second degree was examined and entrusted, and on his re-admission was passed, Bro. P.M. Gotto performing the ceremony. Bro. Spiers, a candidate for the third was raised, and the working tools presented, and their uses, operative and speculative, explained by Bro. H. Poynter P.M. The W.M. now resumed his collar and chair, and closed the Lodge in the three degrees. It was announced to the Brethren by Bro. Sandall, the Treasurer of the Subscription Fund for raising a memorial stone over the grave of the late W.M. Bro. Harris, that the list was now complete, and a sub-committee was appointed to select the pattern the memorial should take. The brethren afterwards dined together at Bro. Pickering's.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., on Thursday, 12th instant. Bros. Peacock W.M., Patrick S.W., Legg J.W., Fenner Prec., Hine S.D., Serjeant J.D., Klein I.G.; also Bros. Silvas, Loeffler, Andrews, Gieseke. The Lodge was opened to the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Hine being the candidate. The third section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Fenner, assisted by Bro. Patrick. Bro. Patrick was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Enfield Lodge, No. 1237.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 9th inst., at the George Hotel, Enfield, under the presidency of Bro. Oxley, the W.M., who was assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. Taverner S.W., Peach J.W., Mathison Treas., Thompson Sec., Poore S.D., Bryant J.D., Fidler I.G., Very Tyler. Visitors:—Bros. Thorn W.M. 554, Jaffa W.M. 1579, G. Tegg 1579, Leaman 1707, and Garrod 754. The usual formalities having been duly observed in opening, the Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the W.M. then raised Bro. F. C. Herbert, after which the Lodge was resumed in the first degree. The ballot was taken and proved in favour of Mr. Thomas Evans, who was that evening a candidate for Freemasonry, and he being in attendance was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Other business of a minor character being disposed of, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, presided over by the W.M., who gave the Loyal, Masonic, and other toasts, which were severally replied to, and a very enjoyable evening spent, the brethren separating at an early hour.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—A meeting was held on 11th inst., at Bro. Smith's, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal-green. Present—Bros. Clark W.M., Abrahams S.W., Lazarus J.W., Smith Treas., Hand S.D., Ward I.G., Hogg P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Loveday, Britton, M. Christian, &c. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Loveday candidate. Lodge was resumed to first degree. Bro. Christian worked first, second and third, and Bro. Hogg fourth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Abrahams was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, E., on Tuesday, 17th February. Bros. Worsley W.M., Myers P.M. S.W., Watkins J.W.,

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Smith S.D., Spencer J.D., Power I.G., Worsley Secretary, Musto P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Cope, Pavitt, Butler, White, Sadler, Barker, Nash, Dixon, and Plater. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cope answered the necessary questions, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The W.M. worked the whole of the lecture, assisted by the brethren, and the Lodge resumed to the first degree. Bro. Myers P.M. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when sections only will be worked, the Preceptor acting as S.W. and Bro. Candick P.M. as J.W. This should ensure a large attendance when three such excellent workers are performing the duties. The following brethren will assist in working the sections:—First, Spencer; second, Watkins; third, Rawe; fourth Myers; fifth, Andrews; sixth, Pavitt; seventh, Candick; eighth, Watkins; ninth, Johnson; tenth, McDonald; eleventh, Smith; twelfth, Worsley; thirteenth, Barker; fourteenth, Musto; fifteenth, A. Ellis. The supper will take place on the first Tuesday in April, that being the first anniversary of the Lodge.

Mornington Lodge, No. 1672.—The M.W. Grand Master has been graciously pleased to sanction the removal of this Lodge from Wanstead to the King's Head, Fenchurch Street. The usual Lodge meeting was held at the last-named well appointed establishment on Thursday, the 5th inst. After the ceremony of the 2nd degree had been most efficiently performed by Bro. Blackman W.M., ably assisted by his Officers, a capital repast was served by "mine host" Bro. Davies, in the Marble room, and a very pleasant evening was spent, Bro. Marsh P.M. making the most of the opportunity in the cause of charity. This young Lodge has some very earnest Masons and thorough workers in its ranks, and we predict for it, in its new palatial home, a highly prosperous career. At this meeting three candidates for initiation and one joining member were proposed.

Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717 (E.C.), Tunis, North Africa.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 7th February. Present:—W. Bros. Dr. Perini W.M., Broadley D.D.G.M. I.P.M. and Secretary, Sulema P.M.; Bros. Soniller S.W., Pentecost J.W., Barsotti Treasurer, Bokopsa D. of C., Dr. Pace-Williams A.D. of C., De Gallais S.D., J. Gaudus J.D., Captain Johnstone Organist, Miviere Steward, Carriglio I.G. and Eymon Tyler; a fair attendance of members, and several visitors, including W. Bros. David Costa W.M. of the Italian Lodge Progresso Costituzionale, at Susa. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Fenech-Nuzzo was passed to the second degree, and Bros. Chaigne and Cohen raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge being lowered, the following honorary members were elected, at the proposition of Bro. Broadley D.D.G.M. Malta, supported by the S.W. and others, viz.:—Bros. R. Bower P.M. 29 Iowa, U.S.A., P.G.H.P. of Iowa, Rev. G. R. Portal P.M. 357, T. B. Whytehead P.M. 1611, J. S. Cumberland P.M. 1611, F. Davison P.M. 10, H. C. Levander P.M. 142, J. L. Thomas P.G.A.D. of C., F. Binckes P.G.S., D. M. Dewar P.M. 1627, Rev. T. Robinson P.M. 88 and 709, W. J. Beck P.M. 289, J. S. Eastes P.M. 709 D.P.G.M. Kent. It was decided to send these distinguished brethren certificates of their honorary membership. Two French Masons were proposed as joining members, having duly subscribed the declaration as to belief in a Supreme Being, according to the resolution of Grand Lodge on the 6th March 1878. Bro. Professor Clement remarked that, as an old French Mason, he was glad to say that a Conservative re-action was at work in the Grand Orient of France, which would speedily restore to French Masons their ancient formula. A report of the Permanent Committee as to finance having been adopted, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—An emergency meeting was held at Ashley's Hotel, Covent-garden, on Tuesday, 10th Feb. Present—Bros. Douglass W.M., Willing I.P.M. Treasurer as S.W., Jones S.D. as J.W., Stiles Sec., Smith as S.D., Sillis as J.D., Hare as I.G., Holt D.C., Daley Tyler; Gray, Verdin, Dickey (2), Armstrong, Ellis (2), Barham, &c. Visitor—Bro. Kauffmann D.C. 1732. The Lodge having met punctually at six, was opened in due form, and Messrs. W. Smith, W. T. Haycock, J. Fisher and W. Bagley were respectively introduced, and initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. announced the satisfactory amount subscribed to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution by the brethren, and the Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the 22nd inst., at the Israel Lodge of Instruction, "Rising Sun," Globe Road, Bethnal Green. Bro. J. Taylor I.G. 554 will occupy the chair, and be assisted by Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 as S.W., Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. 205 as J.W., and other distinguished brethren. The proceedings will commence at 7 o'clock precisely.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AT TRURO.

WHEN his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales lays the foundation stone of the Cathedral at Truro—as it is probable that it will be done with Masonic honours—the Freemasons of Devon would, to a very large extent, like to be associated in so interesting and important a ceremonial with their brethren of Cornwall. It will be remembered what a splendid gathering of the Freemasons of the combined western provinces of the two counties there was assembled to meet the Prince when he opened the New Guildhall at Plymouth. Then the venerable John Huyshe, the Grand Master of Devon, and the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, the Grand Master of Cornwall, were present to welcome the Prince, with a gathering of Masonic brethren larger than, at that time, his Royal Highness had ever met before. It was certainly followed not long afterwards by that nobler gathering of Masons, when there were some seven thousand of them assembled, to see the Prince installed as the Grand Master of England, at the Albert Hall. Now, on the 20th of May next, I should like to see a repetition of the brotherly welcome afforded to the Prince when he visits the city of his own Dukedom, to be the chief actor in an event the like of which has not happened since the Reformation. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, although he is the G.M. of Cornwall, is a Devonshire Mason, and we have no doubt that he, too, would be glad to be surrounded with brethren from his own province. We trust that steps will be taken in time to ensure this combined action.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

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THE PROPOSED COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO MASONIC WORKING.

OUR readers will remember that at the December Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge it was agreed, on the motion of Bro. Past Master James Stevens, that a Committee be appointed with a view to inquire into and report upon the different systems of working in vogue among our Lodges. It will be seen, too, from the Agenda Paper for next Wednesday's Communication, that two motions respecting the appointment of this Committee will be submitted for the consideration of Grand Lodge. The first of these will be to the effect that as regards that portion of the minutes in which is recorded the acceptance of Bro. Stevens's proposal, the customary confirmation be withheld. The second is a motion by Bro. Stevens, that the Committee shall consist of certain brethren whose names will be found elsewhere in our columns. If the former of these two motions is agreed to, it will be obviously useless to submit the latter. It is on the cards it will be found that Grand Lodge is of another mind in March 1880 than it was in December 1879, and to proceed with the nomination of a Committee which has been shelved would be sheer waste of time and ridiculous. On the other hand, if the minutes are confirmed in their entirety, the nomination of the Committee will follow as of course. The question to be in that case considered will be, simply whether or not it shall consist of the brethren whom Bro. Stevens has nominated, or partly of his nominees supplemented by others, or yet again, entirely of other brethren. This, it strikes us, will be the course, according as one or other of the contingencies we have pointed to happens. Meanwhile, however, a few remarks on the subject seem desirable.

We have said already that Grand Lodge may see fit to change its mind as between December and March, and may reverse in the latter month a decision at which, after mature deliberation, it arrived in the former. Nor do we think any one will be found to question its competency to make such change. But it certainly is open to brethren to doubt the wisdom or expediency of such a course. It must be remembered that Grand Lodge is the Masonic Senate, whose duty it is to weigh well all matters of importance to our interests. Its decisions, therefore, should be arrived at deliberately, not hastily. It does not need the wisdom of a numerous and enlightened body to settle such trivial questions as a dinner hour, the dimensions of an apron, or the value of a jewel. But questions of Ritual come not within the category of trivial questions, and when it has once been admitted—as is the case with regard to this proposition of Bro. Stevens—that a Committee of Inquiry into the different systems of Masonic working is, to put it in the very mildest possible form, not undesirable, it seems to us it would be tantamount to an act of self-stultification on the part of Grand Lodge were it to reverse, on Wednesday next, the decision of last December. It will be said there is a precedent for this change. Some few years ago, a proposition having the same object in view, was submitted to, and adopted by, Grand Lodge, but nothing came of it. We think, on the contrary, that if, on this occasion, a similar course be pursued, it will detract from, instead of enhancing, the dignity of Grand Lodge. It will be in the power of any one so minded to point out that that body has twice affirmed a certain proposition, and on each occasion has allowed its decision to be of none effect. Will any one allow, for one moment, that such a procedure is either wise or expedient, or even business-like; albeit, it may be perfectly regular, and in accordance with the Constitutions. Moreover, the mere appointment of a Committee of Inquiry does not necessarily involve any change in, or modification of, our Ritual. The Committee, having made its inquiries, may report that no alteration is necessary or desirable, or, on the other hand, it may say it is. In the latter event, it will be the duty of Grand Lodge to determine the character and extent of such alterations. If the report is to the effect that one system of working, and one only, should be in force, it will then have to settle what that system of working must be. But to refuse to nominate a Committee, the appointment of which has been agreed to, except under some imperious necessity, which certainly has not arisen in the interval since last December, would, as we have remarked, be an act of self-stultification of singular gravity, such as, with all proper deference for the opinions of those who differ with us, we cannot imagine any well-intentioned brother would care to see fulfilled.

So much for the one proposition; namely, that Bro. Stevens's motion for the appointment of a Committee of Inquiry be not confirmed. Let us now consider the scope of Bro. Stevens's proposal itself, the principle of which has already been accepted by Grand Lodge. We cannot, of course, take upon ourselves to explain positively the meaning of another person's proposition; but as far as we have been able to gather from his letters, speeches, and personal explanations, it seems to us that his motion involves four principal points, of which two may be described as positive, and two as negative in character. The former are (1) that a certain standard of Ritual should be maintained, and (2) that steps should be taken for establishing a College of Preceptors or similar body for the purpose of upholding that standard in all its native purity. The latter involve no interference whatever, (1) with the working as now practised in our Lodges, or (2) with the just prerogatives of the Board of General Purposes. Let us take these points seriatim, and discuss their meaning and value.

Firstly, there should be one uniform standard of Ritual. In suggesting this, Bro. Stevens, it seems to us, does not so much insist on uniformity of phraseology in the working of our ceremonies as on uniformity of practice. The former is comparatively of little value, the latter it cannot be denied is of the very greatest importance. A particular proposition may be variously expressed, but always in such a manner that its true and original meaning is never for one moment in doubt. The expression may be of the very simplest, or it may be so complicated that only after the most careful study is it possible for a person to understand its real purport. In short, the idea is the same, whatever the form of words in which it is clothed. But where there is no uniformity of practice, there is always room for innovation—and in a science like that of Freemasonry such a possibility is most undesirable—no harm may come, but on the other hand the contingency must not be lost sight of that it may. While therefore it is unnecessary to lay too great stress on extreme verbal uniformity, it is unquestionably of the greatest moment there should be one harmonious and unvaried, invariable system of working our different ceremonies. These are the result of careful study on the part of the founders of the science. The symbols employed are not only complete in themselves, but they also harmonise well together. It were unwise, therefore, to think of allowing them to be tampered with, as in such case, their true meaning might be either exaggerated or diminished. It will be readily understood that it is impos-

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sible for us to illustrate our meaning, as we should do if we were discussing some legal or social question. Yet can there be no harm in pointing out—as regards the ceremony of initiation, for instance—that while it cannot be of serious moment that exactly the same phrases should be employed in all Lodges, it cannot be otherwise than necessary it should be carried out in its entirety in the manner prescribed by the authorities. Nothing should be added to, nothing taken from it. There must be no transposition of the several parts. This, or indeed any other one of our ceremonies may be likened to a puzzle, the several parts of which are made to fit together, so as to form a particular figure, but there is only one way, not several ways, of fitting these parts into each other. At the same time it cannot in the slightest degree affect the value of the puzzle, whether it be painted green, white, purple, orange, or any other colour. This colour is to the puzzle what the phraseology of a ceremony is to the ceremony itself. So long as the virtue of the latter is untainted, the mere language is of little moment. This, if our interpretation is correct, is Bro. Stevens's meaning, when he insists on the necessity for uniformity in Masonic ceremonial. He does not say the same language must be used everywhere and on all occasions, but he does say there should be uniformity of observance.

Then as to his second point, that there should be established a College of Preceptors or similar body, whose duty it will be to see this uniformity carried out. We are not going to discuss its constitution, which as yet only exists in the imagination of one of our brethren. It might be a part of the Board of General Purposes, or it might be a body apart. It might be entitled a Committee of Ritual or a College of Preceptors. These are matters of detail which are easy of settlement when the proper time for settling them has arrived. But once it has come to be recognised that uniformity of ceremonial observance is not only desirable but necessary, and it follows there must be somebody having the requisite authority to see that this uniformity is observed. In the Grand Lodges of the United States there are certain Officers known as Lecturers, whose duty it is to visit the Lodges in their respective jurisdictions. By this judicious arrangement the desired uniformity of working is attained. It cannot be of less importance that the working should everywhere, both in London and in the Provinces, as well as in the Districts abroad, be satisfactory, seeing that England is undoubtedly the mother country of Freemasonry as constituted in modern times. Again, severe notice is very properly taken if the several degrees are allowed to be taken at less than certain prescribed intervals of time, and the ceremonies must be gone through a second time, so that the majesty of the law may be vindicated. The offending Lodge is admonished, and, were the offence repeated, would be still more severely punished. Can it be of less importance that the ceremonies used in conferring the degrees should be carried out aright, and as nearly as possible with the same formalities everywhere throughout the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge? Rather, say we, it is of even greater importance that the ceremony should be done rightly, than that it should be done only when a certain period of time has elapsed. In the one case a Constitution is violated—and far be it from us to regard such violation with anything like levity—but that is the sum and substance of the harm that is done. In the other case, not only is the ceremonial indifferently or improperly observed, but the recipient of the degree experiences a certain loss of knowledge as the result of such indifference or incompleteness. Or, to put the matter more clearly, he does not receive that degree of enlightenment to which he is entitled. There is yet another point to be considered. It is chiefly by the intercommunication of brethren in our Lodges, and especially in our Lodges of Instruction, that a correct knowledge of the science of Freemasonry is spread throughout our ranks; but if it be found that diversities of practice exist in the working of our ceremonies, is it not inevitable that a certain amount of confusion must arise in the minds of many, not so much as to the value of certain modes of expression, but as to the ideas expressed in some cases and omitted in others? As we have before pointed out, it is impossible, for many reasons, to be explicit in treating thus publicly of what concerns our ceremonial. Suffice it to say, that it ought not to be left to individual judgment to add or omit anything without constitutional warranty. There is no more undue restraint in insisting on uniformity of practice in matters of Ritual than in prescribing certain conditions as to the admission of candidates, or for their advancement to the higher degrees when they have been admitted; or, indeed, in Grand Lodge passing such ordinances as in its wisdom it may think necessary to the good government of the Craft.

As to the other two points, which we have described as being negative in their character, they may be dismissed briefly. Bro. Stevens does not propose in any way to disturb the present working in our Lodges. He considers there should be Uniformity of Ritual, but he regards it as a politic matter that time should be given for the general adoption of the standard of Ritual. Let this be first of all determined. Let Preceptors and others interested acquire the requisite knowledge of this standard, and as time progresses, its establishment will follow as a matter of course. Neither does Bro. Stevens consider it politic in any way to trench upon the powers vested in the Board of General Purposes. This Board is, indeed, an instrument ready at hand for giving effect to the recommendations, if any, of the proposed Committee of Inquiry, subject of course to the authorisation of Grand Lodge. True, Freemasonry is essentially conservative—we use the word in no political sense—in its character. Thus change for the sake of change is distasteful in its eyes. It proudly claims to be "always the same" in spirit. It will not neglect to repair an omission, or correct an error, if it is once convinced of the propriety of such reparation or correction. But to insist on Uniformity of Working, in the sense we have indicated, is in harmony with, instead of being antagonistic to, this conservative spirit. It is suggestive of a return to, instead of a deviation from, the ancient landmarks. It means a reform in things essential to the well-being of Freemasonry, but a reform involving no innovation that can possibly prove nocuous. Bro. Stevens, and those who agree with him, not unreasonably urge, that while it may be fairly left open to the learned to differ among themselves as to the proper interpretation of certain recognised parts of Freemasonry, each of those parts has its due significance, and should not be omitted or curtailed at pleasure. Neither do they think it becoming that in any of our Lodges any practice which has not received the sanction of authority should in like manner be interpolated. In fine, Bro. Stevens, if we interpret him aright, is desirous of attaining the maximum improvement in Masonic working with the minimum of change. Whether we agree with him or not as to the manner in which he proposes to attain this object, we cannot but allow he is animated by a very laudable ambition.

We have now dealt with the material points of the case. We have given expression to the opinion that while Grand Lodge has a perfect right to change its opinion on this or any other matter, it will be more in harmony with its usual consistency, and certainly less injurious to its high character for wisdom, if it confirms on Wednesday the decision it arrived at last December. We have also at some length endeavoured to explain the grounds on which, in our opinion, Bro. Stevens has founded his proposition, as well as the nature and extent of the changes involved therein. It remains for us to offer a few words on the constitution of his proposed Committee. It includes the names of several well-known able, experienced, and energetic members of the Craft, whose collective and individual wisdom and discretion cannot be doubted. But there are those of many equally well-known able, and experienced Craftsmen which it does not contain. We are fully alive to the difficulty of organising the best possible Committee. Our most distinguished brethren have other and important duties which cannot be left unfulfilled, or be fulfilled only in a perfunctory manner. The likelihood of bringing together all we should like to see engaged in so important a task is most remote. We doubt not Bro. Stevens has done his best to secure the services of our ablest and most influential brethren, but his nomination decidedly needs strengthening. Far be it from us, in saying this, to suggest anything in the way of detraction from the undoubted merits of those nominated—merits we have just acknowledged unreservedly. Still, it cannot be doubted that if certain brethren, whose names we need not be at the pains of specifying, as they will naturally occur to our readers, were included, the confidence of the Masonic public would be increased. It is not necessary that all its members should be of one mind as to the propriety of the inquiry. If the minute is confirmed, the investigation must be as thorough and complete as possible, and to this end it is desirable that the assistance of all the brightest lights of

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Freemasonry should be invoked. However, the Committee, whether it be constituted in the manner Bro. Stevens proposes or in any other way, will have the sanction and approval of Grand Lodge for entering on its labours, while the report it may deliver will also need the same sanction and approval before effect can be given to its recommendations. We need hardly say we await the issue of next Wednesday's Communication with more than the usual interest.

BRO. CLABON'S RESOLUTIONS.

THE Communication of Wednesday bids fair to be one of the most important that has been held for some time. We have already made one of the questions which will then be submitted for the consideration of United Grand Lodge the subject of remark in a lengthy article, and there is no doubt the resolutions which Bro. Clabon intends bringing forward are worthy of the most attentive comment, more especially as the purpose they are intended to achieve is now for the first time being largely and generously discussed outside the walls of Grand Lodge. This is very far from being, however, the first occasion on which Bro. Clabon has moved his resolutions in our Masonic Senate. What is more to the point, as far back as the year 1868 a Special Committee, at that Brother's instance, was appointed to inquire into and report upon the scheme as proposed by him. In due time the report was delivered, and proved highly favourable. The principle was accepted, but the proposal in some of its details was modified. Nothing further happened, and though Bro. Clabon has since tried to induce Grand Lodge to carry out the same or a similar scheme, the Fund of Benevolence goes on annually increasing in amount far beyond what is necessary to meet the ever-increasing demands on it for relief of the ordinary character, so that there is now a large principal floating, so to speak, between the heaven of Charity and the earth of Poverty. As recently as December last Bro. Clabon made a further essay in the same direction, and now again, nothing daunted by his then want of success, and with a courage worthy of so good a cause, he is once more to the fore with his series of resolutions. It is well nigh impossible he could have chosen a better time for bringing the subject again under the notice of Grand Lodge. For some months past a somewhat similar, yet independent, proposal has been before the Masonic public. We need hardly say we are referring to the proposed "Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund," to which already has been accorded so large a measure of support by the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, Prince Leopold, a strong array of Provincial and Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, and other influential English Brethren, as well as by the Grand Master of Ireland, and the Grand and Past Grand Masters of Scotland. It may perhaps be urged by some that the very encouragement which is being given to this independent scheme is a reason for Grand Lodge declining to adopt Bro. Clabon's resolutions either as formulated by him or in any other form. With becoming deference, we submit that the fact of such a scheme being now in progress outside Grand Lodge is the reason of reasons why that body should in some way or other act upon the principle which some eleven or twelve years since its own specially appointed Committee of Inquiry reported upon so favourably. Grand Lodge is a contributor on a moderate scale to the funds of all our Institutions, of which one, the Royal Benevolent, may be described as being especially under its wing, and this quite apart from the fact that it also appropriates large sums of money in the relief of distressed brethren or the families of deceased brethren. Therefore, the proposed establishment of a Pupils' Assistance Fund should not only prove no impediment, but rather an encouragement to the passing of Bro. Clabon's resolutions. These are framed to supply a recognised want. There is an ample supply of funds, annually increasing in amount, at the disposal of Grand Lodge, and there is nothing whatever in the scheme which can be considered in the remotest degree foreign to the purposes for which the Fund of Benevolence, or Charity Fund, as it was first designated, was originally established. Under these circumstances, we do not hesitate to say they have our heartiest good wishes.

It is not necessary we should notice in detail the several proposed additions to the Book of Constitutions, Fund of Benevolence. They will be found elsewhere in our columns. They are the same as were proposed last December, and what is better still, they are the additions which the special Committee of 1868-9 recommended for acceptance by Grand Lodge. There is therefore nothing new in the principle or the details as now submitted. But while the former is unobjectionable, as are most of the latter, there are some which it is open to many to believe ars capable of being improved. Thus, if we find that the proposed clauses 17 and 18 are accepted, these only concern the appropriation of certain fractional parts of the annual surplus of the Fund of Benevolence, one part to the Boys' School, and the other to the Girls' School, for assisting pupils thereof, and the investment of such funds in the names of eight trustees—four perhaps would be a better number. But clauses 19 and 20 deal with the application of this Fund, and we are not surprised to hear that Bro. Jabez Hogg, who has already shown his interest publicly in all matters relating to our Institutions, intends moving an amendment with a view to modifying the clauses as they now stand. As to Clause 19, first. Bro. Clabon's proposal is that the General Committee of each School, on the recommendation of its House Committee, may apply the dividends for the benefit of pupils requiring assistance. Bro. Hogg's amendment is to the effect that the Funds shall be administered by a Committee or Sub-Committee of the Board of Benevolence, half of whom shall be annually nominated by the Grand Master, and half elected annually by Grand Lodge, as is the case with the said Board as at present constituted. After certain details as to the meeting of this Committee or Sub-Committee, Bro. Hogg proposes that all applications for assistance shall be submitted by the General or House Committee of the Schools to this Sub-Committee of the Fund of Benevolence. Clause 20, as proposed by Bro. Clabon, vests in the General Committee the power of granting any sum not exceeding £25, but for grants beyond that amount, the consent of the Quarterly General Court of the School must be obtained. Bro. Hogg, however, proposes that his Sub-Committee of the Fund of Benevolence shall be invested with the power of granting sums not exceeding £25. Any above that amount must be submitted to Grand Lodge only as recommendations. and will need its assent or confirmation.

Such, in all essentials, is the sum of the differences between Bro. Clabon's and Bro. Hogg's recommendations. Both plans have their good points, the chief of which, perhaps, as regards the former, is that it corresponds exactly with the scheme recommended by the Committee of Inquiry before referred to, while the merit of Bro. Hogg's lies in this, that he leaves to a section of the Board of Benevolence the duty of appropriating the dividends on the funds annually granted out of the Fund of Benevolence, while he leaves it to the School General or House Committees to submit the necessary recommendations. This, we think, is the better plan of the two, partly because the School Committees have already enough to do in administering the funds at their disposal, and regulating the conduct of their respective Schools, but principally because it leaves it to the Board of Benevolence to appropriate or recommend for appropriation the interest on moneys granted out of its own Fund. But whatever the details, we trust Grand Lodge will accept and carry out the scheme of Bro. Clabon. It will not clash with the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, for the two may work hand-in-hand together. It will not check the flow of individual benevolence, the Institutions already in existence prove that. Nor will it lay Freemasonry open to the charge of overdoing its duty in the way of relief. Every year children are receiving this kind of relief, but out of the Funds of the two Schools, and we cannot suppose that the B. of B. or G.L. will be less careful in the application of the proposed Fund than the School Committees are of the moneys they administer. Let us remember what Lord Rosslyn said when presiding at the Boys' Festival last year. "It is not impossible that at the end of their schooling career some of these boys"—and the same remark applies with equal force to the Girls' School—"may leave the School homeless and in need. It may be that the good seed sown may bear fruit during their scholastic career; but it may also be that the fruit will perish for want of cultivation at a later period."

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ALLEGED DISCOVERY OF MASONIC EMBLEMS.

IT would be impossible to come to any definite opinion on the subject of the Masonic emblems, which Commander Gorringe of the United States Navy is announced to have discovered in the foundation of the Obelisk which Egypt has presented to America, at least, without further opportunity of judging of their real value. Some there are who delight in connecting all mysterious symbols with Freemasonry, while others, with equal fervour, denounce all such Associations. We are not inclined to father on Freemasonry whatever is discovered of incomprehensible, simply because it is incomprehensible, nor have we any desire to resent such connection because it is well nigh impossible to explain positively the justification. We are content with knowing and saying that the exact age of what is now known as Freemasonry is a question which is difficult, if not impossible, of solution. We are believers in its antiquity for well nigh the same reasons as those given by Bro. R. Vaux Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania. We believe in a direct connection between the early mysteries of Egypt, Greece, and other countries of ancient times and the Science of Masonry as now taught in our Lodges. We do not think it desirable to connect the philosophers of old with our Order in the capacity of Grand Masters, but undoubtedly much of the philosophy they taught their disciples had the true Masonic ring about it. This philosophy was gradually spread among the nations, and has been handed down from age to age in a form which has been fairly well understood and appreciated by the repositories of this occult science, who have jealously guarded its secrets from the profane, at the same time they have expounded them lucidly to the initiated. The architects may be regarded as the connecting link between the modern Freemasons and the ancient philosophers. They stand to the arts and sciences in exactly the same relation as do the monks to literature. When in all around was visible the darkness of ignorance, they held the secrets of knowledge. These secrets they imparted to those only who were worthy to be entrusted with them, and then only gradually as the latter showed themselves more and more zealous and proficient. Their mode of teaching was the symbolic—that is, they gave to certain things in common use certain occult meanings, and these things in common use were mostly the implements which were necessary in order to properly fulfil their duties. Oftentimes this mysterious teaching was made still more so by the introduction or association of real historic personages, but in a confused way, and without any regard for the time when, the place where, or the manner in which. Supposing, therefore, it possible for us to make public through the medium of these columns what is heard in our Lodges, it is more than probable it would excite amusement among the uninitiated, just as would anything else that was incomprehensible by them. But no well informed Mason, according to the degree of enlightenment that had been vouchsafed to him, would experience any great difficulty in extracting the kernel of truth from the shell of apparently incongruous verbiage in which it was incased. At the same time, as we have said already, there are many who fancy they see a mystery in whatever is strange or unfamiliar, and one must be on one's guard against too readily accepting the alleged discovery of every new mystery. It is enough for our purpose to state that as there was a river, in Macedon and a river in Monmouth, so was there a mystic cult in ancient Egypt as there is a mystic cult in England and other countries of the present day. We believe in a connection between these two, and on stronger grounds than Fluellyn did in the case of Macedon and Monmouth. When, therefore, we hear of Masonic emblems having recently been discovered in Egypt, we naturally take an interest in them, but we reserve our opinion till we are in a better position to judge of their value. Meanwhile, the following are the emblems which Commander Gorringe has discovered, namely:—

Firstly.—A Mason's square of red syenite granite, the long section being eight feet six inches long, 17 inches broad, 25 inches thick, and the short section measuring from the outer angle four feet three inches by 20. The Mason's square is near the north-easterly corner of the foundation, parallel with the easterly side of the foundations.

Secondly.—A pure white stone, representing an apron, and situated under the end of the short section.

Thirdly.—Under the apron a perfect altar of red granite.

Fourthly.—Towards the corner of the foundations opposite the angle of the Mason's square, that is, towards the south-easterly corner of the foundations, is a red granite rough altar.

Fifthly.—Between these two altars a Mason's spoon-shaped iron trowel of ordinary size, totally oxidised; in all, five emblems, each in its proper position. They rest on a foundation of yellowish-drab limestone. Surrounding the foundation on all sides and forming part of it are three steps, all of stone.

Our transatlantic brethren will soon have an opportunity of seeing and judging for themselves of the value of the discovery. Dr. Fanton has already expressed his belief that they are Masonic emblems, and Bro. Vaux Past G.M. of Pennsylvania considers this view is a just one, though he does not hold with it entirely. So, at least, we gather from the following excerpt from a conversation that brother recently had, according to intelligence from the United States, with the correspondent of the *New York Herald*. This opinion and the exposition accompanying it, coming as they do from so prominent a member of the Craft, are worth reproducing.

Until we know exactly what they represent it is in vain to indicate our notion of what they are. Fanton and Gorringe have given their opinion that they are Masonic. I rather incline to agree with Dr. Fanton that his opinion is the correct one, although I think he has confounded what are known as the symbolic with what are known as the higher degrees. Now, in my view, Freemasonry, as we understand it to-day, is the representation of what was in ancient times occult. It is impossible to tell the profane in what this similarity consists, but the intelligent world knows that the Masonry of this age is a symbolic teaching, and that its signs are but the representation of certain indestructible, eternal truths. The subjective truth, from the creation of the world, has been taught by signs. The creation of Adam was but the presentation of the eternal subjective truth of the Trinity, for Adam was composed of three separate and distinct constitutions—the mental, the moral, and the physical. So all subjective truths have been thus taught from then until now. If you go to Egypt, and take the cult of Osiris and Isis, you will find in their teachings the same subjective truth. You find that this symbolization was taught to the initiates. They were taught in secret for reasons which can be comprehended. There is large authority for this teaching by symbols of subjective truth; Lord Bacon, Pococke, and Max Muller I will only cite just now. This Egyptian cult was taught in Egypt over 2,000 years before Christ. We know that it was brought to Greece 1,970 years before Christ. We know that 1,500 years before Christ the mysteries of Osiris, or the Egyptian Isis, were established at Eleusis in honour of Ceres. So that the Eleusinian mysteries were taught in Greece, derived from Egypt, 1,500 years before Christ. And we know the subjective truth of both these cults was life, death, and immortality. We know further that the Dionysian mysteries in honour of Bacchus, and the arts and sciences were carried on a thousand years before Christ. We know that Moses died 1,451 years before Christ, 100 years after the Eleusinian mysteries were known in Greece. We know that the Dionysian architects and the Essenian fraternity, to which Pythagoras belonged, existed 560 years before Christ. We know that Solomon dedicated the Temple 340 years after the Eleusinian mysteries were known. Now these facts history tells us. Those who read earnestly and anxiously will not be in the least astonished at the hypothesis that what was the secret mysteries taught in these schools to initiates, and which these Dionysian architects evidently were acquainted with, brings this idea of Masonry as a cult down to the range of known history.

We shall revert to the subject when we are further posted in the matter.

REVIEW.

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The Atholl Lodges: their Authentic History. Being a Memorial of the Grand Lodge of England "according to the old Institutions." Compiled from official sources. By Robert Freke Gould, author of "the Four Old Lodges." London: Spencer's Masonic Depôt, opposite Freemasons' Hall. 1879.

We remember once to have heard of a brother who, on being asked if the Lodge he belonged to was an "ancient" or a "modern" one, indignantly replied that it *must* be an "ancient" one, as its warrant was dated 173—. The worthy Mason was in blissful ignorance of there having been a great Secession subsequent to the date of his Lodge Warrant, and that the seceders styled themselves, or caused themselves to be styled, "Ancients," in contradistinction from the body which they seceded from, whom they scoffingly regarded as "Moderns," from, as they said, having destroyed certain landmarks and made innovations upon free and ancient Masonry. So in taking up this work of Bro. Gould's, there are doubtless brethren who, if they should be asked what are or were the "Atholl" Lodges, may suggest that they are or were Lodges named after a certain nobleman who bore the title of Atholl, though it is equally on the cards they might imagine they are or were Lodges held in a certain district in Scotland, while some may confound their members with the celebrated "Atholl Brose," the final *e* being a Masonic eccentricity in the way of spelling. To speak with becoming seriousness, however, we, who are so justly proud of our good old Craft, are very careless about her history. We are improving, it is true, but former generations of Masons were bad hands at keeping Lodge records in order. Some

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fought shy of compiling any records at all, under the impression that anything in the way of archives from which a history of Freemasonry might some day be compiled, was inconsistent with the secrecy on which the Order prided itself. They did not seem to distinguish between the secrecy which in its proper place is admirable, and the secrecy which being out of place and entirely unnecessary could not be otherwise than hurtful. Thus there is no subject more interesting to the seeker after Masonic truth than the history of this great Secession which for close on three quarters of a century kept the Masonry of England arrayed in hostile camps, and summarily stopped all friendly intercourse between those who should have looked on each other as brethren. Yet neither body appears to have thought it worth while to found materials on which such a history could be based. By "materials," of course we mean such as without detriment could be made public. Preston, and those who have followed in his footsteps, have managed, in spite of this want of matter, to compile works mostly interesting, but invariably containing much that cannot be accepted as trustworthy, and which certainly would never have been made to pass current as belonging to Masonic history, had those who preceded them been more considerate of the historic interests of the Fraternity. Now, as we have said, we are becoming more enlightened; at the same time we are as tenacious as ever in keeping veiled from the inspection of the uninitiated what is just and proper; and thanks to the labours of such brethren as Hughan, Woodford, Bell, Kelly, Lyon, and the author of this work, we are gradually becoming alive to the fact that Masonry has a history of which its members may be proud, and the publication of which will do much towards raising it in the estimation of the world. The more that is known of our Craft, the more highly and the more generally will it be appreciated. Hence the welcome we accord so readily and so heartily to this second instalment of Bro. Gould's labours, which, albeit of necessity dry reading in parts, is nevertheless valuable from the simple circumstance that it is derived from authentic sources. Indeed, whenever Bro. Hughan or some equally competent brother shall venture on the task of writing of this Secession, he will find ready to hand this work of Bro. Gould's, and we make bold to say he will bless the thought which prompted Bro. Gould to undertake so laborious a task.

The Preface explains briefly who were the Atholl Masons, and how they came to be so designated. As those who take an interest in these matters are aware, they were the seceders from the Grand Lodge of England as constituted in 1717. They were the so-called "Ancients," and subsequently received the name of Atholl from the Duke of that title, who presided over them in the capacity of Grand Master. They were undoubtedly a numerous and important body. They boasted a considerable number of Lodges distributed throughout England and her colonies and dependencies, and even in foreign parts. And when, in 1813, the great schism which for so long a period had divided English Freemasons was healed, the "Ancients" met their brethren of the still more ancient body on equal terms, and the hundred and odd Lodges yet remaining on the roll of the United Grand Lodge are worthily placed, and still remain as so many admirable monuments to the energy of Atholl Masonry. But they do not seem to have been imbued with any considerable desire to hand down to future generations of Masons anything like an account of their doings, being in this respect most admirable imitators of the "Moderns," whom they affected to despise so much. Nor do they seem to have concerned themselves much about the publication of Lodge rolls. Though the schism dates from 1738 or thereabouts—there is no fixing with certainty its exact date—it was not till 1807 that a list of Lodges was published at the end of Ahiman Rezon, its official profession of faith, so far as such profession could be made known to the world. Nor from the fact of the Grand Lodge Lists, as kept by successive Grand Secretaries, containing always the same numbers, is it so easy—or perhaps we should say, is it by any means less difficult—to trace out the course of individual Lodges as with the Moderns. The latter periodically closed up its numbers, so that what may have been Lodge No. 100 in 1740 or 1770, became in 1756 or 1781 (say) Lodge No. 30. The "ancient" practice appears to have been that whenever a Lodge (say) No. 20 on the list, fell into abeyance, an inferior number (say) Lodge No. 53, was allowed to have the Warrant of the former and older Lodge on making a certain payment to the Charity Fund. Thus, while those of the Modern Lodges yet existing show an uninterrupted career from the original grant of the Warrant till now—always, of course, excepting any period or periods of years during which they may have lain dormant—an ancient Lodge, though high up on the list, need not be so old as its position would seem to warrant. This will be better understood by a reference to the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar*, where Lodges founded in 1751, as in the case of Nos. 7, 9, and 11, are below No. 1 dated 1759, No. 3 dated 1784, and No. 5 dated 1752. It will be seen still more clearly on reference to (say) present No. 3 Lodge, which was No. 2 at the Union, in the notes to which we read the following:—"18th February, 1778: Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Lodge, that No. 2, and some other numbers, may be disposed of, much to the advantage of the Fund of Charity.—*G. L. Min.*, 21st February 5784 (1784). From 32, received six guineas for the Warrant by order of the Grand Lodge. R. L.—G. S. *Note in G. L. Reg.*" This excerpt will enable readers to judge of the extent of Bro. Gould's labours, and the time and patience he must have brought to bear on their fulfilment. But all he has chosen to insert is not as dry as the above passage. Thus under present No. 30—Ancient No. 23, we read that its Warrant was "cancelled 16th September 1778, sundry members having pawned the Lodge jewels (restored 1st December 1779, and again cancelled a fortnight later)." Again, in the Note under present No. 73, we read of a Master of a Lodge having been reprimanded for initiating a "cripple," and also the following dated 15th August 1804, from the minutes of the Stewards' Lodge. "That T. Sculthorpe being a person not perfect in body, but deformed, and much below the common stature of Man, was a very improper person to become, and is now unfit to continue, a member of this most ancient and honourable Fraternity, and consequently not entitled to the advantages or privileges of Masonry in any degree whatever." And it is added that this was "confirmed by G. L. 5th Sept. 1804."

At p 44 appears this note in connection with present No. 177, "The Domatic," formerly ancient No. 234:—

16 April, 1806: Grand Warden Plummer reported that Bros. Tuffield and Allen of 264, and Ward of 234, had lately taken upon themselves to address H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, and requested H.R.H. to adopt and take upon himself the Office of Grand Master, and which address H.R.H. had been pleased to return an answer, under the impression that the said address had been written by the order, or under the Sanction of the Grand Lodge. Ordered, that the said brothers be summoned to attend the next Stewards' Lodge to answer their most unwarrantable conduct in the premises, and that the Master and Wardens of 234 and 264 be also summoned to attend. 21 May, 1806: Ordered, that Bros. Tuffield, Allen and Ward be severely reprimanded from the chair, and that such like conduct will in no case be permitted to pass in future.

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THE MASONIC RITUAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Jacob Norton is so fully and thoroughly capable of defending his own position and of fighting his own battles, that it would be the height of presumption for any one to take up the cudgels for him.

To Bro. Norton's care therefore will I leave any reply he may choose to make to the letter of "P.G.C. OXON" in your last issue. But there are one or two points in that communication touching upon a subject specially interesting to brethren who conscientiously decline to subscribe to the Thirty-nine Articles of the Church Militant.

I frankly confess to a feeling of a considerable amount of diffidence in venturing to oppose my humble opinions to such an authority as the P.G.C. Oxon. Nevertheless I will ask leave to make some observations upon the remarks of the reverend brother in reference to freedom of the ritual from sectarianism.

If I read Bro. Norton's communication aright, I failed to deduce from it even the remotest intention to revolutionise the Craft into a Society "which owns neither God nor Heaven," but hailed his suggestions as of the utmost practical value.

Bro. Stevens's attempt to revise the existing Ritual would be a splendid opportunity to purify from the remaining vestiges of dogmatic sectarianism what ought to bear upon every part of it the stamp of universality. Except in one instance the Craft degrees are acceptable to Jews, Deists, and Christians alike.

The point alluded to occurs in the third degree, when the candidate is exhorted to "lift his eyes to that bright morning star whose rising brings peace and salvation," &c. The allusion, intelligible enough is, however, so vague that it is scarcely worth while to take exception to it. But if the rev. brother be a Royal Arch Mason, he most assuredly cannot conscientiously assert that this ceremony is free from sectarianism, for here we have unmistakable evidence that originally Freemasonry was thoroughly imbued with the popular dogmas of sectarian Christianity, the remnants of which are not only clearly discernible, but even very distinctly defined, as for instance the reference to the triune essence of God, &c., and several others of equal importance, very thinly and even clumsily veiled. Who will dispute that that is sectarianism? and who will deny that as a matter of consistency with Masonic principle it is high time that such anomalies should be expunged?

As the matter stands at present, Jewish brethren and others labour under the necessity of so altering the sense as to suit their convictions, but that is at the same time felt to be an act of disloyalty, though enforced, and why need any one be subjected to this, in a manner, dishonourable ordeal.

With P.G.C. I wish to steer clear of the question of Uniformity of Working, and will only venture to advise Bro. Stevens to give the suggestions of Bro. Norton his best consideration, for though he might happen to fail in his pet scheme of Uniformity, he may succeed in being the means of ridding the Ritual of many strange but accountable anomalies, and thus earn the gratitude of every impartial and anti-sectarian member of the Craft.

Yours, &c.

E. GOTTHEIL.

The Queen has appointed Bro. the Ven. Arthur Perceval Purey-Cust, M.A., Archdeacon of Buckingham, Hon. Canon of Christ Church, and Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, to the vacant Deanery at York.

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THE HISTORY OF CRAFT MASONRY IN READING.

An Address, delivered by Bro. Chas. Oades W.M. to the Union Lodge 414, on Tuesday, 16th December 1879.

(Continued from page 119.)

In 1843, Bro. John Jackson Blandy was installed W.M., the Lodge also went into mourning for twelve months on account of the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex G.M.

In 1845, the Lodge also went into mourning for six months, on account of the death of Bro. Ramsbottom R.W. Prov. G.M. of Berkshire. In December of this year Bro. J. Leaver was initiated, and in the following April was appointed Secretary, an office he held uninterruptedly until last Christmas.

In June 1847, the late Bro. Botley was initiated, and on the same evening Bro. the Rev. Arthur Roberts, the present Vicar of Barkham, and for many years the Chaplain of the Lodge, was initiated. About this period in our history of the Lodge the minute book invariably ends as follows, "and the brethren retired to the George Inn, where they partook of a banquet, and afterwards separated at an early hour."

In February 1848, there was a very large gathering of the Craft, the occasion being the Installation of the Marquis of Downshire as W.M. of the Lodge of Union, and afterwards, at a P.G. Lodge, as R.W.P.G. Master of Berks and Bucks. The same P.G.M. was re-elected the following year, but all the work appears to have been done by Bro. Gibson, who acted as D.P.G.M.

In April 1850, appears the name of Bro. F. A. Bulley as initiated, and in November Bro. Sir C. S. Paul Hunter as joining.

Bro. H. E. Jordan presided over the Lodge this year, and distinguished himself as a very energetic Mason.

In March 1851, Bro. Robt. Gibson P.M. offered 40,000 bricks as a contribution towards building a Masonic Hall; a committee was at once appointed to make inquiries as to a suitable site, and to ascertain what support the scheme was likely to meet with. In the following month the Marquis of Downshire held a P.G. Lodge in the Town Hall. In June Bro. W. H. Ferguson, the father of my energetic J.D., first saw the light of a Mason.

In March 1853, the Lodge passed a resolution to have only three banquets yearly (previously they had a banquet after every Lodge).

In 1854, Bro. the Rev. Arthur Roberts (now Vicar of Barkham), was installed the W.M., and at his first Lodge initiated that ornament of Masonry, Bro. W. W. Moxhay, our present installing Master; this is now a quarter of a century ago, but his frequent presence amongst us testifies that his interest in the Craft and the welfare of the Lodge is still undiminished. In 1855, the late Bro. Botley was W.M.; he had a heavy year's work during his Mastership; at his last Lodge three initiations, one passing, and two raisings! Bro. Moxhay was elected W.M. in 1857.

In 1859, the Lodge again migrated to the room in St. Laurence's Churchyard. The 23rd of March in this year was a red letter day for the Masons of Reading, for the offer of Bro. Robt. Gibson (previously alluded to) bore fruit; and the foundation stone of this beautiful Lodge room was laid by the Marquis of Downshire; the brethren attended St. Laurence's Church, the services being conducted by Bro. Sir J. W. Hayes, who read the prayers, and Bro. A. Roberts, who preached the sermon, which was appropriate to the occasion. The first Lodge was held in the new building on the 20th November 1860. Bro. J. B. Clacy was the Architect, and was installed as the first Master in the new building.

In February 1861, Bros. W. P. Ivey and R. C. Hurley, both prominent among the Masons of Reading, were received into the Craft, and at the following Lodge, Bro. Chas. Smith, one of our P.M.'s, who still visits the room where he first saw the Masonic light, was initiated.

In 1862, the Lodge appears to have been worked very badly, and one of the P.M.'s proposed a resolution equivalent to a vote of censure at the November Lodge; it was not carried, but the brethren appear to have marked their sense of the W.M.'s shortcomings by not voting him the usual jewel. In April 1863, the following resolution was carried:—"That no brother shall be installed into the chair unless he can open and close the Lodge in the three degrees, and be able to perform the ceremonies of initiation and passing; and that the W.M., and two P.M.'s appointed by him, shall examine the brother proposed to be elected as W.M. as to his efficiency, and decide thereon."

In June 1863, Bro. Stransom, the present Treasurer of 1101, was initiated, and in August Bro. Hounslow P.M. also came into the Craft. In this year the number of the Lodge was altered from 597 to 414.

In January 186', Bro. Robt. Bradley, our Prov. G. Sec., was received into the Craft. The same evening Bro. Moxhay appears to have installed the W.M. for the first time. In this year the brethren, by great exertion, succeeded in getting the daughter of the late Bro. Jordan elected into the Girls' School. In May, Bro. Weightman was initiated. In March 1865, Bro. Botley presented a new Bible to the Lodge, the old one being presented to Bro. Body. In 1866, Bro. A. Sellar was W.M. In March of this year the I.P.M. Bro. Hole died, and thirty-six of the brethren attended the funeral, and in the same month the officers of 414 signed a petition for the constitution of a new Lodge in Reading, which was speedily carried into effect; and the Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, was constituted by the Grand Registrar of England (who was then acting P.G.M. of Berks and Bucks), on the 17th May, and Bro. W. P. Ivey, the S.W. of 414, was installed as the first Master. From that time to the present, under a succession of energetic W.M.'s, the Lodge has had a continuous career of prosperity.

In November of this year, Bro. Sir Peter Spokes was initiated, and at the following Lodge Bro. Weightman presented the perfect ashlar with appurtenances, for which a vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

Bro. Chas. Smith was the W.M. for 1867, and on the first meeting a petition for the formation of a R. A. Chapter in connection with 414 was agreed to, and the Chapter was duly formed. In March, Bro. Joseph Morris was initiated, and Bro. Weightman received the thanks of the Lodge for the broken column presented by him.

Bro. John Old was W.M. for 1868. In December of that year an official notice was received that Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart. M.P., was appointed Prov. G.M. for Berks and Bucks, which office he still holds, to the great advantage of the province.

In 1869, Bro. J. T. Blowers was W.M., and in 1870 Bro. Hounslow. This was an important year for the Masons, as the new Prov. G.M. published a fresh set of By-laws for the guidance of the Province, to which was added a History of the Province, by Bro. W. Biggs P.M. Prov. G. Sec. In 1871, Bro. Robert Bradley, our present active Prov. G. Sec., filled the chair, and in 1872 Bro. J. A. Strachan was installed. In November of this year Bro. W. Biggs was made an hon. member, in recognition of his many services, both in this province and that of Wilts.

Bro. J. Weightman was W.M. in 1873; in April of this year an effort was commenced to reduce the mortgage debt on the Lodge premises, by setting apart for that purpose the rents received from the Grey Friars Lodge and Union Chapter. In November Bro. Weightman, in addition to his many other gifts, presented a set of silver third degree working tools, for which a vote of thanks was carried by acclamation. Bro. Joseph Morris was W.M. in 1874, and initiated Bros. F. J. Ferguson, M. J. Withers, D. H. Witherington and S. Wheeler, all of whom are now Officers, and I hope will in due time occupy this chair. In 1875, Bro. Strickland was W.M., and in February initiated Bro. C. Stephens, the present J.W. of the Lodge and G. Treasurer of the Province. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was installed M.W.G.M. of England in the Albert Hall, London, a large number of P.M.'s and brethren from this Province attending. In June the brethren invited Bro. the Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust to a banquet on his leaving Reading, about sixty attended.

Bro. A. M. Yetts was installed in 1876, and during his year of office a very handsome jewel, subscribed for by the two Lodges, was presented to Bro. Moxhay, in appreciation of his services as Installing Master. Sir D. Gooch, Bart. M.P. the Prov. G. M. attending to make the presentation. In April Bro. the Rev. N. T. Garry our present Chaplain was initiated. On the completion of his year of office, Bro. Yetts presented the Lodge with a complete set of working tools, for which a vote of thanks was recorded.

Bro. S. A. Pocock was W.M. in 1877, and in this year Bro. Weightman represented the Lodge as Steward at the R.M.I.B., the Lodge voting ten guineas to his list. As the number of Trustees was considerably reduced by death, new Trustees of the building were appointed, consisting of Bros. Moxhay, R. Bradley, Weightman, Morris and Chas. Stephens; opportunity was taken to reduce the mortgage debt by the payment of £100, leaving £400 still owing.

In 1878, Bro. E. Baker was installed W.M., in which year Bro. R. Bradley P.M. Prov. G. Sec. went up as Steward to the Festival of the R.M.I.G. the Lodge voting ten guineas to his list.

In November the W.M. announced that Bro. Leaver, who had been Secretary of the Lodge for more than thirty years, was compelled by failing health to resign his office. Having to examine every page of the minute book for more than 33 years to extract the details which I have had the pleasure of submitting to the Lodge, no one better than myself can testify as to the most excellent way in which the minutes have been kept, and I trust the brethren will all put their shoulders to the wheel, and help to secure for Bro. Leaver the pension for which he is a candidate, and which he so richly deserves.

I have now traced (as far as the records will allow) the career of Craft Masonry from its commencement in Reading down to the present year, which has been principally distinguished by the recent visit of the M.W. the Pro G.M. to set the memorial stone of the new Town Hall and other buildings, which, when completed, will prove of incalculable advantage to this Town, and when in two or three years a splendid pile of buildings occupy the ground where we stood on that day, every Mason who was present will feel proud that he took a part, however humble, in its inauguration.

The J.W. Bro. C. Stephens proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M. for his very entertaining and instructive address, which was seconded and carried with enthusiastic acclamation.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday 11th February. Present—Bros. Danks W.M., Flanagan I.P.M., Ferguson S.W., Blackwell J.W., Stransom Treas., Ivey P.M. Sec., Dowsett S.D., Prickett Steward acting J.D., Hawkes D.C., Newman I.G., Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Welch and Margrett; Bros. Vowles, Hukins, Rhind, Beeton, Bailey, C. Weatherhead, Wort, Fitcombe. Visitors—Bros. J. Williams, J. W. Creaton Lodge 1791, S. Bradley W.M. 414, Withers Sec. 414, Wheeler J.D. 414, Trill Ellington 1666, Moody P.M. The Great City 1426. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. Bros. Collins, Wort, and Titcombe gave proof of their efficiency, were entrusted, and, with Bro. Weatherhead, were passed to the degree of F.C., the W.M. giving the charge. The Treasurer's accounts as audited by the Permanent Committee were passed; there was a balance of over £30 in hand. Bro. Bailey gave notice of motion "that the sum of Ten Guineas from the Funds of the Lodge be voted to the R.M.I.G., the same to be added to the list of the W.M., who will represent the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival." The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned to the second Wednesday in the ensuing month.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, on the fourth Tuesday in March.

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DALHOUSIE LODGE BALL.

THE First Annual Ball in connection with the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, took place at the Holborn Town Hall, on Thursday, 19th instant, and proved one of the greatest successes of the season. Dancing was kept up withspirit, and was thoroughly enjoyed by most of those present. Bro. Weige, W.M. of the Lodge, presided at the supper, which was well supplied by Bro. Giscard (of Holborn Hill). Knowing the pleasures in store for the guests in the ball room, the president expressed his intention of being very brief in his remarks. The toast of the Queen having been honoured, he proposed one which he considered of almost as great importance. He only wished that its proposition had been placed in the hands of some brother better able to do it justice. When the heart was full, the words came but slowly, and for this reason the company must excuse him if he appeared to be lax in paying a tribute to the ladies. He felt delighted that the present meeting had given him an opportunity of welcoming the ladies to a participation in the pleasures of his Lodge. With the toast was coupled the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan jun., who acknowledged the compliment on behalf of the fair sex. Success to the Dalhousie Ball was now given from the chair, and was heartily acknowledged by the company assembled, as was the next—that of the health of the promoters of the Ball. Bros. Dobson, Dickins and Wallington having replied, the latter Brother heartily proposed the health of the President, which having been drunk in bumpers, was acknowledged by Bro. Weige. Dancing was resumed and kept up till a late hour in the morning.

SOC. ROSICR: *in Anglia.*

York College.—The first meeting of this College was held at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York, on Tuesday, 24th inst., under the presidency of the Ch. Adept, R.W. Fratre T. B. Whytehead VIII.° A successful ballot was taken for a number of aspirants, of whom the following were admitted to the M.C.:—Bros. Edward Linck, Bradford, Pentalpha 974; J. Maffey, Bradford, P.M. Sincerity 1019; T. E. Clark, Pontefract, P.M., St. Oswald's 910; Rev. James Blake, York, Harmonic 216; and Wm. H. Porritt, Bridlington, P.M. Fidelity 289. The Chief Adept made the following appointments to offices in the College:—Fratres J. S. Cumberland VII. Celebrant, Rev. W. C. Lukis VI. Suffragan, Rev. Jas. Blake V. Prov. Sec. Gen., Thomas J. Wilkinson V. Primus, Walter Rowley IV. Secundus, E. P. Peterson IV. Tertius, T. M. Richey III. Quartus, C. L. Mason IV. Conductor of N., Wm. Watson IV. G. of the T., Thomas W. Holmes III. Torch Bearer, W. P. Husband II. Medallist. Bro. J. Redfare was admitted as a serving Fratre, and appointed Acolyte. The Chief Adept then delivered the inaugural address, in which he gave an account of the early Rosicrucian Orders, and also of the modern system, its objects and aims, concluding with an appeal to the Fratres to render the York College worthy to bear the name of the ancient seat of Masonic legend and learning where they were then gathered, and that, as the College already numbered on its roll some of the best known and most intelligent Masons from all parts of the county, he hoped they would make it by their activity an example to all associations of the name. Letters were read from the following members of the College who were unable to be present:—Fratres Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett V., J. W. Woodall, Wm. Lawton, Captain Murphy, Lieut. T. M. Richey, R.A., &c. Several names of aspirants were proposed and seconded, and the College was closed. The Fratres afterwards sat down to tea at the Queen's Hotel, and a most agreeable and intelligent evening was enjoyed. Fratres W. R. Woodman IX. S.M. in Anglia, W. J. Hughan IX., Colonel W. J. B. McLeod Moore IX., and Charles E. Meyer IX., were elected honorary members of the College.

JAMAICA.

Friendly Lodge, Kingston.—At the ordinary meeting held on 13th January, presided over by Bro. Moses Delgado W.M., and other Officers, the following Officers were duly installed:—Bros. J. Ashenheim W.M., G. De Mercado S.W., J. Lyons J.W., T. Tripe S.D., C. Girage J.D., J. C. Henriques Secretary and Treasurer, W. Munis I.G., G. Magnus Tyler, M. Delgado I.P.M. The following Past Masters were present:—Bros. J. W. Whitburn P.D.D.G.M., S. E. Pietry Sussex, Dr. Ogilvie St. John's, B. M. Dias Glenlyon, O. Delgado Phœnix, G. J. De Cordova Friendly, O. Delgado jun. Phœnix, J. J. G. and G. C. Lewis Friendly, Dr. Allen Jamaica, Nicholson Sussex, Paine St. John's, Stines Friendly, J. Thirlwall Royal, J. Maynier Collegium Fabrorum, and several brethren of sister Lodges. After the ceremony the brethren were invited to a choice banquet. This is the second time the R.W. J. Ashenheim has occupied the chair of this Lodge. The R.W. District Grand Master of East Jamaica was unable to attend.

Glenlyon Lodge.—At the ordinary meeting of the Glenlyon Lodge S.C., held on 14th January 1880, presided over by Bro. B. M. Dias as W.M. (in the absence of Bros. A. E. Burke, who has gone on a trip to Hayti), the following Officers were installed:—Bros. J. K. Spicer W.M., E. Melville S.W., W. D. Lovedmere J.W., B. M. Dias Treasurer, H. D. Mercado Secretary, A. Lyons S.D., C. M. Tomay J.D., R. C. Beecher I.G., J. Hayes Tyler. The R.W. Bro. the Hon. S. C. Burke Prov. G.M. of Scotland in Jamaica and Grey Town was present; also the following P.M.'s—Bros. Dr. Ogilvie St. John's, W. Mudin Sussex, W. Nicholson Sussex, G. J. De Cordova Friendly, J. Ashenheim Friendly, B. Stines Friendly, O. Delgado Phœnix, D. Barned Phœnix, L. C. Hellar Phœnix, G. P. Myers Phœnix, W. G. McFarlane Hamilton, J. Knox Glenlyon, G. Sergeant Royal, Mosquito from Falmouth, and several brethren of sister Lodges. After the installation ceremony the brethren sat down to a banquet, where they enjoyed themselves until the "wee small hours of the morn."

Sussex Lodge, Kingston,—The ordinary meeting was held on 21st January, at the Lodge Hall, presided over by Bro. Mudon and other Officers. The W.M. vacated the chair, and Bro. Dr. Tompsett presided and installed Bro. J. Harris Master; he then invested the following Officers:—Bros. W. A. Paine S.W., A. H. Jones J.W., E. N. Cox Treasurer, H. Priest Secretary, Dr. D. P. Ross S.D., J. C. Ford J.D., G. G. Waldron I.G., G. Magnus Tyler. The following P.M.'s were present:—Bros. Mudon, Pietry, Tompsett, Lee, Tait, Nicholson, of the Sussex Lodge; Harrison and Ashenheim, of the Friendly; Delgado Phœnix, Dadson Jamaica, Paine and Dr. Ogilvie St. John's, Dias and Spencer Glenlyon, Jamieson and McFarlane Hamilton; also a goodly number of brethren of sister Lodges. The District Grand Master was unable to attend.

District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica will hold its annual meeting in the month of February.

We are glad to announce that we have received into the folds of Masonry the Rev. W. E. Pierce, a clergyman of the Church of England in Jamaica, who was initiated into the mysteries at the Jamaica Lodge on 13th January, by Bro. Dr. Allen. This reverend gentleman has done so much good as a clergyman that we hope the day is not far distant when we may hear that he has taken some prominent part in our noble and ancient institution.

We are pleased beyond measure to find that the Board of General Purposes consider it "as much a duty as a pleasure" to recommend that a gratuity of 150 guineas be paid to Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, for his services during the illness and absence of the Past Grand Secretary, Bro. Hervey, and from the time of the latter's resignation till the appointment of his successor. All who enjoy the privilege of knowing Bro. Buss are aware of the zeal and assiduity he displays in the performance of his official duties, as well as the uniform kindness and consideration he exhibits towards all who are brought in contact with him. This recommendation, therefore, from the Board comes most gracefully from them, who have had especial opportunities of judging of his worth. We do not doubt that Grand Lodge will adopt the Board's recommendation unanimously and with acclamation. Nor do we for our part regret in the slightest degree that so favourable an occasion has presented itself for offering our humble testimony as to the value of Bro. Buss's Masonic services as Assistant and Acting Grand Secretary, and in other capacities.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

1853.—Caxton Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
1854.—Weald of Kent Lodge, Tenterden, Kent.
1855.—St. Maurice Lodge, Plympton, Devon.

We would remind our readers that the fifth anniversary banquet of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, will take place on Tuesday next, at Bro. Kent's Moorgate Station Restaurant. A large attendance is expected, and we feel sure a good reception awaits any brethren who may decide on attending. Supper is announced for 7.30. Tickets three shillings and sixpence each.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 3rd March 1880.

1. The regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the time of Public Business will be read.

2. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd December 1879, and of the Especial Grand Lodge of the 17th January 1880, will be read and put for confirmation.

3. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.

4. Election of a Grand Treasurer.

5. The M.W. Grand Master will move:—

"That this Grand Lodge do contribute the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes, towards the Duchess of Marlborough's Fund, for the relief of distress in Ireland, and that the same be at once paid to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, P.G. Steward, W.M. Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, for the purposes of the said Fund."

6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz:

The Petition of a brother of the One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin, which was referred back by Grand Lodge on the 3rd 1879, was re-considered, and that brother was again recommended for a Grant of	£100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131, Truro ...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, London ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, London ...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, No. 839, Gloucester	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge	75	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Felicity, No. 58, London ...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Phœnix Lodge, No. 257, Portsmouth ...	75	0	0
A Brother of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, Sydney, N.S.W.	50	0	0
A Brother of the Union Lodge, No. 310, Carlisle ...	50	0	0
The widow of a Brother of the Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, Cockermouth	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge, No. 265, Keighley	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of The Three Graces, No. 408, Haworth	75	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, London	75	0	0

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes report as follows:—

(1.) It having come to the knowledge of the Board that the freehold premises Nos. 57 and 58 Great Queen Street, adjoining Freemasons' Hall, were about to be sold by auction, it was thought desirable to acquire the same at a fair price, and it was referred to the Premises Committee to take steps accordingly. In result the premises were purchased for £3,500 and £3,000 respectively, and have since been duly conveyed to the Trustees of Grand Lodge.

(2.) The Board have by their Premises Committee given very careful consideration to the requirements of the three Masonic Benevolent Institutions for further office accommodation, and having acquired the necessary land in the rear of the present offices have obtained from the Grand Superintendent of Works plans, which they learn are acceptable to the Institutions, and estimates for carrying out the same at a cost of £2,500, which, added to the £1,550, the cost of the land, will enable the Board to provide for the three offices space and accommodation of about three times the amount now furnished, the rent for the same being re-arranged at something under that proportion. The Board will also, if Grand Lodge approves, have the opportunity of providing a spacious Muniment Room in the basement at a cost estimated by the Grand Superintendent of Works at £450, which will be available at a reasonable rental to the various Lodges meeting at Freemasons' Hall.

(3.) The Board have also obtained an estimate from the Grand Superintendent of Works for the necessary works to be done to render the Library available as an office for the Grand Secretary. The amount of this is £75.

(4.) The period having fully arrived when painting and cleaning must be done to the whole interior of Freemasons' Hall the Board have given this their careful consideration, and by their direction the Grand Superintendent of Works has considered the subject, not only with reference to the general reparation positively necessary, but also importing into it a moderate amount of appropriate decoration, the cost of the whole of which he estimates at £3,000; although this sum may appear large, the Board feel satisfied that, looking at the extent of the premises, it would be a reasonable outlay for very necessary work.

(5.) The Board feel it as much a duty as a pleasure to draw the attention of Grand Lodge to the services rendered by Brother H. G. Buss, the Assistant Grand Secretary, during the illness and absence of the late Grand Secretary, Brother Hervey, and after his resignation until the appointment of the present Grand Secretary; and they unanimously recommend that in consideration of the assiduous manner in which these services were performed a gratuity of 150 guineas be paid to Brother Buss.

(6.) The Board have to report the Masonic misconduct of a Lodge in passing a Brother with an interval of 23 days only after his initiation. They ordered that the Brother in question be re-obligated, and the Lodge was fined £2 2s, and admonished.

(7.) The attention of the Board has been emphatically drawn to the frequent occurrence in new Lodges of Brethren (other than Petitioners) being permitted to join on the night of consecration without ballot, and of course without previous proposition as enjoined by the Constitutions; and directions have been given that an unmistakable intimation of the illegality of such a proceeding shall accompany the delivery of every new Warrant.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
17th February 1880.

To the Report is subjoined a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th February instant, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £4,087 17s 6d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s, and £22 14s 5d in the hands of the Solicitor of the Society.

The President will move:—

1. That the report be received and entered on the minutes.

2. That the various works mentioned in the Report be carried out, and that it be referred back to the Board to execute the same in accordance with the estimates submitted.

3. That the recommendation in paragraph 5 of the Report, with reference to the Assistant Grand Secretary, be adopted.

8. Report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1879.

9. Proposed Motions:—

1. By Brother John M. Clabon P.G.D., President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

That the following additions be made to the Book of Constitutions, Fund of Benevolence:—

17. Until Grand Lodge shall otherwise direct, one-third of the annual surplus of the Fund of Benevolence shall be appropriated for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and another third for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in forming funds for apprenticing the children of Freemasons who have been in those Schools, or in otherwise assisting them to commence life.

18. Such one-third parts respectively shall be invested in the names of four Trustees for each School, to be appointed by Grand Lodge, and the dividends paid to the Treasurer of each School.

19. The General Committee, on the recommendation of the House Committee of each School, may apply the dividends of the funds respectively appropriated to the School for the benefit of children who have been at the School during the preceding twelve months, in apprenticing them to any business or profession, or otherwise aiding them to obtain employment, or in applying any sum granted by annual instalments for a limited period for the benefit of those proceeding to any School, College, or University.

20. No sum exceeding £25 shall be appropriated for the benefit of any child without the consent of the Quarterly Court of the School, and such Court shall render to Grand Lodge an annual account of the receipts and expenditure on account of the said fund.

That the Constitutions, No. 3, Fund of Benevolence, be amended by adding, after the word "shall" in the second line, the words "except as provided for by clauses 17, 18, 19, and 20."

2. By Brother George J. McKay, P.M. No. 129, Kendal.

"To move the non-confirmation of that part of the minutes of Grand Lodge held last December, so far as it relates to Brother James Stevens's motion."

3. By Brother James Stevens, P.M. No. 720.

"To nominate the following Brethren to form the Committee of enquiry into and report upon the present systems of Masonic working, in accordance with the vote of Grand Lodge on the 3rd of December last, viz.:—

Bros. The Rev. C. W. Arnold D.P.G.M. Surrey; Thomas J. Barnes P.M., East London; E. T. Budden P.M., Dorset; J. S. Cumberland P.M., N. and E. Yorks; Thomas Howkins P.M., Warwickshire; F. H. Wilson Iles D.P.G.M. Herts; Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk; C. L. Mason Prov. G. Treasurer West Yorks; C. F. Matier P.G.S.W. Greece; Rev. R. J. Simpson Past Grand Chaplain, London; J. Brooks Smith Prov. G. Treasurer Gloucester; James Stevens P.M., London; Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts."

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 1st MARCH.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
M. M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
482—St. James, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Room, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks.
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
1573—Carnduc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1674—Carnduc, Town Hall, Rhyl
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells

TUESDAY, 2nd MARCH.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, Anniversary Banquet, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7.30.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. (Inst.)
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1668—Samson, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
M. M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd MARCH.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd., S.W
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton
1706—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Inst.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
R.A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 4th MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Checquers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
702—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.

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1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1183—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1268—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1384—Equity, Alfords Chambers, Widnes.
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate,
R.A. 1214—Scarborough Hall, Scarborough, Caledonian-road, Batley
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 5th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Tolmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1649—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 5.30

SATURDAY, 6th MARCH.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
193—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1623—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1634—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Eburr-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

KINGS' CROSS LODGE, No. 1732.

THE Installation Meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Saturday, the 21st instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bros. W. M. Stiles W.M., T. J. Briggs P.M. S.W., J. J. Michael P.M. Treasurer, F. Saintsbury Secretary, H. Stiles S.D., H. Higgins J.D., L. Solomon I.G. Gorringe D.C., B. Kauff A.W.S., P.M. Knight P.P.G.D.C. Kent, and a numerous attendance of the brethren and Visitors, amongst whom we may mention Bros. H. G. Buss A.G.S., T. Cubitt P.G.P., S. Hickman P.M. 188, P. E. Van Noorden S.W. 188, S. Dicketts 193, Kelly 1524, Millis P.M. 157, Chambers 650, Edwards 1861, E. E. B. Kidder 12, G. Pike 355, E. Roberts 1623, Ormiston 1507, Little 1507, Pugupe 1107, J. H. Leggott P.M. 145, Beattie 1507, Edmonds 1507, Gillis 1744, J. Wyer 1310, Smith 1269, Gilbert 1507, John Douglass W.M. 1744 P.M. 1507, Silvester 193, J. Pope P.M. 946, James Terry P.P.G.W. Herts, Ferguson P.M. 177, Kipps P.P.G.O. Kent W.M. 1275, J. Willing P.M. 1507, Scales W.M. 1507, C. Hudson W.M. 1632, Walters 188, Chamberlin P.M. 205, 1319, Buckhurst P.M. 157, F. Binckes P.G.S., Storey G.S.W. Kent, Thomas P.M. 134, Reuter P.P.G.D.C. Kent, Reed P.M. 1511, Lovegrove W.M. 1777, Rothschild W.M 1288, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Edwin Moss 1288, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211. There were twenty-nine brethren present who have passed the chair. The members, in the brief space of two years, have freed themselves from all liabilities, and given a large amount to the Charities. Bro. Leon Jacobs I.G. proposed, and Bro. Kauffmann seconded, that the annual subscription be raised from £2 10s to £3 3s; this proposition was unanimously assented to. A board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. T. J. Briggs P.M. 157 S.W. elect was presented to the Lodge, and inducted into the chair by the retiring W.M. Bro. W. M. Stiles, who performed the ceremony in a manner that might be equalled, but could not be excelled. Bro. Stiles on concluding was warmly congratulated by the numerous brethren and visitors. The customary salutations having been given, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. W. M. Stiles I.P.M., H. Stiles S.W., Higgins P.M. J.W., J. J. Michael P.M. Treasurer, F. Saintsbury Secretary, S. Solomon S.D., L. Jacobs J.D., Gorringe I.G., Putland D.C., B. Kauffmann, Yates, and Fletcher Stewards, Daley Tyler. Bro. James Terry P.P.J.W. Herts kindly acted as D.C. The applause given on the investiture of Officers showed the W.M. had selected brethren who would assist him in carrying out the duties of the Lodge, and fully sustain the reputation it had already acquired. Bro. J. J. Michael P.M. had great pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to Bro. W. M. Stiles for the zeal and ability he had displayed during his year of office, and also for the admirable way in which he had just installed his successor. The W.M. supported the remarks of Bro. Michael; he fully endorsed all that had been said in praise of Bro. Stiles, and felt that all must be aware of the ability with which that brother performed any duty required of him. The vote was carried unanimously and with acclamation. The W.M. then rose to present to his predecessor the jewel which had been voted to him by the members. He felt that never was a brother more deserving of such a compliment than was Bro. Stiles, and he trusted that for many years he would be among them, and give his assistance in the working of the Lodge. Bro. Stiles said the jewel would call to his mind the many happy hours he had passed in the Kings Cross Lodge. He hoped to be ranked among its members for many years to come. Hearty good wishes having been tendered by the Visitors, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the banquet room, where an excellent repast was provided by Bro. Clemow. After the toast of the Queen, Bro. Edwin Moss sang the solo portions of the National Anthem. The W.M. referred to the great advance made in Freemasonry since the Prince of Wales had occupied the position of Grand Master. He trusted that for many years His Royal Highness would continue his rule of the Craft. In giving the toast of the Grand Officers, the W.M. referred to the fact of Lord Skelmersdale having accepted the Chairmanship of the Boy's School, which he considered one of the best proofs of the love he had for the Order and its associations. They had that evening among them two worthy representatives of Grand Lodge in the persons of the Assistant Grand Secretary Bro. Buss, and Bro. T. Cubitt Past Grand Pursuivant. Bros. Buss and Cubitt each replied on behalf of the Officers of Grand Lodge, and then the W.M. proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Officers, as a compliment to the many representatives of that body who were present. Bro. Clark P.G.D.C. Suffolk acknowledged the toast. Bro. Stiles now rose. The present was his maiden speech as a P.M., and he was pleased that he had an opportunity of making it in honour of so worthy a Mason as Bro. Briggs. He was a W.M. whom all could and did respect, and he now felt that he echoed the sentiments of every member of the Lodge when he wished him long life, health, happiness, and a prosperous year of office. The W.M. had great pleasure in responding to the hearty compliments which had just been paid him. He felt it a great pleasure to fill the chair of the King's Cross Lodge, which during its short existence had been most prosperous. A great part of this was due to the brethren who had filled the chair; he felt it an honour to follow in the footsteps of such brethren, and only hoped he might be as successful as they had been. He then gave the toast of the P.M.'s. Bro. Stiles tendered his acknowledgments to the W.M. and brethren for the kind sentiments just expressed. The toast of the Visitors followed, to which Bro. C. Hudson P.M. responded, as also did others of the guests. All complimented the Lodge on the ability of its Masters and Officers generally. The W.M. next gave the toast of the Charities, referring to the grand support given to the Benevolent Institution at the recent Festival. He pointed out, however, that the Festivals of the Girls' and Boys' Schools had yet to come, and he hoped that the result of each would be as grand as was that of the one that had passed. Their I.P.M. had ably represented the Lodge at the Girls' School, and he (the W.M.) had himself undertaken the office of Steward for the Boys. The toast was coupled with the names of Bros. Terry and Binckes, the latter of whom responded. Notwithstanding the great depression in the outer world the Craft had to listen, at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, to one of the grandest successes ever known in the records of the Charities. He briefly detailed the good work that was being done at Wood Green, and hoped that the Craft would always supply funds sufficient to allow of its continuation. Bro. Terry followed; he thanked the Worshipful Master and brethren for their continued exertions on behalf of the various Institutions. He was pleased to say that the J.W. had already consented to act as Steward at the Benevolent Festival of 1881. To the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, in proposing which the W.M. justly praised the work of those two Officers, Bros. Michael and Saintsbury each replied. The toast of the Officers was duly honored and acknowledged, after which the Tyler gave the parting toast and the meeting concluded. At the latter part of the evening the W.M. received very unwelcome tidings, a telegram announcing the death of his brother reaching him. We desire to offer our sympathy to our esteemed brother in his loss.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on 20th inst. Bros. F. Botley W.M., Maton S.W., Gomm J.W., Goss S.D., Gunner (H.S.) J.W., Franckel I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor and Blasby. Bro. Goss offered himself as candidate, and the initiation ritual was rehearsed. Bro. Gunner then offered himself as a candidate for the second degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Gunner was duly passed. Lodge was closed to the first degree. Bro. Maton was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and he appointed his Officers. A cordial vote of thanks was voted to Bro. F. Botley for his able working of the first two degrees. Bro. Blasby asked that the motion of which he had given notice be postponed for one week, which was granted. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

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ELEANOR CROSS LODGE, 1764, NORTHAMPTON.

THIS progressive and very prosperous Lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday 17th inst.; the occasion was one of more than usual interest, as Bro. Thursby, a member of a family well known in the county of Northampton, was about to bid farewell, previously to sailing for the Cape. Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders P.G.C. presided, and was supported by the following Officers and Brethren, viz.—Bros. Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M., M. A. Boémé P.M., H. J. Atkins S.W., H. Brown J.W., S. Wathen Wigg Chaplain, Beasley Assist. Chaplain, Hill S.D., H. Spoor J.D., Franks Sec., Percival Assist. Sec., G. Ellard D.C., E. Morris I.G., J. Manning and T. Barnes Stewards, Dean and Kirby Tylers; Brook, Sampson and R. Croft Organists; also Bros. DeDenne Assist. D.C., T. Emery, R. J. Johnston, J. Franklin, G. Poutcher, A. Jones, S. J. Newman, J. Currall, F. Thursby, Robinson 442, S. W. James 737, J. Hart 360, Stackie 1391. Opening the Lodge, reading the minutes of the last meeting and other preliminary business were disposed of, the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Frederick Thursby was examined and entrusted. On the Lodge being opened in the third degree, Bro. Thursby was re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the W.M. performing the ceremony for his benefit in a perfect manner, the solemnity of the occasion being greatly heightened by the able manner in which Bro. Croft performed the duties of Organist. On the conclusion of the Ceremony, the Chaplain, Bro. Wigg P.A.G.C., by command of the W.M., delivered an exposition of the words of the Royal Solomon written in chap. xii of the Book called Ecclesiastes, as follows:—

Masonry opens its ears to all wisdom, from whatsoever source it may be derived; but it becomes us to listen with a special, as well as a respectful attention, to the words of our A.G.M. the Royal Solomon, under whose fostering care and protection our ancient brethren erected that stately Temple which has since become so essential a part of speculative Masonry.

Those singularly impressive words which I have, by command of the W.M., just recited in your hearing are not, as some have supposed them to be, the wail of a disappointed old sensualist but the matured reflections of a wise man, one who had himself drained to the dregs all known sources of pleasure, the stores of intellect, science, philosophy, the delights of every variety of sensual indulgence, the interest and excitement of ambition, power, commerce, had all, in turn, ministered to his pleasure until, at last when the lust of the eye and the pride of life had failed him, in his second childhood if you will, but in a childhood which brought him into intimate contact with the highest wisdom, he draws a picture of the close of life, a graphic picture of an old man, in order forcibly to impress the great lesson which true wisdom has at length taught him, the fear of God, the G.A. and R.O.T.U. Remember, he says, thy Creator in the days of thy youth, ere those evil days of feeble old age, of the failure of bodily and mental strength, come upon thee, for all else is vanity.

Let us then, Brethren, for a few minutes examine the picture, which has been drawn so long for our instruction, and which is brought before us in what is, I may venture to say, one of the most solemn moments of our life when in s—— and in d—— the venerable exhortation of our A.G.M. is rehearsed in our ears.

Remember thy Creator ere the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars be darkened, and the clouds return after the rain. Under the figure of the approach of the rainy clouds of an eastern winter, the old man beholds death drawing nigh, dark clouds which will soon envelope him in their shadow, and hide from his sight the sun, the light, the moon, the stars. We know that these represent to us the M., W.'s and B. of a Lodge, and these by death will be hidden from his gaze; but they may also be explained in another manner. The Sun is that inner light which God supplies to every man to aid him in his work of self knowledge and self government—"the light that is in thee." The light is mental activity, sharp apprehension, serviceable memory. The moon is the soul of man; and the stars are those lights with which science, art and nature illumine his path. The leading thought then is, that the mind and the senses become darkened, and the winter of life, with its clouds and storms, approaches. The details which follow only serve to deepen the impression thus made.

The keepers of the house tremble, the aged man is represented as a house in a ruinous condition, the keepers are his arms which supply the house with what it needs, and keep away from it whatever threatens to do it injury. These protectors of the house have lost their early vigour, and tremble and shake. The legs, which in the fulness of youthful strength were like strong men supporting the whole fabric, are now shrunken and loose. The maidens who ground the corn in a hand-mill are compared to the teeth—the grinders rest because they have become few, they stand no longer in a row. And the women looking out of the windows can see no longer because it has become dark. The eyes of the soul, without which we could not experience what sight is, look out by means of the external eyes, which have become weak, indistinct, darkened. And the doors to the street are closed when the mill sounds low—the lips, from the absence of teeth, come close together, and only a low dull sound is heard from the laborious and feeble action of the well-nigh toothless jaws. He rises up at the voice of a bird; even the twittering of the sparrows in the eaves is sufficient to disturb his light slumbers. He no longer delights in the charms of music, the "daughters of song" must timidly retire, he cannot longer bear their melody.

He is afraid of that which is high, he no longer dare ascend to giddy heights, even his feeble tottering ventures are full of terrors to him, all kinds of perils present themselves to his imagination if he but cross the street.

The almond tree is in blossom; the snow white hair crowns the head of the old man as the almond flowers cover the tree with a profusion of white blossoms before the leaves appear. The hopping and chirping of the restless grasshopper is burdensome to him, its persistence annoys him. The caperberry fails,—these berries are used to flavour and season food, but even highly spiced dishes fail to tempt his morbid appetite.

For man goeth to his everlasting habitations, and the mourners go about the streets.

Now we proceed to view the dissolution of the life of the body, by which the separation of the soul and the body, and the return of both to their original conditions is completed.

The silver cord is loosed; that mysterious means of communication which connects the brain, the golden bowl, with the body—so that what the brain wills the various organs perform—is loosed. The golden bowl itself is broken, it can no longer command, the communication lies useless, and the limbs fall helpless and motionless.

The wheel makes its last laborious revolution—it breaks; the pitcher goes rattling down the well and is shattered, the breathing ceases, the death rattle is heard, and life is extinguished.

The worn out worthless clay is committed to its parent earth, and the spirit returns to him who originally bestowed it. The dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

This then, brethren, is the picture our A.G.M. drew of the close of life; and for what purpose is it portrayed? Is it merely to awaken in our mind a morbid sentiment? Must we regard it only to cry 'vanitas vanitatum,' the wail of the sensualist and the fool? Nay, it is not so! The Royal Solomon designed to teach us the grand lesson that the fear of God and the keeping of His commandments is the highest wisdom—that is the conclusion of the whole matter. This short life of ours is indeed vanity, and passeth away, but the true wisdom teaches us the duty we owe to God and to each other, that when we pass in reality, as our brethren have figuratively done to-night, the mysterious portals of the tomb of transgression, we shall be conducted under his protection to the G.L. above, where the world's G.A. lives and reigns.

So mote it be.

After receiving report of a meeting of the permanent Committee respecting financial matters, by which it was shown that the Lodge is established on a sound basis, by the principle Founders contributing £5 each, to raise a capital of £100, on the proposition of Bro. H. Brown J.W., seconded by the W.M., a vote of thanks to Bro Wigg was passed for his eloquent exposition bearing on the third degree, the Lodge was closed after hearty good wishes from 360, 442, 737, and 1391 had been acknowledged, and the brethren adjourned to the Banquet Hall, where a thoroughly Masonic and genial evening was spent. The usual toasts were given from the chair, Bro. Wigg G.P.A.C. replying on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers. Bro. C. H. Frank Sec. gave, in complimentary terms, the health of the W.M. Bro. Sanders said he was proud to be Master of the Eleanor Cross, and spared no pains to maintain the high character of the Lodge, and should strive to make the working perfect. Bro. Rev. T. C. Beasley proposed the health of the candidate, Bro. Thursby, whom they had that evening the pleasure of raising to the degree of M.M. Another (Bro. Donne) was to have shared this privilege with Bro. Thursby, but war prevented being present by indisposition. He should, however, venture to include him in the toast, and to wish him a speedy restoration to health. With regard to Bro. Thursby, he felt that the present occasion was particularly interesting, because he (Bro. Thursby.) was expecting very shortly to leave England for the Cape. Generally, when a brother was raised to this degree they looked forward to being able often to welcome him in Lodge; but, unfortunately, they could not indulge in this expectation in the present instance. He assured him, however, that he would not be forgotten by the members of this Lodge, short as the time was during which they had had the pleasure of being associated with him as a Mason. They all knew that one of the most beautiful of sights, and one which remained longest impressed upon the memory was the brilliant meteor which flashed across the sky and then disappeared. He prophesied that in like manner the memory of Bro. Thursby would dwell long upon their hearts, and they hoped they might one day welcome him again in 1764. He reminded them that Bro. Thursby's destination was the Cape of Good Hope, and trusted that on their behalf and in their name, he might assure him that it was also the Cape of good wishes. To this Bro. Thursby responded, expressing regret at having to leave the country of his birth, and the pleasant associations of the Eleanor Cross, and hoped that in the foreign land in which he was going to seek a resting place for the "sole of his foot," he should meet with brethren who would be ready to continue his Masonic education. Bro. Wigg submitted the "Visitors," expressing the pleasure it gave the brethren generally to welcome members of other Lodges, and on this occasion himself particularly to welcome a brother of weight from his mother Lodge. Each of the Visitors acknowledged the compliment. The Officers of the Lodge was given by Bro. Newman, and was responded to by Bro. Sampson Organist. Bros. Atkins, Hart, Beasley, Sampson, Croft, Robinson, Butcher, and Jones, contributed to the harmony, and the Tyler's Toast brought the enjoyment to a close.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—On Saturday, 21st instant, at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Bro. Byng presided, being ably assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. J. Lorkin S.W., Snare J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, Spencer S.D., Western J.D., Carr I.G. There were also present Bros. C. Lorkin, D. Moss, J. Millington, R. Defriez, Gush, Garrod, Hallam sen., W. Williams jun., &c. Bro. J. Millington proved himself an efficient F.C., and was duly entrusted. Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M. in a very effective manner. Lodge was called off and on, and resumed to the second degree, when the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Lorkin acting as W.M. elect, the ceremony being performed in such an excellent manner as to elicit the approbation of all present. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the first, Bro. Hallam the second sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. H. G. Gush, of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541, was duly elected a member. Auditors for the annual accounts were duly appointed. Bro. J. Lorkin was re-appointed W.M. for next Saturday, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 221, BOLTON.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st January, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, when there were present—Bros. Thomas Whitaker W.M., James Richardson I.P.M., Henry Stead S.W., John L. Aldred J.W., G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D. Treasurer, J. Boothroyd J.D., J. W. Taylor P. Prov. G. Org. M.C., Peter Staton Organist, Edwin Melrose Steward, James Smith I.G., T. Hyson Tyler, P.M.'s J. M. Rutter, T. Morris, Thomas Entwisle P. Prov. G.S.W.; and Bros. J. W. Roiley, Joseph Seel, John Isherwood, W. Broughton, H. Hammond, J. S. Sugden, E. Halliwell, A. Cosgrave, P. Bradbourn, W. Court, Charles Stanley. Visitors—Edward Barber W.M. 113, Preston, W. W. Cottam P.M., Preston, J. W. Dovery W.M. 146, Bolton, Richard Duxbury S.D. 146, Bolton, Nath. Nicholson W.M. 1723, St. George, Bolton, James Heywood J.W. St. George 1723, John Priestley St. George 1723. The Lodge was opened at four o'clock, and the minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 1879 were read and confirmed. Forthwith a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, under the presidency of Bro. Nathaniel Nicholson W.M. St. George's Lodge 1723, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Henry Stead, was duly presented by Bro. Brockbank, and in due form installed, proclaimed and saluted, according to ancient usage. The following brethren were appointed to the offices named, and invested with the collar and jewel of office:—Bros. J. L. Aldred S.W., J. Boothroyd J.W., G. B. Brockbank (re-elected) Treasurer, Thos. Mitchell Secretary, Jas. Smith S.D., E. Melrose J.D., J. W. Taylor M.C., P. Staton Organist, Joseph Seel I.G., John Isherwood and J. W. Roiley Stewards. Bro. Entwisle presented the report of the auditors on the state of the Lodge funds, which was accepted as very satisfactory. Hearty congratulations were given from the visiting brethren, and Lodge closed at six o'clock.

On Wednesday, 18th February, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton. Present—Bros. Henry Stead W.M., John L. Aldred S.W., Jabez Boothroyd J.W., G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D. Treas., John Isherwood Steward as S.D., Edwin Melrose J.D., Joseph Seel I.G., J. W. Roiley Steward, T. Higson Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. J. M. Rutter, Cosgrave, &c. Lodge opened at six p.m. After confirmation of minutes of preceding meeting, Bro. Charles Crompton passed examination as an E.A., and was passed to second degree by the W.M., the working tools being explained by the Senior Warden. Lodge closed at 7.30, and the brethren proceeded to refreshment.

Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 5th Feb., at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall Street, City. Present:—Bros. Geo. G. Symons W.M., S. B. Halle S.W., C. Cordingley J.W., H. Follett Treas, A. A. Wing Sec., C. H. Horne S.D., H. J. Dean J.D., W. Ball D.C., J. Smith Steward, W. A. S. Humphries I.G., E. Steed Tyler. Past Masters Bros. F. Driver, G. H. T. Dyer, J. Vass. Visitors—Bros. Lombardi, H. A. Watson 1707, T. Vine 511, W. W. Cooper Crediton 1641, Pelikan 1602, Harvey 100, and Thos. F. Lee 862. Business:—This being the 147th Anniversary, a goodly array of the brethren were present. At 5 p.m. the Lodge was opened in due form, according to ancient custom; the minutes of last Lodge were read and confirmed, and Messrs Luck and Thomas were initiated. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd and 3rd degrees, and Bro. Allen was raised. Lodge was resumed in the 1st degree; two gentlemen were proposed and seconded, to be initiated at the next Lodge meeting. The Secretary announced the sudden death of Bro. William Sims Stewart, a worthy and respected member of this Lodge, who was at his usual place of business on the previous Monday, and expired on Wednesday, the 4th inst., leaving a widow and four children to deplore his loss, it was unanimously resolved that the Secretary should forward a letter of condolence to his bereaved wife, expressing the sympathy of the brethren. Other business was transacted, and the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned till the first Thursday in March. The brethren then sat down to an excellent banquet prepared by the worthy host.

Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No, 145.—The first regular meeting since the installation was held on Tuesday, 24th February, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Bros. W. R. Lister W.M., Dr. Wilkinson S.W., Wood J.W., T. Bull P.M. Treas., E. H. Thiellay P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex Sec., Kerrell J.D. I.G., J. Reid D.C., Hall A.D.C., J. H. Leggott I.P.M. Bros. Detraz, Lambe, Walter, Newson, &c. Visitors:—Bros. Lloyd 1287 and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Names of several candidates were on agenda paper, but they were unavoidably absent. The resignation of a brother was accepted, with regret. Bro. T. Bull P.M. and Treas. proposed, and Bro. Haslitt P.M. seconded, that in consideration of the I.P.M. Bro. J. H. Leggott, having rendered so many valuable services to the Lodge, and also in recognition of the large amounts he had collected in aid of the Masonic Charities, that he be presented with a Past Master's square, with a suitable inscription engraved thereon; this was carried unanimously. Bro. J. H. Leggott, in feeling terms, thanked the brethren for their appreciation of his services, which he said were always at their command. He felt it a great pride and pleasure to work for the noble Institutions connected with the Order. He had already collected over £900, he would now rest awhile, but hoped before he had finished to make up £1000. Bro. W. R. Lister the W.M., having announced that he was a Steward for the next Anniversary Festival for the Boys' School, it was hoped the brethren would liberally subscribe to his list to enable him in some measure to try and emulate his predecessor. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren separated, there being no banquet.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—The regular meeting was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Bros. H. Hymans W.M., W. Baker S.W., M. Alexander P.M. as J.W., J. S. Lyon Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., Blanks J.D., N. Baum I.G.; P.M.'s S. Hickman, A. Dodson, J. Abrahams and L. Lazarus. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Messrs. L. Wall and G. B. Howard were balloted for and duly initiated into the Order by the W.M. A letter of condolence was sent to Bro. L. Alexander P.M. on his recent bereavement. This being an "off night," the brethren sat down to light refreshments; the W.M. ably presided and gave the usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. returned thanks for the Grand Officers. The toasts of the W.M., P.M.'s, Wardens, Visitors and others were given and responded to, and the brethren after passing an agreeable evening separated. The Visitors were Bro. J. Lewis 1261, Albert Hall 427, Jennings, C. Daniel P.M. 65, and W. H. Bailey 65, 1201 and 1779.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—At Bro. Seaton's, the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, on Wednesday, 24th inst. Bro. James Smith occupied the chair; Bros. John E. Fells S.W., W. Saint J.W., Walker D., W. J. Ramsay I.G., J. Bonner, Ellis, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Pitt candidate. The chair was vacated in favour of Bro. Thos. B. Biddle, who opened the Lodge in the second degree, and after instructing Brother Smith, opened in the third and raised Bro. Smith. A vote of thanks were recorded to Bro. Smith for his first efforts as W.M. in this Lodge. Bro. S. W. Fells was duly elected W.M. for next Wednesday. All labour ended, the Lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer.

Ranelagh Lodge, No. 835.—This flourishing Lodge, established 20 years at the Bell and Anchor, at Hammersmith, has now so increased in numbers that it was unanimously resolved, at a former meeting, that it should be removed to the Criterion. Excellent accommodation having been given by Bros. Spiers and Pond, the first meeting was held there on Tuesday, the 3rd February, under the presidency of the W.M. Bros. Watson Shaw S.W., Warner J.W., Lines P.M. Treas., W. Alais P.M. Sec., G. Festa as S.D., Helmingford J.D., Webb I.G., P.M.'s Bryett, Butt; Visitors—Bros. B. Swallow P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Barfield P.M. 35 and 511, Scott P.M. 749, Dairey P.M. 141, Docker S.W. 1687, Stonor P.M. 180, Farwig P.M. 180, and Maxted 180. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Archer Smith was passed to the second degree. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. Shaw S.W. was unanimously elected. Bro. Lines P.M. was re-elected Treas., Church Tyler. Bros. Blake, Lucas, Hicks and Purdue, were elected Auditors. A proposition was handed in for initiation and one for joining. The usual P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Watson W.M. on his retiring from the chair, for the able and efficient manner he had discharged his duties during his year of office. Lodge was then closed in peace and harmony. There was no banquet, but a very excellent supper was provided by Bros. Spiers and Pond, the brethren on this occasion being the guests of Bro. G. Festa.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on 24th February. Bro. Cull W.M., Davis S.W., Dickinson J.W., Wallington Preceptor, J. Lorkin Sec., Clark I.G., Smyth Treasurer; also Bros. Dallas, Fraser, E. Williams, Marsh, Baker, Clark, Allen, Finch, Fenner, C. Lorkin, Polak, Lardner, Brasted, Carr and Byng. Visitors—T. S. Clarke 429, R. Forge 619, Hardrodt 1679, W. Goodyear 1708, C. Plowman 1708, J. Negaw 1298. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the brethren of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction. First Lecture—Bros. Sidney Boaz, Rowley, Hunter, Davis, W. S. Lee, Cull and Davis. Second Lecture—Bros. W. Williams, Dickinson, Lardner, Byng, Lardner. Third Lecture—Bros. F. Brasted, J. Wright, T. Gardner. Bro. E. A. Beckett 1364 and Bro. John G. Hopkins 1100 were elected members. A cordial vote of thanks, also honorary membership, was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. Cull for the very able manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair. There was also a cordial vote of thanks to the brethren who had assisted in working the Fifteen Sections. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, 19th February. Bros. Hine W.M., Lane S.W., Wilson J.W., Thorpe S.D., Fenner Preceptor, Wallbrecht Sec.; also Bros. Legg and Bronkhurst. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Fenner as candidate answered the usual questions. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The third section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the same brother worked the first and fourth sections of that lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lane was appointed to preside at next meeting. The Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on 25th February. P.M. Cundick W.M., P.M. Myers S.W., Smith S.D. 860 J.W. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes read; afterwards the following brethren assisted in working the sections. First Spencer, second Watkins, third Rawe, fourth West, fifth Andrews, sixth Pavitt, seventh Cundick, eighth Watkins, ninth Johnson. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Bro. P.M. Myers was again unanimously elected to fill the chair on Tuesday next. This little Lodge room was filled on this occasion—a fact we are not surprised at, as any one who wishes to get on in Masonry cannot do better than attend and receive instruction at the hands of its members.

Bro. R. Johnson, the efficient and courteous M.C., announces his 23rd annual ball at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday, 3rd March, where a numerous attendance of the brethren and private friends are expected to assemble.

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New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695.—The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst. Bros. T. Press W.M., H. B. D. Dunn S.W., Hollis P.P.S.D. Herts as J.W., Davis P.M. Treas., A. J. Berry P.M. Sec., J. N. Thompson S.D., G. Edmunds J.D., J. H. Bastable I.G., J. Eldridge P.M. D.C., C. Hutchinson Steward, Grout Organist; P.M.'s W. T. Purkiss I.P.M., Richmond, Hollis, Perfect, Ayden, &c. After preliminaries, ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. J. C. Edwards and F. M. B. Bowers, who were duly initiated into the Order. Bros. F. Richmond, J. W. Clayton and J. R. Perfect were raised to the third degree. Credit is due to the W.M. for his working, in which he was ably assisted by the Officers. A candidate was proposed for initiation at next meeting and two brethren for joining; this will complete the number of members, the Lodge being restricted to 40. Bro. Davis P.M. and Treasurer proposed that a Lodge of Instruction be established under the warrant of the Lodge, to be called the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction,—Bro. Purkiss has offered the use of a commodious room for the purpose,—and that a Committee be formed to carry out the arrangements. This was seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. The resignation of a Brother was accepted, with regret. Bro. Earl announced his intention to act as Steward for the next Festival of the Girls' School. Hearty good wishes were given by the Visitors, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren then sat down to a very sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, that gave great satisfaction. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the first Loyal toast. The National Anthem was sung, Bro. Davis P.M. taking the solo verses. After the toast of the Grand Master, Bro. Richmond sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales," accompanied by Bro. Grout on the Piano. Bro. Purkiss I.P.M. then took possession of the gavel to propose the toast of the W.M., who had done the duties of the Lodge in every respect to their satisfaction. Under his auspices they might in every respect anticipate a successful year of office. The W.M. thanked Bro. Purkiss for the kind manner he had spoken of him, and the brethren for their reception of the toast, his services were at their command; this young and promising Lodge had his hearty co-operation; if he had worked the ceremony to their satisfaction he was proud. Bro. George Edmunds then sang "Bonnie Dundee." The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Initiates; this was the toast of the evening. The new members had come with good recommendations, and they welcomed them heartily. Bros. Edwards and Bowers briefly replied. The E. A. song was sung. The toast of the Visitors was next given, and Bro. Blackie W.M. The Great City Lodge 1426 responded. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the I.P.M. Bro. Purkiss, who had so endeared himself to them all. No more kind and genial Mason could be found; the members all wished him health and prosperity, and that he might wear the jewel of the Lodge for many years. After a song from Bro. Pierpoint, Bro. Purkiss replied; he felt proud at having been the first Master of this flourishing Lodge; he had served the office two years. It was gratifying to note the liberality of the members; they had, indeed, aided him to represent the Charities three times. Bro. Earl, who was initiated in the Lodge, will this year be a Steward, for the second time, and he (Bro. Purkiss) hoped the brethren would give him their support. The Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Davis and Berry, were next complimented; two more indefatigible brethren could not be found. Bro. Eldridge P.M. D.C. responded on behalf of the Treasurer Bro. Davis, who was obliged to leave; he was proud to endorse the words of Bro. Purkiss. The Lodge was in a flourishing condition, and while all liabilities had received attention, the Charities had not been forgotten. Bro. Berry, as one of the founders, hoped he had done all in his power for the welfare of the Lodge; the number of members was limited, and the initiation fee would now be raised. He had been gratified by the remark made by the Visitors as to the Lodge of Instruction—that by its establishment the younger brethren would be enabled to perfect themselves to follow in the footsteps of the W.M. The Junior Officers was the next toast; no better workers could be found. The W.M. hoped to see them all occupy the chair. At this stage of the proceedings, the worthy Secretary Bro. Berry announced, amidst loud applause, that the brethren had nobly supported Bro. Earl's list for the Girls' School, by subscribing the sum of 39 guineas, five guineas of which was given by Bro. Fisher (1524), a visitor. Bro. Earl thanked the brethren for their support; he hoped to carry up a good list for that noble Charity. Bro. Dunn S.W. responded for the Officers; and after a song from Bro. Purkiss P.M., the Tyler's toast was given. The following were the Visitors:—Bros. Rowe P.M. 167, G. Veal 1288, J. Chinnery S.D. 145, Wilkinson 157, Pauling 828, Cattermole 217, Fisher 1524, J. J. Rowe P.M. 167 and 198, W.M. 504, Keyse 1602, Blackie W.M. The Great City 1426, Quincey 1349, H. M. Levy P.M. 180, &c.

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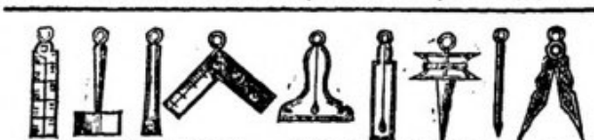

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

WE do not think the result of Wednesday's Communication of Grand Lodge will greatly enhance the dignity of that august assembly. It is not indicative of the highest wisdom for a person to be of two minds, at variance with each other, within the comparatively short space of three months, provided of course that circumstances have not intervened to justify a change of front. In the particular case of Bro. Stevens's motion, what was wise and expedient, or the reverse in December last, is, or is not wise or expedient now. It cannot be said that in the interim any new light has been thrown upon the question. It is certain no weighty reasons have been alleged against the appointment of the proposed Committee. The strongest, indeed the only argument which Bro. McKay, who took the initiative in moving the non-confirmation of Bro. Stevens's motion advanced, was simply that as we had gone on for close on seventy years very comfortably, it was just as well to leave things as they were. The "leave well alone" is undoubtedly a judicious policy to follow in certain cases, but it strikes us that, in this instance, it was a question of leaving "ill," not "well" alone. Far be it from us to suggest that Masonry, like other mundane institutions, has its weak points, but no matter how near perfection it may be in its working, it is beyond all doubt there are different modes of working in different Lodges, just as it is beyond all doubt that some of our Masters and Past Masters are not as competent exponents of our ceremonies as they are presumed or expected to be. Grand Lodge would appear to have been sensible of this weak point in December last. Now it seems to consider that everything works smoothly and satisfactorily, and that uniformity of ritual observance is a matter of not the slightest consequence. While bowing to this latter decision with the utmost deference, we yet claim to hold the opinion we have consistently expressed that what is done in our Lodges should be done in nearly the same manner everywhere. We attach no great importance to the employment of the same language always, but the practice in all essentials should be the same. This, as we showed last week, was our idea of Bro. Stevens's proposition, and in this sense it was that we pressed for its acceptance. We argued further that Grand Lodge would do well not to stultify itself a second time over the same question. Whether the time chosen for bringing this subject of uniformity before Grand Lodge was opportune—whether it was in the hands of the most capable brother—are matters which concern us not. It is now on record that Grand Lodge thought a Committee of Inquiry, which must of necessity be harmless, was expedient in December 1879, and it does not think it expedient in March 1880. So stands the case, and nothing in the shape of a reason for this violent change of opinion has been urged by a single Mason whose opinions are of serious moment. Bro. McKay acted conscientiously, as he always does, and, as he firmly believed, in the interests of the Craft, but the speech in which he set forth his views was neither elaborate nor forcible. He thought it would be difficult, if not impossible, for Lodges in the colonies to practise uniformity of ritual, even if those in the mother country did so, but he did not say why it would be more difficult to lay down a general code of laws in 1880 than it was in 1813, when the Union was effected. Moreover, it never was contemplated that the adoption of one ritual should be instant, and the Colonial Lodges therefore would have had ample opportunity allowed them for adopting any changes in their practice which might prove inconsistent with the recommendations of the Committee, supposing in the first instance that any recommendations were submitted, and in the second that they were agreed to by Grand Lodge. As for the idea that future generations of Masons would hesitate about accepting any departure from the ritual in force, it will be time to discuss that point when it is clear there is one only ritual practised by all Lodges. Nor was Bro. McKay much happier in his allusion to the great Masonic schism of last century, so fortunately healed up in 1813. So little is known as to that important event that it would be extremely unsafe to suggest that it was brought about by any question of ritual. We know the so-called "Ancients" claimed to work according to the old institutions, but they were seceders from the so-called "Moderns," whom they affected to despise. It is very far from being clear when the secession took place, and we are not therefore presuming too much when we suggest that the causes which led to it are hidden in obscurity. However, the question is now at an end, and Bro. Stevens has got nothing by his motion.

As to Bro. Clabon's resolutions for the appropriation of the surplus of the Fund of Benevolence towards the establishment of a Pupils' Aid Fund, they were withdrawn because some of the members of the Board of Benevolence were opposed to them. Bro. Clabon is a man of large experience, and it seems strange he should have expected that his scheme would necessarily command the unanimous approval of Grand Lodge. If motions are never to be made except when there is a certainty of their being carried *nem con*, the business of Grand Lodge will be limited to matters of a formal character, and even in their case, brethren, if they follow Bro. Clabon's example, will have to think twice about submitting any proposal. It was certain there would be differences of opinion as to the merits of so important a project. Some no doubt believed conscientiously that the use of any portion of the Fund for any other purpose than that of relieving indigent brethren, or the families of deceased brethren would be unconstitutional. Others may have allowed the constitutionality of the proceeding and yet doubted the wisdom of the particular proposition submitted for their acceptance. But to go through the form of placing a notice of motion on the agenda paper—and that not for the first time, or without being able to quote a former report in its favour—and then withdraw it, seems to us to be something more than unbusinesslike—it is simply childish. If the Fund of Benevolence is larger than is necessary to meet the demands upon it, and goes on accumulating, let some way be found of utilising the surplus. But then the question as to the best way of doing this must be considered seriously, not regarded as a kind of meaningless joke.

As so the other business of the meeting, we note that Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton was re-elected Grand Treasurer in spite of the opposition of Bros. Binckes, Terry, and others, who argued with a considerable show of reason that by the appointment year by year of a different brother to fill that important office the Craft was in a position to confer distinction upon some of its most distinguished members. There seems, moreover, to have been a kind of understanding to this effect when Lt.-Col. Creaton was appointed last year, and, whilst we grudge no honour that can be conferred on our gallant brother, it certainly strikes us as being an act of common prudence to occasionally vary the monotony of re-appointment by conferring this office on others who have deserved equally well with Bro. Creaton of Freemasonry. We congratulate Bro. Buss on

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the unanimity with which the vote of an honorarium to him for his valuable services as Acting Grand Secretary was passed. No other result could have been anticipated. Equally glad are we that the vote of £500 towards the Duchess of Marlborough's Fund for the Relief of Irish Distress was agreed to with similar unanimity. It would be impossibile to find a better purpose to which to devote a portion of our General Fund. The other matters do not need any further comment, the report we give of them elsewhere being quite sufficient.

THE ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

IF all goes well, the opening meeting of the founders and other brethren who may be interested in the promotion of this Fund will be held in the Board Room at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday next, under the presidency of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Past G. Warden, and Prov. G. Master Oxon, while the Vice-Chair will be occupied by Lord Rosslyn, Past G. Master of Scotland. That the scheme is started under the most favourable auspices goes without saying. The array of names as published in these columns is most influential. Both the provinces and the metropolis are well represented, and there is every reason to hope that the labours of those who have charged themselves with the preliminary duty of preparing for the eventful occasion will culminate in a success surpassing even our most sanguine expectations. We are prepared to expect that as regards details, it will be some time before the plan can be fashioned so as to work smoothly. We know beforehand that in a matter of this kind differences of opinion as to the means to be employed in order to secure the desired end will inevitably arise. It will be wise, of course, to make the most of the enthusiastic support which the bare proposal to establish a Fund has evoked in all directions. But it will be the reverse of wise to hurry on the arrangements. As, therefore, this is the last opportunity we shall have of referring to the subject before the gathering of next Thursday takes place, let us glance briefly at, in the first place, the objects for which the Fund is about to be established, and in the second place, the likeliest and most effectual means by which that object can be attained.

The title of the Fund explains to some extent its purpose. The children we admit into our Schools at Wood Green and Wandsworth receive an excellent education. Not only are they taught well, but they are likewise well trained. The reports of the examiners attest the former, the satisfaction of the authorities bears witness to the latter. But the time inevitably comes when our young *protégés* must quit the hospitable roof under which they have spent so many happy years, in order to play their part in the grand struggle for an honest and honourable livelihood. It may be they have friends to assist or guide them amid the snares and pitfalls by which they will at once find themselves surrounded. It is possible they may find on leaving school an opening in the direction in which their abilities and inclination lie, or it may be that they will have to live on in a state of enforced and unwelcome idleness. They may turn out to be children of only average mental calibre, or they may possess abilities of the highest class, or unusual aptitude for some business or profession. On the other hand, they may be not only resourceless but friendless, and perhaps feeble in health as well as in mind. At all events, be their circumstances what they may, there is no gainsaying the fact that the time they leave school is the most critical period of their existence. Till this time come they will have been in leading strings; henceforth they will be comparatively free to follow the bent of their own inclinations. They may happen to select the right path and prosper, or they may go on floundering about until they find themselves inextricably involved in all kinds of difficulties. It is, then, when they leave school that a little wholesome advice, a little pecuniary assistance judiciously administered, is most likely to prove of service to them, and it is for this object principally that the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund is about to be established. We do not think a better scheme could have been suggested in order to complete the work so thoroughly and so successfully accomplished by our Schools.

It will naturally occur to most of our readers to ask to what extent and for how long this assistance will be given? To this question we fancy it will be impossible to formulate an answer in general terms. Yet that will not operate as a preventive to there being a certain code of regulations sufficiently general in their character to include almost every variety of case. An instant expenditure of a comparatively trifling sum may suffice for one, for another a considerable outlay spread over a period of time more or less prolonged may be found necessary, while in a third instance no outlay whatever may be required, but only the exercise of sufficient influence to place the pupil where he or she may have the chance of earning an honourable livelihood; and when it is seen that through zeal and attention to duty there is every prospect of the boy or girl turning out well, then some kind of reward, pecuniary or otherwise, might be given. We do not profess to say it will be possible to range every application under one or other of the foregoing categories, but we do think the majority of them will be such as we have roughly indicated. No doubt the regulations will be framed in such a manner that the Executive body will be in a position to deal with each individual case on its merits, and there need be no fear of laxity in the administration of the Fund. What is more to the point, those who administer it will be able to watch over the after progress of the pupils. And then the latter will themselves feel they are commencing the great battle of life under more favourable circumstances. They will recognise that they are not entirely adrift, that they have a body of well-wishers intent on watching the progress they make, and above all things, the manner in which they comport themselves. They will know that interest will cease, and any aid they may have been reckoning upon will be withdrawn or withheld, if they do not strive to their utmost to give satisfaction to their employers. As they grow older and gain experience they will still be animated by the same desire—if they are the children we take them to be—to strengthen and improve their position, until at length they find themselves strong enough to battle on alone and unassisted. It cannot be said there is any extravagance in such a scheme, or that those who may derive assistance from the proposed Fund will lose those habits of self-reliance which are rightly considered so necessary to success in life, and we may take it for granted that in extending further benefits to the young we have taken or may take under our charge, we shall not be unduly increasing the financial responsibilities of the Craft. We stand already pledged to the maintenance of two Schools and a Benevolent Institution, and the former already give certain assistance to such of the retiring pupils as may need it. The new proposal does not bind us to an unduly increased outlay in this respect. The majority of the cases which will be submitted to it for consideration will doubtless be of the same character as heretofore. The assistance will in all probability usually take the form of indenture fees for apprenticing boys to some trade or profession, which fees in themselves are seldom of very great extent; but more often than not we imagine influence alone will be sufficient to secure employment suitable for each applicant. With this view the founders have received promises of support from influential sources, while lists of probable vacancies and appointments will from time to time be noted. This, coupled with the advice and help that may be rendered from chiefs interested in juniors will form a prominent feature of the assistance contemplated. Now and again, it may happen—but we are sure the "now and again" will be equivalent to "very rarely"—there probably will be found boys with talents of a very high order, whom, for the honour of the School as well as for their own sake, it may be considered wise to send to one of our Universities. In that case the outlay will be considerable, and extend over a period of years. Or, in order to provide for such, it might be thought the better course to establish a Scholarship Fund—as part and parcel of the Assistance Fund—the proceeds being reserved for such deserving pupils as are likely to achieve academic distinction. Then there are many Schools of High Art now open to those who have a decided taste in painting, drawing, sculpture, &c. The fees are light, but those who attend the classes must have the means to support themselves during their period of study. Girls there are who have in them the making of good musicians, while others have equal chances of succeeding as governesses. It will be necessary in the case of these that the general education they have received in our School should be followed by a period of special training. But when we have made allowance, among those who leave school

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annually, firstly for those who have friends, and will need no help, and then for those who will require no more than is now given, we shall find but very few left who are likely to possess talent which it will be wise on our part to encourage and develop further.

Nor do we think there is any justice in the charge that by establishing a Pupils' Assistance Fund we shall be placing the children of our Schools on the level of mere "paupers." We pride ourselves not unnaturally on giving these children such an education as in all probability they would have received had their parents lived or remained in prosperous circumstances—an education such as unhappily for them the "pauper" children of this country are not in the habit of receiving. All it is proposed to do further is to place those retiring pupils who may need such help, where they will have the opportunity of turning the education we have given them to good account. We may trust the Executive of the Fund to investigate most carefully the merits of each case submitted to them. We may take it for granted they will not assist those whose friends are in a position to help them or who are themselves unworthy of help. We see no reason, therefore, to suppose that the Fund will be administered extravagantly any more than that there will be need of any large sum to meet all requirements. The children will feel they have some one to look to when they are entering on the active duties of life, some one who will fulfil the part of guardians, but without undertaking all the customary responsibilities of guardianship. In short, where an income reckoned by thousands is necessary towards the maintenance of *each* School a few hundreds will meet the exigencies of the Assistance Fund and suffice for *both* Schools. And be it remembered that in some of our large public schools, where admission is obtained by presentation or nomination, and the children are fed and taught out of the schools' funds, those of them who attain a certain position are retained for a further term of years and then sent up to Oxford or Cambridge at the school expense out of funds specially provided.

We think we have reported pretty well everything that can be urged in favour of or against the scheme now under contemplation. As to the manner in which the Fund should be administered, it is hardly yet time to attempt delineating this. It may be managed in much the same fashion as the Fund of Benevolence, or as laid down in Bro. Clabon's resolutions—which were, however, withdrawn—for the establishment by Grand Lodge of a Pupils' Aid Fund. But of one thing we are well assured. It will not need the services of a paid staff to do what will be required. There will be some kind of an Executive, the members of which will be chosen out of the governors and other supporters of the Fund. There will be Trustees, in whose name the moneys raised will be invested, an honorary Treasurer, and a Secretary; but as the duties of the last-named will be light, even if they do not partake rather of a formal character, it will only be necessary that his honorarium, if any, should be commensurate. However, we cheerfully leave for future consideration the arrangements it may be found necessary to make, in the full conviction that of whatever nature they may be, they will involve only a trifling outlay.

One word more and we have done. It has been said that the promoters of the scheme have made an entire "change of front." Of the grounds for this assertion we are in ignorance. The ideas which have animated the brethren who have busied themselves so successfully and paved the way for its establishment have been the same always. Certainly they have acceded, in consideration of the large amount of support they have received, to a wish widely expressed to incorporate as one of the first objects of the Fund the assistance of unsuccessful candidates for the existing Charities, but this can hardly be called a "change of front," inasmuch as it was a part of the plan of the projectors—save that at first it was thought the rendering of this assistance would be out of the question for some years to come. It yet remains to be seen whether they have taken too sanguine a view of the position, but we are assured that experience warrants the assumption that at an early date a surplus will accrue, and this surplus we agree with the Founders could not possibly be devoted to a better object than to assist those candidates who, being unsuccessful, are now debarred from participating in the bounty of the Craft. Small grants for short periods will here be the rule, and an incalculable amount of good must follow. The projectors have done what they have done without hope or expectation of reward; not only this,—they have taken it upon themselves to defray out of their own pockets the expenses which have been necessarily incurred. The moneys already paid over towards the Fund have been lodged in the Bank of England, and there they will remain till such time as the organisation has been settled and the Executive is in full working order. A code of regulations having been drawn up, the Fund will then be administered in the manner prescribed and for the purposes contemplated from the outset, or since included in the programme, that is, in helping former pupils of our Schools, who may need help, in making a good start in life. And the Fund once launched into being will no doubt fulfil its object most successfully.

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THE MASONIC RITUAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I fancy I remember to have once heard a story of a gentleman who was both owner and occupier of a very nice and well-built house. Like other houses, it had occasionally stood in need of repairs; occasionally, too, it was found that re-decoration was necessary. Even in the best regulated mansions some portions of the wood or stone work require to be renewed now and again. Unsightlinesses, in the form of dust and other "matter in the wrong place," have to be removed. Fresh fittings and furniture are now and then necessary, and this particular house was no exception to the general rule. But though the periodical cleaning and furbishing up had been scrupulously attended to, the original fabric remained substantially the same as when it was first built. All of a sudden the owner came to be seized with a desire to re-arrange the house he had dwelt in with so much comfort for so many years. One of those kindly-disposed friends who are never so happy as when suggesting or making some change had visited him, and, while admitting the house was a very excellent one, had pointed out that an enlargement here, a curtailment there, a re-arrangement elsewhere, would make it the most comfortable house in the world. The alterations were begun accordingly. This room was enlarged at the expense of the hall, that at the expense of the library. One change led on to another, and when finally the alterations were complete, it turned out that little, if any, of the original structure was left, and after having incurred a large amount of expense, the owner was anything but satisfied with the new state of things that had resulted from his friend's advice. Well, it strikes me that Freemasonry is like this "nice and well-built house," and the Craft is the owner of it. In the course of its occupancy, extending now over upwards of 160 years, certain repairs and redecorations have been found necessary, and, in particular, owing to some weakness in the foundations, or, more probably still, to the unsatisfactory nature of the soil in which they had been laid, there was for between seventy and eighty years a huge fissure in the main support of the building. Wise architects, however, were called in. The foundations were strengthened in every part, and at length, by means of clamps and other appliances, the gap was healed up, and the house at once became noted for the comfort and convenience of its arrangements, and the richness of its fittings and furniture. Of course, as years went on, rubbish had to be removed, and the rooms tidied up periodically; yet the building remained intact, and as solid and substantial as ever. All of a sudden it occurs to some one the character of the house should be changed. The entrance is too narrow, the space within too contracted in some parts, and in others too extended. It may have given satisfaction to the occupants, but it is not in harmony with the original design. In short, the Temple of Freemasonry, according to their ideas, must be reconstructed. The notion that only the removal of that extraneous matter, which is sure to find its way into every building, is necessary is absurd. It is not enough that up till now it has been found sufficient for the accommodation of all people who are willing to express their belief in a God, or that its forms and ceremonies have been so compiled and arranged as to conflict as little as possible with the religious idiosyncrasies of its different professors. The Jews and others, says Bro. Gottheil, "labour under the necessity of so altering the sense" of our ceremonies "as to suit their convictions." Possibly the same may be said of Christian brethren. It is the great merit of Freemasonry that it offers opportunities for men of all creeds to meet together in perfect harmony. Just as different clergymen of the Church of England differently interpret the Articles of that Church, so Christian, Jew, Mahommedan, Hindu, &c., are at liberty to interpret, each according to the light that is in him, the Articles of Masonry. These Articles express certain general truths, which existed when there were no religious differences in the world, and exist still. These truths, however, with all due respect for those who differ with me, are not, it seems to me, possible of acceptance by men of *no* creed at all, because, with all the liberal-mindedness I am anxious and able to bring to bear upon the question, I do not see how such people can be brought to accept anything they will regard as binding on what, for want of a better word, I suppose I must call their "conscience." I cannot conceive how any one can live and not be a deist of some kind or other. All nations of the earth, with the exception of some not much higher than brutes, in all ages of the world, have had some kind of deity or deities

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they worshipped. Shall I venture to assume that all these have been wrong, and that the few who now propound the dogma "there is no God," are right? I know the views of a majority are not necessarily the truth, but when I find the sages of ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome, &c., of Judaism, of Christianity, all conspiring together, with the Brahmins, the Buddhists, the Fire-worshippers, the followers of Confucius, the untutored North American Indians, as they are called, the Aztecs, &c., &c.; and proclaiming there is a God, whom men must worship, I set this concurrent testimony against the laboured arguments of the atheist, as I should the sworn evidence of trustworthy witnesses against the rhetoric of the pleader; and I side with the majority, not because it is a majority, but because it seems to me this concurrent testimony, being that of all the wisest and best men who have ever lived, is overwhelmingly in favour of the views they enunciate. Why should I advocate a change in the character of Freemasonry, which, as far as I can make out, is as unsectarian as it can possibly be? I exclude no one from its fold who is worthy of being admitted. I do not say that every word of every line of its formularies is the best which human wisdom could have supplied, but I do say that a better vehicle for bringing together on one platform men of all nations and creeds has not been found hitherto. I am far from claiming for it perfection, but I think we may go farther and fare worse; or, rather, that we may go on with our alterations to suit first one party and then another, until, as in the case of the owner of the house, it is found that there is nothing of the original structure left, and that the new building is far less commodious. If we alter or modify to please the infidel, we shall displease the deist. If we incline more than at present in any particular direction, we give offence in the opposite direction. As far as we have gone, we have fairly well satisfied all, and had better, therefore, be content with pursuing the same course. The differences which have broken out among us have been, for the most part neither religious nor political—a sufficient proof to my mind that, as I have just said, Freemasonry has thus far formed the best means for men of all creeds, and all political views also, meeting and working together harmoniously. If we attempt more, we shall destroy the very temple we have been at such pains to erect. As to uniformity of ritual, I am in favour of it as regards matters of observance. I think we should have our ceremonies carried out as nearly as possible in the same manner everywhere, but I should strenuously oppose any and every attempt to secure this uniformity, if I thought there were the slightest chance of the principles of Freemasonry being thereby endangered.

Fraternally yours,

PETER.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—How and why is it that we never hear of any representative in the person of a Steward for either of our Charities from this County? I think it is not far to seek for an answer. In my opinion it is because it is not a province, and consequently without a Masonic chief; and while this state of things exists I fear that Beds will always be conspicuous by its absence. I am given to understand that of the five Lodges in this County, two are opposed to having—while three are very anxious to have—a ruler over them. I note that although they do not support our Institutions, they are very glad to receive its benefits. A case for the Boys' School was recently submitted to me, and my vote solicited, by no less than twelve members of Lodge No. 475, attached to it. I should like to know how many of those twelve, are, or ever were, subscribers to the Institution? I merely quote this case as an example, but do they know that a boy's education costs for six years—seeing the applicant is only ten years of age—from £250 to £270 in round figures? A good man and true can easily be found to fill the P.G. Mastership, and the appointment would be hailed with enthusiasm by all sincere Masons, not only in Bedfordshire but out of it. We should then in all probability see an increase in the number of its Lodges, and the Province well represented at the Festivals. Our new Grand Secretary could not better inaugurate his term of office than by placing the case before our Royal Grand Master, and submitting that Bedfordshire be constituted as a Province. Their meetings would then be of real practical use, while at present, for the good they do, they are little better than convivial gatherings.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

OBSERVER.

[We think the suggestion a very good one, and no time should be lost in acting upon it. The comparative paucity of the Lodges should be no obstacle, as Cambridgeshire and Herefordshire, with only four Lodges each, are both Masonic Provinces. Moreover, Colonel Stuart, formerly M.P. for Bedford, would be just the "right man" for a Provincial chief.—ED. F.C.]

The Etonian Lodge, No. 209, in sending out its annual list of members have adopted a very good idea, and one which we feel sure would prove a great benefit to the Charities if universally adopted. They have attached a trio of columns in which appear the qualifications of each member as regards the three Charitable Institutions, with a result that must be pronounced most gratifiying, there are however some ugly gaps, which, now that they are so prominently pointed out, may be remedied before another return is issued, but what could be said in this respect of many other Lodges we are almost afraid to think. We should like to see the day when every Lodge would thus pride itself on the work of its members, we should not then hear of so many absentees, or have to record so long a list of "unsuccessful candidates."

REVIEW.

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The Atholl Lodges: their Authentic History. Being a Memorial of the Grand Lodge of England "according to the old Institutions." Compiled from official sources. By Robert Freke Gould, author of "the Four Old Lodges." London: Spencer's Masonic Depôt, opposite Freemasons' Hall. 1879.

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IT appears to have been no uncommon practice to initiate, pass, and raise candidates on one and the same evening—and that without any previous proposal. Thus we read at p. 24, under present Lodge No. 90, formerly No. 113, "Ancients," "18th November, 1812: The Warrant suspended by the Stewards' Lodge from all its rights and privileges during the space of six months, various irregularities having been proved, including a constant practice of passing persons through all three degrees in a single evening, without any previous proposal of them as candidates." Again at p 46, under No. 243—present No. 184—"20th January, 1796: Bros. Hubbart, Wolfington, and Owen M'Carthy, on the complaint of Nos. 243 and 291, Chatham, against Bro. David Davis, attended. Resolved, that Bro. D. Davis in making Thos. Hammond in the manner in which he was made, viz.—*Proposed, Made, Past,* and *Raised* in *one night,* and under a *Dormant Warrant,* should receive the censure of this Committee, the parties being called in and acquainted with the same.—*S. L. Min.*" This same Bro. D. Davis, who was first Master of the Lodge of Israel, formerly No. 280, now No. 205, had the knack, or misfortune, of being continually in hot water with the authorities. Thus, "15th Feb. 1797, Warrant of No. 280 cancelled, the Lodge having admitted Abraham Theyes into Masonry for the small and unworthy consideration of 5s. 19th April 1797; Bro. David Davis attended according to the order of the last Royal Arch Chapter, and delivered up the paper signed Thos. Harper, London, 1st April, 1796; under which it had been alledged that the said D. Davis had acted and summoned the Lodges in the Country to meet, contrary to regulation or any authority given by said appointment to Bro. Davis and after the expiration of his being appointed to act as one of the Excellent Masters for the year 1795 and 1796.—*S. L. Min.*" Considerable laxity seems to have prevailed as to the admission of candidates, not only in the foregoing matter of granting all the degrees in one night but in other respects. Thus as regards No. 49, now No. 53, it seems that, on the 15th December 1773, the Grand Secretary was ordered not to deliver up the Warrant of No. 49, as the people that purchased it from Bro. Kearney had "indulged" in irregular proceedings. Again it was ordered by Grand Lodge on 4th Feb. 1807, that the Warrant of No. 53, now No. 57, of Liverpool, be withdrawn, the grounds of the said withdrawal being the "Complaint of the five Lodges of Liverpool" against such Warrant for the very un-Masonic conduct by the improper and indiscriminate admission of persons made in said Lodge No. 53, Liverpool, and under said Warrant to the great injury and disgrace of Masonry, 4 of whom was lately convicted for felony," &c. "In the case of No. 157—now No. 119—very un-Masonic proceedings" are reported to have taken place under the Warrant of that Lodge and it was withdrawn and given up to the respectable section thereof, and with the consent and approbation of No. 154 held in the same town—Whitehaven. In July 1791, it seems the then No. 163—now No. 121—was reported to be "in a declining and irregular condition." Present Domatic, No. 177, to whose irregularities we referred last week, was, as No. 234, ordered on 19th September, 1810, to deliver up its Warrant to the D.G.M., "for admitting a 'Modern' Mason of Lodge 352, without previously initiating him," but it was subsequently restored "on due submission being made." On the 21st November of the same year, the W. Master of this Lodge, Bro. Thos. Banbury, was expelled, for vilifying Bro. Harper, D.G.M. Bro. Jacob Sarratt, previously Master of No. 240, no longer in existence, was, on 20th July 1796, "suspended from his privileges as a Mason for various irregularities, including his *passing* Bro. John White to the degree of a R.A. Mason, after having had notice that the said Bro. White was not a registered Mason." On the 16th Nov. 1808, this Lodge and No. 245, were brought before the Stewards for initiating "Blacks." On the 3rd July 1803, John Shury and Charles Valentine, of No. 245, now No. 186, were expelled for various irregularities, "including the taking the Warrant of said Lodge to a society called 'Modern Masons.'" Lastly comes under this head No. 261—now No. 194—which on 22nd September 1791, was ordered by G.L. to refund Michael Davis £1, "being money obtained by the Lodge under pretence of making M. D. a Mason, being, in fact, a very unfit person."

As may be imagined references are more than once made to the Union of 1813, and various attempts to bring it about. Thus, as far back as December 1797, a resolution in favour of a Union of the two Grand Lodges was moved by Bro. Moreton, of the then, and now, No. 63. On 6th September 1809, and also subsequently, Bro. Jeremiah Cranfield P.M. 255, now No. 190, "brought forward his renewed motion (withdrawn on the 7th June last,) that a Committee be appointed from this Grand Lodge to consider of, and adopt, such prompt and effectual measures for accomplishing so desirable an object as a Masonic Union." But the Deputy G. Master Harper "peremptorily refused to admit the motion, and afterwards closed and adjourned the Grand Lodge, past 12 o'clock at night." Again, under No. 273, we read an excerpt from the Grand Lodge Minutes of 1st September 1813, to the effect that a letter was read "from our Royal Brother, the Duke of Kent, accepting the appointment of this G.L. to confer (in conjunction with three other brothers, to be named) with H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex on the Union of the two Societies," the three other brothers being Thomas Harper Deputy G. Master, and James Perry and James Agar, Past Deputy G. Masters, all three being likewise Past Masters of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1 on the Ancient and United Roll.

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It is also natural that we should meet in these pages with the names of the more prominent members of the Fraternity, from the Duke of Athol, who, on 25th February 1776, was admitted into the first, second, and third degree, and installed W.M. of No. 1 Lodge, and then unanimously elected Grand Master, downwards. As our readers are aware, the moving spirit of the Ancients was undoubtedly Bro. Laurence Dermott, of whom we read briefly that he was "born 1720, initiated in Ireland 1740, installed Master of No. 26, Dublin, 24th June 1746. On coming to England he at first joined a 'Modern' Lodge, but was a member of Nos. 9 and 10, 'Ancients,' when elected Grand Secretary on the 25th February 1752, appointed Deputy G.M. 2nd March 1771, being succeeded at his own request by W. Dickey, on 27th December 1777. Again, D.G.M. from 27th December 1783 to 27th December 1786, when (also at his own request) he was succeeded by James Perry. Present for the last time in Grand Lodge 8th June 1782." Bro. Will. Dickey Jr., W.M. in 1766 of No. 14, and who in the same year was *re*-made in the three Craft degrees in No. 245 Moderns," was another distinguished "Ancient." He was elected W.M. of the Grand Master's Lodge (No. 1) in 1792, and "in the following year presented to it the jewels and furniture of Lodge No. 14, of which he was then the sole remaining member, the warrant having been delivered up in 1732. He was Deputy Grand Secretary in 1768-71, Grand Secretary 1771-77, Deputy Grand Master 1777-81, President of the Grand Committee 1782, and again Deputy G.M. 1794-1800." Bro. William Preston, author of the "Illustrations of Masonry," was the second person initiated in No. 111, at the time under dispensation. This happened in the early part of 1763, but the year following the members, no doubt, as Bro. Gould says, at the instance of William Preston, petitioned for a "Modern" Constitution, and was a *second* time constituted, as the Caledonian Lodge, now No. 134. Bro. Gould then goes on to say that in 1775 Preston sought to establish a connection between the G.L. of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of the "Moderns," and was referred by the former to Bro. W. Dickey Grand Secretary "Ancients." In his rejoinder, Bro. Preston remarked that Grand Lodge Scotland had been "grossly imposed upon by an irregular body of men, falsely assuming the appellation of *antient* Masons," and this statement, it may be imagined, was warmly discussed in the Ancient Grand Lodge, which recorded its surprise that no account of innovations introduced by the Moderns into Freemasonry had been transmitted to the Grand Lodge of Scotland or of Ireland, "although they obliterated the Ancient Landmarks, so as to render the Ancient System scarcely distinguishable by either of these nations." Another distinguished name that occurs is that of the well-known Bro. Dunckerley, who as a Prov. Grand Master under the "Modern" system took upon himself, in 1777, to doubt the legality of the warrant granted to No. 230, now 151, of the Ancients. Bro. Gould considers this upsets the theory respecting this brother that he obtained his knowledge of R.A. Masonry by visiting the "Atholl" Lodges. It may be so, but it is by no means conclusive, for Bro. Dunckerley, who was all enthusiasm in things Masonic, may have obtained admission into "Atholl" Masonry just as ancient Masons sought admission into the Lodges of Moderns. The learned Preceptor, Bro. Peter Thompson P.S.G.D., born in the north of England in 1779, died 1851, was initiated in No. 259, now Confidence, No. 193, in 1818, and the year following joined the Lion and Lamb, No. 192, then No. 258. With Bro. Broadfoot he founded, in 1817, the Stability Lodge of Instruction, No. 217, Broadfoot being the first Master, and Thompson the second. Bro. Goldsworthy, another Masonic teacher of eminence, was a member of No. 2, now No. 3, "and had the honour of seconding the motion in 1811 for a Committee vested with full powers to carry into effect the measure of a Masonic union of the two Societies." In 1813 he was a member of the Lodge of Reconciliation, and subsequently Junior Grand Deacon. Other names are mentioned in these pages, and notably that of Bro. Peter Gilkes, who at the time of his death on 11th December 1833, was W.M. of the present St. Michael's, No. 211. Of him we read that he was a "great smoker, and averaged thirty pipes of tobacco and coltsfoot daily. When quite blackened by use, it was his habit to present the pipes, for which he had no further use, to his favourite pupils, by whom, *it is said*, they were much prized (?)." It is stated that he strongly opposed the establishment of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, though his fame as its Preceptor was afterwards widely diffused. He invariably declined Grand Lodge honours, though many times offered him, "on the plea that his circumstances in life were not equal to the appointment."

As to the Lists appended they are transcribed from the editions of Abiman Rezon, in which they respectively appeared. It seems to us that they should be called more properly Lists of Warrants than Lists of Lodges. The Warrants remained the same numerically *ab initio*, but, as we have seen, they were held by different Lodges, even that of No. 2 having been purchasedin 1784 for six guineas by No. 32; that of No. 3, now No. 9, being sold to No. 55 for £4 14s 6d on 6th June 1759, and that of No. 5, which, on 17th May 1769, "G. Sec. Dermott, having congregated some brethren by dispensation, proposed to purchase," and for which he offered "£5 5s to the general Charity." And be it remembered that the Masters of Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 (Ancients) on the 17th July 1751—the earliest date in the "Atholl" records—were "authorised to grant dispensations and Warrants, and to act as Grand Master." Another reason why it strikes us they should be dealt with as lists of Warrants and not of Lodges is, that the Prov. Grand Lodges are in many cases as regards the former numbered in regular sequence as the Warrants were issued. There does not appear to have been anything like the same organisation as among the "Moderns," except in foreign parts, where it was probably the same. Another feature that will strike the student of these lists is the considerable number of Military Lodges.

It only remains for us to repeat the offer of our congratulations to Bro. Gould on the completeness as well as excellence, and so far as our judgment goes, the accuracy of his work. And if he has the will and the leisure, as we are sure he has the ability and patience, to make his task still more complete by tracing Ancient Nos. 2-7, so as to throw further light on the early events of the Secession, he would still further enhance his claims on the respectful consideration of the whole Craft.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening in the Temple. The Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master presided. Lord Tenterden and Major-General the Hon. Somerset G. Calthorpe occupied the chairs of Senior and Junior Grand Warden respectively. The dais was crowded with present and Past Grand Officers, and the body of the hall was inconveniently packed with brethren who have not arrived at the distinction of wearing the purple. The probable number of brethren who attended was about 800. The first business that was transacted after the reading of the minutes of last regular meeting was the hearing of the motion of which notice had been given by Bro. McKay, P.M. of Kendal, that the portion of the minutes which related to Bro. James Stevens's motion be not confirmed. Bro. McKay supported his proposition by the argument—that to compel a number of Lodges to alter the ritual they had been used to would inflict upon the Order incalculable evil which no one could repair. There might be differences of verbiage but the essentials were practically the same in all Lodges. The Rev. C. W. Arnold seconded the motion, and contended that the working of the country Lodges was on the whole equal to that of the London Lodges. He believed that the working would in time become uniform on account of the constant interchange of visits between Lodges. The Rev. R. J. Simpson supported the confirmation of the minutes, and was followed by Bro. Cumberland to the same effect, who agreed with Bro. Stevens that there was working in some Lodges which ought not to be allowed. He believed that something ought to be done to remedy this evil, and he thought Bro. Stevens' Committee would tend to do so. Bro. Stevens urged on the Committee to confirm the minutes. He only asked for a Committee of Inquiry, which was not to settle a form of ritual, but only to inquire into different workings. When the Committee inquired they would make their report, and it was on their report the brethren would take or would not take action. The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford drew the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact that Grand Lodge had already decided the question in 1869-70 by not appointing the Committee. As an old Provincial Mason he knew that Provincial brethren cherished their own ritual, which had been handed down to them. On the motion of Bro. McKay being put, it was carried by a considerable majority, and the minutes were then, with the exception of the rejected part, confirmed. Bro. Frank Richardson proposed, and Bro. Alderman Ellis seconded, the election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the year ensuing, and when this motion had been carried, and his Royal Highness proclaimed by Sir Albert Woods, Bro. Peirce proposed, and Bro. Cantle seconded, Col. Creaton as Grand Treasurer for another year. Before this motion was put to Grand Lodge Bro. Binckes proposed, and Bro. James Terry seconded, Bro. William Winn P.M. 657, stating that it was an understood principle at Grand Lodge in March 1879 that the Grand Treasurer should be elected for a year only, that the brethren might have the opportunity of conferring an honour on brethren who had been of the greatest service to the Order. Bro. J. M. Klenck P.M. Paxton Lodge, supported the latter motion. Bros. J. M. Clabon, Sutton Gover and James Mason opposed it, and on the motion being put, Bro. Col. Creaton was re-elected by a great majority. The Earl of Carnarvon next proposed that £500 should be subscribed out of the Fund of General Purposes to the Duchess of Marlborough's Fund for the relief of distress in Ireland, and as the vote would require confirmation at next Grand Lodge in June before the money could be handed over, he proposed that the motion should be altered by leaving out the words "at once." It was necessary to conform strictly to the letter of the Book of Constitutions or a dangerous precedent might be established. The motion was seconded by Bro. W. W. Beach M.P., and when it had been carried Col. Creaton said he would take upon himself the responsibility of giving a cheque for the amount and trust to the indemnity of the brethren at next Grand Lodge. After the recommendations of the Lodge of Benevolence had been confirmed, the brethren proceeded to consider the Report of the Board of General Purposes, as it was stated by the Earl of Carnarvon that the Board had exceeded their powers in making the purchase of premises adjoining Freemasons' Hall, the report must, in that particular, be referred back to them for a recommendation that the purchase be effected. On the subject of the alterations for the purpose of giving further accommodation to the officials of the three Charitable Institutions. Bro. Binckes inquired whether the plan would be submitted to the executive of those Institutions? to which Bro. Monckton replied that when Grand Lodge gave authority for the alteration to be made, the matter would come before the proper committees. In answer to further questions, Bro. Monckton said that undoubtedly the works would be put up to public competition. They also adopted the recommendation to lay out £75 in altering the library into a Grand Secretary's room, and to spend £3000 in the entire cleaning and decorating Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Monckton said the second of these two works would not be commenced till the Masonic season this year was passed. The brethren confirmed the recommendation to present Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, with 150 guineas, in consideration of the assiduous manner in which he had performed the duties of his Office during the illness of Bro. John Hervey. Bro. Clabon then brought on his motion for setting aside two-thirds annually of the surplus of the Fund of Benevolence for apprenticing, or otherwise advancing in life, the boys and girls when they leave the two Masonic Educational Institutions, but after it had been seconded by Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Bro. Clabon withdrew his motion, and as this concluded the business of the evening, Grand Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Bro. Grove Ellis, No. 188, announces his seventeenth Annual Ball for Tuesday, 8th April, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street; conductor, Bro. M. Aloof. Tickets (5s each) can be obtained of Bro. Grove Ellis, 42 Penton-street, Pentonville.

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UNITY AND MEASUREMENT.

"From the Voice of Masonry."

"Is thy heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? * * * If it be, give me thy hand."

UNION involves work, feeling, sentiment, and interest. In ancient times plucking off the shoe was the evidence of sincerity in a contract. Partners succeed in business only as they are united in everything pertaining to their commercial work; scientists, as they agree in details of investigation and results; theologians, as they harmonize in doctrine; families, as they agree in their social relation; churches, as they are of one mind in whatever promotes their spiritual and temporal interests, and so Masons should always have a perfect harmony between them, not only in all matters of general interest, but in every minute social affair. The extension of and grasping the hand is the usual indication of friendly feeling, and generally of union in matters of personal or fraternal interests, and it ought to have the significance of the ancient custom of plucking off the shoe. A situation of circumstances that precludes the union of hands or hearts among two brother Masons always casts a gloom of sorrow over the whole Lodge, and generally there is a strong desire among the brethren to settle the differences, and when success has been so far achieved as to call from the one the expression: "Give me thy hand," there is a feeling of rejoicing among all others, because it is an indication of forgiveness and a readiness for union.

There are so many grand sentiments and thoughts in Masonry that no Lodge can ever afford to have any feeling of disunion exist between any of its brethren. There must be union of heart, hand, and work.

Giving the hand indicates, generally, the feeling between two persons; but it is not incorrect to give the thought a larger, and, perhaps, higher significance. It is not beyond the range of propriety to say we give our hand to a great enterprise, thought or doctrine. "It has my hearty approbation." "I will willingly co-operate," is the same thought in its larger meaning. It is, therefore, correct, in any of these, to say I give it my hand, hence to consider that the heart is right with the enterprise. If our hearts, then, are right with the heart (sentiment) of Masonry, we give it our hand in many ways. As men of reasonably moral thought, we cannot give our hand to an incorrect or immoral principle, but can to a good one wherever found; nor to any form or ceremony that is debasing, but can to one that elevates; nor to a corrupt and dangerous person, but can to one who is good, or who may be benefited by good association. If we have enmity, the heart is not right, and we cannot extend the hand to an individual, nor approbation to a cause; but if the enmity be removed, we can extend it to both. We therefore say, we may give our hand to Masonry, the Church, or to any moral or spiritual interest, because they have grand objects in view.

Considered in Masonic light, three things are involved: Giving the hand to the sentiments taught; the approbation to the forms of induction; to the brother in fraternal fellowship; to an observance of all Masonic rule taught directly, or by implication. The Masonic heart must, then, be right in all its daily practices, and be in full accordance with our professions, for a Mason is a man who professes a high degree of morality. Does he drink? Does he swear? Is he at enmity with a brother? Does he harbour suspicion against a brother without a cause, or without good evidence? Does he doubt the word of the sacred book upon which he took his pledge and made his vow? Does he neglect the observance of the precepts taught? Does he deal unjustly with any brother? Does he neglect the duties implied in his obligation, or in any way prove recreant to the vows given at the sacred altar? His heart is not right with the heart of Masonry, and he cannot give it his hand. He must be right in the moral principles taught, to be enabled to give his hand to the cause in the true sense of the thought.

This union of heart and giving the hand is closely observed by all men, and is the foundation of all man's measurement of men. The external exhibition of men's thoughts is what all men measure motive and character by, because they cannot go down any deeper into man's nature. But God measures altogether by a deeper and purer standard. By his mental power he reads the unexpressed thought and judges of motive power before it has come to light of day, where man reaches it.

Men are under the constant surveillance of all their fellows. The wicked measure the poorest and weakest of the good by the best of their own number, thus never come to any accurate judgment of the morality of the good. Contrasts are drawn by taking the best of the good and the meanest of the bad, and holding them up to show the lights and shadows of virtue and sin. Neither are correct. Perfect judgment of contrasts in men brings the highest class of virtue in each. Thus the highest virtue in the wicked is compared with the highest in the good, and the weakest and poorest of the good with the worst of the bad. Then the action and words of every one is compared with what the man professes.

This measurement of men does not stop at generalities, but is constantly occurring in the closest relations of life. The parent is measuring the child, the child the parent. The husband scans the action of the wife, the wife the husband, and so with all other near relations of life.

Many times we are misjudged because our abilities, possessions, or endowments are overestimated or underrated. To arrive at correct judgment, these must be understood as they exist. Excentricities or dispositions many times preclude the formation of correct judgments. But in all, man has little of penalties to inflict; God has all, hence also a perfect knowledge of all that goes to make up character.

Men are generally too apt to measure others by themselves in character, motive and action. Principle alone should be the standard of measurement.

When we realise the fact of this constant measurement, it is well sometimes to consider, How am I measured? If, by myself, I am an egotist. If by my lack of united feeling with others, I am placed beneath my merits. But in God's hand the measure is just. If so, what are my deserts? Then comes the thought, as to how I am conducting myself in the presence of that God.

The idea of Masonic unity and measurement is one that should often claim the attention. It is well to consider, first, am I united, in my Masonic work, with the cause, its measures and men? Having settled that affirmatively, it is then well to consider how that unity of feeling corresponds with daily action. Is it thought I ought to be a better man because I am a Mason? If so, I ought, then, to turn my thoughts to nobler things. How should it guide me in my transactions with men? What element of Masonry should enter into my business relations? What better influence should I have upon the young? Years ago, a man, just after taking the Knight Templar degree, said to the writer: "I ought to be a better man than I am to take such a degree as that!" but did it mend his way? No. He did not stop to consider the idea of unity in its work, nor the measurements, that men were making. The Sir Knights thought he should have been a better man. His measurement began in the Commandery. The Master, Fellow Craft and Apprentice all expected to see more of the true measurement of the man. All were disappointed. If we are so low in the measurement of imperfect human judgment, what will it be when we come to the infallibly correct judgment of an All-Wise Judge, who allows no element of character to pass His notice?

If our unity of feeling is wrong, and our measurement accordingly incorrect, there may be a reformation of mind and heart in this matter. But reformation must, of necessity, be the result of a willing mind. To be a true Mason, we must be willing to extend the hand to every one, especially a brother. All errors of the past must be forgiven, and we must lay down every wrong action, discard every evil thought, and endeavour to approach the very highest element of pure thought.

To accomplish this grand work we need not go out of our own sphere of immediate action. There is work enough for all. There are objects of benevolence everywhere, and, as soon as we have thoroughly united ourselves in the work of the good cause, men will begin to change the balances of their scales.

Character is man's grandest possession—greater than estates, purer than gold or precious stones. It is the very life of the man. Character with all its power, thrown into union with a good cause, and measured by the pure standard of a godly judgment, is a boon to be coveted by all.

GRAND COUNCIL

ROYAL AND SELECT, AND SUPER-EXCELLENT MASTERS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, &c.

A meeting of this Grand Council was held on Thursday, the 26th ultimo, at 2 Red Lion-square, W.C. Present:—Bros. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal M.P. Grand Master, Frederic Davison R.P. Grand Treasurer, Frederick Binckes Grand Recorder, H. C. Levander Grand Lecturer; Bros. Colonel Francis Burdett, Thomas Cubitt, Thomas C. Walls, H. B. Cooper Smith, R. Loveland Loveland, W. Carlton Hale, Robert Roy, Thomas Poore, J. E. Anderson, D. M. Dewar, and other brethren. After the minutes of last Grand Council were read and verified, a report was read showing the progress of the Cryptic Degrees in this country, from which it appeared that Warrants for nine Councils had been granted, and 140 Certificates issued. The report having been approved, Bro. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal was unanimously re-elected Grand Master, and Bro. Frederic Davison Grand Treasurer. The Grand Master thereupon appointed the following Grand Officers:—

Bro. Colonel F. Burdett	- -	R.P. Dep. Grand Master
" Thomas Entwisle	- -	" Grand Ill. Master
" Thomas C. Walls	- -	" Grand Prin. Cond. of Works
" Rev. W. S. Moses	- -	" Grand Chaplain
" P. H. E. Bretto, D.D.	-	" Do.
" D. M. Dewar	- - -	" Grand Recorder
" Thomas Meggy	- - -	" Grand Master of Ceremonies
" G. P. Brockbank	- -	" Grand Captain of Guard
" R. L. Loveland	- -	" Grand Cond. of Council
" H. R. Cooper Smith	-	" Grand Lecturer
" Thomas Poore	- -	"
" Thomas Cubitt	- -	" Grand Marshalls
" R. H. Thrupp	- -	"
" Robert Roy	- - -	" Grand Steward
" J. E. Anderson	- -	" Grand Sentinel

After the transaction of some routine business, Grand Council was closed in ample form.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls assembled on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), A. H. Tattershall, Griffiths Smith, T. F. Peacock, G. Bolton, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. T. Thompson, T. Fryar, H. Cox, H. Massey, A. F. A. Woodford, C. H. Webb, P. de L. Long, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). One petition for placing a candidate on the list for election was examined and accepted. Bro. Hedges reported the receipt of a thousand guineas from West Yorkshire, the amount subscribed for a perpetual presentation to the School as the Bentley Shaw Memorial, and he also read a letter from Bro. H. T. Thompson, enclosing copy of a case laid before Bro. Locock Webb as to the purchase of Lyncombe House. This case and Bro. Locock Webb's opinion thereon were also read by Bro. Hedges, after which the Committee adjourned.

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THE ALLEGED DISCOVERY OF MASONIC EMBLEMS.

WE are not surprised that the great Masonic lights of the United States should be divided in opinion as to the value of the Masonic discovery which Commander Gorringe is said to have made. More information is needed before anything definite can be settled, and we shall content ourselves with noting a few of the ideas expressed by Transatlantic Brethren on the subject. Bro. Simons, for instance, of the New York *Dispatch*, will not accept the symbols on the stones beneath the Egyptian obelisk as Masonic emblems until he has some real data on which to base an opinion," but "let it be granted that the characters—or symbols, or whatever you please—are really Masonic in form, how shall we go back through all the intervening centuries, and connect them with Masonry as it now exists?" Even the discovery of an apron with the square and compass, and the letter G on it, could, thinks this worthy brother, "be counted for nothing more than a coincidence." Professor Rawson, the Orientalist, thinks Dr. Fanton's despatch falls short of proving what it so confidently asserts. "These emblems, or stonemasons' marks," observes the Professor, "prove nothing; for the obelisk itself has been moved since the beginning of the Christian era, and the marks on the foundation stones may be only the private hieroglyphics of the stonemasons in Alexandria—marks to show the Masons where to place the stones——marks such as I found everywhere in my archæological investigations in the East." Bro. Steinbrumer, author of "The Origin and Early History of Freemasonry," says

"I can dig up stones and find characters, and I can form an order and date it back 10,000 years; but that will signify nothing. Masonry, as we known it, does not antedate the eighteenth century, and if the obelisk has stood a thousand years or longer the marks beneath it can have no relation to Masonry as we know it. Some Masons, if they happen to find in any ancient thing a symbol that is employed in our day, are ready to jump at the conclusion that it is Masonic instead of asking themselves whether modern Masons have not stolen it. The square has been used by builders in all ages, but it doesn't follow that the ancient builders were Masons. Many Masons of our day do not understand Masonry. They are striving to give it antiquity, as though that were its chief merit."

Bro. Robert Macoy, author of the "Encyclopædia of Freemasonry," is of opinion that secret societies

"Not unlike the Masonic Lodges have existed in all ages, but I do not say that any discovery can prove that the Masonry of our time is identical with that of the ages of antiquity. The formation of our architecture and even our arts and sciences are based upon the systems known as Masonic. These systems and fraternities, existing for mutual protection in the affairs of life and for the promotion of knowledge, have passed down through the ages, among all civilized people with all the changes and ramifications that are incident to human affairs, and the subject is too great to be adequately investigated in a brief interview. It is my conviction that the discoveries that now seem to be authenticated by Dr. Fanton will reveal the true connection between ancient and modern Masonry. But let us wait and see the stones that uphold the obelisk in Alexandria."

Bro. Singleton, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, holds that the emblems are not indicative of any Masonic symbols, but are simply coincidences. Further explanation will determine their full value. He remarks that the plates in a work entitled "Central America and Yutcaan," showed "certain well known Masonic signs used in capitular Masonry," but it was simply a coincidence. And he adds

"The information in regard to these discoveries of Commander Gorringe is not sufficiently explicit to give a reader any correct idea of their positions relatively to themselves or the outlines of the foundation or the superstructure. A true plan and sectional elevation must be given to understand their form and position. The square, the two altars and the old trowel may be symbolic or they may have a realistic bearing upon the work. The cube of forty inches mentioned may determine the length of the cubit. The cube itself was a symbol of perfection, according to Josephus, and that was the form of the sanctum sanctorum of the tabernacle and in King Solomon's Temple. The square discovered is peculiar. The longer arm being double the length of the other and narrower, is somewhat like the framing square of the carpenter and stone mason. The ancient York lectures say that the longer arm of the square indicates the sum of all the duties we owe to mankind. The true proportion of the Masonic square is a base of three, perpendicular four and diagonal or hypothenuse five, and demonstrates by figures the forty-seventh problem of Euclid. This Egyption square is anomalous."

He thinks "Masons weaken their cause archæologically, by much assumption."

Bro. Major B. P. Poore considers that these emblems "do not appear to be Masonic, and certainly do not resemble the Masonic emblems of our day, so closely as do scores of delineations upon the walls of the tombs in the valley of the Nile. No direct proof has even been given that the Freemasonry of to-day is directly descended from and identified with the mystic rites of Egypt." He believes that "a portion of the ceremonies and of the emblems of those rites handed down from one secret brotherhood to another were adopted by those who organised our Freemasonry." And later on,

"The organisers of our Freemasonry did not certainly create and originate emblems which are pourtrayed on the monuments of Egypt, of Greece, of Italy and of Germany. Whether, in adopting the emblems thus handed down to them, the organizers of our Freemasonry have preserved any of the rites and mysteries of those who presided over the altars of Memphis, is yet to be determined. He had hopes, when he heard of Lieutenant Commander Gorringe's discovery, that it would supply some of the missing links, but he fears that he is to be disappointed. The emblems found beneath the obelisk described are not the recognized emblems of Freemasonry, although they doubtless resemble some of them."

Bro. Albert Pike is free to say the articles found do "not bear any resemblance to Freemasonry." He did not believe that "the present system of Masonry or anything like it was in existence at the time the obelisk was put up. Some of the symbols of Masonry are very ancient, because they were used by Pythagoras, and were borrowed from Babylon, and have been adapted to Modern Masons, and it was due in this connection that some of the explanations had really been forgotten." And our brother concluded,

"I have not the slightest idea that Freemasonry, in its present form or shape, had any existence older than the seventeenth century. All attempts to prove that it existed at an earlier date are nonsense. I have expended a large sum of money in the purchase of books, and have studied the subject to see if there was anything in the records of history to show close connection with Masonry, and all I have ever been able to discover is a bare relation of the symbols. The degrees, signs and symbols as now understood among Masons, are comparatively modern. I think the Egyptian relics belong to a veritable mare's nest."

Bro. Albert G. Mackey is likewise among the sceptics as to the value of the discovery, and he is a host in himself. So far we have quoted unfavourable or hesitating opinions. Let us now glance at the other side of the picture. Bro. Daniel Sickles, author of the "General Ahiman Rezon and Freemason's Guide," "believes Masonry to have been born in the Monumental period, as far back as any building of any notoriety is known;" and subsequently he adds, "As to the notion that Masonry originated at the foundation of the Pyramids, I fancy it dates back as far as civilisation itself. It is the only organisation that has not meddled with either creeds or governments, or politics, or with anybody's private opinions; and hence its strength and durability." Bro. Banks speaks of his "knowledge of Brother Gorringe, who is a member of Anglo-Saxon Lodge of Brooklyn, and who is familiar with all the emblems of Masonry, and a gentleman of the highest intelligence, "who," in his opinion, "fortifies my preconceived opinion of the Masonic significance of these important discoveries."

Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, Twickenham.—An emergency meeting was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Saturday last. The Lodge was opened at half-past three o'clock by the W.M. Bro. H. Lovegrove, supported by Bros. G. Clark S.W., H. A Dubois Prov. J.G.W. as J.W., Larlham P.M. as I.P.M., W. H. Barber Secretary, C. C. Cruikshanks S.D., F. J. Perks J.D., H. S. Dunkley I.G., G. J. Dunkley Organist, T. W. G. Wood W.S. and J. Daly Tyler. The other members present were Bros. Elliott, Axford, E. W. Dubois and others, and Visitors Bros. White, Stafford, &c. Bros. Thorn and Holliday answered the usual questions, were entrusted and duly raised to the sublime degree, the traditional history being given by Bro. Larlham. The ballot was taken for several gentlemen, and Messrs. Johnson and Johnston being in attendance were duly initiated. The members wore mourning as requested by the R.W. Prov. G.M. in consequence of the death of Bro. T. J. Sabine. About twenty remained for refreshment, after which the W.M. proposed the usual toasts.

Bro. James Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of England, has just received an elaborate designed diploma, stating that on the fifth and seventh days of February 1880, "in consideration of his illustrious services to Freemasonry," he was made an Honorary Member of the Ancient Carthage Lodge and Chapter 1717 under the seal of the said Masonic bodies.

The Principals of the Elias Ashmole Chapter, No. 148, Warrington, will be installed on Monday, 8th March, and those of the Chapter of Harmony, No. 178, Wigan, on Wednesday, 10th March; the ceremonies in both cases will be performed by E. Comp. John Bowes P.Z., P.P.G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmoreland.

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JAMAICA.

THE past two or three months has been quite a gala time among the Freemasons of this island. Brethren whom we presumed had for years retired from active exertions are now coming forward and assisting to make Freemasonry a great success in this island—a success that will be continued so long as we have such men at the head of affairs as the Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. R. Hamilton, District Grand Master of East Jamaica. Worshipful Captain P.

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Dadson has been installed Master of the Jamaica Lodge. During his short sojourn in this island he has gained many friends, and it is hoped he will have a successful year of administration. He has already initiated into the Order the Rev. W. E. Pearce, a minister of the Church of England in Jamaica, and Mr. C. Goldie, Chief of the Outdoor Department of Her Majesty's Customs. Bro. John Harris, Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department, has been installed Master of the Sussex Lodge, which can boast of many good Past Masters and brethren. The Right Worshipful J. L. Ashenheim has been installed Master of the Friendly Lodge; this brother holds a position in the Grand Lodge of East Jamaica, and has previously occupied the chair of this Lodge, when he had a very successful year. Bro. K. J. Spicer has been installed Master of the Glenlyon (S.C.), and Bro. Coward Master of the Caledonia Lodge (S.C.), Port Maria. In a few months time the Royal, Collegium, Fabrorum, Hamilton, and Phœnix will have to make selection of a Master. In a few weeks Bro. G. Pierce will be installed Master of the St. John's (S.C.) Lodge.

The ordinary meeting of the Jamaica Rose Croix was held on 23rd January, at the Sussex Hall, E. Bro. W. R. Lee in the chair, when Bros. J. McLean, A. H. Alexander, I. G. D. Broughton, and G. Waldron were perfected in the degrees, and six brethren admitted, belonging to the New Kingston Chapter, which was consecrated in due form by Illustrious Bro. the Hon. Dr. Hamilton 33°, Past Grand Chaplain of the Supreme Council for England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown. The M.W.S. E. Bro. W. Andrews was then installed by Ill. Bro. Capt. P. Dadson 32 deg., and the Officers for the ensuing year were appointed. E. Bro. H. Garcia was elected as M.W.S. and E. Bro. C. H. Davis as Treasurer for the Jamaica Chapter. The installation will take place on St. George's day. E. Bro. Lieut. W. C. H. Hastings, R.N. was raised to the 30th degree. The brethren belonging to the Army and Navy have come to the determination to have a Lodge of their own. Consequently, at the last ordinary meeting of the Sussex Lodge the members recommended to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, through the Right Hon. Dr. R. Hamilton, several brethren to form a new Craft Lodge, to be held in Kingston, to be called the United Service Lodge and to be confined to the officers of the Army and Navy. Bro. Commander Narry, R.N. (of H.M.S. *Nugent*) is named as first Master, Bro. Captain W. Marin A.P.D. as Senior Warden, and Bro. Lieut. Stewart Polkingborn, R.N. as the first Junior Warden. We confess we scarcely see the necessity for the opening of another Lodge exclusively for the Army and Navy when the Phœnix, which has been in existence for many years, has for its Master the Commodore's Secretary, Surgeons of the Navy and others who hold important positions in the Services. At present the Phœnix Master, Dr. J. Tyndall, has had to leave the island, his time of service on the Station having expired before he had the pleasure of ruling his Lodge for twelve months.

INDEPENDENT LODGE, No. 236 I.C., AT PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS.

THE regular installation meeting of this Lodge was held on St. John's Day, Saturday, 27th December 1879. There were present members of all the Lodges in the island. Bro. A. G. Rickwood P.M. being duly proclaimed and saluted as W.M. for the second year, he invested the following Officers:—Bros. G. Lewison P.M. of the British and Friendship Lodges S.W., F. Mathews J.W., J. N. Graves Sec., A. B. Commins Treas., H. W. Rickwood S.D., J. J. Asher J.D., J. Jones I.G., J. Corbett Steward, Dumont Tyler. The business of the evening being completed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a first-rate dinner was served, of which no less than sixty-seven brethren partook. The usual Loyal toasts were proposed, and most enthusiastically received. The proceedings terminated by the usual compliment being paid to all distressed brethren.

HONG KONG.

THE Freemasons never do things by halves. It is now some years since a Masonic Ball has been given by the Craft in Hong Kong, the last occasion being on the 22nd Jan. 1874, when a highly successful ball took place at the City Hall, Sir Arthur and Miss Kennedy gracing it with their presence. That entertainment was, however, surpassed by the present ball given in the City Hall, to which upwards of 800 guests were invited. The assemblage was a numerous and brilliant one, the decorations were of a superb description and in the best possible taste, the arrangements for dancing and refreshment were all that could be desired, and the whole entertainment did the greatest honour alike to the generosity and taste of the members of the Craft. The ball will, in fact, be an event to be remembered in the colony. At the entrance to the City Hall an imposing portico covered with evergreens and hung with lanterns had been erected, and immediately in front of this on a lofty post the powerful argand lamp, which has on one or two occasions been exhibited in different parts of the town, had been placed. In the entrance hall the pillars were festooned with evergreens, and plants and cut foliage lined the way to the stairs. At the foot of the stairs were two massive gilt pillars reaching nearly to the ceiling, each adorned with chapiters. These pillars were surmounted by two spherical balls, on which were delineated maps of the celestial and terrestrial globes, with a ring of gas jets around them, and suspended between these was the emblematic square and compass in gas, with the letter G. in the centre. The stairs were covered with a red carpet edged with blue and white, and on the first standing, facing the entrance, was the W.M.'s pedestal, bearing the Bible and the perfect ashlar, with crossed swords in front, the pedestal being surrounded with cut flowers. Above this was a handsome mirror, surmounted by a star in gas. On each side of this was fixed a similar star with Master Masons' shields between. On the side walls were hung four large pictures representing the four cardinal virtues, namely, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice, each surmounted by a star. The effect of these decorations was resplendent, and the staircase looked especially brilliant. On the top landing, above the staircase, hung a portrait of the M.W.G.M. his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, with a five-pointed star above, and the walls were decked with the flags and arms of various nations. Both St. George's and St. Andrew's Halls were used for dancing, and each was elegantly decorated. At the head of the former was a magnificent trophy composed of Masonic furniture and emblems of nearly every degree in Masonry, surmounted by the banner of the District Grand Lodge of Hong Kong and South China and flanked by the banners of the Perseverance Lodge and Royal Arch. Around the walls were hung flags, shields bearing Masonic emblems, and the Royal Arch bannerets. The decorations in St. Andrew's Hall were of a similar character, at the head of the room being the square and compass in gilt and the banner of the Zetland Lodge. The verandahs were tented in with flags and hung with Chinese and Japanese lanterns with Masonic emblems painted on them. About a quarter to ten his Excellency Major-General Donovan, Mrs. Donovan, Lady Smale, the Hon. W. H. and Mrs. Marsh arrived, when the Deputy District Grand Master very Worshipful Bro. C. P. Chater, supported by the Officers of the District Grand Lodge, received them in the portico. The D.D.G.M. escorted Mrs. Donovan, the rest of the party following, under an "arch of steel" formed by the Knights Templar to the foot of the staircase, which was lined on either side by members of the Royal Arch and Master Masons in full regalia, presenting altogether an imposing spectacle. The procession was heralded by trumpeters belonging to the 27th Regiment, and proceeded to the ladies cloak room. Another procession was then formed to the head of St. George's Hall, the Masons lining the route on either side. The ballroom presented a scene of gaiety never, perhaps, equalled in Hong Kong, all the Masons being dressed in their various collars, scarves and aprons. Dancing was commenced about ten o'clock to the strains of the band of the 27th Inniskillings, under the direction of Herr Werner. The ball was opened by Mrs. Donovan with the D.D.G.M., the General taking Lady Smale, Commodore Smith Mrs. Marsh, and the Hon. W. H. Marsh Mrs. Geddes. Supper took place at midnight, after the tenth dance, the guests again passing under an arch of steel formed by the Rose Croix. The theatre had been improvised for the supper-room, a temporary floor having been constructed on the level of the orchestra. The decorations here were perhaps more brilliant than in the ball rooms. On the stage was the V.W. D.D.G.M.'s table, at which Major-General and Mrs. Donovan, Lady Smale, Hon. W. H. and Mrs. Marsh, Colonel Stuart R.E., Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Hall, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Geddes, and Commodore Smith were seated. Behind this there was a fountain playing, the band being placed at the rear. The general tables in the auditorium were arranged in the form of Masonic emblems, the square and compass occupying the greater portion of the space, with another table between the points of the compass in the form of the Senior Warden's level, while on each side were tables in the form of the Junior Warden's plumb-rule. On the tables was a large quantity of racing plate, kindly lent by the owners. The theatre was hung with festoons and lanterns, with numerous five-pointed stars, while in front of the Governor's box was a device of Masonic banners and shields. While the decorations were splendid, it is needless to say that the catering was of the best. The menu cards when folded up represented the aprons of Master Masons, Royal Arch, Mark Masters, and Rose Croix, and were very neat and unique. The D.D.G.M. having sounded the gavel, proposed the toast of "the Queen and the Craft," the band playing, "God save the Queen." The D.D.G.M. next proposed the health of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, and the other members of the Royal Family," when the band played "God bless the Prince of Wales." After this the District Grand Tyler, Bro. J. R. Grimble, proposed the toast of "All the Poor and Distressed Masons." This concluded the list of toasts. After supper dancing was renewed, and was continued until about half past three o'clock.—*London and China Telegraph.*

THE SOUTH LONDON MASONIC HALL.

WE are pleased to learn, from reports which appear from time to time in the local press, that the accommodation lately provided by Bro. Isaac at the White Hart, Belvedere-Road, Lambeth, is being patronised by others than the members of the mystic tie, indeed that the extensive rooms recently opened are becoming well known among the *employés* of the large firms of the neighbourhood, many of whom now hold their annual suppers or other gatherings under the roof of the South London Masonic Hall. We are assured on all sides that Bro. Isaac gives satisfaction to his numerous guests, and we need hardly say that such is our experience as regards his catering for the Vitruvian Lodge, at the gatherings of which we have on more than one occasion assisted. From reports now before us of the annual dinner of the South Wesern Railway *employés* (outdoor department, Waterloo), and of the annual Club supper of the *employés* of Messrs. Nobles and Hoare, which are among the more recent gatherings, we learn that most pleasant evenings have been spent, and we can only hope that such may be the experience of all who patronise our brother in the future.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 6th MARCH.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 8th MARCH.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
55—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
R. C.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square]

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
461—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
R. A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
M. M.—Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M. M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
R. C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K. T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

TUESDAY, 9th MARCH.

46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction),
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden
1635—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
R. C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Shoe, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R. A. 537—Zion, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R. A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M. M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 10th MARCH.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R. A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, at 7.30 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Inst.)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R. A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
M. M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 11th MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.

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1783—Macbeth, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R. A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.

FRIDAY, 12th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
K.T.—Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K. T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 13th MARCH.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
188—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1428—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1559—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
Sussi Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stalybridge

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

WILLIAM KINGSTON LODGE, No. 1835, GOLETTA.

THE Annual Festival of this Lodge was celebrated on the 20th February, at the Masonic Hall, Goletta, Tunis, North Africa. The Lodge was opened at 1 p.m. precisely by the W.M. Bro. Barker, assisted by Bros. They S.W., Carletto J.W., Engerer Secretary, Morana D. of C., Attard S.D., D'Amico as J.D., Vaux I.G., and A. Pagano Tyler. There were also present Bros. Coppi, Durazzano, Villareale, Castelli, Rombi, Rotino, Catalano, and Angelica, members; Visitors—Vais Orator, Maltesopolo J.W., and Cittanova Secretary of the Italian Lodge Risorgimento at Tunis; and Souiller S.W., Pentecost J.W., Barsotti Treasurer and Le Gallais S.D. of Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717 (E.C.), also at Tunis. On an alarm being given, the following distinguished brethren were received with due honours, viz.:—W. Bros. J. F. Reade No. 1717 P.D.D.G.M. Egypt, A. M. Broadley D.D.G.M. Malta, Dr. Perini W.M. 1717, Professor Ayra W.M. Italian Lodge Risorgimento, Vais 33°, and Dr. Funaro Past Masters of the same Lodge, D. Costa W.M. of the Italian Lodge Progresso Costituzionale at Susa, and Dr. Mugnaini 32° P.M. Lodge Carthage and Utica at Tunis. The W.M. asked the D.D.G.M. Brother Broadley to assume the gavel. The D.D.G.M. expressed the pleasure experienced by the Lodge No. 1835 at receiving the visits of so many distinguished Masons on this occasion; he stated that the only business before them was to read a circular from the D.G. Lodge of Malta, warning the English brethren at Tunis from holding Masonic intercourse with a self-created body calling itself the Grand Orient of Tunis and its Dependencies. The circular having been read, it was duly inserted in the minute book. W. Bro. Reade, P.D.D.G.M. of Egypt, H.B.M.'s Agent and Consul General at Tunis, then addressed the assembled brethren; he said that in returning to his birth-place, after an absence of thirty years, nothing had pleased him more than to find Masonry flourishing in the country. He was especially interested in the Lodge No. 1835, as working on the very ruins of Carthage. He called the particular attention of the English and Italian brethren to the circular the D.D.G.M. had read, and told them their duty in the matter could be described in two words—Fidelity and Obedience—fidelity to the Grand Lodge of England, to which they owed allegiance; and obedience to the orders of their immediate superior, the D.G.M., who had so ably dealt with the matter in accordance with the decision of the Colonial Board of Grand Lodge. He added that nothing could be more illegal than the action of the half dozen individuals who had constituted themselves into a pretended Grand Orient against the will of the great majority of regular Masons in the country, and that he felt sure that the united and harmonious action of the Italian and English Masons in the country would speedily bring the movement into deserved contempt. W. Bro. Reade assumed his seat amidst many demonstrations of approval. W. Bros. Perini, Ayra, Costa, and Mugnaini addressed the Lodge in turn, and expressed their cordial approval of the D.G. Master's circular, and W. Bro. Reade's remarks. Two candidates for initiation were proposed and seconded. The charitable collection was then made, and the brethren adjourned to an elaborate banquet, provided by Bro. Angelica. The D.D.G.M., at the request of the W.M., presided, and the whole of the brethren above mentioned were present. On the removal of the cloth, the following toasts were duly honoured:—The Queen and the Craft, the M.W. Grand Master, the M.W. Grand Master of Italy, the Grand Officers, and the D.G. Grand Master of Malta. In proposing the health of the Right Worshipful Bro. Kingston the D.D. Grand Master alluded to the able way that illustrious brother had represented his district in England. He was able to tell the members of 1835 that their D.G.M. took a most lively interest in the progress of English Masonry in this important part of his district, and especially in the prosperity of the Lodge which bore his name. Bro. Kingston would certainly visit the Goletta in June, and probably hold a Grand Lodge under their banner. Bro. Kingston's health was then enthusiastically drank, and it was decided to convey to him by telegraph the hearty good wishes of the Lodge. The next toast was that of the P.D.D.G.M. of Egypt, to which Bro. T. F. Reade responded. In returning thanks for his health being drunk, Bro. Barker W.M. 1835 proposed the toast of their indefatigable chief, Bro. Broadley. The W.M. of the Risorgimento Lodge added, on behalf of his Lodge, that the D.D.G.M. must be considered as the pioneer and main supporter of the common interests of regular Masonry in the country. The toast was very cordially drunk, and Bro. Broadley returned thanks at some length. Various other toasts were disposed of, and the brethren separated at 4.30, highly pleased with their winter festival. English Masonry is gaining ground day by day in North Africa, but the existence of a spurious centre must always be regretted. It need hardly be said that the body in question has never even sought the recognition of our U.G. Lodge, nor, as far as is known, has any communication with a single Masonic governing body of importance. It originated with four or five individuals, and the members of Lodges Nos. 1717 and 1835 trust that the Masonic authorities of distant countries will obtain proper information before committing themselves by even the smallest recognition of the G.O. of the Reformed Egyptian Rite, whatever this high sounding title may be intended to represent.

SOUTHDOWN LODGE, No. 1797.

THE first anniversary of the formation was successfully held on Wednesday, the 25th ult. Reviewing the first year of its existence, there has been 12 members initiated into the mysteries of the Masonic art, and a number of other brethren have joined the Lodge. With such progress as this there seems every probability that the Southdown Lodge will eventually become one of the best in the province of Sussex. The Founder of the Lodge and first W.M. has, to the great regret of all the brethren, been removed by death, but the duties devolving upon so high an official have been most ably carried out by Bro. James Curtis. The installation service was conducted in the music-room, by Bro. James Eberall P.M. 315, 1636, P.P.G. Pursuivant, and was rendered in a most impressive manner. The W.M. elect, Bro. James Curtis, being duly installed, invested the following newly appointed Officers with their respective badges—Bros. Walter Fitch S.W., Edward Broadbridge J.W., J. T. Musson Secretary, William Hudson Treasurer, Joshua Fitch S.D., R. J. Pope J.D., Thomas Sinnock D.C., John Dayson I.G., G. J. M. Smith Steward, L. L. Hawken Almoner, H. Hughes Tyler. Bros. G. Rawlinson, J. Cully, and Trevor Pollard were appointed on the General Purposes Committee. The following is a complete list of the brethren present:—Bros. James Curtis acting W.M. (W.M. elect), Walter Fitch S.W., Edward Broadbridge Secretary, J. T. Musson S.D., John Dayson Organist, J. Sinnock I.G., H. H. Hughes Tyler, C. F. Hollands, G. Parsons, G. L. Hawken, G. Rawlinson, W. Pratt, G. Malcolm Smith, E. Damsday, G. T. Saltmarsh, Trevor Pollard, F. J. Cully, R. J. Pope D.C. The Visitors were Bros. James Eberall P.M. 315, 1636, P.P.G. Purs.; Eugene Street W.M., Howard 56 (Chichester), John F. Capon W.M. Royal Brunswick 732, W. T. Nell P.M. 315, W.M. 1636, P.P.G. A.D.C. P.P.G.S., H. Saunders P.M. 315, Thomas Packham S.W. 315, S. P. Weston Royal York 315, G. S. Godfree Atlingworth 1821 Sec., R. Allison Atlingworth 1821, G. A. Jenner South Saxon 311, and J. Sayers 1636. It was proposed that Bro. W. C. Carter P.M. 100, Great Yarmouth, be elected a joining member, and the following candidates be initiated:—Mr. C. Longley, Hayward's Heath, Mr. Simeon Norman, Burgess Hill, and Mr. Thomas Stroud, Burgess Hill. Mr. G. Master was also ballotted for and duly elected. On account of the valuable services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. James Eberall, he was appointed an honorary member. The Lodge being closed, an adjournment was made to the Sussex Arms Billiard Room, where the banquet was laid out. Bros. Sayers and Marks, of Brighton, were the caterers, and they gave every satisfaction. Mr. A. Geere, of the Sussex Arms, supplied the wines, which were of the best brands. The usual Masonic toasts were given during the evening, and some excellent glee singing by Bros. J. Dayson, E. Broadbridge, J. Cully, W. Pratt, and G. Rawlinson called forth the compliments of the brethren.

BEDFORD LODGE, No. 157.

THE installation meeting of this old and flourishing Lodge was held on Friday, the 13th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. Bros. Buckhurst W.M., Turner S.W., Liddall J.W., Briggs P.M. Treas., Thomas Sec., Bowie S.D., J. Cox J.D., Hall I.G. P.M.'s T. Cubitt P.G.P., Millis, Brander, Folliott, Lear Drew, Creak, Walton, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Turner S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Briggs P.M., who at the conclusion of the ceremony was warmly congratulated. The customary salutations having been given, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers:—Buckhurst I.P.M., Liddall S.W., J. Cox J.W., Briggs P.M. Treas., Thomas Sec., Hall S.D., Homan J.D., Creak P.M. I.G., Brander P.M. D.C., Millis P.M. W.S., Longstaffe Tyler. The names of two persons were handed in as desirous of joining the Lodge. The W.M. had now, with pride and pleasure, to present, in the name of the Lodge, the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel. He was sure by their unanimous vote that the members thought Bro. Buckhurst in every respect had done

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his duty, and filled the chair to their satisfaction. He (the W.M.) felt a great pleasure in placing the jewel on his breast. After this compliment had been acknowledged, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. After the loyal toasts the W.M. gave that of the Pro G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, with which he coupled the name of Bro. T. Cubitt P.M. P.G.P., who eloquently responded. The distinguished brethren who had been chosen to fill the important offices in Grand Lodge were the right men in the right place. With regard to the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale, he hoped the brethren would ably support him at the next Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, where that noble brother would preside. He (Bro. Cubitt) was proud to say he had been selected as a Grand Officer from this Lodge, and he hoped the authorities would follow the example, and select another brother. Bro. Buckhurst I.P.M. said he had great pleasure in proposing the next toast—that was the health of the W.M., whose great and good qualities needed no comment from him. Bro. Turner was one they were proud of. The W.M., in reply, said the way in which the toast had been received was very pleasing to him; he felt it the greatest honour his having been placed in the Master's chair. He hoped he might have a happy and prosperous year of office. The toast of the Visitors was next given, and with it was associated the names of Bros. Rothschild, H. Stiles, and J. R. Stacey. The brethren named severally acknowledged the compliment, all referring in terms of praise to the ability displayed by Bro. Briggs the Installing Master of the day, and to the way the business of the Lodge had been conducted. Bro. Buckhurst responded for the Past Masters, and he was followed by Bro. Briggs. Other toasts were given, and in listening to the excellent harmony furnished by several of the members and visitors, the time passed most agreeably. The Tyler in due course gave the concluding toast. Among the Visitors were Bros. J. Constable P.M. 185, S. Webb P.M. 193, J. R. Stacey P.M. 180, L. Solomon 1507, W. M. Stiles P.M. 1732, H. Stiles 1732, F. S. Rothschild W.M. 1288, J.W. 1677, Thompson P.M. 167, Snowdon 55, Triggs 1385, G. C. Rivers 459, Wainrow 1779, Pigot P.M. 763, Young P.M. 1385, H. Wood W.M. 212, Harrison 1185, Daniel S.W. 1541, Simmons P.M. 534, Thompson 167, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Northumberland and Berwick Mark Masters Lodge (T.I.)—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maypole-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Dr. Luke Armstrong, supported by the folowing Officers:—Bros. W. E. Franklin I.P.M., G. W. Lax as S.W., R. L. Armstrong J.W., J. E. Robson M.O., R. G. Salmon S.O., J. Wood J.O., W. S. Hughes P.M. P.P.G.S.W. D.C. as S.D., G. S. Place as J.D., J. S. B. Bell Sec., R. Lock Treas., G. Ford I.G. and G. S. Sims Tyler. Letters of apology were read from the S.W. and S.D., for their non-attendance. Bro. Symone J. Bell was advanced to this honourable degree by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Franklin I.P.M., the degree being worked in a very creditable manner. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, presided over by the W.M., who submitted the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday, 26th February. Present—Bros. King W.M., Maidwell S.W., Hall J.W., Ward S.D., Gartley J.D., Haynes I.G., Webb Preceptor, L. Norden Secretary; Moss, E. H. Norden, Uppenheimer, Ellis, J. Benjamin, J. M. Levy. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. E. H. Norden acting as candidate. Bros. Norden and Uppenheimer, being E.A.'s, were instructed in the answers leading to the second degree. Bro. Moss worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. E. H. Norden, Uppenheimer and Levy were elected members. The Auditors' report for the past year was presented and adopted. Bro. Atkins P.M. and L. Norden were elected Treasurer and Secretary respectively. A vote of thanks was also accorded them for the admirable manner in which they had discharged their duties. Bro. Maidwell was elected W.M. for next meeting.

Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, Bolton.—The monthly meeting of this the oldest Lodge in Lancashire was held on Monday, 1st March, at the Swan Hotel, Bolton, at six o'clock. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. Johnson Mills, who was engaged in professional business in London, the chair was occupied by Bro. Samuel Crowther the Immediate P.M. and Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, supported by Bros. John Robinson as I.P.M., Rooke Pennington S.W., Jas. Walker P.M. as J.W., J. D. Porteous P. Prov. J.G.W., Renfrew Secretary, R. K. Freeman Organist as S.D., Jas. Newton P.M. as J.D., G. P. Brockbank P.M. P. Prov. G.S.D. Master of Cer., F. W. Pacey P. Prov. G. Org. Berks and Bucks I.G., and Jas. W. Roley Tyler. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the preceding meeting confirmed, several important communications referring to the premises recently vacated at the Church Institute were made to the brethren and resolutions passed thereon. Three gentlemen were proposed for initiation in the Lodge, and after reading a portion of the ancient charges by the S.W. the Lodge was closed and the brethren proceeded to banquet.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—The regular meeting was held on Monday, 1st March, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. The W.M. Bro. H. Hymans occupied the chair; Bros. R. Baker S.W., L. M. Myers J.W., E. P. Albert P.M. P.G.P. Sec., J. S. Lyon Treas., Benjamin S.D., Blanks J.D.; Bros. P.M.'s L. Alexander, H. M. Levy Dodson; Bros. S. B. Alexander, Grove Ellis, Riebold, L. Wall, Dewsnap, Hart, Gardner, &c. Visitors—Bros. E. Jacobs P.M. 1613 and 1348, Bower Solomons 1614, W. H. Gulliford P.M. 1017 and 1614, Doyle 145, Briant 1641, H. J. Young 299. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Walls answered the questions satisfactorily, and was passed to the second degree. Bro. L. Alexander P.M. thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind letter of condolence sent him by the Lodge on the occasion of his recent bereavement. A notice of motion was given by Bro. H. M. Levy P.M., that in future the joining fee of the Lodge be £5 5s. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to slight refreshments.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held its usual meeting on Saturday, 28th February, at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. Present:—Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Snare S.W., Spencer J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, J. Millington S.D., Byott J.D., Gilham I.G.; also Bros. Isaac, Mullord, Garrod, Weeden, Houghton, R. Defriez, Ferrar, Moss, E. Woodman, I. P. Cohen, Byng, Harper, Darnell, W. Williams, &c. All preliminaries having been complied with, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very excellent manner, Bro. E. Woodman being candidate. The same brother answered the questions leading to the second degree, and retired. Bro. Isaac was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Isaac being the candidate. Lodge being resumed, the W.M. worked the third and fourth sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Snare was elected to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205.—The Fifteen Sections were worked on 22nd February, at the Rising Sun, Globe-road, Bethnal Green, under the Preceptorship of Bro. W. Musto P.M. No. 1349. The chair was taken by Bro. Taylor I.G. No. 554, who was supported by Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. No. 554 and 933 as S.W., Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. No. 205 as J.W. The following brethren respectively took the sections:—First Lecture: Bros. Friedeberg, Valentine, Veal, Wooding, Moss, McDonald, Cundick. Second Lecture: Bros. King, Webb, Forss, Barnes, Fowler. Third Lecture: Bros. I. P. Cohen, Job, Berry. Votes of thanks were passed to the several brethren who assisted.

William Preston Chapter, No. 766.—A meeting of this Chapter was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday, 26th February. Present:—Comps. Dr. W. H. Kempster M.E.Z., Dr. C. R. Cutmore J., Henry Garrod P.Z. Treasurer, William Worrell P.Z. Scribe E., J. T. Hiscox S.N., J. T. Pilditch 1st Asst. Soj., G. Newman P.Z., Aug. Braun P.Z., T. Wilkinson, T. Harrop, P. C. Steinmann, L. G. Reinhardt as Janitor. The minutes of the last Convocation were read and confirmed. Three candidates for exaltation were on the agenda, but apologies were made for two of the brethren. Bro. William James Jarmain of Lodge No. 1541 being in attendance, was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. A P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. Dr. W. H. Kempster for his efficient and valuable services during the past year. This being election night, the following Companions were elected as Officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. J. T. Gibson M.E.Z., Dr. C. R. Cutmore H., J. T. Hiscox J., Henry Garrod P.Z. Treasurer, William Worrell P.Z. Scribe E. (sixth time), J. T. Pilditch S.N., W. Jerrett Miller P. Soj., W. Grant Janitor. The Chapter was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer. On this occasion there was no banquet, but the Companions adjourned for a quiet chat over a cigar and a glass of wine. The next meeting (Installation) will be on Thursday, the 27th of May.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Friday evening, 27th February, at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Maton W.M., Gomm S.W., Goss J.W., Gunner S.D., Acworth J.D., Bellerby I.G.; P.M.'s Roe Preceptor, Andrews, May; and Bros. Tucker Treas., Talbot, and Lee (Urban 1196). Lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bros. P.M. Andrews and Tucker worked the first section of the first lecture, and then Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren, worked the second and third sections. Bro. Andrews also delivered the E.A. charge. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Tucker delivered the lecture on the second tracing board. Lodge was closed down, and the dues collected. Bro. Gomm was elected W.M. for next meeting, and votes of thanks were passed to Bro. P.M. Andrews for his able instruction, and to Bro. Maton for presiding. Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned till 5th March at half-past seven p.m.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 2nd March. Bro. Christian W.M., Wardell S.W., Williams J.W., Clark S.D., Brasted J.D., Smyth I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Polak, Fraser, Baker, Dallas, Welford, Webb, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Polak candidate. Bro. Christian worked the first section of the Lecture. The Lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, and on resuming, the same brother worked the second section of the Lecture, in each case being assisted by the brethren. Brother Wardell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer, and adjourned. The annual supper of this Lodge of Instruction will take place on Tuesday, 23rd March.

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Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1307.—The fifth anniversary supper was held on Tuesday, at the Moorgate Station Restaurant. Bro. Scales, the W.M. of the mother Lodge, presided; he was supported by Bro. Side as S.W. and Bro. G. Clark, who filled the Junior Warden's chair. The members gathered in strong force to do honour to the occasion, and amongs those present we may mention Bros. W. M. Stiles I.P.M. 1732, G. W. Brumell W.S. 1507, H. Lovegrove W.M. 1777 D.C. 1507, E. Storr 167, James C. Smith 1744, W. Side 511 S.W. 1507, E. E. B. Kidder J.W. 12, Paul Storr 167, T. Gilbert jun. Steward 1507, T. M. Ormistone, A. Pawson, F. W. Sillis, W. Croucher, J. Strugnell 1745, C. J. Scales, J. E. Edmonds, A. Hubbard, J. Laber, J. G. McEwan, E. F. Pierdon, G. Clark, H. Norman, B. Kauffman, F. A. Kelly, W. Little, J. Markie, L. Jacobs, E. Lloyd, J. Curtis, F. Edwards, A. Kerrell, R. A. Fraser, G. W. Knight, A. Muller W.M. 167, L. Solomons 1507 S.D. 1732, F. G. W. Gwyer 1288, E. C. Woodward P.M. 1238, G. H. Stephens I.G. 1623, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, &c. The Supper was placed upon the table in a manner that reflected great credit upon Bro. Kent, who seems determined his establishment shall be ranked amongst the foremost of those where the members of the Craft can be entertained. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Scales proposed the comprehensive toast of Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the best interests of the Craft. The next toast the W.M. brought forward was Prosperity to the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, coupled with the name of Bro. Stiles. After an amusing ventriloquial sketch entitled "Ellen's Babies," by Bro. Silvester, Bro. Stiles rose to reply; he regretted the absence of Bro. Adams—regret shared in by one and all present. He likewise referred to the absence of Bro. James Willing jun., who was engaged at Brighton. Owing to the enforced absence of these brethren, the duty of replying devolved upon him. He congratulated the brethren on the accession of members to their Lodge of Instruction. This in a great measure was due to the accommodation with which they were provided in their present quarters. It was intensely gratifying to him to note the spirit that imbued the members; as a body they were essentially all of one mind. For their reception of his name in connection with the toast he returned his sincere thanks. After Bro. Storr had favoured the brethen with the well-known poem, "The Jackdaw of Rheims," Bro. Stiles proposed the health of the President, Bro. Scales W.M. of the mother Lodge. Bro. Scales had come from Ramsgate that afternoon purposely to attend their gathering, and all were deeply indebted to him for paying them such a compliment. After a song from Bro. E. Barratt Kidder, Bro. Scales briefly replied. The remaining toasts comprised the Visitors, the Officers of the Lodge, the Press, and the host, Bro. Kent. The replies were brief and to the point. The proceedings throughout were interspersed with some capital songs and recitations, which seemed to give unqualified satisfaction.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 25th instant, at the Royal Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. L. Salomons, Bro. W. H. Gulliford P.M. occupied the chair, J. Ellis S.W., M. Levy J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., J. Syers S.D., Mann I.G., Sampson Samuel Steward, Davis, &c. Visitors—Reynolds 749 and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. W. H. B. Gulliford, Lodge No. 1109, was ballotted for as a joining member, and was unanimously accepted, This brother was then passed to the second degree by the acting W.M., who performed the ceremony in a very perfect and impressive manner. Lodge was closed, and the brethren separated. There was no banquet.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—On Wednesday, 25th February, at the Salmon and Ball, Bethnal-green-road. Present—Bros. Abrahams W.M., Hand S.W., Clark J.W., Smith Treas., Wooding S.D., Ward J.D., Hammond I.G., P.M.'s Hogg Preceptor and Toye; also Bros. Bonner, Brittain, Stewart, Chitson, How, M. Christian, Jones, Collins, &c. Lodge was opened and minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. How candidate. Bro. Wooding worked the first and second, and Bro. Christian the third section, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Christian worked the fourth section of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Wooding. Bro. How of Faith Lodge, No. 141, was elected a member, and Bro. Hand appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Abrahams for his able conduct in the chair.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 2nd March. P.M. Myers W.M., Watkins S.W., Smith J.W., Power S.D., Worsley J.D., Butler I.G., Worsley Secretary, Pavitt W.S. 860 Acting Preceptor; also Bros. Fyfe, Johnson, Cope, Thos. White, Roddam, H. G. Cope, Sadler, Barker, Prosser, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. G. Cope acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the first, Bro. Worsley the second, third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Prosser, 860, was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Watkins was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the fourth Tuesday in this month. Any brother of this Lodge wishing to work a section will oblige by giving in his name on Tuesday evening next. The Lodge closed and adjourned to 9th March at 7.30.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.—At the Penbury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 1st March. Bros. R. Olley W.M., McDowall S.W., Martin J.W., Lorkin S.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, C. Lorkin Preceptor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fetherstone candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the first section of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. McDowall was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—On 1st March, at the Masonic Hall, 38 St. Peter's-street, Canterbury. Present—Bros. T. Cattelle W.M., T. Blamiers S.W., W. Price J.W., H. Miskin Treas., W. Carter Sec., W. Widgery S.D., W. Benenger J.D., E. Beer P.M. D.C., J. F. Howarth Steward, A. Johnson I.G. and P.M. Bro. Naylor. After preliminaries the questions leading from first to second degree were put by Bro. Cattelle, and the working tools explained by Bro. Price. The first section was worked by Bro. Miskin W.M. of the mother Lodge, and the charge given by Bro. Blamiers. The military brethren having to depart the Lodge was closed at 9.30 p.m.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—A meeting was held on 26th February, at Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street (Café Royal). Present—Bros. B. Turner W.M., J. E. Shand S.W., J. Hutchinson J.W., B. H. Swallow P.M. P.P.G.D. Middx. Treas., E. J. Scott P.M. Sec., J. B. Docker as S.D., Joel Emanuel J.D., T. M. Janes D.C., T. Eastgate as I.G., Potter Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. B. Phillips I.P.M., E. White, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., &c. Visitors—Bros. G. Dairey P.M. 141, W. J. Collens S.D. 766, G. Festa S.D. 834, De Leliva 1424, S. Smith 72, Pye 193, and several others; Bro. Semeler kindly acted as Organist. Members — Bros. Ward, Blackford, Woodward, W. C. Smith, Day, H. Bonham, Gardner, Kohler, Hart, Lee, Craft, Hill, &c. Bros. May, Strevens, Cloots, Line and Wenn, after answering questions, were duly passed. Lodge resumed to first degree, and Mr. Cox was impressively admitted to light of a Mason. The resignation of two members was received, with regret. Ten guineas was voted for Bro. Janes's list for the Girls' School. Lodge closed in perfect harmony. The brethren dined in excellent style. The usual Loyal and customary toasts were duly proposed by the W.M., and responded to by the respective brethren associated with them. Some excellent songs and piano playing by Bros. S. Smith and Semeler 742, T. Eastgate and Phillips, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. The brethren separated until fourth Thursday in April.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—On Monday a meeting of this Lodge was held, presided over by the W.M. Bro. C. G. Padel, who was supported by Bros. J. S. Cumberland I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. T. Seller S.W., G. Simpson J.W., J. Kay Sec., M. Millington S.D., and a good attendance of other Officers and brethren. An hour having been devoted to purposes of instruction in the third degree, Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. read a paper on the Ancient Mysteries, and the many resemblances to be traced between them and the ceremonial and traditions of modern Freemasonry. Some discussion ensued, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the author of the paper. Bro. Whytehead then presented to the Lodge, on behalf of Bro. C. E. Meyer of Philadelphia, a copy of the beautiful "Dedication Memorial Volume," illustrated with photographs, containing the history of the great Masonic Temple at Philadelphia, and also some other American Masonic Publications from the same source, which had been forwarded through Bro. W. J. Hughan. The hearty thanks of the Lodge were given to Bro. Meyer for his gifts, and the Secretary was instructed to write conveying the same. The W.M. read to the members the circular from Grand Lodge referring to Charity jewels. After the close of the Lodge a pleasant and harmonious evening was passed. In responding to the toast of the Masonic Charities, Bros. Whytehead and Cumberland gave an account of the late Benevolent Festival, at which they had been present, and which had been so great a success, and expressed every confidence that the Eboracum Lodge would continue, as it had begun, to be a leader in their Province as regarded the support of the Charities.

Sackville Lodge, No. 1619.—An emergency meeting of this successful Lodge was held on Tuesday, 2nd instant, at the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead. There were present—Bros. John G. Horsey W.M., S. Davison S.W., E. A. Head J.W., W. Hale P.M. and Treasurer, Charles Sawyer I.P.M. and Secretary, W. Rudge S.D., I. G. Calway J.D., E. Dickman I.G., C. W. Noehmer P.M. and D.C., M. Orenden, James Cooper, A. M. Betchley, Henry Horsey, Thomas Carder, G. W. Holmes, C. Firbank, and C. T. Young. Visitors—Bros. A. McLean Armour St. John's, and Thos. Smith Lord Warden 1096. Lodge was opened punctually at 4.30. Bros. T. Carder and Henry Horsey, candidates for passing, having replied to the usual questions, were entrusted and retired, when Lodge was opened in the second degree, and these two brothers duly passed. Lodge was then resumed to the first degree, and the ballot taken for Messrs. John Nyland, G. Mitchell, and W. H. Brown, which proved successful. The first candidate not being present, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Brown were then initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and the Lodge closed at 6.30. The brethren then assembled at a repast, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. In proposing the toast of the Initiates, the W.M. spoke of the great pleasure he felt at receiving their Station Master (Bro. G. Mitchell) and the Station Master of Three Bridges (Bro. W. H. Brown) into Masonry, and incidentally mentioned that that day the brethren of the Lodge were again indebted to the kindness of Bro. Pierpoint (Superintendent of London Bridge Station South Coast Railway) for placing a saloon carriage on the 12.5 train from London, specially reserved for their use, thus adding much to their comfort. The London brethren afterwards returned to Godstone, and returned to town by the last train.

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A WELCOME TO STRANGERS

WHEN a brother seeks to visit a Masonic Lodge the way should be made easy and pleasant to him, and so soon as his Masonic character becomes sufficiently authenticated he should be welcomed as is the stranger guest in the well-ordered home. The compliments of civility, the courteous attentions of thoughtful regard, do not cost much, but they will touch the heart of a brother who finds himself among strangers, and attract him most powerfully to the organisation which thus illustrates the grace of hospitality. A visitor who is received as though he was a friend—who is treated as though he was welcome in the Lodge—will think more of Masonry from that time forward, and will better appreciate the meaning of the word Brotherhood. And the Lodge that accords this reception to the stranger within its gates will not only put itself on the ground which the courteous host should always occupy, but it will dignify itself by such kind attentions to the visitor, and will show forth the spirit that is inseparable from genuine Masonry.

That visitors are treated differently in different localities is evident to all who have had experience in this respect. It depends upon the place and the surroundings—upon the character of the men that make up the body, and especially upon the kind of man that sits in the Master's chair—as to what the treatment of visitors will be. In some places an applying visitor is looked upon as an intruder; at the best he is merely tolerated. He is allowed to stand around in the ante-room, or find a seat for himself as best he may. Only by asking questions can he acquire any information that he would like to obtain. Not the slightest interest is shown in him, and very likely he is kept waiting a considerable time after his application is sent into the Lodge before the examining committee waits upon him. Then, perhaps, he is treated as though he was an impostor, examined at great length by a committee who desire to show their own smartness (?) and finally, very likely just as the Lodge is closing, he is introduced within the Body in a sort of informal manner, to be left quite to himself for the remainder of the evening. This kind of ordeal is not much relished by a brother of sensitive feelings and therefore it is that the practice of visiting seems going out of vogue, except when the visitor is personally known to some member or members of the Body into which admission for an evening is desired.

There are Lodges, however, that have a well deserved reputation for their courteous and friendly attentions to strangers. We recall a visit made to a Lodge in a foreign jurisdiction. We were far away from home, and had no friends to introduce us to the Lodge we desired to visit. With some effort we mustered sufficient courage to approach the ante-room, where we were at once accosted in a kindly way by an officer in charge, who invited us to the "strangers' room," an apartment well lighted and warmed, hung about with several fine pictures, and having a goodly number of recent Masonic publications on one of the tables. The attendant took our card and soon returned with two brothers, who greeted us with cordiality, and announced that they waited on us as the examining committee of the Lodge. They looked at our certificate of Masonic good standing, asked a few test questions in the most quiet and affable manner, and then, having furnished us with proper clothing, they conducted us into open Lodge and presented us to the Master, from whom we received a word of gracious welcome, while he commended the stranger visitor to the kindly offices of the brethren present. Nor was this the end; for later in the evening we received the greetings of many who were present, while especial pains were taken to show the manner of work and management in this Lodge so distant from our own Masonic home. A stranger in a strange land, we yet felt we were among brethren and friends that night; and the remembrance of the hours thus passed lingers in our soul even now, a most inviting memory.

It has well been said that "the small courtesies sweeten life, and the greater ennoble it." The genius of Masonry calls for the practice of both the lesser and the greater, and this in respect to all classes and conditions of men. Let affability and kindness be shown even to the stranger and the sojourner, that so the noble character of our great Fraternity may be made evident, while its blessed influence shall be more widely extended.—*Freemason's Repository.*

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Kilburn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1,608.—The regular meeting of this Lodge, now comfortably established at Bro. Walton's Hotel, 46 South Molton St., Oxford St., W., was held on Monday, first inst. Lodge was opened in due form at 7.30, by Bros. T. B. Linscott W.M., O. L. Latreille S.W., Festa J.W., Langdon S.D., Lister J.D., and Walton I.G. There were also present Bros. Bird, Brooks, Smith, J. Soper, Willey, Hurdell Preceptor, and Cuff Hon. Sec. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Willie acting as candidate. The second section of the lecture was worked, Bro. Latreille, and the third and fourth by Bro. Hurdell Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Smith, of the Rothesay Lodge, and Willey No. 9, were duly elected members. Bro. Latreille S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Hurdell next proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Linscott the W.M., for his able rendering of the ceremony that evening. It was the first occasion that brother had worked in this Lodge or elsewhere. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Linscott having acknowledged the vote, Lodge was closed and adjourned, until the eighth inst. We are pleased to see this young Lodge so well established in its new quarters. The room is comfortable and the Lodge appointments admirable.

We are pleased to herald the foundation of another Lodge of Instruction, especally as the brethren who have worked for its formation are well known for their ability in the teaching of our Ritual. The first meeting of the new Lodge, which will assemble under the sanction of the New Finsbury Park Lodge, will be held on Monday next, at the Plimsoll Arms (Bro. Purkiss's), St. Thomas Road, Finsbury Park, one minute's walk from the Station. Meetings will be held on each succeeding Monday at eight.

The Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693, will be inaugurated on the 15th inst., Bro. Jas. Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts will rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation, at the Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N. Proceedings to commence at seven o'clock. Brethren to appear in Craft clothing. Bro. Alfred Trowinnard P.M. 1693 Hon. Sec.

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THE RECENT EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

AT the General Committee Meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, held on the 11th ult., the purchase of Lyncombe House was again brought forward, and we have reason to believe that the subject will be referred to in the future. The brethren who throughout the controversy have endeavoured to show that the purchase was undesirable, for the many reasons which have from time to time been referred to in our columns, have submitted a further case to counsel, and on one point alone, even if not on the whole, the opinion of Mr. Locock Webb, the gentleman whose advice was sought for, deserves the fullest consideration. We will not trouble ourselves here with a long *résumé* of the whole case, as the facts are doubtless in the memory of our readers, suffice it to say, that in the latter part of last year a proposition was brought forward to expend a sum of £6,500 in the purchase of a house and grounds adjoining the Girls' School at Battersea Rise. On its being pointed out that a technicality, as regarded the calling of the meeting, had not been complied with, the proceedings were recommenced, in order that the necessary notices as required by the laws of the Institution might be given. In due course the grant was agreed to by a majority of those present at the meeting when the necessary votes were put for consideration. We have before referred to the way in which the whole matter was carried through, and the apparent desire that was shown to complete the purchase before it was possible for the general body of the subscribers even to be made aware of the proposition, but as the laws of the Institution were complied with, or sufficiently so to prevent the proposal being upset, except after a long legal discussion, we can but again point out the need there is for some alteration in the laws of our Institutions which shall secure to every subscriber a knowledge, or at least a notice, of any proposed expenditure of funds for a purpose other than he or she may deem desirable, and which in the opinion of many is far from what was intended when their subscriptions were added to the funds of the Institution. This is not the first question which has been brought forward lately to show the great inequality which exists in the advantages accruing to a Provincial subscriber to one or other of the Charities as compared with those residing or having business in or near the Metropolis, and from the growing spirit of dissatisfaction evinced in some Provincial centres on these subjects we think it would be policy to make full inquiry whether it would not be desirable to alter the laws so as to allow of proxy voting becoming the rule, rather than as it now is the exception—at least on questions the settlement of which involves items of importance to the whole body of the subscribers. Doubtless this point will be brought forward at some time or other; but as it is unlikely we shall hear much about it until some material grievance has arisen, it may be thought we are wrong in referring to it here. Still we urge that it would be far better to discuss the matter now, when no cause for serious complaint exists, than wait until a breach has been made which in itself would prove a serious obstacle either to speedy or an amicable settlement.

The opinion to which we now wish more particularly to refer was given, as already stated, by Mr. Locock Webb, Q.C., in answer to a case submitted on behalf of several subscribers to the Girls' School by their solicitor. The proposition reads thus:—

As some of the subscribers, although opposed to the scheme, are averse to Chancery proceedings, on various grounds, can any other course be suggested by which this and other misapplications of the Funds can be prevented? It should be taken into consideration that the decision in this case may possibly affect the other two Institutions.

In reply, Mr. Webb says—

I am satisfied that those on whose behalf I am consulted have adopted a wise decision in following the advice I previously gave, to avoid litigation. They may, I think, rest content with having been instrumental in working some real benefit to the Institution, and the only advice I can now give them is to pursue the same object by attending the General Courts and Committees of which they are members, and using their utmost efforts to induce their co-subscribers to adhere strictly to the laws of the Institution, especially in the following particulars:—

1. Not to permit any of the Stock vested in the trustees to be applied in or towards the purchase of any house or land, but to insist that the whole of such Stock should be held by the trustees, and applied only in aid, so far as may be necessary, of the yearly subscriptions, in maintaining, clothing, and educating the children.

2. To insist that the surplus (if any) of the yearly subscriptions, after providing for such maintenance, clothing, and education, should from time to time be invested in Stock, in the names of the trustees, to be applied in like manner.

3. To increase the assets standing to the credit of "the Sustentation, Improving, and Building Fund" account, by such an amount of fresh voluntary subscriptions to that fund specifically, as will be sufficient to provide for the purchase of Lyncombe House, and for the necessary improvements and maintenance of the lands and buildings for the time being belonging to the Institution.

It may thus be seen that Mr. Webb's opinion still is that the spending of the general funds of the Institution in the purchase of either buildings or grounds is illegal, but as it is the wish of all concerned to avoid anything like litigation, we will expunge the word illegal, and now simply treat the matter on the basis of its desirability or otherwise. In the first place it must of course be admitted that there are numerous supporters, if not perhaps a large majority of the subscribers to the Masonic Institutions, who approve of the purchase of large premises, and who would on the very first opportunity purchase other pieces of ground, or erect additions to the existing buildings, but at the same time there are many who most strongly oppose such a course, and we maintain that the minority, be it ever so small, have as much a right to be considered as a strong majority, especially when it is remembered that the object in view is one of charity, in the form of a fund supported entirely by voluntary contributions, and thereby the more likely to be affected if a section withdraw themselves from the roll of helpers. The time has now arrived, as we have on previous occasions pointed out, when the extension of premises should be stopped. Very much more good could be done by establishing, if it were found that the funds were sufficient, a system of half-yearly grants to be distributed among the unsuccessful candidates, in some way which might be settled hereafter, but the idea seems to be—We will do the whole thing or nothing, and as a consequence we periodically have to refer to a very long list of unsuccessful candidates, to many of whom a grant of £7 10s or £10 for the half-year would be of material assistance. This is the view entertained by many who were in opposition to the recent proposal to lay out a further sum of £6,500 on the purchase of additional accommodation at Battersea; however, they failed to secure support sufficient to maintain their point, and are now, we trust, as hard at work as ever they were in the interests of the School. The subject does not, however, rest here, the mere fact of this grant having been obtained in the face of a protest from what is to-day a minority may lead the majority to suppose they may repeat the operation with impunity, and

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therefore we think that the subscribers who opposed the expenditure are to be commended for seeking to put the matter on a proper footing for the future. Now there is no serious harm done; but who will say what a future proposition of a similar nature might lead to? We are, therefore, pleased to see that so easy a way of obviating the evil presents itself. We already have "Sustentation" Funds attached to our Institutions, and these, it is Mr. Webb's opinion, should supply the amounts to be expended in the further extension of either the grounds or buildings of our Charities. It is, therefore, an easy matter for any one who approves of enlarging our Schools to make their donations, either in part or wholly, to this special branch. They would thereby be assured that their own particular ideas would be carried out, and those who disagreed with them would not feel that they were subscribing to an unworthy object, in the shape of buildings, and other matters of which they disapproved. In an early part of our remarks we stated that the subject was likely to be referred to again; if it is, we believe it will be in the form of a suggestion to make a Special Appeal to the Craft to increase the balance standing to the credit of the Sustentation Fund. If this were done at once, and the object stated as being to recoup the General Fund for the latest addition which has been made to the Girls' School, we believe a hearty response would follow, and the new building would eventually be acquired without in any way affecting the total of the General Fund.

Before closing our remarks on this subject, we desire to briefly refer to the action taken by the Britannia Lodge, No. 139, Sheffield, the oldest Lodge in the Province of West Yorkshire, which may be best explained by a perusal of the following reproduction of a circular communicated officially by that Lodge to the General Committee of the School:—

BRITANNIA LODGE, 139.

Report of the Committee appointed on the 8th January 1880 as to the Purchase of Lyncombe House, &c.

That in the opinion of this Committee the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds is to be condemned for the reasons following:—

1. That the price is excessive.

2. That the premises are neither required nor desirable.

3. That it is not at present desirable to invest so large a proportion of the funds of the Charity in land and buildings.

4. That the rules applicable to the clothing and education of girls out of the Institution should in preference be acted upon.

5. And the Committee would add their protest against the present management of the Charity, with special reference to the representation of provincial subscribers, it being their opinion that such subscribers should have the right of voting by proxy.

H. J. GARNETT, Chairman.

Masonic Hall, Sheffield, 4th February 1880.

From this it will be observed that the members of Lodge No. 139 entertain views very similar to those we have expressed on various occasions, and therefore our readers are aware of our arguments in support thereof, but there are one or two points which we may dwell upon in a future number. In the meantime, we would suggest a friendly organisation among the Provincial subscribers in order to secure for themselves a more equitable distribution of the benefits, in the form of voting power, conferred in consideration of donations and subscriptions.

THE ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

WE give elsewhere a full report of the proceedings at the opening meeting of those interested in the establishment of this Fund. The chair, as will be seen, was occupied by Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, in the unavoidable absence through ill-health of H.R.H. Prince Leopold. Lord Rosslyn, Past Grand Master of Scotland, took a leading part in the proceedings, and was more or less ably seconded by other brethren of influence. In the end the meeting was adjourned till, as we feel justified in believing, Prince Leopold is able to attend and give the proposal the benefit of his personal influence. If we add that there was a goodly atttendance, that everything passed off smoothly, and that there is every reason to anticipate that the effort thus auspiciously begun will prove a great success, we shall have said all that is necessary as to the general characteristics of the meeting. As to the details we must be a little more minute.

After the customary preliminaries, Lord Rosslyn, to whom we are indebted for the suggestion of the idea which has led to this proposal, rose and fully stated his views as to the character the Fund should assume, and it seems to us that any one who carefully reads through the speech of the noble lord will come to the conclusion that those views were, in many respects, described by us at some length in our article of last week. That the proposal as now formulated has exceeded its original dimensions is true. That the project, as described in circulars, may strike people as an ambitious one is most likely. But when allowance has been made for every description of eccentricity, we feel it will be generally acknowledged that the original programme has been adhered to, with, however, additions which our readers, we think, will agree with us in saying are also improvements. That the paraphernalia of vice-patronage, life-governorships, and so forth, with a Fancy Bazaar thrown in as a more than usually attractive appendage, should strike the outsider and even the initiate as implying a very grand undertaking is more than probable, and we are not surprised that Lord Rosslyn's speech should have been, to a certain extent, of a deprecatory character. So many misconceptions have been started as to the purposes to which it is intended to apply the benefits of this Fund, that no one, and least of all those who have taken an active part in promoting it, will wonder at his lordship having been taken somewhat aback at the apparent magnitude of a scheme, for the origin of which he is doubtless in some measure responsible. But as the tree requires careful pruning of its surplus branches in order to bear good fruit, so in estimating the real character of the proposed Fund we must strip it of its ornamental details and we shall then find that it is what it was proposed to be from the very outset—a mere supplement to our Schools, not a rival establishment whose claims upon the support of the Masonic public will ever in the slightest degree interfere with their interests. When we mention that one brother stated at the meeting that he had been told the Fund was meant for the life-long support of the children educated at our Schools, we have as little reason to wonder that others should have formed erroneous, though less egregious, misconceptions as that anyone with a grain of sense in his cranium should ever have allowed himself to entertain so wild a notion. But to resume, Lord Rosslyn explained clearly enough how he came to originate the idea which in an expanded form is being so well worked out. He rightly enough said on Thursday, as he did at the Boys' Festival last year, that the good done by our Schools fell short of completion, inasmuch as many of the pupils when, in the ordinary efflux of years, their time for leaving came, were sent adrift into the world without means or friends to help them. His idea seems to have been that a Fund might have been formed to assist them, and administered by the authorities of the Schools themselves. Instead of this, a separate Fund has been started, and is in course of establishment. So much for the idea originally conceived. Since then it has occurred to several of those who take an interest in whatever relates to Freemasonry that, as there are many candidates for the benefits of our Schools who, in the very nature of things, are disappointed, the object of this supplementary Fund might be of a twofold character. On the one hand it might render valuable assistance at a most critical time to deserving pupils who, on leaving, had no prospect before them; and on the other it might do a service at small cost to some of the unsuccessful candidates. Here, then, we have the leading ideas by which the promoters of the Pupils' Assistance Fund are animated, and to these ideas all other parts of the scheme will of necessity be made subservient. We think, then, we may take upon ourselves to say, so far as we have been able to gather from the promoters' prospectuses, that Lord Rosslyn's original idea has been preserved. The new Fund will be established not in rivalry with, but as subsidiary to, the Boys' and Girls' Schools' Funds, on the one hand relieving them of expenditure now incurred in helping pupils on leaving, and on the other, contributing in some measure towards the education of unsuccessful candidates. We feel with his lordship that it would be most unwise to do anything which even in the slightest degree might be calculated to disturb the equal flow of charity into the coffers of our two scholastic institutions. We are of those who think, and have again and again said, that it is better to consolidate than to

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extend the work they do, and therefore we should be among the last to propose or support any new thing which seemed likely to at all clash with their interests. Indeed, in the nature of things, this must be so, for what on earth would be the good of suggesting a new Fund, when it was calculated to undo part of the good work they were famed for doing? We have argued that the permanent incomes of our Institutions need strengthening, but to set up a rival claimant on the benevolence of the Craft would be to lessen the annual flow in their direction of voluntary contributions, and the lower these contributions fall, the less likelihood would there be of their permanent incomes being increased. We have said thus much, because we agree with Lord Rosslyn that the Assistance Fund must be so not only in name, but in fact, and that the assistance it renders must be entirely supplemental in its character, those only being eligible as recipients of its benefits who have been accepted by the School authorities either as pupils or candidates who prove unsuccessful in their canvass.

We have spoken of the magnitude of the undertaking as being "apparent," for in truth it is one which is never likely to exceed the most moderate dimensions. As we said last week, where thousands are needed annually to meet the necessities of each School, a few hundreds will suffice for the needs of this supplemental Fund. The Schools between them maintain and educate over 400 children at an average annual expenditure of £40 a piece. There go, then, at once over £16,000, and there are the expenses of management besides. But here there will be, in the first place, no expenses of management worth speaking of, while the expenditure in respect of the specific objects of the Fund will be item by item and in the aggregate small. The cases which will be brought under the notice of those who administer it will be few in number, to judge at least from the sums now spent annually by the two Schools in helping pupils on leaving, while those of a special character, such as were mentioned by Dr. Morris, will occur but rarely.

All this we have said before, but it is worth while repeating it, when we find there are those who incline to think the scheme is somewhat too ambitious. As we have suggested, the paraphernalia of vice-patronage, &c., &c., looks very formidable, but all these things are, in fact, merely so many pretty little attractions of an honorary character, such as are commonly held out to people when something of this kind is wanted. To call the donor of a hundred guineas a Vice Patron, or of ten guineas a Life Governor, is to pay him a pretty compliment which he appreciates, and if there is anything to vote about, it is only fair he should have votes in proportion to his donation. Some people like the initial letters with the regulation number of etceteras tacked on to their names, and if one man is willing to contribute an extra fifty guineas in order to be written down a "V.P.," instead of a "V.Pr.," or a second five guineas for the privilege of being described as a "L.G.," instead of "L.S.," there is nothing lost by encouraging the little foible. But the promoters do not anticipate anything considerable in the way of expenditure, and a principal object will no doubt be to so invest the moneys as to be able to meet out of the interest thereon such demands as may be made on the Fund. Once a capital sum of, say, £20,000 or £25,000 is established, and the interest with occasional donations and subscriptions will be found sufficient. This at least is the view we take of the matter, and which we shall feel it our duty to urge on the promoters and the Executive in season and out of season. To the former we say, let your lists of subscriptions be as large as you can make them, and to the latter, invest your moneys wisely, and so husband your resources as to avoid all interference with the flow of contributions towards the principal Charities. We want to help, not to injure them. A grand effort at starting will suffice to put the Fund firmly on its legs, and that done, it will only need to be conducted in accordance with the rules laid down. Hence this array of attractions and the honorary distinctions and trifling privileges they will confer.

So far everything has gone satisfactorily. A goodly amount of support is already secured, and there is no doubt that the way for the future progress of the Fund has been made as smooth as possible. There is an interim Committee, an Honorary Treasurer and interim Trustee, and an Honorary Secretary. When the next meeting is held, which will be when Prince Leopold's health and engagements enable him to attend, the Pupils' Assistance Fund will be a very considerable entity, worthy of His Royal Highness's encouragement, and a credit to the promoters. Possibly by that time, too, the features of the entity will be of a sufficiently decided character, so that the framing of laws and regulations may be commenced forthwith. Let it suffice for the present, if we congratulate those who started this movement on the support they have received, the success of their first meeting, and the fair prospects before them.

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NON-CONFIRMATION OF BRO. STEVENS'S MOTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I quite agree with you in the position you have taken up, that while Grand Lodge has a perfect right to reject at one meeting a motion it had accepted at the preceding one, such shilly-shallying does not add to its dignity or consistency. If, as you have argued, a Committee of Inquiry was thought desirable in December last, then, unless some special reasons have been in the meantime urged against such a proposition, it must be equally desirable now. Moreover, it seems to have been churlish to refuse a motion for inquiry. The chief arguments of Bro. Stevens's opponents were simply these—that things had gone on smoothly enough since the Union; that the brethren cherished the ritual or rituals which had been handed down to them, and that, even if a change were desirable, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to carry it out. But the fact was lost sight of that the appointment of a Committee of Inquiry did not commit Grand Lodge to the introduction of any change into our system. It is at least as likely they might have reported against as in favour of uniformity. They might have said—We have carefully considered the subject, and the conclusion we have arrived at is to leave matters as they are. It is true we do not approve of everything that has been brought under our notice, but we prefer leaving these blemishes to disturbing the ritual. Or they might have suggested that here and there certain amendments were desirable, and then it would have rested with Grand Lodge to approve or withhold approval from the Report. But it was, with all due deference, an act of churlishness on the part of those who think no change is desirable to vote against an inquiry, the result of which might have confirmed the wisdom of their opinions.

I have no wish to see the controversy revived, but if I had, I should not have very far to go for a reason. Last week there appeared a letter in the columns of your Masonic contemporary, signed "Bos ALBUS," in which will be found the following passages. Having first mentioned that he has had a large experience in installations in almost every part in "England for the last sixteen years," and that while every Province differs in some little respect, "they as a rule preserve the Masonic unities, and adhere closely—in essentials, at least—to what is taught in the Emulation Lodge," Bos ALBUS adds, "The exception I have found to be the Province of East Lancashire, or at least Manchester, and a circle of some twenty miles round. There they have a brand new ritual of their own, with a form of opening and closing a board of installed Masters, and certain peculiar signs and secrets totally unknown to brethren at Leeds, on the one hand, or Liverpool on the other—not only this, but a ritual for opening and closing a board of Past Masters, and a ceremony of installing the outgoing Master as a P.M. with separate signs, &c., none of which are known in any part of England." It seems, too, that "even in Manchester itself the ceremony varies," and towards the end of his letter, the writer very pertinently asks, "If the Manchester secrets are a part of pure and ancient Masonry, why should we not be put in possession of them? If they are innovations, why should they be allowed to continue?" Just so, Bro. Bos ALBUS, and that, in a different form, is the line of argument adopted by the advocates of Uniformity. If there exist anywhere practices which are outside the ordinary forms of working—say, as taught by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement—why should they be allowed to continue? They certainly lack the sanction of authority, however interesting they may be locally. Where the "Masonic unities" are preserved, and the "essentials" are pretty closely adhered to, we need not trouble ourselves about little differences, but where Lodges have "a brand new ritual of their own," it certainly is a subject for inquiry where that ritual came from, and why it is worked in one small district, when a different mode of working prevails elsewhere. This statement by "Bos ALBUS" justifies the opinion you have expressed that it was an act of unwisdom, or rather of self-stultification on the part of Grand Lodge, to reverse the decision it arrived at in the December previous. By the way, your idea about self-stultification appears to have given offence in some quarters, though I do not see why it should have done so. Grand Lodge has twice sanctioned a principle which on both occasions it very shortly afterwards rejected. If I assert a thing one moment, and deny it the next, in plain English, I stultify myself, or to soften the mode of expression, I am guilty of an inconsistency; and if any one tells me so, I feel the force of his remark all the more, because of its undoubted truth. Of course, I escape condemnation if I can show reasons for the change of opinion; but in this instance I hold Grand Lodge has not done so.

Fraternally and faithfully yours,

L. L.

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UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As a loyal subject of the Grand Lodge of England (none more so) I bow with all respect and deference to the decision arrived at on the 3rd inst., at its then Quarterly Communication, although I cannot agree with the policy adopted. I have not far to look for the influence brought to bear in opposition to the vote of 3rd December, which was practically a reaffirmation of the necessity for inquiry acknowledged by the Grand Lodge in 1869-70. The great power of that influence must be generally admitted, and will doubtless, in the minds of very many, be accepted as the primary cause of my present defeat. If it had been used more fairly, and without such evident bias and misrepresentation, I should have been better satisfied as to the merits of the opposition. I do not consider my victors have reason for congratulation in respect of the means used, although they have carried their point at this moment. The fact remains that the principle of the movement has received the sanction of Grand Lodge on three occasions, although its progress is stopped by the adverse vote of the 3rd inst.

I maintain that the proceedings of December 1869 and March 1870 created, according to the Book of Constitutions (page 28), a law which has never been revoked, but which has been indirectly and informally evaded.

It would be impertinent in me to attempt to renew the question in Grand Lodge upon the present data, and until such other circumstances may arise as shall fully justify a further reference to the subject of Uniformity of Working and Unity of Essentials. But "other times, other manners," and the opportunity may yet arrive when those who have prevented the carrying out of the proposed inquiry and report may regret that the Craft generally had not taken advantage of the proffered aid towards that end. Then, if I live so long, shall I hope to be prepared for further efforts, for I cannot bring myself to believe that now the attention of the Craft has been directed to some of the many diversities and innovations, both in respect of working and essentials, members of the Order possessing common sense and reasonable intelligence will permit their long continuance without objection and protest.

Meanwhile I purpose, with your permission, to resume, in your pages, the correspondence which was interrupted in June last, and, from time to time, to submit certain variations in Ritual and practice for the consideration of your readers, and their decision as to "Which is Correct?"

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, 6th March 1880.

BRO. CLABON'S RESOLUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I should say there are numbers of brethren who must feel as much surprised as I was at the withdrawal of Bro. Clabon's Resolutions, and will think it little less than farcical that a notice of motion should be formally placed on the agenda paper—more than once be it remembered—and the motion withdrawn, because, forsooth, it was likely to encounter opposition in a certain quarter. If this practice were generally adopted, it would follow, as you said last week, that no proposition should ever be submitted to Grand Lodge, to which it was on the cards that any opposition might be offered. As to these particular resolutions, it was certain there would be considerable differences of opinion, not only as to the advisability of passing them, but likewise as to the possibility, from a constitutional point of view, of doing so. If ten or a dozen years since somewhat similar propositions were referred to a Committee of Inquiry for report, and then fell to the ground in the teeth of a favourable report by that Committee, Bro. Clabon may, or rather perhaps ought to have, felt tolerably certain his recent proposals would be looked at dubiously by some brethren. For nothing to have resulted from a plan that had been well spoken of by those charged with the duty of considering its merits, there must have been a very strong undercurrent of feeling in the Craft, which it appears to me it would have been dignified as well as businesslike on the part of Bro. Clabon to have made allowance for, when he contemplated bringing his pet scheme once again on the carpet. Had he done this, Freemasonry would have been spared the pain of seeing its diet of grave and reverend seigniors put to ridicule. I hold it amounts to this, when a brother is so ill-advised as one day to suggest a plan, and the next day withdraw it, for no stronger reason than was assigned in this case. If there were any virtue in it, then most people must be of opinion that it would have been well to give it due consideration. On the other hand, if there were nothing in it of moment, then it was clearly not worth the trouble of any one to give notice of his intention to bring it forward. It will be difficult for Bro. Clabon to escape from between the horns of this dilemma.

As to the scheme itself, I think it was very good. It may not have been in strict accordance with the constitutional arrangements for administering the Fund of Benevolence. It did not necessarily involve the diversion of any portion of that Fund from its present purpose. It merely proposed that, in the event of there being a surplus, there should be an appropriation of a certain proportion of the same to a special and praiseworthy purpose, which to my mind, is well within the spirit of the law, if not within the letter. No one will deny that this same purpose was a charitable one, though it may not have belonged to that particular order of Charity for which the Fund of Benevolence was originally established, and for this reason, I repeat, it certainly came within the spirit, if not the letter, of the law. On the other hand, in the event of there being no surplus, there could not possibly be any appropriation for the object contemplated. Thus in the one case, that is, where a surplus remained, the Fund of Benevolence would fulfil its original part *plus* a part since added, while in the other case, that is, where no surplus remained, it would be excusable only as heretofore. It was not even intended that the plan should be retrospective in its operation, so that the accumulated £50,000 would have remained in hand to assist, if necessary, in helping the present class of applicants, in the event of the income of the Fund falling below its ordinary requirements in any year. A large amount is annually spent in relieving this particular form of distress, but in spite of this large expenditure there has, in the course of years, accumulated a sum of £50,000 over and above what has been needed, and as Freemasonry appears to be acquiring numerical strength, there is very little likelihood of the income diminishing. There is a reasonable degree of probability that, in the course of years, the present accumulation will have grown bigger instead of smaller, and the question very naturally arises, Are we to go on heaping up a Reserve Fund out of all proportion to the yearly expenditure, merely because the law says the money must be expended for a special purpose—that and no other? The same power that made the law can amend it, if it is shown there is any call for amendment, and especially when it *has been* shown that the particular form of amendment which Bro. Clabon thought of proposing could in no wise interfere with the purpose for which the law was made. Again, if Freemasonry does nothing else than remain stationary as regards the number of its adherents, the income of the Fund of Benevolence will remain stationary; that is, will be equal to the annual demands upon it, and will have its £50,000 to fall back upon in the case of accident. If Freemasonry increases numerically, then the income of the Fund increases, and the reserve stands a fair chance of growing likewise; while, if the numerical strength of Freemasonry diminishes, the income of the Fund will diminish, and the number of applicants for assistance stands a fair chance of diminishing likewise. I am afraid there will be found those who think I have not fully considered all the contingencies which may arise, and that I have advanced but indifferent arguments in support of my views as to the character of the scheme which has been proposed. Be it so. I am open to be convinced. But the question I have already propounded in another form remains—Shall we go on adding to the reserve of our Fund of Benevolence any surpluses which may arise, that reserve amounting already to the handsome sum of £50,000; or, at the present rate of expenditure, what would suffice for the demands of about six years, if no dues whatever were paid during that period; or shall we devote part of those surpluses to such admittedly charitable purposes as helping those pupils who on leaving our Boys' and Girls' Schools have no means to help them? Are there, in the opinion of some, insuperable objections to enlarging the scope of the Fund of Benevolence, at the same time that its original object is preserved intact? If there are, let those who think otherwise have at least the opportunity of knowing something about them. Speaking Masonically of course, I am as conservative and as opposed to change for the mere sake of change as any of my brethren, but I do not think I am forbidden to enlarge the sphere of what I have been taught is my duty, if I can do so with perfect security from all harm to the duty itself.

Believe me,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

ACONISM.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

27 Walbrook, E.C., 6th March 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If you will kindly give space in your valuable paper for the accompanying letter, which I addressed to the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which met to-day, I shall esteem it a great favour.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

S. B. WILSON.

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27 Walbrook, E.C., 5th March 1880.

To the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Brethren and Gentlemen,—I have received the copy of a resolution passed by the House Committee at their meeting on the 20th ult., which will, no doubt, be read to you in *extenso* from their minutes, referring me back to Mr. Stanley, the Solicitor, who, when the matter was previously placed in his hands, refused to make any appointment to meet my representative.

Now, my account is fully detailed in every item, and any person with the slightest grain of sense can understand it without the slightest further explanation; yet I have written the following letter to Bro. Binckes on the subject, but my representative has not heard from Mr. Stanley:—

"27 Walbrook, E.C., 1st March 1880.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—I am in receipt of your letter, enclosing the copy of a resolution adopted by the House Committee, at a meeting held on the 20th ult., requesting me to furnish various particulars to Mr. Stanley, that he may advise them as to my claim against the Institution. If Mr. Stanley will make an appointment with Mr. Paraire, he, as my representative, will give Mr. Stanley any explanations of my account that may be necessary, and which he would have done any time during the last six months had Mr. Stanley given him the opportunity; but as Mr. Stanley has hitherto either declined or abstained from making an appointment with Mr. Paraire, although repeatedly asked to do so, perhaps you will give him instructions to do so.

"Yours faithfully,

"S. B. WILSON.

"Frederick Binckes, Esq.,
"Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys."

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What the object of the House Committee can be in treating me in this unfair, unbusinesslike, and un-Masonic manner I cannot imagine, for bear in mind—should this language at first blush appear strong—that at their own request I agreed to refer the matter to a professional man, and I named one who is at the head of the profession, and who cannot possibly have any bias. Moreover, every professional man who has seen my account is of opinion that the charges I have made are less than I might fairly have done.

Of course, as I have appealed to the Quarterly Court, if it is not in your power to see me rigbted, I must wait until their next meeting before taking any further steps in the matter.

I remain, Brethren and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

S. B. WILSON.

GRAND LODGE AND BRO. STEVENS' MOTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—May I offer a few remarks touching the proceedings in Grand Lodge and your article thereanent in your issue of 6th March?

1. It is scarcely accurate to represent Grand Lodge as a person who has changed his mind between December and March.

The decision of the December Grand Lodge was come to at a comparatively small meeting, and after speeches, which, probably unintentionally, misrepresented historical facts. That decision was reversed in one of the most crowded meetings I can remember, and after those historical misstatements had been exposed.

2. I did not understand the vote of the majority to mean that "everything works satisfactorily, and that uniformity is not of the smallest consequence," but that we protested against the stamping out of local and traditional uses which do not affect the landmarks of Masonry.

Had Bro. Stevens contented himself with asking for a Committee of Inquiry into irregularities, and for correcting the slovenliness and carelessness which unhappily prevail in some Lodges, few brethren probably would have objected. But, most unwisely, his whole speech—a very warm one—was directed against what, to borrow a term, I may call *Ritualistic* practices. The things which he alleged as causing a necessity for such Committee were not merely careless omissions, but certain ornamental details, survivals mostly of an older and more ornate ritual which still exists in some old Lodges; local uses, things which no doubt are not *necessary*, or ordered in the present Ritual, but which are entirely harmless, in no way contrary to Masonic propriety; which have never been forbidden, which are picturesque in themselves, and are highly valued as ancient traditional uses in the Lodges where they obtain.

In the course of my Masonic wanderings I have seen most of the things which Bro. Stevens described with so much horror and indignation, and some others besides. To *me* they were extremely interesting, as were in former days the various local uses of Continental cathedrals before the Romish authorities insisted on an absolute and rigid uniformity, which even yet they have been unable entirely to achieve.

Very possibly the Committee, had it been appointed, would *not* have interfered with these small details, but it was plainly Bro. Stevens' wish that they should so interfere. Does he suppose that the Lodge of Antiquity, for instance, would quietly submit to have its peculiar use extinguished?

3. I think it a fortunate thing that the rules of Grand Lodge allow the possibility of a hasty decision being reversed by non-confirmation of minutes.

Yours fraternally

A P.G. CHAPLAIN,

P.M., P.Z., P.M.W.S., 32°.

8th March 1880.

LAWS AND THEIR OBSERVANCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The proceedings of the late Grand Lodge furnished several illustrations of the duties of a Chairman, to two of which I venture to ask you to direct particular attention, bearing, as they do, upon the necessity for a strict observance of the Book of Constitutions, and also of the laws of our Charities.

On the question of voting £500 to the Irish Relief Fund, our very esteemed Pro Grand Master, after warmly commending the resolution to the consideration of Grand Lodge, said—"I have to call your attention to an informality, which has crept into the wording of this resolution, which, if I from this chair sanctioned, might be made hereafter a precedent, and lead to very great evil. You will observe that it is said, 'and that the same be *at once* paid to the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor,' but of course you will remember that every money vote passed by Grand Lodge must be confirmed at the next ensuing meeting, and therefore, as it now stands, this resolution should not be put from this chair. I shall, therefore, propose to leave out the words '*at once*.' *I hold it to be most expedient that in our Charity, and in our generosity, we should always adhere to the written law of our Constitutions.*" The Chairman's amendment was unanimously carried.

Again, on the report of the Board of General Purposes, that freehold premises adjoining the Hall had been purchased for £6,500, the Earl of Carnarvon protested against the disregard of the Laws in the following terms:—

"The Constitutions lay down what things the Board of General Purposes may do, and the things they may not do. They have power to provide everything for the use of Grand Lodge, but this does not include the purchase of freehold property. *It is quite clear that the Constitutions should not be broken. Rules are laid down for all time, and these laws are not made to be broken. It is my duty to uphold them, and the interests of the Craft in the long run will be the better for it.* Looking to these rules, I think it will be necessary to refer this matter to a Committee to consider and advise Grand Lodge on the subject. This was the view I took of the matter as soon as I saw the words on the paper; and I have since had the opportunity of talking the matter over with the Grand Registrar, and also with Bro. Monckton, and they concur in my views." The clause was referred accordingly.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

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ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

A meeting to promote the objects of this Fund was held on Thursday afttrnoon, at Freemasons' Hall. H.R.H. Prince Leopold had consented to preside, but was prevented by the state of his health. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, presided in his place. Among the other brethren were Lord Rosslyn, Lord Brooke, Bros. Frederick Binckes, the Rev. Dr. Morris, James Terry, Don. M. Dewar, A. E. Gladwell, H. S. Goodall, John Constable, S. Rosenthal, Thomas Cubitt, Robert Roberts, H. M. Levy, William Paas, Charles Frederick Hogard, W. W. Morgan, J. Jacobs, Fred. T. Cronin, Alfred C. Cronin, Thomas Ayling, R. Harrison, W. Hicks, C. Johnstone, A. Durrant, J. F. Pepper, W. Hickman, F. W. Payton, Hugh H. Riach, Thomas Smith, T. Eccleston Gibb, Fentham Hedges, E. J. Potts, H. R. Cooper-Smith, Walter Sowdon, Thomas Meggy, W. S. Somerville Burney, H. Massey, Dick Radclyffe and W. W. Morgan jun. (Secretaries), &c.

The Earl of Rosslyn, in opening the proceedings, read a letter which he had received from H.R.H. Prince Leopold, regretting that the state of his health prevented his attendance. After reading the above letter, he said, if the brethren would allow him, as this business seemed very much to stand in his name, he would make a few observations to the meeting. It might appear that to a certain extent, as a Mason intimately connected with Scotland, having passed some thirty years of his life as a Scotch Mason, and having held the very high office of Grand Master Mason of Scotland, he had no business to mix himself up in the affairs of English Masonry; and, indeed, it was far from his intention to do so. But he was asked to take the chair last year at the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for B·ys, and in the course of his observations on that occasion he remarked that he had seen no Institution so magnificent, so admirably conducted, and so perfect in all its characteristics in all his Masonic experience; but that he did find a defect in that Institution—a defect which had been pointed out to him by the Head Master, and which he felt sure that the charity, and benevolence, and kindness of Masons would put right very shortly. He little thought then that any observation of his would have led to any so influential or so remarkable a document as that which now lay on the table. These documents were signed by His Royal Highness the Grand Master, by his noble brother on his left (Lord Skelmersdale), by the Earl of Carnarvon—in short, they were signed by names held in deserved respect and affection by Masons, from whatever part of the country they might come. On the strength of such a paper as that the present meeting had been called, over which Prince Leopold had consented to preside. Circumstances over which none of them had any control had prevented His Royal Highness being present; but it was his (Earl Rosslyn's) duty to tell them that matters had not proceeded quite so smoothly as he had hoped. The difficulties with which they had had to contend arose from circumstances induced by a misconception, partly of the motives which prompted the original idea, and partly from the way in which that idea was likely to be carried out. From his own feelings at starting, he thought that little more would have happened than that a supplemental fund would be raised which would be given into the charge of the governing bodies of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and be left to be administered by them. He considered that it should be entrusted to them, and be under the complete control of the governing bodies of those Charities, and that they would have administered the funds which were raised by the overbonnding kindness and generosity of English Masons. He thought the funds would be administered by these bodies themselves, without any further assistance, and he was still of opinion that such might and should be the case. He was still of opinion that the money which had already been supplied without stint might be safely administered by a committee working under the Committees of the Boys' and Girls' Schools. He had seen a paper with a great list of proposals to make life governors, and to create votes according to the amount of subscriptions, and qualifications and privileges to be given, and so on. Those were suggestions, which aimed at some enthusiastic display of magnificent bounty which he never dreamed of in his wildest moments, and which he thought entirely unnecessary and uncalled for; but he would do anything rather than stint the flow of benevolence, and therefore he would say no more on that subject. He hoped the ideas thrown out on this paper might be taken for nothing more than they were worth, the suggestions merely of a kind-hearted man who drew them up; but his idea was that practically the administration of the Fund would be limited to almost the identical machinery which was now in existence for the Masonic Charities. The brethren were not in any way called upon to do more than supplement those Charities, and he would scarcely have presumed to propose that those Charities should be supplemented were he not aware that they were limited by the very nature of their charter. The charter by which those Charities

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existed limited their power to certain times and expenses, and did not take into contemplation that further charity would be required for the children when they left the School after the time when their scholastic education had been completed. He had received a letter it was unnecessary for him to quote, from the Chairman, in which he merely embodied what he (Earl Rosslyn) had now stated; but he might mention that the Chairman sent word that he would support such a Charity if it did not interfere with the existing Charities. Now he (Earl Rosslyn) never presumed, or thought, or hoped to interfere with those Charities, which in Scotland —where their bounty was rather of a niggardly character— were the theme of admiration among all Masons. Especially was this the case in regard to the bounty of the Lodge of Benevolence. He had been also favoured with an interview with Lord Carnarvon, with whom he spent some time yesterday. Lord Carnarvon then stated to him that he regretted public duties would prevent his being present at this meeting, but he told him (Earl Rosslyn) he was very clear in defining the scope and limit of all Masonic charity, which was settled and guided by laws and rules already laid down. He (Earl Rosslyn) also mentioned that it had been suggested by a brother that this Association must be registered under the Friendly Societies, Act. Now these were matters for the consideration of the meeting which he did not purpose to bring before it now. Lord Carnarvon agreed with him that this Society should be neither a voting nor a canvassing one; that its officers should all be honorary. At present they were favoured by having an honorary Treasurer, now present, whom they all respected, and in whom they could place the most implicit confidence. Lord Carnarvon also suggested that the funds might be administered by trustees, two or three of whom might be elected annually; and at all events the Governing Committees of the Boys' and Girls' Schools should *ex officio* form part of the administrative system of this fund. He (Earl Rosslyn) for one was surprised to learn that upwards of 30 or 40 guineas had been promised already as annual donations, without any extensive system of canvassing, or anything of that kind. The fact was, in a matter so small in its object, but so good, private bounty and benevolence would flow in as soon as it was known it was not to be a rival to the existing Charities. He himself believed that those who were able to give a certain sum to these Charities, would add a little more in the hope that that would assist pupils who were in need, and very often in such need that they left the Schools rather deteriorated by the higher education they received there than improved by it. They were unfitted for several occupations of life, their intellect had been augmented, so that they were above engaging in some of the occupations of daily life to which otherwise they would have been suited. The education they received was no doubt highly creditable to the Head Master. The education of this School, with which he was more immediately connected than with the Girls' School, applied equally, no doubt, to the Girls' School, because when girls left that School there were openings for governesses, teachers, instructors in music, instructors in painting, whose occupations really gave a very comfortable livelihood to young women entering upon life, and which a little extra education after leaving the School would enable them to fill—a little household education would enable the girls to take situations in which such an education would be of great service. If these girls showed a superiority in any of these occupations, it seemed a thousand pities that at the end of their School education they should be without any means of carrying it out. He felt that he had occupied the time of the brethren too long, but he was very anxious to come down and explain to them how thoroughly anxious he was not to set up any description of rivalry between this Fund and the existing Charities. He was lost in admiration of the magnificence of the Masonic Charities which English Freemasons supported. The Benevolent Fund of the English Grand Lodge also was one that they could not speak too highly of; but of course these large funds should be administered with care, and no doubt it was necessary that people should speak freely about these things. He thought that the ventilation of such subjects in public must do good. He had been anxious only to do good in bringing forward this scheme, and he thought he might ask the Head Master of the Boys' School to supplement his remarks at once by a few statements such as he made to him (Earl Rosslyn), and which impressed him so much with the necessity for a Fund like this. He regretted if he had put himself forward in a way he should not have done, but it had not been otherwise than from a feeling that all Masons entertained, whether Scotch or English, that they were one great benevolent body, united for the purposes of good, and the more it was widely diffused and known that Freemasons were acting for unselfish ends, the more he was sure would Masonry be extended, and take its rank, as it always had, among the highest and noblest institutions of the country.

The Rev. Dr. Morris, in answer to Earl Rosslyn's call, said he should not occupy the time of the meeting at any considerable length. When Lord Rosslyn visited the Boys' School he asked him (Dr. Morris) whether he could give him anything to talk about? He told the noble Earl what they did for the Boys, but that they were not able to give them any assistance when they left the School. First they had boys who had no friends to go to; they received a good education, but if they did not give the boys that, those who had parents could give them a good education at Board Schools for 2d or 4d a week, and there were Scholarships attached to them by which they could go to the Universities. He (Dr. Morris) said we were bound to give the boys a good education; they could not give a lower one than they now gave. It must be also remembered that many boys came into the School so ill prepared that they really did not derive all the benefit of the scheme of education provided, and some left the School far from having this high education which was so much talked about. It was with regard to many of those boys who had been so prepared, but had no friends to look after them, for whom the very best was being done by the Committee. Having no friends, they naturally looked to the Committee to do something for them. The Committee, with the benevolence they exhibited, generally strained a point, and gave them the full sum of £20 they were authorised to do to apprentice them. They also gave £5 for an outfit. Sometimes a boy went to a remote uncle or aunt, and there remained for some months before he got a situation. He thought the fund they had in contemplation would help those boys for whom the Committee could do no more. Next there were boys of great aptitude, desirous of availing themselves of the education given in the School; boys who distinguished themselves at different examinations, and showed that they were fitted for some superior position. We talked of being called to a certain state, and he thought that call was shown when a boy displayed ability in making use of that knowledge which the School gave him, and desired to make further attempts to develop it. When he did that he should be assisted. There was one such boy, Farmer; when he was in the School he asked to be allowed to go up to a competitive examination where there were 1080 candidates for naval cadetships and engineerships. He went in, and came out ninth. All the others who succeeded had been prepared by special crammers, but he went up only with the education he received in the Masonic Boys' School. That boy did credit to our School. The Government required £25 a-year for three years; but the boy's friends were not able to pay even that. The Committee paid the first £20, Bro. Binckes found the other £5; and next year Bro. Binckes collected the £25. This year he had paid the £25 out of his own pocket. The next was a boy named Bryant, who at School distinguished himself at the Oxford and Cambridge Local Examinations. He showed ability in mathematics and science, and he desired, after leaving the School, to carry on his mathematical studies. The Committee in this matter had granted him the sum of £20, the Supreme Council also contributed for two years £10, and the boy was placed under a Cambridge wrangler. He gained a Scholarship at Sydney Sussex, Cambridge; but for want of Funds was unable to go on. He was now an Assistant Master at a School. He had not disgraced himself, but he had not been able to go to Cambridge University; but he (Dr. Morris) had not yet given up the idea of his going on. He (Dr. Morris) might have put a letter in the *Times*, stating the circumstances, and he would have got the money in a few days. He had incurred a large debt on behalf of that boy, because the sums contributed were not a tithe of the expenses for books and clothes required, and the boy had no friends to help him. All the burden had fallen on his (Dr. Morris') shoulders and Bro. Smith, who was in the room, and had tried to help him. He thought these cases would show the value of this Association.

Lord Skelmersdale said he was sorry he had no more time to stay. Lord Rosslyn was so very anxious that he should come to this meeting that he could not resist sparing a few minutes to do so. He could endorse what had fallen from Lord Rosslyn's lips. He wrote to Lord Rosslyn, and then expressed his earnest desire that this proposed new Charity should be part and parcel of the present Masonic Charities, and should not be entirely a new thing under entirely new management, now working and with new expenses. They were all agreed upon that. He was happy to find that feeling was so very general, because otherwise he felt he could not support the scheme. As it was, he should be happy to do all in his power to support it. He did not know what was the business on the agenda paper; but perhaps the best course would be now to appoint an honorary Treasurer and adjourn the meeting till His Royal Highness Prince Leopold could attend and state his views on the subject.

The Earl of Rosslyn thought the Rev. C. J. Martyn should be honorary Treasurer and interim Trustee, and take care of the Funds contributed until such time as another and more numerous meeting was held.

Bro. S. Rosenthal seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Lord Skelmersdale said he had received a telegram from Lord Kensington, M.P., Grand Senior Warden, expressing his regret at his inability to attend the meeting.

The Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy Prov. G.M. Suffolk, said that when the subject of this Fund was first mooted to him he felt, what he still felt very strongly, that in this Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund there would be an Institution to supplement the other Charities, which really and truly was very much wanted. It was all very well to educate their boys and girls up to a certain state of efficiency, but if they did so, and then sent them away, they were doing more harm than good, and rendered them powerful for evil instead of for good. Unless the education was directed into a proper channel, it would do more harm than good. With a Fund like this he thought they might get the means to start these young people well in life. There were numbers and numbers of boys and girls who when a certain pitch of education had been reached, might be benefited by such a Fund as this. That was the *raison d'etre* of this Fund: it was not in any way to clash with the other Charities of Freemasonry, but simply to supplement them, and carry on the work they had so well begun. He should be happy to do anything he could in regard to it, and he stated as much when Bro. Dick Radclyffe spoke to him about it. No doubt being Treasurer would involve some little personal trouble, but that he should be perfectly prepared to undertake, and as long as the Fund was a success, which he thought it would be, he should be quite satisfied and well repaid. He should endeavour to do the best he could for the interest of the trust with which they had invested him, and he hoped that before very long the interim trusteeship would be at an end, and he should be able to hand the fund over.

Lord Skelmersdale said the next business was to appoint an honorary secretary, and he thought they could not do better than choose Bro. Dick Radclyffe, who had hitherto undertaken the whole of the work in connection with this Charity. All the brethren owed Bro. Dick Radclyffe a deep debt of gratitude for his exertions.

Bro. Jacobs (Handsworth) seconded the motion, and thought that if a Committee were also appointed it would be a good thing. He would be able to go to the Lodges in the Province, and ask for subscriptions, because there was a recognised body to receive them.

Bro. Radclyffe was then elected honorary secretary.

Bro. Radclyffe said he was proud to accept the office. It had been somewhat difficult to find a Secretary to undertake the work as it at present stood. However, as he had started the scheme, through the

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kindness of Lord Rosslyn, he should be very pleased to do all he possibly could to further its objects. In order that there should be no misconception with regard to anything that appeared in the circulars, he begged the brethren to note that in all his correspondence with the Masonic papers it had been his endeavour to get some one to give ideas and suggestions. Among the answers came the suggestion of giving votes and qualifications in right of subscriptions. Many country brethren said they had not a voice in the Charities. The system of giving them a vote for electing their own Committees would give the them a great deal of confidence, and it would give the Committee confidence when they knew they were elected by the subscribers generally.

Bro. John While P.M. 228 asked what would be the purpose of the Committee? The Head Master of the Boys' School had stated there had been one or two children on whom the education given in the School had been utterly lost or worthless, because they could not go further on. At first starting the proposed fund seemed to him a proposal for a system which should crush out all self-reliance and self-dependence in every boy educated in the Masonic Boys' School. (No, no.) He was now speaking of what appeared in the circulars. There was no proposal before the meeting, and one of the papers issued stated that this Fund was to be formed to look after the children through life in some form, to buy them commissions in the army, to buy livings in the church, and purchase the goodwill of businesses for them. (No, no.)

Lord Rosslyn, Lord Skelmersdale, Sir D. Gooch, Lord Brooke, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Colonel Burdett, Bro. Hickman, and the Rev. C. W. Arnold were then elected as the Committee, with power to add to their number.

Bro. John Constable inquired what had been done with the funds already collected? Were they in the bank, or had they been used in defraying expenses? He asked this question because it had been suggested in a Masonic paper that it was time some inquiry was made on the subject.

The Rev. C. J. Martyn said the whole of the money had been paid into the Bank of England, Burlington Gardens. Nothing whatever had been paid out, and could not be paid out without his assistance, and he had not signed a cheque for a farthing. He produced the bank book, and said the amount at the Bank was £108 16s.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman and Lord Rosslyn closed the proceedings.

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The following is a list of the amounts subscribed:—

Donations.

	£	s	d
H.R.H. The Prince of Prince of Wales	20	5	0
H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught	20	0	0
H.R.H. Prince Leopld	20	0	0
Rosslyn Right Hon. the Earl of	26	5	0
Clarke Hyde	10	10	0
Egerton The Right Hon. Wilbraham, M.P.	10	10	0
Ferriers Baron de	10	10	0
Guest Montague J.	10	10	0
Martyn Rev. C. J.	10	10	0
Tew T. W., J.P.	5	5	0
Adams Herbert J.	5	0	0
Bagshawe Rev. Augustus A.	5	5	0
Barfield —	1	1	0
Blackburn George	10	10	0
Bodenham J.	5	5	0
Clarke Stephenson	10	0	0
Constable John	10	10	0
Cronin A.	5	5	0
Cronin F. T.	5	5	0
Cousins C.	1	6	0
Davy C. R.	1	1	0
Gibb T. Eccleston	10	10	0
Godfrey Henry	5	5	0
Greenfield John	5	5	0
Higham P.	13	13	0
Higham Mrs. P.	5	5	0
Hopekirk W.	1	1	0
Howkins Thomas	1	1	0
Jacobs G.	5	5	0
James W. H.	1	1	0
Johnson E.	5	5	0
Morris Rev. R.	1	1	0
Neilson James Horner	5	5	0
Pears Andrew	5	5	0
Robinson Rev. George	1	0	0
Short Rev. W. F.	5	5	0
Spice R. P.	5	0	0
Storr E. F.	5	5	0
Stannes P.	2	5	0
Winkfield A.	5	5	0
Wentworth T. J.	5	5	0
Woodward E. C.	10	10	0
Woodward Mrs. E. C.	10	10	0
Morgan W. W. jun.	10	10	0
Radclyffe Dick	20	0	0
The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and Isle of Wight	10	10	0
Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, Wood Green	5	5	0
Lodge of Economy, No. 76, Winchester	5	5	0
	£377	10	0

Annual Subscriptions.

Hickman W.	1	1	0
Ayling T.	1	1	0
Bagshawe Rev. Augustus A.	1	1	0
Challen Charles	1	1	0
Davy C. R.	1	1	0
Eynon R.	0	10	0
Frere E. T.	0	5	0
Godfrey Henry	1	1	0
Hodges H. Howard	1	1	0
Hopper W.	0	10	0
Johnson H. J.	1	1	0
Miskin H.	0	10	0
Potts E. J.	1	1	0
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Ravenshaw Rev. F. F.	1	1	0
Shaw Rev. R. D.	1	1	0
Smith H. R. Cooper	1	1	0
Snolling W. Walton	1	1	0
Taylor T.	1	1	0
Thiellay E. H.	0	10	6
Wentworth T. J.	2	2	0
Adair Lodge, No. 936, Aldborough	1	1	0
Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096, Deal	1	1	0
St. Luke's Lodge, No. 225, Ipswich	2	2	0
Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185, London	3	3	0
	£27	9	6

Donations	£377	10	0
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	£404	19	6

22 Bedford Place, Russell Square,
London, W.C., 11th March 1880.

I hereby certify that I have examined the Receipt-books of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, and compared them with the Banker's Pass-book, and that the total receipts to this date amount to £110 2s 0d, say one hundred and ten pounds two shillings, of which £108 6s 0d is paid into the Bank, as well as a country cheque for £1 1 0d, and that 15s has been received in postage stamps.

(Signed) THOS. MEGGY,
Public Accountant.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT ON NON-CANVASSING CHARITIES.

THE Duke of Cannaught presided on Friday at the anniversary dinner of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, held in the large hall of the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street. Covers were laid for 150 guests, amongst whom were the Lord Mayor and other distinguished persons. The usual loyal and constitutional toasts having been duly honoured, his Royal Highness, in proposing the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum," said,—This Institution has now been in existence some 16 years, having been opened by her Majesty in 1864. It was stated at the time there was a great want felt of a charity on the non-canvassing system, which would receive thoroughly destitute orphans from all parts of the United Kingdom. To those who were interested, often from the most disinterested motives, in such friendless little ones, it is an immense assistance to be thus saved the expense and trouble of canvassing. To upwards of 700 families this simplicity of system has proved of incalculable benefit, the most deserving and destitute cases having been selected without any loss of time subtracted from the daily labour of friends in endavouring to influence the result of the election; and there are now 220 orphans in the Asylum. The girls are taught all that is requisite to enable them to obtain good situations as domestic servants on leaving the Asylum, and the boys are instructed in different trades, by which they may gain a livelihood when they go out into the world. His Royal Highness said that within the last few weeks, without giving any notice of his intention, he visited the Asylum, and he could bear ample testimony to the admirable state of efficiency in which he found it, reflecting the highest credit upon all who were connected with its management. The Institution depended entirely on voluntary contributions, and he hoped he had shown it was not unworthy of that support for which he pleaded. The toast was heartily drunk. The Secretary read a list of subscriptions, amounting to £1,887, including £100 from the Queen, £25 from the Chairman, £10 from the Lord Mayor, and £5 each from the Sheriffs. General Lysons, in proposing the health of the illustrious Charman, said that the soldiership of his Royal Highness had been no holiday-making. He had deeply and carefully studied the principals of the profession, and had been able to give instruction both to officers and soldiers, which had been of the greatest service to the army. He thought they ought to make up the subscription list to £2000, and, acting on his own suggestion, he added £5 to his former subscription, and several other gentlemen having followed the example, Mr. T. Buck generously gave £100, which made up the aggregate subscription to £2000. Other toasts followed, after which the company separated.—*Standard.*

The Annual supper of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, is announced to take place on Tuesday, 23rd inst., at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston, at eight. The Stewards are Bros. Wallington, Dallas, Christian, Clark, Williams, Webb, Wardell, Polak, Welford, Brasted, Baker, Smyth and Fraser. Bro. J. Lorkin, the Hon. Sec., will we are sure give any information that may be required. We wish our friends a pleasant meeting.

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MARK MASONRY IN NORTH AFRICA.

A MEETING of the Kingston Lodge, No. 222, was held at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, on the 24th January last. Present—Worshipful Bro. Pentecost W.M.M., Dr. Perini S.W., Soniller J.W., M. Le Gallais M.O., V. Clement S.O., D. Enriquez as J.O., Dr. Pace-Williams Secretary, J. Barsotti Treas., J. B. Cassar S.D., A. Bokobsa J.D., A. Lumbroso Steward, Commander Bridger, R.N., Organist, T. Boccara I.G., and J. Eymon Tyler. The R.W. P.G.M.M.M. was also present, The following brethren were advanced (after election by ballot) :—Bros. Captain R. A. Johnstone and J. Lumbroso 1717, and S. Sessing of the Belisaire Lodge, Algiers. The P.G.M. addressed the brethren on the topic of his recent visit to England, alluding particularly to the fraternal reception he had from the brethren of the Mark. He invited the brethren of No. 222 to assist him at the inauguration of the St. Louis Mark Lodge, No. 254, which was fixed to take place at the Goletta on the 31st January. The Lodge was then adjourned till the 14th February. On the 31st January a goodly number of brethren assembled in the Masonic Hall, Goletta, to witness the consecration of the new Lodge, constituted under the auspices of the Craft Lodge William Kingston, No. 1835, which has greatly prospered during its brief career, and numbers over thirty members. Its founders have always hoped to open a Mark Lodge as soon as circumstances would permit, and soon felt themselves justified in applying for a warrant to Grand Mark Lodge through the P.G.M., who granted a provisional charter for the opening of the Lodge. The new Lodge is called the St. Louis (after the celebrated French king who died in the immediate neighbourhood of the Goletta, 25th August 1270), and an Ark Mariners' Lodge will be attached to it, named after Charles V., who besieged the town of Goletta, together with the troops of the Knights of Malta, in 1535. A Mark Lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m. Present —R.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley P.G.M.M.M. as W.M., W. Bro. G. Pentecost W.M. 222 P.G.J.W. S.W., Bros. S. Soniller P.G. Asst. Sec. J.W., M. Le Gallais M.O., S. Sessing S.O., Captain Johnstone J.O., V. C. Clement P.G.S.W. D.C., A. Attard Sec. and R. of M., L. Curletto S.D., J. E. L. Barker J.D., O. Engerer I.G., and Commander Bridger Organist, together with several other brethren. The following candidates were duly elected, viz. :—Bros. Sir William R. Clayton, Bart., of the Isaac Newton University Lodge No. 859, and W. Vanx, S. Morana, S. Durazzano, J. Villareale, L. Coppi, S. Angelica, N. D'Amico, J. Catalano, A. Pagano, and A. Romian, of Lodge No. 1835, at the Goletta. All the candidates, being in attendance, were duly advanced by the P.G.M. to the honourable degree of M.M. The petition to Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge having been read, together with the provisional warrant for the constitution of the new Lodge, the P.G.M. addressed the assembled Mark Masters as follows :—Brethren,—Here, within the precincts of the ancient city of Carthage, we are assembled to inaugurate a new Mark Lodge, and according to ancient custom to award a mark of our approval to several of our brethren who have worked well and faithfully in Craft Masonry. The William Kingston Lodge, true to the early traditions of the royal art, has attached to it this Mark Lodge, "that we may distinguish the work of each artisan in order that he may receive just and suitable compensation." To confer this distinction on the worthy Craftsman has been the prerogative of the rulers in Masonry from time immemorial, and this evening we have had the privilege of advancing to the Mark Degree ten brethren of the young but flourishing Craft Lodge No. 1835. I congratulate this Province, and at the same time the Grand Mark Lodge of England, on the accession to their common muster roll of the St. Louis Lodge, surrounded as it is by unrivalled associations of almost surpassing interest. The Grand Mark Lodge has viewed with satisfaction the establishment of modern speculative Mark Masonry on this classic North African soil, and this feeling will, I am sure, be intensified and increased by the knowledge that we of the Mark are now diligently working on the actual site of that far-famed city which witnessed in the time of its pristine splendour the bravery of Hannibal, the patriotism of Asdrubal, the skill of Scipio, the courage of Regulus and the stoicism of Cato; and which saw, during the days of its decline and fall, the labours of St. Augustine, the martyrdom of St. Cyprian, the death of St. Louis of France, and the exploits of Charles V. of Spain and the Knights of St. John. I feel it a high honour as P.G.M.M. of Tunis and Malta to consecrate this Lodge to-night in the midst of that shore where

> Giace l'alta Cartago, appena i segni
> Dell' alto sue ruine il lido serba.
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> [Tasso.]

The greatest edifices in the greatest cities of the world owe their existence to guilds or companies of builders. Pre-eminent amongst these old-world Masons were the Phœnicians. Bro. Fort, in his "Antiquities of Freemasonry," tells us of Masons' marks still visible on the foundations of the temple of Solomon, now uncovered to the human gaze after the lapse of ages. Similar marks have been discovered at Sidon, and other distant and varied localities of Palestine. These peculiar geometrical figures were used undoubtedly by the Tyrian carvers and "hewers of stone," who were sent by their Tyrian king to aid in the erection of the most complete and gorgeous Masonic work of remote antiquity. The descendants of these very builders barely two centuries later founded Carthage, and carried westwards the skill and peculiar customs of their confraternities. The marks we can see to-day on many a fragment of the ruins around us, exactly correspond with those of Jerusalem and other cities in the far East. They are part and parcel of a system; an integral portion the working of those ancient operative guilds, which have laid the foundations upon which in the present day the great fabric of speculative Masonry may be said to rest. Carthage fell. The city of the Roman conquerors became the prey of the Vandals, who in their turn succumbed to the forces of the Byzantines; but traces of the old builders' customs survived, and were carried, strange to say, by the Byzantine masons to northern Europe. Hence the striking and remarkable uniformity in the tokens which still exist to-day in the walls of Sidon and Jerusalem, and the ruins of Carthage and Utica; in the abbeys of Melrose and Rosslyn, and in the cathedrals of Strasbourg and Cologne, of Florence and Venice. These marks doubtless served for the purposes of proprietary distinction amongst the earliest of oriental artificers—the Phœnicians; the Romans and Byzantines adopted a similar system, and hence the custom of the mark spread far and wide amongst the builders' associations of mediæval Europe. These guilds of operative Masons have passed away, bequeathing to speculative Masonry their emblems, traditions and ceremonies, and amongst these the degree of the Mark. You have all learned from the ceremony the moral to be deduced from this observance of our ancestors. I need not now further allude to it. Suffice it to say that the Mark degree is an essential part of the Masonic systems of America, Ireland and Scotland, and we trust the day is not far distant when it may be recognised by our own Craft Grand Lodge. To-night, after the lapse of centuries, we may be said to have restored the practice of the Mark to Carthage. May we imitate the industry and assiduity of our operative ancestors, and as they devoted their skill and ability to the material edifices of the past, so may we endeavour to profit by the striking truths and practical lessons illustrated by the ceremonial they have bequeathed to us, and shaping our lives and actions on the teaching it conveys, become worthy of that approving mark which can belong only to those who have acted towards their fellows as they would desire their fellow-men would act towards them, and have based their conduct through life on the sacred Masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. The Lodge was then constituted in ancient form, and Bro. J. E. L. Barker W.M. 1835 installed in the chair of A. The W.M.M. appointed and invested the following Officers :—Bros. E. They S.W., L. Curletto J.W., O. Engerer M.O., A. Attard S.O., S. Durazzano J.O., W. Vaux Secretary, A. Romian S.D., N. D'Amico J.D., A. Villareale I.G. and A. Pagano Tyler (elected). The P.G.M. was elected Treasurer. The charitable collection being made, with a very satisfactory result, the Lodge was duly closed. The proceedings terminated with a banquet, at which the P.G.M. presided. The usual obligatory toasts of the Mark degree were duly honoured, and the W.M. of the St. Louis Lodge proposed the health of the P.G.M., which was most warmly received. The P.G.M. in reply thanked the brethren for their kindly feelings towards him, and asked them to drink "Success to the new Mark Lodge." The President proposed the toast of the newly advanced brethren, coupled with the name of Bro. Sir William Clayton. The toast having been duly honoured, Sir William Clayton expressed his satisfaction at renewing his active connection with Masonry in the St. Louis Lodge, and added that he was deeply impressed both with the interest and importance of the Mark degree, and with the way the ceremony had been worked by the P.G.M. Other toasts having been given and responded to, the brethren separated, highly pleased with the evening they had spent, and with mutual congratulations on the introduction of the Mark Degree to the modern Masons inhabiting the site of Ancient Carthage.

ARK MARINERS' DEGREE,

THE Charles V. Lodge, attached to the St. Louis Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 254 at Goletta, in the Regency of Tunis, was formally consecrated by the P.G.M.M. Bro. Broadley, the W.C.N., on the 28th February 1880. The following are the first Officers of the Lodge :—Bros. J. E. L. Barker J., E. They S., O. Engeror Scribe and Treasurer, L. Curletto S.D., A. Attard J.D., A. Villareale D. of C., A. A. Romian Steward, W. Vaux Guardian, and A. Pagano Warder. Twelve M.M.'s were duly exalted to the honourable and ancient degree of Ark Mariner. Amongst those who have taken the degree in the Lodge are Bros. Perini W.M. 1717 S.W. 222 P.G.S.O.M.M., Capt. R. A. Johnstone 222, S. Sessing 222, Commander Bridger, R.N., 222, and G. Pentecost W.M. 222 P.G.J.W.M.M. The ceremonies having been successfully gone through, and the Officers duly invested, the W.C.N. alluded briefly to the historical interest of the degree, and the reasons which induced him to recommend the Lodge to be called the Charles V. This famous monarch, aided by the Knights of Malta and their fleet, took the Goletta on the 14th July 1535. The W.C.N. mentioned incidentally that a Flemish artist in the Emperor's train executed six pictures of the battles, &c., which took place, in three of which the Goletta is the principal object of interest. The great *carraca* of the Knights of St. John appears in the centre. These pictures were discovered by the late Prince Consort, and have been photographed by permission of the Queen. The Lodge was closed at a somewhat late hour.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—These corrective remedies enable the strong to preserve their health, and afford an easy means for the weak and ailing to restore it. Working at high pressure as thousands daily do, to support life, it is but little wonder that the digestion becomes defective, the heart irritable, the bowels constipated, and the mental faculties dimmed. Let all such sufferers apply themselves at once to these medicaments, and use them according to the plain directions which accompany them: then the disordered functions will soon respond to their action, and the physical and mental powers will be quickly recuperated, producing a feeling of lightness and ease which in itself is worth its weight in gold.

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COL. W. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE,

GREAT PRIOR OF CANADA, G. C. T., AND 33° A. AND A. S. RITE FOR CANADA.

A Biographical sketch of this well-known Mason and distinguished Templar appeared several years ago in the columns of a Masonic paper in the United States, as also subsequently in the Canadian Craftsman, and we are now indebted to one of our Canadian correspondents for the following corrected record to the present time.

Colonel Macleod Moore was born in the Co. Kildare, Ireland, on 4th January 1810. The son of an old military officer who had served under Wellington in his early career in India, during the whole of the Mysore and Maharatta campaigns, being present at the siege of Seringapatam and memorable battle of Assaye, where he was so severely wounded as to oblige him to retire from active service. He was the last descendant of an old military Anglo-Irish family, his three brothers and five nephews—(sister's sons)—dying in the military service of the Crown. The family first settled in Ireland, from Dorset, England, during the Commonwealth. His great grandfather, Colonel William Moore, a distinguished parliamentary Officer, having obtained from Oliver Cromwell, for his services in Ireland, a grant of the lands of Saleston, in the Co. Meath, adjoining Carton, the ancestral seat of the Fitzgeralds, Dukes of Leinster. We find mention made of this Colonel Moore in Edward Long's history of Jamaica, published in 1774,—"As having embarked on the 14th October 1656, for Jamaica in command of a regiment from Carrickfergus. That he was driven back to Ireland by a storm, but reached Jamaica in 1657, and was Governor there some time before his death. He was unquestionably a good soldier, an honest man, and most indefatigable in the duty to which he was appointed. By his judicious government, spirited behaviour and prudent measures, he won the affections of the army, and advanced further than all his predecessors towards establishing the Colony. For which reasons he was most deservedly respected whilst living, and honoured when dead.

The subject of our sketch inherits his name of MacLeod from that of his paternal grandmother. His grandfather, Captain Gustavus Moore [18th R. Irish], of Saleston House, Co. Meath, married Amelia, only daughter of Norman John MacLeod, of Dunvegan Castle, Isle of Skye, Chief of the MacLeods of MacLeod, by his first marriage with Jannet, daughter of Sir Donald Macdonald, Bart., of Slate, the ancient Lords of the Isles, and now Barons Macdonald in the Peerage of Ireland.

Colonel MacLeod Moore received his early education in the city of Aberdeen, Scotland, and was a student at the Marischal College in 1824-5,—the famed Alma Mater of Scott's "Dugal Dalgetty," from whence he was sent to the Royal Military College of Sandhurst, England, and subsequently obtained an Ensigncy in H.B.M.'s 69th Regiment, with which he served for upwards of twenty years, and was then selected by the War Office as first class staff Officer in Canada to organize and enrol the Chelsea and Greenwich out pensioners and form the Bytown and Kingston Pension Districts. He arrived in Canada in August 1852, and was stationed at Bytown, now Ottawa, until October 1857, when retiring from the service of the regular army to become a settler in Canada, he was appointed by the Governor-General, Lord Elgin, at the commencement of the volunteer movement, to command the whole active force of Ottawa, which position he held for some years, until he left that part of Canada. On the visit of H.H. the Prince of Wales, to lay the foundation stone of the present Parliament buildings, the force under his command had the honour of being selected to form the guards of honour in attendance on the Prince during his stay in the city.

Colonel MacLeod Moore was for many years stationed in the West Indies and Mediterranean, and filled important offices, both on the regimental and general staff of the army. He is the author of several papers on Military subjects,—favourably noticed in the Military journals, particularly a Treatise on the Practical use of the broad sword and bayonet fencing, being early noted for his proficiency in *all athletic exercises*, and his skill as a swordsman, well known in the army and the Salle d'Armes of his time both at home and abroad.

We will now turn to his connection with the Craft and introduction of the Templar and other Orders of Freemasonry into Canada, commencing from his being *first* brought to *Masonic light*, which took place at the early age of seventeen years, receiving the *three degrees* of Craft Masonry at the *same time*, on the 17th August, in 1827 (in company with his early school-boy friend, John Hill Burton, now well known in the literary world as the "Historian of Scotland"). At a special Lodge held in the Mansion house of the R.W. Brother Major-General Sir Alex. Leith, K.C.B., W. Master of the Glenkindie Lodge, No. 333, Aberdeenshire,—on Registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Early in 1831, he was *exalted* in the St. Machar's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 37, held in the city of Aberdeen; and in 1843, when with his regiment in Dublin, we learn that he joined the St. Patrick's Lodge and Chapter, No. 50, as also the Victoria Mark Lodge No. 4,—all on the Registry of Ireland. In the following year he was installed a High Knight Templar and Knight of Malta, in the Encampment attached to Lodge 242, held in the town of Bayle, Co. Roscommon, Ireland, of which Lodge he was elected and served as Senior Warden.

In the Island of Malta, during the year 1847, he was affiliated under the Grand Lodge of England, in the St. John and St. Paul's Lodge, No. 43, city of Lavaletta, and in 1849 installed W. Master. This Lodge, the oldest on the Island, being instituted by Judge Waller Rodwell Wright (a former Grand Master of the Masonic Templars of England) on the 12th of April 1815, at the Hope Tavern, Strada Mezzodi, Lavaletta. A Masonic Lodge, it has been ascertained, had existed in the last century on the Island, for a short time, under the protection of the Knights of Malta, but was suppressed by order of the Pope, and the members dispersed.

Bro. MacLeod Moore was also a member of the Union of Malta Lodge 588, and the Royal Arch Chapter, of which he was third Principal J.; and here on the Island of Malta, the last refuge of the Knights of St. John, *he* established the *first* Knights Templar Encampment in connection with Freemasonry ever held on the Island—the *Melita*. A warrant of confirmation being granted to him by the Grand Conclave of England and Wales, on the 10th of March 1850, although the Sup. Grand Master, Col. Kennys Tynte, was at first doubtful whether he could exercise jurisdiction out of England, Grand Conclave having been only revived in 1846, after many years inactivity.

In May 1852, at the Grand Conclave held in London, the Grand Master in *person* installed our Bro. Knight Second Grand Captain of the Grand Conclave.

At Kingston, Canada West, in 1854, he joined the St. John Lodge, No. 491, and Ancient Frontenac Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, and was elected to the chair of H. It was here he learned that an old Masonic Knights Templar Encampment, called St. John, long dormant, had been attached to the Lodge and Chapter. On examining the warrant it appeared to have been issued in 1824, by the self-constituted authority of the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry for Upper Canada, R. Excellent Companion Ziba M. Philips. A petition was therefore drawn up, forwarding with it this irregular warrant, to the Grand Conclave of Knights Templar in England and Wales, when a new one was issued under the title of the "Hugh de Payens," nominating Sir Kt. Captain MacLeod Moore the first Grand Commander. From this Encampment (which, by a resolution of the Sup. Grand Conclave, of 10th May 1855, was permitted to rank in the Grand Conclave from the 24th September 1824, the date of the surrendered warrant) the first establishment of the Templar Order in Canada on a constitutional basis took place. To commemorate this event, the late Sir Knight Major General Alexander Gordon, Royal Engineers, instituted for members of the Encampment an order of merit, to be called The Gordon Order of *twelve crosses*, eleven consisting of silver and one of gold, the latter to be held by our Brother MacLeod Moore for life. The Sup. Grand Master, Colonel Tynte, also appointed him Provincial Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Canada, and his representative, which position he retained until the year 1868, when his Patent was changed, under the Grand Mastership of Colonel William Stuart, to that of Grand Prior of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital for the Dominion of Canada, and he was presented by the Grand Master with a beautiful star and enamelled badge of his office.

Referring back to 1854 we see he was elected S.G. Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada, and in that year founded the Corinthian Lodge, of Ottawa, of which he was installed W. Master. In December 1859, by his exertions, the Carleton Royal Arch Chapter was opened there, when he was chosen First Principal Z.

At the Grand R.A. Chapter, held in Toronto 1863, he was nominated to the Chair of H. as second G. Principal of the G.R. Arch Chapter of Canada. In the early part of this year he went to the United States to witness the operations of the Northern army during the war, and when in New York obtained all the Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, receiving a patent from the Illus. Bro. Edward Hays, S. G. Council 33°, empowering him to establish the Rite in Canada, with the rank of a Deputy Inspector General, 33°, and representative from the Sup. Council, Northern jurisdiction of the United States, and was acknowledged as such when the treaty of union in May 1867 took place between the two Grand Councils of New York and Boston, merging into one Supreme Grand Council, 33°, for the Northern jurisdiction United States. The Rite, however, was not regularly established in Canada until 1868, when the English Grand Council, 33°, who had asserted a claim to jurisdiction over all the possessions of the British Crown, affiliated him as a member and appointed him their representative, when the A. and A. S. Rite was formally established in the Dominion, and which is now, since his retirement from office and formation of a Supreme Grand Council, 33°, for Canada, ruled by his successor, Illus. Bro. Thomas D. Harington, as Sovereign Grand Commander.

In 1869, soon after the revival of the "Red Cross Order of Rome and Constantine" in England, our Brother was appointed by the Grand Sovereign, Lord Kenlis, representative and Chief Intendant General for the Dominion, and was elected a Past Grand Viceroy of the Grand Council in England. He established also, in 1871, the Degree of "Royal Ark Mariners," and in this year was elected a Past M.P.G. Master of the Grand Council "Royal and Select Masters" for New Brunswick. In May 1872, he introduced the Swedenborgian Rite, having received a Warrant of Constitution from the Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Samuel Beswick, and the Supreme Grand Lodge and Temple of the United States, constituting him the M.W. and S.G. Master of the Lodge and Temple for Canada. From this Body the present Grand Lodge and Temple of the Rite in England derives its existence. Our brother is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and known by his characteristic of "Propriety," and registered in the Mother Grand Lodge of Scotland, May 1875, on the establishment of a Provincial Grand Lodge, for Ontario. He also, in that year, founded a College of the Rosicrucian Society in Canada, of which he is IX° and Supreme Magus, deriving authority direct from H.I. Highness the Prince of Rhodocanakis, IX, 33°, of Athens, Grand Master of Masons of Greece, and the Supreme Magus of that kingdom. He is also an Honorary Member of the Northern College of England.

At the reconstruction of the Templar Order in England, consequent upon a convention between the Order in England, Scotland, and Ireland, in 1867 and 1868, the general statutes were revised, but making no material alteration in the internal organization of either country, nor otherwise beyond the nomenclature, as taken from historical authority. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, having been unanimously elected Grand Master of the whole Order, was installed at a Convent General of the United Orders on the 7th April 1873. Each nationality continuing to be a separate and independent body, framing its own laws, and governed by a Great Prior, to whom the Grand Master delegated his authority, within the limits of their jurisdiction. At his installation His Royal Highness announced that Her Majesty the Queen was graciously pleased to say she would become Patron of the

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Order, and he instituted the honorary ranks of Grand Crosses and Commanders, appointing a certain number of each.

Colonel MacLeod Moore had the honour of being nominated one of the Grand Crosses, the number being limited to twenty-one, of which six were royal personages, including the Emperor of Germany and King of Sweden. A memorial, forwarded from the Provincial Grand Priory of Canada to His Royal Highness, praying to be formed into an independent or National Great Priory, received favourable attention, but owing to the protracted absence from England of the Prince, and the death of the Duke of Leinster, Great Prior of Ireland, considerable delay occurred in the transaction of important business connected with the Order. On the 10th August 1875, at Montreal, Province of Quebec, the Provincial Grand Priory of Canada, was declared a National Great Priory by patent from the Prince of Wales, and Bro. Colonel MacLeod Moore by commission and mandate installed Great Prior of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta for the Dominion of Canada, thus attaining one of the most distinguished positions that could be conferred upon him. In Ancient Craft Masonry, in Capitular Cryptic Masonry, in the Chivalric Orders, and in the 33 degrees of the A. A. Scottish Rite, our Brother has worked zealously and faithfully; and especially during the early days of Masonry in Canada, overcame difficulties that would have daunted a less determined, less enthusiastic brother. Ambition with him meant a determined desire to spread the true principles of Masonry abroad in all his journeyings, and if honours in plenty have been conferred upon him, they have been honourably won, and have been used commendably as ends to promote still further the best interests of the Masonic society. Our distinguished Brother having from a laudable curiosity in search of *light*, made himself conversant with nearly all the various rites and degrees attached to Ancient Craft Masonry, he has found much to commend, and to those who have leisure to devote to their history and symbolism, considers valuable information to be gained, but outside from this, of no particular utility whatever. Believing Craft Masonry, including the Royal Arch, the only true and genuine Freemasonry, all other degrees and rites mere modern parasites on the Craft; in fact, all innovations, equally legitimate and equally spurious,—but all legitimate so far that it is lawful for a Master Mason to acquire any or all of them. All spurious, as *true* Masonic degrees, from the fact that none of them are required or acknowledged by the Craft Grand Lodge, *the only really supreme governing Masonic Body*. He looks upon the A. and A. S. Rites, in its modern reformed work, as of a stately and refined character, calculated to interest the Masonic *student*, but, like all the others, possessing no practical useful knowledge, or having any authority beyond itself. Of the Templar Order, he has always been an enthusiastic admirer, as having more reality than the other bodies adopted by the Craft, and capable of being brought into vigorous life by giving it more of the spirit of chivalry, purifying it from the modern innovations, that had no place in the Ancient Order, introduced to assimilate and amalgamate its chivalric character with the usages of the Craft.

In conclusion, our Brother, Colonel MacLeod Moore is an Honorary Masonic Corresponding Member of various degrees in different countries. He is an Active Member of the Supreme Grand Council, 33 degree, for Canada; an Honorary Member of the Supreme Grand Council of the Northern and Southern jurisdiction, United States and Ireland; representative of the Supreme Grand Council of England and Kingdom of Greece; he is also Great Prior of the National Great Priory of Canada, and an Associate Honorary Chevalier of the non-Masonic Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 13th MARCH.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
188—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Naes Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1381—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1424—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 15th MARCH.

1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 191 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Trelawney, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
1680—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 7 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
M. M.—Old Kent, Treadero, Bread Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Charity of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge.
424—Exemplar, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
496—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1209—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R. A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R. A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
R. A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
K. T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury.

TUESDAY, 16th MARCH.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
66—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
783—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R. A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
607—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
900—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, 17th MARCH.

Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction
224—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 191 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Barslem
537—Zetland, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
681—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
918—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
963—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Inst.)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Watson, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1631—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Rawtenstall
R.A. 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R. A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
R. A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth

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THURSDAY, 18th MARCH.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
16—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
37—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dal-ton, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
1290—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1612—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R. A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K. T.—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 19th MARCH.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
814—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

127—Union Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
841—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction)
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
R. C.—Talbot, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield
K. T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

SATURDAY, 20th MARCH.

1198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1384—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1732—Kings Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Lodge La Tolerance, No. 538.—The regular meeting was held on Thursday, 4th instant, under the presidency of Bro. T. W. Cooper W.M., Child S.W., E. Humphreys J.W., J. B. Sly P.M. Sec., J. Skinner J.D., G. Baumann I.G., Langdon W.S., P. Bale Organist; Bros. P.M.'s Quitman I.P.M., H. Wood, H. Walters, C. Burmeister, and Alston. The brethren wore crape rosettes in compliment to the memory of the late respected P.M. Bro. Lindus. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Marner and Oppel were raised to the sublime degree. The solemn and impressive manner in which the ceremony was rendered by the W.M. deserves especial praise. Each of the Officers was perfect in the knowledge of his duties. Bro. J. Quitman I.P.M. thanked the brethren for the support given to him at the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a vote of thanks was accorded to those brethren who allowed their subscriptons to go towards endowing the Junior Warden's chair, the W.M.'s and the Senior Warden's chairs having already been endowed. Hearty good wishes were given by the brethren and visitors, and then the Lodge was closed until October. The brethren adjourned to the Inns of Court Hotel, where a very excellent banquet and dessert was provided by Bro. Gosden. Grace—"For these and all thy mercies"—having been sung by Bros. Bale and Cantle, accompanied by Bro. Knight-Smith, the W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft. This was followed by the toast of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. The W.M. referred to His Royal Highness coming to Grand Lodge, convened for the purpose of investing a brother to succeed so worthy a Mason as Bro. John Hervey. Colonel Shadwell Clerke would be trusted become as worthy a successor. Bro. Cantle sang "God bless the Prince of Wales." The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Pro G.M., and after a song by Bro. Pierrepoint, gave that of the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers. Although a small Lodge, we had a P.M. selected from our midst as a Grand Officer; no better selection could have been made, and all hoped that at next Grand Lodge Bro. Kench would be invested as Grand Pursuivant. They had also a Visitor—Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. who is universally respected as a worker in Freemasonry, and he would couple the names of these brethren with the toast. Bros. Kench and Albert acknowledged the compliment, and then Bro. Quitman I.P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M. Bro. Cooper was the right man in the right place. This was the second time he had occupied the chair; he had done the work admirably, and was an able President. All wished him a successful year of office. Bro. Bale here favoured the meeting with an excellent song, accompanying himself on the piano, and then the W.M. thanked Bro. Quitman. He was gratified at the manner in which the toast had been received by the brethren and visitors; he thanked the members for having elected him to the proud position of W.M. If his working gave them satisfaction, it was due to the attention paid by him at the Lodge of Instruction attached to the Lodge, and he was sure with their kind assistance he should be enabled to carry out the duties to their satisfaction. The toast of the Visitors was next honoured; many of those present were distinguished in Freemasonry. He would call on Bros. H. M. Levy, C. W. Davis, W. H. Murlis, H. Dicketts, Cave, and Hurdell, Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, to respond. After a song from Bro. Knight-Smith, the brethren named severally returned thanks, and complimented the W.M. on his working and presidency. The W.M. next proposed the health of Bro. Quitman I.P.M., who had conducted the duties of the chair to their satisfaction. He (the W.M.) had taken up a goodly sum; but Bro. Quitman had equally looked after the interests of the Charities; he had secured a very large amount for so small a Lodge. Bros. Cantle and Knight-Smith here sang "Excelsior," which was loudly and deservedly applauded, and in responding to a persistent call, gave "The Sailor Sighs." Bro. Quitman I.P.M. rose: He thanked the W.M. and the brethren for their reception of the toast; he felt proud to listen to the words uttered by the W.M.; the good feeling expressed by the brethren he hoped would long continue. The W.M. required no assistance from him, but if future Masters required his services, they were at command; they had supported his Stewardship for the R.M.B.I., and he thanked them heartily for so doing. The toast of the P.M.'s was next given. Bro. Wilson was the oldest, Bro. Kench the oldest Initiate, and next came Bros. Burmeister, Wood, and Sly. The W.M. spoke of the loss the brethren had sustained by the death of Bro. Lindus, who was one whom all looked up to with respect. To the toast he would call on Bro. Wilson to respond. Bro. Wilson P.M., in the course of an eloquent speech, referred to the loss sustained through the death of Bro. Lindus. He thanked the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had spoken of the Past Masters. The toast of the Officers followed, and Bros. Child S.W. and E. Humphries J.W. replied. Several other toasts were given during the evening, and special reference was made to the assiduity displayed by Bro. Langdon W.S., who kindly looked after the comforts of the brethren and Visitors. The Tyler's toast concluded a very agreeable and harmonious evening. Among the Visitors were Bros. E. P. Albert P.G.P., H. Dicketts P.G.S., C. W. Davis W.M. 1637 P.G.S. Middlesex, W. Murlis P.M. 1642, Cave 1017 J.W. 1763, Hurdell 1348, R. Pierpoint 1323, F. J. Ohren 1056, C. Jeffs 435, E. H. Stanwitz P.M. 435, S. A. Cooper 1637, C. Wentworth 101, J. I. Cantle P.M. 1441, Knight-Smith W.M. 1441, H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the Lodge was opened by Bro. John Page W.M. supported by the following Officers:—Bros. R. L. Armstrong I.P.M., R. G. Salmon S.W., G. W. Lax J.W., S. M. Harri Sec., E. Dunford S.D., J. S. B. Bell J.D., J. Ferry Organist, A. Hume I.G., Sisson Steward, and G. S. Sims Tyler. The minutes of the last meeting being confirmed, the ballot was taken for a candidate, which proved successful, and he was initiated into our Order by the W.M. in a most efficient manner; the charge in the degree was delivered correctly and impressively by Bro. Lax J.W. The Provincial Grand Officers paid an official visit to the Lodge, and expressed their satisfaction at the working. The W.M. gave notice of motion that 20 guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Other routine business having been gone through, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, presided over by the W.M., who was supported by the S.G.W. of the Province and the P.G.D.C. After the usual loyal toasts the W.M. on rising said the Lodge was honoured that evening by the presence of Provincial Grand Officers; he hoped they would go away satisfied with their visit. He called on the brethren to drink the health of the P.G.M. Earl Percy and Officers of Grand Lodge, coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Eynon P.G.S.W., and E. D. Davis P.G.D.C. Bro. Eynon expressed his thanks for having his name coupled with the toast; all know what interest Earl Percy took in Masonry; likewise the D.P.G.M., who had intimated his regret at being unable to be present. He complimented the W.M. on the manner he had given the degree that evening, and also Bro. Lax for the perfect way he had delivered the charge. Bro. E. D. Davis in replying said he could only endorse all that had been said by the S.W.; he would ask the W.M. to allow him a toast. By a curious coincidence it was the anniversary of his being proposed as a Mason, 45 years ago. He would therefore ask

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the brethren to favour him and drink health and prosperity to the W.M. and Brethren of his Mother Lodge, Unanimity and Sincerity, No. 261, Toulon, with whom he had always kept up communication. He hoped he had endeavoured to raise a superstructure, not perfect in all its parts, but he did hope honourable in some form. They had all assisted in his attaining the position he held in Masonry, and if he was proud, it was their fault for making him so. Bro. R. L. Armstrong proposed the W.M., who in suitable terms acknowledged the compliment. Some capital harmony enlivened the evening. There was a very large attendance of visitors, among whom we noticed—Bros. R. Eynon P.G.S.W., E. D. Davis P.G.D.C., G. Cockburn P.G.R., J. Cook P.P.G.S.W., G. G. Taylor P.P.G.A.P., G. I. Dean P.P.A.D.C., B. P. Ord P.G. Organist, W. M. Bell P.G.A.D.C., J. Usher P.G.P., W. Cooper P.G.A.P., J. Wood S.W. 48, Read 541, &c.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Meeting at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 6th March, at half past seven p.m. Present:—Bros. Gomm W.M., Goss (P.M.) S.W., Gunner (H.S.) J.W., Andrews (P.M.) S.D., Blasby J.D., Youens I.G., Roe (P.M.) Preceptor, and Bros. Franckel, Talbot, Acworth, Newson (145), Maton, &c. Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting read, confirmed and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Maton candidate. Bro. Franckel answered the questions leading to second degree and retired. Lodge advanced and Bro. Franckel was passed. The brethren were called to refreshment. Labour was resumed. Bro. Goss was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge then losed.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 9th March. Bro. Wardell W.M., Williams S.W., Clark J.W., Smyth S.D., Hopkins J.D., Polak I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Greenwood, Baker, Collins, Allen, Welford, Finch, Christian, Carr, C. Lorkin and others. Lodge was opened in form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Baker, a candidate for passing, was interrogated and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Baker was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Allen worked the first section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and on resuming its Masonic duties was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed. Bro. Allen worked the second, and Bro. Christian the third section of the first lecture. Bro. Williams was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Enfield Lodge, No. 1237.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the George Hotel, Enfield, on Monday the 8th inst. The W.M. Bro. Oscar S. Oxley presided, supported by his Officers—Bros. Taverner S.W., Peach J.W., J. H. Thompson P.M. Secretary, Mathison P.M. Treasurer, Poore S.D., Bryant J.D., and Fidler I.G. Also Bros. Tye P.M., Clements, Collier, Collins, Dodd, Herbert, &c.; Visitors—Bros. George H. Jaffa W.M. St. James's Lodge No. 1579, Walter S. Cooper High Cross Lodge, No. 754, and J. W. Tacon Urban Lodge, No. 1196. Lodge being opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for a joining member, and proved unanimous in his favour. The next business was to pass Bro. Thomas Evans to the second degree, which ceremony was performed by the W.M. with his usual ability. The W.M. having made the formal enquiries regarding propositions, Bro. Clements was unanimously elected to represent this Lodge as Steward at the approaching Festival of the Girls' School; and the visiting brethren having expressed their hearty good wishes, the Lodge was closed in harmony, with solemn prayer, and the meeting adjourned till the 2nd Monday in April.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, Tuesday, 9th March. Bro. Watkins W.M., Smith S.W., Power J.W., Barker S.D., Myers J.D., H. G. Cope I.G., Worsley Secretary; also Bros. Fyfe, Johnson, Sadler Rawe, White, Moss, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes read. Bro. Rawe answered the necessary questions. Lodge opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Worsley worked the five sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was then closed to the first, when Bro. Smith J.W. 860 was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, the 23rd inst. P.M. Cundwick as W.M., P.M. Musto S.W., and P.M. Myers as J.W. The sections are all allotted, the names of the workers shall appear in our next.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.—At the Penbury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 8th March. Bros. McDowall W.M., McMillan S.W., Finch J.W., R. Olley S.D., Thos. Jones J.D., Garrod I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, C. Lorkin Preceptor, Bro. Jones and others. After preliminaries, Bro. Garrod, a candidate for passing, was interrogated and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Garrod was passed. Bro. McMillan gave the lecture on the second Tracing Board; Bro. J. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed to first. Bro. McMillan was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction.—At the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 26th February. Present—Bros. A. Jones W.M., W. Seward S.W., Porter J.W., Gunner S.D., G. Coop J.D., Bellerby I.G., Tucker Treas., Andrews P.M.; also Bros. F. Botley, H. Stephens, Meadows, Mitchell, Wyville, J. W. Woolmer and Tink Brown. Lodge was opened in due form. Bros. Mitchell and Meadows answered the questions leading to the second degree and retired. Lodge was opened in the second, and resumed to the first degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Mitchell candidate. The W.M. delivered the charge in first degree. The first and second sections were worked by Bros. P.M. Andrews and Preceptor Tucker, with the assistance of the brethren.

On Thursday, 4th March. Present—Bros. P.M. Andrews W.M., Porter S.W., Gunner J.W., Bellerby S.D., A. Jones J.D., W. M. Wyville I.G., Tucker Treas. and Preceptor, Wells Secretary, J. J. Clarke; also Bros. H. Stephens, Tink Brown, J. Owen, Gasson, Seward jun., E. Smith, Meadows, F. Woolmer and Mitchell. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. J. Wells candidate. He then delivered the lecture on the tracing board of the degree, in a very able manner. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for the lecture. Bro. Porter was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form and meeting adjourned to 11th March.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Held at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street Station, on Wednesday, 4th inst. Bros. John E. Fells W.M., James Smith S.W., Thos. B. Biddle J.W., D. Moss D., W. Saint I.G., G. L. Walker Preceptor, J. K. Pitt Secretary, &c. After preliminaries the initiation ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Albert Kahn candidate. Bro. D. Moss worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. James Smith S.W. was duly elected to occupy the chair on Wednesday next. A vote of thanks was passed and recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for his first attempt in ruling this Lodge.

At the regular meeting of the Etonian Lodge No. 209, held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on Tuesday, 2nd inst., the sum of 10 guineas was voted from the Funds of the Lodge, to the Irish Famine Relief Fund, the motion being proposed by the W.M. and seconded by the S.W. Another feature in connection with this Lodge which we are pleased to chronicle is the establishment of a charity box, which was determined upon on the proposition of the S.W. supported by Bro. Dick Radclyffe. We hope it will be long before any of the members are compelled to appeal to the fund thus inaugurated.

ROYAL ARCH.

CHAPTER OF ELIAS ASHMOLE, No. 148, WARRINGTON,.

THE annual Convocation of the above Chapter was held at the Chapter rooms on Monday, 8th March, at four o'clock in the afternoon. The M.E.Z. Comp. John Bowes P.Z. P.P.G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmoreland was supported by Comps. Tunstall M.E.Z. elect, Jas. Jackson J., Brierley P.Z., D. W. Finney P.Z., P. J. Edelsten P.Z., &c. The Chapter was opened, when the rest of the Comps. were admitted, among whom we noticed Comps. J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A., W. Robinson, J. H. Gulloway, W. H. Robinson, W. Wood, Hawkins, Pollett, Hutchinson, Potter, W. Sharp P.Z., Thos. Sutton, E. C. Hindley, &c. The minutes were read and confirmed and twenty guineas voted to the Stewards' lists of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. E. Comp. Bowes then proceeded to instal the Principals for the ensuing year, viz., Comps. Thos. Tunstall M.E.Z., James Jackson H., W. H. Robinson J. The following Comps. were invested as the subordinate Officers, viz., Gulloway S.E., Dr. Young S.N., Chas. Skinner P. Soj., Domville Janitor. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Bowes the installing Principal and a like vote to Comp. Finney Treas. Comp. Walter Milner was elected as a joining Companion. This being all the business, the Chapter was closed and the Companions adjourned for refreshment, when a pleasant evening was spent, under the presidency of the I.P.Z. Comp. Bowes.

St. John's Chapter, No. 348, Bolton.—A regular meeting of this Chapter was held at the Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton, on Thursday, 4th inst. Present:—Comps. Henry Greenwood Z., Robert Harwood P.Z. P. Prov. Grand Standard Bearer as H., James Newton P.Z. Prov. Grand Scribe N. as J., and others. The Chapter being opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for two candidates for exaltation. Both were unanimously elected, and one of them, Bro. John Kenyon of St. John's Lodge, No. 348, being in attendance, was admitted, and duly exalted to the degree. The following Companions were elected Officers for the ensuing year:—John Harwood Z., James Newton H., James Dooley J., William Cooper S.E., W. H. Alcock S.N., John Morris P.S., Thomas Wilson Treasurer, Robert Harwood Director of Ceremonies, Thomas Higson Janitor. A candidate was proposed for exaltation in the Chapter, after which the Chapter was duly closed.

North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471.—The regular weekly Convocation was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Thursday, 4th March. The Officers of the evening being Comps. J. W. Hobbs M.E.Z., J. Cusworth H., Braine J., Osborn S.E., Pearcy S.N., Hunter P.S. After preliminary business and confirmation of the minutes the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. McMillan acting as candidate. The ceremony was rendered with the well-known ability of the three Principals. It was carried that the members of the Chapter dine together, with such of their R.A. friends as would wish to be present, to commemorate the anniversary of the foundation of this Chapter of Improvement; the date and other arrangements were not definitely fixed, on account of the unavoidable absence of Comp. J. L. Mather the Preceptor.

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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held their monthly meeting last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. S. Rosenthal (in the chair), F. H. Ebsworth, James Winter, Donald M. Dewar, W. F. C. Moutrie, George Cooper, John Constable, H. Massey, C. H. Webb, W. Maple, W. Pass, F. Adlard, Thomas Meggy, H. Young and F. Binckes Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, further correspondence from Bro. S. B. Wilson was read with reference to the dispute between him and the House Committee, and after some little discussion the matter was referred back to the House Committee for amicable settlement, if possible. The petitions for placing two candidates on the list for election in October were received and approved; after which outfits were granted to three boys educated in the School who have obtained situations. A notice of motion was received from Bro. W. H. Spanll, N. Wales and Salop, for conferring additional votes on brethren who have served as Stewards of the Festivals more than twice. The brethren then adjourned.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Lieut.-Col. Creaton J.P. Grand Treas. Vice Patron (in the chair), John G. Stevens, A. H. Tattershall, R. H. Giraud, C. J. Dilley, L. Stean, C. L. Cottebrune, S. Rawson, J. H. Leggott, James Brett, C. H. Webb, Thomas Cubitt, R. W. Stewart, W. F. Nettleship, Jabez Hogg, W. Hilton, Griffiths Smith, Charles F. Hogard and James Terry Secretary. Bro. Terry reported the death of two widows. The Warden's report was read, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Thomas Cubitt for his handsome gift of a bookcase for the Institution at Croydon. Two widows were granted half their late husband's annuities, and it was also resolved that the House Committee should invite the Stewards of the late Festival to visit the Institution at Croydon. This closed the business of the meeting.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

Yorkshire College.—At a meeting of this College, held in Sheffield, on Saturday, 6th inst., M.W. Fr. C. F. Matier IX° Sup. Magus in Scotiâ and Hon. Magus in Angliâ installed R.W. Fr. A. Scargill VIII° as R.W. Ch. Adept, and the following Officers were appointed:—V.W. Fr. J. E. Reaney VI° Suff., W. R. Thomas, M.D. VII° Prov. Treas. Gen., Thomas Blair VII° Prov. Sec. Gen., S. H. Gatty VI° Celebrant, John Clark V° Primus, H. W. Lofthouse V° Secundus, and Thomas Leighton Acolyte. An excellent paper was read by W. Fr. S. H. Gatty on "Witchcraft." A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Frs. Matier and Gatty. The fratres adjourned to tea, after which a pleasant hour was spent in discussing the principles and teachings of the Order.

Beaconsfield Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 205.—A general meeting of this Lodge was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Saturday, 21st ult. Present:—Bros. Claridge W.M., J. Pinder P.M., W. Groome S.W., W. G. Hallows J.W., T. Franklin M.O., G. E. Laverack as S.O., G. J. Westfield as J.O., Frederick Hallows Secretary, J. H. Cambridge S.D., G. Graveley J.D., R. T. Williams D.C. and I.G., T. Upward Organist, E. Lane W.S., &c. The W.M. was suffering from a severe cold and loss of voice, and the chair was taken by Bro. Pinder P.M. The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bros. Lewis Morris, James E. Somerville, and Charles Thomas, which proved unanimous in their favour, and all being in attendance, they were regularly introduced, and advanced into the Order according to ancient form. Notices of resignation were received from Bro. W. T. Christian, A. Moffett, and F. Creed, which the brethren accepted with regret. Bro. C. Thomas was unanimously elected Tyler, and the W.M. invested him with the collar and jewel of his office. The Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Saturday, 19th June.

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CONSOLIDATION *v.* EXTENSION.

IT is a fair subject for consideration whether the policy that has been pursued of late years of extending the benefits conferred by our Institutions is altogether a wise one, or rather perhaps whether it would not be more to their interest to strengthen them permanently instead of enlarging them whenever the Festival of a particular year is more than usually productive. It is not so very many years since the Girls' School numbered 150 pupils; the Boys' School has also been largely increased, and the Benevolent Institution has grown amazingly in the same brief period. This is undoubtedly matter for the sincerest congratulation. We should like to see it happen that no candidate ever presented himself or herself for the benefits of one or other of our Charities unsuccessfully, but we dare not hope that this will ever be the case. The number of applicants is almost always likely to exceed the number of vacancies, and it must be obvious to any one that some day or other the point must be reached beyond which it will be inexpedient to extend our Charities. Roughly stated, the normal annual expenditure to which the Craft in England now stands committed is, taking the two Schools and the Benevolent together, over £30,000—that is, the interest of one million of Government Stock; and in addition considerable sums are occasionally expended for building and kindred purposes, so that the amount stated at the recent meeting as being required annually for these purposes, namely £40,000, was by no means exaggerated. Now, if we take the case of the Girls' School, to which we referred last week, two or three years ago additional accommodation was erected at a cost of some £10,000, and now Lyncombe House is purchased for £6,500. We have said the enlargement of the School is a most desirable object, to which no brother would dream of offering the slightest opposition, provided, always, such enlargement is made with due regard to the funds at the disposal of the authorities. Thus in the case of one of those richly endowed Schools which are so numerous in this country, and of which all Englishmen are so justly proud, the outlay of a few thousands in the purchase of desirable premises or the erection of new buildings would make but slight difference in the means available for future uses; but it is well for a school which has no endowment, and but a small permanent income arising from invested moneys, to "look before it leaps." The more we go on husbanding our resources during the present period of highly productive Festivals the greater the prospect of adding to our investment. The purchase annually of £2000 or £3000 worth—or more or less, as the incomings permitted—of Government Securities would very soon mount up. Every year, as the interest went on increasing, more and more of the donations and subscriptions would be available for this purpose, and gradually the ratio between fixed income and expenditure would be more satisfactory. No doubt it is very pleasant to have one's name associated with the generous enlargement of an excellent school. When the inscription on a building declares it was erected in the Consulship of Manlius, Manlius naturally becomes an object of admiration to his contemporaries, and he ensures for himself a proportionate amount of honour among those who will come after him. Yet surely those by whose wise and careful administration a fabric is strengthened and made available for later generations of occupants are as worthy of praise as the brilliant Manlius, albeit their labours are conducted silently and without display of any kind. It is evident we are not alone in the belief that periodical increases in the Girls' establishment are not to be expected too often, except at the risk of endangering the whole structure. We have reached a point at which, in our opinion, we may pause for a time till we learn for certain that the Institution rests on a sound and enduring basis. We may anticipate that the approaching Festival, under the presidency of His Royal Highness the Prov. G.M. of Oxfordshire and Past Grand Warden of England, will be a great success; but even if the result should exceed our most sanguine expectations, we trust the good sense of the School authorities will prevent the policy of extension from being carried further. Enthusiasm is a very fine thing in its way, but a handsome sum in Government Securities is a reality whose benefits it is impossible to deny. When the fixed income is £3000 or £4000, it may be politic as well as possible to take a step further, and charge ourselves with the duty of maintaining and educating a few more Girls; but, with due respect to those who hold a different opinion, we consider the increase latterly of over thirty per cent. in the number of pupils, and the outlay of £16,000 for additional premises, is progress enough for the present.

There is another point to be considered. Those who subscribe so liberally year after year have an undoubted right to insist that the total contributed shall be made as widely beneficial as possible. But they must not lose sight of the fact that by increasing and increasing our liabilities they to a great extent bind those who come after them to maintain the School at a certain strength as well as in a certain state of efficiency, even though the circumstances in which the next generation of Masons may find itself placed may be far less favourable. We are now recovering from a serious and prolonged depression of trade. We have narrowly escaped a formidable and costly war. Is it likely that if we had not so fortunately surmounted these perils, the subscriptions to our Charities would have been on the same scale? We cannot always reckon on a continuance of sunshine, and it is our duty to make all the provision we can against a rainy day. We should feel it bitterly if we found some time hence we had undertaken a task it was beyond our strength to continue, and those, on whom the unpleasant alternative of contracting the present sphere of usefulness of our Institutions devolved, would have just cause to complain of the impolicy of handing on to them a duty to which their strength had proved unequal. On the other hand, they will have reason to praise us if we leave the permanent financial affairs of our Institutions in a healthy state, so that whether a rainy day come or no, it may be in their power to maintain intact both their numerical strength and their efficiency. We have been induced to offer these remarks, owing to the dissatisfaction expressed in some quarters at the large expenditure recently incurred in the purchase of Lyncombe House. The purchase is now effected, and the sense of dissatisfaction is no doubt rapidly passing away; but, for aught we know to the contrary, further steps in the same direction of ill-advised progress may be taken sooner or later. If the next Festival is an unprecedently good one, it may be suggested to add to the number of the pupils, and this, however desirable, would assuredly be a most unwise course to recommend. Consolidation, not extension, is the policy for the time being. We are doing our duty to the Girls, and there are those who hold we have done something more than our duty in respect of premises. Let us now try and give more permanent strength to the Institutions, the welfare of which all Craftsmen so desire to uphold.

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THE ALLEGED DISCOVERY OF MASONIC EMBLEMS.

SINCE our last remarks on this subject, we have received copy of an American contemporary, in which are stated the opinions of two distinguished American Masons, one of whom is editor of a well-known Masonic periodical, while the second is none other than Bro. Robert Morris, LL.D., Past Grand Master of Kentucky, and a literary craftsman who is known almost as well in this as he is in his own country. It will be seen that on one point these learned Doctors of the Craft differ widely from each other.

Bro. Thomas J. Melish, editor *Masonic Review*, very wisely refrains from expressing a decided opinion as to the value of these alleged discoveries, "until they have been duly examined by critical and competent authority." "If," says he, "they are merely Masonic emblems, without any other descriptions, they may only have allusion to operative Masonry, and so would have no archæological value. But if they be accompanied by any other mystic or cabalistic characters, it would go to show that they have some connection with speculative Masonry," of which he considers the meaning to be that "man is engaged in erecting a spiritual temple to the glory of the Great Architect of heaven and earth." He holds it very probable that the emblems in question have some mystic or spiritual significance, and has no doubt that "the science of Freemasonry came originally from Egypt, the cradle of ancient civilization." He suggests that Craft Masonry has a resemblance to that "primitive religion which mankind possessed and practised in the age before the patriarchs." This religion "was corrupted into heathen idolatries by some nations," but "blossomed and flowered out into the Hebrew religion under the designation of Moses." Bro. Melish thinks there are to be great discoveries in Egypt in a religious and archæological point of view. The investigation into the principles on which the Pyramids were constructed has already given us some wonderful revelations bearing alike upon science, religion, and Freemasonry, and probably Commander Gorringe's discoveries have "important bearings" upon the same subjects. So far Bro. Melish who, without committing himself, seems to regard these discoveries somewhat favourably, in the event, at least, of their being accompanied by "other mystic or cabalistic characters."

Bro. Morris also avoids anything like a thoughtful discussion "until he can see the objects or accurate drawings of them." Taking the emblems as they have been thus far described, he remarks that the square and trowel are among the necessary tools of architecture, and are "no more Freemasonic than the bread ate or the wine drank during the erection of an edifice." Such objects would be found in the crevices of a great platform as "a matter of course." The idea of a pure white stone representing a Masonic apron, he dismisses as "absurd," and thinks the emblem of a "pair of suspenders" would be as suggestive. Nor does he think much of the altars, there being "no regular form of a Freemason's altar," but perhaps for the word "altar" should be substituted "ashlar," so at least it occurred to us when we first read the description of the emblems. Bro. Morris then goes on to express his regret that the discoverers did not consult Bro. Oddi, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, who is "a most learned antiquary." Bros. Dr. Fanlon and Commander Gorringe are, he says, described as learned Freemasons, but the Telegram "fairly reeks with nonsensical statements," such as that "the Hiram version of Masonry is disproved by these revelations," and that "the ancients were familiar with the higher degrees of Masonry," and so forth, our worthy brother remarking that the higher degrees are certainly not more than a century and a half old, and that the base of the obelisk is not older than the time of Julius Cæsar, who lived a thousand years later than the illustrious Solomon. Bro. Morris then writes very sarcastically of so called Masonic discoveries. An Indian mound is opened, and in it is found a "stone which has a right angle or two, and behold! all through the press the news circulates the mound-builders were Freemasons." Or a traveller up Lake Superior "observes upon the Painted Rocks some drawings faintly resembling Masonic emblems, and the builders of Solomon's Temple journeyed through America, and here are the evidences." As to Masonic symbols few of them are ancient, the "Pentagon used by King Solomon for his signet, the Hebrew letter suggesting the early names of the Deity, the forms of the more familiar working-tools of the stonemason and carpenter," well nigh exhausting the list. The great mistake made by writers is, in the opinion of our learned brother, that they imagine "that every ancient secret society was Freemasonic or allied to Freemasonry." As to the Egyptian forms of secretism they "were in theory exactly opposite to Freemasonry, and their emblems and ceremonies cannot be used in any way to illustrate Freemasonry,"—in this respect differing apparently from Bro. Melish. The same holds good of "the Eleusinian and other mysteries of the ancients," the only secret society of which mention is made in history, which is analogous to Freemasonry, being that of "the Essenes described by Josephus." The evidence, however, in favour of "the Solomonic theory of Freemasonry," is to be found, according to Bro. Morris, in "the traditions and ceremonies preserved among the Oriental descendants of Esau and Jacob, the Bedouins and the Jews." The Arab races claim also to have preserved their "secretism communicated to them by the emissaries of King Solomon twenty-nine centuries since," and as the result of his journey to the East twelve years ago, he was able to demonstrate the existence among them of Freemasonry as "communicated by their fathers." Bro. Morris closes his remarks by saying that while he should be glad to find something upon a "platform erected by order of Julius Cæsar" to assist him in the work to which he has devoted his life, he is yet of opinion that, as far as the statements respecting these emblems have reached him, he "cannot find in them a discovery of the least importance." Truly may it be said, as in the mis-translated version of the proverb, "in the multitude of counsellors there is wisdom" enough to puzzle the philosopher into his grave.

TRACES OF CRAFT MASONRY IN THE ANCIENT RELIGION OF CHINA.

THANKS to the courtesy of R.W. Bro. C. Thorne, District Grand Master of Northern China, we have received copy of the minutes of the regular Communication of that District, held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on the 7th January last. The proceedings were such as usually take place on these occasions. Minutes were read and confirmed, reports submitted and received, the District Grand Officers for the year were appointed. But when the regular business had been transacted, the District Grand Master mentioned that at an installation meeting he had attended some time previously, he met for the first time a "brother Chinaman," who, though he had received his degrees in America, took great interest in his work, and fully appreciated the benefits of Freemasonry. He did not know if any Chinaman had been initiated in Shanghai, but he had received two letters from Bro. Chaloner Alabaster, Her Majesty's Consul at Hankow, in which that brother pointed out clearly enough that something very like Craft Masonry must have existed in the Chinese Empire some three or four thousand years before our present era. What makes these letters more valuable is, that Bro. Alabaster has devoted himself to Chinese literature, and has dived deeply into their ancient literature and manners and customs. And certainly what he states affords ground for his belief as to the existence of a kind of Freemasonry in China in the earliest times.

In the first letter, dated "British Consulate, Hankow, 30th November 1879," the writer speaks of the many coincidences he has discovered, in the course of his studies, in the ancient religion of China with Masonry. Among others, he mentions the fact that "the oldest, or one of the oldest, words in the language for Right Conduct means literally The Square and Compasses, which we may assume, therefore, was then, as now, the symbol of the perfect man, and the reason for the adoption of the symbol is given by the explanation that these two symbols hieroglyphically express the sum of Chinese Philosophy." Another is found in the fact that the "four-square altar"—the ashlar of our Lodges—still exists "in the State Religion of the country as the symbol of nature." Another is "the use of the Square in their religious ceremonies," a fourth "the use of aprons, with various badges thereon, to denote the rank and offices of the various officers of religion;" and, last, that "the Deity, in the sense of the end we seek to reach, is spoken of as the S.W. Corner." And, "not only," adds the writer,

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"do I find coincidences, but I find the explanation of many of our rites giving a more philosophic reason for them than is to be found in the modern ritual."

The second letter of the 10th December last enters more fully into the subject. One of the strongest points Bro. Alabaster points out is that, in the most ancient times, "the first care of the founder of a new dynasty" was to build a "Lodge or symbolic building to serve as a monument of the philosophy and religion, of which he was high priest and head," three of these, being the Lodges of the three first dynasties, being "figured in Duhalde." Then "one of the oldest offices is that of Grand Architect—not a mere Superintendent of Works—but "an officer selected for his wisdom to superintend the erection of these symbolic Lodges." Of the "four square cube as the symbolic altar," one such altar may be seen at Peking, where it stands as the "symbol of nature," and is known among foreigners as "the Altar of Earth." The "Compasses, the symbol of the circle by which they represent the Divinity, by which all is encircled and restrained in place, the endless near beginning of all," these are still perpetuated in Peking, there being in the "Circular Temple" an "Altar of Heaven," which, with that of earth, form the two altars of the State Religion brought down from the highest antiquity. Among the symbols are the skirret, as indicated in a certain Chinese character, meaning "the sources and origin of things," and the gavel, "which, I think, may be shown to be the same used by the ancient monarchs in the State Religious Services as a sceptre and mark of authority." And besides the aprons, to which allusion has already been made, jewels, or carved pieces of jade, are spoken of as being used as "insignia of office," and being "returned when the Grand Master the Emperor died, and accepted by his successor to such as he confirmed in office." Amongst other points of similarity are mentioned the "common doctrine that the N.E. marks the commencement and the S.W. the end of things, and also that of "the Brotherhood of mankind, the Emperor and his ministers being but the ablest workmen directing and carrying on the common weal" for the common welfare.

In the course of the discussion that followed, Bro. Kingsmill D.G.S.W. expressed his disagreement with Bro. Alabaster as to the degree of antiquity which he assigned to these symbols, on the ground that Chinese literature did not take its rise more than five or six centuries before Christ. At that time there was a rich store of myth and legend, which has been fortunately preserved, and deep in this it is Bro. Kingsmill's opinion will be found the origin of the symbolic use of the Square and Compasses. Among the other attributes of the Emperor Shun were the Siuen-ki and Yuh-wang, the Circle and Rule, which in origin, as well as etymology, are identified with the Chakra and Cangkha of Vishnu. Both Shun and Vishnu were associated with the ancient solar cult which, some three thousand years since, swept over Asia from west to east, and to this period, thinks Bro. Kingsmill, must be referred the symbolic use of the Square and Compasses, while "in the discus and conch of Vishnu and the corresponding circle and gemmous rule of the Chinese Shun," is the germ of the principal symbols of modern Freemasonry." A Bro. Rivington also spoke to the similarity "between the symbols of Masonry, those of the Egyptian Hierophants, and of Brahmanism," and of the last to those of the Chinese religious symbols.

While, as with reference to the recent alleged discovery of Masonic Emblems in Egypt, we are inclined to be cautious in accepting suggestions of the character above indicated, it cannot but strike us, and, no doubt, the great majority of our readers, that these coincidences, for a knowledge of which we are indebted to Bro. Alabaster's study of Chinese literature, are very curious—the symbolic meaning of the Square and Compasses, the Skirret, the Altar, &c., especially so. We should like to hear the opinion of brethren in England who have been in China—we know there are many such of great distinction among us—and who, from their acquaintance with the Chinese language and customs, are competent to offer such opinion.

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ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I do not see how it is possible there can be two opinions as to the advisability of establishing such a Fund as you described last week or how, with the influential support which has been enlisted on behalf of the Proposed Pupils' Assistance Fund, there can be the slightest doubt as to the success of the movement. It was pointed out by Lord Rosslyn at last year's Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys that something was needed in order to complete the good work so successfully carried out by that and its sister Institution for Girls, that something being a fund set apart for assisting pupils on leaving school. The hint or suggestion would seem to have taken a firm hold on the minds of many among the noble lord's audience, and probably among those who, though not present at that Festival, subsequently obtained, through the Masonic press, a knowledge of what was said on that occasion. I judge so, at least, from the position in which things now are, with a Fund of the character intended in course of organisation, and backed up by such an array of supporters as it has been rarely my lot to witness. However, now that the preliminary meeting has been held, I fancy I shall not seem to be too sanguine in anticipating that, though it will necessarily occupy some time ere this new Fund is in good working order, early in the course of next, if not in the current, year it will be available for the purposes proposed. As these have already been sufficiently described by you, I need not occupy your valuable space in doing so again; but I should like, with your permission, to say a few words on one portion of the scheme which seems to have attracted a considerable share of attention, although by its adoption the promoters have been charged with having made a "complete change of front," which implies that the promoters or propounders of the scheme have given up their original intention in favour of another of a totally different character. In the present case, for instance, it is generally, I believe, understood, and I have nowhere seen it officially denied, that the establishment of a Pupils' Assistance Fund was intended to meet the particular need pointed out, as I have said, by Lord Rosslyn at the Boys' School Festival last year; in other words, to provide an Assistance Fund for the benefit of those pupils of either School who on leaving might need assistance in starting them in life. Now this purpose still remains, but there has been superadded to it a plan for helping those candidates for admission into our Schools whom the fortune of the ballot may leave out in the cold, and who, after a period of hope, more or less prolonged, may at the age of eleven find themselves excluded from the benefits offered by these schools. But the extension of a plan so as to include something additional to the original idea does not amount to a "change of front." Were it the present purpose of the promoters to help the unsuccessful candidates instead of retiring pupils, they would have laid themselves open to the charge, but a body of men have full liberty to enlarge the scope of their original intention and yet retain intact their character for consistency. Speaking for myself alone, I think the idea as now officially explained is very much better, and far worthier, therefore, of support than it was at first described. The number of pupils has been greatly increased during the past few years, but in spite of this there is almost always a formidable list of unsuccessful, many of whom after three, four, and even more attempts break down altogether, the only result to them being a keen sense of disappointment and the sympathy of their friends. Now in the case of these unfortunate children, what a boon it would be to them in after life if they could obtain some slight assistance towards their schooling. I judge, from the station in life of many of the candidates' parents, that, had they lived or remained fairly prosperous, their children would have received a Middle Class education, the cost of which, though varying in different parts of London and the Provinces, is nowhere very high. I think I am right in saying that at the City Middle Class School, Cowper-street, City-road, the cost per boy does not exceed £5 per annum, the fees being twenty-five shillings a term—three terms to the year—while books, &c., absorb the balance. The expense at the Camden Town School for Girls is about the same, and every one knows there are, all over London, innumerable Seminaries, Institutions, Schools, and the like, where the charges are about the same, or but slightly in excess. Here, then, is an opportunity for assisting those who, when their names are placed on the list of candidates, are adjudged by the School authorities to be worthy of assistance. The cost of helping (say) ten unsuccessful boy and girl candidates would at this rate amount only to £50 a-year, or not many pounds more than is expended on the maintenance and education of one successful one. Something of this kind is done by certain local Masonic Educational Institutes, and it is found to answer excellently well. Of course it falls very far short of the benefits derived from our Schools; but on the principle that half a loaf is better than none, education without maintenance is better than no education at all. Moreover, there are cases in which the smaller help is preferred to the greater. Many parents would rather have their children brought up under their own immediate supervision, and this can be done if they go to the school in the vicinity of their homes. Others, again, like their children to be trained at schools patronised by people of their own religious faith. Then, the brethren living in the neighbourhood, can, if they are so minded, take an active interest in the young folks' progress. In short, if the help afforded is of a somewhat limited character, considered pecuniarily, it has many good points to recommend it. As to how the selection of unsuccessful candidates

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for this assistance should be made is a matter on which I do not propose to say much. Those highest on the poll after the successful, or those who have made most attempts, might be chosen. Once the Fund is established, and the appropriation of some of its moneys to this particular form of help is included in the programme, and it will be very easy to lay down the necessary regulations, not only as to selection, but as to the amount and the length of time for which the grants shall be made. The general conception being a good one, the manner in which the details shall be carried out may be left for the present. I think whoever suggested this part of the scheme deserves great credit.

As to the other objects, it is admitted that there are boys and girls who, on leaving school, require a little help to start them, for are not outfits and annuities voted in sundry cases? The amount disbursed under that head in the Girls' School account for 1879—to take an example—is over £35, and the same item occurs in the Boys' School accounts. The fact that these are only small amounts is at least a kind of guarantee that the Fund about to be raised will not be used extravagantly. Exceptional cases may arise, as they have arisen, in which something on a larger scale will have to be done; and it strikes me it is better this should be done, so to speak, officially than by appealing to the Craft for assistance as occasion demands. If it is reported that young Jones or Miss Smith is likely to shine in some particular calling, but is without means and friends to help them, I argue it is better they should be dealt with by the Committee of this Fund than that manifestoes should be drawn up on their behalf, soliciting help from the Masonic public, and I think it would be more congenial to the children themselves, if they are assisted quietly than where their poverty is made known throughout the whole world of Freemasonry. Again, if a register of appointments is kept, and influence used in order to obtain them for deserving pupils, even the outlay of money may be found unnecessary, while good conduct in the positions they fill will be a sufficient return for the obligations conferred on them. Indeed, the purposes enumerated in your recent article are, in my judgment, indisputably worthy—a proposition to which I fail to see even the mildest negation can be offered. I hope, if you can find space for these remarks, that by the time they meet the eye of your readers, the scheme will have been formally approved in outline, and the necessary steps decided on, in order to carry into effect what has been begun so auspiciously. I hope, too, the arduous labours of the promoters will be ungrudgingly recognised. They have done much already, though there is still much that remains to be done.

Fraternally yours,

WELL-WISHER.

London, 12th March 1880.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I heard with pleasure in Grand Lodge the few but able remarks offered by Bros. Clabon and Hogg, when those brethren pointed out the necessity and desirability of rendering assistance to children at a most critical age, and the exceptional position held by our Institutions in staying the good work begun before it has time to bear fruit, but which is recognised by almost every other Institution, even by our Board Schools, as being as essential to the requirements of the children as the schooling itself. I was very sorry Bro. Clabon's motion was withdrawn, as I believe no better purpose could be found for our surplus funds than that proposed, and how it can be found illegal or not in the spirit of the intention of the Founders of the Charity to assist the Mason's child, which I will guarantee to say is the predominant wish of every mother's and widow's heart, I fail to see. In course of conversation I heard it freely urged, "raise a separate Fund." This we now propose to do. That its benefits may be general, not only will the proposed Committee be invested with power to hold the most deserving cases on leaving school, but also, if funds admit, deserving unsuccessful candidates for the privileges of our admirable Institutions. This may appear a wide field, but it is very desirable no difference should arise in after years as to the purposes to which the funds may be applied. Otherwise, as in the present case with the Fund of Benevolence, an enormous sum might accumulate, which is not needed for the specific purposes of the Fund, and cannot constitutionally be devoted to any other. No doubt Masons in after years will be as able to carry on the same admirable work as we are doing, but beyond investing a reasonable sum in Government securities it is not politic to collect funds for the coming generation.

You will see I have mentioned the word "deserving." Now it seems to be the feeling of many that the object of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund is to assist *every* pupil, no matter what his prospects. This, I think, should be immediately corrected. It will sometimes happen that the most deserving cases are not elected to the benefits of our Institutions, but those which command the most influence. Therefore, all boys and girls will not of necessity be the objects chosen for the benefits of this Assistance Fund, unless they are in the first place worthy, and, in the next, show some extraordinary capacity which it may be thought desirable to cultivate; but even in these cases the co-operation, where possible, of the Pupils' friends will be necessary, as it is not proposed to devote heavy amounts to one to the exclusion of others. If, as before stated, funds admit, what more deserving object of our bounty can be found than unsuccessful candidates? Are they not often the most friendless and deserving? A few pounds per annum towards defraying their schooling, either during the time of their candidature or after, if unsuccessful, will reap a golden harvest in the gratitude of the widow unable, for the want of means, to cope with her distress. It is said we are seeking to elevate the children of distressed Masons, to the disadvantage of the children who may be subscribers. Such jealousy I cannot understand existing in the heart of any brother. Masonry is not a Benefit Society, and if we are at any time able to assist a poor brother's child, does not our Masonic brotherhood teach us it should be our aim to do that, even though it might lead to his occupying a better position than he could have hoped for. Lastly, on the question of rivalling the existing Institutions, I feel sure all who give the subject a little attention—and especially after what was said at the meeting of Thursday last—will recognise that the promoters have nothing of the kind in contemplation. Much good may be done in the directions I have indicated, and that without in any way checking the flow of contributions towards them. It cannot too often be too strenuously laid down that this not a rival, but an Assistance Fund, and the assistance it is proposed to give will be given on a limited scale to deserving pupils, and deserving unsuccessful candidates.

I am,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was much surprised on reading the report in the *Times* of this meeting, and a letter manifesting the same spirit of opposition and misrepresentation, which appeared the day following in that journal bearing the signature "P.M." The notice, too, in the *Sunday Times* is so similar in tone that one might easily be pardoned for suggesting that it was written by the same person. Be this as it may, or rather let the reports have been written by whom they may, I think it high time that a protest should be entered against the practice, unfortunately too common, of reporters making the notices they write convey as nearly as possible their own views on the subject. I have had some experience of the press, but I venture to say there never was a more flagrant case of this kind than is afforded by the reports I have referred to. I believe it is pretty generally known that Bro. White attended as the representative of the *Times* on Thursday week last, when the preliminary meeting of the promoters of this Fund was held. He addressed the meeting, and his remarks, to the effect that he had been given to understand it was proposed to purchase the goodwill of businesses for ex-pupils, &c., &c., evoked the strongest expressions of dissent. Lord Rosslyn explicitly stated that a fourth Charity was not contemplated. Lord Carnarvon was quoted as, and Lord Skelmersdale declared himself to be against adding to the number of our institutions, and Bro. Dick Radclyffe said the particulars given in the prospectuses issued were the sum of the suggestions he had received from different quarters. Yet, according to the *Times* and the *Sunday Times*, the meeting was held for the purpose of establishing a fourth Charity of a most ambitious character, and having for object very little short of the life-long support of the children who pass through our Schools. A truthful report would have shown that not a single one of the speeches indicated anything of the kind, except that delivered by the brother I have named. I ask, Is it just to misrepresent so absolutely the character of the meeting, as to pass off on the public the exact converse of what took place? I have no right to object to a brother taking an exaggerated view of a Pupils' Assistance Fund, nor would it become me to resent any opposition he may conscientiously feel called upon to offer to a plan I think well of; but I have the right to call upon a representative of the press to set aside all personal feeling and write a true and impartial account of what took place on a certain occasion. If ever a man was in a minority of *one*, Bro. White was when he spoke on Thursday amid the impatient dissent of his whole audience, yet any one who reads the report in the paper he represented, and who was not present to judge for himself of what took place, must as a matter of course be under the impression that the meeting was held for the purpose described. The title of the Fund is quite enough to show that its character will be subsidiary, and that nothing more is intended than to provide help for deserving pupils who need it, or for candidates who fail to obtain admission into the Schools. To say this Fund is something more, and that it is intended to found Scholarships and send boys to the Universities, to help them to enter the Naval and Military services, and to buy Commissions for them is, to put in the mildest form, a monstrous exaggeration.

I am, yours fraternally,

SERRIC.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent "OBSERVER" has, I think, hit the right nail on the head when he attributes the non-representation of this county at our Festivals to its not being organised as a Province, and as there are smaller Provinces already in existence, I agree with him and you that there is no reason why it should not be constituted as such forthwith. It would surely give a legitimate impetus to Freemasonry in this part if the five Lodges already in existence met together in Provincial Grand Lodge for the purpose of discussing the welfare of the Craft generally, and of Beds in particular. Occasionally, too, something would no doubt be done for our Institutions, and the agreeable spectacle would be witnessed of Bedfordshire Stewards vieing with those from other parts of the country in helping Charities, the help afforded by which, it seems, one, at all events, of the Beds Lodges does not think it beneath its dignity to solicit. I do not anticipate there would be a very large increase in the number or strength of its Lodges if there were a Provincial Grand Lodge established, but I think the friendly intercommunications of brethren would necessarily bring about a most genial feeling among the Lodges. I dare say a good chief can be found who will have very little difficulty in smoothing down any minor differences which may exist, supposing, at least, there are any (say) of the kind indicated by

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your correspondent, and once that is done, the apathy and lack of harmony now prevailing, or said to prevail, will give place to energy and the utmost cordiality. I trust the suggestion which "OBSERVER" has offered, will bear fruit.

Fraternally yours,

G. K. E.

GRAND LODGE AND BRO. STEVENS' MOTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—In the letter of "A P.G. CHAPLAIN, P.M., P.Z., P.M.W.S., 32°," under the above heading, in your impression of this date, I fancy I recognise the composition of my most pronounced opponent in respect of the formation of the Committee of inquiry into practices of Masonic Working.

If I am correct in this impression, the cause I have at heart requires that I should meet him upon the new ground he has chosen for his illogical arguments and misrepresentations. If I am mistaken, the subject matter of the letter nevertheless requires correction, whoever may be its author.

In either case, I cannot imagine how any one can describe the recent action of Grand Lodge otherwise than as a change of mind without reasonable cause. In "one of the most crowded meetings" we have ever had, December 1869, Grand Lodge affirmed the principle on motion made, and agreed to the appointment of a Committee; at its ensuing meeting it confirmed that resolution, and if there be any force at all in our "Regulations for the Government of the Craft," and the words at page 28,—"If carried and confirmed at the next ensuing meeting of Grand Lodge it becomes a law,"—then I say that we cannot get away from the fact that there *is* a law which has not been revoked, and which a dignified and honourable body, such as Grand Lodge is, should see either expunged altogether or fairly carried out.

My motion in December last was that "the Committee be *now* appointed." This was resolved upon, and nothing could have arisen, or rather, did arise, in the interval between then and the meeting of 3rd March, which rendered the non-confirmation of the resolution other than the result of "pique" and party feeling.

Such non-confirmation only defers to a future period the appointment of the Committee, in accordance with an existing law enacted ten years ago.

Does my "Grand" opponent desire it to be understood that the "comparatively small meetings" of Grand Lodge should be of less effect in respect of their deliberations than the most crowded meetings? If so, what would become of some of our most useful Grand Lodge decisions? Where is the logic of such an argument?

Does he really mean to charge me with "misrepresenting historical facts?" If so, I beg to refer him, and all those others who have personally informed me that my motion of December 1869 *was not confirmed and made law*, to the minutes of the Grand Lodge for the dates referred to. He and they will find that *after* confirmation of the resolution to appoint a Committee the appointment of such Committee was alone deferred, and not the motion itself. That there may be no further misunderstanding on this point, I append an extract from the report of Grand Lodge meeting of the 2nd March 1870. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed,

"Bro. Stevens having nominated certain brethren to form the Committee, &c.,

"Bro. Horace Lloyd, Q.C., proposed an amendment, namely,—'*That the appointment of this Committee be deferred until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.*' He did so on two grounds—first, he gathered that, in the opinion of those around him, too large a number had been nominated to give an efficient working Committee—a Committee which, it must be remembered, would have to inquire, to investigate, and to report; and secondly, because he thought it was the general opinion that the subject had not been sufficiently considered to enable those present to recommend with precision those who should be nominated to serve on the proposed Committee. His own idea was that the Committee should be formed from among a few eminent Freemasons to represent schools of opinion, and that the Grand Registrar, the Grand Secretary, and the Chairman of the Board of General Purposes should be added to their number. Such a Committee, he ventured to think, would give a free and impartial report upon the question, which would probably receive approval from all quarters, and he therefore ventured to hope that the consideration of the matter of the election of the Committee would be postponed to the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

"The amendment, viz., 'That the question of the nomination of the Committee be deferred until next Grand Lodge,' was put and carried."

Is this a revocation of the law in the fulfilment of which the proposed Committee was nominated? Most decidedly, no. And therefore am I not right in urging the fact that one of two courses must be adopted before Grand Lodge can be freed from the solemn obligation to observe its own enactments? Either the absolute converse of the accepted motion should be as solemnly decreed as was the enactment itself, or its purport should be honourably carried into full effect.

I believe the author of the letter to which I am replying has the very best opportunity for referring to the file of the *Freemason*, from which paper I extract the foregoing. How, then, can he be so disingenuous as to let it be inferred that the motion of December 1869 was rejected? Whether it be agreeable to him or those he can influence, the fact is still ineradicable. Grand Lodge has made a law which it does not see fit to carry out? Are others of its laws treated in like manner? Read through the Book of Constitutions, and observe!

Your correspondent says, "Had Bro. Stevens contented himself with asking for a Committee of inquiry into irregularities, &c., few brethren would probably have objected." What else have I asked for? The exact words of the law made by Grand Lodge in 1869-70 are as follows:—

"That with a view to securing greater uniformity of working and observance of the 'same usages and customs' throughout the several Lodges held under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, a Committee of Past Masters be appointed to inquire into the merits of the respective systems of working now in practice, and to report to Grand Lodge thereon, with such recommendations as they may think necessary to prevent deviation from the established mode, such deviations being, according to the Constitutions of Freemasonry, improper, and not to be justified or countenanced."

Is there one word in this which refers to ritual? Why, then, should it be thrust upon me that I desire to interfere with "*Ritualistic* practices," which may have a charm for some minds, although probably objectionable to others? Some things may be to your correspondent "extremely interesting," which to others may be viewed with "horror and indignation," and very possibly the Committee, when appointed in accordance with the law of Grand Lodge, may *not* interfere with such details, whilst, nevertheless, reporting that some modification in respect thereof might advantageously be made.

I am not alone in thinking it a very unfortunate thing that a decision made, confirmed, and re-affirmed by Grand Lodge can be so obstructed as to practically make the law-giver a law-breaker.

I cannot, if I would, having regard to my convictions on this subject, let the matter rest in its present phase. My future action must be governed by the surrounding circumstances of the moment. It may be that I shall myself propose to Grand Lodge that the law it enacted in 1869-70 be absolutely cancelled. Until this be done, or the Committee appointed, we may "gild the pill" as much as we please, but no other expression than that of "self-stultification" will define the present inconsistency of Grand Lodge.

For my own part, I can conscientiously affirm that I have fought the battle for Uniformity of Working, or, as some prefer to call it, Unity of Essentials, fairly, and without misrepresentation or "falutin." I have "pulled no wire," nor have I "sacrificed truth and fair play at the shrine of party interest." Can my opponents say as much? No word of disrespect to Grand Lodge or Grand Lodge Officers has ever emanated from me, and I challenge even my most virulent opposer to put his finger on any written sentence of mine which is improper or un-Masonic. That I have given "blow for blow," in an epistolary sense, I must perforce admit, but not one has been delivered in a covert manner. And I am prepared to continue the fight, if necessary, and shall certainly do so upon the very slightest encouragement. The field of controversy is as open for myself as for others, and it is one in which I delight to find argumentative exercise.

If the matter is not kept well before the Craft until the law is revoked, or the Committee appointed, it will not be my fault.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS,

P.M., P.Z., P.M.W.S., 18°.

Clapham, S.W., 13th March 1880.

MASONIC DESIGNATIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I notice the growing practice of prefixing novel appellations to the Masonic titles of distinguished brethren, *e.g.*, the Grand Treasurer is frequently addressed as, and he is constantly being termed by your contemporary, the "gallant" Chairman, &c., &c. Is this to become Masonically universal? Or, is it an innovation? It would sound somewhat oddly to address Bro. Hervey's successor as the "gallant" Grand Secretary. One would have thought the Masonic titles of Worthy, Worshipful, Very Worshipful, &c., sufficient for ordinary parlance or use. Is this an outcome of the prevalent fashion—"want of uniformity?"

Yours truly and fraternally,

CYPHER.

That what appears in these columns is not only read but carefully studied, must be evident from a communication we have received within the last few days, in which we are asked to correct an error, for which we are not responsible, but which nevertheless crept into the list of Stewards' contributions at the last Festival of the Benevolent Institution, It seems that Comp. Theophilus Hallett, whose list amounted to two hundred guineas, represented not only Chapter No. 174, as described in our list of 14th February, but also Lodge No. 781 (Merchant Navy). We regret that it was impossible for us to have avoided the omission, and it is with the greatest pleasure we take this our first opportunity of correcting an error which appears to have required nearly a month to discover. We can well understand that Lodge No. 781 should feel hurt that their help had received no recognition, and that while they shared with Chapter No. 174 the credit of furnishing, by the hands of their joint Steward, one of the most considerable three-figure contributions, the Chapter got all the credit. We trust this sorrow will give place to a corresponding sense of joy when they read this small tribute we now render to their practical benevolence, as illustrated at the first of this year's Festivals.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At Bro. Legg's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday the 11th inst. Present:—Bros. Andrews W.M., Hine S.W., Legg J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Gieseke S.D., Klein I.G., also Bros. Bromet, Thorpe, Wilson, Bronckhurst, &c. All formalities were duly complied with. Bro Thorpe proved himself an efficient E.A., and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of passing rehearsed in a most excellent manner, Bro. Thorpe being the candidate. The W.M. worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being closed to the first degree, the W.M. worked the first section of that lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Wilson of the Excelsior Lodge No. 1155 and Thorpe of Faith Lodge No. 141 were duly elected members. Bro. Hine was appointed to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

The Gilbert Greenall Lodge, No. 1250, Warrington, West Lancashire.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 9th inst. at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey Street. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M. (Bro. T. W. Sutton) the Chair was taken by the I.P.M. (Bro. D. W. Finney P.M. Prov. G.D.C. West Lanc.), who was supported by Bros. J. H. Galloway S.W., S. Wallhead J.W., Hutchinson S.D., George Cropper J.D., Taylor I.G., Domville Tyler, W. Woods P.M., P. J. Edelsten P.M., Baird, Mackey, John Jones, George Fairhurst, J. H. Potter, A. F. G. Potter, A. Potter, J. O'Brien, Shilcock, A. G. Webster, Barlow, W. Reid, Hoult, Smethurst; and Visitors—J. Paul Rylands, R. Coxey, and Thomas Eastham. The Lodge was duly constituted, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The J.W. (Bro. S. Wallhead) thereupon rose to move "that the sum of Fifteen Guineas (£15 15s) be voted from the Funds of the Lodge in augmentation of the Right W. Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall's List." Bro. Greenall represents the Lodge as Steward for the Boys' School, and the motion was gracefully and unanimously agreed to after being seconded by the acting W.M. Some routine matter was then gone through, after which the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Bro. Finney presided, and gave the usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts, which were well and truly honoured. Bro. Galloway S.W. responded for the absent W.M. (Bro. Sutton), himself and Officers, and Bro. J. Paul Rylands made a very graceful reply in answer to "the Visitors." A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the brethren separated about 10 o'clock in great good fellowship.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 16th March. Bros. Smith W.M., Power S.W., Spencer J.W., Johnson S.D., T. Cope J.D., Roddam I.G., Worsley Sec., Andrews Acting Preceptor; also Bros. Pavitt, Keable, Fyfe, Butler, Watkins, Cope, H. G. Nash, White, Sadler, Hudson, &c. The Lodge opened in due form, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Butler having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge opened in the third degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Butler candidate. The Lodge resumed to the first, when Bro. Worsley worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Booth 1680 and Booth 710 were unanimously elected members. Bro. Power was elected W.M. for Tuesday, the 30th inst. On Tuesday next the Fifteen Sections will be worked. The following brethren have kindly consented to preside:—B. Cundick P.M. No. 1421 W.M., T. J. Barnes P.M. No. 554 and 933 S.W., W. H. Myers P.M. No. 820 and 1445 J.W. The proceedings will commence at seven o'clock precisely.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—The final meeting of the season was held on Saturday evening, 13th March, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bros. George W. Blackie W.M., Freeman I.P.M. Acting S.W., Hamer J.W., N. B. Headon P.M. Treas. and Acting Sec., P.M.'s Stevens, Seex and Stanway, a goodly array of members and the following Visitors:—C. J. Perceval W.M. 1607, C. W. Noehmer P.M. 186, R. A. Wright P.M. 504, J. Tickle P.M. 1196, N. Guer 3½ St. John's Glasgow, W. J. Morris 72, R. Wellard 147, J. Hadington J.D. 217, H. A. Johnson 869, T. Vincent 1067, J. Lawrence 1326, J. Hardell 1348, T. Eastgate 1563, D. King J.W. 1672, F. Stevens 1669, C. Lawrence 1804, W. Middleton 1397, J. French 217, W. B. Bliscoe 1458. The Lodge was opened at half-past three o'clock, after which the minutes of the last Lodge were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and Bro. Murdoch was most impressively raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge was resumed to the second degree and Bro. Jury was passed to the degree of F.C. The Lodge having been lowered to the first degree, the next business before it was to proceed to the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year. As Bro. Catchpole S.W. resigned that appointment at the last Lodge, the Brother next in order for promotion was Bro. Hamer the J.W., and after a ballot he was all but unanimously elected, there being but one vote given for one who was not a candidate for the office. Bro. Hamer returned thanks and said he would do everything in his power to deserve the honour conferred upon him. The Lodge then proceeded to the election of a Treasurer, and Bro. N. B. Headon P.M. was unanimously re-elected to that office, and a similar result was obtained in the case of Bro. Steedman P.M. as Tyler of the Lodge. Some ordinary business was transacted and the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the pillar room for refreshment, which was well served, and at its conclusion the W.M. proposed the usual formal Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured, after which Bro. Stevens P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Blackie, and said he was sure that every Brother would agree with him when he said that he had carried out the business of the Lodge in a kind, courteous and exemplary manner. As that was the last time he would preside at the banquet table, he was entitled to their respect and gratitude for the manner in which he had upheld the dignity of the Lodge in the past twelve months. The W.M. said he had indeed been overpaid for anything he had done in their service, but having elevated him to that high position, he felt called upon to perform the duties of it to the best of his ability, and if they were satisfied with what he had done he could not be otherwise so. He had done what he considered to be right, without consulting one side or another, but there was yet one other matter that he should yet have to do before the close of his year of office, which was to represent the Lodge at the next Festival for the Girls' School. Having alluded to the liberal subscriptions he had received from the Lodge and the brethren, he thanked them sincerely for the cordial manner in which they had responded to the toast which had been proposed. The Visitors were next proposed, to which many of the visiting brethren responded. Bro. Headon P.M., said he had been permitted by the W.M. to propose a special toast, which was the health of Bro. Parker, who was about to proceed to Australia, South Africa, and Afghanistan, and to wish him God speed on his voyage, and a safe return to his native country, a toast which was drunk with great cordiality. Bro. Parker said he felt very deeply the words which had fallen from the lips of their Treasurer, and said that during his journey, he intended to visit as many Lodges as he could, and he hoped to be blessed with health during his trip to the Antipodes. The next toast was that of the Past Masters of the Lodge. The WM. enumerated their good qualities and the assistance he had received from them. Bro. Stanway returned thanks. The W.M. said the next toast was one that gave him a great deal of pleasure to propose, as it was the health of Bro. Hamer the W.M. elect who he believed would occupy the chair in a proper and efficient manner. It was a great honour at any time for a brother to be placed in the position of W.M., but in his case it was especially so, as he was the first initiate of the Lodge who had arrived at that eminence. He was confident he was the sort of man who was likely to feel the responsibility of the situation, and would also feel the necessity of keeping up the good working of the Lodge, and that in his hands the prestige of the Lodge would lose none of its lustre. Bro. Hamer thanked the W.M. for proposing his health, and the brethren for having so heartily responded to it; in electing him as Master, he might say that while he felt the honour he also felt the responsibility. He had ambition—he thought a laudable ambition—to occupy the chair, and he assured them that he would do everything in his power to carry out the duties in an efficient manner; if there were any shortcomings on his part, he must throw himself upon their indulgence. The health of Bro. Headon P.M. and Treasurer was then proposed in highly complimentary terms by the W.M., which that brother briefly acknowledged, thanking the brethren for the renewed confidence they had placed in him by again electing him as their Treasurer. Some other toasts were given, and the evening was spent in complete harmony, the cause of charity not being forgotten.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction.—A meeting was held at the Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green Road, E., on Wednesday 10th March. Present:—Bros. Clarke W.M., Abrahams S.W., Ward J.W., Hammond S.D., Stewart J.D., Chitson I.G., Smith Treasurer, Hand Secretary, Past Masters, Bros. Hogg Preceptor, Christian, Howe. After preliminaries Bro. Brittain answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Christian acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed, and the W.M. worked the first and second, Bro. Christian the third and fourth sections of the first lecture. Lodge was closed in due form.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.—At the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on 15th inst. Bros. Finch W.M., R. Olley S.W., McDowell J.W., Jacob S.D., Droscher J.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, C. Lorkin Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. J. Lorkin, as candidate, was interrogated, entrusted, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Droscher was elected a member, and Bro. R. Olley appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned until Monday, 6th April, at eight o'clock.

Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507.—The regular meeting of this Chapter took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, 4th March. Present:—E. Comps. Willing I.P.Z. as M.E.Z. (owing to the unfortunate bereavement sustained by the M.E.Z. Comp. Stacey), W. J. Ferguson H., W. M. Stiles J., C. H. Hudson Scribe E., Edmonds Scribe N., H. Stiles as P.S.; also Comps. Daniels, Side, Sillis, Holt, Clemow (2), Fletcher, Johnson, Humphreys, and Edmunds. The Chapter being opened, and apologies having been made on behalf of the M.E.Z., Comps. Douglass P.S., Deller, &c., the minutes were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the following brethren, and was declared unanimous in their favour:—Bros. Joseph Tapson Metropolitan Lodge 1507, Philip Cheek Royal Savoy Lodge 1744, James C. Smith Royal Savoy Lodge 1744, Francis Dovey Royal Savoy Lodge 1744, John Henry Bennett Royal Savoy 1744, and Lieutenant W. R. A. Cole Royal Savoy 1744. Bros. Lieutenant W. R. A. Cole and J. J. Smith were impressively exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy R.A. Several propositions were handed in for candidates to be ballotted for at next meeting, and then the Companions adjourned to banquet.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—At the Crown and Woolpack, St. John St. Road, on Tuesday 16th inst., Bros. Weston W.M., Hirst S.W., Cattermole J.W., Rexworthy S.D., Rimell J.D., Fox I.G., Pearcy Preceptor, Osborn Secretary, also Bros. Williams, Powell, Green, Hallam sen. and others. Lodge was opened to the second degree, Bro. Williams was entrusted and duly raised. Lodge was then closed in the third and second degrees, and the first three sections of the lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hirst was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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CITY OF LONDON ORCHESTRAL UNION.

THE second Grand Evening Concert of the season 1879-80 was given at the Albion Hall, London Wall, on Wednesday, 17th inst. These musical entertainments, to which we have referred on previous occasions, seem to increase in popularity, if we may judge from the success that attended this gathering. The conductor, Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, carries out his duties with a spirit of enthusiasm that is well sustained by the members of his band; consequently, the various selections they perform are rendered with scrupulous attention to all minor details, and as a result a well-balanced and effective programme is at all times put forth. The pieces selected for instrumentalists were—Overture, "Miller and his Men," Sir H. R. Bishop; Gebet (for Orchestra), "Der Frieschutz," Weber; Solo Euphonium, "Air Varie in E flat," Mr. Jones; Grand Selection, "Gems of Wales," Hecker, with solos for flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horn, cornet, and euphonium, by Messrs. Tonssaint, Shuckard, Hunter, Snell, Prinquer, Sanderson, and Jones; Overture, "Semiramide," Rossini; Solo Trombone, "O, Ruddier than the Cherry," from Handel's "Acis and Galatea," Mr. Kennedy; Grande Valse, "Baden," Narcisse Bousquet, with Clarinet Obligato for Mr. Hunter; and the popular March, composed for the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales, "The Procession," by A. Sullivan. The vocalists of the evening were Miss Marian Burton and Bro. George Weige. We regret that the state of health of our esteemed brother prevented his remaining all the evening, but, though suffering from acute pain, the way in which he delivered the descriptive song, "The Wolf," by Shield, gave intense gratification to the audience. The effect was greatly enhanced by the full Orchestral accompaniment. Miss Marian Burton was down for four songs—"The Better Land," "Kathleen Mavourneen," "The old, old Story," and "My Love has gone a Sailing." To our mind, she was most effective in the last of these; the demands of the listeners were most persistent, and after the "Old, old Story," Miss Burton kindly complied for an *encore* by substituting the ever popular "Jeannette and Jeannot." In closing our report, we may state that gentlemen desirous of joining the Union, either as playing or honorary members, can obtain particulars of the Conductor, Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, 85 Dempsey-street, Stepney, E.

VETERANS' ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, PLYMOUTH.

A meeting of the Royal Veterans' Preceptory of Masonic Knights Templar was holden at the Hurshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Tuesday, 16th inst., when Sir Knight Thomas Heath, 1st Captain, who had been previously unanimously elected, was duly installed as the Preceptor of this the oldest Preceptory of the Province. After the formal business of the evening, which included the audit of the annual accounts—these passing unanimously and being declared by the Treasurer Sir Knight J. Austin P.E.C. as exceedingly satisfactory—the Encampment was duly closed in form. A Priory of Malta was afterwards opened, and the E. Sir Knight Heath was installed as E. Prior of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta. This ceremony, as well as the preceding one—that of the installation of the Eminent Commander of the Encampment—was admirably performed by E. Sir Knight Charles Godtschalk P.E.C. P.P.G.E., supported by a Board of Installed Past E. Commanders and Preceptors, amongst whom were Fratres Rear-Admiral F. H. H. Glasse P.E.C. P.P.G.M., J. Austin P.E.C. P.P.G.E., J. B. Gover P.E.C. P.P.G.T., S. Jew P.E.C. P.P.G.T., and J. H. Keats E.C. At the conclusion of the ceremony the following Fratres were appointed and invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Sir Knight J. H. Keats P.E.C., Sir Knight S. L. R. Templer 1st Captain, Sir Knight F. B. Westlake 2nd Captain, Charles Godtschalk Prelate, J. Austin Treasurer, J. B. Gover Registrar, John James Expert, E. Binding C. of L., J. H. Square 1st H., W. A. Fowler S.B., S. Jew Almoner, T. Smith Guard.

ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTORY, No. 101 (K.T.)

THE annual meeting of this body, for the installation of Eminent Preceptor, took place at York, on Tuesday, 9th inst. The Preceptory was opened at 5 p.m., and a successful ballot having been taken, Comp. the Rev. James Blake, of the Eboracum Chapter, No. 1611, was installed a Knight of the Order by the E.P. Sir Knight J. S. Cumberland, assisted by Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead P.E.P., who acted as Sub-Marshal. A serving fratre was also obligated, and appointed Equerry by dispensation. The E.P. elect, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, was then presented and installed by the E.P., after which he appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—Sir Knights G. Simpson Constable, Rev. J. E. M. Young Marshal, T. B. Whytehead P.E.P. Registrar and Treasurer, Rev. W. Valentine Chaplain, J. S. Cumberland P.E.P. Sub-Marshal, T. W. Wilson Captain of Guards, M. Millington First Standard Bearer, A. T. B. Turner Second Standard Bearer, James Blake Pursuivant, G. H. Simpson Organist, J. Ward Sword Bearer, E. Sir Knight J. W. Woodall P.E.P. Geoffry de Bouillon (Scarborough), Prov. Grand Constable for North and East Yorkshire, was present, and took part in the ceremonies as an honorary member of the Preceptory. Sir Knight J. W. Hughan (Truro) was elected an honorary member, and a letter was read from E. Sir Knight A. M. Broadley, of Tunis, thanking the Preceptory for the honour of being elected an honorary member, and forwarding to the Preceptory a valuable collection of photographs of Malta and the remains of the buildings of the Knights. The Preceptory having been closed, the members adjourned to refreshment for an hour, after which a Priory of Malta was opened, and Sir Knight the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett was installed as Prior. Sir Knight James Blake was also admitted to the Order, E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead acting as Prior, after which the Priory was closed.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked at the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55 held at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, on Tuesday, 23rd March. Lodge will be opened at 6 p.m. Bro. John Soper 55 W.M., H. G. Gush I.G. 1541 S.W., J. S. Brown J.W. 862 J.W. The following brethren will assist:—First Lecture: Bros. Linscott, A. G. Panter, Edward Willey, Abell, H. C. Soper, J. S. Brown, and Watts. Second Lecture: Bros. C. Pulman, R. P. Tate, John Bingemann, W. Dickins, and Charles Thompson. Third Lecture: Bros. T. B. Dodson, H. G. Gush, and Loewenstark.

At the Friars' Lodge of Instruction, 1349, Liverpool Arms, Barking-road, on Tuesday, 23rd March, at six o'clock in the evening precisely. Bro. B. Candick P.M. No. 1421 will preside; Bros. T. Barnes P.M. No. 554 and 993 S.W., W. H. Myers P.M. No. 820 and 1445 J.W. First Lecture:—Bros. Roberts, Watkins, Dixon, Pavitt, Myers, Andrews, McDonald. Second Lecture:—Bros. Rawe, Keable, Shepherd, Smith, Worsley. Third Lecture:—Bros. Barker, Musto, Ellis; Bro. E. T. Worsley, No. 860 S.W. Hon. Sec.

Eleanor Lodge, No. 1707.—This Lodge, founded in 1877, has been hitherto held at the Angel Hotel, Edmonton, and during the time of its location there, the number of members increased to twenty-five. Owing, however to a change in the proprietorship of the hotel, and that the Lodge room was required by the new arrangements of the present landlord, it was unanimously resolved to petition Grand Lodge for permission to remove the Lodge to the Moorgate Restaurant. This sanction having been granted, the Eleanor Lodge met, for the first time, in its new room, on Wednesday, 3rd inst. There was a full attendance of members and several visiting brethren, all of whom expressed unqualified satisfaction with the room, which is well suited to the particular capacities of the Lodge. The business of the evening consisted of initiating Messrs. Stonhill and Piggott, and electing a joining member. Bro. W. F. Catcheside 1063 having been duly balloted for and favourably received, was then introduced; after which the initiation ceremony was very impressively and effectively conducted by Bro. Lovebond W.M. Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to a banquet in the adjoining room. Grace having been sung, the W.M. gave the usual Masonic toasts, which were heartily received and responded to, and the evening passed away very pleasantly. The general enjoyment was considerably enhanced by the recitations and vocal contributions of several visitors and members. Bro. Fountain Meen Org. 1707 proved of invaluable assistance by his able and cheerful conduct at the piano. The excellent catering of Bro. Kent, the proprietor, deserves special approbation.

Kilburn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1608.—Held at Bro. Walton's, the South Molton Hotel, South Molton-street, on Monday, the 15th inst. Bros. Festa W.M., Langdon S.W., Smith J.W., Willie S.D., Walton I.G., Cuff Sec.; also Bros. Latreille, Linscott, Blackburn, Baker, McPherson, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Baker answered the questions previous to raising, and then the Lodge was opened in the third degree. The W.M. worked the ceremony, for the first time. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree, Bro. Langdon was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form. The first dinner of the Lodge will take place at the South Molton Hotel, South Molton-street, on Wednesday, 6th April proximo.

We last week described the Britannia Lodge, No. 139, Sheffield, as the oldest Lodge in the Province of West Yorkshire, this was an error, No. 61, Probity of Halifax, being entitled to that distinction.

We are sorry to say that, owing to the extreme pressure on our space, we are under the necessity of holding over till next week our notice of the Installation Meeting of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, Uxbridge, and several other items of considerable interest to our readers.

The brethren of the musical and theatrical professions will learn with deep regret that one of the most popular of their number has passed away. Talented, kind, genial; with a hand ever open to meet a friend and relieve distress in whatever form it presented itself to him, a good man and Mason, Bro. Charles Coote, after intense suffering, died, on the 6th inst., at his residence, 42 New Bond-street, aged seventy-two. Bro. Coote was P.M. and Treas. of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205; Founder and P.M. of the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319; Founder and P.Z. of the Asaph Chapter, 1319. His loss will be deeply felt by the musical profession, and by a large circle of private and Masonic friends. His funeral took place last Saturday, at Kensal-green, where a numerous assembly gathered to pay the last tribute to departed worth.

St. John's Mark Lodge (T.I.)—A meeting was held on Thursday, 11th March, at 24 Chancery-lane, Bolton. Present—Bros. J. Dovey W.M., W. H. Alcock S.W., J. Greenhalgh J.W., Thos. Morris P.P.S.B. Sec., G. P. Brockbank P.G.W. Treas., Wm. Cooper M.O., Thos. Higson Tyler, P.M.'s Bros. Entwisle P.P.G.M., Jas. Newton P.P.G. I. of W., Jas. Horrocks P.P.G.S.B., Rob. Harwood P.P.G.D., also Bros. Wm. Bottomley, W. Wadeson, John Wolstenholme, Jos. B. Taylor and Nathaniel Nicholson. Lodge was opened at six o'clock. After the confirmation of minutes of last meeting Bro. Newton read the auditor's report, which was satisfactory. Bros. E. G. Harwood, T. T. Holt and John Priestley of St. George's Lodge 1723, and John T. Skelton of Lodge 146 were balloted for, approved, and were severally advanced to the hon. degree of Mark Master by Bro. Harwood P.P.G.D., the office of Conductor being filled by Bros. Entwisle P.P.G.M. and Brockbank P.G.W. Lodge closed at 7.45, and adjourned to banquet at the Commercial Hotel at eight o'clock.

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Notabilia.

WE have for some time past had it in contemplation to devote some portion of our space to items of historic interest to the Craft. Even though in past times there was remarkable laxity on the part of Lodges in recording such noteworthy events as may have marked their career, and though we are much in the dark as to the sayings and doings of our more distinguished brethren, there is yet a great deal which our readers will feel a pleasure in learning, if only such enthusiasts as Bros. Hughan, Gould, Whytehead and others can find the leisure, as we know they possess the ability, to communicate them. However indifferent brethren may formerly have been to providing the necessary materials for history, there is hardly a Lodge minute book which does not contain something instructive. Even a roll of members, dry as it may seem to be to the brethren whose ideas on the subject of Masonic working are limited, is very often suggestive of a good deal that cannot fail to excite a considerable amount of interest. To the question, What is there in a mere array of names? it may be answered that a good deal depends on the point of view from which they are regarded. In the eyes of some they are words, and nothing more; while others are never so happy as when they are able to connect those who bore them with men who have achieved distinction in the sphere of life in which they moved. A Lodge that can point to some one who has borne himself bravely in the great battle of life as having once been a member

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must feel a certain degree of pride in consequence. It certainly is something to be able to say that an Anderson, a Preston, a Napier, a Burns, a Walter Scott, an Allison, or a Sir James Graham was formerly a member of this or that Lodge. The first two of these are known by their Masonic works, but the others were men who made their mark in the world, men whose names will be remembered with pride as long as the English language exists. Again as regards Lodges, the rise and progress of some, the disruption of others, are matters which cannot be otherwise than interesting, and we feel sure that a column—more or less—of short notes, historical, biographical, anecdotal, archæological—will prove welcome *pabulum* to our readers. Moreover, as will be seen in one of those furnished by Bro. Gould, a suggestion is thrown out that Bro. John Constable should continue supplying us with copies of Lodge Warrants. Till now he has given us those relating only to the "Ancients," but Bro. Gould thinks that those of the "Moderns" still on the Roll of Grand Lodge which were in existence at the time of the Union might likewise be published. For ourselves, we think the idea an excellent one, and we shall be pleased beyond measure if Bro. Constable finds himself able to carry on a work which has thus far fared so well under his auspices. We shall gladly offer him every facility in our power, and no no doubt others will give the benefit of their assistance. Appended are the first instalment of "mems," and among them several queries which we trust some of our friends will be able to answer.

BRO. RICHARD SAVAGE.

MEMBERS of the "Savage" Club, and others, may be interested to learn that at a meeting of the Lodge, then numbered 55, at the "Old Man's Coffee House," Charing Cross, in September 1737, Richard Savage [described in the "Daily Advertiser" of that date as "the son of Earl Rivers"] *Master*—were admitted Freemasons the Hon. Wm. Hawley and James Thompson (author of the Seasons). This Lodge became No. 49 in 1710; 28 [Red Cow, West Smithfield] in 1756; 26 [The Crown, Little Cranbourn Alley] in 1770; 24 [Lodge of Attention, F.M.T.] in 1781; 23 in 1792; and was erased for non-attendance at Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge, 1797.

R. F. GOULD.

LODGE WARRANTS.

AFTER the passing of the Act of Parliament, 39 Geo. III., cap. 79 [1799], the belief was for a long time entertained, that no *new* lodges could be constituted. Acting under this impression, it became a common habit in G.L. [Moderns] to supplement the ordinary vote of *erasure*, by an authorization to the G.M. to re-issue such warrants as were called in. Much confusion has resulted from this practice, and many lodges actually *formed* in the current century, have obtained centenary warrants, through the "flavour of antiquity" which has adhered to the old, or original charters issued to Lodges long since defunct.

In his criticism of my "Atholl Lodges," the reviewer rightly suggests, that the "Atholl" Roll might appropriately be styled, a list of *warrants*, rather than of *Lodges*. In a qualified sense, the same may be said of the "Modern" Roll. One Grand Master [Duke of Beaufort] established the Friendship Lodge in 1767, on an old warrant of 1721; whilst another [Duke of Sussex] erected the "Royal Alpha" in 1813 or 1814, on a dormant charter of 1730 [No. 43 *Union*], afterwards changed in 1823 for the higher precedency of the then No. 16, originally warranted in 1722, and carried forward on the *Union* Roll [from being No. 8 "Moderns"] as the united Lodge "Ionic and Prudence," but which lapsed shortly afterwards. A dozen exemplifications, at least, might be readily cited of *long suspended vitality* in the earlier history of our [so-called] *oldest* Lodges. The object, however, of this note, is to suggest to Bro. John Constable the further light which may be cast upon our Lodge history by the publication of the various charters of constitution, *still worked under*, which were granted by the Senior or Regular Grand Lodge of England, prior to 1814.

R. F. G.

ARMY LODGES.

IDENTIFICATION wanted of the Lodges below described, viz.:—

Irish. 177. Col. Pool's Regiment. 1748.
390. Queen's R.I. Regiment. 1762.
612. 1st Ulster Regiment. 1783.

Scotch. 106. Duke of York's Regiment. 1761.
121. Union. Marjoribank's Regiment. 1764.

Of the above, the only regiment I can, *in a measure*, identify, is the first-named, Colonel Edward *Pole* having been appointed to the Colonelcy of the 10th Foot in August 1749?

No. 390, *Irish*, is described in Downe's List of Lodges, 1804, as in the "Queen's Royal" Regiment of Foot, a designation *then*, as now, borne by our second Infantry Regiment. No. 244 [*Irish*] was, however, in full working order in this corps from 1754 to 1824?

No. 106 [Scotch] must have been planted in some regiment of which James II. [previously Duke of York] had been Colonel, but I can find no record of this connection in any Army Lists of the last century. The date [1761] is prior to that of the *last* Duke of York being appointed to any military command, and the only bearer of that title intervening between James II. and the second son of George III. being *Captain* the Duke of York *R.N.* [son of Frederick Prince of Wales and *brother* of George III.], who died young. I cannot understand to what corps the designation of "Duke of York's" *Regiment* was applied in 1761.

No. 121 [Scotch] was clearly warranted in some regiment of which General Marjoribanks was Colonel, but the English Army Lists afford no clue to the elucidation of this connection. Is it possible that a Militia, Fencible, or even a local corps serving in the East Indies, is thus described?

I shall be much obliged to any brethren who will furnish me with the names of distinguished Naval or Military Officers [or Officers of high rank] who have been members of the Craft, *especially of those initiated in Scotch and Irish Lodges.*

R. F. G.

THE HORNS ASSEMBLY ROOMS, KENNINGTON PARK.

THE Annual Dinner to the Officers of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, was given by Bro. J. B. King, on Tuesday, at the above address. Bros. Smith and King, of whose catering for the multitude of those who day by day desire to refresh the inner man, we have had occasion to speak favourably in connection with their City establishment, the Cannon Tavern, Cannon-street, have succeeded to the proprietorship of this well-known establishment, where Masons have been wont to congregate for many, many years. Tuesday last was the anniversary of Bro. King's birth, and he availed himself of the occasion to entertain his brother Officers of the Egyptian Lodge and a few personal friends. After the guests had inspected the establishment, and Bro. King had drawn attention to the several changes that had been made, or were contemplated, the dinner was served. The host was supported on his right by Bro. G. Chapman W.M. 27 and Bro. James Terry, while on his left were Bros. James Stevens and W. W. Morgan. The Vice Presidents' chairs were filled by Bros. D. Jacobs and T. J. Maidwell, whilst amongst others present were Bros. Poole, Grammer, Cuthbertson, Ellis, Pilson, Haynes, Murch, Brown, Chantler, &c. The repast, which was of a most *récherché* character, was admirably served, and thoroughly enjoyed by all who partook of it. On removal of the cloth, the loving cup was handed round, and then the President gave the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty. With the toast of H.R.H. the Grand Master was associated Prosperity to the Craft, and then Bro. Chapman proposed the health of the host, Bro. J. B. King. Bro. Chapman said that he rose to direct, not to stimulate the feeling predominant. Bro. King was at all times a host in himself, but on this occasion he was a host for the Egyptians, and all would agree a right worthy host. All present would join in wishing him health and prosperity, and that in his new venture he might raise a superstructure beneficial to himself, and creditable to the builder. After Bro. James Stevens had favoured the company with the song "Many happy returns of the day," Bro. King rose to reply. Last year, when he had the pleasure of meeting his friends, he had but little space at his disposal for their entertainment; this year he was more fortunately circumstanced. He regretted the non-attendance of several members of the Lodge who had been invited, but were unavoidably absent. He extended to all who had honoured him the true spirit of friendship, which he trusted would always prevail in their Lodge. He assured his guests he appreciated their good wishes, and tendered to one and all a cordial welcome to meet him in their present quarters on future anniversaries of his birthday so long as he might have the conduct of the establishment where they were now congregated. The other toasts given were the health of the W.M. of No. 27, the Past Masters, the Visitors, &c. To all suitable replies were made, and with genial converse and capital singing the evening passed away most agreeably.

ORDER OF ST. LAURENCE—EBOR LODGE.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Monday, when Bro. J. S. Cumberland was installed in the chair of W.M. by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., and afterwards appointed and invested his Officers as follows: Bros. G. Simpson I.P.M. and Treas., C. G. Padel S.W., M. Millington J.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M. Recorder, A. T. B. Turner S.D., T. Humphries J.D., W. P. Husband I.G., J. Hanley C. of G., P. Pearson Tyler. The Report of the Auditors was brought up and adopted, and Bros. F. Binckes and D. M. Dewar were elected honorary members of the Lodge. The members afterwards met at supper, and passed a social evening.

YORK MARK LODGE (T.I.)

THE regular meeting of this Lodge, on Tuesday evening, was but thinly attended, owing to the fact that two great political meetings were being held in the City. The W.M., the Rev. W. Valentine presided, supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M. and Sec., Rev. W. C. Lukis S.W., J. Hollins as J.W., Turner, Millington, Humphries, Wilson, Redfare, Wilkinson, Hanley, and other brethren. Bros. E. T. Clarke and G. F. Atkinson were advanced to the degree, and successful ballots were taken for two joining members and a candidate. On the motion of Bro. Whytehead, seconded by Bro. Hollins, Bro. W. J. Hughan of Truro, P.G. Warden, was elected an honorary member of the Lodge. After the close of the Lodge, the brethren met at supper, and spent a pleasant evening.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 20th MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1732—Kings Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood

MONDAY, 22nd MARCH.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
1818—Clapham, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1542—Legiolinm, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple; Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 23rd MARCH.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.) [The Annual Supper
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1744—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 24th MARCH.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons Hall, W.C. at 6.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction
212—Euphrates, Masons Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

33—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury]
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Inst.)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R. A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
R. A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M. M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 25th MARCH.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
160—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth.
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Otley
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel Accrington
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
934—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1313—Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1576—Dee, Unton Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 202—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M. M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

SATURDAY, 27th MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1708—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

ROYAL YORK LODGE, No. 315.

ON Tuesday, 2nd inst., the annual installation meeting of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, took place at the Royal Pavilion. Bro. C. W. Hudson W.M. presided, and after the ordinary business of the Lodge invested the newly-elected W.M. Bro. Thomas Packham, of the Marlborough Hotel, Brighton, a brother who has not only rendered good service to the Craft, but has eminently distinguished himself as one of the most painstaking Officers of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, in connection with which he has held the highest office it has been in the power of the district to confer upon him. The ceremony of installation being ended, the newly-installed W.M. then invested his Officers as follow :—Bros. C. W. Hudson I.P.M., R. J Pope S.W., G. Nash J.W., W. H. Gibson Secretary, G. R. Lockye. S.D., R. T. Nye J.D., Ridge D. of C., Anderson I.G., and H. Payne and G. R. Godfree Stewards. Too much praise cannot be given to Bro. C. W. Hudson, the Installing Master, for the manner in which he performed the duties of his office, he being ably seconded by Bros. Eberell and Hawkes. Letters expressing regret for inability to attend were read from the R.W. Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex, Bros. John H. Scott Deputy Prov. G.M., and the W.M.'s of various Lodges in the Province. Prior to closing the Lodge, the newly-installed W.M. presented to the out-going Master Bro. C. W. Hudson, on behalf of the Lodge, a Past Master's jewel, accompanying the presentation with some very appropriate remarks, laudatory of his exertion during the past year on behalf of the Lodge. The Lodge being closed, the brethren then adjourned to refreshment in the banquetting room, Bros. Sayers and Marks, of the Western-road, proving themselves, as is their wont, most excellent caterers, leaving nothing for the most fastidious appetite to desire. Especial

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mention must be made of their wines, which were of the most choice vintages. Messrs. Balchin and Son, Western-road, supplied the flowers, and nothing more beautiful have we seen in floral table decoration. Miss Balchin's bouquets were exquisite, lovely homage to "Flora," and the general groupings were universally praised. The brethren present numbered 121, and, in addition to those already named, included the following:—Bros. V. P. Freeman Prov. Grand Secretary, W. Kuhe Past Grand Organist of England, W. Marchant P.M., Hugh Saunders P.M., Christopher Wren P.M., W. T. Neil P.M., J. Stride P.M., C. P. Smith P.M., J. Pearson P.M., S. T. Feat P.M., C. Sandeman P.M., A. J. Hawkes P.M., J. Saxby, G. Cole, G. S. Godfree, G. R. Godfree, J. W. Kirkham, P. J. Emery, C. Wood, H. Downard, G. Von der Heyden, C. J. Carter, A. H. Thacker, A. Du Pont, A. Lawler, R. A. Erredge, J. W. Wells, W. T. Clarke, C. Golding, J. Sinclair, T. Hiscox, W. O. Cheesman, W. Swales, H. Packham, S. Wagborn, J. Large, Geo. Pike, T. Perridge, H. Anderson, J. W. Blackett, H. Stubbings, E. Carpenter, James Willing, F. Dorey, S. E. Hayes, W. Roe, H. B. Robinson, R. T. Nye, F. Downard, S. W. Downard, James Newman, P. S. Taylor, Geo. C. Taylor, Job Baker, James Wood, R. Paige, W. Taylor, C. Byerley, J. W. Staples, H. Kent, W. J. Smith, Ralph Nicholson, C. Greenwood, C. McKellow, J. H. Every, B. Bennett, W. Smithers, C. G. Cookson, W. Newsome, F. W. Marks, F. Rossiter, &c.; and the following amongst many other visitors:—Henry Davy (Mayor of Brighton) Brunswick 732, J. B. Hannay Atlingworth, T. Robins Robert Burns, James Curtis W.M. South Down 1797 and P.M. Royal York 315, E. Street Howard Lodge, Arundel, T. Munday Burrell, James Robertson S.W. and acting W.M. Atlingworth 1821, S. J. Watson, J. H. Hawkins Enoch, John Capon W.M. Royal Brunswick 732, J. W. Reed P.M. Brunswick, J. Sayers St. Cecilia, C. J. Smith P.M. Hova Ecclesia, R. Allison Atlingworth, E. Broadbridge J.W. Southdown 1797, A. Howlett Smith Howard 56, J. C. Felgate, Edwin Dumsday Ockenden 1465, W. Fitch S.W. Southdown 1797, C. W. Kelly Hova Ecclesia, G. J. Lenny, L. J. Culley South Down 1797, J. M. Kidd Brunswick 732, T. A. Goodman Hova Ecclesia, Jos. Dixon Clarence 271, Arthur Smith Lodge of Union 38, Edgar J. Byass Ockendon 1465, George Smith Brunswick 732, &c. Amongst the distinguished Visitors from a distance were Bros. George Rignold, of the Theatre Royal Dury Lane, and E. Clifton, of the Theatre Royal Dury Lane, Globe Theatre, &c. The musical arrangements of the evening, although *con amore*, were admirably carried out, Bro. Kuhe Past Grand Organist of England, enchanting the brethren with his wondrous pianoforte performances, and Bros. Large, Broadbridge, Cole, and others contributing excellent songs and concerted pieces. We must not omit to notice the exertions of Bro. Nicholson, whose comic singing is beyond all praise, nor that Bro. W. Roe kindly accompanied on the pianoforte. A word is due to the excellent arrangements made in the Pavilion by Bro. Allison, the custodian of that establishment, for the convenience of the brethren.—*Brighton Gazette.*

ARBORETUM LODGE No. 731.

THE Anniversary Meeting of this Lodge, and the installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, took place on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. The Lodge was opened at 6 o'clock, and the following members were present:—Bros. W. Cooper W.M., J. Brown P.M. P.P.J.G.D., H. Burn P.M. P.P.G.S. of W., T. R. Gee P.M. P.P.G.D.C., G. T. Wright P.M. P.P.G.J.W., R. Bennett P.M. P.P.G.S. of W., J. C. Merry P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. Smith P.M. P.P.G.J.W., A. Frazer S.W., W. Whittaker J.W., Burton Treasurer, Cay Secretary, Bland S.D., Day D.C., Copestick and Horne Stewards, Hodgson, Fone, Stevens, Caborn, Ascott, Ball, Tyler, Popplewell, Lewis, Coulthurst, Orme and Spreckley. The following Visitors were also present:—Bros. Ward I.P.M. 253, Robinson W.M. 253, Hockey Sec. 253, Hextall W.M. 1085, Pipes P.M. 1085 P.G.D.C., Ball J.W. 802, Belfield Sec. 802, Glover I.G. 802, Such 802, Piper 802, Wallis J.W. 850, Bailey W.M. 624, Lennox P.M. 1495, Stocker P.M. 493 P.P.G.S.D. Gloucester, Cooper, 697, Wilson I.G. 1028, Ball 624, Whitechurch 993. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting the ceremony of installing the new Master was proceeded with. Bro. Brown P.M. being Installing Master, it is needless to say he worked the ceremony in a very impressive manner. Bro. Frazer S.W. was duly presented, and took the usual obligations, when all below the rank of Master retired. After Bro. Frazer had been placed in the chair of King Solomon the brethren re-entered the Lodge and gave the customary salutes to the new W.M., who appointed as his Officers Bros. Cooper I.P.M., Whittaker S.W., Bland J.W., Burton Treasurer, Cay Secretary, Day S.D., Webster J.D., Brown P.M. D.C., Copestick I.G., Lewis and Tyler Stewards. The W.M. having received the congratulations of the Visitors, and the remainder of the business being concluded, the Lodge was closed in the usual manner, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall. Bro. Frazer W.M. took the chair, and was well supported by the P.M.'s and W.M.'s of the Arboretum and other Lodges. The usual Masonic toasts of the Queen, the Grand Master, the Officers of Grand Lodge, the Prov. G.M. the Marquis of Hartington, the D. Prov. G.M. Bro. Okeover P.J.G.W. England, the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge having been given, the health of the W.M. was given by the S.W. who said that he hoped the brethren would rally round the Master during his year, and give evidence by their presence of the interest they took in the prosperity of the Lodge, he was quite sure that the previous performances of the W.M. was a sufficient guarantee that the work of the Lodge would be efficiently done, and the pleasure of doing that work would be very much enhanced if he was supported by the attendance of the members, he wished him a very happy and prosperous year. The toast was very heartily received, and Bro. Frazer in responding delivered a very interesting discourse on the advantages that we almost unconsciously receive from Freemasonry, giving several illustrations of the many ways in which its grand principles might be realised; how brother might meet brother in Lodge a perfect stranger, expecting never to see him more, but there were occasions when that brother's presence and influence might be felt. He had then in his mind an instance of a brother from a far-off land who had visited the Arboretum Lodge, and whom he met casually some time after at a railway station, and that meeting was of so pleasant a character, and infused such a gleam of sunshine into his heart as to enable him to dispel the gloom of a very dark winter day. He thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred on him that day, and promised that his best efforts would be used to promote the prosperity of the Lodge during the time he occupied the chair. The W.M. then proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Cooper, and after referring to the kindly way in which he had always acted with the brethren, expressed the satisfaction he felt, at the end of Bro. Cooper's year, of being able to tell him that so well had his work been done, and so highly was he esteemed, that he had the very great pleasure of presenting him, in the name of the Lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, which he hoped to see on his breast for many years in the Arboretum Lodge. Bro. Cooper, in responding, thanked the brethren for their kindness to him; he could not say that he was always satisfied with his work as Master of the Lodge, but they knew that he had reasons for not being able to do so well as he should have liked. He was very proud of the handsome jewel just presented to him, and viewed it as the emblem of very pleasant associations, and now that he had retired from the chair, he wished to express his obligations to the Past Masters, Officers, and the brethren for their hearty support during the past year. The health of the Past Masters of the Lodge was proposed by Bro. Cay, who drew a fancy picture in which he detailed their several services to the Lodge. Bro. Brown P.M. responded, thanking the brethren for the hearty way in which they had received the toast; and Bro. Wright P.M. hoped the fancy picture of Bro. Cay would take a practical form, and that they would see the portraits of the Past Masters of the Lodge round the room. The health of the Visitors, the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion one of the most successful meetings of the Lodge.

METHAM LODGE, No. 1205.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on 15th March, at the Metham Masonic Hall, Caroline-place, Stonehouse. The W.M. elect was Bro. Hugh Cameron, and in ancient form, and with accustomed ceremony, he was duly installed as Master. The Officers he appointed and invested for the ensuing year were Bros. Thomas Gibbons I.P.M., T. E. Peake S.W., W. Hunt J.W., Rev. R. Measham Chaplain, Richard Blight Treasurer, William Powell Secretary, S. Shepherd Org., S. R. Smith S.D., P. J. Dunn J.D., William Kennady I.G., Richard Smith D.C., L. Martin S.S., T. Wilson J.S., Thomas Gidley Tyler. Rev. Bro. Measham proposed a vote of thanks to the I.P.M., and this was unanimously agreed to, as was also the vote of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Gibbons. The ceremony of installation was very ably performed by the I.P.M., Bro. Gibbons, who was congratulated upon his success by a large Board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were Bros. J. E. Curteis P.P.G.S.W., Rev. R. Measham P.P.G. Chaplain, Charles Godtschalk P.M. 70 P.P.G.D., S. Jew P.M. 105 P.P.G.T., J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., E. A. Davies P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works, J. M. Hilley P.P.G.A.D.C., R. R. Rodd P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Cornwall, Samuel Roach P.M. 70, E. A. Lean P.M. 70, D. Cross P.M., &c., William Powell Secretary, S. Hyne P.M., John James P.M. 105, J. R. H. Harris W.M. 230, E. Binding P.M. 202, S. Annis P.M. 223, W. Coath P.M. 893, J. Allen P.M. 1099, Byron Elliott W.M. 1247, Lieutenant S. G. T. Bourke P.M. 1428. The brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, Devonport, for the banquet.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, E.C., on Thursday 11th March. Present—Bros. Da Silva W.M., A. Abrahams S.W., Hall J.W., Woodward S.D., Maidwell J.D., Gartley I.G., Webb Preceptor, L. Norden Secretary, also Bros. Batchelor, J. M. Levy, Ellis, Moss, Bletz and Uffenheimer. After preliminaries Bro. Maidwell answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Moss worked the fifth and sixth sections of the first lecture assisted by the brethren.

Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 4th March, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street. Present—Bros. G. G. Symons W.M., Halle S.W., Cordingley J.W., Follett Treas., Wing Sec., Horne S.D., Dean J.D., Balls D.C., Humphries I.G., Steed Tyler; P.M.'s Defriez, Driver, Vass, Dyer, and several others. Visitors—Bros. Godson P.M. 69, Ross P.M. 87, Isaac W.M. 1693. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Messrs. Freelove, Greenfield and Fountain, and proved unanimous in favour of those gentlemen. Bros. Lacey and Thomas, candidates for the second degree, were found qualified, entrusted, and in due course passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was resumed, and Messrs. Freelove and Fountain were duly admitted into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. P.M. Defriez read the bye-laws of the Lodge; the ballot was then taken for the W.M. for ensuing year, the brethren eligible for that office were Bros. Vass, Follett, Driver, Pilbeam, Defriez, Wing, Symons, Halle and Cordingley. The vote was unanimous in favour of the S.W. Bro. Halle. The ballot for Treasurer proved unanimous in favour of the present holder of that office, P.M. Follett. Bro. Stead was re-elected Tyler; the Audit Committee were appointed, to meet at the Masons' Hall Tavern at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, 16th March. The Secretary

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read notice from Grand Lodge respecting the wearing of charity jewels. P.M. Driver proposed, and P.M. Follett seconded, that the W.M. be presented with a P.M.'s jewel,—carried unanimously. All Masonic business being ended Lodge was closed in due form. The Installation Meeting will take place on Thursday, 8th April. The brethren retired and partook of an excellent supper, provided by Brother Wood.

Phœnix Lodge, No. 173.—The regular meeting of this ancient and flourishing Lodge was held on Saturday, the 13th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and was numerously attended by the brethren and visitors. Bros. E. W. Allen W.M., J. Blyth S.W., Andrews J.W., J. Burford Treasurer, E. W. Matthews Sec., F. Foxley S.D., F. D. Vine J.D., Guttebock I.G., Davie Steward, C. Jekyll Organist, Speight P.M. Tyler; P.M.'s J. Finch I.P.M., F. R. Vine, S. G. Phillips, Salmon; Bros. Kinnimant, Viney, Simpson, Gilbert, Boulting, Mott, Stoneham, Holcombe, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Several matters in connection with the Lodge were discussed, and a petition on behalf of the widow of a distressed brother, late a member, was recommended to the Board of Benevolence, and then Lodge was closed. The brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. Grace having been sung by Bros. Lawler, Hodges and Jekyll, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. He then in eulogistic terms proposed the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., remarking how unanimous was the feeling of satisfaction when the re-election of H.R.H. took place. There was a spirit of enthusiasm in Grand Lodge at seeing him re-elected as M.W.G.M. All hoped he would retain his position for many years. After Bro. Lawler had sung "God bless the Prince of Wales," the toast of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England was given. Bro. Hodges sang "Maid of Athens." Bro. Finch I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. The gavel having been placed in his hands, the brethren would agree that he might congratulate Bro. Allen on two things; first, his admirable working, and then his excellent presidency. He had shown that he possessed the attributes of a true English gentleman and Freemason. The W.M. in reply thanked Bro. Finch and the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast; he had hoped to have had the pleasure of working the first degree, but was prevented; he trusted he might have to do so on a future occasion. Bro. Lawler delighted the brethren with one of his popular songs. The Visitors were next brought under the notice of the brethren by the W.M.; the members were always pleased to see them in the Phœnix Lodge. He (the W.M.) would call on Bro. Johnson W.M. Creaton Lodge to respond. After a song by Bro. Frank Ward, Bro. Johnson, in an excellent speech, responded for the Visitors; he regretted the cause of there being no working that evening; this was due to circumstances over which they had no control. The Phœnix Lodge was known for its working, and he with the other Visitors hoped to see the old feeling renewed, so that any little misconceptions that had arisen would eventually be set right; he could speak with great sincerity of the excellent manner in which the W.M. displayed his hospitable proclivities, and he, on behalf of the numerous Visitors, thanked the Lodge for its hospitality. Bro. Fairbrother gave a very excellent recitation. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the P.M.'s, regretted the absence of Bro. Wilson; he returned them his sincere thanks for the assistance they had rendered him during his year of office. Bro. Vine said the P.M.'s were under obligations to the W.M. for the way in which he had proposed the toast. Bro. S. S. Phillips also replied. For the Officers Bro. Blyth S.W. responded. He hoped by the kindness of the members eventually to become W.M. of this influential Lodge. As S.W., he would endeavour to carry out every duty required of him. Bros. Foxley, Bulford, Matthews, Vine jun., and Davey also spoke; all fully endorsed the former speakers' remarks, and then the Tyler's toast was given. Among the Visitors were Bros. T. B. Dodson P.M. 860, F. G. Baker P.M. 753, W. Shephard 69, G. H. Hunter W.M. 1298, G. E. Fairchild J.D. 1196, H. J. Johnson 1791, J. I. Cantle W.M. 1257, G. Goody S.D. 34, Whittick P.M. 511, F. Ward 1541, Lawler, Holmes 1608, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—On Saturday, 6th inst., at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. Present:—Bros. R. Snare W.M., Byott S.W., W. Williams J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, Carr S.D., Spencer J.D., J. Lorkin I.G.; also Bros. Houghton, R. Defriez, D. Moss, Valentine, Gibbs, Giller, Weeden, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Valentine candidate. Bro. Moss worked the second section, assisted by Bro. Carr. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Gibbs having given ample proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of rasing rehearsed, Bro. Gibbs being the candidate, both ceremonies were performed in a very careful manner. The Treasurer and Secretary were duly elected, and a vote of thanks was passed to them for their past services.

On the 13th inst. Present:—Bros. Byott W.M., W. Williams S.W., Carr J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, Spencer S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Gibbs I.G., also Bros. J. Millington, R. Defriez, Houghton, Fysh, I. P. Cohen, H. Hall, D. Moss, Lardner, Gilham, Byng, W. Burtle, Trewinnard, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Cohen gave proof of his proficiency as an E.A. was duly entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Moss worked the first, Bro. Pearcy the second, Bro. Moss the third, fourth and fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. W. Williams was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge vote for the Boys' School was given to Bro. Pearcy. After which Lodge was closed.

Union Lodge, No. 414.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 17th February, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present:—Bros. Samuel Bradley W.M., C. Stephens S.W., R. C. Mount P.M. J.W., Rev. N. T. Garry Chaplain, S. A. Pocock P.M. Treasurer, M. J. Withers Secretary, F. Ferguson S.D., S. Wheeler jun. J.D., Blackwell and Moffatt Stewards, A. W. Parry I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Oades, R. Bradley, A. M. Yetts; Members—Bros. Hayward, Higgs, Martin, Hart, Hawkes, Albury, Oswell, George; Visitors—Bros. W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary 1101, W. Ferguson S.W. 1101, J. T. Stransom Treasurer 1101, Colonel Lewis Jones Himalayan 673. After due observance of preliminaries, Bros. Oswell and George gave proof of efficiency, and were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. The W.M. proposed, and the J.W. seconded, that Bros. Higgs, Albury, and Martin be re-elected members of the Permanent Committee. It was moved by Bro. Bradley P.M. P.G. Secretary Berks and Bucks, and seconded by Bro. Oades I.P.M.—"That the brethren of the Lodge of Union 414 having heard, with very great satisfaction, of the appointment of Bro. the Ven. Arthur Perceval Purey-Cust, M.A., Archdeacon of Buckingham, to the Deanery of the Cathedral Church of York, desire to congratulate him very sincerely on his well-earned promotion, and to express to him their earnest hope that he may be allowed to enjoy his new dignity for many years; and that he may find in his new position fresh opportunities of advancing the interests of the Craft."—Carried *nem con.* The Chaplain was instructed to transmit the same to the Archdeacon. A gentleman was proposed for initiation by the I.P.M., and seconded by the P.G. Secretary. The Chaplain informed the Lodge that he had written a letter of condolence to the sister of the late Bro. Dr. Woodhouse, which had been acknowledged with thanks. Bros. Stephens S.W. and Ferguson S.D. were congratulated on the success which attended their labours as Stewards at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on the 19th February. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

Belgrave Lodge, No. 749.—The regular meeting was held on the 10th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bros. J. W. Collart W.M., G. Gardiner S.W., J. W. Groves J.W., J. Painter Treas., H. Garrod P.M. Secretary, W. C. Hall S.D., A. F. Leech J.D., H. E. Forscutt I.G., A. J. Pierson Organist, F. T. Parkins W.S., J. W. Hobbs P.M. D.C.; Past Masters P. Parsons, E. J. Scott, H. W. Greenwood; Bros. Dawson, H. Harvey, Weeks, Elliott, Hill, Tubbs, Smout, Triggs, Poupard, Santer, &c. Visitors—Bros. J. Akburst 780, W. Richard 853, F. Calvert 780, J. T. Dawson 27, T. H. Cusworth P.M. 813, W. Iron 1579, W. Stollard W.M. 180, G. Rogers 55, F. Rose 179. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Mr. S. G. T. Alford was ballotted for, and duly initiated into the Order. Bros. Halliwell and Walton were raised, the ceremony being perfectly and impressively rendered. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Gardiner S.W. for a presentation he made to the Lodge. The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. F. Clemow. The usual toasts were given. The W.M., in proposing the health of the I.P.M. Bro. E. Booker, in the name of the Lodge, presented him with an elegant gold Past Master's jewel. Bros. W. Stollard W.M. 180 and T. Akhurst 780 responded for the Visitors. During the evening some excellent harmony emanated from Bros. Semler, Hall, and Pierson.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Held at Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on 12th March. Bros. Andrews W.M., Blasby S.W., Gunner J.W., Gomm S.D., Franckel J.D., Maton I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor, Hogg P.M., Tucker Treas., &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Roe candidate. Lodge advanced, and Bro. Tucker answered the questions leading to the third degree, and Bro. Andrews ably rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Blasby was elected W.M. for next meeting. The brethren would be glad to welcome members of the Craft who may honour them with a visit on any Lodge evening.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 16th March.—Bros. T. Clark W.M., Smyth S.W., Polak J.W., Christian S.D., Baker I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Allen, Fraser, Welford, Dallas, Brasted, Weige and others. After preliminaries the ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, Bro. Fraser candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin gave the traditional history. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and after resuming Bro. Brasted assisted Bro. Allen to work the third section of the lecture. The Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree. Bro. J. Lorkin was elected W.M. for next meeting. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. Bro. P.M. Wallington will work the ceremony of installation on Tuesday, 30th March. Lodge will open at eight o'clock. Brethren who can attend will have a Masonic treat. The annual supper of this Lodge of Instruction will take place on Tuesday next, 23rd March, at eight o'clock. Bro. G. Dickins, W.M. elect of the mother Lodge, will preside. Brethren are requested to be punctual.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 10th March, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present:—Bros. J. Early Danks W.M., W. Ferguson S.W., E. J. Blackwell J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, R. Dowsett S.D., Rev. C. R. Honey J.D., J. H. Hawkes D.C., R. C. Prickett Steward, T. Newman I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters—Bros. Flanagan, Margrett, Brown, Welch; Members—Bros. Pulley W.M. 1436, Tegg, Bailey, Ravenscroft, Weatherhead, Collins. Visitors:—Bros. S. Bradley W.M. 414, R. C. Mount J.W. 414 I.P.M. 1328, C. Claridge S.D. 599, R. Thorowgood 403, A. Sellar P.M. 414, G. Hackford P.M 1328, A. L. Cooper 1566, C. G. Hawkes 414, J. B. Chancellor 96

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Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. Bros. Weatherhead and Collins gave proof of ther efficiency in the second degree, and were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The ceremony was performed by the W.M. with great correctness, precision and feeling, the musical accompaniment considerably adding to the effect of the ceremony, while the charge and lecture on the tracing board were given *in extenso*. The Lodge was closed to the first degree. Bro. Bailey addressed the Lodge upon his "notice of motion" of the 11th February (see page 150 of thie present volume), Bro. Margrett P.M. seconded it, and it was declared to be carried. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the substantial addition to his list as Steward for the Festival of the R.M.I.G., and expressed the hope that by exchange of votes he should materially assist in the endeavour to obtain for Bro. Leaver the annuity he sought for. Bro. Flanagan I.P.M. addressed the Lodge in allusion to the many kindnesses and attentions he had received during his year of office, and being desirous of presenting to the Lodge something in the shape of a Memorial, he had had the vignettes of the Founders mounted and framed, he begged the members to accept the same. The Secretary with his usual "effrontery" had had his gift hung up in anticipation of its acceptance; he trusted the brethren would excuse this. Bro. Flanagan's present was accepted with acclamation. All business being ended the Lodge was closed.

The meetings of the Islington Lodge of Instruction, hitherto held at the Three Bucks Tavern, Gresham Street, will in future be held at Bro. Kent's, Moorgate Station Restaurant, every Tuesday Evening, at seven o'clock. Bro. W. Bansor is the Secretary, and Bro. J. L. Mather P.M. 65, 1471, 1580, the Preceptor.

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THE PROPOSED ASSISTANCE FUND.

IT is a matter of course that even the best of schemes should meet with opponents, more or less numerous and determined, yet somehow they continue to force themselves into being in spite of the opposition they encounter, and in time it not unfrequently happens that those who were their bitterest enemies become in turn their truest and best friends. Nothing, perhaps, is more natural than that this should be so. Men's minds are actuated by such a diversity of motives that about the strangest thing that could happen in this world of ours would be to find out some proposition which commanded universal acceptance. There are, for instance, the people who object on principle; they have no idea of the principle which forms the basis of their objection, but "principle" is a word of considerable import, and though they dare not attempt to explain its meaning, they make bold to assign it as a reason for their opposition. Others conceive it to be their duty to pull to pieces every scheme that is brought under their notice. These are the critics who hold that criticism and finding fault are one and the same thing, and that he who discovers the most faults is the best critic. Then there are the jealous people who think ill or but indifferently of every idea which has not emanated from them in the first instance, or who have not been invited, or invited only at the very last moment, to assist in giving form and substance to the idea which some one has started. Others object from sheer malice prepense, and others yet again because they insolently believe themselves superior in knowledge to all the rest of the world. We dare say it would be quite possible to extend the list of objectors, but we have quoted enough for our purpose, which is to show that the objections now being offered to the establishment of the Proposed Assistance Fund are only such as must be expected. The promoters, therefore, need be under no apprehension for the success of their project, because they suddenly find themselves begirt by a host of obstructives. To mention one instance, which is within the knowledge of all well-informed Masons. The late Dr. Crucefix, who took a leading part in founding the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, involved himself, in consequence, in all kinds of trouble and annoyance. He was subjected to harsh and contumelious treatment, and though his friends stood firm by him, and the bitterness of annoyance and insult at length passed away, he still had to withstand the severe ordeal to which all, with hardly an exception, who originate a good plan are subjected. Even the teachings of Freemasonry did not shield him from this, and the same fate doubtless is in store for those who have taken the lead in promoting this Assistance Fund.

After the foregoing remarks it will be gathered by our readers that we are fully prepared for any amount and kind of opposition that may be offered in the case of this particular proposal. It is the fate of all human institutions to meet at starting with enemies, but it is those only which are comparatively worthless or receive half-hearted support from their friends that succumb. A good scheme stands a good chance of success, and though it will probably be ill-advised and perhaps impossible to pass all the many suggestions which have been embodied by Bro. Dick Radclyffe, the Honorary Secretary, in his prospectus, there are in it unquestionably the makings of an admirable Fund, and one which, while in no way interfering with our existing Charities, will undoubtedly prove of great service to them. We think the promoters have every reason to be satisfied with what they have succeeded in doing up to the present time. They have enlisted the sympathy and support of the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master, as well as of a very formidable array of Grand Officers Past and Present, Provincial Grand Officers, and other influential Craftsmen. The brethren, be it remembered, have given in their adhesion to the principle laid down by Lord Rosslyn last year that something was needed in order to complete the task so satisfactorily carried out up to a certain point by our two Schools. Many among them have joined because they hold that, in addition to this, some little help might be given to deserving unsuccessful candidates. Others, though these must be a very small minority, have probably formed other notions as to what character the Fund should assume. Two things, however, stand out from all the rest with singular clearness. One is that all who have lent the plan their patronage or support recognise that a Fund of the kind proposed is needed, while the other was shown clearly enough at the opening meeting on the 11th instant, namely, that there is no intention on their part to suggest the establishment of a fourth Masonic Charity. Lord Rosslyn never thought of this when he made his suggestion last year. Those who have adopted his lordship's suggestion as the foundation of this plan have never dreamt of building up a rival to the Charities already existing. Lord Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale are willing to support it on a similar understanding, and Bro. Radclyffe explained that the proposals introduced in the prospectus had been offered by different brethren as suggestions. In short, as we have said once already, all whose names appear as supporters of the plan have recognised that a fund of the character indicated is required, and some of them hold the opinion that something further is needed likewise. But the details are left for future consideration and arrangement, and to affirm therefore that it is now proposed to establish an additional Charity is to say that which is not. As to the opposition of Bro. While, we attach to it not the slighest importance. We are content with saying that every one in the room laughed or wept over him according as they were disciples of the school of Democritus, or of that of Heraclitus. However, he seems to have returned these little compliments, these "amicablenesses" in an unusual manner; at least in no other way can we account for the *Times* report of the meeting being so entirely different from that which appeared in these columns, or the one in our Masonic contemporary. The views he expressed at the meeting formed the substance of the report in the journal he represented, and which we have alluded to. But if he—unintentionally no doubt—allowed his account to be strongly influenced by his personal views, he committed an indiscretion. Not content with that, however, he has rushed into a correspondence in the columns of our contemporary, and as will be seen elsewhere, threatens to rend in pieces one "Sebric," because he has called attention to the similarity of tone between Bro. While's speech and the *Times* report. In this he is certainly not improving his case. It is easy enough to say, as he does towards the end of the first paragraph of his letter last week, that "the common sense of every one plainly expressed that when not Quixotic, the proposals were idiotic." The necessary limitation to this statement is that they were so in Bro. While's opinion. As for the good taste of the suggestion that the "Committee are merely so many puppets for some clever manipulator to conjure with," it is not necessary we should offer any opinion. Masonry enjoins on us to speak well of our brethren, and if that be not possible, at least to keep

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silence. Nor is there much in the way of a defence of the justice of the accusation. It is the simplest thing in the world to call every one interested in the success of a scheme a clever manipulator, and the Committee so many puppets. but a statement does not prove itself. As for the Committee being puppets—well, that is better than being Don Quixotes or idiots, and may be regarded as a compliment. Having got rid of the proposals, the promoters, and the Committee, Bro. While then sets himself to the task of abusing the Boys' School, and as a natural consequence, Lord Rosslyn, the former because the system of education in force is of such a character that the pupils at sixteen are helpless to make a start in life, and the latter because he is the original mover of the fund. He then gives the Girls' School a slap in a ponderously funny way, and asks if it is intended to provide for them marriage portions, and pay for the vaccination of their children. In the last paragraph, he, with an affectation of grandeur which is in strict keeping with his previous remarks, says absolutely, "We want no such 'fund.' If there are any cases which require help it will be forthcoming, but we want no irrationably enthusiastic brothers advocating that we should go without great coats for a winter, or breakfasts three times a week, or installation banquets, or other means of 'saving,' in order to endow with the blessings of a paid Secretariat a new fund with a charity-run-mad programme?" Here, again, the style is ponderous. We suppose it is impossible for Bro. While to write a paragraph without expressing opposition or abuse, or insinuating something unpleasant. As to the opposition, we are content to place the dictum of Lord Rosslyn last year, that some of the boys on leaving school do want help, and that some provision should be made to meet this want, against that of Bro. While, who says deliberately that no fund of such a character or for such a purpose is wanted. We do not presume to think that the brethren whose names have appeared as patrons and supporters of the scheme are all "puppets" who will allow themselves to be conjured with by "clever manipulators." We have at least enough of Masonic charity about us to give them credit for possessing a certain amount of sense and feeling, and if we find their names entered as supporters, we venture to believe they know what it is they are supporting. Bro. While is not so minded. He is on the one side, and the "puppets," "clever manipulators," &c., on the other; and who are these latter that they should be likely to prevail over the former?

As to our contemporary, it is hopeless to think of helping a journal, which has known and foreseen everything which has happened in the past, to see and judge clearly of what is passing now. It "cannot now profess or propose to support it." It "thinks the scheme must soon fall through, and had better be given up." Be it so, but if our worthy contemporary deprives the Grand Master and all the other high dignitaries of the Craft of the light of its countenance, we cannot hold ourselves responsible for the serious consequences which may follow. Let us sincerely hope His Royal Highness will escape the threatening danger, and that no one else, not even our own unhappy selves, will be anything the worse.

THE CITY MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

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ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As I perceive that there are some inaccuracies and misconceptions respecting the above Fund, permit me to inform you that it is not by any means intended to abandon this scheme of supplementary benevolence, but it will in no way interfere with the existing Charities, or in the slightest degree destroy the independence and the self-reliance of those who are intended to profit by it.

The Fund will, on calmer consideration I believe, meet with the approval of every one; it will not clash with any existing Charity, and it will quickly do a very noble and useful work. It will be the completion of the edifice, the cope stone of the wall.

Yours fraternally,

ROSSLYN P.G.M.

P.S.—The assistance of Bro. Radclyffe will be cheerfully and gratuitously given, and for the future, as heretofore, his energy and experience will be of inestimable advantage.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have this day forwarded a letter, of which the following is a copy, to your contemporary.

It is strange to note how favourable your correspondents' letters are, and what a contrast to your contemporary. However, as the adverse criticism may be read by your readers, I hope, although it is not usual to publish the same letter in two papers, you will allow me to do so on this occasion. The question is of general interest; consequently, my remarks may be useful in explaining the position of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund in regard to any future action. I beg to thank "WELL-WISHER" and "SEDRIC" for their remarks, which, I assure them, shall not be overlooked by

Yours fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to answer *seriatim*—and, I hope, to explain—several misunderstandings in your editorial remarks and correspondence in to-day's issue.

I am at a loss to understand why you should consider "Othello's occupation gone." I fail to see what should lead you to this idea. If I am illustrated as Othello, I think the remarks of our Most Worshipful Deputy Grand Master and Lord Rosslyn, as also the resolutions passed to adjourn the meeting until His Royal Highness Prince Leopold is able to preside, as well as the appointment of the Committee, Honorary Treasurer, and Secretary, go to show that I shall have much occupation for some time to come; but if I can be instrumental in doing good I shall be pleased. Had your reporter given the report of the meeting *in extenso*, several matters would have been explained. I beg most emphatically to state I never intended even to hint at the establishment of a fourth Masonic Charity, with paid officials. I think there are plenty of good Masons to be found who would act on Committee, and as Treasurer and Secretary, without pay. I am at a loss to understand on what ground you now with-

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draw all you have said in favour of the scheme, or in what way it has outrun its original "modest dimensions." I have published two circulars with *suggestions*, and they have *never been altered*, but the following has been added:—

To render *assistance* to *the unsuccessful* candidates *for the benefit of existing Masonic Charities*, and otherwise co-operate in the dispensing of Masonic Charity.

I may here remind you I have not had your notice of withdrawal, and I hope you will alter your resolution—at least I will endeavour to shake it. You are aware all the circulars have contained *simply suggestions*, and brethren were invited to co-operate and offer suggestions. Amongst the few criticisms passed, I had the following:—

"1. The objects as set forth are a little too pretentious."

To this my reply has invariably been—Possibly they are, but they are suggestions, and nothing will be done or decided upon till a Committee selected at a public meeting is formed, and not even then acted upon till confirmed at another meeting. I was not so arrogant and egotistical as to dictate what should be done, but the suggestions—which please again note have never been altered—met with favour, as is proved by the lists of supporters and the very long lists of signatures exhibited at the meeting, including the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, as well as their Royal Highnesses Princes Arthur and Leopold, and the Most Worshipful Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland, and many of the highest in the Craft, recommending the establishment of a Fund; and it has always been my idea that whatever is decided upon should be after careful deliberation by a Committee sitting for the purpose.

"2. If you have funds enough assist the unsuccessful;" and amongst those who suggested this I will mention Sir Henry Edwards, R.W.P.G.M. West Yorkshire.

This I thought a capital suggestion, and it was strengthened by the action taken by Bro. Clabon, when it was shown that, no matter how worthy the object, if the laws do not specify it to come within the range of assistance, the Board of Benevolence must not, no matter how much money they may have, depart from one groove. Again, as to the unfortunate discontent with the action of another Committee—I do not wish to reopen a case, which I am happy to see is at rest—as to the powers they possess in dispensing funds, whatever the result of the appeal; I will endeavour to recommend that, from the first, clear lines shall be laid down that in the event of a "surplus" it shall be possible to dispose of it in necessitous cases, instead of in lavish grants on the applicants. Another reason was that some feared, notably the province of Warwick, that whatever moneys were collected for the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund would be at the expense of the other institutions, &c. This I deny *in toto*. My letter of last week explains my reasons, and as we are taught a Mason's charity knows no bounds save those of prudence, I cannot but feel, with the statistics I have had, and which prove the average is about 2*s* 6*d* (surely a sum within the bounds) per annum from every Mason to support the present requirements, there is plenty of room for an appeal for further aid. Besides, it is well understood Masonry is not a benefit society, consequently, if proper precautions are taken in introducing "worthy" members, we should not have any difficulty in coping with cases of unforeseen calamity and misfortune; though I fear we have many examples of members being admitted for the benefits. The other suggestion was "Qualifications." Many (I may mention the suggestion is from a Past G.S.W.) said let me know the "qualifications," &c. Now it is well known some will not give without some return, and qualifications can hurt no one, but may materially add to the chances of obtaining subscriptions, besides which they will be the means of preventing much dissatisfaction. I propose the use of votes for the appointment of Officers and Committee, and if done by papers similar to those used by R.H.S. and similar Societies, it will enable our Country Brethren to have a voice in the matter; and as the Committee will of necessity be invested with great power, it is imperative all subscribers should have a voice, and no doubt it will strengthen the confidence of the Committee. But let me again add these are only *suggestions*, and I must refer you to all my letters and circulars to confirm this, as I would not for a moment like it to be even thought I had a wish to dictate.

You speak of "enlarged basis," and that it is proposed to grant subsidies to *all* unsuccessful Candidates. You surely cannot have forgotten my letter in your last issue, in which I distinctly pointed out *deserving*. Again, is it not a guarantee to all who fear the money will be raised at the expense of the existing Institutions, that the fund is purely one of "assistance," and that rather than hurt the existing Institutions, we will to the utmost help not only the necessitous cases after leaving the Schools, *but also* the necessitous cases which for want of friends cannot be taken into the Schools? And I would remind you of the great work you are advocating, viz., the *Charity Association*; do you not here try to bring forward the most deserving and friendless, and to prevent waste of votes, and thereby ensure greater numbers of successful? Really, Sir, I feel your solicitous appeal in this good cause (L.M.C.A) should alone enlist your sympathies for the "enlarged basis"—which please again remember, like all other objects mentioned in prospectus, is but a *suggestion*, and would be cut out by the committee if found unworthy and objectionable. As to the "Benefit Society" question, you know my views, and I think a little more attention to the CHARGE should be urged upon *all* W.M.'s and Brethren proposing candidates. Our Charity should be most *complete*—better give our children less education than leave them to shift for themselves.

As to the scheme falling through I am at a loss again to follow your reasoning. By reference to the list of supporters you will see all the Most Worshipful Grand Masters and *more than half* the Provinces support it; besides you have yourself admitted it started under most favourable auspices and gave it *your support*. Is it therefore all at once to collapse because one simple suggestion has been made (I refer to added Clause)? As to your praise, I am not insensible to your kindness and am glad you give me credit for perseverance; but I must further add, and I am in duty bound to give this assurance to my supporters, that until I have some much stronger proof of the "verdict" being undeniably against me, I shall consider my humble efforts pledged to carry on the work which they support, and which I consider the list of Patrons shows to be undeniably the *reverse* of adverse. I may here mention I have had *three* withdrawals, two have since not only approved but consented to act on Committee, while one has promised to consider; but I have *many* additions. I really think this amply proves *the reverse* of your verdict (I have not mentioned you in the withdrawals as I have not received it). As to your reasons for supporting it, have the objects you thought worthy been withdrawn? Before giving your ultimatum, why not first see what the Committee appointed to consider the scheme will propose.

I cannot quite understand how P.M. can criticise the list of subscriptions, as you only publish them immediately above his letter—or is it an editorial comment? Still to satisfy even that *section* of the public, I may inform P.M. the R.M.P.A.F. stands pledged to nothing. The money paid was banked and the *promises entered*—hence the difference in the totals and that is accounted for by the fact that, until I know the exact position the Fund is to take, I have not urged money being sent. In answer to Bro. While's letter and his report in *Times*, as also letter in *Times*, which I presume is his, as it immediately follows in your paper, and it is not customary for one paper to copy another's letters—I do not find it in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE—I can only say I am sorry he should think fit to curtail his report; it would have been fairer not to have suppressed any portion. However, no doubt Bro. While means well, although his expressions are not flattering, and I think scarcely in strict accordance with Masonic etiquette—still I will accept them as meant in no ill spirit, and I hope one day to have the pleasure of a chat. If Bro. While is champion to suppress an evil, I am equally convinced the R.M.P.A.F. will do but good. As to Lord Rosslyn *withdrawing*, Bro. While was present when not only Lord Rosslyn, but Lords Skelmersdale and Brooke personally and in public accepted the office of Committeemen, and pledged themselves to work to assist the Fund by obtaining subscriptions, &c. As to the organisation being "cut and dried," I think your report even will disprove this. It will always be my aim to discountenance any "hole and corner" work or "clique." As to the inconsistent remarks about "marriage portions," &c. I can only feel Bro. While is attempting a joke at the expense of what I hope will be a useful supplement to our Institutions. The attempt to endow a paid Secretariat, and its attending charitable remarks, I will answer, without intending any annoyance to our worthy brother, viz., there are other attributes besides almsgiving that constitute "charity;" and as a Past Master he should teach this. I shall at all times be glad to explain anything respecting this scheme to Bro. While, and think it a pity he did not call upon me before assailing me in public. In reply to "P.M.'s" letter in the *Times*, I may mention I answered it, but unfortunately this, and, I hear, several other letters, were not inserted, showing how dangerous and one-sided a thing criticism and reports in newspapers are.

The substance of my remarks was that, instead of sapping the self-reliant and self-dependent spirit of "our pupils, the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund was to aid." From Bro. While's point of view, it appears a boy with father or guardian stands in a bad position and at a disadvantage. I have always felt sympathy for a fatherless boy or girl, and with what "weight" they commenced their "race of life." My experience has taught me that boys and girls leaving school are then at the most critical time of life, and a friend to give advice then is often the finger-post of success. The cases the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund attempt to assist will be those without means or friends, and without being "Quixotic," it can do much in giving advice. Watching progress, keeping register of brethren willing to fill vacancies in their business or public offices, assisting the sick, and, without encouraging indolence or sapping self-reliance, assisting our children at a critical time. If Bro. While's assertions are correct, then every father stands in his son's way. To conclude, I fear I have taken up too much of your valuable space; still, as the subject is an important one, I hope you will allow me to wind up with one or two remarks which tend to prove the Fund will do good.

1. Lord Leigh and others—advocacy as to scholarships.

2. Bros. Clabon and Hogg—repeated motions in Grand Lodge to obtain part of the Funds of Benevolence, and at the time of the Lifeboat grant as a thanksgiving offering for our M.W. Grand Master's return from India it was then one of the suggestions to endow a similar fund.

3. The efforts of Bro. Jacobs and Staffordshire brethren to perpetuate Lord Shrewsbury's memory by creating an Assistance Fund; and, lastly, the action of the Supreme Council and many individual brethren in supporting *separate cases*.

I think, Dear Sir and Brother, I have a strong case, and beg to assure you, until I can hear better reasons, I shall continue to exert the zeal and energy you so kindly notice with redoubled vigour in what I consider so good a cause.

I am,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

135 Loughborough-road, W.C.
24th March 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The insinuation of your correspondent "SIRIUS," that the report in the *Sunday Times* and the letter in the *Times* signed "P.M." were written by me is unfounded. I have seen the letter, and that is all I know about it; the former I have

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not seen. If "SEBRIC" had read the circular calling the meeting, he would have seen, under the heading of "Main objects of the Fund," the very proposals which he characterises as "monstrous exaggerations," as well as others. I have a copy of the circular now lying before me, signed by the names of "Dick Radclyffe and W. W. Morgan jun.," with seven distinct paragraphs on the top of the second page, where these "monstrous exaggerations" are set forth as the proposed puproses of the Fund.

Perhaps "SEBRIC" will obtain one (I retain mine for special reasons of my own), and having informed his mind, will do me the justice, and himself the honour, of withdrawing the unjust and unfounded statements he was permitted to make in your columns last week. At the least, as a presumed and unknown brother I expect this at his hands.

Yours obediently and faithfully,

JOHN WHILE, P.M. 228.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Great consternation must prevail among the promoters and supporters of the above fund. "We want no such 'fund,'" says Bro. While, and Bro. While is an authority on everything Masonic and non-Masonic. What matters it if the Grand Master, his brothers Prince Leopold and the Duke of Connaught the Pro and Dep. G. Masters and the G.M.'s of Ireland and Scotland, and a multitude of other Masonic dignitaries say an assistance fund is desirable? Bro. While, who is a host in himself, says the contrary, and that of course settles the whole question. Bro. While, from his connection with the daily press, must be in a position to know everything. Were I a politician, I should accept his opinion as to the probable result of the elections. As a member of the Stock Exchange, I should consult him as to the funds rising or falling. If I were a man of science, I should quote him as an authority on all its branches, while, as a literary man or man of taste, I could not do better, it seems, than adopt his language and mode of treatment. Omniscience, however, when it is the attribute of a common mortal, has one great drawback. Every other common mortal claims to be its possessor, that is, if he has anything like a small modicum of prudence. "I know that we Masons want no Assistance Fund," oracularly says Bro. While the omniscient, "for I know that if there are any cases which require help it will be forthcoming." "And I know," says Lord Rosslyn, "that something of the kind is wanted. Last year I talked matters over with the Head Master of the Boys' School, and the opinion I came to was that the admirable work done by the School is incomplete, inasmuch as many pupils when they leave school find themselves without means to profit by the excellent education they have received," and this opinion is shared by a large number of brethren. Still there stands Bro. While, like the dauntless three who kept the bridge so valiantly in the brave days of old against the gallant hosts of Lars Porsena of Clusium, and who dare utter an opinion that is contrary to his?

And yet I dare, I an humble Mason, who am not omniscient, not omnipresent, and not omnivorous, that is, I do not swallow everything that is told me, even when it emanates from so potent, grave and reverend an authority as Bro. While. Shall I account for my audacity? Well, Bro. While's remarks at the meeting were met with cries of "No, no." This much has been admitted by himself, and when, with the knowledge I possess of the matter, I find that these remarks were challenged by the rest of the meeting, which included the Deputy Grand Master of England, the Past Grand Master of Scotland, to whose casual suggestion—made, however, be it remembered, with a full sense of responsibility and at a public gathering—and some forty or fifty other brethren, I ask myself the plain question, do not these worthy brethren know their own minds better than Bro. While, who omnisciently claims to interpret them? Then I am told, on the same authority, that "the proposals were not even 'damned with faint praise,' for the common sense of every one plainly expressed that, when not Quixotic, the proposals were idiotic." The words "Quixotic" and "idiotic" are "epitaphs" in common use among people who do not understand their meaning. Only a Don Quixote would make a "Quixotic" proposal, and only an idiot one that was "idiotic;" and I have yet to learn that Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Rosslyn, Bro. F. Binckes, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Bro. James Terry, are either Don Quixotes or idiots. Their names are on the Committee, and it is very likely they do not see the force or advisability of many among the suggestions which have been thrown out for consideration; but they know enough of the proposal as originally promoted to give it their countenance and support, and when they find anything "Quixotic" or "idiotic" is expected of them, I have no manner of doubt they will decline the proposal, being, as they are, men of sound common sense and gentlemen.

Lord Rosslyn "expressed his astonishment at the proposals, and virtually withdrew from them." His lordship did express surprise at what it was afterwards explained were "suggestions" for future consideration, as being far in excess of the idea originally propounded by him, but as he is a member of the interim Committee he cannot have withdrawn from the scheme. Again, Bro. While has no idea of connecting himself "with any cut and dried organisation," for it is within his experience that in such cases "all the Committee are merely so many puppets for some clever manipulator to conjure with." Doubtless, the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, Lord Rosslyn, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest will be highly gratified in discovering that, in the opinion of Bro. While the omniscient, they are merely so many "puppets" for some "clever manipulator" to conjure with.

The Boys' School, with its Patrons, Vice Patrons, Vice Presidents, &c., must be equally gratified to know that if the education it gives "does not fit the boy at sixteen to commence the start in life," it is, in Bro. While's opinion, "so much the worse for the School," and "it is time to consider whether the whole itself is not a mistake." Indeed, the whole Craft will, I am sure, be delighted to hear that Bro. While considers our Boys' School as "small potatoes" indeed, as schools go now-a-days. And the boys—they had "many and influential friends," or they could not have obtained admission into the School. What, in the name of Heaven, can they want further; what business have they to want anything further; or to be without friends to set them going? Well, appointments are not to be had for the asking, and for those to be had there is the severest possible competition. Therefore, even a boy who has received the best education in the world, and leaves no stone unturned in order to obtain employment, may still be disappointed, and, in the event of his having no friends, he will find disappointment is not very fattening. But I am forgetting myself. The boy had many friends who voted him into the School, and they were cruel enough to desert him. I sympathise with the poor boy, but as for the friends who voted him into the School, and who, from the fact of their having votes to give him, must have contributed to clothe, educate, and maintain him for a term of years—to these I have nothing else to say than, most emphatically, *anathema maranatha*. How dare such people live who are guilty of so grave a dereliction of duty?

Of the "blessings of a paid Secretariat" I need say little. I refer Bro. While to Bro. Binckes of the Boys' School, Bro. Terry of the Benevolent, and Bro. Hedges of the Girls' School. Heretofore they have been spoken of respectfully as men who do their duty and earn the salaries which are paid them. Now they are made the subject of a "goak," and perhaps will be known henceforward as the three Masonic "blessings." I am sure they must feel complimented at finding themselves so highly placed in the estimation of Bro. While.

Well, I have now noted the salient points in Bro. While's letter to your contemporary. I hope he is prond of his production. I am sure, after the lavish and well nigh impartial manner in which he has distributed his compliments, he is entitled to the thanks of the whole Masonic community.

I have half a mind to start a fund for the maintenance and education of Masonic Fleas, and if I do carry the idea further, I shall make a point of trying to enlist the sympathy and assistance of Bro. While. They will be so valuable.

N.B.—This is a "goak."

Fraternally yours,

O SI SIC OMNES.

A PLEA FOR AGED MASONS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was present at the meeting of the Pupils' Assistance Fund on the 11th March, when the chair was so ably filled by Lord Skelmersdale, and the objects of the Fund so clearly explained by Earl Rosslyn. I hope the suggestion I am about to make will be carried out. At the various meetings at which our esteemed Brother Terry is present, in responding to the toast of the Masonic Charities, he always advocates the cause of the two Masonic Schools, but he likewise—and very naturally—advocates, in eloquent and forcible language, the cause of the Aged Masons and their Widows. Perhaps those brethren who have placed their names and money at the disposal of the Pupils' Assistance Fund would have little objection to assist those who are unsuccessful at the elections of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. None are eligible under sixty years of age; they cannot work; many have outlived their friends and relations; and a little assistance to them would be a great boon. It is not yet too late to alter the title of the Fund. All three Institutions require our aid, and why, then, leave out the Benevolent? In spite of the cold water thrown on the noble efforts of the Committee by the *Times* and in other quarters, I feel certain the Fund will eventually be crowned with success.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

A PAST MASTER.

GRAND LODGE AND BRO. STEVENS' MOTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read Bro. Stevens' letter in your week's issue with all the care so well-balanced and moderate a communication demands, and the conclusion I have arrived at is that it would hardly have been possible for any one to have stated his case more clearly, and at the same time more forcibly. While he makes allowance for those differences of opinion among brethren which are inevitable, he yets holds firmly, and I think with justice, to his view of the circumstances. There is no doubt whatever that in December 1869 Grand Lodge did affirm the principle of Bro. Stevens' motion, and did agree to the appointment of the Committee asked for. At the meeting in March 1870, the minutes were confirmed, and the principle re-asserted, but the appointment of the Committee was deferred, and the motion has remained a dead letter ever since. But a law, even though it may never be enforced, remains a law still, and therefore the resolution affirmed by Grand Lodge in December 1869, and re-affirmed in March 1870, is still in force; nor do I see how the proceedings of 1879-80 can in any way lessen its virtue. But while I hold that, as far as argument is concerned, Bro. Stevens has by far the best of it, I think he will do well if he lets matters rest as they are. He has done his best, and in a perfectly constitutional matter, to promote "uniformity of working" or "unity of essentials," as some call it. Grand Lodge has twice accepted his motion for inquiry, or in other words has twice acknowledged that there are *prima facie* grounds for instituting one, but there it stops short, and declines to appoint a committee. This may be churlish, or an act of self-stultification, or it may be, as I am sorry to see Bro. Stevens has sug-

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gested, "the result of 'pique' and party feeling;" but be the act, or the cause of the act what it may, it strikes one as being most undesirable for him, or any one in his position, to press the matter still further. Any slight advantage in the war of words has been gained by him. He can at least claim to have acted consistently throughout, while the same cannot be said of Grand Lodge. Nor in what he has written or said has he exceeded the just limits of well-found and temperate argument. As to the suggestion that the motion was agreed to in a thin house, and the minute rejected in a crowded one, it seems to me to have been beneath the dignity of "A P.G. CHAPLAIN" to have adopted it, for, as Bro. Stevens very pertinently asks, "What would become of our most useful Grand Lodge decisions," if the measure of their value were to be judged by the numerical strength of the meetings at which they were passed?

There is yet another point to be recorded. There is, no doubt, a certain amount of justification for the charge against Bro. Stevens that his attention has been directed to matters of detail. The questions be from time to time submitted for consideration in your columns dealt chiefly with verbal differences, and I am not surprised that many should have thought the reconciliation of these differences was the sole aim he had in view. But his motion of 1869-70 covered a larger extent of ground, and pressed for a Committee of Past Masters "to inquire into the merits of the respective systems of working now in practice, and to report to Grand Lodge thereon, with such recommendations as they may think necessary to prevent deviation from the established mode, such deviations being, according to the Constitutions of Freemasonry, improper, and not to be justified or countenanced." None, therefore, are to blame for supposing that Bro. Stevens' late motion in Grand Lodge, and the discussions he set going in your columns, followed as the latter were by their republication in book form, had something in common between them. However, what ideas may have been formed by others is comparatively of small moment. The alternatives to be faced are (1) Will Bro. Stevens be wise in pressing the matter still farther, or even proposing to Grand Lodge, "that the law it enacted in 1869-70 be absolutely cancelled?" or (2) will it be more satisfactory for him to leave things as they are, contenting himself with bringing under the notice of Grand Lodge such prominent deviations from established practice as have come under his notice; such, for instance, as that mentioned by Bos ALBUS in a recent number of your Masonic contemporary, and referred to by a correspondent of yours shortly after—I think in the week ended 13th instant? I fancy the latter will be the better course. Bro. Stevens will show his desire to keep the peace of Freemasonry undisturbed, while, by specifying the deviations he has met with in the course of his experience, he will afford the best justification in his power for the motions he brought forward in 1869-70 and recently.

Fraternally and truly yours,

B. and C.

MASONIC DESIGNATIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Like your correspondent "CYPHER," I have noticed the prevalent mode of complimenting our military brethren with a title more, to my thinking, in keeping with their calling in life than with Masonry as a social luxury. I do not deem the fashion an innovation, but as extreme laudation. Ten years is a short period of time to look back upon, but what changes may, and ofttimes do, overcome us within that limited space? In 1870 the Committees of the various Masonic Charitable Institutions were *udallized* by the then perpetual Chairman; in the current year the Chairman *idolized* by the Committees. Times change, and we conform to the alteration.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

E. G. O.

24th March 1880.

MARK MASONRY.

Kingston Lodge, No. 222, Tunis, North Africa.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 13th inst. Present:—W. Bros. Pentecost P.G.J.W. W.M. and A. M. Broadley P.G.M. I.P.M., Dr. A. Perini S.W., Prof. Souiller J.W., M. Le Gallais M.O., Prof. Clement S.O., A. Bokobsa J.O., Dr. Pace-Williams Sec., J. Barsotti Treas., D. Enriquez R.M., C. Foggetta D. of C., S. Sessing S.D., G. B. Cassar J.D., A. Andry A.D. of of C., Commander Bridge, R.N., Org., I. Boccara I.G., and J. Eymon Tyler. Members:—T. F. Reade H.B.M.'s Agent and Consul-General Tunis and P.D.D.G.M. Egypt, Chevalier Tulin de la Tunisie, Imperial German Canal Tunis, General Musali Director of the Tunisian Foreign Office, J. E. Gessel and C. Chaigne. Visitor:—Rotino 254. The P.G.M., at the request of the W.M., advanced, in the Italian language, Bros. D. Dalsol and C. Carriglio 1717. The P.G.M. briefly alluded to the presence amongst them for the first time of Bro. Reade, from whom he expected great aid in supporting the best interests of the English Lodges in Tunis, and, above all, those of the Mark. He was pleased to say out of 90 Craft brethren 54 also belonged to the Sister Mark Lodges 222 and 254. The Masonic organ of the G.O. of Italy—the *Rivista Masonica*—had published a long article on the Mark Degree, clearly recognising its great Masonic importance. He trusted that his absence for a short time would in no ways prejudice the Lodges. Bros. Reade and Tulin de la Tunisie spoke in most enthusiastic terms of the labours of the P.G.M., and hoped he would soon return amongst them to find English Masonry more flourishing than ever. The Lodge was duly closed.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRL'S SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday, at Freemason's Hall. There were present Bro. Creaton (Chairman). Bros. Col. James Peters, Griffiths Smith, John A. Rucker, A. J. Duff Filer, H. Massey, R. B. Webster, Thos. Fras. Peacock, H. Higgins, H. A. Dubois, C. F. Matier, Arthur E. Gladwell and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes two children were placed on the list for the October election. The House Committee having recommended that the salary of the Junior Clerk be increased from £60 to £70 a-year, Bro. Griffiths Smith gave notice of motion embodying that recommendation for the Quarterly Court of April. The Chairman was then authorised to sign several cheques, among which was one for £500 the deposit on the purchase of Lyncombe House, the contract for which he stated he had that day signed on behalf of himself and his co-trustees. The following notice of motions for next Quarterly Court was given by Bro. W. H. Spanll Prov. Grand Secretary North Wales and Shropshire:—"That I think that every subsequent Stewardship to this Institution, accompanied by a donation of £5 5s, shall entitle the Brother to two votes." By Bro. H. T. Thompson P.M. 742:—"That the sum of £6 be voted to each of the twenty-five children next highest on the poll to the successful candidates at this election, in aid of their maintenance and education until the election in October next." By Bro. G. E. Webster P.M. 139 West Yorkshire:—"That it is desirable that the Life Governors, Subscribers, and others entitled to vote at meetings of the General Court should have the power of voting by proxy." By the same Brother:—"That all subscriptions, donations, legacies, and other monies received by the Charity which shall not be distinctly appropriated by the donors to the Sustentation Fund shall be applied in maintaining, clothing, and educating the children. And the surplus, if any, shall be invested in the Three per Cent. Consols in the names of Trustees of the General Fund, which Fund and the income thereof shall not be applied for any other than the above-mentioned purpose." A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE regular meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett Jun. Vice President occupied the President's chair; Bro. Thos. Fenn Past Grand Deacon and Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies occupied the chair of Senior Vice President; and Bro. Charles A. Cottebrune Past Grand Pursuivant acted as Junior Vice President. The brethren first confirmed the recommendations made at last monthly meeting, to the amount of £505. There were thirty-four cases on the new list, and thirty-one of these the brethren relieved with the amount of £1,125. One case was granted £250, one £200, three £50 each, one £40, four £30 each, seven £25 each, five £20 each, one £15, seven £10 each, and one £5. Three cases were deferred for informality.

ROBERT BURNS CHAPTER, No. 25.

THE installation meeting took place on Monday, 22nd March, at Freemasons' Hall, London. Present:—Comps. G. E. Sherville M.E.Z., Charles Martin H., William Land J., William Kerby twice P.Z. of this Chapter (also of Hermes) Treasurer, William Platt P.Z. Scribe E., W. W. Baxter S.N., Frederick Hatton P.S., T. Elsey 1st A.S., J. E. Shand 2nd A.S., H. H. Smith W.S., J. Stead Janitor; Visitor:—Comp. Dr. R. W. Dunn; Members:—Comps. John Denton P.Z., Peter Thomson, Joseph Taylor, G. Deaton, J. Lindner, G. Simmons. Report of audit Committee was received and considered satisfactory. The election of Principals and installation was proceeded with as follows:—Comps. Martin M.E.Z., Land H., Baxter J.; Officers invested:—Sherville I.P.Z., Kerby P.Z. Treasurer, Platt P.Z. Scribe E., F. Hatton S.N., T. Elsey P.S., J. E. Shand 1st A.S., Joseph Taylor 2nd A.S., H. H. Smith W.S. Comp. Martin, 1st Principal, in felicitous terms presented to Comp. Sherville the R.A. jewel, voted by the Chapter as a mark of appreciation, and in recognition of his services as M.E.Z. during the past year. Chapter closed, and the Comps. dined, the M.E.Z. proposing in eloquent terms the usual loyal and R.A. toasts, which were well and ably responded to, and a song or two was interspersed so that the evening was very pleasantly spent, the Comps. separating at a late hour until the fourth Thursday in October.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—The regular convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday the 22nd inst. (in lieu of the regular meeting, that being Bank Holiday), at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps.:—P. Dickinson M.E.Z., L. Lazarus H., T. H. Gulliford J., E. P. Albert P.Z. Treasurer, N. Baum S.E., Buderus S.N., H. P. Isaac P.S.; P.Z.'s S. M. Lazarus, W. Littaur, H. M. Levy, J. Lazarus; Comps. Lenzberg, Grove Ellis, Dewsnap, Brall, Hawkins, Hobinstock, D. P. Cohen, J. Pasta, Davis, &c. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Charles Lavy No. 188 was balloted for, and duly exalted into R.A. Masonry by the M.E.Z., perfectly and impressively. The working of the Principals and Officers deserves especial praise. The Chapter was then closed until May. The Companions sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Comp. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. Silver. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual loyal and R.A. toasts; the Janitor's toast was given in due course, and the Comps. separated.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87.—The installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the South London Masonic Hall, Belvedere-road, Lambeth, on Wednesday, 10th inst., Bro. Charles Nott being installed. The gathering was a most successful one. Bro. Terry, in responding to the toast of the Charities, made one of those forcible appeals to the brethren for which he is so famous. We trust that the result which will follow as the donation of the brethren will go to maintain the prestige of the Lodge. From the agenda paper for the last meeting we learn that the Lodge is vice Patron of the Institution for Aged Freemasons (£100), Vice Patron of the Institution for the Widows of Freemasons (£100), also L.G. of the latter Institution; V.P. of the Boys' School (£52 10s), and V.P. of the Girls' School (£52 10s), a very creditable position for any Lodge to occupy. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. Churchill Arlidge, assisted by Miss Fanny Nott, Bros. Z. Huntley, W. W. Norman, Messrs. Frederick Paton, Alfred Brown, W. Humphreys, C. E. Nott, and Master E. Nott.

St. John's Lodge, No. 221.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 17th March, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton. Present—Bros. Henry Stead W.M., John L. Aldred S.W., Jabez Boothroyd J.W., Thos. Mitchell Prov. G. Tyler Sec., G. P. Brockbank P.P.S.G.D. Treas., John Isherwood as S.D., Edwin Melrose J.D., Joseph Serl I.G., Thos. Higson Tyler, P.M. Bro. Whitaker; also Bros. Crompton, Wadeson, Cosgrove, Nicholson W.M. St. George's 1723, and Bradboom. Lodge was opened and the members confirmed the minutes of preceding meeting. Bro. Crompton passed a satisfactory examination and retired for preparation. Lodge opened in the third, and Bro. Crompton was raised by Bro. Nathaniel Nicholson W.M. St. George's 1723. A candidate was balloted for and approved, and another candidate proposed for initiation. Bro. Brockbank reported that he and two other Past Masters—Bros. Taylor and Stanley—had attended the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, along with Bro. Mills of Lodge 37 and Bro. John Morris of Lodge 146. Four of the five Lodges meeting in Bolton being represented on that occasion. Lodge was closed at eight o'clock.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 16th March 1880, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Sam. Bradley W.M., C. Stephens S.W., R. C. Mount P.M. J.W., S. A. Pocock Treas., M. J. Withers Sec., F. Ferguson S.D., S. Wheeler J.D., D. A. Witherington D.C., F. Blackwell and W. C. Moffatt Stewards, A. W. Parry I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Yetts, Strachan, Baker, Morris, R. Bradley P.G. Sec., C. Oades I.P.M.; Bros. E. Davis, Higgs, S. W. Webb, Martin, Albury, Hawkes, D. Oswell, Webb, George. Visitors—Bros. W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec. 1101, W. Collins 1101, J. E. Danks W.M. 1101, R. C. Prickett Steward 1101. The Lodge was regularly opened, and the ballot was taken for Mr. E. Chamberlain, of Henley-on-Thames, who was declared to be elected. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees. Bros. Oswell and George were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. The W.M. of 1101, Bro. J. Early Danks, informed the W.M. and members of 414 that the I.P.M. of 1101, Bro. Flanagan, had presented the Grey Friars Lodge with the portraits of its founders, handsomely framed and mounted, and they had ventured to appropriate a place for it on the walls of the Hall, to which he hoped the brethren of 414 would not raise an objection. The W.M. expressed the pleasure it would give the members of the mother Lodge to see the portraits of the founders of the daughter Lodge adorning the walls of their Hall. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation. Bro. J. Morris P.M. drew attention to the balance sheet, in which he saw that the contents of the "broken column" was carried into the general receipts of the Treasury, instead of being paid to either of the Charities; he moved "that in future the contents be devoted to one of the Charities." Bros. R. Bradley P.M. and Oades I.P.M. explained that although the precise amount placed in the "broken column" was not remitted to either of the Charities, yet, as the contribution made by the Lodge to one of them amounted to more than the contents of the column, it might be fairly said that the sum collected was duly appropriated. As Bro. Morris did not press his motion, the subject dropped. The Secretary read a letter addressed to the Chaplain by the D.P.G.M. of Berks and Bucks, which was as follows:—"The Prebendal, Aylesbury, 1st March 1880. My Dear Bro. Garry,—Please to convey to the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Lodge of Union No. 414, my grateful thanks for the very kind and gratifying resolution which I have received through you. I am conscious that the cause of Masonry has not received any very material help from me during my residence in the Province, and during the time that I have filled the position of D.P.G.M., but it has been simply from want of time, not lack of interest in the good cause, and I am abundantly rewarded for any little services which I may have rendered to the Craft by the very kind good wishes of the brethren conveyed to me by you. Pray give them my cordial greeting and best wishes for the future prosperity of Masonry in general, and of the Lodge of Union 414 in particular; and believe me, ever yours sincerely and fraternally, ARTHUR T. PUREY-CUST D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks." It was ordered that the letter be entered on the minutes. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning-town, on Tuesday, 23rd March. P.M. Bro. Cundick W.M., P.M. T. J. Barnes S.W., P.M. Myers J.W., P.M. Musto I.P.M. The Lodge was opened in due form to the third degree, and resumed to the first, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—1st lecture Bros. T. Loane, Watkins, Webb, Ellis, Myers, Barnes, McDonald; 2nd lecture Bros. Rawe, Keable, Musto, Smith, Worsley; 3rd lecture Bros. Webb, Musto, Ellis. The Lodge was again resumed to the first degree, and Bro. T. Loane of Langthorne Lodge 1151 was unanimously elected a member. A unanimous vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to P.M. Bro. Cundick for the very excellent manner in which he had worked the Fifteen Sections, also to Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933, for his services in kindly acting as S.W., and that he be elected an honorary member. Votes of thanks were also passed to P.M. Myers and Webb. The W.M. thanked the whole of the brethren who had assisted him, and Bro. Barnes passed a very high compliment on Bro. Musto for having brought out of so a young Lodge of Instruction members that worked the sections so well. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned to Tuesday next, the 30th inst. The Lodge was crammed in every part; the following Bros. were present:—Smith, Fyfe, Ellis, Lewis, Nash, Shepherd, Webb, Loane, Booth, Hudson, Dixon, Pavitt, Cope, Spencer, Medling, Prosser, Rawe, White, Sadler, Keable, McDonald, Clark, and several others.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 18th March, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. C. J. Scales W.M., W. Side S.W., Bro. W. M. Stiles P.M. as J.W., Jas. Willing P.M. Treasurer, J. J. Michael P.M. Secretary, H. Stiles J.D., G. Clark I.G., H. Lovegrove P.M. D.C., Bro. J. Douglass I.P.M., Bro. Kingham, and Bros. Beattie, G. V. Knight, Tuck, Ward, Edwards, Fraser, Cruikshank, Freebody, Baron Von Tettenborn, &c. After the formal opening of the Lodge, and the confirmation of the minutes, Bros. Fraser and Barnard answered the necessary questions, and were raised to the third degree. Bros. C. H. Everett, E. J. Chant, and M. J. Rowley were entrusted, and afterwards passed to the second degree. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. W. Side S.W. was unanimously elected. Bro. James Willing P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, amid the acclamations of the brethren. Both appropriately returned thanks. Bro. Daly was appointed Tyler. The Audit Committee was nominated. The W.M. then proposed that the Lodge hold a Summer Festival. This was seconded by Bro. Kingham P.M., and a Committee was appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements. Bro. James Willing P.M. and Treasurer proposed that the sum of ten guineas be given from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of presenting the W.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Lodge during his year of office. This was seconded by Bro. J. J. Michael P.M. Sec., and carried unanimously. Hearty good wishes were given by the brethren and visitors, and Lodge was closed until October. The brethren, seventy-three in number, sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Clemow. Grace having been said, the W.M., in brief terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. James Willing P.M. then rose: in the absence of the I.P.M., he had the pleasure of proposing the toast of the W.M. He was pleased to see how well the work had been done. Bro. Scales on leaving the chair would carry with him the respect of all in the Lodge. The W.M. in reply thanked Bro. Willing for his kind remarks, and the brethren for the reception they had given to the toast. He had always their interests at heart. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the W.M. elect, said that Bro. Side was one who had worked in every office with credit; he had now reached the proud position of W.M. elect, and he (Bro. Scales) was sure he would carry out the duties of the Lodge to their satisfaction. Bro. Side thanked the W.M. He was sure the brethren had given their votes for his election with all their hearts. In taking upon himself the duties of W.M., he would exert all his energy; no matter what difficulties they might have to contend with, he would try to discharge the duties to their satisfaction. In speaking of the P.M.'s, the W.M. said without the assistance of those brethren the Lodge could not have prospered so well. In Bro. Michael the brethren had a very good representative, who had well performed the duties of the Lodge, and carried out the principles of hospitality. Bro. James Willing P.M. and Treasurer, in a humorous and eloquent speech, responded to the toast with pride. He said it had always been received with courtesy; he regretted the absence of Bro. Williams, who from illness and other causes, had been absent. When the new W.M. presided over them, he hoped he would have as happy a year of office as that of the present W.M. Bro. Michael P.M. followed, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors, whom they were all pleased to see. He hoped the members would give a hearty reception to the toast. Bros. Hayday, Mayer, Captain Dowell, and Lieut. Paul Storr responded, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of the Treasurer, and then came that of the Secretary. The latter toast having been responded to by Bro. Michael, the W.M., in proposing the toast of the Wardens and Officers said no better working brethren could be found. Bro. C. J. Stiles J.W. responded, and then the Tyler gave the parting remembrance. During the evening Bro. Silvester (Sidney Franks) and several others contributed to the harmony of the meeting. Among the Visitors were Bros. James Smith 1744, Hayday P.M. 534, Silvester 193, Goodall 1732, Mayes 51, Humphreys 167, Is. Jacobs 1732, B. Kauffmann 1732, Nelson 1328, Cater P.M. 9, E. Storr 177, Capt. Dowell J.W. 1166, Paul Storr 167, Ginger 1288, H. Dowell 1166, H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512.—A meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton, on Thursday, 18th inst. Bro. Jessett W.M. presiding, supported by Bros. Fox I.P.M., T. W. Ockenden S.W., T. C. Walls J.W., Hiscox J.D., Mosely I.G., Gilbert Tyler, Past Master's W. Hammond Sec., E. Hopwood Treas., Hurst; and Bros. Davy, Papworth, Knowles, Wheeler. Visitors—Bros. Wilson P.M. Etonian Lodge and Welch, No. 3. After the Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, four gentlemen were successfully balloted for for initiation. The Lodge having been opened on the centre Bro. A. J. Emms 1656 was raised to the sublime degree by Bro. W. Hammond

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Bro. T. W. Ockenden S.W. was elected W.M. for the year ensuing, and Bros. Hopwood and J. Gilbert re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively, the votes in every case being unanimous. Ten guineas was voted to Bro. Hurst's list for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and instead of presenting Bro. Jessett with a Past Master's jewel it was unanimously resolved to vote another ten guineas to constitute him a Life Governor of whichever of the three Metropolitan Institutions he liked to select. Bro. Hopwood in a few well-chosen words made a touching allusion to the death of the late Bro. Row, formerly Treasurer of the Lodge. The meeting was adjourned until the third Thursday in October next, and the brethren retired to supper.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—A Lodge was held in the Lodge room, St. George's Hall, Park-street, Deal, on Friday, 18th inst. Present—Bros. J. Loggett W.M. in the chair; T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R. Sec., Rev. J. B. Harrison P.M. P.G. Chap., T. Ayling P.M. P.P.G.D.C., E. Kirby P.M. and Treas., H. R. Botting S.W., G. Band as J.W., W. Carterfield S.D., F. R. England J.D., G. G. Thompson Steward as I.G., H. Abrahams Org., S. Willey, W. T. Pritchard, W. Dunn, R. S. Daver, H. Chambers, T. E. Laurence, W. J. Norris, J. Loughlin, G. C. Harding and S. Holgate Tyler. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer and the minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The first business on the agenda paper was to elect a W.M. for the year ensuing. The W.M. called on Bro. Sec. to read the names of the brethren eligible to fill the chair, when the choice of the members was unanimous in favour of Bro. H. R. L. Botting S.W. Bro. E. Kirby P.M. was then unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. S. Holgate re-elected Tyler. Bro. Rev. J. B. Harrison P.M. proposed, and Bro. T. Ayling P.M. seconded, that twenty guineas from the Lodge Funds be placed on Bro. Kirby's list, he having accepted the office of Steward to the R.M. Institution for Girls, which proposition was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed in due form, a most pleasant and convivial hour being spent by the brethren. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk and heartily responded to.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—On Monday, 8th inst., a regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, when Bro. C. G. Padel occupied the chair, supported by Bros. J. S. Cumberland I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., Geo. Balmford P.M. Treas., J. T. Soller S.W., Geo. Simpson J.W., J. Kay Sec., M. Millington S.D., J. Yorke as J.D., J. Blenkin I.G., and other brethren. Successful ballots were taken for a joining member and a candidate, and an accepted candidate was duly initiated. Bro. T. B. Whytehead then delivered an address on the Study of Freemasonry, more especially with regard to the ancient landmarks, in which he showed that no object of study offered so wide a scope for investigation, or embraced so many of the arts and sciences, as Freemasonry. It was this that rendered it specially cosmopolitan in its nature; for there was no brother of intelligence who could not find some branch of Masonic science to fit his taste and suit his proclivities. He urged upon the members the advantage of becoming reading Masons. He had never met a studious Mason yet who did not agree that the more he knew of the science the more he admired and loved its study; and those brethren who were careless of the Order, and neglected its study, were those who were entirely ignorant of its nature and objects. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded for the paper, and a desire expressed to have it printed for circulation amongst the members. The Lodge Committee announced that they had forwarded to the newly-appointed Dean of York, Bro. the Very Rev. A. P. Curey-Cust D.P.G.M. for Berks and Bucks, a congratulatory address, with a fraternal welcome to York, and a reply to the Dean was also read, in which he acknowledged the graceful act in most courteous terms, and expressed a hope that he would be able to afford his aid to the Craft in his new and high position. The Lodge was then closed.

Crusaders, No. 1677.—The above Lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, the 10th instant, at Bro. T. Butt's, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, under the presidency of Bro. T. Good W.M., J. W. Simmonds S.W., F. Rothschild J.W., J. Maples P.M. Treasurer, J. Defriez Sec., Millward S.D., Calderwood J.D., J. Pigott I.G., Gay D.C., Rushton Org., Good Asst. W.S., and Hunter I.P.M. After preliminaries a letter of apology for non-attendance was read from Bro. Rev. Caseley, who was elected an hon. member at the last meeting. Bro. Defriez read the bye-laws of the Lodge. Bros. W. Clark and Byass answered the questions satisfactorily, and were raised to the third degree by the W.M., to whom great credit is due for his working; the Officers ably assisted him. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. J. W. Simmonds S.W. was unanimously chosen. Bro. J. Maples P.M. was re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Very was elected Tyler. Bro. Hunter P.M. rose: Since the formation of the Lodge the members had always had a summer banquet; he now proposed that one should take place this year, and that a committee, consisting of the W.M., Wardens, and some of the brethren, be formed to make arrangements. This was seconded by the S.W., who suggested that a sum of £20 should be given from the funds to carry out Bro. Hunter's proposal. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Hunter P.M. then proposed that the usual P.M.'s jewel be presented to the W.M. on his retiring from the chair, for the zeal and ability he had displayed during his year of office. The Lodge was then closed until October, and the brethren, forty-nine in number, sat down to a banquet and dessert. The W.M. proposed the usual toasts. Bro. Hunter I.P.M. said it was a great privilege to propose the health of the W.M., who was well qualified to fill the chair during his year of office. Although suffering greatly from indisposition, he had come manfully before them and done every duty the Lodge required of him. The W.M. thanked Bro. Hunter and the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received. This was the last time he should occupy the chair; he sincerely trusted the Lodge would continue to prosper. Before resuming his seat, he would ask them to drink the toast of the W.M. elect. Bro. Simmonds was one of the founders of their Lodge, and a P.M. of another; he hoped the brethren would give him the same support he (the speaker) had always received. The W. Master elect, in reply, hoped to follow in the footsteps of those who had preceded him. The toast of the P.M.'s, Bros. Hunter and Maples, was next given. The W.M. hoped they would be among them for many years. Bro. Dr. J. E. Carpenter P.M. 1196 here sang a song of his own composition, that elicited loud applause. Bro. Hunter I.P.M. now responded, and thanked the brethren heartily for their reception. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors; there were a goodly number, and many distinguished members in the Order; he would call on Bros. Hicks, Dr. Carpenter, H. M. Levy, and Paul Storr to respond. After the brethren named had responded, the Officers were complimented, and then the Tyler gave the parting toast. During the evening, Bros. Millward, Woolf, Rushton, Emil Beyer, and Cartwright contributed to the harmony. Among the Visitors were Bros. W. Hicks P.P.G.S. Kent, S. Lehmeyer 1196, Thomas Argot 1602, Paul Storr 167 and 1411, E. Berger W.M. 834, Dr. Carpenter P.M. 1196, Fisher 1624, Higgins 1288, Bayley 1366, Patrick 1227, Cartwright 917, H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

St. Peter's Chapter, No. 31, Bolton.—A meeting of this Chapter was held at Bolton on Saturday, the 20th March, at four o'clock in the afternoon. Present:—Bros. Thos. Clark 18 M.W.S., Wm. Rome 18 1st General, Thos. Morris 18 P.M.W.S as 2nd General, A. Middleton 18 Marshal, John Thomson 18 Raphael, Ill. Bro. Thomas Entwisle 30 P.M.W.S. Treasurer, Ill. Bro. G. P. Brockbank 31 P.M.W.S. as Recorder, Ill. Bro. R. Young P.M.W.S., and many other members of the Chapter, also Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister 33 Insp. Gen. Three candidates, whose names were announced in the Circular, were balloted for and elected, and two of them being in attendance were introduced and perfected as Rose Croix Masons by the M.W.S., assisted by Bro. Banister. Bro. William Rome 1st General elected M.W.S. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Thomas Entwisle 30 Treasurer. Bros. Brockbank and Horrocks were appointed auditors of the accounts for the past year. A number of copies of the Rules and Regulations of the Supreme Council were ordered to be purchased, and one copy given to each member of the Chapter. On the motion of Bro. Brockbank 31 it was resolved:—That the sum of two guineas be voted to the fund being raised as a testimonial to Illus. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke 33, now Grand Secretary of England, in recognition of his valuable and unpaid services to the Ancient and Accepted Rite in the capacity of Secretary General to the Supreme Council 33 for many years. The Chapter closed at six p.m. and adjourned to banquet.

CRYPTIC RITE.

St. John's Council, No. 8, Bolton.—A meeting of this Council was held on Saturday, the 20th March 1880, at 2 o'clock p.m. Present:—P.M. Bro. Brockbank Grand Captain of Guards T.I.M., P.M. Bro. Thos. Entwisle Grand Dep. Master R.I.D.M., Bro. James Newton Recorder, Bro. A. Middleton C. of G., and Bros. Clark, Young, and Thomson. After confirmation of the minutes of the preceding meeting, Bro. Thos. Clark was installed T.I.M. for the ensuing year, and appointed Bros. Reginald Young R.I.D.M., John Thomson P.C. of W., A. Middleton Capt. of Guards. It was resolved that the future meetings of the Council be held at Liverpool. Bros. Brockbank and Entwisle were elected honorary members of the Council. The Council closed at four p.m.

From the *Portsmouth Times* we learn that the new Lodge, to be held at Winchester, under the title of William of Wykeham, will be consecrated next month, and that the list of Officers will be as under:—Bros. S. R. Everitt P.M. W.M., E. D. Godwin P.M. S.W., W. Gamon P.M. J.W., H. Warren Secretary, J. T. Burchatt Treasurer, Lumsden S.D., Sealey J.D., Pottle I.G., E. Macklin S.S., T. Bailey J.S., W. H. Jacob D.C. There are already funds enough to furnish the Lodge and provide various necessaries.

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THE MASONIC TEMPLE AT CANTERBURY.

THURSDAY the 11th inst. was a red-letter day in the annals of Freemasonry in the City of Canterbury. On the afternoon of that day was laid the corner-stone of the new temple. The Craft having passed through various vicissitudes in the City, may now be said to have been launched on the full tide of prosperity, and the hopes of its most faithful adherents will doubtless culminate in making Canterbury the metropolis of Freemasonry, if not for the whole province, at any rate for East Kent. This supposition is not without warranty, inasmuch as, in addition to three Craft Lodges there have been consecrated R.A. and Rose Croix Chapters in the City, while a Mark Lodge and a K.T. Encampment are in contemplation. The new temple, which will be 41ft. in length, 24ft. in width, and 23ft. to the principals of the roof, is connected by a lobby with an ante-room 30ft. in length by 14ft. 6in. in width. There will be also a commodious instruction-room, committee-room, and Tyler's-room. The plans were prepared gratuitously by Bro. J. Green Hall, P.M. (the City Surveyor), and the building will be erected by Bro. J. E. Wiltshier, and the brethren feel they owe Bro. Wiltshier a debt of gratitude for the truly fraternal spirit in which he has undertaken the task.

The whole of the arrangements have been carried out under the direction of a Building Committee elected from the three Lodges, with Bro. G. Pilcher P.M. 972 P.G.D.C. for Chairman. Bros. H. T. Sankey P.M. 31, H. Ward P.M., J. E. Wiltshier P.M., J. F. Cozens P.M., W. Tice W.M. 31, H. Miskin W.M. 1449, and other brethren have also rendered valuable assistance.

The ceremony was performed with full rites by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Canterbury, Bro. J. Hemery P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.W., in the presence of the V.W. the D.P.G.M. Bro. Eastes and several P.G. Officers, on the premises, 38 St. Peter's Street.

A united Lodge of the brethren of Nos. 31 972 and 1449 was called for 3.0 p.m., and the following, among others, were present:—Bros. W. Tice W.M. 31 in the chair of K.S., W. H. Vile W.M. 972 acting S.W., H. Miskin W.M. 1449 acting J.W., T. H. Walkley S.D., A. W. Cattelle J.D., F. Horner I.G.; the following brethren of the United Industrious Lodge 31—W. H. Longhurst S.W., F. Finn J.W., P. Higham P.M. P.P.G.W. and Treasurer., H. Ward P.M. P.P.G.W. Wilts, A. E. Gathorne-Hardy P.P.G.D.C. Oxon., J. Mangan P.M. and Chaplain, C. Holttum P.M., H. T. Sankey P.M., P. H. Knight P.M., J. Hemery P.M., J. E. Wiltshier P.M., John R. Hall P.M. and Secretary, J. Green Hall P.M., J. Plant P.M., J. Coppin P.M., H. Ingram P.M., F. W. Cross, F. Wacher, R. Rhodes, W. G. Pidduck, W. D. Young and J. Bateman; the following brethren of St. Augustine No. 972—G. Pilcher P.M., R. Blake P.M., A. Pierce P.M., A. J. Beer P.M., John F. Cozens P.M., S. F. Pringuer S.D., T. B. Rosseter J.D., H. F. Pringuer Secretary, G. Holloway, E. Ayre, F. Clarke, G. Down, T. Crump, A. Pilch, S. Newman, A. Potter, W. H. Thomas, A. W. Goldsmith, A. J. Pelling, J. Wilson, J. H. Higgins, J. Probert, R. Westwood, S. Hyde, S. E. White, W. Plant, F. Scoones, G. Hart, H. Turner, G. Farley, and J. Holness; the following brethren of the Royal Military No. 1449—T. Blamiers S.W., J. Vautier S.D., W. Price Sec., Edwin Beer I.P.M., H. S. Naylor P.M. P.G.S.B., H. Minell P.M., E. Plume P.M., F. H. Widgery, J. Stewart, H. Carter, H. Hammond, A. Johnson, O. Davies, B. W. Martin, J. Menegh, H. Bellinger, W. A. Pardoe, and W. Harnet; and the following visiting brethren—Bros. J. Emmerson P.P.G.S.D., L. Finch P.M. P.P.G.D.C., W. Elcombe S.D. 1692, T. Graham 291, H. Porter 552, J. Wood 730, C. W. Fewson 65, E. R. Conner 908, F. Lesth P.M. 1096, James Suttie 225 S.C., J. MacCormack 91 Ireland, &c.

The Lodge having been opened in due form, a procession was formed, and on reaching the site the brethren filed off right and left. The D.P.G.M. the Mayor, and those assisting in the ceremony, passed between the open ranks and took up their places round the stone. The procession passed and the brethren took up their positions, to the strains of the March of the Priests from *Eli*, and during the ceremony Bro. Dr. Longhurst presided at the harmonium, while members of the Cathedral choir rendered the vocal portions.

The Choir having chanted Psalm cxxii.—"I was glad when they said unto me," the President of the Building Committee, Bro. Pilcher, in presenting the trowel addressed the Mayor, who wore his robes and insignia of office, as follows:—

Worshipful Sir,—It is with more than ordinary feelings of pleasure that I, as the representative of the Building Committee, have complied with the request to ask you this afternoon to lay the corner-stone of this building which it is intended to erect and dedicate solely and exclusively to Masonic purposes. You, Sir, appear among us to-day in a two-fold capacity. First, as the Chief Magistrate of our ancient city, and I assure you that it has been a source of considerable satisfaction to those among us who are Masons to think that one of our own Order should thus have been selected to fill so high and honourable a position; and next, as Past Master of the oldest, or, rather, I should say, *the* oldest Lodge in the city of Canterbury—a Lodge of which I never hear mention but, I am free to confess, I find my organ of veneration pretty considerably developed. Established now considerably more than a century, it reminds one of the sturdy oak, which after having withstood many a wintry blast, still rears its head erect, having come unscathed out of them all. Representing thus in your own person two such exalted positions, that of Chief Magistrate of the City, and Past Master of the oldest Lodge, I am sure the brethren will agree with me that the laying of this stone could not have been entrusted to more worthy, or more competent hands, and we highly appreciate the honour you have done us to-day by consenting to perform this ceremony. Standing here as I do among an assemblage of Masons, it is quite unnecessary for me to dilate on the excellencies of our Institution. We are not of those who compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and whether we are anathematised by the Pope of Rome or by Popes of an inferior degree—of whom I regret to say there are many yet—still we are quite content, through good report and evil report, to pursue the even tenour of our way. "Deeds, not words," is our motto, and by our actions, or rather the results of those actions, we are perfectly willing at all times to abide. Worshipful Sir, permit me to present you with this trowel. Intrinsically it is of little worth, but connected as it will be with the proceedings of this day, I feel quite sure that in years to come, if it please the Great Architect of the Universe to spare your valuable life, you will look upon it with a certain degree of pleasure, while to those who follow after, it may serve as a reminder of the excellent service you will have this day rendered to the Masonic cause in the good old city of Canterbury.

The acting Chaplain, the Rev. Bro. Mangan, D.D., at the request of his Worship, offered the following prayer:—"Almighty God, Great Architect of the Universe, send Thy blessing, we pray Thee, on this our present convention; and as Thou didst fulfil the devotion of David by the work of his son our Grand Master, King Solomon, so vouchsafe to accomplish our desires; that as we hope to raise on this Corner-Stone a Temple in which the great mysteries of our Sacred Order may be duly performed, we may be evermore established in Thy strength and be found more worthy hereafter to enter into Thy Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. So mote it be." The Mayor directed a bottle containing a copy of the Masonic Calendar, a copy of Bro. Warne's Freemasons' Manual for the Province of Kent, and other documents, together with sundry silver coins of the present year to be placed in a cavity beneath the stone. He then, assisted by an E.A., spread the mortar and gave the order to lower the stone into its proper place, during which the choir chanted the anthem "Blessed is the man." (Goss). The Mayor, receiving the plumb rule from Bro. Higham, proved the stone perpendicular; the level from Bro. H. T. Sankey, declaring it to be level, and the square from the hands of the D.P.G.M. Bro. Eastes, proving it to be square. Having thus, with due skill and care, tested the work, he was handed the mallet by Bro. Holttum, with which the stone was struck in the regular manner and declared to be well and truly laid in the name of the G.A.O.T.U. Corn was sprinkled upon the stone as an emblem of plenty, with the words, "May the blessing of bounteous heaven be showered down upon us, and may our hearts be filled with gratitude." Wine was also poured on as an emblem of joy and gladness, with the words, "May our hearts be made glad by the influence of Divine Truth, and may Virtue flourish as the Vine," and Oil, as an emblem of peace and consolation, with the invocation, "May Peace, Harmony, Good Will, and Brotherly Love ever abound amongst us." The choir having chanted "So mote it be," Bro. the Rev. Dr. Mangan, who wore his Doctor of Divinity robes, then ascended a raised platform and delivered an oration. He had been desired, he said, to address the company that afternoon in reference to the solemn and most interesting event that had brought them together. In so doing he felt himself embarrassed by certain circumstances, because he was reminded that trains were inexorable, and would not wait even for free and accepted Masons; also of work to be done yet in one of the three Lodges; of the imperative punctuality demanded by the banquet which was to take place presently, and of the restrictions necessarily imposed upon him by the ancient landmarks of the Order; therefore his observations must necessarily be brief. They had that day assisted in the laying of the corner-stone of their Masonic Temple, and those his non-Masonic friends were, he was sure, equally interested with his Masonic brethren who had followed the ceremony in all its Masonic details, and who were able to interpret the mysteries connected with the ceremony. At the same time it would be admitted by even an experienced Mason that it was not an every day matter to be present at the laying of the corner-stone of a Masonic Temple. Therefore on that day they were beginning a very important event in the annals of Masonry in that ancient city—plainly stamping the impress of Masonry among the inhabitants of that place by exhibiting the strength and beauty of Masonry, to be handed down to brethren of generations yet to come. Of course Masonic Lodges were being formed every day, and they thanked the Great Architect of the Universe that they were being so continually formed that it was now a mere matter of form to see mention of them in the various reports of their ancient Order. But the erection of the material edifice specially set apart and dedicated for Masonic purposes, was not an event usually experienced in the annals of Masonry; and therefore they could not but congratulate themselves at having placed one additional mark in the country to prove how thoroughly identified with Masonry were the hearts and affections of the brethren; and their devotion and self-sacrifice were shown in the present instance. But when he read the history of the past he was not at all astonished that in Canterbury they should be preparing to rear up a stately Masonic Temple to the service of the Great Architect of the Universe, for enshrining within its dedicated walls those mysteries and traditions inseparably connected with their Grand Master, King Solomon. He remembered he had read that some 400 years ago a Masonic Lodge was in existence in that ancient city of Canterbury, and that King Henry VI. himself sought and gained admittance amongst the brethren. He read further, and found that some 150 years ago there was a Lodge in the city also, and after the stirring vicissitudes of a century and a half that Lodge had revived again, and showed its renewed and refreshed growth, and was now known as the United Industrious Lodge, 31. Therefore, under these circumstances, it was not at all wonderful

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that there should be a certain building set apart specially for their Masonic ceremonies. And when he spoke of the United Industrious Lodge, as he spoke to a great number of his audience who were Masons, he remembered that brotherly love, relief, and truth were three of the great elements which they imprinted on their hearts and most certainly carried out in their daily life and experience—therefore, when he spoke of the brotherly love that prevailed amongst all Masons, he knew he was not touching any chord of jealousy in the hearts of any brother who did not hail from the United Industrious Lodge, when he said it was to that Lodge that they were indebted for the originating of the idea now being developed in the laying of that stone. The other two Lodges in the city had nobly co-operated with that Lodge, as also indeed had the Royal Arch Chapter and the Rose Croix Chapter. It would, he knew, be invidious among them all to mention a few names to the omission of others; yet there were certain brethren who would be representative names to be handed down from one generation to another; he referred to Bros. Sankey, Holttum, Ward, the two Halls, and Wiltshier, and also the worthy gentleman who had taken the most prominent part in connection with the laying of the foundation stone. And they looked with gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for the true Masonic and fraternal spirit which had been actuating those brethren in the circumstances connected with the originating of the idea and the carrying of it out to a glorious end; and they had hope and a pleasant assurance that they would be nobly sustained by their brethren, and that in times of distrust and natural despondency their hands would be worthily upheld. The names of those brethren whom he had mentioned would be enshrined for ever in the lasting gratitude and affections of the rest of their Masonic brethren. Now, as he addressed so many of the outer world, whose presence the Masons so greatly welcomed, he would strive to answer the question which frequently came from the lips of people whenever the name or presence of Masonry was suggested, and which would come with increased emphasis that day. He often heard his non-Masonic friends ask the question, What were the benefits of such ceremonies on which Masons placed so great an importance? Now with regard to the meaning of those ceremonies he was afraid his mouth must be closed towards a great many, especially his lady hearers. (Laughter.) He believed his fair countrywoman, Lady Elizabeth Aldworth, must stand alone for ever as being the only lady Freemason; but to his friends of the sterner sex he could only say that if they desired to know the meaning of those mysteries—one-half of which had not as yet been unfolded—they must do what was done in the case of some of those doughty warriors who came to London by command of Queen Elizabeth in the month of December 1551, with the kind intention of breaking up the Grand Lodge then in session. Sir Thomas Sackville the Grand Master came forth and there and then invited the warriors to be initiated into the mysteries of the Craft; they readily accepted his invitation, and were not merely gratified but so tremendously impressed with the nature of the ordeal through which they had passed that they went back to their Royal Mistress and gave such an account of the condition of Freemasonry that good Queen Bess never after interfered with the working of the Lodges in London or elsewhere. As to the benefits of Masonry he had a somewhat easy task. He would say nothing of their schools and almshouses, of their pensions for decayed brethren, and other benefits for those in distress, but would rather point to that most emphatic fact, that brethren of all social grades meet with equality on a level in the Lodge, thereby receiving and giving free and happy benefits on one side or the other. And the name of God and the Book of God were made to be venerated by all true Masons, and in every Lodge were the highest rules of morality and benevolence taught. If any one asked the question there that day, Why that great enthusiasm amongst Masons who gave of their substance to Charities? his answer was that they looked upon Masonry as an Order which, by the mere power of virtue and morality, had kept on when nations and peoples had passed for ever away—that they traced their origin to a Divine source, which was found among the dark tribes of Hindostan and the Red Indians of North America, which on the battle field made friends of enemies, so that men would sheath their swords who had drawn them in each other's blood; which despised anathemas, which venerated those ordinances and those traditions derived from King Solomon, and which had the impress of antiquity. To develop the great dignity and benefits of their Order they laid the corner-stone that day, that a stately temple may be erected upon it. It might not please the Great Architect of the Universe to allow all of them to witness the consecration of the Temple about to be built, but even as they who were there that day might be separated from each other on the morrow, or might be summoned to take their places in the Grand Lodge above, they would not cease to pray most fervently that peace might for ever live within its walls, and that the brethren discharging their respective duties therein might be for ever united and cemented in the practice of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

The Mayor then returned the plans to Bro. J. Green Hall, the architect, saying, "I return these plans, and desire that you will proceed with all possible despatch in the erection of the building." To Bro. J. E. Wiltshier, the builder, His Worship presented the working tools, saying, "I present you the necessary tools for the erection of this hall, and venture to hope you will raise such a building as will transmit your name with honour to posterity."

The choir having chanted Psalm cl.—"Praise ye the Lord," the patriarchal benediction concluded the ceremony.

The National Anthem was sung by the whole assembly, and while the throng was dispersing Dr. Longhurst played his march from "David and Absalom."

The ceremony was witnessed by about 300 spectators, who were admitted by ticket, and occupied stands erected round the site.

After the ceremony a banquet took place in the old Lodge Room at the Guildhall Hotel, and was excellently served by Bro. Shaxby. The chair was occupied by W. Bro. H. T. Sankey P.M. P.Z. 31 P.P.G.W., who was supported by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Canterbury, Bros. J. Hemery P.P.G.W. P.M. P.Z. 31, the Hon. A. E. Gathorne-Hardy, M.P., P.P.G.D.C. Oxon, C. Holttum P.M. P.P.G.S. Works P.Z. 31 and 188, the Rev. J. Mangan, D.D., P.P.G.D. Norths and Hunts, and the Rev. J. B. Harrison Great Mongeham P.P. Assist. G.C., and about eighty other brethren. Geo. Pilcher P.M., Chairman of the Building Committee, filled the vice-chair, being supported on the right by Bros. H. Ward and J. E. Wiltshier, and on the left by J. F. Cozens and E. Plume.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 27th MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

TUESDAY, 30th MARCH.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Jacks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
269—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
K. T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire

WEDNESDAY, 31st MARCH.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1706—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
271—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
449—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Inst.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. (Instruction.)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
R. C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester
K. T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 1st APRIL.

8—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Cheshire, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston
1569—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1611—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R.A. 754—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M. M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1614—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley

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1504—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 707—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
R. A. 541—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R.A. 1309—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
M. M. 154—Rose and Thistle, 29 King-street, Wigan
K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 2nd APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
804—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
412—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
681—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction)
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1036—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1618—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 3rd APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

ROYAL UNION, No. 382, UXBRIDGE.

THE installation of this, the eldest Lodge in the Province of Middlesex, was held at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on Monday, the 15th instant, Bro. W. Webb W.M., who occupied the chair, being ably and numerously supported by his Officers and the members of the Lodge, as well as by a goodly array of visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of raising Bros. Blandford, Cotton, and Mardon to the sublime degree of M.M. was ably and efficiently fulfilled by the W. Master, after which Bros. Haynes and Hanson, having given the requisite evidence of their progress in the Royal Art, were passed to the second degree. Bro. G. E. Cook W.M. Elect, was then introduced for the purpose of being formally inducted into the chair of K.S., and those who are not privileged to assist at the interesting ceremony having withdrawn, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the office of installing Bro. Cook as Master for the current year was discharged by Bro. Past Master J. L. Conlton with his wonted earnestness and ability. The rest of the brethren having been re-admitted, the new Master was saluted and congratulated, and, this done, Bro. Cook appointed as his officers the following brethren, namely, Bros. Charles Russ S.W., Lonsdale J.W., W. Webb I.P.M., C. Davis P.M. (re-elected by the brethren) Treas., W. Coombes P.M. and Prov. G.S.B., who has filled the office for sixteen years, Sec., Cobley S.D., Rowles J.D., Brown Ass. Sec., Cooper I.G., Nicholson D.C., Hall Org., Gaffrard W.S., and Bro. Duffin (who was elected after some discussion) Tyler. To our surprise the investment of the officers was left to Bro. Coulton, who did the work extremely well, but we think it would have been far better had the Master done this himself, especially as we happen to know from experience that his abilities and knowledge of our working are of no mean order. This, indeed, was evidenced later in the evening, when, after the customary hearty good wishes, he initiated Mr. B. Lambe, who had been balloted for and accepted, into the mysteries of the first degree. The Auditors' Report, which showed a balance on the right side, was submitted and accepted. Some letters were then read, among them being one from Col. Burdett, the G.M. of the Province, who expressed great sorrow at his inability to be present. The resignation of two members was accepted with regret. The case of Bro. John W. Claisen P.M., aged 61 years, who was initiated in the Lodge in March 1862, and afterwards became a joining member of the Strong Man, No. 45, and is a candidate at the ensuing election for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was then brought to the notice of the Lodge by Bro. Coulton, who spoke earnestly in its favour, and was strongly supported by Bro. Past Master Swallow, who urged that something should be done in aid of our unfortunate brother's immediate necessities. The case evoked much sympathy, and it was agreed to support it with all the influence the Lodge might be able to command. The business having been finished, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which, by the programme, was fixed for six o'clock, although they did not sit down till past seven. This is not the first time a similar delay has occurred, and it is the more to be regretted as the train leaves for Paddington at 9.17 p.m., consequently the time for social converse, and even for getting pleasantly through the list of toasts, was very seriously curtailed. We trust that our worthy brethren of the Royal Union will see to the avoidance of this delay in future, that their guests from a distance may not be hurried and flurried over their just refreshment after labour. The banquet was, however, worthy alike of host and guests, and the list of toasts, if somewhat quickly exhausted, received due acknowledgment. In speaking of the Prince of Wales, the W.M. very justly remarked that there never had been a more popular Grand Master. Due honour was paid to the respected Prov. G. Master Col. Burdett, whose absence was the subject of general regret. Bro. Webb I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who, he said, was the right man in the right place, and who, in acknowledgment, expressed his thanks for the compliment paid him as well as his determination to do all in his power to promote the interests of the Lodge, especially as it was able to point to such distinguished members as Bros. James Glaisher, C. A. Cottebrune, both Past Grand Officers of England, and others. In conclusion, Bro. Cook proposed the health of his immediate predecessor in the chair, Bro. Webb, and, in doing so, presented to him the P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted to him in testimony of the services he had rendered during his term of office. The gift and the kindly sentiments of the W. Master having been most feelingly acknowledged, the other toasts, including that of the Initiate, the Visitors, &c., followed, the Tyler's toast being the signal for the break up of a most pleasant gathering. Among the Past Masters of the Lodge present were Bros. E. C. Woodward, J. L. Coulton, J. Weedon, T. Swallow, G. Fehrenbach, and B. H. Swallow. The Visitors included Bros. Thos. Smith 1604, W. Clarke J.D. 141, George Briggs W.M. 1572, J. B. Docker S.W. 1687, G. W. Cox 87, F. Farr 1657, and W. W. Morgan Sec. 211.

SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 840.

ON Monday, 15th inst., the installation ceremony of the Scientific Lodge was held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverton, when a large number of brethren were present. Bro. W. F. Large was duly installed W.M., the ceremony being very efficiently performed by Bro. R. Hales P.M. P.P.J.G.W. At the conclusion of the interesting ceremony the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers as follows:—Bros. J. Eady S.W., J. W. Longstaff J.W., Rev. F. W. Harnett Chaplain, W. H. Robinson Treas., A. Culverhouse I.P.M. and Sec., J. Wade S.D., W. Mackey J.D., R. P. Hamilton I.G., J. Sutcliffe D.C., W. Webb Steward, and J. Bonser Tyler. At the conclusion of the business the members adjourned to the banqueting room, where Bro. Hicks, ably assisted by Mrs. Hicks, had made admirable arrangements for the repast, the tables being prettily and tastefully decorated with flowers, &c. The *menu* was excellent, and the catering was of a high-class character, which, combined with the variety of luscious and well-prepared viands, justly deserved the frequent expressions of praise and approval awarded by the brethren present. About forty-seven partook of the repast, including the W.M. and his Officers, Bros. J. M'Cubbin P.P.G.J.W., the Rev. F. W. Harnett P.P.G. Chaplain, J. Reeve P.P.G.S.B., R. Hales P.P.J.G.W., W. H. Robinson P.P.G.P., E. Revill P.G.P., C. Aveline P.P.G.D.C., R. King P.P.G.S.B., J. Elmes P.M., T. Taylor W.M. St. Peter and St. Paul's Lodge, Newport Pagnell, J. R. Wilmer P.M., &c. The toasts of The Queen and Craft, The Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, The Right Worshipful the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Sir Daniel Gooch Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, were duly honoured. The toast of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present was coupled with the name of Bro. M'Cubbin. Bro. M'Cubbin, in acknowledging the toast, said as he had to speak so frequently upon it he did not perceive that he had anything new to say upon the subject. He would, however, thank them for drinking the health, and for associating his name with the same. They all knew how much the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, was respected, both in Berks and Bucks. But they were not so well acquainted with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Archdeacon Purey-Cust, especially in regard to the working of the province, for he (the speaker) believed he recognised the office as a sinecure. The Archdeacon's ecclesiastical promotion had rendered the office again vacant, and he hoped the same would be filled by one of the best working Dep. Prov. Grand Masters of the country, their late D. Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, for he was sure that under his excellent management they would have a more fair distribution of honours on the Bucks side of the province. He was convinced that Sir Daniel Gooch always wished to do right, but he thought he had been wrongly advised. He earnestly hoped their old Dep. Prov. Grand Master would come back to them in that capacity, and when he said this he felt he was echoing the wishes of every brother Mason, and especially those who were pleased to wear the purple under Sir Daniel Gooch. Bro. Culverhouse said he had the privilege of proposing the toast of The health of the W.M., and he felt sure that it would be received by the members of the Scientific Lodge and the other brethren present with all the honours to which it was entitled. He had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Large for a considerable period, during

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which time he had watched his progress in Masonry and had observed how enthusiastically he had worked in every degree, and therefore he felt sure if the same perseverance were manifested during his occupation of the chair, he would have a very successful year of office. He hoped the duties that would devolve upon Brother Large would be of a far more serious and onerous character than they were during the past year, because he was supported by able Officers who would assist him in those duties, and he was also surrounded by a large circle of brethren who would give him all the support they possibly could. Bro. Large, the W.M., suitably responded to the compliment. He said his ambition had been to occupy the chair, and now he had secured that position he would try to discharge the duty appertaining to it with satisfaction and with credit to the Craft, and hoped that at the close of his year of office, he might be able to show as good a financial position as his predecessor. The toast "The health of the I.P.M." was given by the W.M., who said he had a pleasing duty to perform, viz. to invest Bro. Culverhouse with the Past Master's jewel, and trusted he might be spared many years to wear it in the Scientific Lodge. Bro. Culverhouse thought he did not deserve the honour they had awarded to him that evening. He was sure no words of his could express the feelings that agitated his mind at that moment, and especially so when he remembered that during the past year he could not take to himself any credit for what had been done, because he had received the sympathy and co-operation of the members and the generous assistance of the P.M.'s in all the duties belonging to the office. When he accepted the position of W.M. he did it with a great deal of diffidence, because he considered the duties connected with it were very important. He thanked them heartily for the beautiful jewel which they had presented to him, and assured them it would act as an incentive to further efforts on his part in promoting the success and prosperity of the Scientific Lodge, and should any effort of his be able to win another jewel, he was certain it would not be received with a greater degree of pleasure than that which they had conferred upon him that evening. The toast of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the name of Bro. R. King (Secretary of Institute) who suitably responded. The Wardens was replied to by Bros. Eady and Longstaff. The toast The Charities was responded to by Bro. the Rev. F. W. Harnett, who said there was no doubt there could be no society more charitable than that to which they belonged. There was no doubt that anything that would gather men together so as to make their hearts unite in the bonds of brotherhood made them better men, and conduced very highly to the benefit of the country. He found that Freemasonry had a strong force in England and in civilized Europe, and therefore they found men of all ranks had associated themselves with Masonry. Kings and princes had connected themselves with it, and had evidently become acquainted with the secrets of their Order. He then went on to speak of the charity that should pervade the members, and said there could be no true brotherhood unless there was charity, and concluded by making a strong appeal on behalf of the Charitable Institutions. Bro. T. Taylor also replied to the toast. The toast The Visitors, The Officers of the Scientific, were given and heartily responded to.—*Croydon's Weekly Standard.*

HOLMESDALE LODGE, No. 874.

THE installation meeting of this prosperous Lodge (which numbers nearly one hundred brethren) was held in their magnificent Lodge Room at the Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells, on Wednesday, 17th inst., at three o'clock, the retiring W.M. Bro. H. D. M. Williams being the Installing Master. Amongst the brethren present were—W. Stephens P.M. of Ripon 1489 Prov. G.D.C., J. Court 1678, H. Mackay-Pelham P.M., F. H. Plummer 177, H. Martinucci 1594, J. H. Scott Royal Clarence 271 D.P.G.M. Sussex, A. Spencer Prov. G.S. Kent, C. Burmeister La Tolerance 538 P.M., Charles Duke Derwent 40 P.P.G.D. Sussex, Frederick Spencer Malling Abbey 1063 P.P.J.D. Kent, D. W. Davis Derwent 40, G. B. Brodie University 1117 W.M. P.G.S.W. Surrey, E. J. Biggs Henley 1472, G. D. Warner 1678, T. H. Crouch Worthing 851 P.P.G.J.D. Sussex, J. S. Charlton Tonbridge 1678, &c. Also Past Masters F. W. Elers, B. Marsack, W. Delves, J. W. Roper, J. Reed, B. S. Wilmot, W. B. Bacon, of the Holmesdale Lodge, and about forty brethren. The Lodge having opened in solemn form and the minutes confirmed, a dispensation was read from the Grand Master of England, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., authorising the W.M. to instal the W.M. elect, such sanction being necessary in consequence of the W.M. elect being already W.M. of Lodge 1303, Lewes. Bro. W. S. Elers P.G.A.S. P.M., having for eighteen years faithfully and zealously discharged the duty of Treasurer to the Lodge, the brethren at a previous meeting had decided to present him with a Treasurer's jewel as a slight recognition of his services, and of their fraternal regard. The W.M. in the absence of the Treasurer, handed the jewel to his brother, F. W. Elers P.G.J.W., asking him to convey to the Treasurer (who is now on the Continent) how much the brethren of the Lodge appreciated his very many excellent services as one of the founders of the Lodge and its Treasurer from its commencement, and he and they hoped that the great Architect of the Universe would enable him to continue his exertions in the cause of Freemasonry for many years to come. For the past six years Bro. J. F. Bates has discharged the duty of Secretary to the Lodge in such a manner as to call forth the admiration of the brethren, and anxious to reward at all times merit and ability, the W.M. Bro. H. D. M. Williams was deputed to present him with a Secretary's jewel and a purse of ten guineas. The W.M. in doing so expressed the pleasure it gave him, and further stated that from the excellent way in which he had discharged his duties in the past, he felt sure the success of the Lodge would be maintained in his hands. Bro. J. F. Bates, in reply, stated that he could not find words to sufficiently express his gratitude for the kindness which the brethren had conferred upon him, and assured them that nothing should prevent him doing the best he could to preserve the peace and harmony of the brethren. Bro. F. W. Elers P.G.J.W. senior P.M. then presented the W.M. elect, and, in so doing, expressed the pleasure it gave him, Bro. Hodgkin having been initiated in the Lodge, and duly served the office of Warden, and also having been W.M. of the Tonbridge and Lewes Lodges, all which posts he had filled with merit and ability. The ceremony of Installation was then proceeded with in a most impressive manner, the charges and exhortations being given by the installing Master, Bro. H. D. M. Williams, in such a way as to call forth the admiration of the brethren. The following brethren were afterwards invested Officers for the year:—Bros. J. Burton S.W., J. E. Ranking J.W., L. S. Tugwell Chaplain, W. S. Elers Treasurer, J. F. Bates Secretary, E. Dunkley S.D., S. A. Cheale J.D., A. J. Boorman Organist, G. Farrer Sword Bearer, B. S. Wilmot P.M. P.G.R. Kent and C. Graham D.C.'s, G. Beckley P.M. and A. D. Beeching Stewards, W. C. Cripps jun. I.G., and G. Strange Tyler, for the 19th time. The addresses were delivered to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren by Bro. H. D. M. Williams. The W.M. then stated that it gave him great pleasure, as his first duty, to present to Bro. H. D. M. Williams, the retiring W.M. and Installing Master, a P.M.'s jewel. The Lodge was noted for the zeal of its Masters, but he felt sure that no Master had discharged his duties more zealously and impartially, or with greater skill and ability than he had. Bro. H. D. M. Williams P.M., in reply, stated that if, by his humble endeavours, he had merited and secured the good wishes of the brethren he was amply repaid for any services he may have rendered. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. H. D. M. Williams for his services as installing Master. The brethren then adjourned to the new Assembly Room of the Royal Kentish Hotel, where a choice *menu* awaited them; on the removal of the cloth the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. During the evening some very interesting speeches were made by the brethren, and the harmony of the meeting was much enhanced by songs, given by Bros. Lord George Nevill, Bates, Everett, and Boorman who were accompanied on the piano. Bro. B. S. Wilmot P.M. P.G.R. Kent, acted as Master of the Ceremony of Installation, and the manner in which it was performed, deserves the highest praise that can possibly be conferred upon him.

LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1343, GRAYS, ESSEX.

THOUGH a comparatively young Lodge, this Lodge of St. John, which holds its meetings in the quiet riverside town of Grays, is a very promising one. Its members are animated by the true fraternal spirit of Masonry, and they strive hard to fulfil their labours in a manner worthy of the good old Craft. Consequently, their gatherings are always of an instructive and genial character—instructive because the style of work is admirable, and genial, because you have but to take your seat in Lodge and at the banquet, and you find yourself as completely at home as if you had been associated with the Lodge and its members during your whole lifetime. There is no Grand display at the banquet-table, but a deep sense of hospitality prevails always. Hence it is no wonder that the installation, which was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Grays, on Tuesday, was a complete success, and that the brethren who were privileged to attend as visitors found a hearty welcome. The chair was taken by Bro. James Godwin W.M. punctually at the hour fixed, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Lodge proceeded to ballot for Messrs. W. Noble Cuming and James Howell. The result in both cases proved favourable, and these gentlemen, being in attendance, were both initiated into the mysteries of the first degree, the Worshipful Master fulfilling his part with marked ability and earnestness. Bro. Herbert C. Borradaile, of the Lodge of Goodfellowship No. 276, of Chelmsford, was next balloted for as a joining member, and elected. Then came the important business of the day—namely, the induction of Bro. F. J. Ash as W.M. elect in the chair of K.S. The duty of Installing Officer was undertaken by Bro. A. Sturgeon, one of the Past Masters of the Lodge, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, the ceremony was most impressively rendered. The rest of the Lodge having resumed attendance, the Worshipful Master was saluted and congratulated, and the following brethren were then appointed and invested with the insignia of their respective offices, namely:—Bros. Gedge S.W., E. Sturgeon J.W. and Treasurer, D. Bartlett Secretary, W. H. Sackett S.D., F. Sackett J.D., Wingrove I.G., Cuming W.S., G. Martin Tyler. We must not omit to state that Bro. A. Sturgeon was as fervent in his delivery of the usual addresses as he had been when installing the W.M. The customary "hearty good wishes" having been expressed, Bro. Ash formally presented the Past Master's jewel which had been voted by the Lodge to his predecessor in the chair, Bro. James Godwin, and in doing so paid the latter some well-deserved compliments for the manner in which he had discharged his duties. The gift having been suitably acknowledged, and a vote of thanks having been passed with acclamation to Bro. A. Sturgeon as the Installing Officer, and also acknowledged, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a quiet but excellent banquet. On the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were given, that of the Prov. Grand Master and his Officers being eloquently responded to by Bro. Gard Pye P.M. 51. On Bro. Godwin I.P.M. devolved the duty of proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, and he expressed his belief that the Lodge could not do otherwise than prosper under the kindly and able auspices of the present occupant of the chair. The Worshipful Master, in his reply, expressed his intention of doing all that lay in his power to promote the interests of the Lodge, and, as he knew he should have the hearty assistance and co-operation of the Past Masters, Officers, and brethren, he felt that it would be his own fault if he did not succeed in giving them satisfaction. Among the other toasts were those of the Installing Master, the Initiates, the Visitors, and the Officers, the Tyler's toast appropriately bringing to a close the proceedings of one of the most pleasant gatherings at which it has been our good fortune to be present. The intervals between the toasts were enlivened by some excellent singing, to which the new member, Bro. Borradaile, in spite of a severe sore throat, contributed his share. The Visitors included

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the following, namely:—Bros. W. W. Lockey 1000, D. Hodge 33, E. W. Walter S.W. 554, A. Grant 160, A. Lucking Prov. G.D. of C. Essex—who, by the way, gave the Lodge a taste of his quality by acting as D. of C. during the installation ceremony—H. J. Neate P.M. 77, G. Gard Pye P.M. 51, H. J. Everett 697, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, H. N. Taylor W.M. 1421, T. S. Taylor P.M. 554 and I.P.M. 1421. To several of these the rites of hospitality were further extended by some of the members of the Lodge, and it was not till the following morning that they took their departure for their several homes.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE DALHOUSIE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THE annual supper in connection with the Lodge of Instruction, working under sanction of the Dalhousie Lodge No. 860, took place on Tuesday at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. The chair was occupied by Bro. Dickins the W.M. elect of the Mother Lodge, who was supported by Bro. Wallington, the Preceptor. Bro. J. Lorkin, Secretary, occupied the vice-chair, and the following among others were present:—Bros. Dallas, Smyth, C. Lorkin, Polak, Christian, Clark, Fraser, Quay, Allen, Finch, Brasted, Wardell, Harding, Fort, Cornu, Jones, Baker, Marsh, &c. The brethren having partaken of the supper, which was well served, the President, in brief terms, proposed The Queen and the Craft, the M.W. Grand Master, the Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and other Grand Officers, all of which were in turn honoured by the company assembled. The next act of Bro. Dickins was to propose Prosperity to the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, and, in doing so, he paid a just tribute to the careful and efficient tuition rendered to those who attended its meetings. He felt the benefit of the instruction imparted at this and similar Lodges now that he was elected to the Presidency of his Lodge. He felt that he should be ably supported by the Officers whom he should appoint to assist his labours, as he believed they were all known as good workers. Lodges of Instruction had fitted them for their positions in their regular Lodge. He thought it was a good custom to invite, as he and previous W.M.'s elect had been invited, to the annual supper, as, by placing a brother in the chair, he had an opportunity of rehearsing the more onerous task of the immediate future. With the toast he had pleasure in coupling the name of Bro. Wallington. In reply, Bro. Wallington tendered his thanks for the toast just given, both in the name of the Lodge of Instruction and in his own behalf. He felt it a great pleasure to hear that the W.M. elect of their Mother Lodge expressed himself so satisfied with the Officers who were under him. He believed that the coming term there would be one of great success, each of those in office having been made thoroughly conversant with the duties of his position in one or other of the Lodges of Instruction in the metropolis. Bro. Wallington next proposed the Health of the President, thanking him for attending, and pointing out the pleasure it afforded the brethren in thus being officially recognised by the Mother Lodge. After the reply of Bro. Dickins, Bro. Wallington proposed the Health of the Secretary, and Bro. Lorkin, in acknowledging the compliment, after thanking the brethren, gave a brief account of the doings at the Lodge during his term of office. This completing the programme of the evening, the brethren shortly afterwards separated. Bro. Wallington will rehearse the Installation Ceremony in this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday next, the 30th inst., for which occasion we wish him a large attendance and a successful meeting.

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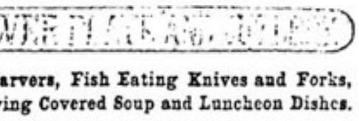

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THE QUESTION OF GRAND LODGE JURISDICTION.

WE have received from the Grand Lodge of Quebec two documents or pamphlets on the vexed question of Masonic jurisdiction, which has latterly intervened between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec, and destroyed for the time being the friendly relations formerly existing between them. We, of necessity, regret that any disturbance of that harmony which undoubtedly should prevail between two Grand Lodges has occurred. But this is a difficult and somewhat peculiar case—one which, from the very nature of things, is not likely to recur often. At the same time, the three Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom, which can boast, each of them, of numerous daughter-Lodges established throughout the British Colonies, have an exceptional interest in this particular difference that has arisen. If, at any future time, it should happen that the Lodges in one of these Colonies were desirous of erecting a Grand Lodge of their own, we in this country should be as interested in the progress of events as when, to give an instance, the proposal for erecting an independent Grand Lodge of Canada was mooted some quarter of a century since, and there is probably little doubt we should adopt a similar course, if we thought it desirable in the interests of the Craft universal to recognise the new Grand Body. Thus there are good reasons for devoting a brief space to the question at issue between Quebec and Scotland.

The dispute is substantially this. When the Grand Lodge of Canada was established, it obtained recognition from the Grand Lodge of Scotland conditionally that any of the Lodges holding warrants from the latter should, if they were so minded, continue in allegiance to it. The Grand Lodge of Quebec was subsequently established as an independent Masonic body. In time it was recognised as such by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but for reasons which are best known to the authorities of the latter, without any proviso as to its Lord Elgin, No. 348, Montreal, retaining, if it chose, its allegiance. Since then the Grand Lodge of Quebec has endeavoured to force Lodge Elgin to surrender its Scotch warrant, and become an integral part of itself. Grand Lodge of Scotland has not only resented this attempted interference with its sovereignty, but has gone considerably further, and acting in an unfortunate spirit of retaliation has not only withdrawn its recognition of Quebec as an independent Masonic power, but has likewise issued warrants for the erection of new daughter Lodges. As regards England the case is somewhat different. England conditionally recognised the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec, and there are three Lodges within the jurisdiction of the latter, which have elected to retain their allegiance to the Grand Lodge which granted their warrants. Quebec, however, requires these as well as the Elgin Lodge of Scotland to come into its fold, thereby severing those relations with England which for this quarter of a century they have preferred to maintain. It will be seen from this brief *résumé* of the case that, as we have said already, the complications are many and great, and as a matter of course have led to very general discussion among the Grand Lodges of the North American Continent, the majority of which seem inclined to endorse the action of Quebec rather than that of Scotland. We ought not to be surprised at this when we bear in mind that questions of jurisdiction are more likely to arise among the numerous Grand Lodges in the United States than here, and are sure to evoke an amount of jealous interest which to us is hardly comprehensible. Let us, however, look a little into the causes of this particular difference, as much with a view to future guidance as to bring about its satisfactory adjustment.

When a new Grand Lodge is established in a British colony out of materials existing there, it seems only just and reasonable that those which prefer to remain in allegiance to their respective mother Grand Lodges, should have full liberty to do so. Perfect freedom in a matter of this kind is of the very essence of Freemasonry. If in some particular colony there are, we will say, a dozen Lodges—some English, others Irish, and others Scotch—and some of them suggest the establishment of a Grand Lodge of their own, we see no just cause or impediment against their doing so, and no reason to suppose that, if they persist in their efforts in that direction, they will ultimately prevail. But if the remaining Lodges say—We do not agree with your policy, nor can we, being in the minority, prevent your doing what you wish, but for ourselves we prefer remaining as we are, and shall continue to work under the Warrants to which we are respectively indebted for our Masonic being, it seems as reasonable to allow them to remain affiliated as previously as to acquiesce in the proposal of the others to erect a Grand Lodge of their own. There ought to be no compulsion whatever in a matter which is one partly of feeling. If Lodge No. 13,500 says, We vote for an independent Grand Lodge of our own, which shall possess absolute authority over the whole of this colony, and the majority of the other Lodges are of the same opinion, there is nothing, as we have said, to prevent the proposal being carried out, but it would be a distinct act of usurpation on their part if they endeavoured to interfere with Lodges possessing equal, and, it might be, older rights than themselves, and declare—You must and shall go with us, or we shall refuse to recognise your Masonic status. It were as though a man should make up his mind to marry and set up a house for himself, and then turning to his brothers and sisters, tell them they must in future recognise him as the head of the family, or he should deny them the exercise of those rights and privileges they had before enjoyed. Thus when the Grand Lodge of Canada came into being, that of Scotland recognised its independence on the condition that any of its Lodges, which preferred retaining the old relations, should be at full liberty to do so, and Canada accepted such qualified recognition of her independence. Some years later a new Grand Lodge, that of Quebec, was set on foot within the jurisdiction of Canada, and in time its independence was recognised by Canada and other Masonic bodies, among which must be included Scotland; but in this instance no condition was laid down, for the very probable reason that it was considered a matter of course the old stipulation would still remain in force. It is a great pity this oversight was committed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, for a refusal to recognise the old state of things would have come with a very bad grace from a Grand Lodge which, under the circumstances of its origin, must always be regarded as a standing menace against the doctrine of the absolute sovereignty of Grand Lodges over the territories in which they have severally been erected. Quebec is a part of Canada, and there was already a Grand Lodge of Canada in existence. Consequently the erection of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was a violation of the Canadian jurisdictional rights. What, for instance, would the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania say if the Lodges in three or four contiguous counties in that state established a Grand Lodge of their own? or what should we say in this

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country if the Lodges in the counties north of the Humber and Mersey adopted a similar course? Both Pennsylvania and we should denounce such invasions of its and our rights and privileges. Yet this was exactly what the Lodges in the Province of Quebec did when they seceded from the Canadian Grand Lodge to form one of their own. Of course this proposition is of little value now that the principal Masonic body interested has acquiesced in the secession, but it is of considerable value as showing that it behoves Quebec to exhibit at least as much courtesy, liberality, and forbearance as it has received. If Canada, which is a far more numerous and influential Masonic power than Quebec, could accept recognition by Scotland and England on the prescribed and reasonable condition that all English and Scottish Lodges which preferred retaining their old allegiance, should be at full liberty to do so, then Quebec, which owes its independence to the courteous and liberal forbearance of Canada, could not possibly sacrifice one jot or iota of its dignity if it followed so excellent an example. Yet this is precisely what it has not done. On the contrary, like very many young men of the present day, who, having reached the stage of beardless, ill-informed, and ill-disciplined adolescence, are wont to strut about, and give themselves all the airs of trained and accomplished veterans, this Grand Lodge is hardly in its teens, when it swells itself out to its very biggest dimensions, talks grandiloquently about rights which are but of yesterday as it were, and tells Lodges which are much older than itself, and prefer the old *régime* to the new, that, if they do not forthwith sever their old relations, they shall be excommunicated and treated as clandestine Masons. And not only this, but it threatens all kinds of pains and penalties to two out of the three oldest Grand Lodges, if they do not, at its arrogant behest, at once discard certain of their daughter-Lodges who prefer remaining loyal to them. There is an old and very expressive, if also very vulgar, saying among youths and ignoramuses when some one kindly offers them a little wholesome advice; these ill-conditioned persons think it a sign of wisdom and pluck on their part if they retort to their disinterested adviser that he had better go "teach his grandmother to suck eggs." Well—speaking Masonically of course—it occurs to us this is just the kind of rudeness of which Quebec was guilty when it ordered Elgin Lodge of Montreal, which stands No. 348 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to return its old warrant and take out a fresh one issued by its authority, as if Elgin Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Scotland were not old enough to know what they were about and had no right to maintain their old relations, if they chose.

Great stress, of course, is laid on the fact that the recognition of Quebec by Scotland was wholly *unqualified*, and we have already said that this was greatly to be regretted. But we have also hinted that it was perhaps excusable under the circumstances. If Elgin Lodge preferred for over twenty years retaining its allegiance rather than join the Grand Lodge of Canada; and if during the years which elapsed between 1869 when the Grand Lodge of Quebec was started, and 1877 when Scotland recognised the independence of the new body, it exhibited no desire to cast off its old relations and is still of the same mind, then the action of the Grand Lodge of Quebec is not only ill-advised, but likewise most arbitrary and most un-Masonic. What is there in the constitution of Lodge Elgin, of what dereliction of duty has it been guilty, that it should be told it should be treated as a body of irregular Masons, because it elects to remain under the banner of Scotland rather than go in under that of Quebec? Every member of the Lodge is as regularly made a Mason as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec himself, while the Lodge existed years and years before such a body as the Grand Lodge of Quebec was ever thought of. The same remarks apply with equal force to the English Lodges, one of which dates back as far as 1824, and all of which would rather remain on the roll of the oldest Grand Lodge of the world than join one which has existed but little more than a decade of years. Nothing could have been more honourable and straightforward than the conduct of England in recognising Quebec conditionally that those of its Lodges which wished it should remain under its banner; and nothing is more calculated to bring the principles of Freemasonry into contempt than that of Quebec when it arrogantly attempts to compel Lodges to enter its fold against their will. But we cannot do better, in corroboration of our views as to the rights of Elgin Lodge, than quote the following from the Special Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Grand Lodge of Missouri:—

"When Quebec knocked at the doors of the Grand Lodges of the world for fraternal recognition and admission among the families of sovereign jurisdictions, she did so in a *given character*. When so recognized and admitted, in the character possessed at the time she sought these favours, she should have been content thereafter. A Grand Lodge can acquire no new rights nor prefer no additional claims *after* recognition, that were not an endowment when she was recognized. Hence, when Quebec sought to secure control of the Lodge that was still in allegiance to Scotland, she committed a blunder. The appeal to Scotland to transfer the Lodge Elgin to Quebec was an unfortunate mistake, and was the apparent cause of this growing alienation and trouble. Elgin Lodge should have been allowed to elect its own association, either to unite of choice with Quebec, or to remain in relations with Scotland. Following this mistake, Quebec subsequently committed an error in declaring non-fraternity with this (Elgin) Lodge. This Lodge chose to remain connected with Scotland, and Quebec having accepted recognition without its co-operation, had no claim upon it, and had no right to disfranchise it. Quebec, of right, could not recognise as legal Lodges, or the Masons made therein, those organizations established by Scotland after *her* sovereignty had been allowed and her supremacy admitted in the Province. But Elgin Lodge was not in this category, and therefore should not have been excommunicated for the sin of Scotland."

That a somewhat similar view prevails in New York may be gathered from the following excerpt from the Report on Foreign Correspondence, as embodied in the Grand Master's address:—

"Our conclusion, therefore, is, that this difficulty should be settled by a return to the original status; that is to say, that Scotland should withdraw its charters granted since the erection of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and that the latter should allow Elgin Lodge to continue until in due time it may find its best interest to lie in uniting with the local authority. We are satisfied that any other disposition of the case will only lead to long and perhaps bitter dissension, which will redound neither to the benefit of the parties nor to the good name of the Craft, and we therefore respectfully urge that this disposition be made."

It seems to us no better advice could be given, and we trust both Quebec and Scotland will see their way clear to its adoption.

Having stated our views as to the action of Quebec in this unfortunate disturbance, let us now glance at that of Scotland in retaliation. In 1877 it seems the latter recognised the Grand Lodge of Quebec as an independent body, and without any qualification or reservation whatever, though whether with or without, it appears to us, is not of the slightest moment, for the simple reason that Elgin Lodge clearly had a voice in the matter, and if she wished to remain Scottish rather than become Quebeckian, she had the right to do so. When, however, Quebec called upon Scotland to cancel its Warrant to Elgin Lodge, the latter not only resented the request, as was very natural, but it went some steps further; it cancelled its recognition of Quebec at once, and treated the Province as one in which no Masonic authority existed; it resolved on issuing Warrants for the constitution of two new Lodges, established a Provincial Grand Lodge, and appointed a Provincial Grand Master. This course we hold to have been most unsatisfactory, exhibiting as it did a spirit utterly at variance with the principles of Masonry, illogical, and undignified. We say it was unsatisfactory, because one retaliatory step is sure to lead to others, and the quarrel becomes more and more embittered; illogical, because the withdrawal of recognition could not possibly involve the demolition of the structure whose existence had been recognised; and undignified, because so ancient a Grand Lodge, while claiming to stand on its own rights, should have avoided infringing the rights of others. There is a familiar saying that "two blacks do not make one white," and the wrong action of Quebec towards Scotland and the Elgin Lodge cannot possibly justify Scotland in the course she has since pursued. Had she contented herself with severing all communication with Quebec till the latter saw fit to behave herself, she would have had with her the sympathy of the whole Masonic world, whereas she has brought herself into bad odour with most of the numerous Grand Lodges which exist in North America whether in British or United States territory. The two passages we have quoted above will suffice to show that up to a certain point the balance of opinion inclined towards Scotland, but the determination expressed in very nearly all directions to hold no further intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Scotland until she withdraws her Warrants for the new Lodges, and her constitution of Quebec into a Scottish Province, shows with equal force and

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clearness how utterly unworthy of her high position is the course she has deliberately felt it her duty to pursue. If a small boy goes out of his way to kick a big one, who has just patted him on the back in a kindly manner, the latter has the sympathy of the bystanders. If he takes no notice of the small boy's attack, or is content with saying he will hold no further intercourse with him, he retains that sympathy. But if taking advantage of his age and strength he proceeds to pummel the little assailant with all his might and main, he wantonly sacrifices the regard with which he had been looked upon till then. It is immediately forgotten that the first blow was struck by the small boy, and that he, therefore, as the aggressor, merited some kind of rebuke or punishment. The sympathy is at once transferred from the big boy to the little one, and every one sets to work denouncing the former, and resolves on sending him to Coventry. We trust, however, the difference has not gone too far, and that it is not too late for some mutual Masonic friend to step in, and by sage advice bring about a reconciliation between the disputants. The mediation of a third and disinterested party ought not to be unavailing to restore peace and tranquillity between these two sections of the Craft. Let Quebec respect the rights of Elgin Lodge, and we doubt not Scotland will respect the rights of Quebec. And as the provocation to quarrel came in the first instance from the Quebec Grand Lodge, and as that, moreover, is the younger body, it would redound highly to its credit, if, as an act of grace, it took the initiative in bringing about a re-establishment of the *status quo*. Nothing good can or ever does come of squabbling, and this is especially true of Freemasonry, which is nothing if not a harmonious body.

VARIOUS CLASSES OF OBJECTORS CONSIDERED.

WE remarked incidentally last week that "about the strangest thing that could happen in this world of ours would be to find out some proposition which commanded universal acceptance;" and we then went on to notice some of the chief categories of those who make a point of objecting to every proposition which is submitted to them. Thus, we mentioned the people who object on principle, a certain class of critics, the jealous people, and others. It is difficult to say which of these classes of objectors offers the most interesting study. The most difficult to deal with is unquestionably the man who uses what is commonly considered the woman's argument. A, for instance, submits a plan to B, and asks him what he thinks of it? "I don't like it at all," says B. "Why not?" asks A. "Because I don't," says B, and there is no getting further. We venture to think the majority of those who explain their reasons for an opinion by repeating it, without explanation, do so either because they have no reasons to offer, because they are ashamed of their reasons, or because they are afraid of being argued out of their opposition. Now, there is no arguing with a man who says he doesn't do a thing "because he doesn't," and there is no overcoming his stubborn refusal to decline all further explanation. But we do not know if, after all said and done, we would not rather have to deal with this class of persons than with those who object to everything indiscriminately, and are ready to explain why. It does, for instance, occasionally happen that the man who tells you he doesn't do a thing "because he doesn't," goes out of his way to do a thing "because he does," but this cannot be the case with him who always has not only an objection to offer, but also a reason for offering it. We meet a good many kinds of people in the course of our wanderings, and among them are not a few whom no amount of explanation, no argument, no apology, nor even the most wasteful expenditure of soft words will ever convince into a state of satisfaction. You ought, says one, to have included my name among those given at the end of your report. We do so on the next occasion, and are blamed because it was not placed among those at the beginning or in the middle. We have not tacked on to his name the full number of initials letters he is entitled to, or we have displayed them to such an extent that every one has been since chaffing him about those mysterious titles of his. He wants his copy posted to his business address, and complains when he finds he cannot read it over his matutinal eggs and muffins in the chambers or the bosom of his family. One month or one week the notice we give of his Lodge proceedings is a great deal too long, and should have been condensed to at least one-half; another time it is far too short, and should have occupied at the very least a column or a column and a half. We ought to give more items of Mark Masonry, and when we have tried to meet this particular wish, we are told that Craft news is of the first importance, and all else should give way before it. We discuss matters which he thinks should not be mentioned in the hearing of profane people, or which are likely to be read by them, and when we leave them out, we are told the matter is not worth looking into when there is no discussion going on about these very sacred matters. We uphold a cause because we believe it worthy of our support, and we are charged with being personally interested in its success. We stand aloof and offer neither support nor opposition, and we are abused because we have not lent any assistance. Now if these people had contented themselves with the feminine reason aforementioned, namely, that they did'nt like this or that, "because they did'nt," we should have been spared some annoyance, and a good deal of trouble. We should have known they were stubborn people who never gave a reason even when they might have a chance to have one; but we should have considered it our duty to hold them in respect, if not for the emphatic iteration and re-iteration of objections, at all events for their consistency. In their case at all events we should not have had to go several hundreds of times out of our way in order to try and please them and then found these laudable, if somewhat foolish, attempts had been only so much labour in vain, and that our objector was as wantonly cantankerous as ever. We trust we are not so churlish as to refuse to make an attempt to please people when we hear they are displeased. We look, however, for some forbearance, some consideration in return, and when we have gone on time after time acting on the various hints that may have been thrown out; we look to receive some kind of acknowledgment that we have tried to give satisfaction, even though, from the strange constitution of our objector's mind, we have failed to do so.

The people who object on principle are very often of the class we have just attempted to describe, their principle being the principle of objecting invariably to everything. They need not occupy, therefore, any portion of our space. Nor need we waste a thought about those who oppose everything out of pure vindictiveness, or rather, as we said last week, from malice prepense. But let us say a word or two about those who allow themselves to be impelled into opposition by feelings of jealousy, because they were not consulted, because in the proposed arrangements sufficient prominence is not given to certain views it is known they hold, or because they think some fancied rival is likely to make too much capital out of the proposal, in the event of its success. Oftentimes in the case of this class, a little attention, a timely suggestion, or an evident desire to meet them as far as possible, will convert them into staunch friends; but let us beware of those among them who steadily act on the idea that nothing good can ever by any possibility come out of Nazareth. We have known cases of people who have systematically objected to everything that emanated from a particular source, for the single and invariable reason that it came from that quarter. Had it occurred to themselves or any one else, nothing could possibly have been better, and they would have supported it through good and evil report.

But what has all this to do with Freemasonry, one of the main principles of which is brotherly love? Well, some Masons have a strange way of showing their love,

> "It was all very well to dissemble your love,
> But why did you kick me downstairs."

and this "kicking downstairs" prevails more largely than might have been expected in Masonic circles. We need not go further for an instance than to the opposition which is being offered to the proposed Assistance Fund, or in another way, to the quarrel between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec. However, let us hope that in time this tendency to fall out or object will disappear, and that people will be able to quote with greater reason than they can now, the old saying, "Behold, how beautiful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

The Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of Freemasons, has conferred the office of Junior Grand Warden of England for the ensuing year upon Sir W. W. Truscott, Lord Mayor of London.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASONS' HALL, PHILADELPHIA, 1802.

A Paper read before the Rosicrucian Society of Philadelphia, on Friday evening, 30th January 1880, by Frater Charles E. Meyer, IX.

EARTH to earth, dust to dust, are terms we hear as oft as we are called to follow to the grave the remains of some loved one. Such is human life. What man has made, must decay. The stateliest edifices erected by man's ingenuity are but lessons to man that eternity is not on this earth. What the accumulations of ages have covered with dust of hundreds and thousands of years, and have hidden from the eyes of man for centuries, will in the future be brought to light, and men will wonder at the wisdom, skill and handicraft of the prehistoric man. Daily we read of the unearthing of some ancient city or monument, of which no books now in existence speak. And is it not wonderful that the earth is a better preserver than man?

Such were our thoughts in the summer of 1878, as we, in company with three other members (Fratres Sutter, Packer, and Mucklé), of our College, were shown the past wonders of the old city of York, England. We were impressed with peculiar feelings of our insignificance as we visited the ruins of the old Hospitium, the ruins (wonderful for their size) of St. Mary's Abbey, with the curious Masons' marks, the old Refectory, containing a large number of relics dug from the very ground over which we had passed. A spot which we believe was once covered with *water*, which by the changes wrought by means of internal *fire* became *earth*, and was now rendered habitable by the *air* we breathe, and warmed by the *light* of the sun. We shall never forget, at the Refectory, standing before that single tress of woman's hair, which had been exhumed only a few short months before. There stood the stone sarcophagus in which the body was entombed, no one knows how many hundred years ago; and when it was opened, there, in plaster, was moulded the form of its occupant, —but of the occupant nothing was left except dust, and this tress of jet-black hair, perfectly dressed, like unto the fashion of to-day, with all the toilet and hair dressing appliances of the present time, thus showing that centuries ago the same habits and customs prevailed as now.

Thoughts such as these bring us of the present to think of the present. From this old city of York, Masonry was promulgated over the wide, wide world. From it sprang the four Grand Lodges of England—1717, the Grand Lodge of England, 1725, the Grand Lodge of all England, 1753, the Grand Lodge of England, according to the old Constitutions, or Seceders, and 1779, the Grand Lodge of England South of the Trent—the first and third of which introduced into this country the two Systems known as Ancient and Modern. Philadelphia may well claim to be the Premier or Mother City of Freemasonry in America, both Modern and Ancient. In 1730, Daniel Coxe introduced into Philadelphia that which was afterwards known as Modern Masonry, working under the Grand Lodge of England of 1717. The several Lodges (three) met in Philadelphia for a number of years regularly, and about the year 1754 were in the zenith of their glory.

It was customary in olden times, you will remember, for all public and private meetings to be held in taverns. This originated, no doubt, from the fact that they were generally located in that portion of the city or town which was most populous, and also because the taverns had mostly attached to them some large rooms or halls suitable as places for meeting. The Freemasons were in the habit of holding their meetings in the leading taverns of the day, and in many cases derived their names from the names of the signboards of the same.

Prior to 1754, the Lodges in Philadelphia met in the Tun Tavern, Water-street, between Chesnut and Walnut; also at the Indian King Hotel, Market below Third Street; and at the Royal Standard Tavern, Market, near Second street. The Society had become so influential and enthusiastic in 1754, that they erected their own place of meeting and called it the "Freemasons' Lodge," which was the first Masonic Hall in America. This building, located on Lodge Alley, running from Second, below Chesnut-street, was afterwards sold and the proceeds given to the city to form a fund to furnish the poor of the city with fuel. This fund is now under control of the City Trust.

There is no account of this building having been dedicated A short time after its erection the news came of the formation of a new Grand Lodge in London, the Lodges of which had seceded from the original Grand Lodge of 1717, in London, and that it had assumed the title of The "Ancients." In 1758, a warrant was granted to Lodges Nos. 2 and 3, in this city, and in 1761, a warrant was issued to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which, in 1786, became independent of the Grand Lodge and formed the present Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

For several years the ancient and modern Lodges in this city met in the Freemasons' Lodge, the Hall of the Moderns, and no doubt the members visited both Lodges, when opportunity offered. Certain it is that Dr. William Smith, the Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, was a Modern Mason in 1755, and delivered a sermon before that Grand Lodge, at which Benjamin Franklin was present, and participated, and that subsequently he was for a number of years Grand Secretary and Grand Chaplain of the present Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, being then an Ancient Mason. This is an important link which connects the present Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania with the Grand Lodge formed in Philadelphia, prior to 1732.

The Grand Lodge and subordinates held their meetings in the same hall as the Moderns, up to the year 1776. In 1777 they met at the City Tavern, Second and Walnut; in 1786 at a house in Videll's Alley, Second below Chesnut; 1790 in the Free Quakers' Meeting House, now Apprentices' Library, Fifth and Arch-streets; in 1799 in Independence Hall, and then at the house of Bro. Francis, on Eighth-street near Arch. This latter was only temporary.

The city about this time did not extend beyond the corner of Sixth and Chesnut-streets, and all west of that point was called the Western Commons, and was diversified by the usual country characteristics of hill and dale. We are told that there was a large pond of water at the N.E. corner of Eighth and Arch-streets. In the year 1801, on 24th June, measures were taken to purchase a suitable house for meeting purposes. A committee was appointed to purchase a building on the south side of Arch-street, above Ninth, but owing to the great distance from the city, the Grand Lodge subsequently directed the committee to purchase a property elsewhere.

On 7th June 1802, the committee reported the purchase, on May 29th 1802, from William Hunter, Arch Master, and Martha, his wife, all that certain three story brick messuage and lot or piece of ground situate on the south side of Filbert-street, between Eighth and Ninth (present number 814), 36 feet 3 inches front and 75 feet deep, together with the privileges of a 9 feet wide alley and 30 feet square open court yard. The committee were also authorized to make such alterations as were necessary. The chairman of the building committee, Bro. James Milnor, afterwards Grand Master reported to the Grand Lodge, 15th November 1802, that the Grand Lodge Room was nearly finished, but that the other parts of the building were not in so forward a state. At the same meeting, it was resolved that the building be called and known as "The Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall," and that the building Committee have an inscription engraved on copper or other lasting substance, commemorative of the time when the building of the hall was commenced or undertaken, to be put up inside of the hall. The changes made in the building were as follows: The upper story was raised some 10 feet; the Grand Lodge room was on the third floor, and was about 34 feet square, the ceiling of the room 11 feet 8 inches high was cut through in a circular form, the opening being about 20 feet in diameter, and a dome was erected supported by 8 columns or pillars, placed in a circular form; the dome and walls were plastered and finished in white. Within the circle (20 feet) on the floor was no doubt a tessellated pavement, thus forming the Lodge. The floors were all double and were deadened. The brethren were seated on a dais around the room, and in the south-east corner, at the head of the stairs, was the Tyler's porch. The room must have presented a fine appearance in those days. Above the dome was a cupola, but the latter has long since been removed. The dome, however, remains intact, and can be seen plainly as you all will bear witness to-day, having examined the same. The entrance to the building was at the eastern and towards Eighth-street. At the door were placed two highly ornamented columns. In the second story was the Chapter and Encampment Rooms. This room was also rented out for balls, parties, &c.

The first floor was fitted up for a school, and rented to some respectable teacher (who was a Mason), the rent to be paid by the education of a certain number of children of worthy Masons in needy circumstances. There was also a banquet room. The rents of the Chapter and Encampment room were fixed at 20 dollars per annum, while the Lodges paid 40 dollars per annum.

The dedication ceremonies took place on 27th December 1802, and surpassed all other displays of that time. Everything was done to add to the effect of the spectacle.

The line formed at 9 o'clock and moved at half-past 11 o'clock from the Church of the Universalists, on Lombard, between Fourth and Fifth-streets, led by two Tylers with drawn swords, the brethren all carrying wands, the Officers bearing the emblems of their offices. Four Past Masters carried the Lodge, which was covered with white satin. The consecrating vessels, of corn, wine, and oil, and the greater and lesser lights, were carried in state by Past Masters, and no doubt to the wonderment of the citizen lookers-on. The elective Grand Officers each marched with his successor in office at his left hand. The Grand Master, Bro. Jonathan Bayard Smith, had, at his right hand, the Grand Master of New Jersey, Bro. John Beatty; the Grand Deacon and Grand Pursuivant closing up the line of procession.

When the procession reached the building, the brethren halted, opened the ranks, and the R.W. Grand Master, attended by the Grand Master of New Jersey, R.W. Bro. Beatty, and followed by the Grand Officers and a very considerable number of brethren were received in the outer apartment under a display of music. On the Grand Master reaching Solomon's Chair the present Grand Officers took their seats, and the elect and Past Grand Officers, the reverend brethren, members of the Hall Committee, and other brethren repaired to the seats prepared for them. The Grand Master being proclaimed, the music performed a grand piece till all the brethren were seated. The Lodge was then placed in the centre of the Hall, and the three lesser Lights with the three silver pitchers containing corn, wine, and oil, were placed thereon. The Bible, square, compasses, and Book of Constitutions on a crimson velvet cushion, being placed on the pedestal, an anthem was sung. The Grand Master then ordered the Lodge to be Tyled. The following Lodges were represented, viz:

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 14, 19, 21, 41, 45, 46, 47, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 76, 77, 78, and 91, being twenty-four Lodges.

The Lodge was then uncovered and Grand Lodge opened in ample form, when the Grand Master mentioned to the brethren that he was informed that the venerable and Reverend Bro. William Smith, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain, and Past Grand Secretary, had composed a prayer appropriate to the day, and the said Brother Smith, with the concurrence of the Reverend Brother John Andrews D.D. Grand Chaplain, delivered the prayer, to the general satisfaction of the brethren.

The Grand Secretary intimated the Architect's desire to return the implements entrusted to his care, whereupon Brother Jackson, the Architect, addressed the Grand Master, who expressed his high satisfaction at the completion of the hall, and commanded the Grand Wardens to receive back the implements, which was complied with, and they were laid on the Lodge.

It may be mentioned that as the building was not erected originally by the Grand Lodge, but merely altered, no corner stone was laid.

The Grand Secretary then informed the Grand Master that it was the desire of the Society to have the hall dedicated to Masonry, on which the Grand Master commanded his Officers to assist in that pleasing ceremony, the music meanwhile playing. The Grand Officers then walked round the Lodge three different times, stopping each time

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for the ceremony of dedication. At the end of the first procession, the music being silent, the Grand Master, strewing corn over the Lodge, declared in solemn form the hall dedicated to Masonry, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary, the grand honours were given. At the end of the second procession, the music being silent, the Grand Master pouring wine over the Lodge, declared in solemn form the hall dedicated to Virtue and Science, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary, the Grand honours were given as before. At the end of the third procession, the music being silent, the Grand Master, pouring oil on the Lodge, in solemn form declared the hall dedicated to Universal Charity and Benevolence, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary, the grand honours were given as before. A grand anthem, adapted to the occasion, set to music by Brother Reinagle, was sung by Bros. Reinagle, Fox, Warren, and Robins.

The Grand Master returned to Solomon's Chair, amid the acclamations of the brethren, and the music performing "When earth's foundation first was laid," &c.

The Grand Master was then pleased to deliver an affectionate address, which was received by the brethren with the most lively tokens of gratitude and acknowledgment, and their approbation was testified in the usual form.

It may be well here to note that these dedicatory services were the first that were used by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The total cost of the building was 3000 dollars, the alterations and furnishing about 6000 dollars, making a total of about 9000 dollars.

In consideration of the fraternal affection to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction, of Brother William Francis in providing them a Temple to work in during the building of the permanent Hall, at a time when they were all destitute of a place of meeting, the Grand Lodge by resolution requested the R.W. Grand Master to pass to the chair Bro. Francis and a Past Master's collar and apron were presented to him.

On 7th March 1803, the Building Committee were directed to have the Hall insured against accidents by fire.

On 4th May 1807, the Hall Committee were ordered to purchase six patent lamps and have them fixed in the Hall.

Here the Grand Lodge met for several years, and the minutes of the Lodges about this time note the presence, as visitors, of brethren from far and near.

As a place of meeting it was not a success, the distance from town and the unsuitableness of the building for the purpose intended, caused the brethren to consider the subject of moving.

On 6th April 1807, the following resolution was offered in the Grand Lodge:

"Whereas, it has been found from experience that the Masonic Hall (the property of this Grand Lodge) has not nor cannot be made to afford those accommodations suitable to the dignity of the R.W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania; and

"Whereas, from the great increase of members to the Masonic institutions of this city, who hold their meetings in the Hall belonging to the Grand Lodge, the accommodations have proved quite insufficient; therefore be it

"Resolved, That a committee be appointed with full powers to sell to the best advantage the Masonic Hall, the property of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, and that the Trustees holding said property be directed to make a transfer of the same to such person or persons as said committee shall direct; and be it further

"Resolved, That the above named committee be directed to ascertain if a suitable lot of ground (either on ground-rent or purchase) can be had in the central part of the city, for the purpose of erecting an elegant Masonic Hall, suitable to the dignity of the R.W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania."

On 7th December 1807, the Committee reported that they had an offer from Thomas Carstairs, an eminent carpenter of Philadelphia, to purchase the Hall for 5000 dollars, to be paid for in work on the new Hall, and that he had also agreed to do the carpenter work for ten per cent. less than the old prices.

The Building Committee subsequently were directed to purchase the lot on Chesnut-street, above Seventh, north side, and erect a magnificent building thereon.

On 24th June 1811, the Grand Lodge moved to the new building on Chesnut-street (the first Chesnut-street Hall), which cost dollars 86,980.12½, when the Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall was sold for the sum of 4500 dollars—one-half the cost. Eight years afterwards (9th March 1819), when the Chesnut-street Hall was destroyed by fire, the Grand and subordinate Lodges, &c., moved to the Filbert-street Hall again, which they occupied during the time it was being rebuilt. On 1st March 1820, the Grand Lodge moved to the second Chesnut-street Hall, and then ceased all Masonic work in the Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall. Its history from that time is not of any interest. The second story rooms were occupied at different times by Thomas Birch, the celebrated marine painter, a personal friend of Frater John Sartain, and also by Thomas Welch, as celebrated an engraver. These rooms were also used for dancing parties, at many of which Frater Mark Richard Mucklè was present. The public schools of the ninth section, of which Frater John L. Young was director, were held here for a number of years, and lately it has been used for manufacturing purposes; it has for a number of years belonged to the Kates' estate. It may be incidentally mentioned that in the open court-yard, already noted as being in the rear of the building, and running through nearly to Market-street, there is a building, once occupied by Benedict Arnold.

The building is now to be demolished, to give place to the onward march of improvements. To-day we stand within its walls to hold the last meeting as brethren of the R.C. therein, to-morrow orders have issued to level it with the ground, and in a short time a stately brick edifice will be erected, a credit to the city. Thus passes away one of the oldest Masonic Halls in this city, and, I venture to say, in the country.

Oh, that the walls could echo and repeat the words of good cheer nd hearty welcome once given therein; the songs and toasts and jests; the beautiful rendering of the ancient ritual by a Duplessés, a Milnor, an Israel and the Smiths—William, the Provost of the University, and Jonathan Bayard, and a host of others. A ritual retained by us with but few changes up to this day. Cannot we almost hear the "Amen, so mote it be," which followed that prayer prepared for the occasion of dedication by Dr. Smith, and so affectionately and reverentially offered by himself, and then the musical voices of the Masonic choir or quartette in that glorious anthem, "When earth's foundation first was laid." How the rooms must have had their very silence broken (there is to me always a peculiar, profound, holy silence in a Masonic Lodge room) by the Master's gavel, as he governed his Lodge with justice and equity.

Here presided in the East of Grand Lodge Grand Masters Israel Israel, for two years, and James Milnor, from 1806 to 1811, and Bayse Newcomb, in 1819.

And now, to end with the beginning, Earth to Earth, Dust to Dust. What man erects man destroys, and reproduces in another and more beautiful form. The handicraft of man takes the shapeless mass, and from it produces and brings forth a most beautiful piece of work.

QUOD POTUI PERFECI.

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THE PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have great pleasure in doing Bro. While "the justice," and myself "the honour," of withdrawing some of those statements I was "permitted to make in your columns" a fortnight ago. It was unnecessary for him, so far as I am concerned, to deny that he was the writer of the letter in the *Times* signed "P.M.," as well as of the report of the meeting of the above which had previously appeared in that journal. All you were kind enough to permit me to state was, that I had read with much surprise the report in question, and a "letter manifesting the same spirit of opposition and misrepresentation, signed "P.M." It is no more my fault than it is that of the writer of the letter, that it seemed as though it had emanated from the same source as the report. Nevertheless, though I made no such assertion or insinuation, I have the honour to accept unreservedly Bro. While's denial that he is in any way responsible for the letter.

As to the *Sunday Times* report, my words were, "the notice, too, in the *Sunday Times* is so similar in tone that one might easily be pardoned for suggesting that it was written by the same person. Be this as it may, or rather let the reports have been written by whom they may," &c., &c. I accept unreservedly Bro. While's statement that on the 24th March, the date of his letter to you last week, he had not seen the report in the *Sunday Times*, and I presume it follows naturally that what a man had not seen, he could not have written some ten days previously. Any one, however, who is at the pains of comparing it with that which appeared in the *Times*, will, *I* believe, arrive at the conclusion that the suggestion was, under the circumstances, easily pardonable. But this is clearly through no fault of Bro. While, as he had not seen the later of the two accounts when he wrote to you last week. I do not think I can possibly do more in order to withdraw a statement I did not make, or a suggestion, which, though not quite unnatural, proves to have been quite unfounded: if I can, I will.

With all due deference to Bro. While, my statement as to his idea of the purposes for which the Assistance Fund is to be instituted, holds good, judging him by the speech he made at the meeting, and the general expressions of dissent with which it was greeted. Lords Rosslyn and Skelmersdale both deprecated the establishment of a fourth charity, and Bro. Dick Radclyffe explained that the objects and other matters contained in the circular which had been issued were nothing more than *suggestions*, made to him by different brethren. I had seen this circular before writing my former letter, and I have no hesitation in saying that Bro. While's account of the "objects" of this fund is substantially correct, with this limitation however, that one of them is stated to be "to advance small amounts to aid in the purchase of tools, outfits, and later in life, goodwills of businesses, &c." I think advancing "small amounts" in aid is different altogether from purchasing outright. I will with pleasure go further and say that, without the explanations which were offered at the meetings before Bro. While spoke, I should have formed the same opinion of the objects of the Fund; but when I am distinctly told by one of the Secretaries that the objects as described are nothing more than *suggestions*, it is my duty to accept that statement as it has just now been my duty to accept Bro. While's statements about the letter and reports. But though every one else present protested emphatically against Bro. While's view, he insisted he was right, and worse still, has painted the report he gave of the meeting in his own colours. Bro. While may cling as tenaciously as he likes to his own opinions, but he has no business to deny others the same right. I maintain that every one who has read the report in the *Times* would, if there were no other light to guide them, say the meeting was called for the establishment of a fourth Masonic Charity with the objects specified by Bro. While. Yet every one else present resented this idea. Hence my statement to the effect that his report, or what I presume to have been his, contained "monstrous exaggerations" of the nature indicated.

I notice that Bro. While is at no pains to contest the main point of

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my letter, viz., that reporters cannot be too impartial in the accounts they give of meetings, &c.

Trusting these explanations will prove satisfactory.

I remain, yours fraternally,

"SEBRIC."

A PLEA FOR AGED MASONS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think "A PAST MASTER'S" suggestion is a very good one. The old folk, like the young folk, are accepted as candidates after due inquiry as to the merits of their respective cases. Once, therefore, a name has been placed on the list of candidates, it is publicly admitted that its bearer is a worthy object of relief; and, as your correspondent points out, he must be "over sixty years of age;" he very probably cannot work, and has outlived most of his friends and relations, so that a "little assistance to him would be a great boon." I have heard there is some fund already in existence, the proceeds of which are, or might easily be made, available for this purpose. But this need not prevent the benefits of the proposed Assistance Fund being extended so as to include small grants in aid to unsuccessful male and female candidates for the benefits of the Benevolent Institution. For instance, £5, though a modest sum, would be a great boon to an old lady or gentleman who had been defeated in the ballot for vacancies, and no one who reads the particulars of the cases as described in the lists issued by Bro. Terry will say that such a grant could possibly be undeserved, though of course some candidates might be worthier of such relief than others. If this were included in the programme of the new Fund, its objects would stand out prominently as (1), to assist deserving ex-pupils with advice or interest in obtaining appointments, or with small pecuniary grants, for the purpose of buying outfits, &c.; (2) to make small grants to deserving unsuccessful candidates for admission into our Schools and Benevolent Institution. I hardly think such a programme could be looked upon as too ambitious a one.

Fraternally yours,

M. M.

A GEOGRAPHICAL DIFFICULTY.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you or any of your readers help me out of the geographical fog in which I have lost myself through an editorial paragraph which appeared in your contemporary last week. In this said paragraph the hope is expressed that the change which is announced to take place this week in the *Freemason* will commend itself to "many kind friends at home and abroad, in America, in the Canadas, in India and in the Antipodes, in distant lands, and far-off hemispheres." I am sure I heartily wish it all the success it desires and deserves, but I am, perhaps owing to the weakness of my mental powers, very much in the dark as to where all the places mentioned are located, that is, if I take them, not severally, but collectively. Thus I understand well enough all about "at home and abroad;" the former, I take it, means "England" and the latter, "all the other countries of the world." But it seems your contemporary not only has friends here and in all other parts of the world, but elsewhere likewise, that is in America, &c. According to this idea, the latter are outside the limits of the world, and if so where are they? Then, I may be wrong, but I have always been under the impression the Canadas were in America, though now, it seems, they prove part of another Continent. I suppose people would not speak of those who live in England and Northumberland, unless the latter were distinct from the former. India and the Antipodes seem all right, except, as I have said before, that in company with America, &c. they are outside the world; but what of the "distant lands, and far-off hemispheres." Are these "lands" which are not contained in the hemispheres, and are there hemispheres over and above the two which make up our sphere? And if, as I gather from the sentence quoted, there are lands that are "distant" and hemispheres which are "far-off," in contradistinction from those which are contiguous and near, am I right in assuming that America and the Canadas, India and the Antipodes, are among the latter?

I hope you will not for one moment imagine I propose impugning the accuracy of this editorial language. All I ask is a solution of this "geographical puzzle," and I ask because I am not even a deputy-assistant sub-editor, and my stock of geographical knowledge is sadly deficient. At least I know of only two hemispheres, and these between them contain all the parts of the world I have ever heard or read of.

I must apologise for troubling you about so small a matter and remain, faithfully yours,

FORIS ET DOMI.

MASONIC DESIGNATIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see no harm to Freemasonry, either as an innovation or extreme laudation, in calling brethren "gallant" who have served in the Army or Navy. Moreover, there is reasonable justification for it in the practice adopted by our House of Commons. There an officer or ex-officer of either of the sister Services is addressed or spoken of as the "honourable and gallant gentleman," or "honourable and gallant member for——," just as a barrister is spoken of or addressed as "the honourable and learned ——;" or a member having a courtesy title, as the Marquis of Hartington, or that of an Irish peer, as the late Lord Palmerston, who is or was addressed or spoken of as "the noble lord," perhaps with the addition of "the member for ——." I believe the official designation is "honourable," or in the case of a Privy Councillor, "right honourable" gentleman or member, but the additions I have mentioned and others are of daily occurrence both in the House and out of it, though the gallantry, the learning, and the title have nothing to do with the membership of this branch of our Legislature. So in the army a man's profession has nothing to do with his membership of our fraternity, but he may still be our "learned" brother, as in the case of Grand Registrar, "gallant," as in those of Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and "reverend," as in that of Rev. C. J. Martyn, who is a Past Grand Chaplain.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

N. OR M. AS THE CASE MAY BE.

We have great pleasure in reproducing the following interesting letter:—

THE TEMPLARS AND THE FREEMASONS.

To the Editor of The Canadian Craftsman.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—From time to time I have perused with a great amount of pleasure the articles which have appeared in your columns from the able pen of the Great Prior of Canada, Colonel W. J. B. MacLeod Moore. I thoroughly sympathise with him in his desire to trace a connection between the warrior monks and the Templars of our own day, and, setting the doubtful charter of Larmenius quite on one side, I have and shall yet maintain that the probabilities in favour of a direct descent are exceedingly great. It may be, nay, it is, said that probabilities are not proofs, and in this I concur, but in all efforts to trace historical connections and to sift the truth from out the masses of fable which encrust even the main stem of the history of our own country, the careful historian will not be found to ruthlessly sweep aside everything that will not admit of direct proof. He knows very well that analogy is one of the truest guides to the fountain of truth, and therefore when an assertion comes before him which he regards as doubtful, but which bears on it the marks of probability or even possibility, he treats it by the rules of analogy and brings to bear upon it the light of contemporary history, the force of contemporary character, the manners of contemporary society,—and so he draws his own conclusions, which he presents in his own point of view to his readers. If in doing this he outrages neither the personal feelings of any party, nor the accepted bounds of common sense, he is entitled to a hearing, and no sensible man will push his arguments on one side as unworthy of consideration simply because he possesses pre-conceived and adverse notions on the same question.

I very much fear that in this Templar question a large number of otherwise evenly balanced Masonic minds have pre-judged the case, and that no amount of argument would for one moment be regarded by them as worth the trouble of consideration. It has for so long been the fashion for a certain "set" in the Craft to look with disapproval upon the Christian Orders, that they have a decided objection to any movement which might tend to draw the chain of connection closer. And yet these opponents of the "Chivalric Degrees" show a strange inconsistency, for whilst with one voice they take their stand by the articles of union, and stickle for "pure and ancient" Masonry, they are wilfully blind to the allusion in the same articles (No. 2) of union which gives permission to any Craft Lodge to work the "Chivalric Degrees," which term was especially meant to include the Knight Templar, Rose Croix and Kadosh, then worked under the same warrant, the very terms of the article proving that the leaders of Masonry of that day acknowledged the historic value of those degrees, and so registered their desire for their preservation.

It is very much to be deplored, I think, for the sake of Knight Templary, that any attempts should have been made to exalt the Order at the expense of truth, and perhaps one of its most vulnerable points has been the unfortunate French charter, which cannot for a moment be maintained as genuine. But then, in those days it seems to have been the fashion to draw upon the imagination largely in Masonic history. It was a fantastic age, and Craft Masonry itself must be content to stand side by side with the Order of the Temple as regards the veracity of its written history. If French Masonic Knight Templars claimed to have had a direct series of G. Masters from Jacques DeMolay, the English Craft Masons declared that they owned an unbroken series of Grand Masters from Adam, or at any rate from Solomon, and of the two "yarns" the latter may certainly be said to have carried the day in point of absurdity. The fact is, both the Craft Masonry and the Knight Templary of the present day stand very nearly on a level as regards their history. It may be said—like their practice—to be almost purely speculative, and the chivalric Order is just as well entitled to frame for itself a connection with its brethren who fell under extreme persecutions, as the Free and Accepted Masons to endeavour to lay hold on the skirts of those who inspired the marvellous cathedrals of Cologne or York.

A few days since I visited the site of the once flourishing Preceptory of Coppinthorpe, about four miles from York. Had it not been for the friendly guidance of the parson of the parish I should never have discovered the spot, for at the first glance, when we arrived at the place, nothing was visible but an almost level expanse of green sward, on which a herd of short-horned cattle were peacefully grazing. But when I was told that I was standing in the centre of the old court-yard, then a glance around revealed a slight indentation in the ground, forming an oblong enclosure, and tracing the line of the former moat. Everything was gone, not a stone was to be seen. But on returning to the village the reason was patent. Not an old house, cottage, stable or pig-stye but contained amongst its building

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material blocks of stone from the old Preceptory, on some of which the marks of the chisel, and in a few instances the marks of the Masons who carved them, were distinctly visible; whilst many of the garden walks, gateways, rockeries and summer houses were fantastically constructed of finely carved bosses, column shafts, capitals, sections of gothic arches, pinnacles, finials, and all kinds of samples of the mediæval stone-cutter's work, the most remarkable to my mind being a final bearing in a medallion a Preceptor's cross. When I pointed it out to my guide he said, "Oh, yes, that is very curious. I never saw it before, but a cross of that form has been used from time immemorial in Copmanthorpe as the cognizance of the church or parish."

It was whilst gazing on some of these finely chiselled memorials of a departed grandeur and taste, that I was struck more forcibly than ever with the very great probability existing of a connection between the Templar Order and the Society of Builders, who must have been the authors of this beautiful work. The Knights, in the heyday of their wealth, must have largely employed the Society of Freemasons in the construction of their houses, preceptories, and churches. Sir Patrick Colquhoun, in his "Concise History of the Order of the Temple," urges the great improbability of the Knights of the Temple holding any communication with artisans or builders—men whom they would despise as beneath them in station, forgetting that not only were the Knights recruited from all classes in society to fill their various grades, but that the leaders of the Freemasons and their patrons were men of the most refined culture and often high rank; and as in the lower degrees of the Templar Order, men of all trades and professions were affiliated, there is nothing more probable than that there would be formed bonds of sympathy between members of the two secret societies.

Is it, then, so very extraordinary a theory that when the blow fell upon the great Templar Order, some of its members found protection and refuge by entering a sister secret society, with the leading members of which they were previously intimate. And if it became known to the Jesuit School subsequently (and what to them ever remained concealed?) that the Templars still maintained a secret organization amongst the Freemasons, would not that fact largely account for the antipathy which soon began to be shown by the Romish Church towards the society to which she owed her finest temples? I must confess that to me this theory commends itself very strongly, and appears to be a far more feasible method of accounting for the connection between the Temple and Masonry than the dogged blundering kind of assertion that the chivalric Orders were all the ridiculous inventions of one or two charlatans and curiosity mongers at the end of last century, or even the outcome of Jacobite associations.

As to Sir Patrick Colquhoun's conclusion that because Pope Clement V. took upon himself to dissolve the Order of the Temple, therefore there could not be any continuation of it, I am at a loss to understand how the Pope could dissolve what he never formed. It is true that one of his predecessors confirmed the existence of the Society which was formed without leave or license from Rome. The most Clement could do, therefore, was to deprive the Order of the confirmation. As for the real value of a Papal bull, anathema, or sentence of excommunication—we all know the story of the jackdaw of Rheims, and if such disagreeable processes have any intrinsic value there is no such thing at the present day as a Protestant Church or a Society of Freemasons.

I trust you will pardon the disconnected and wandering style of my communication, but I am very anxious that every member of the Order of the Temple should, as far as lies in his power, read and sift out for himself the hidden history of the Order whose emblem he is honored by wearing. In Canada the labors of the Very Eminent Great Prior cannot fail to bear fruit, and as I believe that nothing will more tend to elucidate truth than fair discussion, I have written to you in the hope of eliciting further opinions from those more learned and more competent to deal with so recondite a question than,

Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD,

P.E.P. Ancient Ebor Preceptory England.
P.G. Captain of Guards England.
Hon. Prov. Sub. Prior Canada,

York England, 13th October 1879.

Part IX. of Greenhouse Favourites (published by Groombridge and Sons, Paternoster Row, E.C.) is before us. The illustrations of this part—Pleroma Sarmentosa and Cypripedium Veitchianum—are all that can be desired. We have on previous occasions referred to the general excellence of this work, which is being carried on in first rate style. The descriptive matter is devoted to the Primula and the Cineraria.

The Royal Handbell ringers and glee singers (Poland Street,) paid a visit to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on the 2nd ult., and delighted the children with their entertainment. We believe this is not the first occasion that these popular entertainers have done a like service for our orphans; we feel sure that all friends of our Institutions will join us in thanking these talented gentlemen for thus endeavouring to entertain those who have been entrusted to our charge.

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A QUARTERLY General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 10th April, 1880, at Twelve o'Clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to consider Notices of Motion, as follow, and to elect Thirteen Girls into the School by Ballot, from a List of Forty-five approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'Clock (or after the usual business is over), and close at Three o'Clock precisely.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Bro. Lt.-Colonel J. CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee, Grand Treasurer:—

"It being desirable to enlarge the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, by maintaining, clothing, and educating Twenty-five Girls, in addition to those already in the Institution, the House Committee be directed to make the necessary arrangements to accommodate such Twenty-five Girls, and that such Twenty-five Girls be elected at the next Election, after the House Committee shall have reported the completion of the arrangements necessary for the reception and accommodation of such Twenty-five Girls."

By Bro. W. H. SPAULL, Prov. Grand Secretary North Wales and Shropshire:—

"That the third and every subsequent Stewardship to this Institution, accompanied by a donation of £5 5s, shall entitle the Brother to Two Votes."

By Bro. H. T. THOMPSON, P.M. 742:—

"That the sum of £6 be voted to each of Twenty-five Children, next highest on the Poll to the successful Candidates at this Election, in aid of their maintenance and education until the Election in October next."

By Bro. G. E. WEBSTER P.M. 139, West Yorkshire:—

"That it is desirable that the Life Governors, Subscribers, and others entitled to vote at Meetings of the General Court, should have the power of voting by proxy."

By Bro. G. E. WEBSTER P.M. 139, West Yorkshire:—

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F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

The Ninety-second Anniversary Festival will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, 16th April, on which day H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD, K.G., P.G.W., Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master for Oxfordshire, has graciously signified his intention of presiding.

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Notabilia.

We have to express our thanks to Bro. Jacob Norton for the following anecdotes of the Duke of Montague, the first nobleman who was elected Grand Master of English Freemasons after the constitution of Grand Lodge in 1717.

JOHN James Heidegger, mentioned in Nos. 12 and 18 of the *Tatler*, under the appellation of the Swiss Count, flourished in the reign of George II. as a kind of reformer of the way of conducting operas and masquerades.

The late facetious Duke of Montague (the memorable author of the bottle conjurer project at the theatre in the Haymarket) gave an entertainment at the Devil tavern, Temple-bar, to several of the nobility and gentry, selecting the most convivial, who were in the plot. Heidegger was invited, and in a few hours after dinner was made so drunk that he was carried out of the room and laid insensible upon a bed, and while in that stupefied state a lady took a mould from his face in plaster of Paris. From this a mask was made, and a few days before the next masquerade (at which the King promised to be present with the Countess of Yarmouth) the Duke obtained information from Heidegger's valet what kind of a suit his master had prepared for the occasion, when a very similar one was obtained, and a man of the same stature, who had studied the character and could imitate the voice to perfection, was accoutred in it, and was of course to be present at the same entertainment. On the evening of the masquerade, as soon as his Majesty was seated, Heidegger as usual ordered the musicians to play "God save the King," but his back was no sooner turned than the false Heidegger ordered them to strike up the treasonable tune "Over the water to Charley." The company were of course thunder-struck, and all the courtiers not in the plot were thrown into consternation: some doubtless imagined that the *pretender* was already in Westminster. Heidegger flew to the music gallery, he stamped, raved, and accused the musicians of drunkenness, or of being instigated by some secret enemy to ruin him. The King and Countess laughed so immoderately, that they hazarded a discovery. While Heidegger stayed in the gallery, "God save the King" was the tune, but when he was called to the dancing room, the counterfeit stepped forward and placed himself on the floor of the theatre, just in front of the music gallery, when, imitating Heidegger's voice, he began to belabor the musicians as a set of blockheads, rascals, &c., &c., for not playing "Over the water to Charley," as he had ordered them to do. Then a pause ensued, the musicians who knew his character, in their turn thought him either drunk or mad, but as he continued his vociferation, "Charley" was played again. At this repetition of the supposed affront, every thing was thrown into confusion, and some of the officers of the guard were about making a rush into the gallery to kick the musicians out. This was, however, prevented by the Duke of Cumberland, but the cry of "shame," "shame," could not be so easily prevented. This brought Heidegger once more face to face with the musicians, and he was about rushing up to the gallery, when the Duke of Montague informed him that the King was in a violent passion, that the best way was to fall down instantly before the King and apologise, and promise to discharge the musicians. This was immediately done by the terrified musical conductor, but no sooner was that over, than the false Heidegger advanced, and cried, "Indeed, Sire, it was not my fault, but the devil in my likeness." Poor Heidegger here turned round, stared, staggered, grew pale, and was speechless. The laughter all round at the discovery of the plot when the false one took off his mask may well be imagined.

J. N.

The Duke of Montague, soon after the peace, 1748, observed that a middle-aged man in something like a military dress, of which the lace was much tarnished and the cloth worn threadbare, appeared at a certain hour every day in the Park, walking to and fro with a kind of melancholy gait. This man he singled out as likely to be a fit object for a benevolent frolic. He began, therefore, by making some inquiry, and soon learned that he was one of the unfortunates, who, having laid out all he was worth in purchasing a commission in hopes of promotion, and having fought bravely in the late war, at its conclusion, instead of getting promotion, was reduced to half pay. The said captain, moreover, had a wife and several children whom he had to send to Yorkshire, there to subsist on the moiety of his half pay, while he himself remained in London, watching for an opportunity of somehow bettering his condition. After the Duke had made his necessary preparations, the said Captain was one day sitting alone, busied in thought, the Duke's valet approached him with an invitation from his master to dine with his Grace the next day. The Duke, in the meantime, watching the messenger approach the poor officer, saw him start from his reverie like one frightened out of a dream without seeming to comprehend what he said. He, however, recovered sufficiently to return thanks, and promised to wait on his Grace at the time appointed. When he came, the Duke received him with particular marks of kindness and civility, and, taking him aside with an air of secrecy and importance, told him that he desired the favour to dine with him on account of a lady who had long had particular regard for him, and was desirous of an introduction, which her situation made impossible without the assistance of a friend. The Duke, of course, enjoyed the astonishment of the poor man, and the speech he made assuring the Duke that he must have been imposed upon—that it could have no reference to him, &c., &c. The Duke, however, laid his hand on his breast and swore that he told him nothing but what he believed to be true. Notice was soon given that dinner was ready, and the poor Captain was ushered with all due solemnity into the dining-room. All was wonder and astonishment. The poor man bowed low to the assembled company as he entered, but what astonished him most was, on looking around the table, he found sitting there his own wife and children. But that was not all. The astonishment of the lady was equal to that of her husband, for she had been also brought there from Yorkshire with some cock-and-bull story, and had no more idea of meeting her husband there than he had of meeting her. But the most pleasing part of all was the presence of a legal gentleman, who, to the utter astonishment of the man and wife, began to read a deed, which proved to be a settlement which his Grace had made upon them, providing a genteel competency for life, and, in the most polite manner, presented to his guest.

J. N.

Allow me, in accordance with "R F. G.'s" request to be furnished with the names of "distinguished Naval and Military Officers (or Officers of high rank) who have been members of the Craft," to state that the following distinguished members of the Naval and Military Services were or are Freemasons: namely, the late General Sir Charles Napier, Conqueror of Scinde; the late Field Marshal Viscount Combermere—Sir Stapleton Cotton of Peninsular fame and the captor of Bhurtpore, who was Prov. G. Master of Cheshire; the late Admiral of the Fleet Sir Lucius Curtis Prov. G. Master of Hampshire; and Gen. Brownrigg, who is Prov. G. Master of Surrey. H.R.H. the Duke of York, brother of George Prince of Wales, G.M., was a Craftsman, and so was H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, Lord High Admiral, afterwards William IV. John Duke of Montague, the first nobleman who was elected Grand Master after the establishment of Grand Lodge in 1717 held several military appointments, but saw no active service. Perhaps it may be equally interesting if I give the names of the following who have been or are distinguished members of the Civil Service of the Crown. They were either initiated in or joined the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford. The late Lord Canning, Viceroy of India; the late Duke of Newcastle (5th Duke), Secretary of State for the Colonies and subsequently for War; the late Right Hon. G. Ward Hunt, First Lord of the Admiralty in the present Ministry; the Duke of Abercorn, lately Lord Lieutenant and now Grand Master of Ireland; the Duke of Marlborough, the present Lord Lieutenant; the late Lord Panmure, and subsequently Earl of Dalhousie, Dep. Grand Master, who was Secretary of State for War; Earl Granville, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and the Right Hon. Robert Lowe Chancellor of the Exchequer during Mr. Gladstone's Administration; Sir W. R. Seymour Fitzgerald, Governor of Bombay; Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, Secretary of State for the Colonies, and his successor in that important office of State, Sir M. Hicks-Beach Bart. Past Grand Warden of England; the Marquis of Hartington, leader of the present Liberal Opposition, Prov. Grand Master of Derbyshire; Hon. A. F. O. Liddell, Permanent Under Secretary of State for the Home Department; Sir James Ferguson, Governor of South Australia, P.G. Master of Ayrshire; Sir Alexander Malet who, in the days of the German Confederation, was H.M.'s Minister Plenipotentiary at Frankfort-on-the Main; E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Under Secretary of State for the Home Department; and the Earl of Donoughmore, lately Assistant Commissioner for this country in the settlement of Roumelian affairs. The late Sir James Graham, First Lord of the Admiralty in Lord Aberdeen's Administration, was likewise a distinguished member of our Fraternity. It will be seen from the foregoing that three members of Mr. Gladstone's Cabinet 1868-74—namely, Earl Granville, Marquis of Hartington, Right Hon. R. Lowe—are Masons, and two former and one present members of Lord Beaconsfield's—namely, the late Rt. Hon. G. Ward Hunt, the Earl of Carnarvon, and Sir M. Hicks-Beach.

A. G. H.

The Inauguration Meeting of the Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791, will be held at the Prince Albert Hotel, Portobello Terrace, Notting Hill Gate, on Wednesday, 7th April, at 7 o'clock precisely. Bros. Col. J. Creaton P.M. P.G.D. G.T. W.M., Col. Shadwell Clerke P.M. P.G.D. G.Sec. S.W., E. J. Barron P.M. P.G.D. J.W., Bro. A. F. A. Woodford P.M. P.G.C., and several other Grand Officers have promised to attend. The Creaton Lodge of Instruction will meet every Wednesday, at 8 p.m., at the Prince Albert Hotel. Bros. G. Davis, Preceptor; E. A. Dutton, Secretary.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 3rd APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 5th April.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Trafalgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors)
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
482—St. James, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Room, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Witton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 340—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M. M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
R. C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 6th APRIL.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. (Inst.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, at Bro. Kent's, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
293—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
559—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay,
791—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Nowall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
M. M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham
M. M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
M. M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 7th APRIL.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 3 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd., S.W.
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Inst.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
R A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 8th APRIL.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1523—St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction.)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1201—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough, Caledonian-road, Batley
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

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FRIDAY, 9th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Hanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R. C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
488—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Clare, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
1436—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 10th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
108—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mixpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday, 25th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, and was numerously attended by brethren and visitors. Bros. C. Daniel W.M., C. E. Ferry S.W., W. Chicken J.W., Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, G. Brown P.M. Secretary, Roberts S.D., Schadler J.D., Rich I.G.; Past Masters L. A. Leins, Arnold, Goodall, Chivers, Cornwall, Goodwin, J. Bellerby. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. R. Dyson, late 65, was unanimously elected a joining member; Mr. F. J. Rogers was initiated into the Order; Bros. Stafford and Walker were raised, and Bro. W. B. Tabor was passed. Among the Visitors were Bros. Haynes 27, A. Drew P.M. 890, S. Barnett 185, D. Moss 1275, J. Stevens P.M. 1426, W. H. Mann P.M. 813, R. A. James late 65, G. S. Graham 1543, H. Payne 228, W. S. Dunkley 1777, R. Bridger 890, R. Johnson 1777, Fowler 1158, F. Goodchild 1743, J. W. Nash 73, A. A. Thompson 1604, Danes P.M. 754, Sorrell 1804, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The W.M. can be congratulated on his excellent working. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. It showed the Lodge was in a flourishing state, as was also the Benevolent Fund, the Treasurer holding a good balance in favour of the Lodge and its Charity Fund. The Summer Banquet Committee was appointed. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. C. E. Ferry S.W. and Master elect, was presented, and in the presence of sixteen Worshipful Masters and Past Masters, duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. Bro. C. Daniel, who performed the ceremony in a very able, perfect, and impressive manner. Bro. Brown P.M. and Secretary gave the concluding addresses, and he, as likewise Bro. Daniel, received a well merited encominm from the brethren and visitors. On the re-admission of the brethren, the customary salutations were given, and the newly invested Master, in appropriate terms, appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. C. Daniel I.P.M., Chicken S.W., Roberts J.W., Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, G. Brown P.M. Secretary, Schadler S.D., Rich J.D., Wall I.G., L. A. Leins P.M. D.C., Pierce A.D.C., Akerman W.S., Speight P.M. Tyler. The widow of a late member of the Lodge was relieved with the sum of five guineas, and a petition from her to the Board of Benevolence was recommended and strongly supported by the brethren. The resignation of a member was accepted. Lodge was then closed until the fourth Thursday in June. The brethren, seventy in number, sat down to a very excellent banquet, provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, that gave unqualified satisfaction. The *menu* card, designed by the W.M., deserves special praise. The W.M. genially presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The National Anthem was sung, also "God bless the Prince of Wales," by Bros. Stafford and Graham, and Bro. Dunkley sang "Tom Bowling." Bro. C. Daniel I.P.M. then rose; he had with much pleasure to take the gavel, to propose health and happiness to the W.M. From the hour Bro. Ferry had joined them he had risen in their regard; the more they saw of him the more they liked him. Although he had been but a short time in the chair, all might see how ably he presided. Indeed, he was one they would all be proud of, and he (Bro. Daniel) hoped the brethren would drink the toast, and wish him health and prosperity during his year of office. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Daniel for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the enthusiastic reception they had accorded him. He was surrounded by many old and esteemed friends, who had rallied round him, and ably supported him. He thanked the brethren heartily and cordially for the manner in which the toast had been received. The W.M. next proposed the health of the initiate, which toast having been responded to, the W.M. proposed that of the Visitors; remarking how pleased the Lodge was to see them present. Bro. Goodchild sang a very humourous song. Bros. Jas. Stevens P.M. 1246 and W. H. Main P.M. 813 responded to the toast, each paid deserved compliments to Bro. Daniel, the Installing Master, and to Bro. Brown for his excellent rendering of the addresses; to the W.M. also their thanks were due for his genial and able presidency. The next toast was the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Daniels. The brethren had, by their unanimous vote, in consideration of the able manner in which he had conducted the duties of the Lodge, voted him a jewel, which he worthily deserved, he (the W.M.) had now the pleasure of placing it on his breast, and with the gift the voice of the Lodge went; no Master better deserved it. He (the W.M.) also had a further pleasing duty to perform, that was to present Bro. Daniel with an elegant and valuable gold keyless watch, with appropriate inscription, this he hoped Bro. Daniel would live for many years to wear, and be among them in health and prosperity. Bro. Johnston sang "Sally in our Alley." Bro. Daniel, who on rising was enthusiastically cheered, said he was overpowered by his feelings; he could hardly find words to express his thanks for their kindness. By the wish of the brethren he had accepted the chair for the second time; he had been strongly supported by the Lodge, and he was pleased to say in leaving it, after two years, he left it in a flourishing condition, and surrounded by a spirit of peace and harmony. The substantial tokens of their goodness would never be forgotten, and he trusted the watch might become an heirloom. His services would ever be at their command. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters; Bros. Arnold Bellerby and Lewis, who were present, were all good men and true thorough working Masons, who had done the Lodge eminent service; Those Past Masters who were absent likewise deserved praise; he hoped to see them among them for many years. Bros. Arnold, Bellerby and Lewis responded, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of the Installing Master; he would couple with it the three Masonic Institutions, as Bro. Daniel was ever enthusiastic in the interests of the Charities. Bro. Daniel replied; he was always pleased to serve as Steward; he had already done his share for the Charities, but he would again and again represent them while he had the support of the brethren; he thanked the W.M. for the way he had spoken of him as Installing Master, but he felt he was only doing his duty; he hoped to their satisfaction. The W.M. then proposed the toast of Wardens and Officers, including the Treasurer, Bro. Goodwin, and the Secretary, Bro. Brown, who each responded. The Tyler's toast now brought a very agreeable evening to a close.

The Prosperity Lodge of Instruction meets every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m., at Bro. T. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street.

IVY LODGE, No. 1441.

THE members of this Lodge met in considerable numbers at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., for the Installation of Bro. William Ashwell P.M., the W.M. elect. Lodge was opened at 4.30 by the W.M. Bro. Thomas Frederick Knight-Smith, and there were present during the Lodge working Bros. Ashwell S.W., R. Foster J.W., G. Skegg S.D., J. Burgess J.D., A. Vernon I.G., Past Masters G. Mattock, Josiah I. Cantle, C. F. Poupard, L. Cornellissen, and C. S. Jolly Sec., Bros. A. Goodman D.C., D. H. Ashford, J. Vernon, E. W. Catling, W. G. Reynolds, J. W. St. John Hunt, J. Williams, J. A. Taylor, J. Raymond, W. Jacques, W. F. Gunnell, B. Cooper, P. Dyke, C. Holste, T. Morley, G. L. Luker, F. Paling, F. Gill, A. T. Trehearne, W. N. Shaw, Trant Smith, and others. The business before the Lodge after confirmation of minutes consisted only of passing Bro. Paling to the degree of F.C., and therefore at an early hour Bro. Ashwell was duly presented to the outgoing Master Bro. Knight-Smith who in a very excellent manner carried through the duty of installing his successor. After customary greetings and appointment and investment of Officers in rotation, Bro. Ashwell closed his Lodge and accompanied the brethren to the Holborn Restaurant, where in the Crown Room banquet was served. A large number of members and their guests, unable to attend the Lodge, were here assembled, and increased the party to a considerable extent. Ample provision had however been made for them, and a comfortable and most agreeable evening resulted from the perfect arrangements of the Officers and Stewards of the Lodge. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured the I.P.M. Bro. Knight-Smith proposed the health of the newly Installed Master, Bro. W. Ashwell, in a very fluent and attractive speech, which was attentively listened to; and the toast was drunk with much enthusiasm. In reply the W.M. thanked the members of his Lodge for the honour conferred on him, and declared that he would do all in his power to help the prosperity of the Lodge, to study its best interest, and to leave the chair at the expiration of his year of office with work performed of which neither they nor himself should be ashamed. The W.M. then by special request called upon Bro. James Stevens (a Visitor) to recite "Masons' Vows." We have had the great pleasure on previous occasions to hear Bro. Stevens' excellent recital, but on this he excelled himself, and the wrapt attention of his audience, and their unanimous expressions of approval testified to their appreciation of the sentiments of that admirable Masonic poem, and his ability in rendering it. With the toast of the Past Masters, all of whom but one were present, the W.M. coupled the name of his predecessor and Installing Master, especially acknowledging his valuable services during the past year, and recognising the fidelity with which he had followed the example of those who had preceded him, and to whom the present successful position of the Lodge is due. In presenting to Bro. Knight-Smith a similar P.M.'s jewel to that worn by his colleagues he congratulated him and them upon the excellent results of their respective efforts on behalf of the Lodge, and expressed the hope that their services might be long continued. Suitable responses were made by Bro. Smith and other P.M.'s. The toast of the Visitors, fourteen in number, was cordially received, and acknowledged by Bro. James Stevens P.M. 1426, T. P. Collings W.M. 22, E. Farwig P.M. 180, A. Lemarque W.M. 917, and W. Alexander of the Grand Lodge

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of Ireland, on behalf of themselves and remainder present, viz.:—Bros. Jonas Duckett P.M. 507, H. D. Martin J.W. 1309, J. Oswald P.M. 1328, J. Evans 753, J. Quamer W.M. 569, F. Rose 179, W. A. Maloney P.M. 25, W. J. Large W.M. 1321, and Reader Brock 765. The services of Bro. Past Master Jolly, the Hon. Sec., the Treasurer and the Officers of the Lodge generally, were remembered, and the proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast. A more thoroughly enjoyable meeting from beginning to end we have but seldom experienced; and we cannot close this report without a meed of praise to the musical brethren, all members of the Lodge, who contributed so largely to the success of this social gathering. Under the direction of the I.P.M. Bro. Knight-Smith, some charming solos, duets and glees were rendered in most perfect style, Bros. Evans, Martin, Reynolds, and Large especially distinguishing themselves. Bros. Knight-Smith and Cantle sang the duet "Excelsior," and in several glees, with such musical taste and effect as could scarcely be surpassed, and it would be no exaggeration to say that many so-called "Grand Concerts" have lacked that amount of talent and execution which on this occasion were accessory only to an ordinary Masonic meeting. We shall hope to attend another Installation Meeting of the Ivy Lodge, No. 1441.

ROWLEY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 1051, LANCASTER.

ON Monday, 16th ult., Colonel the Right Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., Secretary of State for War, was installed as M.E.Z. of this Chapter, by Comp. Dr. Moore P.G.S,B. England, P. Prov. G.H., &c.

Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145.—The above Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, 23rd March, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. Present:—Bro. W. R. Lister W.M., Dr. W. Wilkinson S.W., C. A. Woods J.W., E. H. Thiellay P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex Secretary, T. Bull P.M. Treasurer, A. D. Kerrell J.D., J. Reid D.C., J. Curtis I.G., Reinhardt Tyler, J. H. Leggott I.P.M. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Philibert Desplaces, which was unanimously in that gentleman's favour, and he was duly initiated into the Order by the W.M., who conducted the ceremony in a very able and perfect manner. The W.M. then presented Bro. J. H. Leggott I.P.M., in the name of the Lodge, with a very elegant silver Past Master's square, in lieu of the charity Jewel usually presented by the Lodge, Bro. Leggett having previously provided himself with one. The amount handed in by our esteemed brother in support of his various Stewardships to the three Charities is over £900. Bro. Leggott appropriatly responded for the kindness of the brethren. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated; there was no banquet. Bros. G. Mickey P.M. 449, and T. Fraik were present as visitors.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 30th March. Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Smyth S.W., Forss J.W., Polak S.D., Clark J.D., Baker I.G., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, C. Lorkin, Allen, Hopkins, Marsh, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Brother Hopkins was interrogated, entrusted, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason; the W.M. gave the Traditional History. Lodge was closed in the third, and resumed to the first degree, Bro. Allen answered the questions and was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was closed in the second degree, Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Owing to Bro. P.M. Wallington having a very bad cold, the ceremony of installation which should have been rehearsed was postponed till Tuesday, 6th April. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Lodge of Montefiore, No. 1017.—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, 24th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. L. J. Salomon W.M., E. Ellis S.W., M. Levy J.W., L. Jacobs Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., J. Syers S.D., L. A. Lazarus as I.G., H. Leverton D.C., Goldberger W.S., S. Samuel Steward; P.M.'s S. V. Abrahams, De Solla, W. H. Gulliford, Grunbaum, S. Pollitzer, A. Blumenthal. After preliminaries had been duly observed, Bro. W. H. B. Gulliford answered the necessary questions satisfactorily, and was raised to the third degree. A ballot was taken for Mr. N. P. Valentine, who was duly initiated into the Order. Both ceremonies were perfectly and impressively rendered by the W.M. Among the Visitors were Bros. G. H. Jaffa W.M. 1579, S. Rosenthal, Henri De Solla No. 11 P.S.G.W. Middlesex, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The resignation of three brethren was accepted with regret, and a candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Nicols. In proposing the toast of the Deputy G.M. the W.M. alluded to the honour the Lodge had received by one of their members being selected as a Grand Officer and invested by H.R.H. the M.W. the Grand Master. All respect Bro. E. P. Albert, and hope he will be among them for many years. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. eloquently responded. Bro. W. H. Gulliford I.P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M. He did not propose the toast simply as their W.M. That evening his (Bro. Gulliford's) son had been passed to the third degree by the W.M., and from the expressions of approval made by the brethren the work had been well done. He had wished to perform the ceremony himself, but he regretted he was unable to be present. Bro. Salomon was one who would cement the bonds of amity and friendship in the Lodge. No better Mason could occupy the chair. After a song by Bro. H. De Solla—"Phillis is my only joy"—the W.M. felt pleased to hear the encomiums passed by Bro. Gulliford; he hoped at close of his year of office to merit their approbation. He was pleased that the Lodge continued in the bonds of amity and brotherly love. Before sitting down he would propose the health of those who had recently joined our ranks. Bro. Valentine is one whom they all knew, and from his antecedents would ever respect. The other new member was a son of Bro. Gulliford I.P.M., whose year of office had been eminently satisfactory. After Bro. Chandler had favoured with the "Village Blacksmith," Bro. Valentine responded, and was followed by Bro. Gulliford. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and Bros. Rosenthal, Jaffa, De Solla and H. M. Levy responded. The toast of the P.M.'s was next given. Those brethren had striven to work for the welfare of the Lodge; they one and all had done good and true service. As this was Bro. Pollitzer's natal day, all wished him long life and happiness. The W.M. would call on Bros. Pollitzer and Gulliford to respond. After the brethren named had acknowledged the compliment, the W.M. proposed the Officers, coupling with the toast the names of Bros. E. P. Albert Sec. and L. Jacobs Treas. After Bro. De Solla had again favoured the company, the brethren named replied, and then the Tyler gave his toast, and the brethren separated.

Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 23rd ult., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Present:—Bros. R. S. Smith W.M., R. Harris S.W., A. Stewart J.W., A. Wright P.M., T. H. Pulsford P.M. Sec., R. Fortune S.D., Holloway J.D., Austin D.C., Block Steward, Wilks I.G. Past Masters Bros. C. Wise, T. Potter, &c. The Lodge was formally opened and advanced to the third degree, when Bro. Millard was raised. The Lodge was resumed, and Mr. George Hepburn Greenham, having been accepted unanimously on the ballot, was duly initiated into the Order. The election of W.M. for ensuing year resulted in favour of Bro. Harris, who received the unanimous support of the brethren. Bro. A. Wright was re-elected Treasurer, as was also Bro. Stead the Tyler. Three auditors were then elected, the votes being in favour of Bros. Webb, Rossiter and Davis. It was regularly proposed and carried that a Past Master's jewel, of the usual description, be presented from the Funds of the Lodge to Bro. R. S. Smith for his services to the Lodge during his term of office.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning-town, on Tuesday, 30th March. Bros. Shepherd W.M. 1349 W.M., Johnson S.W., Smith J.W., Fyfe S.D., Roddam J.D., Cope I.G., Worsley Secretary; also Bros. Nash, Pavitt, Sadler, White, Roberts, &c. The Lodge opened in due form and the minutes read. The ceremony of installation was eloquently rehearsed by the W.M., who installed Bro. Roberts in the chair of K.S. After which Bro. Roberts worked the initiation ceremony, Bro. Fyfe being candidate. Bro. Johnson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his Officers in rotation. A unanimous vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes of this Lodge of Instruction to Bro. Roberts for the very excellent manner in which he had worked the ceremony, for the first time in this Lodge. Lodge closed in due form until Tuesday, 6th April, when Auditors will be appointed.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—A meeting was held on Monday, 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury. Present:—Bros. T. Blamiers W.M., H. Miskin S.W. and Treasurer, J. F. Howarth J.W., W. Carter Secretary I.G., J. Cranfield S.D., H. Walton J.D., E. Ewell Tyler. The Lodge was opened in the first degree. The questions leading from the first to the second were put by the W.M. to Bro. Walton (an initiate). The charge was given by Bro. Blamiers, and the working tools explained by Bro. Howarth.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction.—Held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on 18th March. Bros. J. J. Gunner W.M., C. Bellerby S.W., W. Seward J.W., E. C. Porter S.D., G. Coop J.D., A. Jones I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, T. Kingston P.M., C. Andrews P.M., J. W. Wells Secretary; also Bros. H. Kasner, Tink Brown, G. S. Wright, J. Green, C. Meadows, J. J. Clarke, M. W. Wyville, H. Youens, A. J. Burr, T. Allen, J. Owen, R. Fernee, Gasson, J. W. Fisher, F. Botley, J. W. Woolmer, F. C. Woolmer, H. Stephens, and Mitchell. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Mitchell candidate. Lodge was called off for refreshment. On resuming business, on the motion of Bro. Tucker, seconded by Bro. Burr, the Lodge adjourned over the Easter holidays, until 1st April. It was unanimously agreed that the annual banquet of the Lodge should take place on Thursday, 22nd of April. Bros. G. Coop, W. Seward and J. R. Fernee were appointed Stewards. The discussion of the Bye-Laws of the Benevolent Association (adjourned from last meeting) was resumed; Bro. G. Coop proposed, and Bro. H. Youens seconded, the following resolution:—"That the Benevolent Association meet on Thursday, after the Lodge of Instruction is closed." The resolution was carried. The Bye-Laws were then read *seriatim* by Bro. Burr, and sundry alterations having been made, it was unanimously agreed that the Bye-Laws of the Association be agreed to. Bro. Seward was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form. Meeting was adjourned to Thursday, 1st April.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, 1623.—We are pleased to notice that the members of this young and flourishing

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Lodge have it in contemplation to present their Preceptor Bro. W. Pennefather, S.W. of the mother Lodge, with a Testimonial in recognition of his valuable services to the Lodge. We can testify to the zealous and painstaking efforts of Bro. Pennefather, which have resulted in sending capital Officers to the mother Lodge, and feel sure the brethren will support the movement handsomely. Bro. T. Batt (the host) is Chairman, Bro. G. Stephens Vice Chairman, Bro. H. J. Lardner Treasurer, and E. Mallett Hon. Sec. of the Committee, by whom subscriptions will be gladly received.

St. George's Lodge, No. 1723.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton. Present—Bros. Nathaniel Nicholson W.M., William Blain as S.W., James Heywood J.W., J. Martin Rutter P.M. Sec., William Court S.D., Robert Latham J.D., J. W. Taylor P. Prov. G. Org. D.C., Cosgrave and Harwood Stewards, John Barrett I.G., J. W. Roiley Tyler; Past Masters Bros. G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D., Thomas Morris; Bros. Tong, Naylor, Bardsley, and Priestley. The Lodge being duly opened, the ballot was taken and proved in favour of Mr. Thomas Arden, of Bolton, who was initiated by the W.M. The working tools were explained by the J.W., and the charge given by Bro. Brockbank. Bro. James Heywood the J.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bros. Brockbank, Nicholson and Heywood appointed Auditors. The Festival of St. George and Installation will take place on the fourth Wednesday in April.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Charles Warren Lodge, No. 1832.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 12th February, at Du Toits Pan, Diamond Fields. Present:—Bros. R. M. Connolly W.M., D. S. Doveton S.W., E. M. Scholtz J.W., J. C. Wylie Treas., T. J. Roop Sec., J. E. Dyer S.D., C. A. Blackbeard J.D., R. H. Blackbeard Steward, D. S. Gowie I.G., Members:—Bros. Edward Rowles, T. Tyson, D. Harris, Dr. H. A. Wolff, Rev. M. Mendelsohn, C. Arburrow; Visitors:—Bros. Charles Dyer Cosmopolitan 1409, H. J. Raphael Loyal Greymouth 1233, and E. Harris Sir Hugh Myddelton 1602. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot took place for Messrs. H. W. Harris, C. H. Gowie, and G. Reisle, who were duly declared elected as candidates for initiation. These gentlemen were then introduced and initiated by the W.M. in his usual excellent manner. The Charles Warren is but a new Lodge; however, the interest taken in it by its members is a guarantee for its future success.

Peace and Harmony Lodge.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 18th February, at Du Toits Pan. Present:—Bros. Henry Hartog W.M., D. van Ulsen S.W., J. van Zyp Sombeek J.W., T. van Zyp Sombeek Treas., B. Klisser Hon. Sec., C. Roberts D.M., T. J. Steyn I.G., S. W. Green Tyler; Past Masters:—Bros. B. Susman, D. McKay, N. M. de Kock, P. J. Richter and C. Sonnenberg; Visitor:—Bro. E. Harris Sir Hugh Myddelton; Members:—Bros. A. Yockmonitz, E. Isaacs, M. Rossettenstein, D. Andreas, D. V. de Vos, D. Avis, W. Kimper, E. Garisch, B. Hartog, H. W. Hull, D. Dodds, H. Veevers and H. C. Geyer. Lodge opened in the first degree, and correspondence and other matters of a routine character having been disposed of, Lodge was passed to second and raised to third degree, when Bro. D. Andreas was duly advanced to the sublime degree of M.M. The ceremony was performed in the W.M.'s most impressive manner. The Past Masters present having congratulated the W.M. upon his effective working, the Lodge then closed to first degree, and the W.M. thanked the visiting brethren for their attendance, and Bro. Harris for his services on the Harmonium. Upon invitation of the W.M. the brethren adjourned to the Du Toits Pan Club, where the brethren were entertained in the W.M.'s usual manner. Amongst the different toasts that were proposed, Bro. P.M. N. M. de Kock particularly dwelt upon the flourishing financial state of the Lodge, and expressed his most earnest wish for a continuation of prosperity to the Lodge Peace and Harmony. He likewise congratulated the W.M. upon the efficient staff of Officers he had the good fortune to select, and on being so ably assisted by them in everything appertaining to the Lodge. Bro. P.M. Sonnenberg also rose, he quite concurred in the remarks made by his esteemed friend and Bro. P.M. de Kock, and expressed a fervent hope for the future prosperity of the Lodge "Peace and Harmony." Several other Brothers having spoken, the proceedings terminated, and the brethren departed in Peace and Harmony.

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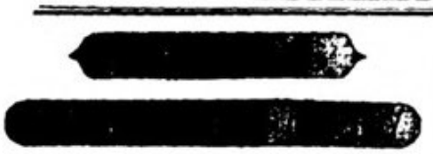

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held this day (Saturday), at noon, in the Great Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, for the transaction of the usual business and the election of thirteen from an approved list of forty-five candidates. Dealing with the election, we find that the first four on the list, of whom one has a sister in the Institution, have stood on three occasions, but only in the case of the fourth, who has 912 votes to her credit, has any real progress been made towards success. The eight girls that follow have tried on two previous occasions, and in the case of three of them (Nos. 7,. 8, and 10) success must be achieved to-day, or not at all, as they will be ineligible, by reason of age, in October. Five of these eight—namely, No. 5, with 772 votes, No. 6, with 984 votes, No. 7, with 958 votes, No. 10, with 880 votes, and No. 12, with 1005 votes—stand extremely well already; while No. 8 has only 19 votes. No. 9 has a sister in the School, and No. 6 a brother in the Boys' School. In the case of the next sixteen, this is the second time of asking, the votes already recorded ranging from 429 in the case of No. 17, and 395 in that of No. 26, down to as few as 6 for No. 28, 2 for No. 22, and 1 for No. 13; while No. 21 is voteless. Two of these—Nos. 14 and 23—have each already a sister in the School, and No. 18 a brother in the Boys' School. The remaining seventeen are applicants for the first time, and of these Nos. 34, 35, and 42 have each a brother in the Boys' School. Of the whole number of candidates five have lost both parents, while eight have both living; all the others are fatherless. In twelve cases the father has subscribed to, or filled the office of Steward for one or more of our three Institutions. Looking to see how the candidates are distributed throughout the country, we note that seventeen out of the forty-five hail from London. Hants sends up the very considerable number for a Province of six, Warwickshire three, Devonshire, Kent, and Lincolnshire send up each two; and a single candidate is furnished from each of the following:—Cambridgeshire, Devon, Lancashire East, Lancashire West, Yorkshire (N. and E. Ridings), Essex, Hong Kong, South Wales (West), Durham, Somerset, Suffolk, and Middlesex; while in two cases the candidates owe a divided allegiance—one between Cheshire and Wilts, and the other between Canada and Northamptonshire, though, as regards Canada, the allegiance, if any, is due to Scotland, as it was in the Scotch Lodge Elgin, No. 348, the father of the girl was initiated.

Let us now turn to the business of the meeting, which is heavier and more interesting than usual. The first notice of motion on the agenda paper stands in the name of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, to the effect that "it being desirable to enlarge the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, by maintaining, clothing, and educating twenty-five girls, in addition to those already in the Institution, the House Committee be directed to make the necessary arrangements" to accommodate them, and that such twenty-five girls be elected when the Committee in question have reported that the arrangements have been completed. We have already expressed our views on the policy or rather impolicy of adding to the strength of the School until such time as the permanent income of the Institution has been largely increased. Those who contribute so liberally have no doubt the right to say, through the medium of those whom the laws have invested with the requisite authority in such matters, that the money shall be spent as it comes in. But there is another and equally important duty which must not be lost sight of. We have no business to bind down those who come after us to maintain an establishment which, with all the will in the world, it might be out of their power to keep up. We heartily wish it were possible to return the whole of the forty-five candidates whose names are at this present moment on the list, and who will undergo the ordeal of a ballot to-day, in order that less than one-fourth of them may be received into the School. But such a quality as discretion is needed in the arrangement of large Institutions, especially when they have only a very limited amount of invested moneys, nor must it be forgotten that the country may not always be in the enjoyment of that prosperity, which during the past few years has enabled so much good to be done by our Charities. We can understand in a measure and applaud the action of the Grand Treasurer, who takes the lead in proposing these increases in the number of pupils in these establishments, and if we felt assured his action were based on data which, as regards the future, were certain to be realised, we should fully endorse his various propositions. With him no doubt the wish is father to the thought that all will go as prosperously henceforth as it has gone hitherto—that, indeed, is the case with all who take an interest in this and our other Charities. But it strikes us we have gone ahead sufficiently for some little time to come, and our present duty lies rather in the direction of strengthening and confirming what we have done than in going still further forward.

The third notice of motion, standing in the name of Bro. H. T. Thompson P.M. 742, is, we presume, intended to be tentative in its character. He will submit to the Court that "£6 be voted to each of twenty-five children, next highest on the poll to the successful candidates at this election, in aid of their maintenance and education until the election in October next." The proposition is very simple, and one with which substantially no fault can be found. We know of no law of the Institution which would justify such a disposition of any portion of its funds, and we anticipate therefore that it will fall through for this reason. That being so, it materially strengthens the position we have taken up in reference to the proposed Assistance Fund, that it might be extended beyond its original scope and made to include assistance to unsuccessful candidates as well as to former pupils. As to the propriety of the next motion, by Bro. G. E. Webster P.M. No. 139, West Yorkshire, that those entitled to vote at the General Courts shall be permitted to vote by proxy, we urged this strenuously at the election of Secretary in 1878. We are of the same mind still and for the same reason, namely, that it is not fair to Provincial brethren to submit them to the alternative of incurring much trouble and expense in journeying to London or sacrificing their votes in important elections. If it is permitted to Conservative and Liberal candidates for parliamentary honours to pay the legitimate expenses of outlying voters—and we all know how jealously the legislature guards against excessive and improper outlay at elections—then, in all reason, there should be no objection raised to so simple a matter as allowing our provincial brethren entitled to do so to vote by proxy.

The last notice of motion by the same Bro. Webster is, that

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all donations, subscriptions, and legacies not distinctly to be appropriated to the Sustentation of Building Fund, shall be devoted to the maintenance and education of the children, and to that object alone, and that any surplus there may be when all the expenditure on that account has been defrayed, shall be invested in Government Stock, and the interest appropriated to the same purpose. Here again we think Bro. Webster ought to have the whole Quarterly Court in his favour. A leading member of the bar has already given it as his opinion that moneys subscribed to the general Fund of the School—that is, of course, for its management and the maintenance of the pupils—cannot legally be expended on buildings, and having regard to the very considerable sums which have been latterly voted for buildings and the purchase of buildings, we think it is high time this opinion, coming as it does from an impartial source, should be embodied in a law. When these motions have been disposed of, the election will commence.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Quarterly General Court of this Institution will be held at the same time and place on Monday next. In this case there are more vacancies to be filled, but at the same time and unfortunately, the proportion of candidates is greater than for the Girls' School, the former being twenty, and the latter seventy-nine, or as nearly as possible in the ratio of four candidates to one vacancy, while in the Girls' School it is three and a half to one. Sixteen, or about one in five, are from London, the remaining sixty-three being distributed as follow:—Hants and Isle of Wight seven, Devon, Kent, and Warwickshire four each; Worcestershire and Yorkshire (N. and E.R.) three each; two each from Lincolnshire, Dorset, Essex, Surrey, Durham, Middlesex, Northumberland, West Yorkshire, East Lancashire, South Wales (West); and one each from Beds, Berks and Bucks, Bristol, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Gloucestershire, Herts, North Wales and Salop, South Wales (East Division), Suffolk, Sussex, Guernsey, Cape Town, South Africa, West Coast of Africa, West Indies, Singapore, and Hong Kong. The first in numerical order on the list has to his credit 727 votes as the result of six previous ballots, and has a brother in the School. The next four have been candidates already four times, No. 2 having 1095 votes to the good, and No. 3 617, Nos. 4 and 5 having respectively 18 and 4. One of them, No. 3, has a sister in the Girls' School. The eight that follow have tried three times already. No. 8 has a brother in the School, and No. 11 two sisters in the Girls' School. As to votes, No. 10 has 1450 to his credit, No. 9 has 1273, and No. 7 has 1089. Then come fourteen who have been candidates at two previous ballots, and of these (No. 15) has 1413 votes to his credit, while two are voteless. The twenty-five from Nos. 28 to 52, both inclusive, made their first attempt in October last, and two of them, No. 37, with 785 votes, and No. 47, with 623 votes, polled with a fair amount of success, while others had not even one vote recorded for them. Among them No. 29 has a brother in the Institution already. The other candidates, twenty-seven in number, will have had their cases submitted to the ordeal of the ballot for the first time on Monday, and two of them, Nos. 63 and 70, will be shut out by reason of age, if they are not fortunate enough to be elected on this occasion. Six of the candidates have lost both parents, and three have both still living, though in one case the mother has been deserted since 1871, and the boy is to all intents and purposes fatherless. Of the remainder one has lost his mother, while all the rest are fatherless. The fathers in thirteen cases have contributed to, or acted as Steward for, one or more of our Institutions. The majority of the fathers were subscribing members for less than ten years, some even for two or three years only. However, the father of No. 7 was a subscriber for a quarter of a century, and that of No. 41, for only a few months short of that period, while others were members of the Craft for only less considerable periods, ranging from fifteen to twenty years.

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ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR BROTHER AND SIR,—As Bro. While, in this week's *Freemason*, continues to boast he will do all in his power to injure a "Fund" which, if it does not meet his approval, his Masonic duty should teach him he ought not to abuse or slander, I think for the benefit of your readers you should publish my reply, as it contains facts which, as they are in print, are indisputable, and may prove beneficial to the welfare of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund you so kindly support. I have, I hope, done nothing to hurt Bro. While's feelings; and believe me I am actuated by no vindictive feeling, but am simply prompted by a sense of duty I owe the "Fund" and its Patrons.

Yours fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In strict justice I consider you should let me answer your leaders and letters, and I will be as brief as possible. I think the extracts and references given below will prove how incorrect Bro. While's assertions and your suppositions have been. Immediately after the Boys' Festival in June 1879 I wrote to you and other papers, suggesting the formation of a Fund. On page 273 of your issue 5th July 1879 appeared my letter, from which I will give extracts (although the subject, to my mind, is so worthy of your space that to repeat the whole of the articles and letters would not be the most uninteresting portion of your paper) as they may suffice to prove my case.

Page 273, column 2, line 39, "I would propose on the next Stewards' papers a column be left for subscriptions and donations to the "Assistance Fund;" this would save expense of collecting, and as an inducement to the Brethren and Stewards to collect for the Fund, to allow, say, one vote for every £20 collected for this purpose. There need be no special banquet or festival, simply let it be recognised as a *special Fund*, and Stewards for the Boys' and Girls' Festivals invited to solicit subscriptions."

In July 18th, page 128, *Scottish Freemason*, the above letter was also published. On page 127, column 2, line 14, THE EDITOR WRITES—"We fully agree with what our Bro. Earl Rosslyn said in conclusion, only we do not call it a *fault* but simply a *want*." "The system will not be complete until something more is done for the children when starting in life, the most critical time in the life of man." "This, however, in England would necessitate a *fourth Institution*." (This I do not personally agree with, as I hope some measure will be devised to make it a *supplementary* fund). After waiting to see if my suggestions were taken up, I *determined to act*. On page 314 of your issue 2nd August, I wrote informing you of the fact, and concluded with this remark, "I shall be very glad to receive the names of any brethren willing to act as Stewards, or support the scheme, and *rough proof of prospectus* (I sent one to you) *shall be forwarded* for their approval. Suggestions will be received by, &c." This letter also appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and a leader by the same paper with favourable review, entitled "Our Scholars in After Life," promised support; and also again in issue of 9th August a second article, under same title (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). In this same number, page 101, is a letter of mine, in which occur these passages:—"The question is such an universal one it would be arrogance on one man's part to dictate. I am anxious to hear suggestions as to how money could be raised, how it should be applied. The more I think that we have no Assistance Fund ATTACHED to our Grand Charities, the more inexplicable it is. There is scarcely another Charity to be found that does not assist, &c." On August 16th I find a letter of mine in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE and the prospectus; this I expected would have appeared in your issue of same date, however you published it later. On page 148 *Scottish Freemason*, 29th August 1879, appears the prospectus. In the *Freemason* issue of 30th August you do print the *prospectus*, but not my letter; but in the same issue, page 348, you devote a whole column leader to the "Assistance Fund." I give a few of your comments:—"Started under high auspices." "A list of names follow, including Bro. Kenning's, and the names of many more will soon join the movement and it will easily be got into working order." "It *appears* to us a practical scheme, and *likely to commend itself* to all." "There is nothing about the plan *grand or pretentious*, chimerical or Utopian. It is simply a *plain and practical* development of *what is right, needful* and *truly considerate*." "There has been happily a growing conviction that *our duty* to the orphans cannot and does not cease with the conclusion and limits of 'school age.'" "All over the land great anxiety has been evinced to discover a method and elaborate a plan by which the boys and girls on leaving school might find a continuance of culture, care, friendly help, and genial "*surveillance*" by which at the most dangerous period of life they may be shielded," &c, "*This new Society* will seek to carry on the good work, and watch over, &c., to enable them to *reap the benefits* of that admirable education," &c. "We are aware that this is not the best of times to make appeals or found *new Charitable Institutions*, but we think the *useful, the needful, and the practical* so PREDOMINANT in this *simple* and *straightforward* scheme, which we *print elsewhere in detail*, that we have

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thought well to call the attention of our readers specifically, if shortly, to it." "As the *Society* increases in size and commences its work in good earnest, as we doubt not we shall have much pleasure in reporting." . . . I think you will agree with me that the "Society" has increased. Compare the list of patrons, &c., and I feel you must agree I have worked in "good earnest;" I have pushed forward as fast as possible, and but for the unfortunate cause of adjournment of first meeting the *modus operandi* ere this would have been before the Craft. A rough plan of "working," has long been drawn up; part of the *modus operandi* is to enlist the services of the Boys' and Girls' Schools' Committees, and had you referred to the Earl of Rosslyn's *speech*, this is plainly mentioned; but, as I have repeatedly explained, nothing will be decided upon without the careful deliberation of a committee.

On page 365 *Freemason*, 13th September, a report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Boys *proves* I submitted the scheme and received *unanimous* support. I cannot find the report of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, but my memory tells me the Chairman moved that the application should "lie on the table." Does this not contradict all assertions that I am striving to work without the Committees? Surely my first letter proves I am desirous some one should take it up, and nothing would have given me greater pleasure than to have seen the Fund started by the Committees, for I should have been saved much work. On page 369, col. 3, line 49, of *Freemason*, 20th September 1879, appears the following:—"Bro. Binckes desired to be allowed to say one word on the subject of the Pupils' Assistance Fund. He wished every one to understand that it was not intended to be *competitive* with any Fund for the Masonic Charities."

Without wishing to criticise, or say anything to hurt your feelings, I cannot but feel you have been misguided in your late criticisms. In your issue of 30th August, you land the scheme and print the prospectus, which has always remained *the same* except the addition mentioned last week, which *must* meet your approval, as it so thoroughly accords with the work being done by you with the London Masonic Charity Association.

In your issue of 20th March, you withdraw, and suggest the scheme being abandoned, giving no reasons. Had you forgotten your leader of 30th August?

In your issue of 27th March, you again approve the Fund as a *necessary* supplement to our well managed institutions.

How can you reconcile all these contradictions?

And in your issue to-day you still suggest the work being carried on by the Committees. Why did they not take it up from the first? Lord Leigh suggested this; but how are they to get the funds? will the Committees join the list of patrons? I know Lord Rosslyn and the other patrons would be delighted to see them *supporting*. Now as to the mode to be adopted, as to working, it is most unfair to criticise or even assume that action is taken to shut out the Committees, and Earl Rosslyn's speech fully points in a contrary direction. As to "P.M.'s" letters in the *Times* and your papers, if he will disclose his name, and favour me with a call, I shall be glad to show him the whole of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund correspondence, books, &c., &c. As to Bro. While's assertions, I shall take no trouble to answer them further than to inform him I have never yet done anything to warrant his attacks. I deny having any knowledge of the correspondence that troubles him; I have never replied to his letters on any subject but the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. I certainly wrote to the *Times*, as did also others; these letters *were not* inserted, proving how one-sided an opinion is formed by answers not being allowed, as readers *consider* the attack is so genuine the "attacked" have no power to reply. I appeal to all if my letters warrant the remarks contained in Bro. While's letters, and in answer to Bro. While's "charitable" P.S., please send him a copy of your paper of 30th August, refer him to pages 348 and 351; I have not compared the paper, but if reported correctly he will find the "charitable" *did venture* to ask, and you very kindly *did publish* and approve the prospectus. To conclude, in justice to all concerned, and to repair a wrong you have done the "Fund," which aims at nothing but doing good, I must ask you to publish this, and hope you will inform your readers there is no contradiction, nor second Dick Radclyffe. He who endeavours to promote a scheme you have so kindly and favourably approved, still continues to do so, but for some little time, owing to the political duties to be performed by the patrons, it will not be possible to have a meeting; though it certainly will be called *as soon as* possible and convenient to the illustrious chairman. In the meantime, the same Dick Radclyffe *is* organising a Bazaar which is receiving most cordial support, and I hope will receive yours, as some return for the damage you have, I feel unintentionally, done the good cause. As I am pledged to the patrons of the scheme to do all in my power to promote the Fund, I cannot afford to waste more time *answering attacks* and "monstrous exaggerations" that the Fund is to "sap the energy, self-reliance and self-dependence of the children." To provide "marriage portions for girls, and look after them through life, and to the vaccination of their children, to stand in position of mothers-in-law to them (? *Fathers*)," &c. Your leader of 30th August is the best contradiction to the opinion *you* hold of the "charity run-mad" correspondent. On page 312, your article "Keep your Temper" I would commend to Bro. While, especially the concluding lines, "How very charming; see how those Freemasons, always talking brotherly love, like to abuse each other."

I sincerely hope I have not abused or hurt our Brother's feelings. I aim simply at repairing an injustice done to my patrons and supporters.

Yours fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It would be useless my asking your contemporary for space in its columns in order to reply to Bro. While's letter which appeared last week, for the Editor, in the exercise of that discretion with which he is very properly vested, has ruled that "the discussion must now cease." I must ask you, therefore, to permit me to make certain comments on that communication, as I think it contains statements which it would be extremely unjust to the promoters and patrons of the above Fund to allow to pass unnoticed. I promise you I will be as brief as possible under the circumstances.

I can well understand that Bro. While will never attempt the folly of answering what he is pleased to describe as "the painfully illogical, uncertain, and irrational communications which have appeared." I presume he has lived long enough to know by this time that abuse is not argument. It is the latter, not the former, which is necessary to enable a man to answer communications with something like effect. He may, if he chooses, call them "illogical, uncertain, and irrational," just as I, if I have the bad taste to do so, may describe A, B, C, or X, Y, Z, as a fool, but in neither case will the mere description constitute a fact. It is true, they may be all he has affirmed they are, and a great deal else besides, *in his estimation*, but he must allow others the right he exercises of judging for themselves, and even he, I venture to say, will hardly have the effrontery to say there is no one else in the world, except himself, capable of deciding what is logical, certain, and rational, or the reverse. I shall willingly submit to be written down a fool when Bro. While has sense enough to prove I am one. Till then, however, I claim to be as capable of forming an opinion on this or any other subject of which I have some knowledge as he is.

The reason Bro. While gives for not deigning or attempting to answer communications which, if they are what he describes them, require no answer at all, is that he has "drawn out the fact, which is now patent to all, that behind the princely, the noble, and the worshipful patrons of the many-handed bantling which is to be brought into the world, behind even Bro. Radclyffe, there stands a 'charitable' clique, whose idea of charity is, 'Let us raise subscriptions; others must be called upon to subscribe, in order that *we* may arrange how it shall be spent.'" There is only one word in the English language for this amazing fact, which Bro. While claims to have discovered, and for the discovery of which, as far as I am personally concerned, I am sure he will have the entire credit—it is a "mare's nest." Since Saturday I have asked every one I have met, who and what manner of men they are that constitute this "'charitable' clique," and the answer in every case has been, "I know of no clique." Therefore, it is clear that if this fact, which he boasts with so much self-complacency of having drawn out, has any existence at all, it must be in Bro. While's playful imagination. At all events, I can vouch for this much, that there are some among the "all," of whom he speaks to whom the fact is not patent, and it is more than probable that others will be able to record the same experience as myself. Let him tell us who form this clique, and then every one will be able to judge for himself what foundation there is for the charge he has made.

Bro While speaks with an attempt at sarcasm, which ought to be very withering, of certain "eminently 'charitable' persons," who "have thought-fit to assail" him "in the most violent terms," and "have not scrupled even to attempt injury" to him in his "profession." "The slanders thus published," he says, "are contained in a paper which claims to have 'authority from Grand Lodge,' and the personal attack which has been made upon me is the fruit of my late successful efforts to prevent the printing of those matters which Masons are bound to *hele*, as well as of the proofs I have given that, for one, I will not allow the public or the Craft to be misled by the subtle or the foolish, or, as is sometimes the case, by both together, without raising a word or two of warning," and he tells us he has been "pressed into the service of combating folly and cunning by the varying phases of this gigantic scheme, as well as by the abuse which has been levelled" at him. Passing by without comment the egotism which is conspicuous in these sentences, I may observe in the first place that if he has been assailed in violent terms he has only himself to blame. He began the abuse by saying as regards the proposals in the circular he alludes to, that "the common sense of every one plainly expressed that, when not Quixotic," they were "idiotic." He it was who said he would have nothing to do "with any cut and dried organisation," his experience in such case being that "all the Committee" were "merely so many puppets for some clever manipulator to conjure with." He it was who said if the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys did not turn out boys at sixteen capable of beginning the battle of life, it was "so much the worse for the School," and that it was "time to consider whether the whole itself" was "not a mistake." He it was who used the phrase "blessings of a paid Secretariat." He refused, and for aught I can make out to the contrary, refuses still, to accept Bro. Radclyffe's explanation, that the so-called "objects" were the various "suggestions" that Brother had received from various quarters, and he described Lord Rosslyn as having virtually withdrawn from the proposals or objects, *after* his lordship had allowed his name to be placed on the interim Committee, whose duty it will be to prepare the way for formulating the objects of the proposed Fund. I say nothing of the taste which prompted such remarks, but I venture to think that calling people "puppets," and "clever manipulators," and describing proposals as "Quixotic" or "idiotic," is very much in the way of what is commonly understood by the word "abuse." And these slanders were contained in a paper "sanctioned" by Grand Lodge, which I take is something other than having "the authority of Grand Lodge." Well, be it so, but Bro. While's innocent little euphuisms appeared in your Masonic contemporary. Thus, if he attacks people in one Masonic paper, he at all events should be the last person in the world to complain that others attack him in another. But I fail to see how it can be a slander, an assault in violent terms, or abuse, to take a man roundly to task for the use of language which even in what we call the profane world, no circumstances could possibly justify. Who, I pray, is Bro. While that he should be permitted with impunity to call people "puppets," and "clever manipu-

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lators"? It is said that even a worm will turn when trodden upon, and even a Mason may be pardoned for declining to be made the subject of impertinent remarks by a brother Mason, though his retort courteous may take only the form of the modest and unoriginal *tu quoque*.

The third paragraph of Bro. While's letter is a long one. I need say nothing about boys "embarking on a begging-letter career in soliciting votes to be helped by the 'Fund.'" Bro. Radclyffe has already explained that the votes, if any, which are to be given to the several classes of subscribers, will be used for the election of the Committee, to which will be entrusted the administration of the Fund, so that electors and the elected may have greater confidence, the former that the regulations will be properly carried out, and the latter that the arrangements they may see fit to make will have the approval of the general body of subscribers. Having perfect faith in the sincerity of Bro. Radclyffe, Bro. While is anxious to save him from "the mortification which may come to him hereafter when he finds, as he assuredly will, that his energies have been devoted to raising money with the result of doing that which he never dreamt of doing, and which no honest man would ever dream of doing." I have no doubt Bro. Radclyffe will feel eternally obliged to Bro. While for furnishing him with this certificate of the sincerity of his motives; but even supposing the intended scheme were the most ambitious project ever started by the brain of man, I cannot for the life of me see anything in any of its proposals to which an "honest" man may not subscribe. I can understand its being described as a mistaken act of generosity to help people to get on in life, but there is nothing dishonest about it. I may be a fool, but it does not follow as a consequence that I must be a knave. Again, I ask, who is Bro. While that he should be permitted with impunity to call some people "puppets," and others "clever manipulators" and "charitable wire-pullers," and question the honesty of purpose of those who are helping to set this Fund on its legs. But says Bro. While, the object of these wire-pullers is to "get subscriptions," "get money," and they are laying out the organisation for a fourth Masonic charity, "*without, however, as yet, making provision for the paid secretary.*" I cannot be in the secrets of these wire-pullers, for I do not know who they are or even if there be any, neither have I the gift of divination, so as to be able to trace out clearly the future of the proposed Fund; but even if it should turn out that the services of a "paid secretary" were required, I see nothing in that to evoke all these terrible denunciations. I maintain it is a scandal to Freemasonry when any brother goes deliberately out of his way to ascribe other people's actions to unworthy motives without the shadow of a justification for so doing. So far as I know, I am not a "puppet," a "charitable wire-puller," or a "clever manipulator," nor have I thrown out any suggestions, "Quixotic," "idiotic," or other, and no attack by Bro. While will deter me from doing all I can, in my small way, to make the proposed Fund a success.

Nor had I the wealth of Cræsus and the wisdom of Solon should I think of withholding any contribution I might think proper to make till the plan was more matured and the arrangements in something like working order. Having faith in the disinterestedness of the interim Committee, Treasurer, and the Secretary, I am content to wait till they, and those whom they invite to act with them, have sifted and examined the various proposals, retaining those which may be thought practicable, and dismissing those which may seem ill-advised or out of place. I hope it will be clearly understood that, in saying this, I am not so presumptuous as to figuratively pat these gentlemen on the back. I merely desire to indicate my belief that they will loyally fulfil the duties they have undertaken, and I should say the same of the Committee were it otherwise constituted, unless, indeed, I knew it was composed of unscrupulous "wire-pullers" with a sprinkling of "puppets" to give it the semblance of respectability.

I am not singular in the belief that, having started on his denunciatory expedition, by calling people hard names and ascribing to sundry of whose existence there is no proof whatever all kinds of evil-mindedness, it is rather late in the day for Bro. While to think of posing before the Masonic public in the *rôle* of injured innocence. He, forsooth, may attack people, but as he does so only in the interests of purity, good taste, and gentlemanly feeling, none may venture to oppose him. He may step forward and say to the Craft and to the public (who are appealed to for aid) that, until more is known of the purpose of the "'Fund' and the organisation which will direct it, contributions should be withheld, however high in position and well-meaning may be those in front;" but for another person to tell the Craft and the public that such a warning is uncalled for, and such distrust un-Masonic, is of course a slander on, or abuse of, Bro. While. I confess my inability to appreciate this kind of one-sided action, in which one man is at liberty to pommel another to his heart's content, while the latter is gagged and bound hand and foot, so as to be unable to offer either remonstrance or resistance, and if in saying so I lay myself open to the charge of offending against good taste, good breeding, and fair play, I must fain plead guilty.

I fear I have trespassed a little on the space at your disposal, and the patience of your readers. Let me, therefore, in conclusion, suggest to Bro. While the reasonable probability that the good men and true who take an interest in the success of this Fund are quite capable of protecting themselves against the insidious machinations of those imaginary wirepullers and manipulators of whose existence he speaks so unctuously. If they ever do require the services of a champion, it strikes me they will go elsewhere than to Bro. While, chiefly because a champion, to be of any help, must exhibit discretion as well as valour, and additionally, in this particular instance, because, being a Mason among Masons, he will be expected to display quite as much kindliness of feeling as common sense. Certain of these are just the very qualities which, in his recent letters, Bro. While has shown unmistakably he does not possess.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

QUOUSQUE TANDEM?

THE ART OF POLITE LETTER WRITING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been very much amused by reading Bro. While's communication in the *Freemason* of last week. In it he complains of having been assailed "in the most violent terms," of the "slanders" published in a certain Masonic journal, of the "personal attack which has been made" upon him, and the "abuse which has been levelled" at him. One might imagine from all this that Bro. While is a very ill-used man, and that, being himself harmless and inoffensive, he has nevertheless been made a butt for the abuse and slanders of others. I do not know Bro. While, but I am one of those who think it is only fair the public should have both sides of a dispute placed before them, so that they may form an impartial judgment as to which of the disputants is most to blame. Confining my attention to the letter I have referred to, I find it contains the following passages which are doubtless fair specimens of those amenities of journalistic correspondence for which Bro. While is so great a stickler.

"Behind even Bro. Radclyffe, there stands a 'charitable' clique, whose idea of charity is, 'Let us raise subscriptions; others must be called upon to subscribe, in order that *we* may arrange how it shall be spent."

"I will not allow the public or the Craft to be misled either by the subtle or the foolish, or, as is sometimes the case, by both together."

"I am pressed into the service of combating folly and cunning by the varying phases of this gigantic scheme, as well as by the abuse which has been levelled at me."

"When he" (Bro. Radclyffe) "finds, as he assuredly will, that his energies have been devoted to raising money with the result of doing that which he never dreamt of doing, and which no honest men would ever dream of doing."

"So with the charitable wire-pullers behind Bro. Radclyffe. They have given him a pen, and they spur him on to the one end—'Get subscriptions' from Lodges, Ladies, Masons, and the public. Work upon all; but 'get money.'"

"An objection is raised that a fourth Masonic charity is not wanted, and they answer, this is not one; but, at the same time, they proceeed to lay out the organisation for one, *without, however, as yet, making provision for the paid Secretary.*"

"I say to the Craft and to the public (who are appealed to for aid), that until more is known of the purpose of the 'Fund' and the organisation which will direct it."

"Before the public and the Craft are asked to subscribe to this proposed lottery we must know the necessity of the class for whom this elaborate 'Assistance Fund' is *nominally* sought to be created."

I will not bore you or your readers with any remarks of my own about the sentences or clauses I have quoted above. I will merely ask, in the most general terms, whether any one who allows such passages to occur in his letters—and it must be remembered that the letter preceding this contained similar sentences—has the right to complain that he is attacked, assailed in most violent terms, slandered, and so forth. Either let Bro. While conduct his polite letter writing in the manner prescribed by the usages of society, or let him have the manliness and good sense not to begin whining and crying out when others retaliate upon him with his own weapons.

Faithfully yours,

London, 5th April 1880. N. S. E. & W.

MARK MASONRY.

TRINITY COLLEGE MARK MASTER MASONS' LODGE, No. 244.

THE second installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Lodge Rooms, 61 Weymouth-street, Portland-place, London, on the 1st instant. In consequence of the unexpected absence of the W.M., whose business engagements had compelled his resignation of membership, the Officers of the Lodge had invited the assistance of the V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O., and W. Bro. Thomas Poore P.G.I.G., to perform the necessary ceremonies, and those brethren were ably supported by the W. Bro. Croft Worgan Dew, Past Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland. The Lodge members having assembled, Bro. Stevens opened the Lodge, and all matters relating to the business of the past year, including audit report and correspondence, were disposed of in due order. The resignations of the W.M. and Treasurer were received. Bro. Poore then presented the V.W. Bro. Professor Edwin M. Lott L. Mus., 30, G.M.O., the W.M. elect, and the ceremony of installation was carried through in the perfect manner identified with the able working of the distinguished brethren who undertook the duty. The newly-installed Master appointed his Officers in the following order, viz.:—Bros. H. J. Stark B. Mus., L. Mus., S.W., M. A. Cuffe LL.D. 18, J.W., Rev. H. G. Bonavia Hunt B. Mus., L. Mus., M.O. and Chaplain, E. J. Hoare S.O. and Secretary, Plant Martin J.O., J. Gabriel S.D. and Treasurer, W. J. Jennings B.A., L.A., J.D., Professor J. G. Saunders D. Mus., L. Mus., I.G., A. W. S. Hoare Organist, G. Harrison Tyler. After the delivery of the addresses to W. Master and Officers, the W.M. made grateful acknowledgment of the services rendered by the installing Officers, and by the unanimous vote of the Lodge they were severally elected honorary members, with privileges of subscribing members. The W.M. then requested Bro. James Stevens to accept the collar as acting I.P.M. for the ensuing year. Bros. Stevens, Poore, and Dew expressed their thanks for the honour which the Lodge had conferred on them. Arrangements were suggested for an early meeting whereat the musical talent of the members might be made available for an exposition of the ceremony of advancement with full musical service. The Lodge was then closed in due form and the brethren dined together, and at the close of a most harmonious and agreeable evening separated, well pleased with the results of their unanimous proceedings.

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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart (in the chair), S. Rosenthal, Don. M. Dewar, C. F. Matier, Dudley Rolls, C. H. Webb, A. J. Duff-Filer, J. G. Chancellor, H. Massey, W. F. C. Moutrie, Henry W. Hunt, George P. Gillard, Arthur E. Gladwell, Frederick Adlard, Thomas Meggy, Leopold Ruf, John Constable, Richard Tyrrell, W. Paas, W. H. Perryman, H. Young, G. W. Cooper, and F. Binckes Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the Chairman mentioned to the brethren the subject of the dispute with Bro. S. B. Wilson, and without any further discussion it was agreed that the House Committee should have the control of the matter. Five petitions for placing candidates on the list for election to the School were read, and of these three were accepted, one was deferred, and one rejected. Outfits were granted to three former pupils, and on the Chairman mentioning the inconvenience of twelve o'clock in the day as the hour of meeting for the Quarterly Courts in January and July, Bro. C. F. Matier gave notice of motion for altering the hour to four o'clock. The brethren then separated.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked at the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612, on Thursday, 15th April, at the Feathers, Ealing, W. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock precisely. Bros. George Read P.M. 511 and 1767 W.M., George Davis 167 S.W., A. C. Alais P.M. 834 J.W., Henry E. Tucker Preceptor, J. Wells Secretary. First Lecture:—Bros. R. Josey, H. E. Tucker, J. C. Roe, G. Coop, A. C. Alais, M. A. Maillard, C. Thompson. Second Lecture:—Bros. E. Rogers, W. G. Reynolds, H. Foskett, C. Andrews, E. A. Dutton. Third Lecture:—Bros. Gillion, P. Burton, George Davis. The West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction meets every Thursday evening, at 7·30 o'clock.

The following among the members already elected to serve in the new Parliament are members of the Society of Freemasons, namely, Sir D. Gooch, Bart., Cricklade, P.G.M. Berks and Bucks; Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., Gloucestershire East; W. W. B. Beach, Hants North, P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; T. F. Halsey, Herts, P.G.M. Herts; Marquis of Hartington, Radnor Burghs, P.G.M. Derbyshire; Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., Shoreham, P.G.M. Sussex; Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., Worcestershire West, P.G.M. Worcestershire; Earl Percy, Northumberland North, P.G.M. Northumberland; Lord Lindsay, Wigan, P.G.M. West Aberdeenshire; Lord Ramsay, Liverpool, P.G.M. Forfarshire; Baron de Ferrieres, Cheltenham; Rt. Hon. Robert Lowe, London University; Sir F. G. Johnstone, Bart., Weymouth; Sir Harcourt Johnstone, Bart., Scarborough; Sir J. R. Bailey, Bart., Herefordshire; T. Brassey, Hastings; Rt. Hon. E. Knatchbull-Hugessen and H. A. Brassey, members for Sandwich; G. W. J. Repton, Warwick; Sir T. D. Acland, Bart., Devonshire North; Lord Kensington, Haverfordwest, P.G.W.; Viscount Folkestone, Wilts South; Hon. E. F. Leveson-Gower, Bodmin; Professor Storey-Maskelyne, Cricklade; Major F. W. Cartwright, Northamptonshire North; E. H. Kennard, Lymington; H. S. Northcote, Exeter; J. Whitwell, Kendal, Dep. P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland; W. B. Hughes, Carnarvon Burghs, Dep. P.G.M. North Wales and Salop; Sir R. J. Buxton, Norfolk South; Lord Henry Thynne, Wilts South, P.G.Sup. Wilts; Lord Brooke, West Somerset; T. W. Boord, Greenwich; D. McLaren, Edinburgh, P.G.M. Linlithgowshire; Earl of Bective, Westmoreland, P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland. Our readers will greatly oblige if they will forward us names of other brethren who have been elected to Parliament, so that the foregoing list may be as complete as possible.

The Marquis of Hamilton P.G.S.W. England, and eldest son of the Grand Master of Ireland, has failed to secure his seat for Co. Donegal by 60 votes.

Among candidates for Parliamentary honours whose success or failure has not yet been determined, are the following brethren, viz.:—Viscount Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent; Col. Stanley, Deputy P.G.M. West Lancashire; Hon. W. Egerton, P.G.M.M.M. North Wales and Cheshire; Sir G. Elliot, Bart., P.G.M. South Wales (West Division), and J. W. Ellison-Macartney.

Bro. Reed, P.M. 1287 and 193, will be much obliged by brethren sending him, at 16 Tottenham-court Road, London, any votes for the Boys' School they may have unused or not promised. The case he is interested in is that of the boy Unwin, whose mother has been left with three children quite unprovided for.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir F. W. Truscott, who was a candidate for Gravesend in the Conservative interest, was unsuccessful, his Liberal opponent, Mr. Bevan, being returned at the head of the poll. Bro. Charles Dalrymple, who sat on the Conservative side of the House in the last Parliament, failed to obtain re-election for Buteshire by seventeen votes, the numbers being—for his opponent 568 votes; for C. Dalrymple, 551 votes. Bro. Dalrymple is P.G.M. for Argyleshire, Scotland.

Our worthy contemporary is just now suffering from a fit of the horrors, and we sincerely hope it will emerge from it more vigorous than ever. We judge so at least from its second editorial note of last week, in which, it exclaims against the motion of Bro. H. T. Thompson—whom it describes as "one of the leaders of the recent agitation,"—that £6 shall be voted to each of a certain number of unsuccessful candidates, towards their education and maintenance until October next. Where, it piteously asks, "is all this nonsense to end"? And if the Court is to be subjected to the infliction of the sarcasm of one brother, the eloquence of another, and the preliminary puff and subsequent "high falutin" of a third, why should not Bro. Hedges provide biscuits and sherry all round, with cigarettes for those who like them, "for the support of exhausted nature, and to soothe excited Life Governors, to say nothing of a much abused Chairman?" We presume these Courts are not mere formal gatherings for the dispatch of routine business, and that it is open to members attending them to bring forward proposals they may think likely to prove beneficial, even though they are not of the same mind as the chairman on certain questions of policy. We have a great respect for the chairman, but we are a very long way off from thinking him infallible.

The *Keystone*, quoting from a Boston paper, gives some very interesting particulars of the celebration of the centennial birthday of Bro. Sam. P. Bailey, who was initiated in the Mount Vernon Lodge in 1818. Among those present was a Captain Charles French, who is in his ninety-sixth year, and we are informed that when Bro. Bailey had sung several verses of an ancient Masonic ode, "with a clear and firm voice," the Captain rose and danced with the old-fashioned steps, "in a manner so lively as to elicit great applause," the way he cut the "pigeon wing" being very remarkable "for one who lacks less than five years of being a centenarian." Bro. Bailey has seven children living out of eleven, ranging from 75 to 55 years years old. Of these four were present on the occasion, as well as his only brother, aged 77, and three grandchildren. Bro. Bailey, it is added, has been a temperance man for some eighty years, and takes no tobacco in any form.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba held its fifth annual communication in the Masonic Hall, Winnipeg, on the 11th February. The Grand Master Bro. Rev. S. P. Matherson having delivered the customary address, the following among other Officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed, namely, Bros. John H. Bell G.M., E. G. Conklin Dep. G.M., G. McMickin and J. M. McGregar G.S. and G.J. Wardens respectively, Rev. C. O'Meara G. Chaplain, J. J. Johnston G. Treas., D. G. Dick G. Reg., W. G. Scott G. Sec., Chas. S. House and G. F. Carruthers G.S. and G.J. Deacons respectively, D. B. Murray G. Lecturer, Jas. Colcough G.D. of C., Jas. Irvine G.S.B., R. Brown G.O. and T. W. Robinson G.P.

In a recent number of the *Keystone* is recorded the death, on the 3rd March, of Bro. Captain Dan. P. Bruen, a Past Grand Master of New Jersey, who, having been born in 1795, had attained the ripe age of eighty-four. Bro. Bruen had been a member of the St. John's Lodge, Newark, for half a century, and was a direct descendant of Obadiah Bruen, one of the forty-one who founded the town, in which he had so long resided, and of one of whose Lodges he had been so bright an ornament. No less than six Masonic Lodges were represented at his funeral, the pall-bearers being Past Grand Masters Whitehead, Pine, Wagoner, Marshall B. Smith, Pembrook, Cannon, and Trimble, and Past Masters Valentine and Jones.

The Masonic Board of Relief of New York City has been reorganized, with Bro. F. R. S. Drake, of Lodge No. 16, as President. Thirty Lodges were represented.

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ROSE CROIX.

Rose of Sharon Chapter, Malta.—A meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, on the 31st March. Present—Bros. A. M. Broadley M.W.S., W. Kingston 30 P.M.W.S., G. Segond Treasurer P.M.W.S., Lieut. Coffey R.A. 1st G., Surgeon-Major Mackinnon 2nd G., Captain Blake R.A. H.P., Starkey Recorder, Grier R., Walker D.C., Finch-Noyes G.M., Mortimer Herald, Major Ewing Organist, and Beck Guard. There was a fair attendance of members, including the M.W.S. elect, Ill. Bro. Captain F. R. Beechey 30. The minutes having been confirmed, a ballot resulted favourably for Bro. the Rev. J. K. Lethbridge P.P.G.C. Cornwall and Malta, as a candidate for the 18 degree. The candidate was perfected by the M.W.S. elect. The accounts as audited being passed, and other routine business disposed of, Bro. Broadley installed his successor, Bro. Beechey, in due form. The M.W.S. then appointed the following Officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Fleet Surgeon Flanagan 1st G., Surg.-Major Mackinnon 2nd G., Starkey Recorder, Segond (elected) Treasurer, Grier Raphael, Mortimer Herald, Walker D.C., Finch-Noyes G.M., Major Ewing Organist, and Beck (elected) Guard. The Chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.—Held at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 5th April. Bros. McDowall W.M., R. Olley S.W., Droscher J.W., J. Garrod S.D., Crane J.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Stephens Treas., C. Lorkin Preceptor; also Bros. Jacob, McMillan, Allen, Finch, Jones, Glaskin. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Jacob as candidate. Bro. Allen worked the first and second lectures, assisted by the brethren. Bro. R. Olley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Ivy Lodge No. 1441.—Among the items brought forward at the last meeting of this Lodge, a report of which appeared in our last issue, was the following communication which had been addressed to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge:—

"152 Stamford Street, 15th March 1880.

"Dear Sir and Brother—I have much pleasure in forwarding herewith a cheque for the amount of subscription due on the 23rd inst. As the Lodge is now firmly established, and as my further support is no longer considered to be necessary, I shall be glad if you will kindly communicate to the brethren my desire to withdraw from the membership. Sincerely hoping that the objects for which the Lodge was established may be carried out in their integrity, and that its proceedings may continue to be distinguished by harmony and goodwill.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

"Truly and fraternally yours,

(Signed) CHARLES SMITH,

"Founder and First Master."

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, the Mitford Tavern, Sandringham Road, Dalston, on Monday, 22nd March, under the able preceptorship of Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445. Bros. W. McDonald W.M., Myers P.M. S.W., Partridge J.W., Goddard S.D., Kimbell J.D., Robson I.G., and Seymour-Clarke Secretary, also many others. The Lodge was opened in due form to the third degree, and resumed to the first, when the first lecture was worked by the following brethren 1st Section Bros. Robson, 2nd Seymour-Clarke, 3rd Partridge, 4th Goddard, 5th McDonald, 6th P.M. Myers, 7th McDonald, Bro. Seymour-Clarke was elected W.M. for the next meeting and the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Monday, 5th April. Last Monday the Lodge was opened in due form under the same able preceptorship of Bro. P.M. Myers. Bros. H. Seymour-Clarke W.M., Partridge S.W., Goddard J.W., McDonald S.D., Robson J.D., Kimbell I.G., also Bros. S. L. Green W.M. 1445, Rayner, and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Green being candidate. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded to the W.M. for his ability in rehearsal, this being the first time he had filled the chair. Bro. Partridge was elected W.M. for next Monday, 12th inst., when a good attendance is desired.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction.—Held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday 1st April. Present:—Bros. Seward W.M., A. Jones S.W., A. J. Burr, J.W., J. Wells S.D., C. Bellerby J.D., J. W. Woolmer, I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, C. Andrews P.M. Secretary; also Bros. H. Kasner, E. C. Porter, J. J. Clarke, C. Meadows, E. Smith, M. W. Wyville, Tink Brown, and H. Stephens. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. M. W. Wyville candidate. Bro. Andrews P.M., with the assistance of the brethren, worked the first section of the first lecture. The Fifteen Sections were to be worked on the 15th inst. The W.M. and Officers of the West Middlesex Lodge will take their places at the next meeting. Bro. A. Jones was unanimously appointed W.M. for the meeting on the 29th inst. The annual banquet will take place on the 22nd, when Bro. A. Beasley P.M. will take the chair. The Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer, and the meeting adjourned to Thursday, the 8th inst.

The North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471.—The regular weekly Convocation was held at the "Jolly Farmers," Southgate Road, on Thursday, 1st April. Present:—Comps. J. L. Mather M.E.Z., J. Cusworth H., H. Braine J., R. Halford Treasurer, J. Osborn S.E., J. Hunter Secretary, R. Pearcy P.S., Hubbard and others. The Chapter being declared open for improvement, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hubbard acting as candidate. The arrangements for the anniversary dinner were then considered, and it was decided to hold it on the 15th April at the rooms as above. The S.E. announced that Comp. L. A. Leins M.E.Z. of the mother Chapter had kindly consented to preside on the occasion. Chapter was then duly closed.

The Report of the Committee of the Second Tottenham, Enfield, and Edmonton Masonic Charitable Association is before us; from it we gather that a sum of £371 0s 6d had been already subscribed, out of which thirty-one appropriations have been made to the three Charities. Undoubtedly this Association may be congratulated upon its general success. Any of our readers who may desire it can obtain further information of Bro. James Garrod I.G. 754, Holly Cottage, Bruce Grove, Tottenham, N., who is the Honorary Secretary.

It is generally the case where a Mason wears a profusion of Masonic emblems to attract public attention and advertise himself, his Masonic education has been sorely neglected, and in many instances he cannot explain the meaning of the jewel he wears, and it is doubtful if he could work his way into a Lodge of Entered Apprentices with credit to himself or the Lodge he hails from.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.—The *Telegraphic Journal* of 1st April contains a description of a new form of lamp for the electric light, which has recently been invented by Bro. Charles Stewart, M.A. It consists of a number of square carbon rods placed radially upon a disc of wood or metal in such a manner that the inner ends of the carbon rods form a complete circle. There is a circular opening in the wooden disc through which the electric light is seen from underneath. The carbons which are all forced towards the centre by a uniform pressure move forward as they are consumed, and together form the positive electrode of the lamp. The negative electrode consists of a covered hemispherical cup of copper which before the current enters the lamp rests upon the ring formed by the carbons. On the current entering the lamp an electro-magnet raises the metal electrode and the electric arc is then formed between the circle of carbons and the metal electrode. There is a flow of water through the latter to keep it cool. The advantages which this lamp possesses are:—1 It is automatic in its action; 2 It is capable of burning for a very considerable period; 3 It does not throw any shadows; 4 It is of simple and comparatively inexpensive construction; 5 The intensity of the light may be increased if so desired. This is the second lamp for the electric light which Bro. Stewart has recently invented.

According to the *New York World*, five Chinamen have lately applied to the Supreme Court of New York for the incorporation of a society styled the "Long We Tong Eng Wi." which, being interpreted, is stated to signify, "The Order and Brotherhood of Masons." They say they are good Masons, and that Masonry has existed among their Masonic ancestors in China for over a thousand years, and they can prove it.

ABOUT VISITING ENGLISH LODGES.

To the Editor of the Masonic Review.

COLUMBIA TENN., 18th February, 1880.

DEAR BROTHER,—The caution which I felt it my duty to utter in regard to visiting Masonic Lodges in London, and which you did me the honour to publish in the December number of the Review, was based upon the following *experience*.

When about to go abroad in 1878, I received a letter from Bro. Wheeler, of the *Masonic Jewel*, Memphis, earnestly requesting me to continue my contributions to the *Jewel*, in the form of Foreign Correspondence, and especially charging me to visit a Lodge or Lodges in London, and give him my views of English Freemasonry. I went abroad in time to join Alleghany Commandery at Lucerne, Switzerland, and continued with them through Italy and back to Paris.

On Tuesday, the first day of October, I found myself in London, and having seen in the London *Freemason* that quite a number of Lodges would meet during the afternoon and evening, I presented myself at Freemasons' Hall, at about 5 o'clock p.m.

The Tyler informed me frankly that it was uncertain as to my being able to visit any of the Lodges. I notified him that my papers were all complete, and that I was ready to stand any test or examination that was legitimate. I will not be positive, but I think that I applied to five out of seven Lodges, then in session, with the same result, that unless I brought some one from the city, to vouch for me to the Tyler, I could not be admitted. I returned to my Hotel, the Bedford, No. 95 Southampton Row, quite near to the Hall, and after tea, referring to the *Freemason* again, I found that Grosvenor Lodge was yet to meet. The Tyler brought back the same response as in the former application. Feeling doubly chagrined, less however at my personal position, than at the surrender of my life-long views of the universality of Masonry, I sent the Tyler back and requested an interview with the Master, which was kindly granted. I was conducted up stairs and presented, at the door of what I took to be an ante-room, with a half dozen or more gentlemen, clothed as Masons in the room. The Master inquired why I had desired an interview with him, and I

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informed him that I was an American Mason, and craved permission, under due and proper examination of self and papers, to visit his Lodge. He replied promptly that he could not do so, without having some one to vouch for and introduce me, and declined to inspect my papers, or examine me. I firmly replied that he was requiring an utter impossibility, as I was a stranger, in a strange land, and stood alone upon my Masonry. I asked him with all the pertinence possible, what became of the *universality* of Masonry? With an impatient wave of the hand he declined to enter upon any discussion of the matter; and humbly apologizing for my intrusion, I bade him good-night; and if this be Masonry, I would bid it a long, long good night.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

J. M. TOWLER.

[In reference to this very case there is, in the February number of the *Masonic Review*, a letter addressed to the Editor by a Bro. S. C. Chorlton, who writes that, considering Bro. Towler must have made some mistake, he went at once and consulted an English P.M. resident in the city (we presume Cincinnati), and was told that all the introduction necessary to obtain admission into an English Lodge is the Grand Lodge Certificate verified in the usual way. In the same number of the same Review is a note signed "R. M." who also confronts Bro. Towler on the same ground, that he is under a mistake. He writes: "Never was a greater mistake, as thousands of American Masons can testify. The facility for entering London Lodges by an American brother, able to stand a very moderate examination and having a diploma, properly authenticated, is such that none (thus fortified) is ever refused. We can ourselves endorse what "R. M." and Bro. Chorlton say. We have been frequently present in Lodges when American and other foreign brethren have applied for and obtained admission, and can certify that, due precautions having been taken, no difficulty occurred.—Ed. F.C.]

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The *Keystone* gives a short obituary notice of Past Grand Master Robert Clark, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania. Bro. Clark was initiated into Freemasonry in Solomon's Lodge, No. 114, Philadelphia, on 20th December 1850. In 1853 he filled the chair of his Lodge. After having filled the subordinate offices in Grand Lodge, he was elected Grand Master in December 1875, and served the office in the years 1876 and 1877, the former, as being the Centennial of American Independence, being a more than usually memorable one. His death, which took place on the 16th October, was very sudden and unexpected. Bro. Clark was deservedly loved and respected by a large circle of Masonic and non-Masonic friends and acquaintances.

Sir Knight Albert G. Mackey considers it an absurdity to make a Knight Templar also a Knight of Malta. There was, he says, a rule between the Orders that a member of one should not be admitted to membership in the other. Moreover, the Templars had a ritual and were a secret Association, while the same cannot be said of the Knights of Malta.

The Editor of the *Liberal Freemason* of Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A., pathetically exclaims against those "subscribers," who accept the paper regularly, but give no equivalent in the way of money, among these being several who, when they are called on to pay, either refuse or decline to take the paper any longer. We think the Editor is well quit of such "subscribers." A moderate circulation among people who pay is preferable to a large circulation for a third or the half of which no money is ever forthcoming.

According to the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Ohio for 1879, the total membership amounts to 8,463, being an increase of 106 over the previous year. The next meeting of Grand Chapter is fixed for 14th October of this year, at Chillicothe.

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"That a Third and every subsequent Stewardship to this Institution, accompanied with a donation of Five Guineas, shall entitle the Brother to votes.

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FREDERICK BINCKES, V.P., P.G. Steward,
3rd April 1880. Secretary.

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The Musical Arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. C. E. Willing, Grand Organist.

Brethren must appear in full Masonic Craft clothing.

W. C. BEAUMONT,
Hon. Sec. Board of Grand Stewards.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF TUNIS AND MALTA.

THE half yearly Communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 27th March, at the Masonic Hall, Malta, under the banner of the Keystone Lodge, No. 107. The receiving Lodge having been duly opened by its W.M. Bro. W. Watson (P.G.M.O.), the Grand Officers entered the hall in procession. The P.G. Lodge was then opened in ample form with the following Grand Officers present, viz:—R.W. Bro. Broadley P.G.M. on the throne, R.W. Bro. the Rev. W. R. Bedford P.G.M.M. of Warwickshire and Staffordshire, V.W. Bro. R. V. Westrop D.P.G.M., Bros. Capt. Beechey 30° as G.S.W., Capt. Blake R.A. as G.J.W., Rev. G. R. Goodwin Grand Chaplain, Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch Grand Registrar, Lieut. C. E. Coffey R.A. as Grand Secretary, W. Watson as G.M.O., Colonel T. P. Cavey R.A. as G.S.O., R. Glenday as G.J.O., R. J. King G.D.C., Surgeon J. Walker as G.S.D., Surgeon H. Grier as G.J.D., R. P. Miller as G.S.B., Surgeon-Major H. W. A. Mackinnon as G.S.B., Professor Stilon as G.I.G., Mortimer and Stanley G.S., and Beck G.T. There was also a very satisfactory attendance of M.M.M.'s of the Province. The usual grand honours were accorded to Bros. Broadley and Bedford. The minutes of the last Communication were read and confirmed. The G.S. then read a letter of apology, for absence from R.W. Bro. W. Kingston P.M. 107 (D.G.M. Craft), who was unable to be present from indisposition. The report of the General Board was then read and adopted. The results showed that the state of Mark Masonry in the Province, both financially and numerically, was highly satisfactory; that all the Lodges had paid their dues, and that their several muster rolls of active members stood as follows:—Keystone, No. 107, 44 members; Kingston, No. 222, 30 members; Broadley, No. 248, 32 members; and St. Louis, No. 254, 25 members; a total of 131 Mark Masters in the Province. The R.W. Bro. Broadley Prov. G.M., in addressing the Lodge, thanked the Officers and members of Lodge No. 107 for the hospitable reception accorded to himself and the other Grand Officers. He was pleased to tell them that the Mark degree was making rapid progress at home and abroad; twelve new Lodges had been chartered since November, and other applications for Warrants were expected. As regards the Province, it had since their last meeting witnessed the consecration of the St. Louis Lodge, No. 254, amongst the ruins of Ancient Carthage. He then explained the interesting historical associations connected with this Lodge, and the results of his investigations as to the origin of the builders' marks still to be found in North Africa. The ceremony of the consecration of Lodge No. 254, he informed the brethren, had now an additional interest, as it appears to have attracted the attention of the Grand Orient of Italy to the beauties and traditions of the degree. In the official journal of that important Masonic centre, the *Rivista Massonica*, No. 3, of the 28th February 1880, the oration he had delivered on that occasion was published *in extenso*, and the editor preceded it by the observation that Italian Masons could no longer doubt as to the Mark being an important element in the Masonry of the world. He trusted some day to see the Mark flourishing on the Continent. Its teachings would have a beneficial effect in staying the revolutionary tendencies now too current in the Lodges of Europe. He concluded his remarks by thanking his D.P.G.M., Bro. Westrop, for his hearty co-operation, and by expressing his gratification at the universal exertions of the P.G. Secretary, Bro. Coffey, in the discharge of the important duties of his office. Bro. Watson expressed the pleasure felt by Lodge No. 107 at entertaining P.G.L. R.W. Bro. Bedford briefly addressed the brethren, remarking he was truly delighted with all he had seen of Masonry in Malta, especially as regards his favourite degree of the Mark. He paid a graceful tribute to the labours of his colleague their P.G.M., who ruled over the Province of Tunis and Malta with such skill and ability. What he had seen and heard that evening would certainly induce him on his return to England to put forth fresh efforts to promote the progress and popularity of the degree in his district, where he hoped soon to welcome Bro. Broadley. The charitable collection having been made, the P.G. Lodge was closed, and the P.G.M. and his Grand Officers retired in procession. The Keystone Lodge was then closed. The brethren, at the invitation of Lodge No. 107, adjourned to a banquet under the presidency of the P.G.M. The usual toasts belonging to Mark Masonry were given and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening spent. The Ark Mariners' degree is also making rapid progress in Tunis and Malta, the two Lodges, Sanct Elmo No. 248, and Charles V. No. 254, having a total of 58 members. The P.G.M.M. being also ex officio P.G. Commander of the Ark, has made the following appointments to Provincial rank, viz.—Bros. Lieut. C. E. Coffey R.A. D.P.G.C., Captain C. J. Blake R.A. G.S.W.J., J. E. L. Barker G.J.W.S., J. W. Starkey Grand Scribe, J. Segond Grand Treasurer, Rev. G. N. Godwin Grand Chaplain, J. R. Beechey 30 Grand D. of C., J. Walker G.S.D., E. They G.J.D., H. Stilon Grand Guardian, A. Ewing Grand Organist, Mortimer and Curletto Grand Stewards, and Beck Grand Warder.

NEW ZEALAND.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 1188, E.C.—The annual installation meeting of this Lodge was at the Lodge-room, Alexandra Hotel, Waikato, on Wednesday, 24th December. An unusually large number of brethren were present, some having travelled from Hamilton and Cambridge to take part in the ceremony. After the preliminary business had been transacted the W.M. requested Bro. W. P. Moat, District Grand Registrar, to act as Installing Master on the occasion, and he having consented, proceeded in his well-known efficient manner to instal Bro. T. Finch as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The W.M. then invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. J. B. Webb S.W., George M. A. Abier J.W., Neil McLeod P.M. Treasurer, John N. Miller Secretary, T. Coulter S.D., T. Kirk J.D., George Finch I.G., R. McGruther Tyler. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren, on the invitation of the W.M., adjourned to the banqueting-roon, where the delicacies of the season were served up with the taste which characterises the Alexandra Hotel. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Aubin, the senior P.M. of the Lodge, proposed the health of the W.M. He was one of the oldest members of the Lodge, and had always been most attentive to his duties and regular in his attendance, and the brethren had proved the estimation in which they held him, by electing him to the chair. Bro. Finch briefly responded, and thanked the brethren for the honour done him. He was the first Mason made in the Lodge, and his present position showed they were satisfied with his conduct in the past, and he hoped to perform the duties of his present office in a manner which would secure their approbation. The W.M. proposed the newly-elected Officers, and paid such of them as had held office before a well-merited compliment for the manner in which they had discharged their duties. He especially instanced their Treasurer, Bro. McLeod, who had twice been elected to the Master's chair. Bro. McLeod and the other Officers briefly responded. Bro. P.M. Aubin proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Moat. He (Bro. Aubin) was an old Mason, and he never, in any part of the world, had seen the impressive ceremony of installation more efficiently rendered than it had been that night. Bro. Moat briefly responded and proposed the P.M.'s of the Lodge. All Lodges were indebted to their P.M.'s as a body, but he thought Alexandra Lodge must be greatly indebted to the P.M.'s present, Bro. Aubin having filled the chair three times, and Bro. McLeod twice. When a W.M. was elected to the chair a second time, it was a sure token that he had performed his duties in a more than usually efficient manner. Bros. Aubin, McLeod, and McGruther responded. Bro. Aubin then proposed the health of our late Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. L. C. Brady, whose departure from the district, where he was universally loved and respected, would be regarded as a calamity by the whole community. Bro. Brady responded. He was deeply grieved to sever his connection with the district, where he had lived so long, and with the many friends it had been his good fortune to make there. But the die was cast, and he had to go. He was only a young Mason, but the more he knew of Masonry the more he liked it; and the instruction which he, in common with the rest of them, had gained that evening through Bro. Moat's visit had endeared it to him more than ever. He thanked them for their kind wishes, and assured them that, wherever his lot might be cast, he would never forget his old friends at Alexandra. The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Ara Lodge, 348 I.C.—The attendance at the monthly meeting was not so large as usual, but there was a goodly number of members and visitors present. Bro. P.M. Levy presided. Bro. Lodder D.D.G.M. English Constitution and his Officers attended, and were received with the customary marks of respect. Bro. Hatswell, P.M. of Lodge Waitemata, and Bro. Ellison R.W.M. Lodge St. Andrew, were also present. The principal business of the meeting was the installation of Officers for the ensuing year. Bro. Levy officiated as Installing Master, and conducted the ceremony in a highly impressive and Masonic manner. The following are the newly-installed Officers:—Bros. T. E. Durance W.M., J. B. Crothers S.W., Arthur Wright J.W., Rees P.M. Treasurer, Mitchell P.M. Secretary, Rev. Dr. Kidd Chaplain, C. Western S.D., G. Rainey J.D., J. M. Oldham I.G. W. H. Fenton and A. Linabury Stewards. After the Lodge was, called off, the greater number of those present sat down to a tastefully laid banquet, which did great credit to the caterer, Mr. Vivian. The newly-installed W.M. presided. After the tables had been cleared and the wines replenished, the Chairman proposed the toast of the Queen and Craft, which was drunk loyally. He then proposed the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. English Constitution, and Patron of the Irish and Scottish Constitutions. The toast was enthusiastically drunk with Masonic honours. The next toast was that of the Three Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, a toast which was also drunk with honours. The Chairman then announced the toast of Provincial Grand Lodges of the English, Irish, and Scottish Constitutions. Bro. P.M. Moat D.D.G. Registrar responded. He returned hearty thanks for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and responded to. The brethren of the District Grand Lodge of England were most willing to fraternise and assist the brethren of the other Constitutions, as shown by their attendance that night. Nothing would give them greater pleasure than to see the Ara Lodge go on in the future as it had done in the past. Bro. Hitchens responded on behalf of the Scottish P.G. Lodge, and Bro. P.M. Rees on behalf of the P.G.L. of Ireland. Bro. Levy proposed the health of the newly-installed W.M. During the four years he had known him he had got on well, and would no doubt make an excellent and worthy Master. Brother Durance heartily thanked the brethren for the very kind manner in which they had drunk his health, and explained the circumstances connected with the comparatively small attendance that evening. They had elected him to the highest office in the Lodge. It had from the first been his ambition to be P.M. of a Lodge, and he hoped he would be able to fill the

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post with satisfaction to them and to himself. Bro. P.M. Moat proposed the Officers of the Lodge, and the Wardens responded. Bro. Wright proposed the Visiting Brethren, and Bros. Hatswell and Hitchens responded. Bro. P.M. Rees, in proposing the toast of the Installing Master, commented on the services rendered to the Lodge during the last two years by Bro. Levy, and the able manner in which he had conducted the installation that evening. Bro. Levy responded. Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

Waitemata Lodge, E.C.—The annual installation of the Officers took place at the Lodge Room. The room was filled, there being a very large number of visitors from sister Lodges. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Hatswell, the retiring W.M., and his Officers, and on the dais were Bros. Levy P.M. Ara Lodge, Chapman W.M. Eden Lodge, J. Warren P.M. Waitemata Lodge and Eden Lodge, E. V. Macdonald W.M. Remuera Lodge, J. H. Burns P.M. United Service Lodge, H. G. Wade D.G. Secretary attended as Secretary of the Lodge; and subsequently Bros. W. Lodder D.D.G.M., W. P. Moat D.G. Registrar and Cole D.G. Director of Ceremonies attended and took part in the ceremonies. The W. Master having opened the Lodge, put to the ballot the Rev. C. M. Nelson P.M. Prince of Wales Lodge as a joining member, and the ballot being favourable, he was declared elected. He then introduced Bro. W. P. Moat D.G. Registrar as Installing Master, and this old Mason conducted the succeeding ceremonies in an impressive and excellent manner. Bro. W. A. Tenton the W.M. elect was presented by Bros. P.M. Wade and Hatswell, and having been duly installed, he nominated and installed his Officers as follows:—Bros. J. L. Hatswell I.P.M. and Treasurer, A. Wright S.W., W. R. Waddel J.W., H. G. Wade Secretary, J. Butler S.D., H. Evans J.D., Charles Crozier I.G., Charles Porter Tyler, Bercher and Brownhill Stewards. The Rev. C. M. Nelson was nominated Chaplain, but not being present he was not installed. The addresses to the new Officers were delivered in the most impressive manner by the V.W. the Installing Master Bro. Moat. Subsequently the Lodge was lowered, and three gentlemen were nominated and seconded as fit and proper persons to be admitted as Masons. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining-room of the hotel, where an excellent and plentiful cold spread, surrounded by all the delicacies of the season, awaited the guests who were present. The spread was tastefully laid and well served. The heavy dishes having been cleared off to make room for the dessert, the business of the evening commenced. The newly-installed Master presided, and was supported on his right by Bros. Lodder D.D.G.M., Moat D.G. Registrar Installing Master, Wade D.G. Secretary P.M., and Burns P.M.; and on the left by Bros. Hatswell I.P.M. and T. Cole P.M. The toast of "The Queen and Craft" was given from the chair, and responded to with musical honours. This was followed by the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. of the English Constitution," which was loyally responded to with Macduff honours. The Chairman then proposed the toast of "The Sister Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland." This was responded to with the customary honours. The Chairman then, in eulogistic, or rather enthusiastic terms, proposed "The health of the D.G.M. Bro. Graham, and his Deputy Bro. Lodder." Bro. Lodder responded; he thanked them cordially for the manner in which they had received the toast, and regretted that Bro. Graham the D.G.M. was not able to be present. He (Bro. Lodder) had tried to persuade him to remain, but his business engagements prevented it. Had it been possible, he would have been present at the installation in this his mother Lodge. As to himself, he felt himself placed in this position—the duties of the office were not so light as many of them supposed. He was often buttonholed in the street to give a ruling on difficult questions, but he thought on the whole that the District Grand Lodge here would compare very favourably with any in the colony. But he hoped they would soon have a better place of meeting than they had now. When he heard in the Lodge that a fund was being raised for an organ, he wondered where they were to put it. It was a standing disgrace to the Masons of Auckland as a body that they had no place to meet in, and if, as was said by Bro. the Rev. Mr. Nelson at the consecration of the Eden Lodge, they could not have a mansion, let them have a cottage. He thanked the brethren heartily for the manner in which they had drunk the health of the D.G.M. and his own. Bro. Burns P.M., in proposing the toast of "The D.G. Officers," complimented them highly on the manner in which the business of the Grand Lodge was conducted. Bro. Warren P.M. responded; it would be always a source of pleasure to members of the D.G. Lodge to assist on occasions like the present, and referred with pleasure to the able manner in which Bro Moat had conducted the duties of Installing Officer that evening. Bro. P.M. Hatswell proposed the health of the V.W. the Installing Master Bro. Moat. Without his aid they would be wanting in many things. He was always ready to render assistance, and the duties which he had performed that evening were done to the satisfaction of all. Bro. Moat said he could only thank those present for the kind and fraternal manner in which they had responded to the toast of his health. He was quite aware that it was not because of his position as Installing Master that this was so heartily drunk, because in every Lodge he was treated with affection and respect. He really did wish that the same feeling should exist between every member of the Craft as that which existed between himself and every member he had met. Bro. Moat then proposed the health of the newly installed W.M. He had known Bro. Fenton for several years, and no person could have paid more attention to Masonry than he had done, and he had no doubt before the end of his term he would prove a most excellent master, and fulfil the duties of his station with satisfaction and benefit to his Lodge. He hoped the brethren would drink his health in bumpers, and assist him in carrying out his duties. The W.M. replied, thanking them cordially. He was not a fluent speaker, but he could not refrain from thanking them for the high honour they had conferred on him that night—an honour almost beyond what he expected, as a comparatively young Mason. He had tried to press ahead, and had gained his reward, and his success should be an encouragement to other young Masons. He thanked them all kindly, and especially Bro. Moat for the able manner in which he had assisted him in the duties he had that evening to perform. Bro. Cole proposed the health of the I.P.M., to which Bro. Hatswell responded. The toasts of "The newly-appointed Officers," The "Visitors," "The Ladies," "The Press," "The Host and Hostess," and the Tyler's toast, "Poor and Distressed Masons," were drunk, and a pleasant evening was spent by those present.

AMOY—CHINA.

ON Thursday, 22nd January, the members of the sister Lodges, Ionic and Corinthian, assembled in their new hall to welcome a large number of guests who had been invited to take part in a Masonic Ball. Passing under a huge "square and compasses" of evergreens at the entrance gate, the visitors found themselves in the verandah of the building, which had been covered in and ornamented with flags. The great hall was tastefully decorated with all kinds of Masonic devices, and brilliantly lighted with chandeliers and bracket lamps; and punctually at the appointed hour the guests began to arrive. When the room was tolerably well filled, the Masons retired for a few minutes to don the regalia of their Order, and then returned in procession, marching to the band of H.I.G.M.'s corvette Luise, kindly lent for the evening by the courtesy of Capt. Schering. The procession was closed by Worshipful Bros. Boyd P.M. P.D.G.J.D., Sidford P.M. P.D G.S.W., Howard Master of the Corinthian Lodge and D G.J.D., and by Giles, Master of the Ionic Lodge and D.G.S.W. of Hongkong; and, on reaching the east, the last two officers ascended the dais, and Wor. Bro. Giles, in the name of sister Lodges of Amoy, declared the ball open. Dancing was then commenced in good earnest, and at about five minutes to twelve the dance of the evening, the "Masonic Lancers," was carried through with great effect. Full justice was done to the good things mentioned upon a neat *menu* card, printed in blue and gold and bearing upon it the seal of one or other of the sister Lodges; and there was a considerable interval before any one felt inclined to pay attention to the toast list. With a stroke of the gavel, Worshipful Bro. Giles rose—The toast of Queen and Craft, which rightly heads the list at every Masonic gathering held under the English Constitution is one usually proposed and received upon its own merits, without prefatory remarks of any kind. This, it must be freely admitted, is by far the most fitting and appropriate method; for he would indeed be a bold speaker who should think by any paltry trick of language to add his item of lustre to the Crown of that noble Lady of whom all British Freemasons are so justly proud: while the Craft, that great and imperishable organisation under whose banners we meet here to-night, may well afford to dispense with the hollow compliments of an after-supper speech. Such then, ladies and gentlemen, would have been the course adopted by me this evening, but for the simple fact that we, the Masons of Amoy, numbering between fifty and sixty brethren, are now entertaining, for the first time in a building of our own, a large and brilliant assemblage of guests. And when it is remembered that a year and a half ago there were barely some half dozen scattered members of the fraternity at this Port, we, as Masons, may fairly be excused if we allude with feelings of pride to the unparalleled success that has attended the introduction of Freemasonry into Amoy, and if we further claim to attribute that success to the purity of those principles which have long ago placed the Craft as an institution beyond the reach of censure or of praise. Wor. Bro. Howard rose to propose a toast that is always received with enthusiasm by Masons. The health of our Most Worshipful the Grand Master. This toast requires no further comment at my hands than this. May his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales live for many years to preside over our ancient and venerable Order, and may his charming wife, the Danish Princess, long be spared by his side to adorn that country she has chosen for her own. Wor. Bro. Sidford then rose and said:—In accordance with the custom of my country I will change the order of precedence and say, "Ladies, Wor. Master, brethren, and gentlemen. I give you the health of the D.G.M. Right Wor. Bro. Linstead, who is at present enjoying a well-earned vacation in England, and wishing him a safe return to the scene of his Masonic labours and renewed health and strength to perform them. I must not say too much in praise of his Officers, for several are present, and I am an insignificant unit amongst them. Of those absent at Hongkong I am at liberty to speak in terms of the warmest praise, for they, with a thoughtfulness truly Masonic, have aided us in the decoration of this hall to-night by sending us a number of magnificent trophies, Masonic and otherwise. Rude Boreas however prevented our lighting the exterior of the building so as to have attracted the whole island within the magic circle of our enchantments, and yet having done his worst outside we have defied him here where light and beauty reign supreme. We trust to further earn the approval of our guests in the ball-room, and I will not delay you any longer, as far as I am concerned, than by asking you to drink the health of R.W. Bro. Linstead and his Grand Officers. The remaining toasts comprised the Visitors, by Bro. R. H. H. Pye; the Ladies by Bro. A. W. Bain; and the Tyler's, which was given by Bro. C. Killeen. Too much praise cannot be given to the tasteful arrangement of the room, under the careful superintendence of Bros. Kopp and Paulsen, or to the excellent catering of Bros. Moalle, Wilson and Nicholls, in both the departments of wine and food. And an opinion was freely expressed by many of the Masons present that a hearty vote of thanks was specially due to Bro. James Bruce, Senior Deacon of the Ionic Lodge, for the great care and attention bestowed by him upon the various details of the ball.

According to the Report for last year, the Grand R.A. Chapter of the District of Columbia comprises eight Chapters, and a total membership of 1051, or two less than the previous year.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 10th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
194—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Ho born Viaduct.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1637—Unity, Abercorn H tel, Great Stanmore
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 12th April.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
1683—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
547—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
605—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8.
1474—Ismel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
R. A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R. A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
M. M.—Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
R. C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 13th APRIL.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. (Inst.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, at Bro. Kent's, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction.)
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Rodney, Black Horse Shoe, Solcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R. A 285—Juden, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R. A. 537—Zion, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M. M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R. C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 14th APRIL.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M. M.—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Ball's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
284—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
694—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
754—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn. (Instruction.)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Inst.)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1090—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1214—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llandilloes, Trewythen Arms, Llandilloes, North Wales
1613—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
R. A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 15th APRIL.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
94—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
209—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead

FRIDAY, 16th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
706—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Bonelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)

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1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
M. M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R. C.—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
M. M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.

SATURDAY, 17th APRIL.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

AMHERST LODGE No. 1223.

THE Installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, on Saturday last, 3rd inst., Present:—Bros. W. C. Banks W.M., C. J. Dodd S.W., John Webb J.W., R. Durtnell Treasurer, S. Smith S.D., T. J. Baker J.D., A. S. Owen I.G., H. L. Hall W.S., A. W. Duret P.M., E. J. Dodd P.M., C. E. Birch P.M. D.C., Hadley P.M. and W. Cresswell. Visitors:—Bros. The Rev. J. B. Harrison 1096 P.G.C., B. S. Wilmot 874 P.G.O., W. A. Dawson 121 1768 P.M., E. W. Allain W.M. 173, John G. Horsey W.M. Sackville 1619, G. S. Bigley S.W. 1298, H. Dinham 105, F. W. Greenville 243, E. Smiles 1491, James Andrews 1799, J. B. Lassett 466, and T. Weldon 925. The Lodge was opened at 4 p.m. in due form and with solemn prayer. Owing to indisposition Bro. J. H. Jewell P.M. P.P.G.O., the Secretary, was unable to be present, and Bro. P.M. Dodd acting in his absence, proceeded to read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were unanimously confirmed. Several communications from brethren unable to be present were then read. After the adoption of the report of the Audit Committee the W.M. rose and alluded with feelings of deep emotion to the sad loss the brethren had sustained since they last met by the death of the father of their Lodge Bro. P.M. Newsome and of their much respected Bro. P.M. Mortlock, and the Secretary was requested to write letters of condolence to the widows of these departed brothers. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree and the W.M. elect, Bro. Charles John Dodd, presented for the benefit of installation; he having assented to the usual requirements, and that portion of the ceremony concluded, the Lodge was opened in the third degree. All brethren below the rank of Installed Master then retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Dodd placed with the usual ceremony in the Chair of K.S. He was then proclaimed, saluted, and greeted, and having invested the Installing Master Bro. W. C. Banks as I.P.M., the Board was closed, and the brethren re-admitted. The new W.M. was then proclaimed, saluted, and greeted in the three degrees. The following Officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Webb S.W., S. Smith J.W., R. Durtnell Treasurer, J. W. Jewell P.M. P.P.G.O. Secretary, T. J. Baker S.D., A. S. Owen J.D., H. L. Hall I.G., E. H. Gauntlet W.S., and E. C. Birch D.C. The Tyler was re-elected. The Ancient Charges were then delivered to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren, and the working tools in each degree fully explained. The Installing Master Bro. W. C. Banks was justly praised by the brethren for the careful, able, and impressive manner in which he rendered the beautiful ceremony of Installation. Bro. P.M. Dodd was re-elected a member of the Charity Committee, some other business was transacted, and the Lodge duly closed. At the banquet which succeeded the usual loyal and other toasts were duly honoured. During the evening the W.M. presented to Bro. W. C. Banks I.P.M. a handsome Past Master's jewel, voted to him by the brethren of the Lodge, on which was engraved an inscription stating that it was presented to Bro. Banks in recognition of the great services he had rendered to the Amherst Lodge during the past year. The W.M. said he quite agreed with the wording of that inscription, and speaking in high praise of Bro. Banks' conduct of the affairs of the Lodge during his year of office as W.M., sincerely hoped he would live long to wear that jewel; he further alluded to the able manner in which the Installation ceremony had been given that evening. The Tyler's toast having been drunk, the brethren dispersed, most of them driving to Sevenoaks and thence by train to London.

Metropolitan Lodge of the Order of St. Lawrence.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 1st April, at 2 Red Lion-square. Present—Bros. C. F. Matier as W.M., S. C. Dibdin S.W., Samuel Rawson J.W., S. B. Wilson Treas., D. M. Dewar Sec., Robert Roy I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Fred. Binckes and S. Rosenthal; and Bros. Cubitt, Cooper, Constable, Robins, Soppet, Davison, Anderson, Gimingham, Venn, Dicketts, &c. Visitor—M.W. Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal P.G.M.G.L.M.M.M. After the minutes were read and confirmed, Bros. John R. Shearer, William M. Bywater, Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Joseph J. Pope, Wm. Stephens and Fred Badkin were unanimously elected and admitted as members of the Venerable Order. After the Lodge was closed the brethren partook of a "grill" at the Holborn Restaurant.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Bros. M. Hymans W.M., R. Baker S.W., L. M. Myers J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., J. S. Lyon Treasurer, J. Benjamin S.D., N. Baum I.G., Dodson P.M. D.C., A. Botibol Steward; P.M.'s Bros. S. Hickman, L. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, A. G. Dodson; Bros. Bean, Botibol, Grove Ellis, Gardiner, Wall, Haines, &c. The Lodge was opened, and minutes were confirmed. Bro. Wall was raised to the third degree, perfectly and impressively by the W.M. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Justus Strokirk, which was unanimously in the candidate's favour; he was duly initiated into the Order (by courtesy of the W.M.) by Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. Three distressed brethren were relieved from the funds of the Lodge. A letter was received from Bro. M. Spiegel I.P.M., stating he had received the jewel voted by the Lodge, for which he returned sincere thanks; he hoped on his return to this country personally to thank the brethren. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. proposed, and Bro. J. S. Lyon seconded, that in future the fee be £5 5s for brethren who have been initiated in the Lodge. Votes of thanks were recorded on the minutes to Bros. H. M. Levy P.M. and L. Alexander P.M. for their services on this and other occasions, and for the interest they had always shown in matters connected with the Lodge. This was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to light refreshments. The W.M. proposed the toasts, Loyal and Masonic, in a very eloquent manner. Bro. C. P. Albert P.G.P. responded for the Grand Officers. The toast of the Joppa Benevolent Fund was responded to by Bro. L. Alexander President; he dwelt on the merits of this excellent Fund, the balance of which amounts to over £1100, although large amounts had been given to many deserving cases, nearly £500 in the last two years. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the newly-initiated Bro. Strokirk; he was sure by the attention he paid to the ceremony he would become a credit to the Order; indeed, he had carried out his first lesson in charity by contributing 10s 6d to the Benevolent Fund. The members were all proud to see Bro. Strokirk among them. After this compliment had been acknowledged, Bro. L. Alexander P.M. proposed the health of the W.M.; they were all aware that Bro. Hymans possessed all the qualifications necessary for the Master's chair; they had witnessed his working; the ceremony of raising was performed in a masterly manner, and he well deserved every encomium passed on him—no one in that chair had excelled him, and he hoped they would drink the toast and wish Bro. Hymans health, long life, and prosperity. The W.M. could hardly find words to express his thanks to Bro. Alexander and the brethren for the way they had responded to the toast. When he undertook the duties of the Lodge he hoped it would be to their satisfaction; he trusted to have the same amount of approbation bestowed on him when he left the chair. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. Bros. I. P. Cohen P.M. 205, W. H. Stiles P.M. 1732, and Fletcher 180, severally responded; each paid deserved compliments for the able manner in which the W.M. had performed the duties of the chair. The toast of the Past Masters was then given, and Bro. L. Alexander responded. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Wardens, and complimented them on their excellent working; he was sure they were both qualified to occupy the chair. Bros. R. Baker S.W. and L. M. Myers J.W. responded; then the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was given, to which Bros. E. P. Albert and J. S. Lyon replied. The toast of the Junior Officers followed, and the Tyler's closed the proceedings. Altogether a very agreeable evening was passed, Bros. Benjamin, Baker, and Stiles contributing to the harmony. Visitors—Bros. W. R. Lyon 185, W. M. Stiles P.M. 1732, I. P. Cohen P.M. 205, Stunt 1641, Fletcher 180, Hunt, Roberts, Botibol late 188.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—On Wednesday, 7th April, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, City. Bros. T. J. Maidwell W.M., A. W. Smith S.W., T. B. Biddle J.W., G. L. Walker Preceptor, Anderson S.D., Fells J.D., Styles I.G. The Lodge opened in due form. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was worked with precision and care by Bro. P.M. T. J. Maidwell, Bro. Dalton candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and closed, when the following propositions were passed, viz.—That one guinea be voted to the Girls', on Bro. P.M. Maidwell's list. That Bro. Smith S.W. be the W.M. for Wednesday next. That the Fifteen Sections be worked on 28th instant in this Lodge of Instruction. That Bro. T. B. Biddle be the Treasurer of the Lodge of Instruction, and that Bros. Dalton and Styles, 1364 and 1426, respectively, be elected members. Votes of thanks were recorded to the Treasurer and Secretary, for which latter post Bro. J. K. Pitt was re-elected for ensuing year. The Lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—The weekly meetings were resumed at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 2nd April, after the Easter recess. This being the meeting immediately preceding the assembling of the mother Lodge (which had to be postponed from Good Friday) the W.M. Bro. Gomm and his Wardens and Officers took their places. There were also present Bros. Gardiner P.M., Goss P.M., Andrews P.M., Maton, Bellerby, Brill, Smith 1395, &c. Lodge was opened and the confirming of the minutes postponed till next meeting, the Hon. Sec. having excused himself on the ground that his "civil duties" required his presence elsewhere. Bro. Maton answered questions leading to second degree. Bro. E. Smith 1395 was admitted a member. Letters of condolence were ordered to be written to Bro. Roe P.M. and Preceptor, on a domestic bereavement, and to Mrs. Snook, widow of our recently deceased Bro. Snook, late of Acton, who passed away deeply regretted, after many years spent in actively ameliorating the sufferings of those whom fortune had less favoured. He was founder of, and leading spirit in, the "Acton

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Philanthropic Society," which has been the means of bringing relief to the distressed, without distinction of creed or sect. Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned till 16th April at half-past seven p.m.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 6th April. Bros. Smyth W.M., Clark S.W., Polak J.W., Wardell S.D., Brasted J.D., Christian I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Weige, Baker, Catlin, C. Lorkin, Bell, Brand, and others. The business of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Baker acting as candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the fourth section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and after resuming its Masonic duties, was opened in the second and third degrees. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Weige, W.M. of the mother Lodge, who worked the ceremony of installation, installing Bro. C. Smyth into the chair of K.S. Lodge was resumed to first degree. Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week; Bro. Catlin of Lodge 1679, and Bro. Bell 1178 were elected members. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—On Wednesday, 7th April, at the Salmon and Ball, Bethnal-green-road. Present:—Bros. Ward W.M., Abrahams S.W., Chitson J.W., Smith Treas., Hand Sec., Wooding S.D., Clarke J.D., Collins I.G.; Past Master Bro. Hogg Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Kelsey, Smith, Christian, Sturtevant, Howe. After preliminaries, the W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Kelsey as candidate. The W.M. opened and closed the Lodge in the second degree. Bro. Christian worked the second, third, and fourth sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. It was proposed by Bro. Christian, and seconded by Bro. Clarke, that the Annual Festival be held on Thursday, the 22nd April, members of other Lodges to be specially invited. The Lodge was closed in due form.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 6th April. Bros. Smith W.M., Rawe S.W., Cope J.W., Walker S.D., Power J.D., Fyfe I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Myers Preceptor; also Bros. Shepherd, Cope, Andrews, Keable, Lewis, Rawe, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Andrews candidate. The Installation ceremony was again worked by Bro. Shepherd, W.M. of the mother Lodge, No. 1349, who will instal his successor on Wednesday, 14th instant. Bro. Smith S.W. of 860, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. Bro. Rawe was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. As this will be the first time of his working the second ceremony in this Lodge, we hope he will have a good muster. Bro. Rawe is one of the Deacons of No. 781. Bros. Davis 1021 and Day 1716 were unanimously elected members. The following brethren were elected Auditors:—Bros. Keable, P.M. Myers, and Shepherd; they will bring their report before the Lodge on Tuesday next, when the Officers for the year will be elected.

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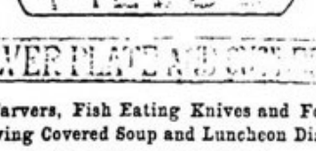

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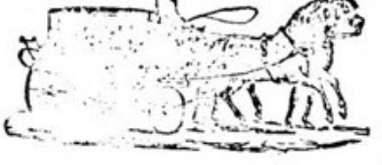

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SUPPLEMENTARY MASONIC CHARITIES.

THE CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

IN fulfilment of the promise in our issue of the 27th ult. we now have the pleasure of placing before our readers some further details of the working of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution. In doing so we feel that the publication of the facts, which the report of this charity practically demonstrates will be most appropriate at this season when so much agitation is going on in reference to the future of the central Masonic Charities. It may seem improbable to some of our readers, but there are very many members of the Order in this country who know absolutely nothing of either the Benevolent Institution or the Boys' or Girls' Schools, and when we say this it may be imagined how many there are who are in ignorance of the local funds attached to several of the Provinces into which English Freemasonry is divided. Were it otherwise we should be at a loss to account for the conflicting statements which are put forward whenever any alteration is proposed in existing rules. It indeed seems strange that any brother can urge that this or that is impossible in face of the fact that it has really been accomplished in half a dozen different parts of the country, were it not that we imagine him ignorant of the work that is being carried on within a few miles of his own door. Brethren are apt to refer with pride, justifiable without question, to the great amount contributed at the three Festivals held annually in London, and there are very many conspicuous by their absence from those meetings who are never tired of recounting what Freemasonry does for those in necessitous circumstances, but have they really any knowledge of what is actually done? Are they aware that the £40,000 or so to which the the totals figure up is but a moiety of the amount annually expended in Masonic charity? We think not, and were they to become acquainted with the actual state of affairs, there are surely a few who would look upon themselves somewhat in the light of impostors, taking the credit of good deeds at the expense of others. The benefits conferred by our Schools are very great, but what are they among so many, or what in comparison to the number who are regularly pronounced as deserving of something? If we could induce brethren throughout the country to carefully consider the work that is done by such provinces as Cheshire—which in addition to its liberal support of each of the three central Charities maintains an Institution of its own—they would soon discover what Freemasons really are capable of doing, and by applying the gauge to their own districts they might find whether they were themselves at fault. Before we proceed further, it may be as well to place the whole facts of the Cheshire Institution—which we take as an illustration—before our readers. The last report thereof, which carries us up to the end of 1879, is devoted to the details of the working of the institution for the seventeenth year of its existence, it having been founded in 1863. As we pointed out in the report of the Committee meeting held at Birkenhead last month, the receipts for the year amounted to £387 3s 1d, which, with the addition of a donation of £5 from Lord De Tabley (Prov. G.M.) and £2 from Lady De Tabley, bring up the total for 1879 to £394 3s 1d, of which amount £151 10s 7d represents the interest on investments, which at the time in question amounted to £3,438 1s 10d. The balance is made up by a number of small personal subscriptions—five shilling ones principally, and therefore within the limit of any brother's income. It is next necessary to see in what way this amount is expended, and to this it is that we specially direct the attention of our readers. From the report it appears that "during the year seventeen children have been educated, three of whom retire at the end of the financial year, and there are six applications. Three have been advanced, and there are no fresh applications for advancement;" and all this has been done for the amount of £158 18s 9d—£102 10s 10d for education, £17s 2s 8d for advancement, and £39 5s 3d for printing reports, expenses of annual audit and committee meetings, stationery, postages, &c. &c. It will thus be seen that a considerable balance remained as the result of the year's work, and of this £200 had been invested in the purchase of two Mersey Dock Bonds. The payments for education range from £4 in the case of a girl educated at Hyde, to £10 15s 6d expended on a lad at one of the London grammar schools, and this we urge is the most practical demonstration it is possible to put forward that some such provision might be made for the candidates who unsuccessfully compete at the elections for our London Schools. We cannot give a better description of the mode of working this Institution than is given in the report:—"The principle is, that when a candidate is passed as being eligible for the benefits of the Institution, it is left entirely to the parent or guardian as the case may be, to select the School to which the child shall be sent, and when satisfactory proof of due attendance is given, the amount of the School fees is then paid by the Institution."

Leaving the above we will now look at the business transacted at the last Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, when the following notice of motion was submitted by Bro. H. T. Thompson:—

"That the sum of £6 be voted to each of Twenty-five Children next highest on the Poll to the successful Candidates at this Election, in aid of their maintenance and education until the Election in October next."

Bro. Thompson pointed out, when he formally moved the above, that there were forty-five children competing for the thirteen vacancies of the day, so that there would be thirty-two returned unelected. Surely it would have been a most graceful act to have selected twenty-five of this number and presented their parents or guardians with a sum of money towards their support until next October, by which time most of them will have another, and we hope a much better chance of being elected, or else have acted in a manner similar to that adopted in Cheshire, and paid the School fees and perhaps supplied a few articles of clothing; but no, the proposition was dismissed, as we expected it would be, and we ask why? One brother objected because a little trouble would be entailed in seeing that the money was properly applied, but, as we understand it, proof that it is actually spent would be required from the recipients, who would have to get their statements vouched for, and thus the work of a Committee would simply be to see that certain forms were gone through and be convinced that the statements made were not deliberately false. Another brother thought that such a course of action would debase Freemasons. We may not know the meaning of the word, but, bearing in mind the boasted principles of the Order, we ask, Is not Freemasonry debased when its votaries decline to spend £150, out of an income of nearly one hundred times that amount, on the education of twenty-five poor orphan girls, the condition of each of whom has

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been inquired into, with the result that they have been deemed worthy of relief? We pause for a reply, and only hope that some one may be able to show us a good and sufficient reason for what we must admit looks very much like stolid indifference. Those who oppose the grant may not, we hope they never will, know the want of so small a sum as £6; but any one who takes the slightest interest in the welfare of their less fortunate brethren will bear testimony that the removal of such a burden as the School bill, with the addition of a few shillings to be expended in wearing apparel, would be of the greatest service to many a family. Such work would be done quietly and without show. Can it be the love of pointing to a large establishment that prevents brethren expending any part of the School funds among the smaller habitations of the applicants themselves?

BRO. S. B. WILSON AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

FROM certain letters we publish elsewhere, it will be seen that the dispute between Bro. S. B. Wilson and the Boys' School has reached a crisis, and that nothing remains for him but to obtain a settlement by means of the law. We consider this is very much to be regretted, firstly, because a difference of this kind should be kept out of the law courts, and secondly, whichever party prevails, a waste of good money without profit to either of the disputants must inevitably follow. No one ever calls in the assistance of the gentlemen of the long robe without finding the balance at his bankers' more or less affected, and invariably to his disadvantage. Even a favourable verdict with costs involves costs as between attorney and client. And if the successful litigant is something out of pocket, through gaining his suit, the unfortunate man who loses is hit still more considerably, we may be sure. It would, of course, but ill become us to offer any comments on the merits of a case which is still pending, but having briefly noted that whichever side wins the day there will be much money wasted over the dispute, we feel justified in offering a few remarks on matters which are beside the main point at issue. The proper court will decide whether Bro. Wilson's charges are just or not, but there are some other matters which may fairly be touched upon. We notice that a motion was made and carried at the recent Quarterly Court endorsing the action of the House Committee in this affair, and we admit that such endorsement is by no means unnatural. It is, however, an open question whether Bro. Wilson, who seems to have been bandied about from House Committee to General Committee, and then to the Quarterly Court, has not just reason to complain of the delays which have been interposed by the authorities. He seems from the very first to have been quite willing to submit his case to arbitration, and he even went so far as to name one of the most distinguished of his profession as arbitrator. The offer was rejected, however, on the very ridiculous ground that the gentleman in question was a Freemason, as though that fact was likely, in the slightest degree, to influence the impartiality of his decision. It strikes us as being very much in the nature of an insult to suggest that Sir H. Hunt, from the fact of his being a Mason, should be unfit to adjudicate, with the utmost fairness, as to the correctness or incorrectness of a certain account, because it happens to have been rendered by a brother. Indeed, the mere fact of his being a Freemason would seem to constitute him a better arbitrator than one who was not, his professional qualifications to act as such being open to no doubt whatever. It would rest with him to decide between a Masonic institution and a Mason, so that his sense of justice would impel him in neither direction. But, assuming the version we have received as correct, other obstacles seem to have been interposed. Thus, there is the letter of Mr. Paraire, acting as Bro. Wilson's representative, in which he informs Mr. Stanley that every information is at his (Mr. Stanley's) disposal for the examination of the Committee, and offers to meet him by appointment. To this there appears to have been no response. But while there would appear to have passed several communications between the contending parties, probably a whole year has passed without a question being settled which might perhaps be arranged in half an hour. One question very naturally arises, whether it would not on the whole have been more judicious for Bro. Wilson to have withdrawn the account as rendered in the first instance, and substituted for it one containing the particulars requested. Bro. Wilson proposes doing this now, but he says the amended statement will be heavier in amount, as he at first charged less than he is entitled to according to the scale sanctioned by the Institute of British Architects. We cannot blame Bro. Wilson for this, as he has been waiting an unusual time for the settlement of his account; and if it turns out that his views are correct, the Committee will have only themselves to blame if the charges they are called upon to pay ultimately exceed those they were asked for in the first instance. It is well known that for the discharge of certain professional duties, certain scales of charges are sanctioned by the proper authorities, and it strikes us as being a bold thing when people who are not members of the profession in question take upon themselves to doubt the propriety of the charges made, but more especially when the professional man offers to submit his case to the arbitration of a duly qualified third person, and abide by the result. One way out of the difficulty yet remains, before having recourse to legal proceedings. Let Bro. Wilson submit a fresh account altered in the manner proposed. The Committee will have the particulars they ask for, and if, as we assume will be the case, they are in accordance with the authorised scale, the authorities cannot resist payment, even though the sum total of the account should exceed the old one. However, we trust that, whatever may happen, recourse to a legal settlement will be avoided.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of the Governors of and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held last Saturday at the Freemasons' Tavern, Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided. On the motion of Bro. J. A. Rucker P.G.D., seconded by Bro. E. Letchworth, Colonel Creaton was again unanimously elected Treasurer of the Institution. Bro. Hopekirk jun. was elected a member of the General Committee. After a slight discussion the following motion by the Chairman was carried:—"It being desirable to enlarge the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, by maintaining, clothing, and educating twenty-five girls, in addition to those already in the Institution, the House Committee be directed to make the necessary arrangements to accommodate such twenty-five girls, and that such twenty-five girls be elected at the next election, after the House Committee shall have reported the completion of the arrangements necessary for the reception and accommodation for such twenty-five girls." Bro. W. A. Spaull Prov. G. Sec., North Wales and Shropshire, proposed, and Bro. Black seconded, "That the third and every subsequent Stewardship to this Institution, accompanied by a donation of £5 5s, shall entitle the brother to two votes." Bro. A. J. Duff Filer P.G.S.B. objected to the proposition, as likely to entail a great deal of labour on the officials. Bro. Henry Smith Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire intimated that Bro. Spaull's intention was to hold out an extra inducement to brethren to come forward as Stewards. The motion was lost. Bro. H. T. Thompson moved "That the sum of £6 be voted to each of the twenty-five children next highest on the poll to the successful candidates at this election, in aid of their maintenance and education until the election in October next." Bro. Thompson said that one of the duties of that Court was to select from an approved list of 45 candidates 13 children for admission to the full benefits of the Institution, and there would be 32 qualified applicants disappointed in their hopes of obtaining that benefit which the General Committee had certified they were entitled to. On behalf of the latter he proposed that the subscribers should make a grant of £150 to be equally divided amongst 25 of these children, many of whom had been before the Court at previous elections. He did not propose to bind the Institution to any particular course of action in the future, but simply to deal with the present circumstances when with a fairly large balance (about £1600) of income over expenditure for the past year they had an unusually large number of candidates in comparison with the vacancies at their disposal. Doubts had been expressed as to the legality of the proposal, but reading Law 2 on the Objects of the Institution he contended that if they were unable now from want of accommodation to elect the whole of the candidates to the full benefit of the Institution, they could confer a portion by voting a grant of money as empowered by Law 34, under which clause the requisite notices had been given. He had that morning seen an opinion that the passing of this motion would commence the downward course of a benefit society which would practically tend to demoralise the Order. He asked the Court to dissociate Freemasonry from the Girls' School in considering the motion. The former should certainly not be considered a benefit society, but the latter included amongst its subscribers ladies, minors, and others, not amenable to Masonic laws, and was undoubtedly a charity or benefit society, and he failed to see why a money grant in aid of the maintenance and education of unsuccessful candidates until they could next apply for admission should more tend to pauperise the Order than the grants of the Fund of Benevolence to distressed Masons, or the amenities of the Benevolent Institution to decayed Masons and their widows. The amount he proposed was a moderate one; he believed the motion to be for the benefit of those for whom the money had been subscribed, and strictly in accordance with the laws now in force. Brother Tattershall moved

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as an amendment—"That a gratuity of £20 be given to each unsuccessful candidate who is prevented by the rules, on account of her age, from applying for election." Brother J. L. Hine (Manchester) seconded the amendment, which was put and lost. Bro. Rucker opposed the original motion, on the ground that it would require a machinery to be established to see that the money would be properly applied for the benefit of each of the twenty-five candidates. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford also opposed, believing that it would debase Freemasons. The motion was put and lost. Bro. Binney moved (for Bro. G. E. Webster P.M. 139, Sheffield)—"That it is desirable that the Life Governors, the Subscribers, and others entitled to vote at meetings of the General Court, should have the power of voting by proxy; and that all subscriptions, donations, legacies, and other moneys received by this Charity, which shall not be distinctly appropriated by the donors to the Sustentation Fund, shall be applied in maintaining, clothing and educating the children, and the surplus, if any, shall be invested in three per cent. Consols, in the names of trustees of the General Fund, which Fund and the income thereof shall not be applied for any other than the above-mentioned purposes." Both these motions were lost. The Chairman then declared the poll open for the election of thirteen girls to the benefits of the Institution out of an approved list of forty-five candidates. The poll was kept open till three o'clock, and when the Scrutineers gave in their report at five o'clock, the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on List.	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
30	Osmond, Emily Mabel	—	1775	1775
34	Johnson, Eliza Louisa	—	1687	1687
33	Burrell, Kate	—	1671	1671
7	Cheek, Laura Sophia (last)	958	690	1648
27	Hale, Florence Pauline	207	1388	1595
4	Williams, Emma Eliza	912	652	1564
6	Parker, Annie Sarah	984	553	1537
26	Harvey, Julia Maud	395	1122	1517
12	Wyatt, Mary Ann A.	1005	487	1492
40	Laycock, Adelaide Frederika	—	1435	1435
3	Priestley, Juliet S. H.	315	1112	1427
20	New, Frances Jane	169	1220	1389
10	Howle, Minnie (last)	880	428	1308

UNSUCCESSFUL.

5	Cecil, Emily Alford	772	412	1184
11	King, Emily Beatrice	269	828	1097
23	Bridgeman, Rose Agnes	307	654	961
24	Owens, Annie Adelaide	100	853	953
29	Bartrum, Sarah Grace Kilvert	—	768	768
18	Riley, Sophia	204	547	751
39	Skelton, Mary Ann Elizabeth	—	655	655
36	Watson, Ada Edith	—	631	631
42	Gibson, Eva Gray	—	631	631
37	Carey, Rosina	—	515	515
17	Stowini, Alice Maria Louisa	429	77	506
38	Ford, Annie Louisa	—	371	371
32	Evans, Edith	—	347	347
15	Oberdoerffer, Fanny Marie Ignace	121	144	265
14	Pelham, Rosa Pauline	108	156	264
25	Mee, Kate Sarah	104	160	264
16	Coales, Clara Eliza	90	147	237
43	Popkiss, Florence Emma	—	214	214
9	Hill, Annie Elizabeth	119	68	187
22	Deacon Emily	2	179	181
28	Bennett, Sarah Jane	6	166	172
44	Riddell, Florence	—	128	128
2	Brown, Edith	64	27	91
1	Parker, Elizabeth Minnie	60	15	75
8	Gover, Annie (last)	19	9	28
35	Nicholls, Augusta Helen	—	27	27
19	Ashton, Ada Ellen	11	13	24
13	Drake, Mary Cranch	1	21	22
21	Crow, Caroline Ada	—	16	16
31	McKinney, Margaret	—	2	2
41	Thomings, Sarah Maria Walton	—	—	—
45	Fry, Martha Jane Choules	—	—	—

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and the Chairman concluded the proceedings of the day.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Col. Creaton presided. Bro. George Plucknett was re-elected Treasurer. In the absence of Bro. C. F. Matier, Bro. J. L. Hine moved and Bro. Gladwell seconded "That the Quarterly General Courts in January and July be held at four o'clock in the afternoon, and that law 29 be altered accordingly." The motion was carried. The General Committee were re-elected with but one alteration, Bro. Henry Wells of Aldershot to fill the place of the late Bro. Henry W. Lindus. A letter from Bro. S. B. Wilson, in reference to his dispute with the House Committee, having been read, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart submitted that the House Committee were justified, as men of business, in not passing Bro. Wilson's account, unless he furnished them with detailed items. On the motion of Col. Burney, seconded by Bro. Parkhouse, a vote of approval of the conduct of the Committee was passed. The brethren then proceeded to elect 20 out of an approved list of 79 candidates to the Institution. At the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on list.	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
2	Black, William	1075	785	1860
63	Hogg, John	—	1768	1768
26	Seddon, James Albert	1026	661	1687
7	Brooks, George Bertie	1089	536	1625
55	Prestwich, Ernest Edgley	—	1564	1564
15	Colbeck, Frank	1413	137	1550
10	Thomas, John M. Alex.	1456	75	1531
13	Fellows, Herbert M.	591	922	1513
9	Norrish, Herbert	1273	240	1513
28	May, George	—	1507	1507
56	Reynolds, Richard Frank	—	1471	1471
37	Moore, Ernest Stambler	785	633	1418
32	Pike, William Thomas	—	1408	1408
36	Smith, William Henry	428	957	1385
17	Brown, Walter Boston	316	1028	1344
3	Scott, John Sheppard	617	725	1342
22	Kennedy, Arthur James	485	830	1315
71	Atkinson, Chas. Alfred	—	1309	1309
47	Gough, E. A. Brinsmead	623	674	1297
30	Thomas, Frank Robert	182	1099	1281

UNSUCCESSFUL.

48	Gee, Arthur Alban	263	959	1222
31	Knott, Herbert Wilfred	351	756	1107
8	Grave, Richard Arthur	592	383	975
62	Hooker, George Sanders	—	905	905
1	Barclay, Henry G. Hackett	727	122	849
78	Collingwood, Arthur H.	—	743	743
34	Saville, William James	356	368	724
33	Hobbs, Robert Norton	310	349	659
20	Unwin, Fras. Arthur	242	419	661
39	Richardson, Sidney Wm. F.	180	415	595
44	Estlin, Charles Nathaniel	222	305	527
39	Ecclestone, Henry A.	—	509	509
68	Hurst, John Wm. James	—	452	452
18	Fellows, Arthur	187	240	427
64	Darling, Harvey George	—	403	403
6	Gauntlett, George Fredk.	390	2	392
29	Lee, Sidney Edward	153	227	380
66	Carey, Stephen Darcy	—	335	335
46	Loveridge, Sydney Earle	3	321	324
54	Clark, Frederick Arthur	—	302	302
23	Neville, Fredk. John	204	95	299
15	Wilton, Ernst Colville C.	206	83	289
25	Coe, Albert Edward	244	43	287
61	Crich, Sydney James	—	280	280
19	Goldsbrough, Jno. Tom	165	114	279
50	Gunnell, William Pearse	106	162	268
51	Wilson, William Leslie	135	60	195
27	Woollons, Walter H.	118	73	191
76	Hill, George Wm. King	—	183	183
57	Thomas, George Arthur	—	177	177
11	Crane, Harry Samuel J.	169	1	170
67	Gurney, Charles Aubrey	—	167	167
14	Steinhauer, George W.	75	81	156
49	Lucas, Edmund Charles	88	67	155
60	Williams, William Isaac	—	132	132
45	Watson, William Renwick	45	62	107
40	Ball, Edward Thomas	27	72	99
79	Jones, Cleophas C. B.	—	84	84
69	Langdon, James	—	83	83
53	Field, Chas. S. Ventris	—	68	68
43	Ibbs, Robert Leigh	56	3	59
52	Frost, James Bray	41	18	59
35	Webb, Charles Edward	24	22	46
65	Escott, Charles Leopold	—	44	44
73	Collinson, James	—	22	22
4	Gay, George John	18	—	18
70	Watson, Sydney Herbert	—	14	14
5	Read, John	4	8	12
77	Sisley, Walter John	—	10	10
58	Jones, Wm. Vincent B.	—	9	9
72	Jobson, William Taylor	—	9	9
42	Laing, Herbert Lawson	1	7	8
41	Grainger, Ernest Bloomer	4	2	6
16	Hawke, Edwin Ernest	1	—	1
21	Foot, William Robert D.	—	—	—
24	Pratt, Robert Williamson	—	—	—
38	Sparkes, Albert Edward	—	—	—
74	Farrar, Ethelbert	—	—	—
75	Burgess, Harold Thomas	—	—	—

TO THE VICE PATRONS, VICE PRESIDENTS, GOVERNORS, AND SUBSCRIBERS TO THE R.M.I. FOR GIRLS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg to tender you my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the generous support accorded to my child, Emily Mabel Osmond, in electing her on Saturday last to the benefits of your noble and most valuable Institution.

Assuring you I shall always remember with deep gratitude the great kindness and sympathy shown to me,

I am, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, yours truly,

FRANCES OSMOND.

The Elms, Stratford Green, E.
12th April 1880.

Bro. R. G. Thomas, the courteous and talented manager of the Mohawk Minstrels, announces his Farewell Benefit for Wednesday the 28th of April, at the Agricultural Hall. On that occasion he will have the services of the whole of this troupe of talented minstrels. Several of Mr. Henry Russell's songs will be sung; in addition, Mr. Arthur Lloyd, Mr. T. Maclagan, and other celebrated artistes will assist.

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BRO. WILSON AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

27 Walbrook, E.C., 13th April 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As the resolution carried at the Quarterly General Court yesterday leaves me no alternative but to enforce my just claim against the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys by legal means, may I beg from you the favour to insert in your next issue my communication to them, which was read at the meeting, so that the Craft at large may know that I have exhausted every reasonable means to arrive at an amicable settlement of the matter.

As a friend of the Institution, which I think I may without vanity say owes a very great deal to my own personal exertions, I cannot help expressing the hope that the Governors will at the next election of the Committees show by their votes that they will not have it injured through private pique or ignorance.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

S. B. WILSON.

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27 Walbrook, E.C., 9th April 1880.

TO THE QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

BRETHREN AND GENTLEMEN,—Notwithstanding the resolution passed by you at the Quarterly General Court, held on the 12th January last, the House Committee still raise the most litigious and vexatious objections to the settlement of my account.

I have from the first moment of their dispute with me offered to meet them as far as any sensible man could. When they paid me £100 on account, with the offer to refer the balance to some professional man, I immediately agreed to it, and named Sir Henry Arthur Hunt, C.B. They refused to accept him, without any other reason that I am aware of than his being a *Freemason*, but why that should be a reason against his being appointed, I am at a loss to conceive; indeed, their resolution refusing to appoint *any Freemason* as referee would preclude most of the chief men of standing in the profession from being appointed.

On refusing to agree to Sir H. A. Hunt, they referred me to a solicitor, Mr. Stanley, and I immediately instructed my representative, Mr. Paraire, to give him any explanation which might be necessary, but up to the present time Mr. Stanley has refrained from seeing Mr. Paraire on the subject, although he has been repeatedly asked to do so.

If I am compelled to resume legal proceedings, I am aware that the Court can order me to put a price to each item, but in that case, as my account is charged on the whole much lower than the usual professional rate, I shall have to withdraw the present amount and amend it, charging the full amount that my professional friends can support.

I have consulted a great many Architects of standing, all of whom have expressed their willingness to support me should it be necessary; and I beg to enclose a copy of a letter I have received from Mr. Paraire, which shows clearly that the House Committee are not justified in treating me in the manner they are doing, for it is entirely their own fault if they have not long since received any explanations that they might have required.

I am, Gentlemen and Brethren,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

S. B. WILSON.

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474 Oxford Street, W.C., 7th April 1880.

DEAR SIR,—On again referring to your account I see no reason to alter my opinion, as I consider the charges far below those you should have claimed under the Schedule of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

I stated in my letter to Mr. Stanley, the 16th September 1879, that the items were fair and reasonable; I could do no more than I then stated. I annex copy of my letter that you may judge for yourself.

Yours truly,

EDWARD L. PARAIRE.

S. B. Wilson, Esq.

P.S. Any professional man of standing will support your charges.

16th September 1879.

MY DEAR SIR,—I saw Mr. Wilson, and had some conversation with him respecting his] claim against the R. I. for Boys; he has let me have a copy of his account, and if you will kindly favour me with an appointment shall, without prejudice, give you what explanation I can to show that the items are fair and reasonable.

I shall be in the city to-morrow; if you could name an hour, I will wait on you.

Yours truly.

EDWARD L. PARAIRE.

F. Stanley, Esq.

ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think Bro. Radclyffe's very reasonable letter of last week contains the strongest condemnation of the course pursued by those who are opposing or throwing cold water on this Fund. He shows conclusively that, whatever may be its present opinions, your contemporary did regard the proposal with considerable favour, even though it might involve the establishment of a *fourth* Masonic Charity. It recognised that the work it was proposed to achieve by the aid of this Assistance Fund would be most valuable. It spoke of "the needful, the useful, and the practical" as being "so predominant in this simple and straightforward scheme . . . that we have thought well to call the attention of our readers specifically, if shortly, to it." Surely nothing stronger than this could have been urged even by the greatest well-wisher, and yet there is now a decided coldness, if not opposition, to the proposal. It is now pronounced to be too ambitious; it had better be allowed to fall through; and yet, somehow, it is described only a few weeks since as being a "necessary supplement to our well-managed Institutions." Well may Bro. Radclyffe ask, in a tone of surprise, "How can you reconcile all these contradictions?"

As to the Fancy Fair and Bazaar, which seems to have excited the ridicule of Bro. While, Bro. Radclyffe acknowledges he is organising one. I know they are often called into being, in order to assist charitable institutions. They give the fair sex the opportunities, of which they always so gladly avail themselves, to play their part in the field of charity. Their influence for good is universally recognised. The mere ornamental, under their kind auspices, is made to do useful work, and many a charity has had good reason to be thankful that Fancy Bazaars have been organised in furtherance of their interests. Many a handsome addition is made by their help to the funds of a charity, and so far from sneering at such a project, I should say Bro. While or any other Mason would only be too glad to offer his services. However, I do not think the indomitable Bro. Radclyffe, after the success that has attended him thus far, need be under any apprehension that the opposition of one or even a few will be seriously detrimental. It would be strange, indeed, as you remarked recently in one of your leading articles, if a scheme could be invented which would command universal sympathy. Occasionally a little opposition has its advantages in arousing the sympathy of supporters and inducing them to be more energetic in their help. I have little doubt the arrangements will prove satisfactory, and that the four days' Bazaar will turn out to be a source of profit to the Fund.

As to the grounds of opposition, I fail to see any justification for them. The plan is a good one, and excellent. True, it has exceeded its former dimensions, but what of that? Nothing has yet been determined, and the plans, such as they are, are only in the preliminary stage of suggestion. That it will be eminently practical is most certain, and it will need no strong official staff to work it. It does not even involve "the blessings of a paid Secretariat," for the office duties may be of so light a character that the services of not even a clerk, much less a Secretary, may be needed. It may turn out that the Committees of the two Schools will be entrusted with the work, and they, as every one knows, are unpaid. It is possible that printing and postage will be the most serious item. But even if the scheme should be much more elaborate than was first proposed, and a clerk or secretary should be wanted, I presume no one would seriously object to his receiving some honorarium for his services. Bro. Radclyffe has placed his services at the disposal of the Committee till the end of the current year, and Bro. Morgan junior, I have been given to understand, has, at Bro. Radclyffe's express wish, agreed to play his part, gratuitously, for the same period. The Secretaries of our Institutions, considering the amount of labour they have to go through, are not excessively remunerated, so that this cry against the contingency of a "paid Secretariat," which may not be required, is, to say the least, premature.

Bro. Radclyffe is not the man I take him to be if he allows the opposition he is experiencing to have any other effect than to stimulate him to still greater efforts. He need not trouble himself more about Bro. While's opposition than about his letters, which he has very wisely resolved, according to his letter of last week, not to be at the pains of answering.

Yours fraternally and faithfully,

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent who signs himself "QUOUSQUE TANDEM?" has very properly pointed out that Bro. While has little reason to complain of the attacks he has been subjected to, seeing how liberal he has himself been in his attacks upon others. The man who begins even a little harmless practical joking has no reason to object, if, in his turn, he is made the subject of something similar. I know not how to explain the motives which led, in the first place, to these little outbursts of his at the expense of others, and then to the retaliation of some of your correspondents; but why will not Bro. While take, if he feels it imperative on him to give, a certain measure of abuse? If brothers love one another to such an extent of cordiality that they cannot even make a charitable suggestion without speaking ill-naturedly of each other, it occurs to me that our Freemasonry must be something like what is commonly called humbug. But as the members of the celebrated Pickwick Club, whenever they said sharp things to each other, spoke only in a Pickwickian sense, so when we Masons do the same, it is done perhaps in the true Masonic sense. Nothing more is ever intended than a few harmless pleasantries. I have no objection, and I presume no one else has, to these interchanges of compliments, but let us be as good tempered as possible over them. "Give and take" should be our motto.

Yours fraternally,

PETER.

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UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

THE Annual Festival of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 9th inst., when the W.M. elect, W. Bro. Thomas Eustace P.M., was installed as W.M. by W. Bro. Lieut-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney, a Mason of more than 30 years' standing, and one of the Founders of No. 697. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the following were appointed Officers for the coming year:—Bros. Thomas Rix I.P.M., A. Gosling S.W., Thomas G. Mills J.W., Thomas Rix P.M. Treas., G. A. Eustace Sec. *pro tem*, W. Jelley S.D., C. D. Marshall J.D., W. Chapman D.C., A. S. Went Organist, R. Smith I.G, J. D. Duffield, E. Lowings, and G. Somerville Stewards; S. Munson Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to banquet at the George Hotel, a sumptous repast being provided by the hostess, Mrs. Guiver. The usual toasts were given after dinner, and some brethren present contributed to the pleasures of the evening by vocal music. Among those present, either at Lodge or the festive board were the V.W. Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram D.P.G.M. Essex, Bros. Thomas J. Ralling P.G. Sec. Essex, J. Terry Sec. R.M.B.I., E. Hennemeyer W.M. 51, E. H. Crate P.P.G.C., W. Basham W.M. 650, T. Jennings S.W. 650, H. Everard Sec. 650, R. C. Althill W.M. 433, J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Sec. 433, J. Downes I.G. 433, W. Richey P.M. 51, J. J. C. Turner J.W. 51, Joseph Hanly 51, and the following members of No. 697:—Bros. T. Eustace W.M., Lieut-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney P.M., Thomas Rix P.M., Bros. A. Gosling, T. G. Mills, G. A. Eustace, W. Jelley, William Chapman, C. D. Marshall, G. H. Somerville, Robt. Smith, D. R. Rowbotham, E. Lowings, S. Tatem, Jos. Sadler, A. S. Went, Thomas Matthewman, R. Foster, A. Richardson, T. Downing, S. H. Ellis, H. J. Everett, F. E. Morris, J. D. Duffield, J. H. Boulton, and R. J. Godfrey.

CRICHTON LODGE, No. 1641.

THIS Lodge gave a full dress ball at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday evening last, in aid of the Charity Fund, and, taking into consideration the lateness of the season, it passed off with great success. The following brethren acted as Stewards:—Bros. T. Gardiner W.M., A. Middlemass P.M., T. Griffiths P.M., P. A. Nairne D.C., R. J. Voisey S.W., A. H. Goldschmidt J.W., D. D. Mercer Treasurer, T. Weeks Secretary, T. E. Heller S.D., R. Greenwood S., J. Maunder Organist, R. J. Vincent, J. Dallison, H. R. Baker, T. Nettleship, W. H. Briant, J. Cross, W. H. Barber Secretary 1777, Fred. Hillar J.D. 1475, G. P. Cottar S.D. 1622. The following acted as M.C.'s—Bros. W. H. Baker I.G. 1641, H. A. Stunt W.S. 1641, and T. Cull S.W. 1446. Bro. Dan Godfrey's Quadrille Band was in attendance and played the most popular tunes. Dancing was kept up with great spirit until five o'clock. During the supper Bro. Gardiner proposed the usual toasts, which were drank enthusiastically, especially "The Ladies," responded to by Bro. Cottar. In proposing the "Stewards and M.C.'s," Bro. Gardiner referred to the work done by Bro. Stunt, who also acted as Secretary to the Ball Committee, and he expressed a hope that every one had spent a pleasant evening.

MIZPAH LODGE, No. 1671.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, and may justly be described as one of the most successful gatherings ever held under that hospitable roof. The chair was taken by Bro. W. W. Medcalf W.M. at the hour appointed, and in support there were present a numerous gathering of Officers and members as well as of Visitors. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Emile Clavel gave evidence of his progress in the Royal Art and was passed to the degree of F.C. The raising of Bro. G. Abel Harrison to the sublime degree of M.M. was, owing to the unavoidable absence of that brother during the early part of the meeting, postponed. The report of the Audit Committee was submitted and accepted, and nothing more need be said of it than that it was eminently satisfactory. The special business of the evening, namely the installation of the W.M. elect Bro. Johannes Bergmann, was then proceeded with, the Installing Master being Bro. Nelson Reed, who most efficiently fulfilled the arduous duties of his office. Those not entitled to be present at this interesting ceremony having been re-admitted, the W. Master was duly saluted in the three degrees and congratulated, and then proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—namely, Bros. Charles Schmidt S.W., R. A. Morgan J.W., W. W. Medcalf I.P.M., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, J. J. Avery P.P.G. Treas. Devon Treasurer, H. G. Buss Assist. G. Sec. Secretary, H. H. Wells S.D., H. Warden J.D., J. Bromwich I.G., George Lewis D.C., Richard Nelson W.S., C. J. Meiter Organist, Church Tyler. A proposition by Bro. Reed, seconded by Bro. Still, to the effect that Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec. should be elected an honorary member of the Lodge, was carried with acclamation; and Bro. Clerke briefly but suitably acknowledged the compliment paid him. The routine business having been transacted, the name of a brother for election as a joining member was submitted, and after sundry apologies for non-attendance had been read, Lodge was closed with the customary formalities. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was served in a manner worthy of this world-famed hostelry. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair, that of the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, past and present Grand Officers, being responded to by Bro. Clerke. In the course of his remarks Bro. Clerke observed that the Grand Officers of England were too well known, and their zeal and abilities too highly appreciated, for it to be necessary to say more than a few words on their behalf. They were on all occasions but too glad to exert themselves on behalf of Freemasonry, and speaking for himself, he was bound to acknowledge not only the honour they had conferred upon him in the early part of the meeting, but also the very cordial reception they had given to the toast with which his name had been associated. The duties of the office upon which he had so recently entered were of a very onerous character, and it would be unjust on his part if he did not publicly recognise the valuable assistance he was daily receiving from their esteemed Secretary Bro. Buss A.G.S., whose absence that evening was the more to be regretted from the circumstances to which it was due. Bro. Willcocks having given the well-known song, "True for Aye," in a manner which commanded the applause of all present, the health of the initiate, as entered on the list of toasts, was given and acknowledged by Bro. Clavel, who, though he had been passed to the degree of F.C., had had no previous opportunity of thanking the Lodge for their reception of him as a Brother Mason. After Brother Meiter's song, "The King's Jester," had received its due share of applause, the I.P.M. Bro. Medcalf rose and proposed in simple but telling language the health of the W.M., of whom, during his term of office, he anticipated great things. A pianoforte solo by Bro. Frantzen followed, and then the W.M. rose and expressed his acknowledgments, not only of the kindly terms in which his health had been proposed, but also of the very cordial manner in which it had been received by all present. He remarked that it would be out of his power to express his thanks for the honour they had done him in a measure befitting the occasion, but no doubt they would take the will for the deed, and accept his heartfelt thanks as fully as though he had been more successful in rendering justice to the toast. Bro. Hislop's song, "Twickenham Ferry," having been most successfully rendered, the toast of the Installing Officer followed, and Bro. N. Reed acknowledging, as he did most feelingly and appropriately, the kindness shown him and the appreciation of the slight services he had been able to render the Lodge that afternoon, remarked that that was the first occasion on which he had been called upon to instal a successor in the chair of the Mizpah Lodge. A pianoforte solo having then been given, the toast of the Visitors, among whom were many distinguished members of the Craft, was given, the names of Bros. Sendall and Briggs being associated with it, and after a brief pause, in the course of which Bro. Reed sang the "British Lion" with great spirit, those two brethren rose and suitably acknowledged the compliment paid them and their fellow Visitors. The health of the Past Masters, with which was naturally associated the name of Bro. Medcalf I.P.M., followed. The W.M. referred briefly to the services which Bros. Reed, Still, and Medcalf had rendered to the Lodge during their respective terms of office, and then proceeded to express the great pleasure he experienced in investing his predecessor in the chair, Bro. Medcalf, with the Past Master's jewel unanimously granted him by the Lodge. He congratulated Bro. Medcalf on having received this well-merited mark of the Lodge's esteem, and trusted he would live for many years, bearing on his breast the token of appreciation it was his duty to affix. The Charity box was here handed round, and resulted in the collection of the sum of £2 18s 2d. Bro. Medcalf then acknowledged the toast, and in doing so thanked most cordially his fellow members of the Lodge for the compliment they had paid him. He regretted his services had not been such as he had wished to render, but the evidence of their appreciation of his efforts would always be esteemed at its just value, and he sincerely hoped it would ever remain as an heirloom in his family. In proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities, the W.M. expressed the pleasure the Lodge felt at seeing their official representatives present on such occasions. On behalf of the members of the Mizpah, he expressed the satisfaction he felt that their Lodge had had the opportunity of giving practical expression to their interest in the Masonic Institutions. During the brief period of its existence, the Lodge had made it a point of supporting one Charity each year, in the belief that in the long run this was a sounder policy than to distribute their help among the three. Bro. Avery's song, "The Island of the Free," having been justly applauded, Bros. Binckes and Terry severally acknowledged the toast. The former explained that of late he had felt some diffidence in presenting himself as a representative of the Charities, for the reason that in some quarters there seemed to be an opinion that the presence of the Secretaries of the Masonic Institutions was, if not unnecessary, at all events undesirable. It was always a great pleasure, as well as an important duty, for him to commend these Charities to the firm support of the Lodges he visited, and he should make a point of continuing to do so as long as he felt that his presence was welcome. Bro. Terry spoke warmly, as he always does, of the work done by the Institutions, and commended them to the support of all present. He endorsed in a great measure what Bro. Binckes had said, and at the same time expressed his belief that the course hitherto followed for many years was one to be commended. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, after a good song capitally sung by Bro. Warden, was acknowledged by Bro. Avery Treasurer, who expressed the regret he felt at the absence of his esteemed colleague, Bro. Buss. The Officers were then toasted, the W.M. paying an appropriate but justly deserved compliment to each, and at the same time expressing his belief that he should receive at their hands that able and zealous assistance of which a brother in his important position stood in need. The reply of Bro. Schmidt S.W. was brief but to the point. Bro. Morgan J.W. spoke at greater length, as he felt it was an opportunity of which it was proper he should avail himself to express, as he knew he might do, not only for himself, but also on behalf of every member of the Lodge, the great pleasure they always experienced at finding among their guests the representatives of the Masonic Charities. They felt it was a compliment to the Lodge when those brethren visited them, and urged the cause of the Masonic Charities on the members and visitors. It was his belief, he said, that such visits could not be otherwise than beneficial. It was in his opinion most necessary that constant appeals should be made everywhere by

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those officially acquainted with the work that was being done. It was in their power to inform them of the progress that was being made in helping the aged and the orphan boys and girls whom necessity obliged to appeal to the Craft for assistance, and he trusted they should have many opportunities of welcoming the official visitors it had given the Lodge so much pleasure to receive that evening. A whistling song by Bro. Medcalf, to use a familiar phrase, brought the house down, so admirably was it given, and then the Tyler's toast closed the formal proceedings, though before the final separation Bro. Bergmann very kindly favoured the brethren with a song. Indeed it must be remarked that one of the principal features of the meeting was the excellence of the musical arrangements, which afforded unqualified pleasure to all who were so fortunate as to be present. Be it added that the list of Visitors was a considerable one, including, as it did, the following brethren, namely:—Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G.S., H. C. Levander P.G. Sec. Middlesex, J. Tanner P.M. 101 P.P.G.S.D. Essex, R. J. Simpson P.G. Chap., W. H. Saunders I.P.M. 889 P.G.S.D. Middlesex, F. Binckes P.G.S. Secretary R.M.I.B., John Cox P.M. 190, S. Waterer 1579, G. W. Wilson S.W. 1009, John Green P.M. 27, John R. McCulloch 1541, Julian Hartley 1426, D. M. Munrow I.G. 1269, A. W. Wells J.W. 299, A. Oppenheimer 433, W. S. Whitaker P.M. 1572, C. J. Edwards W.M. 1457, J. L. Jones P.M. 657, G. W. Saul I.P.M. 1201, G. Briggs W.M. 1572, T. H. Patten P.M. 19, F. H. Willcocks 1552, G. Rawlinson late 754, G. D. Young 152, W. H. Gimingham 1707, R. L. Sendall 1293, J. Edwards 1662, F. King J.W. 1006, H. Headley W.M. 172, S. White I.G. 1657, A. Brookman G.M. 1, A. Shellard P.M. 74, D. Filaw 1260, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, G. T. Cox 862, Henry Hides P.M. 198, W. G. Jennings 1580, George Bishop 231, W. Rust 28, H. Parker Villiers 1142, R. Franklyn 181, and R. Hesseler.

St. Hilda's Lodge, No. 240.—At the ordinary meeting on Monday night, held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields, Bro. J. H. Morton W.M. announced that in connection with the recent Centenary Festivities he had prepared a Masonic device containing a record of the whole of the brethren who had filled the chair of K.S. during the 100 years the Lodge had existed. He begged to present the record, which was framed with oak that had supported the sun dial in St. Hilda's Churchyard for 125 years, to the Lodge. He had also prepared a facsimile, on a smaller scale, of the device, a copy of which would be given to each member of the Lodge. Bro. James Roddam, P.M. and D. of C., in the name of the Officers, presented a handsome centenary banner, mounted on a massive and valuable stand. Bro. J. H. Thompson S.D. moved that the cordial thanks of the brethren be given to the W.M. for his generous and appropriate gift, and took the opportunity of mentioning that the beautiful banner and stand presented by the Officers, and which was the theme of general admiration, was entirely designed by Bro. J. H. Morton. Bro. George Robson, seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation. The W.M. briefly returned thanks, and the Lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

Friars Lodge of Instruction.—A meeting was held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 13th April, Bros. Rawe S.W. 781 W.M., Smith S.W. 860 S.W., Power J.W., P.M. Myers S.D., Fyfe J.D., Day I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor, also Bros. Keable, Prosser, Stewart, White, Sadler, Watkins, Pavitt, Andrews, Cope, &c. The Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read. Bro. P.M. Myers, as Auditor, gave the report for the year, which was very satisfactory. Bro. Stewart answered the necessary questions; the Lodge opened in second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Worsley worked the first and second, Bro. Andrews the third and fourth sections of the lecture. The Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Judd of 1441, and Stewart of 898, were unanimously elected members. Bro. W. J. Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Smith is an excellent worker, especially of the third ceremony, therefore a good attendance may be expected. It was resolved, on the proposition of the Preceptor, that the Lodge be supplied with collars, jewels and aprons for its Officers. This will be a great addition to this pretty little Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Worsley as Secretary, and Bro. Pavitt as Treasurer, were unanimously elected to fill their respective offices for the ensuing twelve months. We were pleased to see Bro. Musto, after his recent illness, again in his place as Preceptor.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Monday evening. Present:—Bros. C. G. Padel W.M., J. S. Cumberland I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. Balmford P.M., Rev. J. Metcalfe Chaplain, J. T. Seller S.W., George Simpson J.W., J. Kay Secretary, W. P. Husband Assistant Secretary, M. Millington S.D., A. T. B. Turner as J.D., O. Marshall Organist; with Bros. Rev. J. Blake, Ware, Thorp, Carter, Dyson, Girling, Hebblethwaite, Humphries, Atkinson, and other brethren. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Hanly P.M. St. Patrick's Lodge (4th Dragoon Guards), and other military brethren, Bro. Gay (Edinboro), and visitors from the York Lodge. After the reading of the minutes a successful ballot was taken for a candidate. The agenda paper contained a passing, but the brother in question not being present instruction was given in the third degree working. Bro. J. S. Cumberland announced his list for the Girls' School Festival on Friday, which was of a most satisfactory character, and in the course of the evening several considerable additions were made to it. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presented to the Lodge, on behalf of Bro. A. M. Broadley P.M. of Tunis, North Africa, a most valuable and curious piece of sculpture excavated last year in the ruins of ancient Carthage. The sculpture is in an unfinished state, but represents a priest in the attitude of invoking a blessing. The relic excited much curiosity, and it was determined that it should be enclosed in a suitable oak mounting with an inscription, and placed upon the walls of the Lodge room. The Secretary was requested to write to Bro. Broadley conveying the hearty thanks of the Lodge for his valuable present, and assuring him that his labours in the cause of the Craft were duly appreciated by the members of the Eboracum Lodge, who were proud to have his name enrolled as one of their honorary members. Bro. Whytehead also presented some books to the library, including a copy of Preston's Illustrations, Reports of American Masonic Bodies, &c. Before closing the Lodge the W.M. said he could not refrain from expressing his gratification at seeing so large an attendance of members. It was the first Masonic meeting in York since the turmoil and trouble of political excitement through which they had passed, and he was sure that the charm of their marvellous society would be more thoroughly experienced than ever, affording as it did a peaceful platform where Whigs and Tories were forgotten, and where "burning questions" were consigned to the limbo of obscurity. Hearty good wishes having been expressed, the Lodge was closed and the brethren and their Visitors adjourned to refreshment. After the usual preliminary toasts, the W.M. proposed the Prov. Grand Master and the Officers past and present, which was responded to by Bros. T. B. Whytehead and G. Balmford. The S.W. proposed the health of the W.M., and the latter, after responding, gave that of the I.P.M. (Bro. J. S. Cumberland), to whom he said the Lodge was so largely indebted for its present excellent working, as well as its pre-eminence in the work of charity. Bro. Cumberland, in replying, said he might very well be excused for being proud of belonging to a Lodge that had proved itself during its brief existence such a true representative body. During its three-and-a-half years of life, the Eboracum Lodge had been represented by eight Stewards at the various Festivals, and had sent up nearly £200. Thanks to the generosity of the brethren, his list for the Girls' School next Friday was a very good and substantial one. He thought it was much better for a Lodge to keep up a steady support of the Three Charities than to make a spasmodic spurt in favour of some one charity and then stop short. The S.W. gave the Visitors, responded to by Bro. Hanly P.M., who said he could never forget the hospitality of the Masons of York. Bro. Whytehead proposed the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a happy conclusion. Between the toasts songs were given by Bros. Cumberland, Humphries, and others. We hear that there is a probability of the Eboracum Lodge being represented at the Boys' Festival in June.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 8th inst. Present:—Bros. H. Kasner W.M., A. J. Burr S.W., J. Green J.W., W. Seward S.D., E. C. Porter J.D., G. S. Wright I.G., J. Wells Secretary, H. E. Tucker Treas. and Preceptor; Bros. C. Andrews P.M., F. Botley, H. Stephens, Tink Brown, R. Fernee, Gasson, C. Bellerby, C. E. Botley, E. Smith. After preliminaries the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Tink Brown candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the brethren called off for refreshment. On resuming labour, Bro. Tucker proposed that the Secretary write a letter of condolence to Bro. J. C. Roe P.M. 780, who has recently lost three near relatives. This was seconded by Bro. Burr, and carried unanimously. The W.M. for next gathering having been elected at a previous meeting, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Strawberry Hill Lodge, No. 946.—An emergency meeting was held on the 7th inst., at the Grotto Hotel, Cross Deep, Twickenham. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. G. M. Cooke, the chair was occupied by Bro. W. Smeed P.M., Argyle S.W., Whora J.W., Wolgemuth P.M. Treasurer, W. Platt P.M. Secretary, Skinner S.D., Ashton J.D., Russell I.G.; Past Masters W. Wagborn and Whitley, with several other brethren. After the Lodge had been formally opened, Bro. Alfred Loft was passed to the second degree. Several names for initiation and passing were on the agenda paper, but the candidates were not in attendence. Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a very excellent banquet, whereat Bro. W. Smeed P.M. ably presided. The usual toasts, both Loyal and Masonic, were given, and duly responded to; and the brethren separated.

Kings Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—The members of the above Lodge met on the 11th inst., at the Blue Post, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 as W.M., F. Guyer S.W., H. Little J.W., L. Jacobs as Hon. Secretary, Devine Treasurer, L. Jacobs acting S.D., J. Smith J.D., J. Taylor I.G., Ash P.M. Preceptor; and Bros. B. Kauffman, J. B. Edwards, F. Wilson, F. Tarrant, W. Davis, and J. Strokirk. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Strokirk acting as candidate. The first and second sections of the first lecture were worked. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. Bro. H. M. Levy. Bro. Guyer was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. This young and well appointed Lodge of Instruction is free from liabilities, and has already subscribed £10 10s to the Boys' School.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked at the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on the 31st inst. Bro. D. Moss 1275 will preside, and be supported by Bro. C. H. Webb W.M. 174 as S.W., Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 as J.W., Bro. Walker Preceptor, and other well-known brethren. We trust Bro. Moss will have a large attendance, and shall feel glad to see a revival of the success of this once popular Lodge of Instruction.

At La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, held at the Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., on 21st April, Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock p.m.

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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE regular meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, Vice-Patron, and Trustee (in the chair), James Brett, C. G. Dilley, J. M. Case, William Clarke, John G. Stevens, Henry G. Warren, J. A. Farnfield, Thomas Cubitt, S. Rawson, William Stephens, Charles Atkins, William Hilton, C. H. Webb, and James Terry Secretary. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Terry reported the death of three annuitants and a female candidate for the Annuity Fund. After the reading of the report of the Warden, the report of the Financial Committee was read, which showed a balance of £4023 1s to the credit of the Male Fund, £2035 3s 8d to the credit of the Female Fund, and £46 19s 11d to the credit of the Sustentation Fund. In conclusion, the Finance Committee recommended that £1000 should be taken from the Male Fund to purchase Consols. It was then resolved, on the motion of Bro. J. M. Case, seconded by Bro. J. A. Farnfield, to invest £1000 in Consols. Bros. Col. Creaton, J. A. Farnfield, and W. Hale were elected the Committee to draw up the annual report. The brethren then granted a widow's petition to be allowed her late husband's annuity. It was also resolved to place £3000 on deposit at interest. Bro. H. G. Warren gave notice of motion that the premium for the collector's guarantee should be paid out of the funds of the Institution. The Committee then adjourned.

MARK MASONRY.

CONSECRATION OF THE JERSEY MARK LODGE.

THE number of Lodges of Mark Masons in the Province of Berks and Oxon received an addition on Monday last, when the Jersey Lodge, No. 257, designated in honour of the Provincial Grand Master, was consecrated at Maidenhead by the Grand Assistant Secretary of the Order, Bro. Don. M. Dewar, in the absence of the Earl of Jersey, who up to the last moment was expected to have attended. The interesting event attracted brethren from Reading, London, and elsewhere, who assembled at the Literary Institution, the Town Hall being in course of rebuilding. Among the brethren present in the Lodge, which was opened at 1 o'clock by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Charles Stephens, of Reading), we observed Bros. the Rev. Theodore H. Janson, E. Margrett, G. S. Cousins G. Organist, Pulley Prov. G. Sec., Cooper Smith Prov. Grand Senior Warden, W. B. Farr W.M. designate, H. H. Hodges, W. Morris, Don. M. Dewar G.A. Sec., W. C. Moffatt, G. Westall, H. Brett, Glasspool, Hickie, Collins, Hinckley, Henry Ayres, Cosburn (Newbury), Mount, Arrowsmith, Nicholson, Hemmings, Westfield, &c. The first business was to take the ballot for thirteen brethren proposed as members of the Lodge, and these were elected unanimously, as follows:—Bros. Rev. Edward De Ewer, H. Arrowsmith, W. E. Beal, J. Llewellyn, C. A. Bennett, A. P. Speechley, T. J. Westfield, J. L. Silver, W. Deacon, H. J. Mount, C. W. Cox, E. J. Shrewsbury, and C. Nowell, most of whom reside in Maidenhead and the neighbourhood. With the exception of Bro. W. Deacon, who was absent, the above were advanced to the degree of M.M., the ceremony being ably gone through by the Provincial Grand Master and the Worshipful Master designate. The new Lodge was then consecrated in an impressive and befitting manner, the choral portion of the ceremony being well sustained by Bros. Cousins, Pulley, and Hickie. Then followed the installation of Bro. Farr P.M. Copestone Lodge, No. 80, P.D.G.W. Bengal, as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year, and the Officers of the Lodge were appointed and installed as follow:—Bros. W. B. Farr W.M., E. Margrett I.P.M., H. H. Hodges S.W., W. Morris J.W., R. Nicholson M.O., J. W. Legge S.O., W. Hinckley J.O., Theodore H. Janson Chaplain, E. De Ewer Assist. Chaplain, W. Morris Treasurer, Shrewsbury Registrar, H. J. Mount Secretary, J. S. Silver Organist, C. W. Cox S.D., H. Arrowsmith J.D., W. E. Beale I.G., H. P. Speechley Steward, C. Nowell Tyler. The Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the Bell Hotel, where a banquet was served, and a number of toasts usually given on these occasions were proposed and responded to.

The Consecration of the Ravensbourne Chapter, No. 1601, will take place on Thursday next, the 22nd inst., at the Offices of the Lewisham District Board of Works, Catford Bridge, S.E. The M.E. Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E. of England, will perform the ceremony, and will be assisted by E. Comps. Capt. N. G. Philips as H., the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.S. as J., and R. W. H. Giddy as D.C. E. Comps. William George Lemon P.Z. 414, Rev. William Taylor Jones P.Z. 259, and Charles William Thompson 21, are respectively the three Principals designate. The ever active Comp. Magnus Ohren P.Z. 33 and 45 is the acting Scribe E.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Safely and securely.—When the severities of winter have yielded to the genial spring, invalids should make a determined effort to regain their lost health; when, through confinement indoors, want of appetite, and disturbed sleep, the entire system has been weakened and the spirits have been broken down, Holloway's remedies are equal to the occasion. The Ointment rubbed over the regions of the stomach and liver, aided by the internal administration of his Pills, will rectify the digestion, regulate the bile, and purify the blood—three sanitary actions which will speedily confer renewed vigour, brace up the failing nerves, confirm the flaccid muscles, and restore to the ailing cheerfulness, that great charm of existence.

Her Majesty has been pleased to summon William Archer Amherst, Viscount Holmesdale, to the Upper House, by the title of Baron Amherst of Montreal. His Lordship, who has held the office of Provincial Grand Master of Kent since 1860, and that of G. Superintendent of the same Province since 1877, is the eldest son of the second Earl of Amherst, by Gertrude, daughter of the late Hon. and Right Rev. Dr. Percy, Bishop of Carlisle. He was born in 1836, was educated at Eton, entered the Coldstream Guards in 1854, and served in the Eastern campaign in the same year, being present at the battles of Balaklava and Inkerman, and at the siege of Sebastopol, where he was severely wounded. He became lieutenant and captain in 1855, and retired from the service in 1862, in which year he married Lady Julia, only daughter of the last Earl of Cornwallis. From May 1859 until November 1868 he represented West Kent in the House of Commons in the Conservative interest, and from the latter date until the end of the last Parliament he sat for Mid Kent.

Our attention has been drawn to the great inconvenience which attends the holding of the business meetings of the Courts of the Masonic Institutions in the same room where preparations for the election are in progress. We think that a small matter like this has only to be pointed out to ensure its being altered; it would be very easy for the business to be transacted in the usual Board room, and as as soon as that was completed for the chairman to adjourn to the large hall (or such other place as may from time to time be decided upon) to proceed with the poll. The noises in a large room and the conversations of those engaged in the work of securing votes renders it very unpleasant for those whose object is to explain or listen to any remarks that are made on the various subjects brought under notice.

The City Masonic Benevolent Association having terminated by effluxion of time, and having during its existence been instrumental in paying nearly £900 to the three Masonic Institutions, it was considered very desirable that a new one should be formed; and to carry out this idea a meeting was held at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Monday, 22nd March, when the President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Committee of the new Association were duly elected, many members were enrolled, and there being sufficient funds subscribed, a ballot for a Life Governorship was declared, which resulted favourably for Bro. Norden W.M. Israel Lodge. The objects of this Association are to obtain Life Governorships for its members in either of the Masonic Institutions, by a weekly payment of 1s, payable on the fourth Monday in each month. The next meeting will take place on Monday, the 26th April, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at which place all brethren desirous of joining are earnestly invited to attend.

Of the other brethren whom we named last week as candidates for the new Parliament, Sir Geo. Elliot, Bart., P.G.M. South Wales (West Division) has failed to secure re-election. The Right Hon. Colonel Stanley, Deputy P.G. Master West Lancashire, has been returned at the head of the poll for his division of the county. Bro. J. W. Ellison Macartney is once again a member for county Tyrone. Hon. W. Egerton, who is P.G.M.M.M. for North Wales and Cheshire, is returned for Mid Cheshire, and Bro. Maxwell Close, whose candidature was unnoticed, is again M.P. for county Armagh.

Eboracum Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at York, when, in the unavoidable absence of Comp. T. B. Whytehead Z., Comp. J. Todd P.Z. presided, with Comp. J. S. Cumberland H., and Comp. G. Balmford J. There was no business done beyond the reading of the minutes, and several exaltations were postponed, in consequence of the many political claims upon the attention of the members.

The funeral of the late Bro. John Noke P.M. 87 took place on Tuesday, 13th inst., at the Necropolis, Woking. Among those present to pay the last tribute to the memory of the deceased were Bros. Richd. Whiting P.M. 87, J. W. Bond P.M. 87, C. S. Jolly P.M. 87, C. Walters P.M. 87, W. Stuart Sec. 87, F. Sambell 87, Barnett 87, G. Isaac 87, Davis 87, Rumbold, and Phillips. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Bro. Nott W.M. of Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87.

The meetings of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction are adjourned till further notice.

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, W.C. on Saturday, 10th April 1880,

COLONEL JOHN CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by Ballot, of 13 Girls into the Institution, from a List of 45 approved candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

On List	On Poll		
30.	1.	Osmond, E. M.	1775
34.	2.	Johnson, E. L.	1687
33.	3.	Burrell, Kate	1671
7.	4.	Cheek, L. S.	1649
27.	5.	Hale, F. P.	1595
4.	6.	Williams, E. E.	1564
6.	7.	Parker, Annie Sarah	1537
26.	8.	Harvey, J. M.	1517
12.	9.	Wyatt, M. A. A.	1493
40.	10.	Lacock, A. F.	1436
3.	11.	Priestley, J. S. H....	1427
20.	12.	New, F. J.	1389
10.	13.	Howle, Minnie	1308

The Votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to their credit at the next election if eligible. Lists showing the Votes polled for successful and unsuccessful candidates may be obtained at the Office.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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AT A QUARTERLY General Court of the Governors and Subscribers, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 12th day of April 1880.

V.W. Bro. LIEUT.-COL. CREATON, (Grand Treas.) V. Patron and Trustee in the Chair.

A Ballot took place for the Election of Twenty Boys from a List of Seventy-nine Candidates, the following being successful:—

	Votes Polled		Votes Polled
1. Black, William	1869	11. Reynolds, Richard Frank ...	1471
2. Hogg, John ... — ...	1768	12. Moore, Ernest Stambler ...	1419
3. Seddon, James Albert ...	1687	13. Pike, William Thomas ...	1408
4. Brooks, George Bertie ...	1625	14. Smith, William Henry ...	1365
5. Prestwich, Ernest Edgley ...	1564	15. Brown, Walter Boston ...	1344
6. Colbeck, Frank	1550	16. Scott, John Shepkard ...	1343
7. Thomas, John M.A. ...	1531	17. Kennedy, Arthur James ...	1315
8. Fellows, Herbert M. ...	1513	18. Atkinson, Charles Alfred ...	1309
9. Norrish, Herbert	1513	19. Gough, Ernest B. Brinsmead	1297
10. Mey, George	1507	20. Thomas, Frank Robert ...	1281

Lists of Candidates, successful and unsuccessful, with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the Office.

FREDERICK BINCKES, V.P., P.G.S.
Secretary.

12th April 1880.

THE EIGHTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on Wednesday, 30th June 1880, on which occasion

THE RIGHT HON. LORD SKELMERSDALE,

R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, Has kindly consented to preside.

☞ The names of Brethren willing to represent Provinces or Lodges as Stewards will be gratefully received.

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THE RIGHT HON. LORD SKELMERSDALE IN THE CHAIR.

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DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MALTA.

THE half yearly meeting of this D.G.L. was held on Thursday, 1st April, at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Malta. Present:—R.W. Bro. W. Kingston D.G.M. on the throne, W. Bro. A. M. Broadley D.D.G.M., W. Bro. Chevalier E. Rosenbusch P.D.D.G.M., W. Bros. W. Rotherham D.G.S.W., C. E. Coffey D.G.J.W., C. Riechelmann, F. R. Beechey and W. Watson P.D.G.J.W.'s, R. V. Westrup as D.G. Registrar, J. Segond D.G. Treasurer, Bros. J. W. Starkey D.G. Secretary, F. Challenger as D.G.S.D., G. Crabtree D.G.J.D., C. J. Blake as D.G. Sup. of Works, J. A. Matthews D.G. Organist, W. Bro. Glenday W.M. 407, together with the Wardens, Officers, and a large number of brethren belonging to the Lodges in the District as well as several visitors from Lodges under the E., S. and I. Constitutions. D.G.L. was opened in due form at 6 p.m., the rolls of Grand Officers and private Lodges were called by the D.G. Secretary, after which the minutes of the last half yearly Communication were read and confirmed, and the report of the committee of general purposes laid before the meeting and unanimously approved. The financial statement was also adopted, all Lodges in the District having paid their dues. A very interesting report on the state and progress of English Masonry in North Africa from the W.D.D.G.M. Bro. Broadley was read in extenso. The D.G.M. said that he desired that it be recorded on the minutes of D.G.L. the high sense he entertained of the services rendered to the Craft by Bro. Broadley during his year of office, as well as his thanks for the able report they had just heard. He alluded in terms of particular commendation to the efforts of Bro. Broadley to counteract the spread of spurious Masonry in the District. The D.D.G.M. had expressed his desire not to be again appointed, as he was unable to make frequent visits to this Island, but he would not appoint a successor without thanking Bro. Broadley for that hearty co-operation in the past which he felt sure that brother would always continue in future years, and especially in the Tunis portion of the District. The D.D.G.M. expressed his sense of R.W. Bro. Kingston's kind expressions, and assured all present that as P.D.D.G.M. he should still endeavour to uphold the best interests of English Masonry both in Tunis and Malta. W. Bro. Segond was unanimously elected D.G. Treasurer, and Bro. Beck D.G. Tyler for the ensuing year.

The D.G.M. R.W. Bro. Kingston in addressing the brethren said,—"On this my eleventh appointment of D.G. Officers I cannot but congratulate you on the unprecedented prosperity of your Lodges; I believe at no former period have they been numerically stronger, but at the same time I must remind you that as you increase in numbers, so you add to your responsibilities, and it is therefore incumbent on you to make provision against any future contingencies or reverses. As regards the working of your Lodges, by which I mean the rendering of those ceremonies peculiar to the Order—from what I have seen elsewhere, and from what I have heard visitors say—I think it will compare favourably with other Provinces, but I recommend you whilst seeking to make your ceremonials attractive and imposing not to forget the real design of Masonry, and I advise you never to resort to any of those preliminary forms which have a tendency to intimidate the candidate or render ludicrous any of our rites, but, on the contrary, let everything be done with becoming seriousness and solemnity."

The D.G.M. then appointed and invested the following Officers:—

W. Bros.	Rosenbusch	D.D.G.M.
	Perini W.M. 1717	D.G.S.W.
	Westrup P.M. 515	D.G.J.W.
	Glenday W.M. 407	D.G. Registrar.
	Rev. G. N. Godwin 349 ...	D.G. Chaplain.
	Starkey Secretary 349	D.G. Secretary.
	Barker W.M. 1835	D.G.S.D.
	Yeoman S.W. 407	D.G.J.D.
	Blake 349	D.G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
	Blanch 1717	D.G. Sup. of Works.
	Johnstone 1717	D.G. Sword Bearer.
	They 1835	D.G. Standard Bearer.
	Ewing 349	D.G. Organist.
	England J.W. 407	Assist. D. of Ceremonies.
	Miller Secretary 515	D.G. Pursuivant
Bros.	Grier, West, Clement and Curletto	D.G. Stewards

It was resolved unanimously to accord the thanks of the meeting to the W.M. of the Leinster Lodge I.C. for giving effect in his Lodge to the District Circular relating to spurious Masonry in Tunis. D.G.L. was then closed with solemn prayer, and the D.G.M. and G. Officers retired in procession. A banquet was afterwards held under the presidency of the D.G.M., which was numerously attended. On the cloth being removed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the P.D.D.G.M. proposed, in a somewhat lengthy speech, the health of the D.G.M., referring in detail to several of the incidents of his distinguished career in the Craft; he remarked that no better proof of the high appreciation entertained of R.W. Bro. Kingston's services to Masonry could be found than in the fact of there being three Masonic bodies in the District called after his name, which he trusted would perpetuate the memory of his popular and zealous rule to succeeding generations.

These observations were received with loud applause, and the toast having been drunk, the D.G.M. in returning thanks, said, "W. Sirs and Brethren,—I thank you most sincerely for the kind and hearty manner in which you have received the toast proposed by our Bro. the P.D.D.G.M. During the long period of 23 years that I have been associated with Masonry in Malta, I have served in almost every office, not excepting those of Secretary and Treasurer, so that apart from my position as D.G.M. I naturally take a deep interest in the welfare of the Lodges, and it affords me great pleasure to see them in their present flourishing condition, and I take this opportunity of recommending to your consideration the Benevolent Fund of this District, which notwithstanding the several grants that have been made from it, has gone on steadily increasing. From the report laid before you this evening you will see that, independent of the £150 invested in Consols, the D.G. Treasurer has upwards of £40 in hand, and if the Lodges would each make a small donation he would be enabled to invest another £50, thereby securing an income of £6 per annum. In the appointments I have made this evening, I hope I have given satisfaction to all, and should we be spared to meet again next year, I trust I may have the same strong reasons for congratulating you on the prosperity of your Lodges, and complimenting you on the really efficient manner in which you have discharged your several duties and the thorough harmony which has prevailed throughout the District."

The D.G. Secretary replied to the toast of the Benevolent Fund, stating that it owed its origin to the D.G.M. Bro. Kingston, who on his appointment to that high office, 11 years ago, drew up a plan for its maintenance as well as bye-laws for its government, commencing the fund with a personal donation of £5, to which each of the members of D.G.L. present subscribed £1. This was the nucleus of the fund, which had grown to its present proportions, and he hoped by carrying out the suggestions and advice the D.G.M. had given them that evening, that this Fund would continue steadily to increase in future years. Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated at an early hour after passing a most enjoyable evening.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN.

A Meeting of the Melita Grand Preceptory was held at Malta on the 6th April, at 5 p.m. The Preceptory was opened by E. Sir Kt. A. M. Broadley P.E.P. The M.E.P.P. Sir Kt. Kingston was announced and received under the arch of steel. The E.P. elect Bro. Lieut. Coffey R.A. was then presented to him by P.E.P.'s Broadley and Segond, and duly installed in the chair. He then appointed his officers:—Major Ewing being Constable, and Captain Blake Marshal. The E.P. then proceeded to admit to the Order Comp. J. W. Starkey D.G. Secretary. The ceremony being completed, and some routine business disposed of, the Preceptory was closed in ancient form. At 8 p.m. the P. Grand Priory was opened. The M.E.P.P. (accompanied by his Standard Bearer and Aide de Camp) was received with the customary honours. Having declared the offices vacant, the Provincial Prior appointed the following Provincial Officers for the ensuing year, reserving the rest for the nomination of Knights from Gibraltar, viz., Sir Knights Gilbard V.E. Sub-Prior, Broadley Chancellor, Watson Prelate, Coffey Constable, Segond Treasurer, Starkey Registrar, Ewing Vice-Chancellor, Walker Captain of Guards, Grier Aide de Camp, and Beck Equerry. At the motion of the Chancellor, seconded by Sir Kt. Captain Beechey P.P. Constable, a vote of thanks was offered to the M.E.P.P. for the efficient way he had represented his Province in England, and for his exertions in procuring the beautiful collars of office with which the P.G. Officers had been that night invested. The P. Priory was closed, and the M.E. Sir Kt. Kingston retired under the arch of steel.

Zetland Lodge, No. 515 E.C.—An emergent meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, on the 2nd April, besides the W.M. and Officers of the Lodge there was a goodly attendance of D.G. Officers and visitors from the other Lodges of the District. P.D.D.G.M. W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, at the request of the W.M. initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry a candidate, in the Italian language. The W.M. on resuming the gavel expressed the satisfaction of the Lodge at the very beautiful and expressive manner the degree was given and the ceremony performed. The Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

St. John and St. Paul's Lodge, No. 349, Malta.—A meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 5th April. Besides the W.M., his Officers and brethen, the D.G.M., D.D.G.M., P.D.D.G.M., and several visitors were present, Three candidates having been unanimously accepted, they were duly initiated into Freemasonry by the P.D.D.G.M., the D.G.M. delivering the customary charge, and the W.M. the lecture on the tracing board. Two brethren were subsequently advanced to the second degree. The Lodge being closed, the brethren and visitors adjourned to refreshment.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 17th APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 19th April.

Annual Distribution of Prizes, Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Battersea Rise, 3.30, for 4 o'clock.
1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
R. A. 887—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
K. T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 20th APRIL.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
101—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, at Bro. Kent's, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction.)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callendor, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R. A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
R. A. 629—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.
R. A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham

WEDNESDAY, 21st APRIL.

General Committee, Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons Hall, W.C. at 6.
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.C.—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity, Masonic Hall, King-street, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
429—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, Masonic Chambers, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead.
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1046—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R. A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
M. M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 22nd APRIL.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
Annual Banquet Burdett Coutts' Lodge of Instruction, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1583—City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R. A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1601—Ravensbourne, Catford Bridge, S.E. (CONSECRATION)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth.
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms, Hotel, Accrington
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple street, Newcastle
R. A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R. A. 1036—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

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FRIDAY, 16th APRIL.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Hanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 185 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
490—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 10th APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

140 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1484—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

BEADON CHAPTER, No. 619.

THE installation meeting of this excellent working Chapter was held on Thursday, the 8th instant, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue. Comps. D. H. Jacobs M.E.Z., J. Wyer H., H. Thompson J., W. H. Green P.Z. S.E., &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of the former Convocation were read and confirmed. The report of the audit committee was adopted; this showed a good balance in favour of the Chapter. The installation then took place, and Companion C. Wyer was installed M.E.Z., H. Thompson H., and F. Sharratt J.; the ceremonies were performed by Comp. W. Smeed P.Z. 946, in his usual faultless manner; he was personally thanked for his valuable services on this and many previous occasions, and a record of those services was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Officers invested were Comps. A. Avery P.Z. Treas., W. H. Green P.Z. S.E., Dodman S.N., Dawes P.S., and Bevan Janitor. The M.E.Z. presented, in the name of the Chapter, a very elegant gold P.Z. jewel to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. D. H. Jacobs, for the able and efficient manner he had conducted the duties of the Chapter during his year of office, and in token of the regard and esteem he is held in by every member of the Chapter. This was acknowledged in suitable terms. Pursuant to notice given, Comp. D. H. Jacobs proposed, "That, in consequence of the Chapter being unable to meet any longer at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, the future meetings of the members be held at the Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue." This was carried, and then the Chapter was closed. The Companions afterwards partook of a sumptuous banquet, that gave every satisfaction. Afterwards the usual formal toasts were given and duly honoured. Comp. Jacobs proposed the health of the M.E.Z. Comp. Wyer, and said that there was no doubt under his rule the Chapter would flourish, as he was proficient in all the duties appertaining to the high position he occupied, and would see all the work done in a proper manner. The M.E.Z. returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and said he would do all in his power to merit the confidence they had reposed in him. He then remarked that he had a very pleasant duty to discharge, which was to present Comp. Jacobs with a jewel, which had been voted to him by the Companions as a mark of their esteem, and in appreciation of the services he had rendered as M.E.Z. during the past year. He had great pleasure in attaching it to his breast, trusting that he might be blessed with good health for many years to wear it. Companion Jacobs returned thanks for the kindly words expressed towards him by the M.E.Z., and regretted that during his year he had so few opportunities of discharging his duties in the chair, but trusted that during that of his successor he would have frequent opportunities of proving to the Companions the excellent choice they had made. The health of Comps. H. Thompson and F. Sharratt Principals H. and J. were then given and heartily responded to. Comp. H. Thompson, in reply, said he was now placed in a very proud position, being only second to the M.E.Z.; most sincerely did he thank the Companions for the honour they had conferred upon him, and the only way in which he could requite their kindness was to make himself thoroughly acquainted and conversant with the duties he should have to perform. He had occupied the chair in two Lodges, but in this Chapter he should arrive at the climax of his Masonic career. Comp. Sharratt also returned thanks. Some other toasts were given and responded to, and the Janitor's brought a very harmonious gathering to a close. Companion Godwin 749 was present as a Visitor.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, W.C. The Lodge was opened under the direction of Bro. J. Aspinall the W.M., who was supported by Bros. V. A. Jagielski M.D. M.R.C.P. S.W., G. Corrie Jackson J.W., S. Nowakowski Treasurer, W. Paas Secretary, J. Lancaster S.D., E. T. Smith J.D., J. Bieling D.C., J. J. Rüntz I.G.; Past Masters Bros. M. Diosz, J. F. Ebner, F. Rath, J. H. Cumming, &c. The usual formalities having been observed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Francois Hankowski as a re-joining member, the result being unanimous in his favour. Lodge was then advanced and Bro. Turner was raised to the degree of M.M. This ceremony completed, Bros. Calverhouse, E. A. Rüntz, and Arthur Harry Rüntz were introduced and in due course passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, after which Bro. Dr. Jagielski was presented as W.M. elect. Having been obligated, a Board of Installed Masters was formed and he was placed in the chair of the Lodge. The brethren being re-admitted, the newly installed Master was saluted in regular form and then invested the following brethren as Officers for the coming year; Bros. Jackson S.W., Lancaster J.W., Nowakowski Treas., Paas Sec., Smith S.D., Rüntz J.D., Oliver Bryant D.C., Bieling I.G. After investing Bro. Jackson as S.W. the W.M. said, I congratulate you, Dear Bro. Jackson, on your progress in office; with patience and perseverance you will soon be able to take another little step which will bring you into the place of your aspirations. You will, I feel sure, fulfil the duties of your new office with that care, zeal, and judgment which your position in social life has given you so frequent opportunity of exercising, so that you are accustomed to deal with most serious and important subjects, concerning not only the health of individuals, families, and districts, but the life or death of those entrusted to your care. I therefore do not doubt but that you will be able to turn the valuable acquisitions of these properties of your mind and heart to useful account within this Lodge, to the welfare and happiness of the brethren, who all esteem you so highly. The address to each of the other Officers was of a most interesting character. A Past Master's jewel of the usual value was voted to the retiring Master, and later on, in most eulogistic terms, was presented to Bro. Aspinall. A feature in connection with this Lodge is the decoration of its members with a special jewel, permission for which was granted by the Grand Master as a compliment to the Polish Masonic exiles at the time the Lodge was consecrated. In handing to the custody of the newly-raised Brother this emblem of the Lodge, Bro. Jagielski said he had particular pleasure on this, the night of his installation, in thus decorating Bro. Turner; an honour of which he might be justly proud, as there were but few other Lodges similarly distinguished. The emblem was a token of a particular feature in the history of Poland, which belongs to the myth of the country, going backwards as far as the foundation of that kingdom. At that time, it is said, there were three brethren, named Lech, Czech, and Rus, who separated, taking three distinct directions, for the foundation of their homes. Rus travelled to the East, and founded what to-day is known as Russia; Czech, who journeyed to the South, became the father of the Czechy (Bohemians); while Lech, who took a westward course, came to a region abounding with forests, in one of which he was surprised by the discovery of a nest of white eagles; taking this as a mysterious indication from the heavens, he decided to stop and build his habitation on this spot, which growing to the size of a town was, and still is, known as Gniezno from Gniazdo, signifying in Polish nest. This became the centre of that part of the kingdom called Old Poland. In commemoration of this event the White Eagle was adopted as the national symbol. The flight of the eagle has extended to many distant parts, for the exiles of its unhappy country have sought refuge in all parts of the world, but nowhere have its followers found a more hospitable reception than in England, and this, the Polish National Lodge, may almost be looked back upon as the centre of their meetings since its foundation in 1846. The brother would no doubt entertain great feelings of veneration for this Polish Eagle, on account of its great historical value and its special emblematic signification to the founders and the many Polish brethren of the Lodge; he could also esteem it as an emblem of many virtues which are highly valued in Freemasonry. The W.M., in consideration of the hour, regretted his inability to allude more particularly to the colour and position of the eagle, and their metaphoric significations. A sum of £2 was voted to a distressed brother, and sundry routine matters having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a most enjoyable evening was spent. After the banquet, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was followed by the National Anthem. The toasts of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present, were most heartily received by the assembled company. After a piano solo, rendered in splendid style by Bro. Fountain Meen, the I.P.M. Bro. Aspinall proposed the health of the W.M. From the way in which the brethren had met that night to honour him on his installation there could be no question as to the popularity of the W.M. The toast was most heartily received, and followed by a violin solo by Bro. Niedzielski, the reception of which at the hands of the brethren was, as it deserved to be, of the most enthusiastic character. The W.M., in acknowledging the toast proposed in his honour, said he took the opportunity of expressing his heartiest thanks. The event of the evening was the greatest pleasure he had ever known. All present knew how splendidly their Past Master had performed the ceremonies during the evening, and therefore he (the W.M.) the more appreciated the kind sentiments he had expressed as regarded himself. He now had great pleasure in proposing the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Aspinall. Bro. Ralph Wilkinson having given "The Pilot," the I.P.M. replied to the toast of his health in brief terms. The toast of the Visitors was next given from the chair, and having been acknowledged by Commendatore Prof. G. E. Mengozzi 33 of Rome, and Representative of the Grand Orient of South America at the Grand Orient of Italy,

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the other toasts customary on such occasions were honoured. Among the Visitors were Bros. Francis Hankowski, J. Folsenhardt, William E. Kelsey, Richard Kelsey, Charles W. Russell 913, Fountain Meen I.G. 1707, A. Mackenzie 449, F. Barns 766, E. G. Marner 1673, H. T. Gordon 907, James Bassett 1614, E. J. Stoneham 28, H. Clark 788, W. Fysh 1288, A. Best 211, W. Saegert 458, F. C. Herbert 1237 45, W. Fieldwick W.M. 1364, Edwin Bowley 1326, A. Woods 1153, M. S. Rubinstein 1642, H. W. Alford S.D. 228, Edward J. Lowther, Edward L. Collins 25, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, &c. We cannot close this report without a brief reference to the way in which all united to render the gathering an enjoyable one. It is not often that so much musical talent is found at a meeting, but on this occasion the Polish National really excelled itself. During the evening the W.M., in compliment to the distinguished Visitor who was present, proposed the health of the King of Italy, and a telegram announcing the fact was sent to the King in the name of the Lodge, at the same time tendering the heartiest good wishes of the brethren for his future happiness.

JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London. Lodge was opened by Bro. E. J. Goodacre W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. H. Southwood P.M., O. Latreille J.W., Jabez Hogg P.G.D. Treas., Charles Atkins P.M. 27 W.M. elect Sec., W. Ryan S.D., H. Evans J.D., F. A. Beeton Stwd., G. B. Salmon D.C., H. J. Dean Org., and several members and visitors. The report of the Audit Committee having been presented the ballot was taken and proved in favour of Messrs. Alfred Arthur Resson and Richard Joseph Langley, who were in due form regularly initiated by the W.M. This ceremony completed, Bro. Murton assumed the chair and advanced the Lodge to the second degree, when Bro. Southwood presented Bro. Atkins for the benefit of installation. Being obligated, a board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was placed in the chair, after which he was proclaimed and saluted according to custom. The following brethren were appointed and invested by him as Officers for the year:—Bros. Latreille S.W., Rosenthall J.W., Jabez Hogg Treas., J. H. Southwood Sec., Ryan S.D., Evans J.D., Salmon I.G., Beeton D.C., Dean Org., J. R. Cox and Mansell Stewards, Speight Tyler. The name of a gentleman as a candidate for initiation was handed in, after which Bro. E. J. Goodacre proposed, and Bro. Latreille seconded, that a letter be sent to Bro. John Hervey, expressing the deep regret of the brethren at the cause which prevented his attendance on the present occasion. Bro. Goodacre said there were many present who twelve months since had witnessed his installation, when Bro. Hervey in person officiated. All must regret that ill health prevented him this year performing a similar office. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the banquet ball, where, after partaking of the good things provided, the usual toasts were honoured. The two first on the list were heartily received, after which the W.M. proposed that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present. They had the honour of the company of several Grand Officers. He felt he must refer first to their respected Treasurer, Bro. Jabez Hogg. They had also a friend of Bro. Hogg's, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, and next Bro. Murton, who appeared as the representative of their esteemed friend Bro. John Hervey, the late Grand Secretary. Earlier in the evening, too, they had had the pleasure of Bro. Buss's company, but unfortunately he had been obliged to leave at an early hour. With the toast he coupled the names of the Rev. R. J. Simpson and Bro. Murton. The former, in reply, said that, on behalf of the Grand Officers Past and Present, he returned his thanks to the Lodge for the compliment paid them. The rulers of the Craft, as well as the more humble members of Grand Lodge, fully appreciate the compliment paid them. While each in his sphere did his duty, each was entitled to respect. He felt that the government of Freemasonry was very similar to that of the English nation, and was sure that the fact of the Lords and Commons of Masons meeting in one house was even an improvement on the English Constitution, as they were thereby enabled to understand each other the better. He could hardly wonder that the John Hervey Lodge toasted the Officers of Grand Lodge so heartily, as they were enabled from those in their midst to know the character of the rulers of the Craft. When he remembered the reception accorded to their esteemed Treasurer at the time he came out from the body of Grand Lodge to receive his collar of office, and also the Brother whose name they honoured, he could but look upon the Lodge as being entitled to the greatest respect. Bro. Murton followed; he felt that Bro. Simpson had spoken so forcibly that he should confine his few remarks to personal matters only. He attended with mixed feelings of pleasure and pain. As a pupil of the late Grand Secretary, he had considered Bro. Hervey's request as almost a command, and it gave him great pleasure to attend, but it also pained him when he remembered the cause which prevented Bro. Hervey continuing the work he had undertaken in years past—that of installing the Master. He could understand the brethren conceding to Bro. Hervey the privilege of installation, but knowing as he did that the wish of Bro. Hervey had always been that each brother appointed to office should perform the whole of the work appertaining to his position, he could but hope that in the future the Master would himself undertake that part of the year's work. He had no doubt but that Bro. Hervey looked upon the request of the brethren on the present occasion as a compliment, and as for himself he had the greatest pleasure in performing the ceremony, but he was sure Bro. Hervey would like, as he had often expressed, to know that the W.M. had installed his successor. Bro. Southwood proposed the next toast—that of the W.M. The gavel of the W.M. having passed into his hands through the kind courtesy of the I.P.M., he must first express his obligation to Bro. Goodacre for allowing him that privilege, which had been accorded in consequence of the W.M. being a very old friend of his. Very few words would suffice to commend the toast to the notice of the brethren. It was but two years since he had had the pleasure of introducing Bro. Atkins to the Secretaryship of the Lodge. He ventured to think that the ruling of the John Hervey Lodge was never entrusted to a more thorough Mason than he who now occupied the chair. He trusted that the result of his presidency would demonstrate the fact that the renovation of the Lodge was now permanent. Bro. Atkins tendered his thanks to the brethren for having honoured him with the position he then occupied. He would ask them to support him during the coming year, and he only hoped that at the end of his term of office they might be able to say that he had done his duty. He was particularly pleased to see around them one or two of the old members of the Lodge, who had been absent from the more recent meetings, and only hoped that some more of them would be present at future gatherings. He had that evening received a telegram from one who was unable to attend, but who would doubtless be present at future meetings. Bro. Atkins, in proposing the toast of the Initiates, said it was a toast that had not been heard of lately in the John Hervey Lodge. In fact, they had not had occasion to propose it for the past twelve months. Therefore he felt it the more reason the brethren should give the two Initiates of the evening a hearty welcome. The toast having been honoured, and the Entered Apprentice, song sang by Bro. Dean, Bro. Langley returned thanks for the reception that had been accorded himself and brother Initiate. He had for some considerable time desired to become a Mason, and now he specially thanked the members of this Lodge for gratifying his wish. Bro. Reason followed, thanking the members, and expressing a hope that he should be among them for many years to come. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Visitors, calling upon Bros. Chapman, Newton, Sorrell, and Galbraith to respond. Bro. Chapman having tendered his thanks for the honour paid the visitors, said he felt especial pleasure in witnessing the installation of the W.M., from the fact that he, Bro. Atkins, had taken a considerable part in introducing him to Freemasonry. Bro. Chapman having been initiated on the night Bro. Atkins was installed in the Egyptian Lodge, and consequently receiving from him his second and third degrees. Bro. Newton expressed the surprise he had felt on witnessing the installation of his old friend Bro. Atkins. Until he had entered the Lodge he had no idea of the business to be transacted. In his opinion the John Hervey Lodge had the right man in the right place, and if only the members would rally round him, he felt sure the Lodge would go on as prosperously as any Lodge under the English Constitution. Bro. Newton also paid the members a special compliment for the reception they had given to the Visitors. Bro. Sorrell expressed the pleasure he felt in adding his testimony to the fact that the W.M. was one especially capable of fulfilling the duties of the chair. Bros. Galbraith, Hood, and Pitman followed. The latter brother pointing out the privileges enjoyed by the members in their Lodge bearing so distinguished a name, and referring to the responsibilities such privileges entailed. Bro. Atkins now gave the toast of the Past Masters. Unfortunately the number was small, but he thought he might say, without fear of contradiction, that the lack of number was made up by the quality of those the Lodge did possess. At the last meeting the brethren unanimously voted a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Goodacre, and he now had great pleasure in decorating that brother with it. After a reply from Bro. Goodacre, the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was given. Of the Treasurer, Bro. Atkins would not presume to say anything; as he was, so he is, and so he would be for as many years as he found it possible to attend. As regarded the Secretary, Bro. Atkins felt he had imposed Bro. Southwood on the brethren that evening. He felt that it was very necessary that the post of Secretary should be filled by a Past Master, and as Bro. Southwood had done a little for the Lodge he thought he would entrust him with the duties of that office. Bro. Hogg felt very proud in being, year after year, connected with the John Hervey Lodge; he hoped he should always experience the same kindly feeling as that now evidenced. Bro. Southwood followed. When he came to the Lodge—an Irish Mason—he brought a good store of Masonic enthusiasm, and he felt very pleased that during the six years he had spent in the Lodge he had cemented many friendships that had been formed in years gone by, and had also created many new ones. He felt sure that the Lodge, under the Mastership of Bro. Atkins, the Treasurership of Bro. Hogg, and the Secretaryship of himself, would be especially prosperous. The W.M., in proposing the next toast, said he had been thinking that for the past hour the meeting had resolved itself into a mutual admiration society. It seemed to him that every member of the Lodge looked upon all the others, and especially the Officers, as immaculate. He now had an opportunity of going outside their own circle, as the toast he was about to propose was that of the Masonic Press. The Masonic newspapers, he said, not only gave accounts of their meetings, by which they were enabled to keep a record of the doings of their Lodges, but also kept them posted in the work accomplished at the meetings of the various Committees which ruled the Craft. After a reply by Bro. Massey, the toast of the Officers was given, which Bros. Latreille and Rosenthall acknowledged. The Tyler was then summoned, and the proceedings closed. During the evening a well arranged musical programme was ably sustained, under the direction of Bro. H. J. Dean; the singing of Miss Muriel Wood being especially deserving of praise. This young lady was enthusiastically received, on one occasion an *encore* being demanded. The success which attended the meeting must have been most gratifying to those who had the arrangement of the various details. The Visitors comprised Bros. James Hood P.M. 554, J. Heaton S.W. 353, A. Mullord S.W. 1288, A. Jeapes 184, George B. Chapman W.M. 27, Charles H. Murton P.G.D., H. Banan 1604, W. Davis 177, R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain, J. Galbraith P.M. 164, John R. Ward 382, J. Brockett Sorrell P.M. 176, W. Snellgrove 907, C. P. Kempe 1615, W. Potter 1445, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, John Newton P.M. 174, T. J. Maidwell P.M. 27, J. Green P.M. 27, H. Massey P.M., &c.

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Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37.—A meeting was held on Monday, 5th April, at the Swan Hotel Bolton Present:—Bros. Johnson Mills W.M., G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D. as S.W., Edward M. Garstang J.W., J. D. Porteous P. Prov. G.J.W. Renfrew Secretary, William Slater P. Prov. S.G.D. Treasurer, James Robinson J.D., James Walker P.M. as I.G., J. W. Roiley Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Samuel Crowther Prov. G. Sup. of Works, Duxberry, James Robinson, and Brown. Lodge opened at 6 o'clock. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Three candidates for initiation were balloted for and elected. The W.M. announced that he had consented to serve as Steward at the Festival for the Girls' School, and also that with Bros. G. P. Brockbank and John Morris, members of this Lodge, he had attended the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in London. Some routine business having been transacted, Lodge was closed in harmony.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 10th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Osborne. Bros. Weeden S.W., Spencer J.W., J. A. Powell acting Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, Gilham S.D., Gibbs J.D., Houghton I.G.; also Bros. J. Lorkin, J. Millington, Mullord, Moss, E. Woodman, R. Defriez, Snare, Garrod, H. Hall, Greene, King, Hirst, &c. All preliminaries were duly gone through. Bro. Snare gave proof of his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Snare as candidate. Bro. Powell worked the first and second sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Garrod gave the lecture on the tracing board. Lodge was closed to first degree. Bro. Moss worked the fourth section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Weeden was elected W.M. for next meeting.

Falcon Lodge, No. 1416.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Thirsk, Yorkshire, on Thursday the 8th inst., Bro. Coltman W.M. presiding, supported by many Past Masters and brethren. On the motion of Bro. T. J. Wilkinson I.P.M., seconded by the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. Eboracum 1611 P.P.G.D.C. was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge, as a token of appreciation of his services to the Lodge, and a recognition of efforts to promote the interests and elevate the spirit of the Craft. The brethren of the Falcon Lodge have invited the members of the York College of Rosicrucians to join their Archæological Section in a visit to several places of interest in the month of May, an invitation which, we hear, will probably be accepted.

Restoration Lodge of Instruction, Darlington.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Archer-street, when Bro. Forster, M.A., acted as W.M., supported by Bros. J. M. Meek P.M., Tovey P.M., and other brethren. Instruction was given in the opening and closing in the three degrees, after which Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. 1611, who was present by invitation, gave an address on Women as connected with Freemasonry, in which he gave an account of the various obsolete androgynous degrees, as well as the side degrees practised in America, to which women are admitted. The attendance was smaller than usual, owing to the numerous election meetings held in the neighbourhood.

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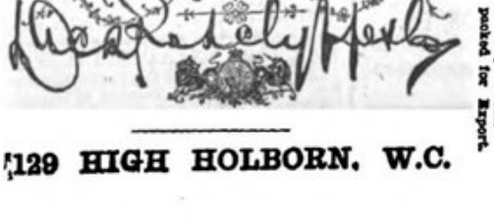

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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

TWO of the three Festivals which are held annually on behalf of our central Masonic Charitable Institutions have passed off with a success which, if not unparalleled, is nevertheless intensely gratifying to their friends and well-wishers, and there only remains one to be celebrated in order to complete the triad. The results which have been thus far achieved give promise of a success which will very closely approximate, if it does not equal, that of last year. The Benevolent Institution, for which Bro. Terry labours so assiduously, led the way with a total exceeding £11,000, and this, though considerably behind the total for 1879, must, under the circumstances, be deemed excellent. The Girls' School Festival, which was held last week, has, on the other hand, far surpassed what was done in its behalf in 1879, when was held, under the auspices of Grand Treasurer, the first Festival since Bro. Hedges's appointment as Secretary. Then the splendid figure of £12,000 was the result; but last week, with the prestige which of necessity attaches to the presidency of a member of the Royal Family, the sum of £13,500 was exceeded, so that taking them together the Festivals of the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School will this year realise little, if anything, short of £25,000. There remains, as we have said, the Festival of the Boys' School, which is fixed for the 30th of June. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, who is also Grand Master of the Province of West Lancashire, has very kindly consented to preside, and, as his lordship's Province is one of the strongest in the country, we are reasonably justified in believing, as well as hoping, that through his presidency the Festival of the Boys' School will produce more nearly what it did some three or four years ago than the sum it yielded in 1879. His lordship, to begin with, is deservedly popular with the Fraternity, not only on account of his personal qualities—though, if we spoke of them as they deserved, we should run the risk of being thought adulators; but also because of the interest he has always exhibited in our Charities. Then, as we have just remarked, he has to back him up one of the largest of our Provinces which, on the last occasion he presided at one of our institutions, contributed over £1,500. This very handsome amount has since been exceeded by the Province of Warwick, which supported Lord Leigh, its Grand Master, to the extent of £2,000, and by East Lancashire, which similarly honoured the gentleman who presides over its Masonic fortunes to the extent of £3,500. There is now an admirable opportunity for the Western half of this wealthy and influential county to endeavour, in a true spirit of honourable rivalry, to surpass the former effort of the Eastern half. We know it will prove a hard task, for so large an amount as £3,500 is not raised every year by a single section of English Freemasonry. But West Lancashire will not find it impossible, and by "a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether," there is the chance that West may eclipse East Lancashire in its efforts on behalf of our Charities. Liverpool alone is a host in itself. It has over thirty Lodges, or about as many as Manchester and Birmingham put together. Scattered about the rest of the Province are some four dozen Lodges more; there being altogether over eighty on the roll of Lord Skelmersdale's Province, so that the task of out-doing East Lancashire, which can boast some ninety Lodges, albeit a difficult one, is, as we have said, not impossible of achievement. But while the personal popularity of the chairman, and the numerical strength and influence of his Province are the chief grounds of the hope we have expressed,—that the Boys' Festival of 1880 will exhibit a return approximate, if not equal, to the amounts formerly realised,—there are other reasons which induce us to hope that the contributions in June next will swell the total to the £40,000 which seems to be considered now-a-days as the amount to be raised annually for our three Institutions. We need not be at the pains of specifying all these, for some apply with equal force to our other Charities. Two, however, must be singled out for mention, namely, that, in the first place, the annual income of the School, while it is exactly equal to that of the Girls' School in respect of the assistance it derives from Grand Lodge and Grand Arch Chapter, is very much below it in respect of the dividends it receives from invested moneys. This is a point on which, at the risk of being thought peremptory, we conceive it to be our duty to insist with all the urgency we can bring to bear. It is only a very few weeks since we pressed the duty of consolidation on the authorities of our Institutions, but we did so in general terms, though the recent extension of the Girls' School was the text of our article. If, however, we hold that in the latter case a policy of consolidation is preferable to one of extension, *à fortiori*, must it be essential in respect of the Boys' School which has a still more limited permanent income,—speaking roughly from memory, about one-third of that of its sister institution. To bring the two more nearly level in this particular is a duty which ought not to be lost sight of, and on which we repeat it is our duty to insist, in season and out of season. This is one of the two special reasons, while the other is that at most, if not all, of the elections which have taken place these last few years, the excess of candidates over vacancies has been more remarkable in the case of the Boys' School than in that of the Girls. Only the other day, while the ratio of candidates to vacancies was for the Girls' School about three and a half to one, that for the Boys' was about four to one; or to put the matter still more clearly before our readers, while thirty-two of the forty-five candidates for the Girls' were necessarily disappointed—as it was impossible to elect more than thirteen—*fifty-nine* out of the seventy-nine Boy candidates found themselves in the same unfortunate predicament. There is not much difference in the numerical strength of the two Schools, but for reasons we do not pretend to explain, there seems to be a great preponderance of Boy candidates. Thus, with an inferior stated income on which to rely in the hour of need, and a greater number of applicants for its benefits, the Boys' School should commend itself especially to the support of the Fraternity during the current year. There is yet another reason to which we are justified in making passing reference. Bro. Binckes's Festivals have for the last three years shown a descending scale of results, and it is time this descent was arrested and the scale converted into an ascending one. Let the third achievement of the Masonic year be also its greatest, and thus lend encouragement to Our Hercules to work, if possible, more energetically in the future than he has done in the past. Neither Bro. Terry nor Bro. Hedges, we feel assured, will feel the slightest degree of envy if they find their own efforts surpassed by Bro. Binckes. At all events, we can but repeat the hope we have expressed; that, in the interests of the School, and in appreciation of the kindness shown by Lord Skelmersdale, the third one of our Festivals will compare satisfactorily with the two that have gone before.

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THE ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

WE should think the feeling of opposition which has been manifested in some quarters against the establishment of a Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund will speedily be allayed when it is known that one of the most prominent well-wishers of the scheme has spoken both seriously as to the necessity there is for such a fund and hopefully of the good work which there will be abundant opportunity for it to do, when it has once been placed firmly on its legs. It was very natural there should have been a keen sense of disappointment excited in the breasts of those who are doing their utmost to promote the Fund, when, at the last moment, Prince Leopold found it impossible to fulfil his promise and take the chair at the preliminary meeting. Such a misfortune was calculated to strengthen the position of those who were opposed to the creation of a new, albeit a supplementary, scheme for the relief of Masonic distress. They would draw the conclusion that, if one were imperatively needed, those who had expressed themselves warmly in its favour would not be deterred by mere indisposition from joining in the initiatory steps deemed necessary to promote it. There could not, it was argued, be much reality about a need which was so indifferently supported; and when, in addition to this, it was found that something more was contemplated than had, in the first place, been proposed, and that many of the leading supporters deprecated too ambitious a project, the lukewarm became still more faint-hearted, and the opponents gathered strength in their opposition. It was to no purpose that all who, with one exception, attended the first meeting expressed themselves satisfied that an Assistance Fund was needed. In vain did Bro. Radclyffe point out that the "objects" were "suggestions" which might or might not be accepted hereafter. The proposal was condemned or pooh-poohed, and it was suggested that the best thing which could happen was for it to fall quietly through and be no more heard of. On Friday last, however, Prince Leopold, when presiding at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, took the opportunity of expressing the very great regret he felt that circumstances had prevented his taking the chair at the first gathering of the promoters and supporters of the Pupils' Assistance Fund. He added that he was firmly persuaded that some such fund was required. He considered it would in no way militate against the interests of the Masonic Institutions already in existence, on the ground that the work it would be called upon to do would be wholly supplementary; and he closed this portion of his remarks by announcing his intention of taking an active part in the establishment of the Fund whenever his engagements should allow of his doing so. Nothing, in fact, could have been more satisfactory than the remarks of His Royal Highness to which we have alluded. They gave evidence, though nothing of the kind was wanted, that the scheme had received the Prince's most careful consideration, and that, in his opinion, as in that of others, it was the one kind of assistance which was required in order to complete the excellent work done by the existing Institutions. As the project has now been for several months before the public, and as its character and purpose have been freely discussed in these columns and elsewhere, there can be no doubt whatever as to the leading principle of the scheme, while the details will, as a matter of course, be left for future consideration. It is not for us, who criticise freely, to deny the right of criticism to others. It may or may not be advisable to found a scholarship fund with a view to helping those pupils whose abilities may be such as to justify their being sent to one of the Universities. It may or may not be desirable to help others in obtaining commissions in the army or navy or establishing themselves in business. These are essentially matters of detail, of which we may think and write favourably, while others may look upon them with disfavour, as gratuitous assistance which is quite uncalled for. There can, however, be no question as to the propriety of establishing a means for helping pupils at what Lord Rosslyn has very properly described as the most critical period of their lives, provided, of course, they are, in the first place, in need of such assistance, and, in the next, that during their career at school they have by their diligence and good conduct shown themselves deserving of it. Nor do we think it possible, when the matter has been duly considered, that any people will be found to object seriously to the further proposition that aid should be extended to unsuccessful candidates for the benefits of our Institutions, provided they, too, are worthy and conduct themselves well. They have been accepted, after due inquiry, as fit subjects for our relief, and it is the fortune of the ballot-box, not any fault of their own, which prevents their obtaining those benefits. Their lot is certainly to be commiserated, and if their disappointment can be alleviated and their future prospects in life brightened by the judicious expenditure of a few pounds, we are sure there are no Masons who will grudge them so modest a benefit. However, without further entering into a discussion of matters which are purely subordinate, we may lay it down without much hesitation that the want of a new and supplementary fund is pretty generally recognised, that the prospects of its being established become brighter and brighter every day, and that once it has been set going there will be very little difficulty in administering it judiciously and in accordance with the purposes for which it was founded.

It may not be out of place to state that considerable progress is being made in the arrangements for holding a Fancy Fair and Bazaar in furtherance of the proposed Institution. Promises of help are being constantly received from all quarters. Some are anxious to keep stalls, others are ready to furnish them, and others again show equal alacrity in their desire to promote the entertainments which will form a leading feature of the Fair, which, by the way, will be formally inaugurated under the most favourable and influential auspices.

We trust after what has happened during the last few days that the Craft will be as as nearly as possible unanimous in their support of a very worthy and very promising project. We do not of course advise brethren to commit themselves to details which we have already said must be left for future consideration. All we ask of them is to do what in them lies to further a purpose which has found favour in the sight of so many of our most influential Craftsmen. It cannot be so bad a scheme, nor can the necessity of it be in so much doubt, when the Grand Masters of England, Scotland and Ireland, the Grand Masters, and Deputy Grand Masters of over a score of Provinces, and other leading brethren in the metropolis and throughout the country have promised it their support. There might have been some reason in declaiming against it, had there been any opposition of a formidable character, that is, if there had been arrayed in an opposing camp a force of even one-half the strength which is advocating the Fund; or leaving numbers out of the question, if there had been anything really strong in the arguments against it. But, so far as we have been able to judge, the said arguments have been really all on one side, and though exceptions have been taken to the form of details, the main idea stands out clearly in all its original excellence. If we were now commencing a series of articles in behalf of the Fund, we should wisely save ourselves much time and labour by reproducing from the columns of our contemporary the many and valuable reasons it has at different times urged in favour of this Fund. We may indeed go so far as to say that, if there are any among our readers who are desirous of having more light thrown on the subject, they cannot do better than refer to the back numbers of our contemporary, to which Bro. Radclyffe referred lately in one of his numerous letters. They will find the cause of the Assistance Fund there argued with an ability, force, and perspicacity, which, if we cannot equal, we shall at least do our best to imitate. If we are asked to give authorities for the views we have striven to urge with pardonable consistency, we need do no more than mention our contemporary, with Prince Leopold, Lords Rosslyn, Skelmersdale, Carnarvon, Brooke, Kensington, &c., &c., and other Craftsmen of ability and influence; while, if we are invited to quote those who think ill of the proposition, we should undoubtedly experience the greatest difficulty in doing so. We might, perhaps, find out some who dislike the idea, or who, having misunderstood its purpose, have expressed strong opposition from the point of view they had erroneously formed. These may have fancied there was some justification for their ideas, because some of the principal supporters thought the scheme, as it appeared on paper, was too ambitious, and that a fourth charity was proposed instead of a supplementary fund, and, accordingly, increased their opposition even to writing to the newspapers. Let us trust, however, that now the purpose of the Fund is more clearly defined, those who have misunderstood that

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purpose will gracefully withdraw all opposition and join with the supporters in shaping the plan so as to make it useful to the greatest possible extent of what is just and proper. No one, we venture to say, for a moment wishes to deprive the young folks who have been educated in our Schools of those habits of self-reliance which have been described, with so much justice, as being necessary to their success in life. What was first suggested, and what it is now proposed to do, is to give help to those pupils on leaving school who are deserving of and need help—not, however, with a lavish hand, but within reasonable limits, and at the same time in a manner the least calculated to wound their self-respect. Then, if the Fund allows it, there are those—ourselves amongst the number—who would like to see some of the unsuccessful candidates have assigned them a modicum of help, and this for reasons which have already been many times set forth. In short, the Fund, if it takes the character so often suggested, will be very much like that which we described last week as characteristic of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institute, with such modifications as may be necessary in the case of a General instead of a Local Fund, as well as in the case of one which is intended to be supplementary to other Institutions already founded. There is now an excellent opportunity for Masons to work harmoniously together for a good purpose, and we hope they will turn it to account.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Ninety-second Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Friday, 16th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the distinguished presidency of H.R.H. Prince Leopold P.G.W., Prov. Grand Master for Oxfordshire. The assembly was a very large one, and the result, as will be seen from the details given below, one of the greatest successes ever known in connection with the Masonic Charities. H.R.H. Prince Leopold was supported by Lord Methuen Prov. G.M. Wiltshire, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Sir Francis W. Truscott), Sir John B. Monckton (Town Clerk of London)), Colonel Creaton G. Treas., the Hon. Somerset G. Calthorpe J.G.W., the Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., Col. Shadwell H. Clerk G. Sec., R. W. H. Giddy District Grand Master of Griqualand, Sheriff Wooloton, Sheriff Bayley, John Gibson Grand Superintendent of Works, Dr. Jabez Hogg, John A. Rucker, Gabriel Goldney, M.P., &c. The banquet was well served by Bro. Best, the capabilities of his establishment being severely tested, but as usual proving equal to the occasion. At its conclusion grace was sung, and then H.R.H. Prince Leopold proceeded with the toasts. In giving that of the Queen, H.R.H. said:—The first toast on our list is, as a matter of course, "The Queen," and it is one that Masons will not be behindhand in honouring. The Queen has stamped our Masonic Charities with her approval, and we are proud to prefix "royal" before the title of the Girls' School. I think I am but expressing the feeling of every one here when I say that the Queen has no more loyal subjects than the Freemasons. Brethren, I give you the toast of the Queen. The toast having been honoured, the National Anthem was sung, after which the Chairman proposed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., Patron and President of the Institution, the Princess of Wales, Patroness, and the other members of the Royal Family, in the following terms:—I shall not say many words in commending this toast to your notice, for I do not believe it requires any recommendation of mine to drink to the long life and happiness of our Grand Master and of the Princess of Wales. I learn that our brethren in the West are preparing to give our Grand Master a most enthusiastic reception on the occasion of his visit to Cornwall, and I ask you to join with me in wishing every success to their operations. The next toast was that of the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present. In submitting it to the notice of the brethren, H.R.H. said:—I was anxious that this toast should have been in other hands, not because I am unwilling to honour them, or that I think them unworthy, but because I feel that you would sooner hear some one else speak. But I am informed that this toast properly belongs to the chair. It is most important in my opinion that the high offices of Freemasonry below the Grand Master should be represented by men of high position in the country, and never, as far as I know, has the supply failed. It certainly has not done so at the present time. As regards the Grand Officers past and present, I think that it is hardly correct for me to sing their praises, at least so far as the past are concerned, for I once had the honour to fill one of the highest offices, though I fear I was involuntarily a bad attendant to my duties. I therefore ask you to drink to the health of the Officers of Grand Lodge, exclusive of my own, and have pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of my old friend Lord Methuen. That Right Worshipful Brother thanked the brethren on behalf of the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, whose absence he much regretted, for the honour that had been paid them, and the Officers of Grand Lodge at large. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor proposed the next toast. He said, I have entrusted to me the distinguished honour of proposing the health of our Chairman. H.R.H. Prince Leopold is not merely an ornamental Mason. Initiated in the Apollo University Lodge at Oxford in 1874, he was duly installed as W.M. of that Lodge, and the next year became Prov. Grand Master for Oxfordshire. H.R.H. has for the past three years been W.M. of Lodge No. 2, Antiquity, and was three years since Grand Warden of England. In each and all of these positions he has fulfilled his duties satisfactorily. H.R.H. has always evinced the liveliest interest in Freemasonry; this and his love for the arts and sciences entitle him to, as he undoubtedly enjoys, our heartiest support. I think I may in your name express a hope that his journey to the United States and Canada will be for his benefit, and that we all wish him *bon voyage* and a safe return to his native country whenever he wishes it.

Prince Leopold, in replying, said: I thank you, brethren, most sincerely for the cordial manner in which you have received the toast of my health. Although this is the first occasion on which I have actually presided at one of the great Masonic charity dinners, it is not the first time that I have been entrusted with that honourable office. In the year 1877 I undertook to fill the chair at the dinner in aid of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, but was unfortunately prevented from fulfilling my engagement, and I am glad to seize this, the first fitting opportunity that has occurred, to say how very sorry I was to disappoint the brethren, not only on that occasion, but at the first meeting the other day of the Pupils' Assistance Fund. I may mention that this latter society, which owes its origin to a kindly suggestion of my friend Lord Rosslyn, is not, as I understand it, in any way intended to be a rival to the existing Charities, but merely a necessary supplement to them—the coping stone of the edifice of which it will be, so to speak, the completion. I thoroughly appreciated the efforts that were so successfully put forth on the former occasions to which I have alluded, and I am encouraged by what took place then to hope that the lists which will shortly be read will show an equally satisfactory result. And this brings me to the subject of the toast I am about to propose to you—the toast of the evening. Although most of our rites and observances are shrouded in mystery from the gaze of the uninitiated, we make no mystery of our devotion to the great principles of philanthropy and charity. These we proclaim to all the world to be the great articles of our faith, of which we are most justly proud. Nor do we content ourselves with mere theories of Charity, but we insist that our professions shall take a visible and practical form. Thus, it came about that our great Masonic Charities—the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, the Institution for Boys, and the Institution for Girls—were founded by our predecessors; and, having once been founded, will, I venture to say, command the hearty support of the great Masonic body so long as these realms shall endure. It is for the welfare of the Institution for Girls that we are especially concerned this evening. The objects of this Institution are well known to you, and that you may be sure that these objects both have been and are being carried out I may mention that since its establishment in 1788, no fewer than 1,198 girls have been educated, clothed, and maintained, 205 girls being now in the School. I am afraid by reason of a previous engagement I shall not be able to go as is customary to the annual inspection of the School, but I have implicit confidence in the Committee. I am glad to know that the girls in turn undertake the household duties, and that instruction in cookery is now undertaken by a certificated tutor from South Kensington. It will be in remembrance of many brethren interested in the affairs of the Institution, that a great deal has been done from time to time of late years, both in extending the grounds of the Institution and in adding to its buildings. That this has been possible is a high tribute to the vitality of the Institution, and is unmistakable evidence of the good work it is doing. It shows, too, that the brethren, under whose auspices these improvements were made, recognized, as they were bound to do, that it was their duty not merely to keep afloat the charitable inheritance into which by the munificence of their predecessors they had entered, but to contribute their quota towards enlarging the bases, so to speak, of the original foundation. A similar opportunity, brethren, is now afforded to the present generation of Masons, and I am glad to say that the committee, trusting to our generous cooperation, have not been slow in availing themselves of it. I allude to the purchase, at a cost of £6,500, of Lyncombe House and grounds, adjoining the Institution at Battersea-rise, a step which seems to me a most desirable one, whether it be considered in the light of an improvement in the saleable value of our present property, or as a means of permanently enlarging our borders, or finally as a prevention against the imminent danger and incalculable evil of our Institution being hemmed in by surrounding buildings. The success of the above project depends to a great extent on the liberality of the brethren in general, and particularly of those who have declared their special interest in the prosperity of the Girls' School by their presence here to-night. It would be a matter for regret if, in order to meet this purchase, it became necessary to trench upon the funded property of the Institution, which indeed is not large, and the income of which is urgently required to meet the annual expenditure. If by my presence here to-night, and by any power of persuasion there may be in me, I can contribute towards raising the required sum, and towards permanently increasing, as is proposed, the numbers of the School I shall always look back upon this as one of the most usefully employed evenings of my life. Brethren, I give you the toast of Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The toast having been heartily received, Bro. Hedges announced that 293 brethren had undertaken the office of Steward on the present occasion, with the following result:—London, represented by 124 Stewards, contributed a total of £6,249 9s 6d, with four lists outstanding; while the Provinces, represented by 169 Stewards, sent up the sum of £7,258, with five lists outstanding. Of the latter West Yorkshire heads the list with £800, the result of the efforts of 45 Stewards, notwithstanding the fact that they have paid into this Institution the sum of one thousand guineas for the Bentley Shaw Memorial. The Province of Oxfordshire figures for £309 12s, which sum includes a donation from the Chairman of fifty guineas. Included in the "London" total is the sum of £754 9s 6d, which had been raised through the exertions of the House Committee. The grand total announced was £13,508 10s (details of the amounts collected by individual Stewards are given below). The Rev. C. W. Arnold proposed

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the next toast. He said: With great pleasure I rise to propose the next toast. We are taught early in our Masonic career that Charity is the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart. I ask you, now that our hearts are filled with the success of to-night, to extend your love and kindly feeling toward the other Institutions. I hope that on the occasion of the Boys' Festival in June, your President may be as well supported, the gallery as well adorned, and lastly that the exchequer of the Institution may be as greatly augmented as on the present occasion. In the absence of Bro. Binckes, Bro. Terry was called upon to respond, and in doing so, he said: In the first place, allow me to congratulate the Institution for Girls, which has attained such a splendid result to-night. While they all had the honourable desire of emulating each other in the result of the Festivals, I venture to hope that Bro. Binckes, who is away in Kent, will be able to announce in June next a sum in excess of that reached either by Bro. Hedges or myself. Three years ago the Benevolent Institution had hoped to have had the pleasure of the presidency of your Royal Highness, and when you say that this is a proud moment, I hope a prouder one is in store for you, when you shall preside at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution. We hope that in a year or two we shall have seen you preside over the annual gatherings of all the Institutions. Prince Leopold proposed the next toast. The last toast that will fall to my lot to propose is that of the Stewards of the day. I feel almost inclined to call this the toast of the evening, for indeed the welfare of the Institution is in many ways dependent on the exertions put forth by the Stewards in securing large subscription lists. I beg to thank them, both on behalf of myself, and also for the Girls' School, for which they have worked. I would call your attention to the fact that the Lord Mayor of London has this year lent his name, a fact that adds to the lustre of the high office he so worthily fills. The Lord Mayor in acknowledging the toast said, on behalf of the Stewards I have to acknowledge this toast. The success of the day has been mainly dependent on Bro. Sir John Monckton and those who have assisted him. Together the Stewards have succeeded in collecting the largest amount ever raised for this Institution, but remembering that we have the largest number of Stewards that ever took part in one of our Festivals we ought not to be surprised at the result. Sir J. Monckton proposed the health of the Ladies:—On these occasions it is our custom and our privilege to toast the ladies, whom we esteem, honour and love. Bro. Frank Richardson acknowledged the toast, after which the brethren repaired to the Temple where the usual musical entertainment was provided.

LONDON.

Lodge					
	Grand Stewards (J.A. Rucker)		23	2	0
1	The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor	}	78	15	0
1	Crawford H. H.	}			
2	Creaton Col. J.		191	2	0
2	Pontifex E. A.		100	16	0
2	Letchworth E.		36	15	0
2	Tagart C. O.		10	10	0
2	Hope Wm., M.D.		21	0	0
Chap. 2	Woodford Rev. A.F.A.		21	0	0
Lodge 3	McDougall F.		36	15	0
4	Lansdell Rev. H.		17	17	0
5	James Henry		34	13	0
6	Bonsor H. C.		21	0	0
7	Weston Spencer J.		22	1	0
8	Fenn Joseph		17	17	0
9	Vallentine S.		42	0	0
10	Palmer Rev. J. N.		53	11	0
11	Garrett L. B.		40	19	0
12	Mower Henry		70	7	0
Chap. 12	Coombs Robert		16	16	0
Lodge 14	Hopkinson G. H.		36	15	0
18	Abbott John		30	9	0
21	Spice R. P.		37	16	0
Chap. 21	Peacock T. F.		12	12	0
Lodge 23	Wildy A. S.				
25	Lindner Joseph		21	0	0
28	Ainsworth James		40	19	0
30	Driscoll Joseph		32	11	0
33	Huntley G. T.		27	6	0
49	Mills Leopold		37	16	0
55	Marston W. H.		67	14	6
58	Hollington A. J.		72	9	0
60	(Vide W. Yorkshire)				
79	Dennis and Farnfield (vide 907, 1716 and 1804)		182	14	0
91	Logan W. G.		26	5	0
99	Stenins Arthur		68	5	0
101	Taylor T. E.		40	0	0
108	Stewart R. W.		32	11	0
134	Nunn Joshua		127	1	0
140	Tattersall A. H.		110	15	6
143	Clutton Ralph		152	5	0
147	Hutchings J. J.		98	13	6
162	Chapeaurouge A. C. de		59	16	0
167	Mueller C. A.		30	9	0
169	Predam William		82	0	6
172	Hancock John		40	19	0
176	Neunmegen Walter		57	4	0
177	Spink H. N. B.		68	11	6
179	Hughes W. sen.		42	0	0
180	Stollard W.		22	1	0
181	Howard Edwin		48	6	0
192	Rickwood W. T.		100	13	0
197	Burnell E. H.		15	15	0
235	Kincaid Joseph		12	12	0
255	Lawrence Frederick		32	0	0
256	Notley R. P.		38	17	0
259	Glover R. G.		204	15	0
435	Jeffs Richard		15	0	0
511	Elborne Samuel		92	12	6
548	Catterson S. P.		11	11	0
554	Verry G. W.		116	11	0
569	Sanderson J. C.		70	7	0
657	Leigh Adam		50	0	0
704	Young E. W.				
733	Allen E. J.		74	11	0
749	Coltart John		26	5	0
754	Roberts David				
822	Phillips Lewis jun.		24	3	0
879	Topp Wm.		68	5	0
898	Graveley George		56	14	0
898	Waller J. R.		47	11	6
907	(Vide 79)				
917	Keays W. Lovell		21	10	6
969	Darley J. J.		28	7	0
1017	Blumenthal A.		21	10	0
1155	Wilson Joseph		30	0	0
1159	Wood H Trueman		38	17	0
1185	Morris Dr. Richard		10	10	0
1216	Nevill C. H.		24	3	0
1259	Jex Edward		84	0	0
1297	Crowden R. H.		72	3	6
1320	Webster R. B.		26	5	0
1328	Thomas J. L.		90	6	0
1339	Hammerton Chas.		68	5	0
1366	Garratt George A.		40	0	0
1383	Murchison K. R.		148	1	0
1397	Cowan James		21	0	0
1420	Hiscox J. T.		80	17	0
1421	Taylor H. N.		120	0	0
1426	Blackie G. S.		116	0	0
1446	Watson W.		78	15	0
1471	Bowyer Edgar		25	0	0
1475	Vickery Henry		130	0	0
1489	High John		73	10	0
1524	Green Neville		75	19	0
1563	Janes T. M.		45	13	0
1571	Youngman Alfred		21	0	0
1585	Whitley T. R.		205	16	0
1586	Ledger John		42	0	0
1589	Farrington F.				
Chap. 1589	Brown C. G.		16	5	6
Lodge 1610	Luck Richard		34	13	0
1615	Richardson Frank		114	9	0
1623	Adams T. W. (vide 1326)		10	10	0
1641	Voisey R. J.		18	0	0
1657	Kenning George		38	0	0
1679	Storr E. F.		50	8	0
1681	Barfield Asher		33	12	0
1695	Earl Wm.		63	0	0
1707	Gimingham W. H.		31	10	0
1716	(Vide 79)				
1719	Kirkham T. N.		105	0	0
1732	Stiles W. M.		60	14	0
1745	Strugnell James		21	0	0
1804	(Vide 79)				
1820	Grey Robert		88	14	6
	Long P. de Lande		25	4	0
	Smith Griffiths		10	10	0
	Monckton Sir J. B.		31	10	0
	Smith John		15	15	0
	Woodward E. C.		21	0	0
	Wendt Ernest E.		47	5	0
	Mather E. C.		21	0	0
	Peters Col. Jas.		21	0	0
	Meggy Thomas		21	0	0
	Faulkner Dr. John		10	10	0
	West Frederick				
	Stephens William				

THE PROVINCES.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

Lodge 540	Fisher James		48	6	0

BERKS AND BUCKS.

209	Radclyffe Dick		150	0	0
574	Plenty E. Pellew		28	12	0
771	Barton R. G.		17	17	0
945	Tomkins John		52	10	0
1101	Danks J. Early		200	0	0
1566	Cox Chas. W.		39	18	0
1556	Nicholson R.		17	17	0

BRISTOL.

Province	Pearson G.		216	6	0

CHESHIRE.

321	Fair W.		36	15	0
368	Gilbert S.		31	10	0
537	Marquis W.		12	12	0
1045	Hamilton James		36	15	0
Grosvenor Preceptory and 1013 and 1289	Friend Edward		33	12	0

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

Province	McKay G. J.		200	0	0
353	Diamond H. E.		10	10	0
506	Turner Tom N.		27	6	0
802	Smith Thomas		42	0	0
1235	Stanley John		39	18	0
1324	Wright Fitz Herbert		55	13	0
1739	Crofts W. Carrick (vide Leicester and Rutland)				

DEVONSHIRE.

Province	Godtschalk C.		110	0	0
	Dr. Woodman		10	10	0
164	Hine-Haycock W.		10	10	0
303	Ormerod G. Waring		10	10	0

DORSETSHIRE.

707	Montagu J. M. P.		52	10	0
1037	Howard R. N.		42	10	0

DURHAM.

Province and Lodge 764	Lane C. S.		168	0	0
	Gourley E. T., M.P.		10	10	0

ESSEX.

Province and Lodge 1000	Wigram Rev. S. R.		32	11	0
Chap. 214	Cooper George		52	10	0
Lodge 276	Brown James S.		36	15	0
453	Martin Robt.		23	12	0
1343	Godwin James		50	0	0
1799	Arnold B. A.		42	0	0

GLOUCESTER.

82	Godfrey Henry		68	5	0
493	Haines G. W.		10	10	0
493	Hatton A. V.		10	10	0
493	Moss Samuel		115	10	0
592	Mullings John		142	16	0
	De Ferrieres, The Baron		10	10	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

Province	Le Feuvre J. E.		105	0	0
76	Marray J. J.				
723	Lemmon W. D.		57	15	0

HERTFORD.

Chapter 403	Roberts David (vide 754, London)				
1385	Carter T. S.		78	15	0

KENT.

709	Greenhill G. W.		64	1	0
913	Hayes T. D.		207	7	0
1096	Kirby E.		68	5	0
1206	Emmerson R. J.		23	1	0
1209	Page George		80	17	0
1223	Banks W. C.				
1436	Brett Henri		30	9	0
1436	Pulley T. J.		31	10	0
1531	Griffin James		67	0	6

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LANCASHIRE (E. DIVISION).

37	Mills Johnson	10	10	0
44	Bennett Capt. H. A.	15	0	0
44	Bennett A. B.	15	15	0
992	Meakin J. J.	10	10	0
1723	Ferguson G.	10	10	0

LANCASHIRE (W. DIVISION).

724	Ballard J. W.	21	0	0
730	Kerr J. Malcolm			
1380	Tobias Henry A.	23	12	6
1588	Royle-Higginson T.			
1730	Barber George	2	2	0

LEICESTER AND RUTLAND.

Province	Crofts Wm. Carrick (vide 1739, Derby)	63	0	0
	Toller George jun.	10	10	0

LINCOLNSHIRE.

1600	Johnson T. C.	73	10	0

MIDDLESEX.

708	Gibbs G. H.			
778	Huggins Frederick	16	16	0
1194	Hedges F. R. W.	10	10	0
1237	Clements H. V.	21	0	0
1293	Gordon H. M.	29	8	0
1309	Noton Thomas	12	12	0
1310	Tarryer J. W.	25	0	0
1326	Adams T. W. (vide 1623 London)	10	10	0
1423	Baldwin J. W.	6	6	0
1503	Richnell T. R.	40	0	0
1567	Fennell R. T.	84	0	0
1777	Dubois H. A. (House Committee)	32	11	0
1777	Lovegrove Henry	14	13	0
1777	Marshall H. B.	105	0	0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Province	Pickford W.	57	15	0
1429	Watkins William	47	5	0

NORFOLK.

85	Drury Dr. D. T. Hill	68	5	0
100	Harvey J. J.	16	16	0
943	Orams Edward	23	1	0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

Province	Berridge Robert	147	0	0
402	Isaac Saul	10	10	0
1493	Brentnall H. M.	21	0	0

N. WALES AND SHROPSHIRE.

Province	Spaull W. H.	84	0	0
1120	Lister J. C. W.	22	10	6
1143	Sisson R. J.	10	10	0
1674	Foulkes W. H.	25	0	0
1849	Platt J. E.	22	7	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

340	Bros. Dormor and Spiers	50	0	0
357	Reginald Bird F. P. Morrell Rev. H. Deane Rev. Pickard W. Parratt T. E. Withington Including £52 10s from H.R.H. the Chairman	150	3	0
478	Hedges Fentham	78	15	0
599	Potts John	13	13	0
1763	Birch Henry	17	1	0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

Prov. and Lodge 53	Payne E. Turner	241	10	0

SOUTH WALES, E.D.

Prov. & 960	Davies W. H.	100	0	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

Province	Tudor Major G. S.	323	18	6
Prov. & 539	Bayliss Wm.	212	12	6
482	Pepper J. F.			

SUFFOLK.

Province	Clarke Wm.	91	7	0
Ditto & 114	Boby Wm.			

SURREY.

416	Makovski Dr. S.	24	3	0

SUSSEX.

1842	Trollope Dr. T.	130	4	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

502	Brooks J.	54	12	0
587	Rowe C. F.	22	1	0
739	Board George	10	10	0
1431	Boston Joseph	26	5	0
1431	Jones Frederick	15	15	0

WILTSHIRE.

Province	The Right Hon. Lord Methuen	128	2	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Province	Bristow W. jun.	364	7	0

YORKSHIRE N. AND E.

312	Marwood W. H.	11	11	0
1611	Cumberland J. S.	58	16	0

YORKSHIRE WEST.

139	Brittain W. H. Short W. Allen W. D. Roper W. G.			
154	Cadman J. H.			
208	Heron Arthur			
208 & 350	Wordsworth Capt. J. (vide 60, London)			
264	Blackburn George			
289	Beck W. J. Greaves Wm. Kay J. D.			
296	Arnison Robt. Cubley G. A. Ridal John			
302	Armitage J. R. Rhodes M. S. Smith Henry			
304	Mason Charles Letch			
387	Sharp Frederick			
750	Kelly Rawson			
810	Robinson Capt. Geo.			
827	Macholl Wm.			
910	Slack Samuel Tew T. W.			
1001	Smithson W. F. Frnh Paul E.			
1001	Richardson J. jun. Ackwill Robert Stephenson Joseph Downes Henry Sugden Samuel Horsley Thomas Thorpe Henry Bernhardt Otto K. Powell James Burnard J. B.			
1019	Wordsworth J.			
1034	Speight Robert			
1102	Barker John			
1211	Crowe G. F.			
1211	Furness J. W. Wood Arthur Suggett Mark Bradford Wm. H.			
1311	Crossley Thomas			
		£800	0	0

Total announced at the Festival		13,508	10 0
Additions since received		128	18 6
Total		13,637	8 6

This amount does NOT include the sum of £1050 paid by the Province of West Yorkshire for the Bentley Shaw Memorial Presentation.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CRYPTIC COUNCIL FOR TUNIS AND MALTA.

A MEETING of the Melita Council, No. 10, was held on the 8th April at the Masonic Hall, Valletta, Malta. Present :—Comps. A. M. Broadley as T.I.M., Beechey D.M., Ewing P.C. of W., Starkey Recorder and Treasurer, Grier Captain of G., Chapman C. of C., Mortimer Marshal, and Finch-Noyes Steward; Comp. W. Kingston, (D.G.M. Craft). The Council having been opened, the following M.M.M.'s and R.A.M.'s were elected, viz., R.W. Bro. W. K. R. Bedford P.G.M.M.M. Staffordshire and Warwickshire, P. Grand Chaplain of England, and Bros. E. Rosenbusch D.D.G.M. Malta, Col. Carey R.A., Capt. Blake R.A., H. Stilon, A. B. Tagliaferro, and R Beck (Sentinel elect). The candidates were then admitted into the Cryptic degrees, the degrees of R. and S.M.'s being worked *in extenso*, and with the requisite furniture. This being concluded, the acting T.I.M., after expressing regret at the absence of Comp. Coffey T.I.M. No. 10., from illness, requested Comp. Starkey to read his patent as P.G.M. This having been done, a P.G. Council was declared open, and the following appointments made to Provincial rank, viz., Comps. C. E. Coffey D.G.M., Perini P.C. of W., Beechey Lecturer, Tagliaferro Treasurer (elected), Starkey Recorder, Bedford P.G.C. of England and Frankel Chaplains, Major Ewing C. of Guard, Col. Carey, Captains Blake and Grier Marshals, Chapman Sword Bearer, Stilon Standard Bearer, Captain R. A. Johnston Organist, Barker and Mortimer Stewards, Beck Sentinel. The congratulations of the Raymond Portal Council, No. 9, and the Melita Council, No. 10, having been offered, the P.G Council was duly closed. Hopes are fully entertained that these interesting degrees will be efficiently worked, and thoroughly appreciatedby the Masons of this District.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, this day (Saturday). Bros. C. Lorkin S.D. Duke of Connaught 1524 W.M., D. Moss Star 1275 S.W., J. A. Powell Industry 186 J.W., R. Pearcy P.M. 228 Preceptor, A. W. Fenner S.W. 1227 J.W. 1693 Hon. Sec. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock p.m. punctually. First Lecture: Bros. H. Hall, J. S. Byng, G. H. Gilham, F. Brasted, R. Pearcy, D. Moss, and H. Lardner. Second Lecture: Bros. W. Williams, J. A. Powell, J. Millington, H. P. Isaac, and W. Rowley. Third Lecture: Bros. J. Lorkin, J. Osborn, and A. Trewinnard.

At the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, 862, Red Lion Hotel, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, 28th April, at 8 o'clock. Bros. Fox J.D. 201 W.M., Tate S.W. 862 S.W., Brown J.W. 862 J.W., W. Long P.M. 435 Preceptor and Hon. Sec. First Lecture: Bros. Brocklehurst, Collinson, Gates, Abell, Larchin, Gush, and Brown. Second Lecture: Bros. Drury, Hallam, Tate, Marston, and Pate. Third Lecture: Bros. Alexander, Lardner, and Long.

At the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754, at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, on Thursday, 29th April, at 7 o'clock p.m. Bros. Turquand P.M. 1556 W.M., S. J. Byng P.M. 902 S.W., J. Pinder P.M. 1662 J.W., J. H. Thompson P.M. 1237 and 1707 I.P.M., J. Garrod I.G. and Hon. Sec. First Lecture: Bros. W. A. Sprent, O. Oxley, A. Bryant, J. Noyes, D. Shepherd W. Lewis, and J. H. Peach. Second Lecture: Bros. J. Taverner, J. Pinder, J. Robinson, S. J. Byng, and A. G. Fidler. Third Lecture: Bros. W. Bradstock, E. J. Everdell, and J. Garrod.

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BRO. WILSON AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I must confess that I think Bro. Wilson has not had meted out to him that fair measure of justice we would that others should mete out to ourselves. As you say, he seems to have been bandied about from House Committee to General Committee, and thence to the Quarterly Court, and that as far as I can see without rhyme or reason. What knowledge have those Committees, *quâ* Committees, of the charges which an architect is permitted to make? A lawyer's charges may be taxed, though it is unusual to even think of having this done as between attorney and client. An auctioneer is by law allowed to charge a certain per centage on goods sold, and though I do not speak from personal experience, I believe there is no difficulty in ascertaining the scale of charges sanctioned by the Institute of British Architects. At all events, Bro. Wilson has from the very first agreed to refer his account to arbitration, and he even went so far as to nominate Sir H. A. Hunt, himself a distinguished architect, as the arbitrator by whose decision he was prepared to abide. This offer has been refused, on the ground, as I understand, that Sir H. Hunt is a Freemason as well as an architect, and the inference, I presume, which I and others are left to draw is, that Sir H. Hunt's decision is not likely to be impartial because he happens to be a member of our Society. This notion you have very properly denounced, and with equal propriety you have pointed out that the fact of his being a Freemason was rather favourable than otherwise in settling a difference between a Masonic Institution and a Mason. Even if we assume, and no one has the slightest justification for so doing, that Sir H. Hunt might incline towards a brother professional, yet his sense of Masonic justice would most certainly overrule such inclination. He would at least be careful that the interests of a Charitable Institution, which all of us are anxious to see increasing in prosperity, should not suffer at the hands of an architect who happened to be a brother. If, however, I press this idea to its logical conclusion, it follows that an architect who is a Mason is, *ipso facto*, disqualified from having anything to do with Masonic buildings; that for the same reason a builder, who is also a Mason, must not build Masonic structures; that a Mason jeweller must not manufacture and sell Masonic jewellery; and that a Mason printer must not print Masonic books and periodicals. If Mason architects, builders, jewellers, and printers presume upon their Masonry and make extortionate charges, I recognise the wisdom of not employing them, but, in the case of Bro. Wilson, he has said throughout—I am prepared to accept and abide by arbitration. I am willing to give all needful information, and though I have lumped the charges together instead of giving particulars, I state, without hesitation, that the effect of doing so is a decided benefit to the Institution, for the total of the separate charges under their respective heads will exceed the sum I have stated as a fair remuneration. All this, I am aware, is *ex parte*, but how has Bro. Wilson been met? By a simple demand, again and again repeated, for particulars. The Committees reject the proposed arbitrator. Their representative, according to Bro. Wilson's version, has taken no heed of his representative's offer to explain whatever might be thought necessary; and now Bro. Wilson says he will give the particulars requested, but the amount will exceed his previous demand. My humble advice is the same as yours; by all means let Bro. Wilson do this, and if, on being checked according to authorised scale, the items are found correct, then the Committee will have made themselves the laughing-stock of the whole fraternity; while, under any circumstances, if the aid of the law is invoked and the verdict is in favour of the Institution, it will still have to pay a good round sum, perhaps equal to, if not greater than, the difference between the amount now charged and the new amount. I quite agree that business must be conducted on business principles, but is Bro. Wilson, with all the offers he has made, so untrustworthy that his explanations cannot be accepted, to say nothing of the skilled arbitrator by whose decisions he has agreed to abide?

I remain, faithfully and fraternally,

NO LAWYER.

ADMISSION OF VISITORS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I notice in the CHRONICLE of 10th April an American brother complains that although he had his certificate and was willing to undergo an examination he was told by the Tyler, and afterwards by the W.M. of a Lodge held at Freemasons' Hall that without some one to vouch for him he could not be admitted. I regret to say this exclusion does not only apply to foreign brethen, but also to English Masons. In my mother Lodge our working is what is called the "Emulation working," and being anxious to have it as perfect as possible I was recommended to attend the Emulation Lodge of Instruction, and stayed in town one Friday evening a short time since expressly for that purpose. In company with another brother I presented myself at the usual time. We were admitted into the ante-room and clothed ourselves, and the Tyler, noticing we were strangers (By the way it was the only notice we got), inquired if we were members? We replied we were visitors, and he then asked for our Grand Lodge Certificates? We replied that they unfortunately were at home. He then stated we must have some one to vouch for us, and we replied it was impossible, we were strangers there, but believed we should be able to satisfy any one appointed to examine us, that we were brethren, but the only reply we could get was,—You must either bring your Certificates or find some brother to vouch for you. I always thought a brother could visit a Lodge providing he could give proof of his proficiency, and our Book of Constitutions recommends that in order to preserve uniformity we should visit as often as may be convenient. It seems to me the brethren of some Lodges are afraid to rely on a proper Masonic examination, and require each visitor to be vouched for. If this is to become the recognized rule, brethren when going from home must either remember to put their certificates in their portmanteaus, or run the risk of being excluded if they desire to visit.

I am pleased to say I have not yet found anything of this kind in the provinces. The head quarters of Freemasonry, the centre of Masonic light (?), appears to be the only place were they are unable to distinguish a brother from a Cowan.

I enclose my card,

And remain yours fraternally,

A BROTHER.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE April meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs were occupied by Bros. J. M. Clabon, President, Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President, and James Kench, Assistant Grand Pursivant. The brethren first confirmed recommendations of grants to the amount of £450, made at the meeting in March, and afterwards granted £865 to twenty-six new cases. This £865 was composed of one grant of £150, one grant of £100, two grants of £75 each, three of £40 each, five of £30 each, three of £20 each, five of £15 each, and six of £10 each.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

RESULT OF THE CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION FOR DECEMBER 1879.

Class I.—STEPHENSON A. H. (Yorkshire); distinguished in Latin.
PRICE E. L. (London).
BROCK, H. B. (Monmouth).

Class II.—EVANS W. (Surrey); distinguished in German.
PARKER A. R. (London).
COLE W. E. (Lincolnshire).

Class III.—BARRETT C. D. (Dorset).
ELLIS M. B. (Dorset).
ROBINSON G. (Sussex).

FENEMORE H. M. (Kent) satisfied the Examiners; distinguished in Latin.

Eleven candidates were sent up, 1 failed, 9 passed in honours, and 1 obtained certificate.

No. of candidates examined throughout the country, 3,404, of whom 1,053 failed—*i. e.*, about one-third.

THE CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

THE Annual Court of Governors of this Institution was held at the Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe, on Wednesday, the 31st ult., at one o'clock p.m., when the several recommendations of the General Committee were received, and the following were placed on the Education Fund, viz.:—

Norman Bruce Brocklehurst, aged 9 years, son of the late Bro. C. E. Brocklehurst, of Stamford Lodge, No 1045, Altrincham.

James Arthur Morris, aged 9 years, and Annie Gertrude Morris, aged 14 years, children of the late Bro. Edward Morris, of Independence Lodge, No. 721, Chester.

Edith Lucy Hyde, aged 7½ years, daughter of the late Bro. Thomas Hyde, of Benevolence Lodge, No 336, Marple.

Blanche Berry, aged 13 years, and Beatrice Emma Berry, aged 7 years, daughters of the late Bro. William Berry, P.M. of Industry Lodge, No. 361, Hyde.

The Treasurer's Accounts as audited, and the Auditor's Report were received, and the Medical Officers, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee and Auditors for the ensuing year were elected.

In our notice of the receipts of this Institution for 1879, published on 27th ult., we accredited the sum of £21 as the result of dramatic performances at the Theatre Royal Birkenhead. It appears in doing so we greatly understated the amount which was realised from this source, as similar amounts of £21 each are to be paid to the Borough Hospital and the Children's Infirmary, Birkenhead, and also to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It will thus be seen that the proceeds of the three evenings' entertainments resulted in a total of £84 as available for charitable purposes.

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CONSECRATION OF THE RAVENSBOURNE CHAPTER, No. 1601.

THE Ravensbourne Lodge, under whose auspices the above Chapter was consecrated on Thursday, has had a brief, but flourishing career. It was warranted as recently as the year 1876, and in the interval that has since elapsed, the members have shown themselves in every way worthy of the confidence reposed in them by the Grand Master when he granted them a warrant constituting them a subordinate Lodge of the Grand Lodge of England. They have worked well, and shown themselves deeply imbued with all the leading principles of Freemasonry. It is, therefore, no matter for wonder that when, in the fulness of time, it should be lawful to establish a Chapter in connection with the Lodge, His Royal Highness, the First Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, should have unhesitatingly issued his warrant for the Constitution of this new Chapter. The necessary arrangements having been completed, under the direction of the ever-ready Comp. Magnus Ohren P.Z. 33 and 452, the Consecration took place under most auspicious circumstances, and in the presence of a brilliant gathering of Arch Masons. The principal *role* was taken by Grand Scribe E., Colonel Shadwell Clerke, who was assisted in his agreeable task by Comps. Captain N. G. Philips P.G.N. as H., Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.S. as J., and R. W. H. Giddy P.Z. as D. of C. The ceremony was fixed for 4 p.m., and punctually at that hour the Chapter was opened with the formalities peculiar to such occasions. After the customary addresses and the Companions had expressed their approval of the Principals named in the Charter, the Consecrating Officer called upon Comp. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford to deliver the oration. Thereupon, Comp. Woodford rose and stated that in the course of his long connection with Freemasonry this duty had so frequently devolved upon him that he was often at a loss to say anything which, from its novelty, might be calculated to interest his audience. However, when quite recently looking through some documents belonging to the Lodge of Antiquity, he had lighted upon a paper in the handwriting of the late Bro. Stephen Jones, one of the most eminent disciples of the Prestonian school—indeed, a personal friend of Bro. Preston himself. An examination of its contents led him to believe that it was one of Bro. Preston's own lectures, and, as it was of a most interesting character, he thought he could not do better than read it to the assembled Companions. This he did, at the same time requesting that, as the paper had only been placed at his disposal for the purpose by the kindness of the Lodge of Antiquity, the reporters present would abstain from noting it. We respect our Rev. Companion's wishes accordingly, contenting ourselves with the remark that the paper was of a very abstruse character, and if its publication were sanctioned by the Lodge of Antiquity, it would doubtless be read in private by Masonic students with the deepest interest. The ceremony was then continued and completed by Grand Scribe E., in a manner that betokened a thorough and appreciative familiarity with all its minutest details. The installation of the Principals followed; Comps. W. G. Lemon P.Z. 414, Rev. W. Taylor Jones P.Z. 259, and C. W. Thompson 21, being, as we announced would be the case last week, severally inducted into the chairs of Z., H., and J. Next came the appointment and investiture of the Officers, viz., Comps. Magnus Ohren Scribe E., C. W. Steel S.N., W. Ackland P.S., Alfred Layton 1st A.S., R. L. Sindall 2nd A.S., F. E. Wilkinson Treasurer—in whose absence Comp. Ohren was invested as proxy: A. B. Church Janitor. Several propositions for exaltation, and as joining members having been handed in, the M.E.Z. rose and proposed in the warmest terms a vote of thanks to Grand Scribe E. and his coadjutors for the very able manner in which they had fulfilled their important duties, and concluded his remarks by moving that they be elected honorary members of the Chapter. The proposal having been carried with acclamation, and G.S.E. and those associated with him, having acknowledged the compliment paid them, the bye-laws were brought under consideration, and several points were touched upon in the course of the discussion that ensued. The remaining business having been dispatched, Chapter was closed, and the Companions took train for London, it having been arranged that the banquet which invariably follows a Consecration should be held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. And a most excellent arrangement it was, for it has rarely been our good fortune to be present at a banquet so complete and so admirably served as this was. Ample justice having been done to the menu, the M.E.Z. proposed the Queen and R.A. Masonry, which was received, as usual, most cordially, and followed by the National Anthem. In connection with the next toast, that of H.R.H. Grand Z., Pro Grand Z., Grand H. and J., and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, the M.E.Z. remarked that the rulers of the Masonic body, he said it with all humility, were recognised as worthy heads of Freemasonry. Its members were known to be skilful in Lodge work, wise as rulers, and kind and urbane as men. They were known to be generous as Companions to all with whom they came in contact; not only as citizens, but as R.A. Masons, and as such all cheerfully acknowledged their sway. Having spoken further in commendation of the toast, Comp. Rawson, whose name was associated with it, observed in reply that he had hoped the task with which he was charged would have devolved on Grand Scribe E. Nevertheless, as in duty bound, and at the same time with great pleasure, he returned thanks, both on his own behalf and for the Grand Officers generally. The toast of the Consecrating Officers followed, the M.E.Z. pointing out that, having done honour to those holding the highest rank in the Craft, they had come now nearer home. That day a child had been born, a new Chapter brought into existence. The Ravensbourne Lodge was young, and it might almost have been matter for surprise that a Chapter, attached to it, and bearing its style and title, should have been warranted so soon. But it had striven hard, and he believed successfully, to fulfil its duties, and the Chapter would no doubt follow in its wake. As to those who had honoured them with their presence that day for the purpose of assisting at the birth of the youngest Arch infant, he need say little. Every one appreciated the merits of Grand Scribe E. They had all listened with rapt attention to the quaint, weird-like paper read by Comp. Woodford, and all must have noticed, in common with him, how wisely, kindly, and ably Comp. Giddy had discharged the duties of D.C. Grand Scribe E., as the Senior Accoucheur at the birth of the Ravensbourne R.A. infant, was the first to reply. He expressed his thanks for the manner in which his services had been spoken of, and the compliment paid him, remarking jocularly that, as a ratepayer of the district in which the Chapter had held its meeting, he supposed he had unconsciously contributed to its possession of such comfortable quarters. He expressed regret at the unavoidable absence of Comp. Woodford, and concluded by proposing, in his capacity of I.P.Z., the health of the three Principals, whose qualifications for their respective offices he most warmly eulogised. The M.E.Z. having briefly acknowledged the compliment, Comp. Rev. W. Taylor Jones H., in expressing his thanks, referred to the fact of his having been the first Master of the Ravensbourne Lodge, of which there are but few members, but most of those who belong to it are young men who have not yet held office, yet who may be expected to come forward in due course, and sustain the honour of the Lodge and its associate Chapter. The Third Principal, Comp. Thompson also responded, remarking playfully in allusion to G. Scribe E.'s jocular allusion to his having been, as a resident in the neighbourhood, a contributor towards the erection of the handsome building in which the meeting of the Chapter had been held, that Comp. Col. Shadwell Clerke need be under no apprehension as to the demands on his purse ever being very exacting. If his establishment were assessed at £1000 per annum—and he trusted his position might be such as to warrant that—he would only be called upon to pay the modest sum of four shillings and twopence annually. Apropos of which sedative remark, we may observe that the neighbourhood which is so fortunately circumstanced is likewise rich in scenery and country walks, and must be an agreeable one to reside in. With the toast of the Visitors was associated the name of Comp. Fenn. Comp. Ohren—replying for that of the Treasurer and Secretary—having first of all expressed his regret at the absence of his colleague, remarked that as Scribe E., his duty was to write, not to speak. However, he had some desire to reach the Principal's chair, when it would devolve upon him to exercise his oratorical powers, therefore his reply on this occasion might be regarded as part of a course of preparatory training. However, he sincerely thanked them for the cordial reception given to the toast, and expressed himself as determined to do all in his power to promote the success of the Chapter. The toast of the Officers, followed by the Janitor's toast, brought the proceedings to a close. The musical arrangements, which were conducted by Comp. Lawler, and in which Comps. Hodges and Cozens assisted, were admirable, an excellent selection of songs and glees enlivening the intervals between the speeches. Indeed, everything passed off well, while the fittings and appointments of the Chapter showed both taste and judgment, and reflected the greatest credit on those who supplied them.

The following were present, in addition to those already mentioned, namely:—Comps. S. Rawson P.G. Sup. China, W. G. Kentish M.E.Z. (designate) 1293, R. Bradley P.Z. 414 Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, W. Hollingworth J. 63, H. E. Frances P.Z. 452 P.G.D.C. Surrey, J. Terry P.Z. 174, C. A. Murton P.P.G.S., Thomas Fenn P.G.S.B., Walter Spencer, H. Massey P.Z. 829, E. Coupland P.Z. 913, Richard Wooff 13, W. W. Morgan 141, John Hodges 19, T. Lawler 92, F. H. Cozens Org. 907, H. Sadler G. Janitor.

RED CROSS.

A MEETING of the Wignacourt Conclave of this Order was held at the Masonic Hall, Valletta, Malta, on 13th April. Present:—Sir Knights J. Walker M.P.S., W. Kingston Intendant General for Malta, Coffee, Eusebius, Starkey First General, Mortimer Second General, Ewing H.P., Grier Prefect, Freeman Standard Bearer, Broadley, &c. By dispensation of the Intendant General, Sir Knight A. M. Broadley was admitted an E. of the Order, and then enthroned as M.P.S. The Conclave resumed its sitting in the first degree, and Bros. Lieutenant Capel-Cure, 20th Regiment, and Lieutenant Hewson, A.H.C., were duly installed as Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. The Conclave was then closed in ancient form. This degree has become very popular in Malta since it was introduced by the V.P. Intendant General in January last, and the excellent working of Sir Knight Walker and his Officers is highly conducive to its popularity. The founder of English Masonry in Malta, R.W. Bro. Waller Rodwell Wright, was Grand Master of the Order, and was succeeded by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex in 1813. From a MS. lately found, there is no doubt that this degree was exclusively worked in Malta, under the auspices of Sir Knight Wright, between the years 1815 and 1826.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1347.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 20th April. Bros. Smith W.M., P.M. Myers S.W., Fyfe J.W., Day S.D., Rawe J.D., Shepherd I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Cundick acting Preceptor, also Bros. Moss, Lewis, Cope, Watkins, Keable, Power, Hythe, Andrews, Davis, White, Sadler, Brown, Ides, &c. Bro. Rawe having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Shepherd W.M. 1319, having to install his successor on the following evening, was kindly allowed to work that ceremony, and being assisted by Bro. Cundick he did it admirably, installing Bro. Smith. Lodge being resumed to the third degree, Bro. Worsley worked the first section of the lecture. Lodge was again resumed to the first degree, when Bro. P.M. Myers was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, on which occasion he will be assisted by P.M. Cundick as S.W., and Bro. Shepherd as J.W., when sections only will be worked. Bro. Ides 1472, was elected a member.

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PROVINCE OF CORNWALL.

NEW CATHEDRAL AT TRURO.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the P.G. LODGE OF CORNWALL will be held in the CONCERT HALL, PUBLIC ROOMS, Truro, on THURSDAY, the 20th day of May next, at Ten a.m.

Brethren intending to be present to take part in the procession and the Laying of the Corner Stone of the New Cathedral by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., may obtain tickets, at 5s each, by applying to Bro. E. T. CARLYON, Truro, on or before the 30th day of April inst., on the following conditions:—

1.—Brethren in Cornwall must obtain tickets through the W.M.'s of their own Lodges, who will forward the list to the Prov. G. Secretary of Cornwall.

2.—Brethren belonging to other Provinces must apply to their Prov. G. Secretaries, who will communicate direct to the Prov. G. Secretary of Cornwall.

3.—Brethren belonging to the London District should apply to the Grand Secretary.

4.—In each case a remittance must accompany the application, and particulars given of the Masonic rank of each Brother.

5.—All Brethren to appear in black frock coats, black trowsers, white ties and gloves, high hats, with full Masonic craft clothing. The apron to be fastened outside the coat, and the jewels to be worn on the left side. No jewels or emblems to be worn but those appertaining to the Craft, or Royal Arch Masonry.

6.—There will be two enclosures, that in the N.E. being appropriated to the Masonic Body, and each 5s ticket includes admission to the Masonic Stand.

7.—Tickets are not transferable, and no Brother can take part in the procession unless provided with one accordingly.

RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

Freemasons will have the privilege of travelling to Truro and back at a single fare and a quarter each for the double journey. This concession will apply to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd class passengers, and tickets taken at Plymouth and Stations west thereof, will be available to go and return on the day of issue only. In order to meet the convenience of Freemasons coming from Stations east of Plymouth, their tickets will be recognised the day before and the day after the ceremony.

By order of the Right Honorable the Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE, Prov. G. Master.

E. T. CARLYON,
Truro, 14th April 1880. Prov. G. Secretary.

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23 GREAT QUEEN STREET, W.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES, &c.

THE usual visit of the Stewards of the year to the School at Battersea Rise took place on Monday, 19th inst., and although it must have been a great disappointment to all concerned that H.R.H. Price Leopold was unable to attend, we think nothing further occurred throughout the day to mar the pleasure either of the guests or the pupils. It seems to be proverbial that our Girls enjoy excellent weather on any of the days which are set apart for their entertainment, and Monday, so far from being an exception, was everything that could be desired. In the unavoidable absence of Prince Leopold, the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor undertook the work of distributing the prizes, he was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, and among those present were Sir John B. Monckton (Town Clerk of London) P.B.G.P., Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Secretary, R. W. H. Giddy District G.M. Griqualand, the various members of the House Committee, and numerous brethren and ladies. The time at his lordship's disposal being only about an hour, the afternoon's programme had to be re-arranged, in order that the successful students might receive their honours from his hands. Accordingly, after a rehearsal of the Calisthenic Exercises and a recitation—Selection from the Trial Scene, Merchant of Venice,—given by Lillian Mills, Fanny Ashby, Edith Wilson, Alice Wiseman, Florence Faithfull and Helena Measock, —the Lord Mayor proceeded to distribute the various prizes, of which a full list is given below. Heading the list of prize-winners was Helena Measock, who, commencing with the gold medal and £5 for proficiency, also carried off the premiums for passing in honours the Cambridge examination, and for French, in which tongue she afterwards fluently recited a long piece from La Fontaine. Another girl, E. Ida M. Seaton, gained the silver medal and £5, and also the prize given by the Supreme Grand Council of the thirty-third degree for good conduct. Frances E. Gardner was much applauded on coming up to receive the reward for passing the Senior Cambridge examination. At the conclusion of the presentations, the Lord Mayor addressed a few words to the company, remarking that in the internal condition and arrangements of the house, the neat, healthy and happy appearance of the inmates, and the satisfactory manner in which they had acquitted themselves in their various studies, there was proof that the Institution was conducted in the interests

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benefactors and of the children whom they had taken in hand. Amid much applause he notified that the Lady Mayoress intended to offer a prize for the next anniversary; and as a Lord Mayor was not to be outdone by any one, not even by his wife, he too would give a prize, the nature of which the Committee would perhaps decide upon. The Lord and Lady Mayoress having at this point taken their departure, Sir John Monckton took the chair, when the following programme was gone through.

Anthem—"Thine, O Lord, is the greatness"—Kent.
Trio (Little Girls—"Airs Suisses"—Czerny—36 hands on six pianos.
Recitation—"Napoleon and the Sailor"—Campbell—May Cooper.
Solo (Little Girls)—"Tarantelle"—Scotson Clark—12 hands.
Song—"Lullaby of Life"—Leslie.
Recitation—"The Lord of Burleigh"—Tennyson—Alice G. Pike.
Duett—Overture to "Zampa"—Herold—24 hands.
Recitation—Selection from the "Courtship of Miles Standish"—Longfellow—Ada H. Clase.
Song—"Night"—Blumenthal.
Recitation—"Le Mennier, son fils, et l'âne"—La Fontaine—Helena Meacock.
Duo—"Sonata"—Mozart—12 hands.
Duett—"Symphonie V."—Beethoven—24 hands.
Recitation—Selection from the "Water Babies"—Kingsley—Alice A. Wiseman.

Sir J. B. Monckton, in a few well chosen words, expressed his approval of the way in which the School was conducted, and more especially referred to the successful result of the educational branch under the direction of Miss Davis. This part of the programme being now completed, the guests partook of tea, and after a short interval reassembled in the large schoolroom, where the pupils went through their calisthenic and marching exercises, which part of the entertainment usually calls forth hearty expressions of approval from those present. On this occasion "Our Girls" went through their drill to perfection, and as a reward, if any is expected, we heard one or two brethren express their intention to act as Stewards next year; for, as we heard one say, such an Institution should never be allowed to want either supporters or funds. Dancing was the next item on the programme, and this was continued to the evident enjoyment of the pupils till close on ten o'clock, by which time the Officers of the Institution, the House Committee, and all concerned, had well earned the rest they doubtless looked forward to. Bro. Peter de Lande Long is specially deserving the thanks of the guests for the anxiety he evinced in seeing they started fairly on their way.

The following is a detailed list of the pupils who received prizes:—

Helena Meacock, the Gold Medal for Proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Paas, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Ethel Ida Margaret Seaton, the silver medal for good conduct, given annually by the Institution, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Harriet Cartwright, Florence C. Faithfull, Edith A. Wilson, Fanny Ashby, Edwina R. Jones, and Alice M. Newboult, each a sixth of £5, for proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Prizes given annually by the Institution:—

Passing Senior Cambridge Examination:—Frances E. Gardner. Passing in Honours Cambridge Examination:—Helena Meacock. Passing Cambridge Examination:—Harriet Cartwright, Florence C. Faithfull, Edith A. Wilson, Fanny Ashby, Edwina R. Jones, and Alice M. Newboult. Needlework:—Maria English and Sarah Thwaites. Machine Work:—Florence Redford and Florence Forster. General Usefulness:—Lucinda Broadbent and Laura Moore. Order and Attention: Laura Stransom and Evelina Hill (among the little Girls).

Class II.—Mary Louis Bowler, General Proficiency; Maud Ada Jay, Perseverance; Elizabeth Owens, Perseverance; Ellen Lucy Morgan, General Improvement.

Class III.—Kathleen Collins, General Proficiency; Isabella Douglas, Perseverance; Jessie Langley, Neatness.

Class IV.—Alice W. Cecil, General Proficiency; Ada Tanare, Perseverance; Emily Priestley, Perseverance.

Class V.—Rosa Hughes, Improvement; Eveline Pelham, Industry; Cecily Jardine, Industry.

Class VI.—Edith Garnett, Industry.

By Bro. Joshua Nunn, for Fancy Work:—Edith A. Wilson.

By Bro. the Rev. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., for French:—Helena Meacock.

By Mrs. Crick, for Recitation:—Alice A. Wiseman, Ada H. Blase, and Alice G. Pike.

By Bro. John M. Clabon, for Good Conduct:—Fanny Ashby, Mary E. Sharp, and Louisa M. Taylor.

By Bro. Collard Moutrie, for Music:—Margaret W. Allison.

By Mrs. Hirsch, for Music:—Mabel Bingham.

The St. James "Yate's Memorial Prize" (per St. James' Lodge, No. 482), for Proficiency in Domestic Duties (Cookery):—Lucinda Broadbent.

From the Supreme Grand Council of the 33rd degree, for Good Conduct:—Ethel Ida Margaret Seaton.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Music:—Maud Harriett Bursey.

By Bro. Charles White, for Drawing:—Octavia Helen Wheeler and Lilian M. Mills.

By Mrs. Edgar Bowyer, for Needlework:—Catherine J. Douglas.

The "Wentworth Little Memorial Prize," for Music:—Ethel Hinson, Lily Bellamy, and Louisa Christine Oates

The "John Boyd Memorial Prize" for Drawing:—Catherine J. Scurr, Agnes Ada Nash, and Annie M. Hartness.

By Bro. James Blythe, for Calisthenics and Deportment:—Fanny Gertrude Osborne.

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THE APPROACHING VISIT TO TRURO OF H.R.H. THE GRAND MASTER.

It is well known throughout the Craft that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, owing to the multiplicity of his engagements, is unable to play his part in Freemasonry on very frequent occasions. Twice only since his installation at the Royal Albert Hall has he found opportunity to take part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge, while his appearance in the Provinces has been almost equally rare. We are aware these occasional appearances are very far from representing the sum total of his Masonic duties. He is, we are given to understand, most assiduous in the attention he gives to all that affects the true interests of Freemasonry. His is no mere perfunctory discharge of routine work, and though there is no brother who does not wish that time permitted him more frequently to appear in our midst, we are also mindful of the demands that are continually being made upon him; demands, which, with the utmost regard to economy of time, it must be exceedingly difficult for him to satisfy. Under these circumstances, it is only natural that the brethren of a Province which is as fortunately circumstanced as Norfolk was some time since, and Cornwall will be a brief month or two hence, should look forward with interest and pleasure to welcome him among them, especially when he visits them for the performance of one of those graceful acts of duty which become him so well as Grand Master of the Society of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England. No doubt the installation of a Provincial Masonic Chief is one of the most important functions of a Grand Master, but it is necessarily a purely Masonic ceremony. The laying the foundation stone of a new building is also a most important and impressive ceremony, and one moreover which has the supreme advantage of bringing our society into contact with the outer world. What is done is done publicly, and there is this further point to be noted, that it evidences the interest which Freemasonry takes in the daily concerns of life. It shows that it is not wholly wrapt up in itself. It proves, too, that, for all its secrecy, it has no fear of meeting the world in the bright light of open day. Again, it is only reasonable to note that this particular form of Masonic celebration exhibits more than anything else the undoubted connection between the speculative Freemasonry of to-day and the operative Freemasonry of the past. Moreover, in this particular instance to which we shall presently refer, to which, indeed, these few remarks are due, there is a certain propriety in the Grand Master of Freemasons, or any officer appointed by him, playing the leading *rôle*. However much we may pride ourselves in on the non-sectarian character of Freemasonry, there is no doubt whatever of the association that existed, in the middle ages and even earlier, between the architects and skilled masons of those days and the religious edifices they erected and watched over. Then, however, there were not a dozen or more sections and sub-sections of the Christian church. There were no such distinguishing terms as Roman Catholic, Anglican Catholic, Presbyterian, &c., &c., and consequently this association between the priests and the architects may be taken to imply that the latter were a body of men duly impressed with the principles of religion. We still claim to be actuated by the same principles, though with the religious changes that have taken place in the interim we justly leave it to the conscience of each one of our brethren to worship the G.A.O.T.U. in the manner which seemeth to him best. Thus, when the first stone of a religious edifice is laid with Masonic ceremonial, it may be taken as a tribute of our respect to old associations, not as having anything about it of a sectarian character, and this, no doubt, will be found in accordance with the view generally prevalent. But to our story.

His Royal Highness the Grand Master, accompanied by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, will in the course of next month pay a visit to Cornwall for the purpose of laying the foundation stones of Truro Cathedral, the principal church of the new diocese recently formed out of that of Exeter. During their visit their Royal Highnesses will be the guests of Viscount Falmouth at Tregothnan, whence on the morning of the 20th March, the day fixed for the ceremonial, they will drive into Truro, arriving between 11 and 11.30 a.m. Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form in a building chosen for the purpose, the Masonic procession will form an avenue thence towards the Cathedral, and down this it is expected the Princess will drive on her way to the Cathedral inclosure. The ceremony will be of a dual character, as there are two stones to be laid, one at the north-east corner of the building and the other to the westward. Consequently, there will be marked off two enclosures, one at each of the sites, and the general Masonic procession having advanced will pass through that on the west to the one at the north-east corner, in which seats will be assigned to all brethren except those Officers who accompany the Grand Master and assist him during the ceremony. The service having been commenced in the western enclosure, the Grand Master, his Officers, and the clergy will then move to the north-east, and the corner stone will be laid. They will then return to the west, and the western stone will be laid with similar formalities, and the whole service concluded. It may be as well to state that brethren desirous of taking part in the ceremony must obtain tickets for the enclosure, and these are to be had, at five shillings each, of the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. E. T. Carlyon, 7 Princes-street, Truro. The charge is unavoidable, as it will barely suffice to pay for the erection of the seats. The tickets will be untransferable, and no brother will be permitted to enter the enclosure without one. It follows, therefore, that no Mason can take part in the procession unless provided with a ticket and clothed in accordance with the instructions laid down thereon. The dress will be black frock coat and trousers, white tie and gloves, tall hat, and apron fastened outside the coat. It is recommended that all applications for tickets be made to Bro. Carlyon not later than the 30th inst. We hope the day will pass off in a manner satisfactory to all who take part in the proceedings.

We are compelled, in consequence of pressure of other matter, to hold over reports of the meetings of Lodges 907, 1306, 1349, &c., until our next issue.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 24th APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

MONDAY, 26th APRIL.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
1818—Clapham, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
502—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
807—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
837—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 27th APRIL.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
142—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
178—Antiquity, Masonic Hall, King-street, Wigan.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
446—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R. A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K. T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 28th APRIL.

BAND FESTIVAL, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
213—Euphrates, Masons Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
28—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
7—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
8—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 3 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
1—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
3—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
62—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
85—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
78—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
88—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
24—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
K. T.—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
183—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Deaton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R. A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R. A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale

THURSDAY, 29th APRIL.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Checquers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R. A. 266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R. A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
M. M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 30th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1103—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 1st MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

STRONG MAN LODGE, No. 45.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 1st inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall Street, E.C. Among those present were Bros. G. G. Symons W.M., S. B. Hall S.W., H. Follett Treas., A. A. Wing P.M. Sec., C. Horne S.D., H. J. Dean J.D., W. A. Humphries I.G., W. Balls D.C., J. Smith Steward; G. H. T. Dyer, F. Driver, John Vass, J. J. Defriez, H. Moss, P.M.'s, several members of the Lodge, and the following Visitors:—F. C. Hubert 1237, J. McLaren 1805, F. Jacob P.M. 45, H. A. Watson 246 George C. Packe 488, New York, T. Cuttle 289, S. H. Watson (S.C.), R. Josey J.D. 1828 834, Alfred C. Alais P.M. 834 1828, B. Secker P.M. 435, R. G. Tolmie P.M. 861, J. H. Townend P.M. 1426, C. A. King 193, R. A. James 65, Henry Leah P.M. 193, W. Mackie 1677, Robert Walker 1044. The ceremony of installation was carried out by Bro. Symons, and later in the evening Bro. Driver proposed and Bro. Defriez seconded that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the excellent manner in which the ceremony was performed, which compliment Bro. Symons duly acknowledged. The new Officers appointed were Bros. Cordingley S.W. (in his absence Bro. Follett was invested with the collar of the office), Humphries J.W., Follett Treas., Wing Sec., Horne S.D., Dean J.D. Balls I.G., Smith D.C., Nall and Symons Stewards, and Steed Tyler. The usual [illegible] having been completed, the Lodge was closed and the [illegible]

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took of the banquet, at the conclusion of which the W.M. proposed, as the first toast of the evening, Loyalty to the throne and Prosperity to the best interests of the Craft, which toast having been honoured, and the National Anthem sung, the W.M. followed with that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master; with it he coupled that of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present. Bro. P.M. Symons next assumed the gavel, and in brief terms proposed the health of the W.M. He felt that but few words were needed to introduce this toast as their W.M. had proved himself a good Mason. He had always been regular in his attendance, and had worked with the respective Masters under whose rule he had served the Lodge. He felt sure that Bro. Hallé would do his best to render his term of office a success. In reply the W.M. having tendered his thanks, said he should try and prove himself proficient in the duties of the chair. He had always endeavoured to do his best, but should now strive still further to excel. He considered his election to the chair the proudest compliment that could have been paid him, and so long as he held the gavel of the Lodge he hoped to do everything to advance its interests. He trusted he might lift the Lodge into as proud a position as that of any Lodge in the kingdom. The next toast was that of the I.P.M. Bro. Symons. The W.M. felt all must agree with him that during the past year their Master had carried out his work most efficiently, indeed he questioned whether he could be excelled in the office. He had great pleasure in presenting the very handsome jewel which the members had awarded him. In placing it on his breast he felt that it was the wish of them all that Bro. Symons would long be spared to wear it. The I.P.M. desired to express his thanks both for the kind sentiments which had been expressed and the handsome jewel which had been given to him. He greatly valued the jewel, and should always prize it, as it would remind him of the happy time he had spent in the Lodge. He sincerely thanked them all for the assistance he had received during his term of office. The health of the Visitors was next proposed from the chair, to which Bro. Tolmie replied. Bro. Vass replied to the following toast, that of the Past Masters, after which the W.M. gave the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Treasurer having remarked that he would help his friend in responding, Bro. Wing (Sec.) said Bro. Follett had always helped him ever since he had been in office in the Lodge. He felt it a great honour to be appointed as Secretary of the Strong Man Lodge. He had been a P.M. of the Lodge for many years, and should always proclaim it as superior to all others. Bro. Follett expressed the pleasure he felt in witnessing the prosperity of the Lodge, and he should ever do his best to support and maintain it in its proud position. The toast of the Officers was next given and the meeting was brought to a close.

LORD WARDEN LODGE, No. 1096, DEAL.

THE installation took place on Friday, in the presence of a goodly number of Visitors. There were presetn:—Bros. Laggett W.M., Usher P.M. P.P.G.R., Rev. J. Harrison P.M. P.G.C., J. Ayling P.M. P.P.G.D.C., F. Leith P.M., A. Des Barres P.M., E. Kirby P.M., H. Botting S.W., F. R. England, Geo. Chandler, H. Abram, G. G. Thomson, H. Webb, T. Park, Spratling, Ryder, Willey, Loughlin, Rea, Harding, Bard; also Bros. Carlyon, Quill, Plater, Naylor, Miskin, Blamieres, Bird, Browning, Bent, Bridge, Jackson, F. Binckes, E. J. Grigg, Gorter, Smith, Kennet—Visitors. The W.M. elect Bro. Botting was presented by Bro. Kirby, and then regularly and duly installed by Bro. Laggett, who performed his arduous task in a most able and impressive manner, winning the highest praise from all present. Before the Lodge closed the W.M. after investing his Officers, presented a very handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Laggett the Installing Master, subscribed for by the brethren, accompanying the gift with a few well-timed words, in which he expressed the esteem the brethren had for Bro. Laggett and their appreciation of his services, adding the wish that he might long be spared to wear the jewel. The W.M. alluded in feeling terms, during the investiture of the Officers, to the illness of the S.W. and the recent heavy bereave- of Bro. Chambers. After cordial votes of thanks to the I.P.M. for his services and the Visitors for their presence, the Lodge was closed. The Brethren and Visitors then adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where Bro. Foster, the proprietor, had provided a capital dinner, to which every one did ample justice after the labours of the afternoon. As soon as the cloth was cleared the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in a brief but telling manner, all being received with the utmost cordiality. Bro. Usher proposed the health of P.G.M. Kent, Baron Amherst, expatiating on the interest he took in all matters Masonic, and more especially in those relating to this Province, as well as the affability and kindness with which he treated every one, and the impetus given to Freemasonry in the district. Bro. Harrison P.G.C. responded. Bro. Kirby next proposed the health of Bro. Eastes D.P.G.M., and in doing so took occasion to point out the able manner in which he administered the affairs of the Province, the trouble he took to make himself personally acquainted with the merits of all, and the admirable system he had with regard to the Charity arrangements. Bro. Naylor replied for the present P.G.O. and Bro. Bird for the past P.G.O. Bro. Laggett then proposed the health of the W.M. in highly eulogistic terms, and, taking that opportunity of publicly thanking him for the valuable assistance he had at all times most willingly rendered to him (Bro. Laggett), concluded by wishing him a happy and prosperous year of office and every blessing here below. The W.M. in reply thanked all for the expressions of friendship and goodwill which had been showered upon him, and assured them it should be his constant endeavour to maintain their regard, and never give them any cause for regretting the choice they had made. The "Charities" was proposed by Bro. A. Des Barres and most ably responded to by Bro. Ayling P.P.G.D.C. who in the course of his remarks pointed out the necessity of giving effect to the proposal for establishing a Pupils' Assistance Fund, which would be a most admirable institution, enabling the boys and girls who left the Schools to make a good start in the great race of life. He also pointed out how groundless were most of the reasons which the opponents of the scheme brought forward. The W.M. next proposed the health of I.P.M. and Installing Master Bro. Laggett, congratulating him on the success which had crowned his efforts and the way in which he had performed not only the ceremony that day, but all his duties during the past year, wishing him long life, health, wealth, and happiness. Bro. Harrison afterwards proposed the Visitors, and Bro. Plater W.M. 1206 Sandwich replied, thanking them for their cordial reception and generous hospitality. The W.M. next gave the toast of the P.M.'s, saying how much the Lodge was indebted to their kind assistance and hoped they all would long be spared to give the Lodge the benefit of their advice and help. He mentioned that some of the P.M.'s, and they were very few, were conspicuous by their absence; but their place was more than amply supplied by the other P.M.'s who were present. Bro. Usher replied, and congratulated the Lodge on its prosperous condition, more especially after the many ups and downs they had experienced. The "Officers" was proposed by the W.M., and replied to by Bro. England J.W. The Tyler's toast having been given and drunk, the proceedings terminated and the brethren separated, after having had a most pleasant and enjoyable evening. During the evening Messrs. Davis, Johnson, and Hardey, of the Military Histrionic and Musical Club, Walmer, gave several capital songs, duets, trios, &c. The Officers invested were as follows:—Bros. J. Laggett I.P.M., J. Carterfield S.W., F. R. England J.W., Rev. J. B. Harrison P.M. Chap., E. Kirby P.M. Treas., J. J. Usher P.M. Sec., G. G. Thomson S.D., G. Band J.D., H. Abrams Org., R. S. Davey D.C., G. Chandler I.G., J. Park and Hy. Chambers Stewards, S. Holgate Tyler.

Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503, Twickenham.—

The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. Bro. William Taylor W.M. presided and was supported by the following Officers, namely:—Bros. F. M. Ashley S.W., T. C. Walls J.W., T. R. Rishnell Treas., L. Artus P.M., S. H. Knaggs P.M., and W. H. Saunders P.M., as well as by a numerous gathering of members and the following Visitors:—Bros. A. Pocock S.D. 1818, R. L. Loveland P.M. 130, A. H. Diaper P.M. 5, S. T. H. Saunders 551, G. G. Rushworth P.M. 1309 P.G.R. Middlesex, H. R. Perry 55, and W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Arnold Elworthy Williams having given evidence of his progress in Freemasonry was passed to the degree of F. C The ballot was then taken for Mr. James Leslie Grove Powell, a candidate for the benefits of Freemasonry, and this having proved satisfactory, that gentleman was introduced and initiated into the mysteries of the first degree. Bro. Alexander Halcomb P.M. No. 90 was then balloted for as a joining member and accepted. The W.M. then referred to the death of Bro. Charles Horsley, one of the oldest members of the Lodge, and on his motion being seconded by Bro. W. H. Saunders, the Secretary was requested to take note of this and forward a letter of condolence to Bro. Alexander Horsley, nephew of the deceased brother. At the instance of the W.M. the Lodge then accorded a hearty welcome to Past Master Knaggs, whom they were glad to receive once more on his return from a visit to Natal, and Bro. Knaggs appropriately acknowledged the compliment. It was next proposed by the W.M. and seconded by Bro. Knaggs that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. W. H. Saunders in recognition of his services to the Lodge during his occupancy of the chair. Note was taken of the custom now prevailing in many Lodges of presenting these jewels indiscriminately to all Masters on the completion of their term of office, and also of the rule of the Francis Burdett Lodge that such token of appreciation should only be awarded to those brethren who had distinguished themselves by their ability. At the same time it was pointed out by the proposed seconder of the motion, as well as by a Past Master who spoke in support of it, that Bro. Saunders, if he had exhibited no marked ability in the fulfilment of his duties, had shown himself jealous of the honour of the Lodge and had distinguished himself in other respects in a manner well worthy of recognition. The motion having been put and carried with acclamation, Bro. Saunders, in acknowledging the compliment, expressed the surprise he felt at the proposal. He fully recognised that he did not possess the knowledge which a Master of the Lodge should display of the oftentimes arduous duties he was called upon to perform. But he would yield to no brother in his zeal to carry out the true principles of Freemasonry; he had shown this by having qualified as a Life Governor of all the Institutions. After a brief reference to the votes for the coming election for the Boys' School, it was proposed, seconded, and carried, that the sum of five guineas voted at the last meeting towards the Stewards' List for the Girls' School, be increased to £10, and a similar sum will be forthcoming for the Boys' Festival, the Stewards themselves having promised to double their own contributions. This will raise the Lodge contributions for the current year to the central Charities to £30. The other business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. In due course, the Master rose, and proposed the customary toasts, and in offering that of Colonel Burdett, the Prov. G.M., he trusted they should have the honour of welcoming him at some future gathering. Bro. Taylor also alluded to the great services to Freemasonry rendered by Bro. H. C. Levander, whose absence was also a subject of great regret to the Lodge. Bro. Rushworth returned thanks, and with reference to the compliment paid Bro. Levander spoke in eulogistic terms of that brother's services in connection with the Lodge. Bro. Saunders having also replied, and in doing so explained the reason of the Prov. G.M.'s absence, proposed the health of the W.M., and paid him a high but well-deserved compliment for the very efficient manner in which he fulfilled the important duties of his office. This having been responded to, the health of the Initiate was duly honoured, and Bro. Powell expressed the pleasure he felt at having been admitted into the fellowship of Freemasonry. The toast of the Visitors was received, as usual, with great cordiality, and each of those who were present in that capacity acknowledged in

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a few words the heartiness of their reception. For the health of the Officers, the Senior Warden took upon himself the task of replying. The Tyler's toast brought the list to a conclusion, and the brethren then rose and dispersed after an agreeable evening, which, in addition to the features we have noted, was greatly enlivened by the songs sung in the intervals between the speeches, and also by some pleasant converse, such as marks invariably the gatherings of this rising Lodge, where the business is well conducted, and the opportunity for a little pleasurable enjoyment is never lost sight of.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on 19th inst., at the George Hotel, Australian-avenue, Barbican. Present:—Bros. R. G. Tolmie Preceptor W.M., Brockelhurst S.W., Mell J.W., Goring Treasurer, Botibol S.D., Ball D.C., Appleton I.G. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Brown 862 candidate. The 10th, 11th, and 15th sections were worked.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 13th April, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston, Bros. R. Dallas W.M. Polak S.W., Wardell J.W., Christian S.D., Greenwood J.D., Smyth I.G., Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Catlin, Fraser, C. Lorkin, and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Catlin acting as candidate. Bro. Greenwood was passed. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the fourth section of first lecture, assisted by the brethren.

On 20th April, Bros. Polak W.M., Christian S.W., Smyth J.W., Clark S.D., Brasted J.D., Baker I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, &c. Bro. Dallas, being candidate for the third degree, was interrogated, intrusted, and raised, Bro. Brasted giving the Traditional History. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Christian is to be W.M. for ensuing week.

St. John's Lodge, No. 1343.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 20th April, at King's Arms, Grays. Present:—Bros. P.M. A. Sturgeon W.M. *pro tem*, Chas. Gedge S.W., E. Sturgeon J.W., D. Bartlett Sec., F. Sackett S.D., F. Musgrove I.G., Martyn Tyler, P.M.'s H. Landfield, R. Corbet, Jas. Godwin. Visitors—Bros. H. King 77 and Willoughby 77. Bros. W. N. Cuming and James Howell were passed and Messrs. Henry Philcox and Herbert M. Rigge, both of Grays, were initiated. After the usual business the Secretary acquainted the Lodge of the death of Bro. J. Noke, Old Kent-road, the Preceptor of St. John's Lodge, and also of several London Lodges. A formal vote of sympathy was passed and ordered to be inscribed on the minutes, also that letters of condolence be sent to the daughters. The Lodge to appear during the W.M.'s pleasure in mourning. Bro. P.M. Godwin paid a very true and feeling tribute to the merits of our deceased brother, whom to know was to respect and love, and in whom were combined the virtues of Faith, and Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday, 12th April. Present:—Bros. T. E. Goddard W.M., McDonald S.W., Robson J.W., Kimbell S.D., Lewis J.D., Seymour-Clarke I.G. and Secretary, W. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445 Preceptor, and other brethren. Lodge having been opened in due form in the first and second degrees, the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Gooch being candidate. The first, second, and third sections of the lecture were then worked by Bro. McDonald, assisted by the brethren, and the Lodge was closed.

On Monday, 19th April, present:—Bros. T. E. Goddard W.M., McDonald S.W., Robson J.W., Kimbell S.D., Lewis J.D., Seymour-Clarke I.G. and Sec., and other brethren. Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. S. L. Green being candidate. After closing to second and third degrees, Bro. McDonald was elected to fill the chair on next Monday evening, 26th inst., at 7.30 p.m., to put questions for the working of as many sections as time will permit. A good attendance is desired and anticipated.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 15th inst. Present:—Bros. G. Read P.M. 611 and 1767 W.M., C. Andrews P.M. S.W., A. C. Alais J.W., Coop S.D., Rogers J.D., H. E. Tucker Treas. and Preceptor, J. Wells Secretary, J. Smout jun. I.G.; Bros. Mitchell, C. E. Botley, Millsom, H. Stephens, H. Nye, F. Botley, J. B. Marwood, J. W. Fisher, Tink Brown, E. C. Porter, E. Smith, A. Jones, A. J. Gunner, J. J. Clarke, J. Owen, W. Seward; Visitors—Bros. P. Burton 834, S. Smout sen., Metcalf 780, Corsten 865, H. Blunden 865, J. Clayson 1489, and Reynolds 1441. The Lodge was opened in first degree in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and resumed to the first degree, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by Bro. G. Read P.M. 511 and 1767 (in the chair), the following brethren assisting:—First Lecture: Bros. S. Smout jun., C. Andrews, E. Rogers, G. Coop, A. C. Alais, G. Read, and W. G. Reynolds. Second Lecture: Bros. E. Rogers, W. G. Reynolds, and C. Andrews. Third Lecture: Bros. A. C. Alais, P. Burton, and G. Read. The third and fifth sections of the Second Lecture were omitted, owing to the unavoidable absence of Bros. H. Foskett and E. A. Dutton. The Lodge was closed to the first degree. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Read and the other brethren. Bro. Read was elected an honorary member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Beasley P.M. having consented to take the chair on Thursday, the 22nd inst., on the occasion of the Annual Banquet of the Lodge of Instruction, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Thursday, 22nd inst.

On Wednesday next, the 28th instant, being the first Wednesday after St. George's Day, will be held the Grand Festival of the Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England. The hour fixed for the banquet is 6 p.m., and the chair will be taken by Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master of England and Prov. Grand Master West Lancashire, while the musical arrangements will be under the able direction of Bro. C. E. Willing, Grand Organist. In accordance with custom, brethren who attend the banquet must appear in full Masonic Craft clothing. Tickets to be obtained of the Grand Stewards for the year, but none will be issued *after* 4 p.m., the Tuesday preceding. Previous to the banquet, a meeting of Grand Lodge will be held, when the Grand Officers for the year 1880-1 will be appointed and invested with the insignia of their respective offices. Among those whom the Grand Master has indicated his intention of thus honouring are—Bro. the Right Hon. Sir F. W. Truscott Lord Mayor of London, who will be Junior Grand Warden; Bro. R. F. Gould, author of the "Four Old Lodges" and the "Atholl Lodges," one of the Senior Grand Deacons; and Bro. Magnus Ohren Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton has been re-elected Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Æn. McIntyre, Q.C., Col. Shadwell Clerke, Sir Albert Woods (Garter) and John Gibson will be re-appointed Grand Registrar, Grand Secretary, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Grand Superintendent of Works respectively.

Owing to the demands on us this week, and taking into consideration the amount of space already devoted to the Girls' School, we have decided to hold over our Analysis of the Subscription List until our next issue.

We take this opportunity of offering our respectful tribute of sympathy to Bro. Buss, our esteemed Assistant Grand Secretary, on the domestic affliction he experienced in the early part of the present week. Bro. Buss, during his long Masonic career, has shown himself a diligent and enthusiastic Craftsman, and when some two years since he received the appointment of Assistant Grand Secretary, every one felt that a well-deserved honour had been conferred on a worthy and representative Freemason. It has been known for some little time past that Mrs. Buss was in a very critical state of health, and that there was little hope or prospect of her recovery. These sad expectations have at length been realised, and it has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to remove her hence to another, and, we trust, a happier, state of being. But the loss of a dear friend, and especially of one who for many years has been the partner in all one's joys and sorrows, cannot be otherwise than seriously felt, and will always evoke the deep sympathy of friends, relatives, and acquaintances. In the case of Bro. Buss this feeling will be more than usually extended, seeing that, from the official position he occupies, he is brought into frequent contact with the members of our Fraternity, all of whom, we are confident, will sorrow with him in his sorrows, as they have rejoiced with him in his joys. We trust this slight expression of our own feeling will be accepted in the same fraternal spirit in which it is made, and that, as time passes, Bro. Buss will find his grief assuaged, if, in the nature of things, it cannot be entirely buried.

The Editor, being interested in the election of Woolf de Young, who is a candidate for the Jewish Aged Needy Society, will thankfully receive the proxies of the readers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, either for exchange or otherwise.

MESSRS. LETTS SON AND CO. LIMITED, are now issuing in monthly parts an Atlas, that promises to merit the title "Popular" which has been assigned to it. Each monthly issue is to comprise three maps, 17 by 14, printed in colours and enclosed in wrapper, the price for the same being 7d each part. The maps we have seen certainly commend themselves to special notice, several characteristics being particularly noticeable, among others that of colouring the oceans according to their depths, and we understand it is proposed to indicate the population and important localities in a similar manner. Many other novelties are introduced, such as the introduction of the main lines of submarine and overland telegraph communication, the positions of lighthouses, &c., and altogether we can pronounce the maps as particularly good. It is further announced that mounted copies of the map will be prepared, but for this and further particulars we would refer our readers to their news agent or the publishers, in London. We may add that Messrs. Letts offer prizes amounting to £100 extending over the current year, for copies of these maps or parts of them, thereby hoping to encourage the attainment of geographical knowledge by a large class of the community.

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The Annual Festival in aid of the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund will take place on Wednesday, 7th July next, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. R.W. Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G. Master of Middlesex and Surrey, in the chair. The following circular has been issued :—

The result of previous Festivals has been the means of providing for the relief of Mark Master Masons when in distress, and for their Widows and Children. The grants already made have in every case been of great service, and have been appreciated in a manner which affords the best justification for the establishment of the fund.

On account of the Benevolent Fund there is now invested £1,200, and on the recommendation of the General Board, unanimously adopted at the Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge on Tuesday, 3rd December 1878, a scheme has been prepared under which one moiety of all Contributions to the Fund in excess of that amount will be carried to the credit of a Special Account, and devoted to the purpose of educating the sons of Mark Master Masons eligible for assistance, at grammar or other schools in the vicinity of their parents' residences.

One Boy is already being educated by an annual grant from this Fund, and the General Board will gladly receive and consider further applications.

A copy of the Rules for the organization and administration of this Fund, with the several qualifications and voting privileges accruing from Donations and Subscriptions thereto, can be had on application.

This important extension of the objects for which the "Mark Benevolent Fund" was originally constituted has been rendered feasible by the kind support extended by Members of the Order since its establishment in 1870, and it is hoped will provide an inducement to the old Contributors to the Fund to continue their support, and to many others to render assistance who have hitherto withheld their aid.

A peculiar claim attaches to this Festival owing to the presence of Ladies, who, on each annual occasion, have largely contributed to its success.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards, in connection with the approaching Festival, will be held on Monday, 3rd May, on which occasion the customary routine business, of deciding on the place of holding the Festival, &c., will be transacted. Up to the present time the number of brethren who have given in their names as Stewards is 223, a number which, even at this early date, is far in excess of the final total of last year.

THEATRE ROYAL DRURY LANE.

The revival of "La Fille de Madame Angot" at this theatre, of which Mr. Augustus Harris is now lessee and manager, has proved a great success. This is mainly due to the care which has been bestowed on the reproduction of this popular piece, and the splendid manner in which the whole is put upon the stage; never indeed has the play been represented amid such surroundings. Mr. Harris is to be complimented on the success that has attended his efforts, and it is to be hoped that the piece will prove an attraction for some time to come.

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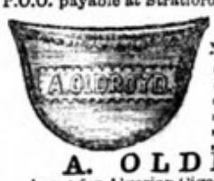

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THE SUBSCRIPTION LISTS OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

THE result of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls held on Friday, 16th ult., is deserving of special notice from more than one point of view. In the first case, the total actually announced is greatly in excess of anything that has been done before, so far as the Girls' School is concerned, and nearly reaches the announcement made in connection with the Benevolent Institution last year, when £13,726 11s 6d represented the grandest total ever collected for one of the Masonic Institutions. This result must be most gratifying to all who take any interest in the welfare of the Charities. Another feature that may be worthy of mentioning is the great extent to which the support is divided throughout the country. There are but six Provinces unrepresented a fact which goes far to prove how universal is the desire on the part of Masons to maintain the great central Charities.

London was represented by 124 Stewards, and the amount announced as collected by them was £6,249 9s 6d. There are sixteen brethren whose lists exceed a hundred pounds, in two cases the total being in excess of two hundred, altogether the proportion of "large" lists proves that the brethren have worked hard in the good cause they had undertaken.

We will now turn our attention to the Provinces, thirty-five out of the forty-one into which England is divided being on this occasion represented by 169 Stewards. As therefore there are but six to be accounted absent, we will at once dispose of them. Heading the list, from an alphabetical point, comes Cambridgeshire, a small Province it is true, consisting of but four Lodges, but surely, we should imagine, large enough to occasionally emerge from its apathy as regards the support of the Masonic Charities. We have to go back as far as 1878 before we find any reference to this district in our Festival returns. That year it sent up five guineas for the Girls, and fifteen for the Boys; but with these two exceptions, it has done nothing during the five and a half years that the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE has been in existence. Cornwall, absent this time, has a reputation which will suffice to excuse its appearance on the present occasion, although we think it a bad system to allow a single Festival to pass unheeded. Still we must not forget that at the corresponding Anniversary of 1879 its two Stewards brought up £378, which we suppose is considered by our Cornish brethren as ample for a two years' contribution. Herefordshire, whose only support since the Benevolent Festival of 1876 was a donation of ten guineas to the Girls last year, is another district that seems to need cultivation. Here also there are four Lodges, a number which, judging from experience, is rather unlucky from a Charity standpoint. Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire is absent also. It appeared at the Benevolent Festival this year with £115 10s, and, as we have remarked on former occasions is not usually backward with its contributions. Northumberland adds one more to the number of Festivals at which it has been conspicuous by its absence, the Boys' of 1877 being the last occasion on which it could answer "here" to the muster roll. The Western Division of South Wales sent up ten guineas last February, which is the only contribution thus far received this year from that district. As its support in 1878 was given to the Girls, and in 1879 to the Old People, we may imagine, as we hope, that this year its energies will be devoted to the Boys. The Isle of Man and the Channel Islands bring to a close the roll of absent Provinces, which it must be remarked is exceptionally small on the present occasion, and we think a strong effort on the part of the powers that be would remove the "absent" blot from our lists altogether. If we could enrol sympathy from every Province on every occasion, be the amount ever so small, it would unmistakably prove that the spirit of Charity was prominent in them all. Let us trust that at the Boys' and subsequent Festivals the number will permanently if gradually decrease, and that at no distant date we may find it unnecessary, and indeed impossible, to devote any portion of our periodical analyses to the subject.

First on the list of contributing provinces is Bedfordshire, the five Lodges of which find a worthy representative in Bro. Fisher, of No. 540, the amount of his list being £48 6s. We are at a loss to find words to express our pleasure in welcoming this district to the right side of the division, and as we know it will also be represented at the Boys' Festival in June, we now look forward to the time when it will be numbered among the zealous supporters of the Institutions; when its past forgetfulness of their claims will be forgotten, and when its members will be able to pride themselves on their array of votes, the best exponents we have of the extent of a province's liberality. As is usual, the representation of Berks and Bucks is of a one-sided nature. Berks sends up all the money, while Bucks reaps an equal share in the honours, at least as regards those who do not take the trouble to go fully into details are concerned. We were going to write that Bucks took their share of the honours, but so far as we know they do not take any trouble on the subject, being content to leave the matter entirely in the hands of their neighbours, who, in this respect, may be considered heavily handicapped. The nine Lodges of Berks, with a total of £506 14s, are, on this occasion, represented by seven Stewards, one of whom, Bro. J. Early Danks, of No. 1101, brings up a list amounting to £200, and another, Bro. Dick Radclyffe, representing No. 209, totals up £150. The nine of Bucks, as we have already stated, leave to their friends the honour of maintaining the reputation of the united—so far as jurisdiction is concerned—district presided over by Sir Daniel Gooch. How long this state of affairs will continue we are unable to imagine, but we hope the newly-appointed Deputy Prov. G. Master will speedily make it his business to inquire into the cause of the anomaly. Bro. G. Pearson, as representative of the eight Lodges of the Province of Bristol, does well, with a total of £216 6s. The contributions from this extensive centre of business have not been of an enormous extent lately, but so large an amount as that contributed on the present occasion goes some considerable way towards excusing past omissions. Cheshire on the present occasion sends up five Stewards, with lists amounting to £151 4s, and it also did remarkably well at the corresponding Festival of 1879, on which occasion its lists totalled up to something over £350 The honour of Cumberland and Westmoreland is well maintained by Bro. G. J. McKay, who, as representing the province, adds £200 to the contributions of the year. In our list last week it would appear that this district had other representatives than him to whom we have just referred, but this is an error. The six brethren whose names follow his really belong to Derbyshire, which is, therefore, entitled to the credit of having raised £175 7s. Devonshire, represented by four stewards, with lists which, among them, total up to £141 10s, maintains its own position, and by thus supporting its "old love" clearly proves that its "new love"—a local charity—has not yet grown into a very formidable

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rival. From the first we have not considered it possible that the brethren of this province would transfer their sympathies to their district institution, for which supplementary charity, in our opinion, there is ample room, not only in Devon, but also in every other province of the country. Two stewards take upon themselves the representation of Dorsetshire, which on this occasion contributes £95, a fitting addition to a long list of good totals contributed from this section of the country. The hope we expressed in February last, to see the province of Durham represented during the year is now realised, two stewards doing duty for its twenty-five Lodges, and bringing up between them a sum of £178 10s. Essex on this occasion is represented by six Stewards, with a total of £237 8s, an amount which cannot be characterised in any other way than as a most gratifying result of the efforts of the brethren who have amongst them collected that amount; while Gloucestershire, with a similar number of Stewards, adds £358 1s to the year's total. As we noticed in February last, this Province does exceptionally well for the London Charities, the support they afford is regular, and usually of no meagre description. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight remits £162 15s, at the hands of two of its three Stewards, the amount of Bro. Murray's list (Lodge No. 76) appearing not to have been returned up to the day of the Festival. The amount is a fair illustration of the liberality of this Province, which certainly has the merit of being regular in its support. Hertfordshire is this time content with a two figure total, £78 15s being all that is accredited to its eleven Lodges. We know that the brethren of this county do well, but we think there are one or two of its Lodges that could, without much sacrifice, spare a little more than they do. There are some good ones in the Province, and, as a matter of course, some whose liberality is not so marked. With a little more organisation, we think better results would accrue. Kent is again to the front—nine of its Lodges on this occasion sending up representatives—who, between them, bring £571 10s 6d. The largest list is that of Bro. T. D. Hayes of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, which amounts to £207 7s; the next that of Bro. G. Page, Lewises Lodge, Ramsgate, who has collected £80 17s, and the next that of Bro. E. Kirby, of the Lord Warden, No. 1096, £68 5s. We have on several occasions had the pleasure of placing on record the doings of our Kentish brethren in this particular branch of Freemasonry. All we can say on the present occasion is, that we are happy to see they keep up their standard of excellence. The two divisions of Lancashire each send up five Stewards, those of the Eastern Division totalling up £62 5s, and their brethren of the Western half £46 14s 6d. The latter has two lists outstanding, so that at the finish it may equal, if not exceed its neighbour. It may be somewhat out of place to seek for a reason for the small amounts sent up from these two Provinces, but when we remember that East Lancashire's remittance for the Benevolent in 1879 reached £3,738 7s 6d, and consider that Lord Skelmersdale, P.G. of the latter, will preside at the Festival of the Boys in June next, we cannot further be astonished that things are as they are. Leicester and Rutland appears once more, with a very welcome contribution of £73 10s, and then follows Middlesex, for which fourteen brethren appear to have fulfilled the duties of Steward. One list, however, properly belongs to London, and therefore the amount—£10 10s—placed as the proceeds thereof, must be deducted from the return given in our last. We, therefore, have to accredit £397 16s to the brethren of the home county, of which sum £105 appears to the name of Bro. H. B. Marshall, whose contributions to the three Festivals last years of similar sums are doubtless in the memory of our readers. We believe the amount given this year to "our girls" is on behalf of the son of Bro. Marshall, but in any case the thanks of the Craft are certainly due to a brother who does so much from his private purse in aid of our Institutions. One hundred guineas represents the gift of Monmouthshire, the amount being divided between its two Stewards, who appear to have striven successfully to maintain the reputation which already attaches to this section of the Craft. Of the sixteen Norfolk Lodges, three only are represented, by as many Stewards, who among them have secured the sum of £108 2s with which to increase the funds at the disposal of the Committee. A similar number of Stewards working in the Province of Nottinghamshire have collected £178 10s, of which amount Bro. Robert Berridge, representing the Province, is down for £147. Five brethren among them share the honours of North Wales and Shropshire, £164 7s 6d being put down as the amount of their united lists. We next come to the Province over which H.R.H. the chairman of the day has the honour to preside. As a natural result we look for a good amount; nor are we disappointed, for we find that, including a donation of fifty guineas from Prince Leopold, the contribution from Oxfordshire amounts to £309 12s. One Steward for each represents Somersetshire and the Eastern Division of South Wales, the list from the former being £241 10s, and from the latter £100. As usual, Staffordshire does well, two out of its three Stewards' lists totalling up to £536 11s. We do not know whether there is anything to come from Bro. Pepper's list (482); we believe not, as all the amounts have been placed on that of Major Tudor, the Deputy of the Province. Suffolk and Surrey each contribute, and although neither can boast a three-figure list, their efforts are, we imagine, none the less welcome: £91 7s at the hands of two Stewards in the former case, and £24 3s from one list in the latter, are the actual figures. Sussex leaves its reputation in the hands of a representative of No. 1842, and right well does he fulfil his trust. He has managed to collect the sum of £130 4s, and has thus placed Sussex once more in the first rank. Five Stewards from Warwickshire together bring in £129 3s, and then follow Wiltshire, represented by the Prov. Grand Master (£128 2s), and Worcestershire—Bro. W. Bristow jun., Steward—with £364 7s. North and East Yorkshire is again present, contributing upwards of seventy pounds, £58 16s of which belongs to the Eboracum Lodge at York. This Lodge has been, and we think always may be, held up as a pattern for imitation. It clearly proves that when an effort is really made by a body of men to persevere in a good cause, success will attend their efforts. Last on the list comes West Yorkshire, and as befits so large a Province it has earned for itself the first place in the result list of the Provinces. With forty-five Stewards, the total of its contributions amount to £800, and this notwithstanding the fact, as we have already pointed out, that it recently paid £1050 on behalf of the Bentley Shaw Memorial Presentation. Having thus finished our task, we conclude by congratulating all connected with the Festival on the results which have attended the efforts of the Stewards of 1880.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Lieutenant-Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), Joshua Nunn, E. Letchworth, E. Spooner, Edward B. Grabham, James Peters, H. A. Dubois, R. B. Webster, H. M. Levy, H. Massey, J. J. Caney, F. Adlard, Louis Hirsch, C. H. Webb, Frank Richardson, Thomas Cubitt, W. Bailey, H. Higgins, T. Y. Strachan, Thomas Francis Peacock, William F. C. Moutrie, Frederick Binckes, Peter de Lande Long, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. After the minutes were read and confirmed, the following brethren were nominated for the House and Audit Committees, to be elected at next meeting of the General Committee:—For the House Committee:—By Bro. J. M. Case: Bros. H. A. Dubois, W. Hope, M.D., C. Hammerton, E. Letchworth, Peter de Lande Long, E. Mather, J. Nunn, Colonel Peters, Frank Richardson, J. A. Rucker, Griffiths Smith, A. H. Tattershall. By Bro. J. Constable: Bros. J. Bellerby, E. Bowyer, T. W. C. Bush, E. Cox, T. Cubitt, R. R. Davis, J. A. Farnfield, W. Stephens, E. Terry, C. H. Webb, J. H. Southwood, C. G. Hill. By Bro. H. Higgins, Bros. Thomas Francis Peacock. For the Audit Committee:—By Bro. J. M. Case: Bros. W. Bailey, J. G. Chancellor, J. Cutbush, H. Dicketts, T. Kingston, H. C. Levander, W. Roebuck, H. Venn, R. B. Webster. By Bro. T. F. Peacock: Bro. R. Berridge. By Bro. F. Adlard: Bro. H. M. Levy. Bros. J. G. Stevens, W. F. C. Montrie, Charles Lacey, George Brown, and Louis Hirsch were chosen Scrutineers of votes for that election. The salary of junior clerk in the office was raised from £60 to £70 a year. The petition of one candidate to be placed on the list for election in October was received and passed, after which the Committee adjourned.

Bro. Harry Jackson, Stage Manager Princess's Theatre, announces his third annual benefit. In addition to the performance of the "Streets of London," "Robert Macaire" will be played, the *bénéficiaire* appearing as Jaques Strop, when he will give his imitations of London actors, and, by request, his well-known impersonation of Napoleon.

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ADMISSION OF VISITORS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I agree with your correspondent who signs himself "A BROTHER" that in some Lodges the rule about the admission of visitors is needlessly severe, and can fully appreciate the disappointment he must have felt at having been refused the *entree* into the Emulation Lodge of Improvement after he had stayed in town expressly for the purpose of perfecting himself in its working. But I trust he will pardon me for saying that in his particular case he has only himself to blame. His own account is that the working in his mother Lodge is that known as the Emulation working, and that being anxious to make himself as perfect as possible in it, he was advised to attend the Lodge in question, and stayed the night in town for that purpose. He presented himself for admission, but without his certificate, and having no one to vouch for him, he was sent away. Now, is it not strange that "A BROTHER," having resolved on visiting, when in London, the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, should have omitted to take with him the talismanic document which, with the test examination superadded, would have made him free of that Lodge for the evening? I can understand a provincial Mason running up to town on business or for pleasure, and suddenly bethinking himself of attending this Lodge, either from motives of curiosity, or from the more laudable ambition to improve his knowledge. In his case the idea of visiting is a mere afterthought, the impulse of the moment, and having no certificate, no one to vouch for him, he is refused admission; but though he may experience a sense of disappointment, he has no right to be surprised. But "A BROTHER," though it may not have been his object in going to London, had predetermined to make his visit an opportunity for seeing the Emulation working, and left behind him the principal means of identifying him as a Mason. I consider one who is so careless is deserving of very little sympathy. On the other hand, I think the Emulation Lodge of Improvement is to be congratulated on its rule, which I doubt not is impartially observed, not to admit indiscriminately brethren who may seek admission to its meetings, yet are unprepared with the customary evidence of Masonic identification.

It is obviously safer to err on the side of too great stringency than too great laxity; in the former case it may occasionally happen that a good Mason and true is denied his undoubted right of visiting, but in the latter case there is the very serious risk that the cowan who has picked up a few scraps of knowledge may be admitted into a Lodge. No one will venture to deny the right of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement to make their own laws, subject to constitutional approval, and no one should blame it for observing them, least of all one who has acted as thoughtlessly as did your correspondent "A BROTHER."

Yours fraternally,

CAUTION.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me to congratulate Bedfordshire, or rather Stuart Lodge, No. 540, of Bedford, and its Steward Bro. James Fisher, on having at last awakened to a sense of its Masonic duties. I have been a reader of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE from its very beginning, and have noticed with considerable regret that since January 1875 this county has never once contributed a solitary stiver to the funds of any of our central Charities; that is, at sixteen Festivals the name of Bedfordshire has been absent from the list of contributing Provinces, and now, for the first time in six years, the county is represented by the second oldest of its Lodges, and by the hands of Bro. Fisher has swelled Bro. Hedges's list by the fair average sum of forty-five guineas. Now, however, that the ice has been once broken, and the stigma justly attaching to the county for its indifference to the needs of our Institutions removed, let us hope the other Lodges and brethren will follow the example set them by Stuart Lodge and Bro. Fisher respectively, and that henceforth Beds will be as conspicuous by its presence at our Festivals as it has been for a long time past by its absence.

It was suggested a short time ago in your columns that Beds would be all the better if it were erected into a Province. If any one doubts the wisdom of this suggestion, let them note the Province of Worcester, which some time ago was apparently as indifferent as Beds to the wants of our Institutions, while now, under its new Grand Master, it is doing splendidly. Doubtless a Provincial organisation would be as invigorating in Beds as the infusion of new blood into Worcestershire has been. At all events, the experiment is worth trying.

Yours fraternally,

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To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I noticed in your issue of a week or two since a proposal or suggestion that Bedfordshire should be made into a Province—being without one at present. I have often heard it remarked that the combination of *Berks and Bucks* as one province is hardly a convenient arrangement, Bucks from most parts of Berkshire being difficult of access. I should like to suggest that it might be more convenient to combine *Bucks* with *Beds*, as, without looking to the matter very minutely, it seems to me the railway communication between these counties is much better than between Berks and Bucks.

Yours fraternally,

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QUARTERLY COURTS, BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see that complaint was made at the last meeting of the general Committee of the Boys' School that the hour (noon) fixed for holding the January and July Quarterly Courts of this Institution was very inconvenient, and I am glad to hear that the motion, of which Bro. C. F. Matier then and there gave notice, has been carried. There was no sufficient reason why these Courts should not have been held at a time when most people are leaving off duty for the day. In April and October the elections necessitate the early hour of noon, but for the other two there will be ample time at 4 p.m. for the transaction of even a day's heavy business, and much more for such as is usually transacted at these Courts. My object, however, in writing to you is to suggest that a corresponding change should be made as early as possible at the Girls' School Courts in January and July. The same reasons hold good in both cases, indeed they are, if anything, somewhat stronger in the case of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, as at 4 p.m. on Saturdays all business is usually over. Moreover, in such matters it is something to have

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THE MASONIC RITUAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"There are two sides to every question," says an adage. It happens however occasionally that both sides are wrong: for instance, one party may assert that a certain something is white, while another may be equally positive it is black, but that something, when produced, turns out to be neither white nor black, but another colour. Both parties here were mistaken and wrong. But it is impossible to conceive in such a case how both sides could be right, for if one is right the other must necessarily be wrong.

And here is another fact equally cogent, viz.; whenever a writer is conscious of any *truth* he wishes to ventilate, and is not debarred doing so either by the laws of the land, or by strong public prejudices, such a writer, as a rule, will append his name to his communication. But when one is conscious of the weakness of his arguments, and is ashamed to be known as the author of sophistical nonsense, he will surely, if he can, conceal his name, and append to his writings a mere *nom de plume*.

The *Ritual* question is a fair illustration of the foregoing facts. I pointed out certain defects in the ritual, with my name in full appended thereto. My opponent revealed merely that he is a clergyman and a P.G.C., and signed himself "OXON, 489," Bro. Gottheil, who is well known in London, who took my side in the controversy, also signed his name, while somebody, who undertook to correct Bro. Gottheil, signed himself "PETER,"* and, on examining the arguments of "OXON" and "PETER," I find them to be merely on a par with arguments used against all reforms and reformers from the days of Wycliffe to the present time: and precisely the same kind of arguments are now used by the Emperor of Russia and his adherents for perpetuating the worst form of government now in existence, and hence it is no wonder that my opponents were ashamed to append their proper names to their communications.

Bros. "OXON" and "PETER" evidently sanction the teaching of the early saints, viz. "It is a virtue to deceive and lie in order to promote the interest of the Church," while I believe that when a church, synagogue, &c. requires deception to aid it, its susceptibility to do harm and mischief will necessarily become greater than for doing any good, and this is equally true with regard to Masonry.

There can be no doubt that the main object and utility of modern English Masonry was, and is, to unite men of different creeds and beliefs into a brotherhood, providing they are honorable and upright, and acknowledge belief in a supreme being. Now, among believers in a supreme being, Christians believe in the Godhead of Jesus, and Jews disbelieve in Jesus. If the early writings of Christians are true, when the Jews had power they persecuted Christians for believing in Jesus, and there is no doubt whatever when Christians obtained power they repaid the Jews a millionfold for disbelieving in Jesus. In order, therefore, to unite Jews and Christians into a brotherhood, neither belief nor disbelief in Jesus, or Christianity, should have been suffered to creep into the Masonic ritual. The first Charge in the new Constitution, defines those ideas pretty clearly, viz.:—

"But though in ancient times Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country or nation, ... yet it is now thought more expedient only to oblige them *to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves*; that is, to be good men and true, or men of honour and honesty, by whatever denomination or persuasion they may be distinguished, whereby Masonry becomes a centre of union, and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remained at a perpetual distance."

The above charge means, that whatever a brother believes over and

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above the universal religion he is to keep to himself while in the Lodge, or, in other words, the peculiar beliefs of the Jew as well as of the Christian which are offensive to either should not be mooted in the Lodge. The promise given to a candidate at initiation is no less pointed and clear; he is assured of enjoying certain important privileges, and the O.B. does not conflict with his moral and religious duties. "We are also taught that truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. Influenced by that principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown amongst us, sincerity and plain dealing are our distinguishing characteristics," &c. Now let us see whether the English ritual is in conformity with these grand principles.

In 1814 the ritual was improved, inasmuch that all allusions to the Saints John were erased from it. In that respect as well as in other matters the English ritual is less sectarian than our American rituals, but a passage was then introduced into the English ritual which is unknown even in American Lodges, viz.: "And lift your eyes to that bright morning star whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race."

Now let me ask, what connection is there between the morning star and the salvation of the human race? The sun does indeed conduce to the salvation of all life upon the earth, *in a physical sense*. Indeed, without the existence of the sun, either animal or vegetable life would be an impossibility, but what has any special star to do with human salvation in any way or manner? Besides, there *is really no morning star* in the strict sense of the phrase. Venus is as often a morning star as it is an evening star; when she is seen west of the sun she is a morning star, and when she appears on the east side of the sun she is an evening star. The phrase or passage in question is unphilosophical in every sense. And to the Jew it is meaningless and mere *gibberish*.

To the Christian, however, the phrase *has* a significance; thus the last chapter of the book of Revelation (verse 16) makes Jesus say, "I am the root and offspring of David, *and the bright morning star;*" and the allusion to this passage was *jesuitically* lugged into the ritual in 1814, in order to make the unreflecting Jew acknowledge salvation of the human race through Jesus Christ. I acknowledge, aside from the moral question, that it was a capital trick; and I can almost imagine hearing the jesuitical trickster exclaiming, when a Jewish Master of a Lodge was uttering that phrase, "Oh! you fool! Masonry makes you acknowledge salvation through Christ though you don't know it." I say that it is a capital joke, and I have no doubt that more than one unscrupulous Christian has chuckled at the seriousness of W.M. Bro. Moses while reciting with the usual solemnity, "And lift your eyes to that bright morning star whose rising brings peace and salvation to the human race."

Thank God, however, that class of tricksters are not as numerous among Christians as they used to be; very few, even among the clergy, would now sanction the doctrine of deceiving and lying, even when it might be of benefit to their church. I ask therefore that class of Christian brethren whether either of them could look in my face and say seriously he believed that hypocrisy and deceit is unknown amongst Masons, and that sincerity and plain dealing are their distinguishing characteristics, while such deceptive and doubling phrases continue to abound more or less in Masonic rituals? Of what use is it to preach "truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue," while you are knowingly practising such deception? and what do you accomplish by that deception?

Conscious of the ridiculous inconsistency of the Masonic ritual, both in America as well as in England, I have repeatedly called attention thereto in the G.L. of Massachusetts, as well as in the Masonic press, and learning that Bro. Stevens at last induced the G.L. of England to take the Ritual question into consideration, I availed myself of the opportunity of making known the origin and history of the ritual. I have demonstrated that even the contemptible plea of the "antiquity of the ritual," could not be urged in its behalf. And I now repeat what I have said before, that the Masonic ritual is alike disgraceful to Masonry as well as Christianity, and to remove that blot from the Masonic escutcheon you must either frankly acknowledge that Masonry is merely a Christian, and not a universal institution, or the ritual will have to be thoroughly denuded of all sectarian allusions, be they Hebrew, Christian, &c., which are offensive to good and true men of all other creeds and beliefs.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 26th March 1880.

A PLEA FOR THE CANDIDATES TO THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In examining the Proxy Papers for the next election, is it not a pitiable thing to see the number of Petitioners who have appealed more than once? In one case (that of a widow) being a seventh application, I should ask, Bro. Terry and the governing body of the Institution to think of the hope deferred which in this and numerous other cases has been undergone, and then for them to see if they can give effect to what I am about to suggest. "At all elections to the above Institution, there are a number of vacancies caused by death after the ballot papers are issued, which have usually been filled by those unsuccessful candidates highest on the poll." Now why not fill up the aforesaid vacancies by those who have been longest on the list. They have most likely outlived their Masonic friends who knew them in their prosperity, and as in the course of nature they cannot expect to live many more years, it would be a true kindness to help those who cannot help themselves, and it would be no injustice to the unsuccessful candidates, as they have friends who will come forward again at the next election. How often at the election we find that the "Aged Mason or Widow" that we are prepared to support has died before the polling day, very often after four or five applications. My scheme would prevent this, and at the same time improve the appearance of the Proxy papers and prove that Masonic Charity is something more than a name. Hoping for your support,

I remain, yours fraternally,

W. C. PARSONS P.M. P.Z. 180.

BALLOT OF LIFE SUBSCRIBERSHIPS FOR THE R.M.I.G.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As the Festival was held somewhat earlier than was at first announced, and as the tickets admit to the Bazaar to be held in aid of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, 29th and 30th June, and 1st and 2nd July, it has been thought expedient to postpone the ballot to 5th July, and successful numbers will be announced on the 10th. As many of your readers no doubt hold tickets, I shall esteem it a favour your giving publicity to this arrangement.

Brethren holding books will oblige by effecting sales as soon as possible. Each ticket admits to the Bazaar, *although the whole* proceeds of sale of tickets are handed over to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. It will assist the Bazaar by making this known.

Yours fraternally,

24th April 1880. DICK RADCLYFFE.

PROVINCE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

The following circular has been issued:—

22 Market Place, Reading, 20th April 1880.

The Very Rev. Dean Purey-Cust having left the Province, and resigned the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, I am commanded by the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., to inform you that he has appointed the V.W. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg to be Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in the room of Dean Purey-Cust resigned.

ROBERT BRADLEY, Prov. Grand Secretary.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 5th May, at seven o'clock in the evening, punctually.

The business is as follows:—

The Regulations for the Government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business to be read.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals, and Appointment and Investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 21st January to the 20th April 1880, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

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Balance G. Chapter	1328 6 11	Disbursements during the quarter	190 17 7
„ Unappropriated Account	164 0 1	Balance	1493 14 8
Subsequent Receipts	368 6 4	„ in unappropriated account	176 1 1
	£1860 13 4		£1860 13 4

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Companions Charles Braine Finlayson as Z, Thomas Kennedy as H, William Little as J, and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Yarrowee Lodge, No. 713, Ballarat, to be called the "Yarrowee Chapter," and to meet at Ballarat, Victoria.

2nd. From Companions Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P., as Z, Charles John Smith as H, Captain James Campbell Herbert Stratford as J, and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Hova Ecclesia Lodge, No. 1406, Brighton, to be called the "Hova Villa Chapter," and to meet at the Old Ship Hotel, Brighton, in the county of Sussex.

3rd. From Companions Robert Beales, M.D., as Z, Samuel Francey Gosling as H, Andreas Edward Cokayne as J, and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Eaton Lodge, No. 533, Congleton, to be called the "Warren Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire.

4th. From Companions Charles Pulman as Z, Samuel Pownceby as H, Henry Charles Soper as J, and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Bedford Lodge, No. 157, London, to be called the "Bedford Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, London.

5th. From Companions George Tidcombe as Z, William Stephens as H, Henry Lovegrove as J, and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, Great Stanmore, to be called the "Stanmore Chapter," and to meet at the Abercorn Arms, Great Stanmore, in the County of Middlesex.

These Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, Treasurer, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
21st April 1880.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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THE FRIARS LODGE, No. 1349.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, 21st April, at the Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars. Bro. J. Shepherd W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. H. R. Hallam S.W., Durell J.W., the assistant Officers, Foxall, Musto, Hogg, and Calverley P.M.'s, and the following Visitors:—H. Thompson P.M. 177 and 1158, T. J. Barnes, Maidwell, H. Hallam jun., Claton, Evans, &c. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the first business was to raise Bro. Larsen to the third degree, and following that Bro. H. Chain, was advanced to the degree of F.C. Bro. H. R. Hallam the W.M. elect was then presented to receive from his predecessor the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. H. R. Hallam was duly installed as W.M. of the Lodge, and he appointed his Officers as follow:—J. Shepherd I.P.M., Durell S.W., Peterkin J.W., Musto P.M. Treasurer, Hogg P.M. Secretary, Godolphin S.D., Spencer J.D., Friedeberg W.S., Steedman P.M. Tyler. Bro. Shepherd then delivered the customary addresses, and at the conclusion was presented by the new W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, the gift of the brethren, in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year, for which he briefly but appropriately expressed his thanks. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a very excellent repast was provided, the new W.M. presiding, supported by his Past Masters and Visitors. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were all duly responded to, the toast of the Queen being followed by the National Anthem, the vocalists being Bros. Hallam jun., Claton, and Evans. Bro. Shepherd I.P.M. rose and said that the brethren were no doubt aware for what purpose he had obtained possession of the gavel, it was to propose the health of Bro. Hallam the W.M. whom he had had the pleasure of installing in the chair. He knew what the W.M. could do, and he felt sure that he would perform his duties to their entire satisfaction. It was therefore with great pleasure that he proposed his health. The toast was enthusiastically responded to, followed by a song by Bro. Bellamy jun., "The Anchor's Weighed." The W.M. briefly returned thanks for the very kind manner in which his health had been drunk; he would endeavour to deserve the honour that had been conferred upon him. The W.M. next proposed "The health of the Immediate Past Master and Installing Master, Bro. Shepherd," which was cordially drunk, succeeded by a glee by the professional singers. Bro. Shepherd thanked the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the very hearty manner they had responded to it. If he had done anything to merit their satisfaction he felt highly complimented. The jewel which they had presented to him that evening he was very proud of, and the recollection of it would ever live in his memory, as it would remind him of the time when the brethren elected him as W.M. of their Lodge, and their kindness that night proved to him that they appreciated what he had tried to do. He had received a great deal of assistance from the brethren of the Lodge, and had it not been for the information he obtained from Bro. Musto he should never have arrived at the proud position of W. Master. He always found Bro. Musto willing, no matter at what time of day any brother might go to him, to lay down his pen and give him instruction. In conclusion he begged to thank them all for the very kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health. The W.M. said the next toast was "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and with it he would couple the name of Bro. Musto P.M. and Treasurer. Bro. Musto returned thanks for having his name associated with the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge; he also thanked the brethren for the warm manner in which they had responded to it. As a P.M. of the Lodge he had endeavoured to do his duty, and he would continue to do so to the Craft in general and particularly to the brethren of their Lodge. Bro. Hogg P.M. also returned thanks. The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. H. Thompson, who congratulated Bro. Hallam on having obtained the high position of W.M., and felt assured from the diligence he had shown in attending Lodges of Instruction he would discharge his duties to their entire satisfaction. Bro. Barnes and several other Visitors also returned thanks. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the proceedings were brought to a close.

LODGE OF FRATERNITY, No. 1418.

THE annual festival in connection with this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Wellington-street, Stockton, on Thursday, 22nd ult., when Bro. James Hall (Borough Surveyor) was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the year 1880-81. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. Bro. W. J. Watson P.M. and Treasurer performed the ceremony of installation, after which the Worshipful Master appointed and invested the following brethren as Officers:—George E. Pybus S.W., John M. Pickering J.W., W. J. Watson P.M. Treas., John Broome Sec., George E. Smirk S.D., John Reed J.D., A. Crosby I.G., J. Trenholm Tyler. The I.P.M. (Bro. J. P. Banning) was, at the close of the Lodge, presented with a beautifully engrossed address of thanks for his services during his year of office. Bro. Banning suitably responded. At the close of the Lodge, the assembled brethren, to the number of upwards of sixty, adjourned to the banquetting hall, and there partook of an excellent dinner. The W.M. presided, and amongst the company were the following W.M.'s and P.M.'s:—Lodge of Fraternity, Bro. J. P. Banning, W. J. Watson, G. D. Leng, Thomas Wilks, and J.J. T. Thorman, P.M.'s; Lodge of Philanthropy, Bros. J. W. Moses W.M., John Hunton, Thomas Nelson, William Nelson, A. S. Fowler, B. R. Smith, James Rose, J. F. Craggs (Mayor of Stockton), P.M.'s; Tees Lodge, Bros. Thomas Brayshay, W.M., Joseph Dodds (M.P. for Stockton), John Settle, R. Wilson Bolsover, and A. Iley, P.M.'s. After dinner, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Dodds proposed the health of the new W.M. and in doing so said he had seen a great deal of Bro. Hall since he first came into the locality. His promotion had been rapid; from South Stockton he had crossed to Stockton and taken a more important public position, and probably his undoubted talents and ability would enable him to take another and higher flight before many years passed over. When that time came they would part with their worthy brother with regret. He had further to congratulate Bro. Hall on the high and important position to which he had been elevated that day, and he trusted that the year would be marked by great prosperity to the Lodge over which he had the honour to preside. The toast was warmly received. The W.M. tendered his thanks for the honour done him, and assured the brethren that it was his desire to fully carry out the duties of his high office. Bro. Hunton, in a kindly address, proposed the health of the I.P.M. and Bro. Banning thanked the brethren for the kindness which had always been shown to him. The proceedings throughout were very harmonious and pleasant, the festival being altogether a great success.—*Daily Exchange.*

BURDETT COUTTS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1278.

THE Annual Banquet of this Lodge was held on the 22nd ult., at Bro. Kent's, Moorgate-station Restaurant, Moorgate-street Station, E.C. Bro. Sturtevant J.W. mother Lodge presided in a most genial manner (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. A. Lazarus W.M. 1278), and was well supported by Bros. Christian as S.W., and T. Wooding as J.W., and company numbering nearly 30. Ample justice was done to an excellent repast, which gave much satisfaction to all, and was served under Bro. Kent's personal superintendence. Among the toasts honoured were those of the Queen and the Craft, His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. In giving the next toast Bro. Sturtevant said that in wishing the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction success, they must all be struck with the painstaking manner in which its Preceptor, Bro. Hogg, worked for its advancement. It was owing to that brother's indefatigable exertions that the Lodge could show such a master as was present, and every credit was due to him. The toast was heartily received, and Bro. Hogg P.M. returned thanks, disclaiming that any praise was due to him; he had, he considered, only performed a duty, and that a pleasant one; if he felt the brethren were satisfied with his endeavours he was amply rewarded. A number of other toasts was given, including the health of the W.M. Bro. Sturtevant, who gracefully acknowledged the compliment, as also did Bro. Kent in reply to the toast of the Host. A capital list of songs was rendered, and the evening proved all too short when it was time to break up. The ordinary work of Lodges of Instruction is recognised as the means whereby brethren obtain a knowledge of the duties the Craft requires of them, but certainly the Lodge of Instruction Banquet table furnishes the opportunity for brethren who are approaching the chairs in the mother Lodge to acquire that practice necessary to acquit themselves with credit whilst presiding over the brethren at refreshment Great praise is due to Bro. Sturtevant therefore for taking the chair at a moment's notice, and discharging his duties so admirably, giving promise of good things for the Burdett Coutts Lodge when he fills the W.M.'s chair.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 22.

THE annual banquet of this Lodge of Instruction (held under the warrant of the Neptune, No. 22) will take place at Bro. McDiarmid's, the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, near Loughborough Junction, on Friday, the 7th May, at 7.30 p.m. Bro. A. Lamarque P.M. and Preceptor will take the chair, and Bro. H. Baldwin Sec. will occupy the vice-chair. It is anticipated there will be a goodly muster of brethren on this occasion, as this Lodge of Instruction has been making rapid progress of late, the average attendances being nearly double those of last Session. Bro. G. S. Graham and other musical notabilities will be present to enliven the proceedings of the evening. Any members of the Craft desirous of attending will be able to secure tickets by making an early application to Bro. H. Baldwin, the Hon. Sec., 47 Flaxman-road, near Loughborough Junction, S.E.

THE WELLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THERE was a large assemblage of the Masonic brotherhood on Monday last at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, the occasion being the Annual Banquet of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548. Bro. W. G. Batchelor S.D. 548 and S.N. of Chapters 79 and 548 presided, and was assisted by the following brethren as Stewards:—Bros. Carman 548, Gloster W.M. 1531 S.D. 1326, Hutchings S.W. 147 J.W 1531, Morgan 169 and 1155, Penney 147, Tuck 834 and 1531, and Vohmann W.M. 871. The Lodge was opened at 7 p.m., Bro. Batchelor occupying the position of W.M., supported by Bros. Hutchings as S.W., Gloster as J.W., Milbourn D.C. 13 as S.D., Coen 169 as J.D., Penney as I.G., Griffin P.M. 933 S.W. 1531 P.Z. 933 and 79 Preceptor and Treasurer, and Gibson 1531 Hon. Secretary. The minutes of the previous Lodge meeting having been confirmed, the initiation ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M., who displayed therein a perfect mastery of the ritual, coupled with elocutionary ability of no common order. Bro. Vohmann W.M. 871 personated the candidate. The conclusion of the ceremony was followed by the working of the second section of the lecture by the S.D. Several visiting brethren were then proposed and accepted as

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members, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. as an acknowledgment of his having presented to the Lodge a new set of Officers' collars. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, to the number of fifty, adjourned to the banquet table, a repast being provided by the host, Bro. Morgan, which fully sustained the high reputation which he has acquired as a caterer. The ample supply of viands being in due time discussed, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. rose to propose the toast of the evening, Prosperity to the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, coupled with the name of its Preceptor and Treasurer, Bro. Griffin. Having briefly returned thanks, Bro. Griffin proposed the health of the W.M., and in so doing congratulated the Lodge upon having secured the services of so able and genial a chairman as Bro. Batchelor to preside over the festivities of the evening. The toast was received with acclamation, and duly acknowledged by the W.M., who next proposed the Officers of the Lodge. In so doing he complimented the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Gibson, upon the efficient manner in which he had, during the past three years, discharged the duties of his office. Bros. Gibson, Gloster, Hutchings, Coen, and Penney returned thanks. The Host and Hostess, proposed by the W.M. and responded to by Bro. Morgan, followed, and the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings. The enjoyment of the brethren was largely enhanced by vocal and elocutionary contributions from Bros. Bear, Barney, Child, Greenwood, Gifford, Gibson, Milbourn, and Tuck.

Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.—A meeting was held at the East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth,—the new rendezvous—on Wednesday, the 24th ult. There were present, Bros. A. Newens W.M., J. B. Walker S.W., W. J. Huntley J.W., J. J. Holland S.D., F. W. Wardroper J.D., F. Reed I.G., J. Frost Sec., H. Wilson Treas., W. A. Morgan P.M., H. R. Jones P.M., J. G. Carter P.M., E. H. Boddy P.M., T. Arnison, W. T. Bell, H. Newens, Robert Walker, R. Neal, W. Springett, F. Knipler, G. Clark, A. Brownlaw, C. Mitchell, and Denham. Bros. E. Carter and G. Gregory were Visitors. Bro. Walker S.W. was unanimously chosen as the W.M. for the ensuing year. After the transaction of formal business, the brethren repaired to the banquet-room, where the ceremony of the fourth degree was worked. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily responded to. To that of the Visitors, Bro. E. Carter replied. He said he had observed a large increase in the Lodge. Their mother Lodge (No. 1044) had frequently given birth to twins, and he hoped she would increase her progeny by having triplets. A very pleasant evening was spent by the brethren.

West Kent Lodge, No. 1297.—A meeting of the brethren of this Lodge was held on Saturday last, in the Marble Hall, south wing of the Crystal Palace, the new quarters of the Lodge. Bro. R. H. Crowden the W.M. presided, and was ably supported by the whole of his Officers, and despite the intimation at the foot of the summons, there was a large attendance of the brethren, and but few absentees among the P.M.'s and members generally. The business consisted of raising Bros. William Lomas and Thomas Archer, and the passing of Bros. Robert P. Jenkins and John Hicks, each of which ceremonies was admirably performed by the W.M. and his Officers. The labours of the Lodge over, the brethren separated and strolled through the Palace and grounds, both of which are now beginning to assume their beautiful early spring attire, which is so attractive, and for which this charming place of resort is so famous.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, the Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston. On Monday, 26th April, Bros. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445 Preceptor, W. McDonald W.M., Partridge S.W., Lyons P.M. 1227 J.W., Goddard S.D., Seymour-Clarke J.D. and Sec., Kimbell I.G., also Bros. Lewis, Winkley, Gooch, and others. Lodge was opened in due form with prayer and minutes read. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Winkley being candidate. The first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M. assisted by the brethren. Bro. Partridge was elected W.M. for next Monday, 3rd May. Funds being voted for purchase of jewels, which complete the furniture and insignia of Lodge, the dues will now be devoted to purchase of Life Governorships, to be ballotted for, as per former resolution.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425, at the Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington, on Monday, 3rd May, at 7 o'clock p.m. Bros. Read W.M., George Reynolds S.W., C. Thompson J.W. First Lecture:—Bros. Craig, Rubenstein, Chalfont, Rogers, Thompson, Burton, and Reynolds. Second Lecture:—Bros. Smout sen., Mickleburgh, Webster, Davis, and Dutton. Third Lecture:—Bros. Williams, Dehane, and Foskett.

By the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday, the 28th May, at 6 o'clock p.m. Bros. Hallam W.M. 1349 W.M., Gush I.G. 1541 S.W., Larchin J.W. 1541 J.W., W.W. Snelling 1541 Hon. Sec. First Lecture:—Bros. Edwin Storr, Creak, Appleton, Pelikan, Larchin, Tate, and Woods. Second Lecture:—Bros. Snoden, Fox, Abell, Gush, and McCulloch. Third Lecture:—Bros. Daniel, Wing, and Loewenstark.

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MARK MASONRY.

UNION OF MALTA LODGE.

THE first meeting of this Lodge under a provisional warrant of the R.W. P.G.M. was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Malta, on Saturday, the 17th April. The progress made in the working of the degree throughout the district during the past year has amply justified the legitimate desire of the brethren to have a Mark Lodge working under the auspices of each of the flourishing Craft Lodges in the Island. To this end ten Mark Masters, all members of the Union Craft Lodge, No. 407, have presented a petition to Mark Grand Lodge, asking for a warrant to establish a Mark Lodge bearing the same name, which has been strongly recommended by Lodge No 248, and approved by the P.G.M., who, in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners, has issued a provisional warrant enabling them to meet as a Lodge until the receipt of a formal charter. The Broadley Lodge, No. 248, was opened at 7.30 p.m. Present W. Bro. C. E. Coffey (P.G. Secretary) W.M., Bros. Yeoman as S.W., Mackinnon J.W., Walker M.O., Col. Carey S.O., King J.O., Gardner S.D., Mortimer J.D., Ewing Organist, Grier I.G., and Beck Tyler. Members—Freeman, Chapman, Williams, &c. Visitors—W. Bros. Watson W.M. 107, Doherty and Dahn P.M.'s 387 I.C., Taylor, Glenday and Abbott P.M.'s (Craft) and Bros. Phillips, Peare, Connett, McCoy, Jones, Kay, Lucy, Stanley, Blanch, May, Grebbell, West, Woodthorpe, Gibson, &c. The Lodge being duly opened, the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and P.G.S.W. were received in ancient form. The P.G.M. having assumed the gavel, at the request of the W.M., the P.G. Sec. read the summons convoking the meeting, the petition to G.L., and P.G.L., and the provisional warrant. The founders having signified their assent to the Officers named in the petition, W. Bro. William Read P.M. 107 P.G.S.W. (Mark), P.M. 407 and P.D.G. Reg. (Craft), was presented to the P.G.M. by W. Bros. Coffey and Doherty, and duly installed as W.M.M. of the new Lodge. Bro. Read then invested the following Officers:—Bros. Glenday (W.M. 407) S.W., Yeoman J.W., Stanley M.O., Blanch S.O., England J.O., May S.D., West J.D. At the request of the W.M., the P.G.M. then advanced the following candidates, elected by the founders, viz. Bros. Shillinglaw, Penketh, Fuller, and Senior. W. Bro. Watson delivered, in a faultless manner, the lecture on the tracing board. The W.M. on resuming the gavel, appointed Bro. Shillinglaw I.G. and Bro. Senior Secretary. Bro. Woodthorpe was elected and invested as Treasurer, and Bro. Beck as Tyler. The D.P.G.M. Bro. Westrup presented to Bro. Read the congratulations of Lodge No. 107, Bro. Coffey those of Lodge 248, those of the Leinster Lodge (I.C.), and the P.G.M. those of the Kingston and St. Louis Lodges. The W.M., in thanking them, expressed his obligations to the P.G.M. for the manner in which he had complied with the wishes of the petitioners, and said he hoped the new Lodge would work in perfect harmony with the other Mark Lodges, and eventually become an important element in the united strength of the Province. The Union Lodge was then closed, after which Bro. Coffey closed the labours of Lodge No. 248. There is now a Mark Lodge corresponding to each Craft Lodge in the Province, and each of these Lodges is in as flourishing a condition as the most ardent admirer of the honorable degree could desire. A frugal repast brought this agreeable and numerously attended gathering of Mark Masters to an end.

Keystone Mark Lodge, No. 107.—A largely attended meeting of this Lodge was held on the 3rd inst., besides the W.M. and Officers and several members of the Lodge, the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., G.S.W., G. Secretary, G. Treasurer, G.M.O., G.I.G., Grand Organist, and Grand Sword Bearer, were present, as well as many Visitors from Lodge 348 E.C., and 387 I.C., also the D.G.M. (Craft) W. Bro. W. Kingston P.M. 107. After several ballots were taken the P.G.M. very kindly, at the request of the W.M., advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master, the following candidates, viz:—Bro. Tagar, Burt, McCoy, Pearce, Baldacchino, and Abbott (P.M.) of Zetland Lodge, No. 515, Bro. Alsop of Lodge Harbour of Refuge, No. 764, Bro. Jones of Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36, Bro. Lockett of Brownrigg Lodge, No. 1424, and Bro. Connett of Bermuda Lodge, No. 358. The ceremony being satisfactorily completed, the brethren present adjourned to a banquet at the hospitable invitation of the W.M. and brethren of the Keystone Lodge.

Union of Malta Lodge, No. 407.—The regular meeting took place on Wednesday, 7th April, at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Glenday. Besides the Officers and members of the Lodge, several Visitors were present. One candidate was initiated and one was raised. The Prov. D.D.G.M. Bro. Broadley paid a high compliment to the W.M. on his working, and the faultless manner in which the charge had been given by the S.W. Bro. Yeoman, and the working tools presented by the J.W. Bro. England. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

ORDER OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A Lodge of this Order, under the authority of the Council of Side Degrees of England, has been opened in Malta, to be called the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul. The inaugural meeting was held on the 9th April. The Lodge was opened, with the following members present:—W. Bros. F. R. Beechey W.M., Coffey S.W., Starkey J.W., Broadley as Secretary, Mortimer Conductor, W. Kingston, and Beck Tyler. Fifteen brethren being elected, they were admitted to the degree. After the ceremony the usual grill took place, to which the whole of the brethren sat down.

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THE MACDONALD LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 104.

THE election meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhal Tavern, London, on Saturday, 17th April, and was exceedingly well attended. The W.M. Bro. George Ward Verry opened the Lodge at three o'clock. Bro. Alfred Williams P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. P. Collins, officiated as S.W. There were present amongst others the V.W. Bros. Thomas Meggy P.G.M.O. and James Stevens P.G.J.O., W. Bros. W. Worrell P.G. Org., and Robert Berridge G.D.C., Past Masters; Bros. F. H. Cozens J.W., N. J. F. Basnett M.O., George Yaxley S.O., W. C. Hale J.O., W. Johnston S.D., J. K. Pitt J.D., J. Humphreys I.G., T. Simmons, Mildred, Mead, T. A. De Leliva, Manning, &c. Visitors—The V.W. Bro. Don. M. Dewar P.G.M.O. Assist. G.S., and Bro. Capt. Berridge. There were several candidates for advancement, but one only (Bro. John Nettleship) was enabled to attend. The ceremony was most ably performed by the W.M. and Officers, with full musical service. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was unanimously in favour of Bro. F. H. Cozens the J.W., the S.W. Bro. Collins having, in consequence of ill health and numerous engagements, requested the brethren to pass him over for the present. The Wor. Thomas Meggy was also unanimously elected Treasurer. In consequence of the decease of Bro. Grant, who had faithfully tyled the Lodge from the date of its formation, a vote of condolence with the widow was passed, and subsequently practical evidence of the respect entertained for our late brother was given by the contributions, after supper, on her behalf. Bro. Reinhardt was elected Tyler for the ensuing year. The P.M. jewel of the Lodge was voted to the outgoing Master. Bro. T. A. De Leliva was recommended for Prov. Grand honours. The date of meeting was changed from Fridays to the third Saturday in the months of June, October, February and April in each year. Propositions were taken for advancees, and business being ended, the brethren adjourned to an early supper, and spent, as is usual with them on all occasions, a most harmonious and agreeable evening. The installation of Bro. Cozens will take place on Saturday, 19th June, at three in the afternoon, at Guildhall Tavern.

Rose and Thistle Mark Lodge, No. 158, Wigan.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 14th ult., at the Masonic Hall. Present:—Bros. W. Byrom Prov. G.S.W. W.M., G. Lamb Campbell P. Prov. G.O. S.W., W. Byrom jun. P. Prov. G.S. J.W., Thomas Wilson P. Prov. G.O. Treasurer, Richard Platt Prov. P.G.S. Secretary, Rev. C. H. Knowlys Prov. G. Chap. Chaplain, Robert Harwood P. Prov. G.D. D.C.; Past Masters Bros. Thos. Entwisle P. Prov. G.M., C. F. Matier P.G.W., G. P. Brockbank P.G.W.; Bros. T. Morris P. Prov. G.S.B., James Horrocks Prov. G.S.B., Phillips, Dean, Crossley, Hunter, Sutton, Halliwell, Milligan, Barlow, Croft, Johnson, Sermon, and H. T. Byrom. Lodge was opened at 5 o'clock, and the members confirmed the minutes of last meeting. The ballot was taken for Bros. W. Johnson, Hindley and Robert B. Seddon Ince, both of Lodge 1335, proposed by Bro. W. Dean, and seconded by Bro. Platt Prov. G. Sec. Secretary. The result was satisfactory, and the candidates were advanced to the degree of M.M.M. by Bro. Robert Harwood. Bro. G. L. Campbell was installed W.M. by Bro. Entwisle P. Prov. G.M. The Officers were invested and addressed by Bro. Matier P.G.W., as follows:—Bros. W. A. Byrom jun. S.W., Richard Platt J.W., C. B. Holmes M.O., Jos. Brown S.O., J. E. Barlow J.O., Rev. C. H. Knowlys Chaplain, Thomas Wilson Treasurer, J. Murray Secretary, Robert Harwood D.C., F. G. Johnson Reg. of Marks, William Deans S.D., Thomas Milligan J.D., H. J. Byrom I.G., Welsby and Hunter Stewards. The Auditors presented their report, and Lodge was closed at 6.30. The brethren partook of refreshment at the Victoria Hotel, Wallgate.

The 102nd annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was held on the 8th, 9th, and 10th December last, under the presidency of Grand Master Willford. There are in this jurisdiction 224 Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 9,777, or about the same as the previous year. Past Grand Master James Evans, who has attained the venerable age of fourscore years, has resigned the office of Grand Lecturer, which he had held for very many years with honour to himself, and to the great benefit of the Fraternity.

In the proceedings of the last annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Utah is noted the case of a brother being expelled the Society, on the ground that he was a member of the Mormons, and advocated the principle and practice of polygamy. It was not proved that he was himself a polygamist, but that, being a member of a church which affirms the rightfulness of such a practice, he had openly defended the position of Mormonism in that respect.

The twenty-first Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar will be held in Chigago, in the month of August, when it is expected that quite 20,000 Sir Knights will take part in the parade on the first day of the gathering.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts held its Quarterly Communication in the Temple, Boston, on the 10th March A Report on Grand Lodge expenses showed that matters were being conducted with a due regard to economy. The Grand Lodges of Hungary and Quebec were recognised. The Grand Chapter, at which there was a full attendance, was held at the same place the day previous.

THE NEW CATHEDRAL AT TRURO.

A PUBLIC meeting of the inhabitants of Truro was held at the Public Rooms, Truro, on Monday, 26th ult., under the presidency of the Mayor (Mr. P. P. Smith), for the purpose of considering the best means to be adopted for giving a fitting reception to the Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stones of the new Cathedral on the 20th May next. The Mayor remarked that it was with very great pleasure that he met them there that day. On the last occasion that he addressed them upon the subject of a Royal visit—in 1875—they had a very great disappointment, but it was borne with loyalty and magnanimity, and they were now to reap a rich reward. Not only had the Prince of Wales consented to come down upon the great occasion of laying the foundation-stones of the new Cathedral—the first that would be built since the Reformation—but the Princess would accompany him. They would remember that on the last occasion the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe came to their aid, as the representative of the Prince of Wales. Every one would remember how well he acted his part on that occasion, and the county at large was indebted to that nobleman for the manner in which he had carried out the arrangements for the coming Royal visit. The arrangements would necessarily be of a more expensive and extended character than they would be if the Prince were coming by himself to preside over an agricultural meeting. As far as he was in a position, he would tell them what would be the programme for the day. They must, however, accept it with this qualification, that it had to be submitted to the Prince himself, and the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe was in London about it now. The programme was subject to alteration, but he believed that substantially what he would read to them was likely to be carried out. Dr. Barham moved the following resolution—"That it is expedient that a fitting reception be given to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion of their visit to the city, and that a Committee be formed to co-operate with the County Committee and with the Town Council Committee to carry out the arrangements and canvas for subscriptions." Mr. A. C. Williams, in seconding the resolution, thanked the Mayor for having called them together and explaining to them, as far as he was able, the programme that would be carried out on the 20th May. He thought they ought to pull together, and do their best to give their Royal Highnesses a fitting reception on the occasion of their visit. The resolution was carried unanimously. The Chairman thought it would be desirable that the meeting should appoint a Committee to assist the County and Town Council Committees. Mr. F. Hearle Cock then read the list of subscriptions, which amounted to £596. The Committee had sent out nearly a thousand circulars, and out of that number only fifteen or twenty had had time to reply. They would require no less than £1,500 for the expenses of the day. The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee, with power to add to their number, to assist the County and Town Council Committees:—Major Parkyn, R. H. Carter, R. Marrack, S. Trevail, J. G. Chilcott, H. Rice, W. J. Criddle, and C. H. Williams. Dr. Barham asked the Mayor whether an opportunity would be given for presenting addresses from the Royal Cornwall Infirmary and Royal Institution of Cornwall, to which His Royal Highness contributed. The Mayor replied that he was unable to answer the question because provision had only been made for addresses from the county and city. Those addresses would simply be handed to His Royal Highness, and not read, and the same course would be adopted in regard to other addresses, if presented. He would with pleasure communicate with the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe on the subject. Canon Harvey proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor, which was seconded by Mr. C. Willyams and carried unanimously. This concluded the meeting.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

We have great pleasure in announcing that Her Majesty has been pleased to confer the honour of a baronetcy on Bro. Gabriel Goldney, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Wiltshire. Bro. Goldney has represented the borough of Chippenham in Parliament since the year 1865, and we heartily congratulate him on his having received from Her Majesty this mark of her approval of his public services during that period.

We are asked to state that Bro. E. J. Scott, formerly of Bury-street, St. James's, and late of Air-street, has removed permanently to 29 Glasshouse-street, Regent-street, W. Our brother having secured this house, we wish him support and success.

ADELPHI THEATRE.

Messrs. A. and S. Gatti are to be congratulated on the way in which they have placed the Shaugraun on the stage, and the cast they have been fortunate enough to secure. The appreciation evinced by the audience on Saturday last clearly proved that Mr. Boucicault's drama has not suffered in their hands. Although the Shaugraun is not one of the best of that author's productions, we may fairly say that it is a play really worth a visit. The author sustains his original character "Conn" in a very praiseworthy manner, and Mr. H. Neville as the Captain maintains his reputation as a careful actor; while Messrs. J. Fernandez and E. Brooke, and Mesdames Foote and Pateman, are to be congratulated on the way they play their respective parts. The remaining characters are well sustained by the other members of the company. We think it is a matter for consideration whether the representation of the Irish wake as here delineated is a suitable matter to place on the stage; however, those who witness it will best be able to form for themselves an opinion on such a subject.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE usual Festival and Installation Meeting of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, 28th ult., at Freemason's Hall, London. The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M. opened Grand Lodge about five o'clock. General Brownrigg Prov. G.M. Surrey acted as Past G.M., Colonel Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex as Deputy G.M., Lord Kensington and Major General the Hon. Somerset G. Calthorpe occupied their places as Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively. About 700 brethren were present, among whom were Colonel Creaton Grand Treas., Sir Albert Woods (Garter) Grand D. of C., Sir John B. Monckton, Ex-Sheriff Hutton, Captain N. G. Philips, Sir E. Lechmere, R. H. Giddy D.G.M. Griqualand, Captain Platt, S. Rawson P.D.G.M. China, Thomas Fenn, J. M. Case, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec., Peter de Lande Long, Rev. H. A. Pickard, Rev. C. J. Martyn, R. A. Grey, &c. After Grand Lodge had been opened, his Royal Highness was proclaimed as Grand Master for the year ensuing, and the following were appointed and proclaimed as Officers for the ensuing year :—

Earl of Carnarvon	Pro G.M.
Lord Skelmersdale...	Deputy G.M.
The Earl of Onslow	Senior Grand Warden
Sir F. W. Truscott (Lord Mayor of London)	Junior Grand Warden.
Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope ...	Grand Chaplains.
Very Rev. A. Percival Purey-Cust, (Dean of York)	Grand Chaplains.
Lieut.-Col. John Creaton	Grand Treasurer.
Æneas M'Intyre, Q.C., M.P. ...	Grand Registrar
Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A. (Town Clerk of London) ...	President of the Board of General Purposes.
Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke ...	Grand Secretary.
Dr. Ernest Emil Wendt	G.Sec. German Correspondence.
R. F. Gould	Senior Grand Deacons.
Frank Richardson	Senior Grand Deacons.
Lt.-Col. H. S. Somerville-Burney	Junior Grand Deacons.
J. H. Scott	Junior Grand Deacons.
John Gibson, R.A.	Grand Superintendent of Works.
Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter ...	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Magnus Ohren	Assistant Grand Dir. of Cer.
Charles Greenwood	Grand Sword Bearer.
C. S. Jekyll	Grand Organist.
H. G. Buss	Assistant Grand Secretary.
James Kench	Grand Pursuivant.
William Clarke	Assistant Grand Pursuivant.
H. Sadler	Grand Tyler.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Freemason Tavern, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Best. This having been partaken of, grace (Deum Laudate) was sung, and then the Deputy Grand Master, who presided, proposed the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, whom he characterised as the Patroness of our Order. The toast having been honoured, and the National Anthem sung, the noble Chairman gave that of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family. He felt it was needless to dilate on the many virtues of the Princess, who was well known as one of the most charming creatures in the world. He could only hope that ere long she would

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again welcome home her two sons. Of the other members of the Royal Family, Freemasons could number two among their own body. To many present it was doubtless known how Prince Leopold had lately interested himself in Freemasonry, while of the Duke of Connaught he could say that he evinced as great interest in the Order as did his brother. The next toast on the list was that of the M.W.G.M., the Grand Master. The noble chairman's only regret was that H.R.H. was not present to answer to the toast himself. It was not long since they had the pleasure of his presence. The D.G.M. hoped that the visits of the Grand Master would be periodical. He referred to the coming visit of the Prince of Wales to lay the foundation stones of the Cathedral at Truro. He believed it was the first time that such a ceremony had been undertaken by a Grand Master of English Freemasons. In giving the health of the Pro Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale said that Lord Carnarvon was so well known that it was not necessary to say a word in proposing the toast. The Pro Grand Master was a good man, a devoted Mason, and always ready to work for the good of the Order. Col. Burdett in introducing the next toast, said he was particularly anxious to enlist the sympathy of the brethren to honour the toast of the Deputy Grand Master. He did not wish to trespass on the time of those assembled, at the same time he was sure that the health of the D.G.M. would meet a hearty response. The brethren had always found him an able President, both at the meetings of Grand Lodge and at the festive board. He thought the present was a most fitting time to bring the toast prominently under the notice of the brethren, as it was the last occasion on which they would be called upon to toast their D.G.M. as Lord Skelmersdale. Although he might come under another name in the future, he would always be the same kind brother to them. They could but hope that he might be in a position to attend at a later date when the brethren would be able to congratulate him on his promotion. In replying to the toast, Lord Skelmersdale said it was true that the present was the last time he should appear among them under his old name. He hoped that when he appeared among them as Earl of Lathom they would still recognise him, and still show him that brotherly affection which they had hitherto done. He desired specially to thank the brethren. At the same time would they allow him to say one or two words on Freemasonry. He was not going to read them a lecture—far be it from him to do that sort of thing. All he wished to say was this,—as far as he could make out, Freemasonry was flourishing in this country. Notwithstanding that at times there was depression, they still found that Masonry went on; they found that the Lodges increased; that they still had men coming forward to be initiated, and that the funds did not slacken. They had only to witness the scene there the other day, when his Royal Highness Prince Leopold presided at the Festival of the Girls' School, when the sum collected was such as has been rarely equalled. He thought that spoke volumes to show the way in which Freemasonry was flourishing in this country. And now he desired to do a little bit of "touting" on his own account. He should have the honour of appearing before the brethren before many weeks were over, as President of the Boys' School Festival. He had only one thing to say on that subject, and that was he had had the honour years ago of presiding at the Festival of the Old Men and the Old Women's Institution. The sum collected on that occasion was the largest that had ever been collected at such a Festival. A few years after he had the honour of presiding at the Festival of the Girls' School. On that occasion also the sum was the largest that had been collected up to that time. All he could say was that he hoped and trusted that at the Festival of the Boys' School—though he knew he was taking the words out of Bro. Binckes's mouth, but he could not help it—his only hope was that they should again top the score. The brethren knew he was with them; he was most thoroughly with them in heart. He really was a Mason—he loved Masonry, and wished to work in Masonry—but if there was one thing to make him more anxious to do his duty in Masonry than any other, it was the cordial welcome with which he was always received whenever he came among the brethren. The next toast given from the chair was "The Grand Wardens and other Grand Officers present and past." Lord Skelmersdale said that they were that day honoured by the presence of the R.W. the Lord Mayor of London. He thought he was right in saying that it was the second time the chair of Warden had been occupied by a Lord Mayor of London—a fact which showed how well Freemasonry worked in with civic affairs. H.R.H. took great care in the selection of his Officers, and the speaker had not the slightest hesitation in saying that his selections had proved most satisfactory. He only hoped that in the forthcoming year business would proceed as well as it had done in years gone by. The Lord Mayor, in reply, regretted the absence of his colleague, the Earl of Onslow, who would have answered to the toast of the Grand Officers. He felt a great compliment had been paid the several Officers by the Prince of Wales in their appointment to the various positions in Grand Lodge. In proposing the next toast, the Very Rev. A. Percival Purey-Cust acquitted himself in a business-like manner; but we cannot help thinking that the bare facts he stated in connection with the Institutions whose cause he was pleading, and which, on the moment, were, we presume, all he could obtain, must have sounded very meagre to many of his listeners, on several of whose breasts the much-prized Charity jewel played so prominent a part. Bro. Frederick Binckes responded; he was heartily pleased that so grand a reception had been accorded the toast. He referred to the splendid success of the two Festivals already held this year. He hoped the Craft would give him some credit for what he had done as representative of the Boys' School, and would, at least, endorse it with their approval. He trusted that the Festival to be held in June next would be, as their noble Chairman had said, a splendid success. Before proposing the health of the Grand Stewards, the D.G.M. desired to say a few words on behalf of the scheme that had lately been started to advance the interests of the pupils of the Masonic Schools. At the first meeting of the Fund, inaugurated with this object, he had presided, on the simple understanding that if it came to any thing, as he sincerely hoped it would, it would be supplementary to the present Charities; a fund for promoting the welfare of those scholars who had done well, and who required money to carry on their educational career. As such the scheme was deserving of being carried out. Should the object be the creation of a fresh Charity, entailing a separate machinery and additional expenditure of money, then he for one should say, No. If a fourth Masonic Charity was proposed, he should have nothing to do with it. He then gave "The Stewards of the year," complimenting them on the way in which they had done their duty. This completing the toast list, the brethren adjourned to the Temple, where a Concert was given, under the direction of Bro. C. E. Willing P.G.O., and in which Miss José Sherrington and Madame Patey, Mr. Vernon Rigby, Mr. Coates, Bro. A. Lester, Bro. H. Taylor, Bro. Chaplin Henry, Mr. Lewis Thomas, Bro. Fountain Meln, and Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe P.G.O. took part.

JAMAICA.

AT a meeting of the District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica, held on Thursday, 19th February, the following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—

Rt. Wor. Bro. the Hon. Dr. R. Hamilton	...	District Grand Master
A. De Cordova - ...	...	Deputy Dis. G. Master
Ashenheim (Friendly) ...	...	G.S.W.
C. W. Tait (Sussex) ...	...	G.J.W.
Rev. Croskery (Sussex)...	...	Grand Chaplain
O. Delgado (Phœnix) ...	...	Grand Treasurer
W. Andrews (Royal) ...	...	Grand Registrar
G. H. Leins (Friendly) ...	...	Grand Secretary
T. Allen (Jamaica) ...	...	G.S.D.
J. Tompsett (Sussex) ...	...	G.J.D.
G. Sargeant (Royal) ...	...	G. Sup. of Works
C. H. Davis (Royal) ...	...	G. Dir. of Ceremonies
L. Hollar (Phœnix) ...	...	G. Sword Bearer
A. H. Jones (Sussex) ...	...	Grand Organist
J. McLean (Jamaica) ...	...	Assist. G. Secretary
M. Ross (Collegium Fabror)	..	Grand Pursuivant
O. Delgado jun. (Phœnix)	...	Assist. G. Pursuivant
T. Haughton (Sussex) ...	...	Grand Stewards
G. P. Myers (Phœnix) ...	...	
W. L. Mudon (Sussex)	...	
M. Delgado (Friendly)	...	
G. Magnus	...	Grand Tyler

The yearly Convocation of the District Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, Jamaica, will shortly be held, when it is expected that the District Grand Superintendent will be able to be present.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Friendly Holy Royal Arch Chapter was held at their Hall, Kingston, on Thursday, 26th February, when the following Officers were installed for the ensuing year:—Most Excellent Comps. G. C. H. Lewis Z., J. M. Ross H., H. J. Lyons J., J. Lyons S.E., L. Mordecai Treasurer, E. Finzi P.S., A. Finzi First Assist., A. Tripe Second Assist., E. A. Magnus S.N., G. Magnus Janitor.

We note with a certain degree of justifiable self-complacency that the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE is not without its influence even in the sphere of Masonic Journalism. Such merits as it may happen to possess do not, however, receive that recognition they are clearly entitled to. For instance, our report of the installation meeting of the Mizpah Lodge, and which was published on the 17th ult., has reappeared in a Masonic weekly which is published not very many hundred yards from the spot where stood till recently the venerable, if somewhat unsightly, Temple Bar. We cannot have the slightest objection to this. On the contrary, we regard this as an indirect, if not a direct, recognition of our status as a medium for the dissemination among the Craft of Masonic news. Only—and we are sorry there should have to be any qualification to the satisfaction we feel—we should like to see the reproduction done as artistically as possible. The report was of an installation meeting, and of necessity the central figure on such occasions is the newly installed Master, and the chief incident his induction into the chair of K.S. But the report, as it reappears in our esteemed contemporary, contains not a single word about the installation, and the name of the new Master is never once mentioned. As the junior representative of Masonic interests, we naturally speak with diffidence, yet in all humility we would point out that a very little editorial supervision would have prevented these omissions. Our reports are always at the disposal of our friend next Temple Bar, to do with them what pleases him, but we sincerely trust that in future cases he will not be so ill-advised as to excise the most material portions. What would the play of Hamlet be with the *role* of Hamlet omitted; and what is the value of the report of an installation meeting unless something is said of the ceremony itself, and the name is given of the newly installed Master?

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 1st MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 3rd MAY.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
M. M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Room, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley

TUESDAY, 4th MAY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1668—Samson, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
R. A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction.)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
303—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal

WEDNESDAY, 5th MAY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
229—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Karl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
R. A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R. A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 6th MAY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
330—Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1384—Equity, Alfords Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1214—Scarborough Hall, Scarborough, Caledonian-road, Batley
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 7th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
903—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)

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933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1524—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
K. T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly.

SATURDAY, 8th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R. A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. R. Lister, Dr. Wilkinson S.W., C. A. Woods J.W., T. Bull P.M. Treas., E. H. Thiellay P.M. Sec., May I.G., Kerrell J.D., Brock W.S., and P.M.'s J. T. Leggott, G. S. States, and Haslett. Visitors—Bros. W. H. Rudderforth W.M. 1668, L. Hirsch W.M. 1818, Nesbitt 24, R. Carr P.M. 24, J. Simpson 1676, Cash (New Cross Lodge), Jenkins. The Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. P. Desplaces was passed to the second degree, and Bro. Maynard was raised. Praise is due to the W.M. for his careful and impressive rendering of the ceremonies. The W.M. announced his intention to represent the Lodge as Steward at the next Anniversary for the Boys' School. The resignation of a brother was accepted with regret. The Lodge was then closed until November, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, provided by Bro. A. Best and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M., who genially presided, briefly and appropriately proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking to the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the W.M. referred to the next being the day fixed for the Grand Festival, when the installation of His Royal Highness would be celebrated. Every Mason would hail with pleasure his acceptance of the rulership of our Order, and all who are privileged to attend at that grand gathering will see what Freemasonry is. The W.M. then proposed the toast of their new member, Bro. Desplaces, who had been initiated at a former meeting, and had been passed that evening to the second degree. From the attention he had paid, not only on this occasion but on the former, to the ceremony, he was sure he would prove an acquisition to the Order. Bro. Desplaces briefly responded, and Bro. Leggott I.P.M. then said he hoped the brethren would give the toast he was about to propose the reception it merited, it was the health of the W.M. No one could possibly have done the work better. He (Bro. Leggott) and the W.M. had worked hard together; he had introduced that brother into Freemasonry, and he was proud of him. He had correctly given the true ritual of Freemasonry, and this would act as an incentive to those who had to follow him. Personally he should have had great pleasure in assisting him, but he did not require it; at the expiration of his year of office every brother would say he had done his duty. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Leggott for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast. Since his association with the Lodge he had hoped to be its W.M., and now he trusted he might be amongst them for many years. He would always do all in his power for their welfare. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and called on Bros. L. Hirsch, W. Rudderforth, H. M. Levy, and Cash. These brethren paid a just compliment to the W.M. for his excellent working and presidency. The toast of the P.M.'s followed. The W.M. was proud to see Bro. Leggott, who had passed the chair in every way to their satisfaction; no better workers could be found than those brethren who had passed the chair of this Lodge, which had now completed its 105th anniversary. Bro. Leggott I.P.M. said he felt proud to be ranked as a P.M. of the Lodge; he had worked in every office. When he looked round he saw in the S.W. and J.W. men of intellect who would be a credit to the Lodge. In short the Officers had done everything for Freemasonry in general and for their own Lodge in particular; he hoped the Lodge would support the W.M. in his Stewardship for the Boys' School. Bro. Thiellay P.M. and Secretary said, that Bro. G. S. States was not a P.M. of this Lodge, but had been its Secretary for 16 years. Bro. States' modesty would not allow him to rank as a P.M., although he was the father of the Grand Steward's Lodge. As senior member, Bro. G. S. States addressed a few remarks. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given, the Worshipful Master speaking of the qualifications of those brethren in high terms of praise. Bro. P.M. and Treasurer responded. His services were at their command in any way that would advance the welfare of the Lodge. Bro. Thiellay followed; while holding the office of Secretary he would endeavour to carry out what was required of him to their satisfaction. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers, whose able working was proverbial; he would ask the brethren to drink the toast heartily. Bros. Dr. Wilkinson, C. A. Woods, and Kerrell severally responded, and the Tyler's toast was then given. During the evening Bros. Rudderforth, May, and Hancock sang some excellent songs.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 20th inst., at Bro. Bond's, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, W.C. Present:—Bros. Abell W.M., Lee S.W., Linscott J.W., Baker S.D., Gray J.D., Dickins Preceptor, John Soper Secretary. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremody of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Kitching candidate. The following sections were worked, first and third by Bro. Soper, second by Bro. Hallam.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Bros. T. B. Biddle W.M., A. W. Smith S.W., John L. Anderson J.W., J. K. Pitt Secretary, G. L. Walker Preceptor, T. J. Maidwell S.D., W. Sayer J.D., T. J. Barnes I.G. Visitors—Bro. Carl August Swanson Lodge Manwah 567, D. Moss, H. Morris Confidence 193. Bro. Morris and Swanson joined the Lodge. The ceremony of raising was worked by the W.M., Bro. Morris acting candidate. Bro. Moss worked the 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren.

The Fifteen Sections were worked on Wednesday by the following: Bros. D. Moss No. 1275 W.M., C. H. Webb W.M. 174 S.W., T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 J.W., G. L. Walker No. 429 I.P.M. First, Lecture—Bros. A. Levy, Veal, Valentine, Wooding, Norden, Webb, Stephens. Second Lecture—Bros. Biddle, J. Lorkin, Job, Barnes Fenner. Third Lecture—Bros. I. P. Cohen, Walker, Da Silva.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 17th ult. Present:—Bros. Brasted W.M., Weeden S.W., Gibbs J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, Western S.D., Houghton J.D., W. Williams I.G.; also Bros. J. Millington, Osborn, J. Lorkin, R. Defriez, Spencer, D. Moss, J. H. Hawkins, Trewinnard, Byng, Giller, Lewis, Garrod, Powell, Halford (Treasurer). The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of raising, Bro. Spencer acting as candidate. Bro. Moss worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Osborn, and the third, assisted by Bro. Hawkins. Lodge being resumed to first degree, Bro. Weeden was elected to preside at the next meeting. The votes of the Lodge were divided between Bros. Trewinnard and J. Lorkin, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

On Saturday, the 24th April, present:—Bros. C. Lorkin W.M., Byng S.W., J. A. Powell J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Trewinnard S.D., Williams J.D., J. Lorkin I.G.; also Bros. Spencer, Brasted, Houghton, H. Hall, Fysh, Harris, T. S. Clarke, R. P. Forge, Catlin, Woodman, Lardner, Weeden, Gilham, R. Defries, Marsh, Bradley, Hoare, Isaac, Mackey, J. Millington, McMillan, Osborn, &c. The Fifteen Sections were worked, after which a vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M., as well as to those members who assisted in working the sections. Bros. R. J. Harris Concord 1163, T. S. Clarke Navy 429, Lewes 1209, R. P. Forge Beadon 619, Catlin Henry Muggeridge 1679, Marsh Lebanon 1326 were elected members.

St. John's Lodge, No. 221.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 21st April, at the Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton. Henry Mead W.M., Thomas Whitaker as S.W., Jabez Boothroyd J.W., John Isherwood as S.D., Edwin Melrose J.D., G. R. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D. Treas., Thomas Mitchell Sec., J. W. Taylor P. Prov. G.D. D.C., A. Cosgrave Steward, P. Staton Organist, Visitors:—Ellis Jones, St. Davids Lodge, Manchester, and J. T. Hooper P. Prov. G. Treasurer. The ballot resulted in favour of Mr. Elliston, theatrical manger, who was initiated by Bro. Nicholson P.M., the charge being given by Bro. Brockbank senior Past Master. The attendance of the brethren was requested at a meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge East Lancashire, at Oldham, on the 5th May, after which Lodge was closed.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 20th April, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present:—Bros. Charles Oades I.P.M. as W.M., Charles Stephens S.W., S. A. Pocock P.M. Treasurer, M. J. Withers Secretary, F. J. Ferguson S.D., S. Wheeler J.D., D. H. Witherington D.C., Blackwell, Butler, and Moffatt Stewards, A. W. Parry I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Bradley P.G. Sec., and J. Long 663; Bros. G. Webb, H. G. Armstrong, W. Hart, J. R. Hayward, J. E. Sydenham, D. Webb, C. G. Hawkes; Visitors—Bros. B. Hunn Loyalty 1533, J. Watts Loyalty 1533, Samuel Morgan Royal Alfred 780. In consequence of the

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illness of the W.M., the I.P.M. Bro. C. Oades occupied the chair. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Messrs. William Sherwood and John Thomas Dodd were ballotted for and duly elected. Mr. Edmund Chamberlain jun., elected at the regular Lodge, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Messrs. Sherwood and Dodd were also initiated. The Secretary read the minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Committees of the Reading Lodges, held on the 10th inst., in which it was unanimously recommended—"That the sum of twelve pounds be paid by each Lodge towards the expenses of the Special Provincial Grand Lodge held in November last." It was moved by Bro. Stevens S.W., and seconded by Bro. Ferguson S.D.—"That the recommendations of the Permanent Committees be complied with." Carried. The Secretary read a letter he had received from the Prov. G. Secretary, stating that the R.W. P.G.M. had appointed the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg as V.W. D.P.G.M. for Berks and Bucks, in the place of the Ven. the Dean of York, who had resigned. After the usual ceremonies the Lodge was closed.

La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—At the Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., on Wednesday, 21st April. Bros. J. Hurdle J.D. 1348 W.M., E. Farwig P.M. 180 S.W., J. Hemming 1287 J.W. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture: Bros. J. Smith, G. A. Cunday, J. G. Langdon, C. Child, H. Richards, J. Saul, and Docker. Second Lecture: Bros. Blundell, W. C. Smith, J. Paul, E. Farwig, and H. Woods. Third Lecture: Bros. J. Hemming, D. M. Belfrage, and H. Richardson.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 27th April. Bros. Wardell W.M., Smyth S.W., Clark J.W., Forss S.D., Greenwood I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Fraser, Dallas, C. Lorkin, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fraser candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Wardell assisted Bro. C. Lorkin to work the first section of the lecture, and Bro. Forss the second section. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed to first. Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—A meeting was held on 21st April, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion Hotel, Poppins Court, Fleet-street, Bros. R. P. Tate W.M., Brocklehurst S.W., Collinson J.W., Pate S.D., Abell J.D., Fox I.G., Long Preceptor, Hyde, Brown, Marston, Gladwell, and others. The Lodge was opened to the second degree. Bro. Gladwell having offered himself as a candidate for the third degree, was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising completed. The three sections of the lecture were worked by Brother Fox. The Lodge was then closed in the third and second degrees, and Bro. Brocklehurst having been appointed W.M. for that night fortnight, the Lodge was closed.

On 28th April, Bros. Fox J.D. 201 W.M., R. P. Tate S.W. 862 S.W., J. S. Brown J.W. 862 J.W., Gush I.G. 1541 S.D., Lardner S.W. 1745 J.D.; Past Master Bros. Abell 1599 and William Long 1435 Preceptor; Bros. Hide, Marston, Drury, Pate, F. Brown, Hallam, Gladwell, Brocklehurst, Collinson, Larchin, Tolmie, S. Brown, Irving, and others. The Fifteen Sections were worked, and a vote of thanks was accorded to, and honorary membership conferred upon the W.M., for the admirable manner in which he had performed the duties. Four new members were elected. Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned to Wednesday, 5th of May, at 8 o'clock p.m., when Bro. Brocklehurst of the mother Lodge will preside.

Strawberry Hill Lodge, No. 946.—The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 14th ult., at the Grotto Hotel, Cross Deep, Twickenham. Bros. G. Mayer Cooke W.M., D. Argyll S.W., Rohns J.W., Wohlgemuth P.M. Treas., W. Platt P.M. Sec.; P.M.'s W. Smeed P.P.G.W. Middlesex, Mollwham, W. Waghorn, Whitley, Johnson, Dr. J. Pope, T. Price, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The auditor's statement showed a good sum in hand in favour of the Lodge. A board of Installed Masters was opened, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. Smeed, who kindly undertook the duty of installing Bro. Dan. Argyll S.W. and W.M. elect, which ceremony he rendered on this occasion as on many former ones, to the satisfaction of the brethren and visitors. On the re-admission of the brethren, the customary salutations were given, and the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. G. M. Cooke I.P.M., Rohns S.W., Skinner J.W., Wohlgemuth P.M. Treasurer, W. Platt P.M. Secretary, Aston S.D., Russell J.D., Beard I.G., G. Parkes D.C., Akerman W.S., Gorwood Organist, and Stead Tyler. The W.M., in eloquent terms, in the name of the Lodge, presented Bro. G. M. Cooke I.P.M. with a very excellent gold P.M. jewel with suitable inscription; also a Life Subscribership to the Masonic Charities; and likewise his portrait, artistically painted, for the valuable services rendered by him during his year of office. Bro. Cooke appropriately replied, and thanked the brethren for their valuable presents; he hoped to be among them for many years as a Past Master of the Lodge. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, that of Col. Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers Past and Present especially receiving acknowledgment. Bro. G. M. Cooke in an able manner proposed the health of the W.M. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Gallant P.M. 813. Among this body were Bros. Triggs, Smeed jun. (Leigh Lodge), Smeed (Royal Commemoration Lodge), Forge, Page, C. Holland, T. Jacobs, Jones, Baker, &c. The health of the P.M.'s, Wardens, and Officers was not overlooked, and the Tyler's toast in due course was given. A very harmonious evening was passed, Bros. T. Price, Smeed jun., and G. Parkes contributing to the harmony.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 14th April, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—J. Early Danks W.M., W. Ferguson S.W., E. J. Blackwell J.W., J. T. Stranson. Treas., W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., R. Dowsett S.D., C. R. Honey J.D., J. H. Hawkes D.C., R. C. Prickett Stwd., W. Hickie Org., T. Newman I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. W. G. Flanagan and J. T. Brown. Members—Bros. Wort, Pulley W.M. 1436, Weatherhead, Collins, Ravenscroft, Vowles, Rhind, Moule and Titcombe. Visitors—Bros. B. H. Heathcote 447, C. G. Butler 414, J. E. Sydenham 414, A. Wilkins 359, C. G. Hawkes 414. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bros. Wort and Titcombe gave proof of their efficiency in a very satisfactory manner, they were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, Bros. Wort and Titcombe were raised, the ceremony being admirably performed by the W.M., who gave the charge and lecture in full. The vocal and instrumental music, under the conduct of Bro. Hickie, considerably heightened the effect. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when the report of the Joint Committee of the two Lodges was read, and it was unanimously agreed that the extra expense of the Special Provincial Grand Lodge in November last should be borne by the two Lodges equally. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 27th April. Bros. P.M. Myers W.M., P.M. Cundick S.W., W. J. Smith S.W. 860 J.W., P.M. Musto I.P.M., Friedeburg W.S. 1349 I.G.; also Bros. McDonald, Rawe, White, Cope, Brown, Sadler, Ives, Seymour-Clark, Davis, Watkins, Butler, Andrews, Prosser, Pavitt, &c. The Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read. Lodge opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first, when the following sections were worked by the brethren:—First, Seymour-Clark; second, McDonald; third, Musto; fourth, Andrews; fifth, Cundick; sixth, Friedeburg; seventh, McDonald; eighth, Andrews; ninth, Musto; eleventh, Smith. Lodge was resumed to first degree, when Bro. P.M. Cundick was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. P.M. Myers for the very excellent manner in which he had worked the sections. The brethren who had assisted were complimented, the answers requiring no dictation. Such a specimen of working is seldom to be witnessed as that displayed by those who took part on this occasion. The Officers were clothed in new aprons, collars and jewels, and this added greatly to the effect. Bro. Friedeburg W.S. 1349 was elected a member. On Tuesday next we recommend a visit to this Lodge of Instruction, when that excellent worker Bro. P.M. Cundick will preside. We wish him a successful meeting.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—On Monday, 19th April, at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney. Bros. Droscher W.M., J. Garrod S.W., Martin J.W., R. Olley S.D., Blackburn I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., C. Lorkin Preceptor, also Bro. Finch. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Blackburn candidate. Bro. Droscher then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Finch. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Droscher was raised. The Lodge was regularly closed. Bro. Garrod was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Droscher for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair, it being his first time in the same.

On 26th April, present:—Bros. Garrod W.M., R. Olley S.W., Droscher J.W., Finch S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Martin I.G., C. Lorkin Preceptor; Blackburne, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Blackburne acting candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Olley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 22nd April, at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W. Present:—Bros. Benjamin Turner W.M., J. E. Shand S.W., J. Hutchinson J.W., B. H. Swallow P.M. P.S.G.D. Midd. Treasurer, E. J. Scott P.M. Secretary, J. Waugh S.D., J. Hammond J.D., J. Hancock W.M. 1687 Steward, Pratt I.G., Potter Tyler. Members:—Bros. J. C. Ward, Blackford, H. Bonham, Ince, E. C. Woodward, Smith, Eastgate, Day, &c. Visitors:—Bros. M. Crook 1614, W. Blackford 55, J. Johnson jun. 55, E. Tabernacle 1288, J. Shenton 55, Seymour Smith, &c., &c. Mr. Philip Handley C. O'Farrell was duly initiated. Bro. Francis Cox, having answered the usual questions, was passed, and Bros. May, Stevens, Cloets, Line, and Wenn, were in due form raised to degree of M.M. The resignation of two brethren was received with regret, and one was placed upon the country list. Lodge closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned until September. The brethren, about 45 in number, sat down to a capital dinner, served by Bro. Nichols, in the Café Royale, the W.M. giving the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Singing and pianoforte accompaniments rendering the evening very enjoyable.

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"AUDI, VIDE, TACE."

"HEAR, see, and be silent,"—a motto expressing, with a terseness and perspicuity characteristic of the Latin tongue, one of the leading principles of Freemasonry. It enjoins on us to see with our eyes and hear with our ears what is passing around us. At the same time we are to be discreetly silent. We are not to constitute ourselves the retail purveyors of the news that reaches us, or the events which are enacted in our presence. The *rôle* of the chatterbox, who precipitately dashes off to his nearest neighbour for the purpose of repeating to him some ordinary or extraordinary intelligence he has just received, is, to say the least, an undignified one. The busy-body, who regards it as one of the chief duties of life to read, mark, learn, and publicly discuss the affairs of other people is decidedly an objectionable creature. He has not the sense to know, or, having the sense, he lacks the will to recognise, that the remarks which others make are to a certain extent their own property, and consequently that they are entitled to the exercise of some voice in the appropriation or dissemination of that property. The parrot, who repeats what he hears or is taught, is, to use a phrase which might have been employed by the late Artemus Ward, an "amusing cuss." The intelligence with which he is endowed is that of the parrot. He is incapable of reasoning in the sense in which man reasons, and hence it is that he exercises no caution in communicating what people may have said in his hearing. With the animal man, and especially with him who has been accepted as a member of our fraternity, it should be otherwise. What are stated as facts or opinions are entitled to due respect and should be held sacred from the indignity of purposeless repetition. We have no sympathy with the man who never has any news to communicate, and resolutely refuses on all occasions to offer an opinion, but we see there is ample room for amendment in the conversational relations which exist among men generally, and Masons in particular. Many a man has had the misfortune to earn for himself a reputation for extreme reticence, amounting almost to taciturnity, simply because he has lived among those who habitually repeated what they had heard to every one with patience and indiscretion enough to listen to them. It is very excusable that one who has earned such unpleasant experience should evince a want of confidence in those whom he meets more or less frequently. It may seem to be a matter of little moment to A when he repeats to B, on the authority of C, that D is in the habit of giving dinner parties, or keeps a good cellar of wine; or that E carries his prudence to an extreme, and seldom pays or receives visits in the sphere in which he moves and has his being. A piece of news is not unlike a piece of indiarubber. The latter is capable of being extended, the former of being amplified. There, however, we fear the similitude ends. The rubber, when the force which extends it is removed, has the faculty of resuming as nearly as possible its original dimensions, and its owner sustains no loss or damage; but news which has once been exaggerated, but seldom resumes its original shape or substance. Let us take, for example, the news reported by C to A, of D who gives dinner parties, or has a cellar of choice wines; or of E, who is of a frugal turn of mind, neither paying nor receiving visits among his acquaintance. C has told these things in the innocence of his heart. He has done so, perhaps, from a generous desire to be in some way of service to D or E by lauding the hospitality of the former or the prudence of the latter. As for himself, it is not his custom to repeat what he is told, and consequently it never occurs to him that his casual, and of itself perfectly harmless remark will go the round of society, and with such alterations in colour and character that when in due course it reaches him again he cannot see the slightest connection between the amplified and original statements. He believes he has spoken in confidence to A, but A takes a different view of his duties as a member of society. He is essentially a newsmonger, and forthwith repeats to B what C has told him, with such additional colouring as in his wisdom he thinks will make it more attractive or—we are sorry to say it may be—more irritant, more objectionable. Thus what in the one case is simple hospitality or necessary frugality becomes extravagance or meanness. B like A is a newsmonger, with similar characteristics, including a proneness to make everything appear in as unfavourable a light as possible. Thus when he imparts to F that D is extravagant or E mean, the extravagance which was merely thoughtless becomes wanton, while the meanness which was only occasional or caused by limited circumstances becomes habitual or miserly. F still further embellishes the statement when he repeats it to G, and G and all the remaining letters of the alphabet follow suit, till at length C, to his utter amazement, is told in confidence that D is a disgraceful profligate in his expenditure or a very monster of a wine-bibber; or that E, whose honourable thrift has always been his admiration, denies himself and household the commonest necessaries and is a misanthrope of the lowest and most discreditable type. Is it not a matter of daily occurrence and within the knowlege of every one among our readers that a man's reputation is made or marred by this "damnable iteration," with additions, of statements usually simple and harmless and made in good faith and without the remotest idea they would be retailed from mouth to mouth in the manner we have described? It will be urged by some—and not without some show of reason we admit—that C, who first made the statement, is the most to blame. He ought to have known the world well enough to be aware that what he said was sure to be repeated. This, we confess, is not the view we take. If we are never to speak of a third person because some of those present may repeat it to others with the customary and invariably uncomplimentary embellishments, there is an end of all social intercourse among men. A feeling of universal distrust would follow, and the sense of sympathy with our fellow-beings, which Nature has implanted in our minds, would be superseded by a sense of antipathy. We should give up trying to do a friend a good turn, for we should know beforehand that if we spoke in praise of his good qualities they would be so magnified, that when their true nature and extent were practically tested, the result, falling short of general expectation, would be detrimental. There would ever be before our eyes the fear that, if we spoke in terms of admiration of his conduct on certain occasions, or in certain particulars, our motive in doing so might be misappreciated, or our statement misinterpreted or misrepresented. In short, as we have said already, there would be an end of all that sympathetic intercourse which prevails largely, if not generally, in society. From the very outset of his career it is enjoined on every Mason to be cautious; at every step he takes that injunction is impressed upon him more and more earnestly, and it goes without saying that in nothing is it so necessary that due caution should be exercised as in the repetition of statements made in our

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hearing, or the description of matters which happen in our presence. It is our duty to heed them, and, if necessary or desirable, to observe silence. It is not intended we should never communicate our experiences to others, but we must do so cautiously and respectfully. Those experiences are acquired from others, whether they reach us in the shape of opinions or statements of fact, and it is returning good for evil when we go about repeating them out of sheer wantonness, and merely for the pleasure of being a medium for the dissemination of tittle-tattle.

No doubt a great number of people repeat what they hear in all innocency of heart, and without the slightest idea that by so doing they may be the cause of any harm. But there are likewise very many who do this kind of thing with a motive. They are well aware of the numerous embellishments a simple statement will receive in its transmission from one person to another. Their mental perception is limited, and in the sphere in which they move they are not a little proud when, now and again, the opportunity is presented to them of being able to circulate a little news in connection with some one of their acquaintances or neighbours. It matters not to them that what they recount is in regular course greatly exaggerated. They always have it in their power to say with truth that the original statement was quite innocuous, and they wonder how so simple a matter could ever have been swelled to such inordinate dimensions, or so egregiously misrepresented. But the exaggerations and misstatements are beyond the power of recall. The harm, in fact, is done. E's frugality, and the retiring habits which he has adopted from a strict sense of justice, are, in the hearing of many, described as meanness and misanthropy. For one who has afforded him the opportunity of correcting this opinion respecting his neighbour's character or habits, there are ten who have not; and even of those who come under the former category, there are not a few who are unmasonic enough to suggest, on the principle that where there is smoke there must be fire, that the exaggeration or misrepresentation was not after all so very remarkable. How often has it happened that a man's prospects have been injured, or his progress retarded, by the garrulous talk of an irrepressible chatterbox, who is always distributing broadcast titbits of news from his cabinet of small talk. To many, indeed, this newsmongering is the be-all and end-all of their existence. Their weak little minds are such that the circulation of *on dits*, especially of a personal character, is as necessary to their happiness as food to the maintenance of life. These people are very much to be avoided. They do an immense amount of harm, oftentimes we allow unintentionally, but still more often we fear we must say, from a desire to cause annoyance, if not pain. We wish we could take upon ourselves to be charitable enough to attribute people's conduct to a sense of justice and propriety. We could wish that people exercised a greater amount of discretion. We cannot expect everybody to be at all times sufficiently circumspect, but on the other hand people need not make it a general rule to cast circumspection to the winds, as though remarks of a personal character and "shaves" that affect the position of others were never the cause of any harm.

We fear we have so far forgotten ourselves as to have fallen into a style of treatment which many will call sermonising. But our object in writing these presents is to induce brethren to imitate as little as possible the habit so frequent amongst all classes of society of retailing every little scrap of intelligence which reaches them. Let them hear, see, and be silent on all matters of importance which, spread abroad, are likely to injuriously affect others. The common conversation of the babbler is never entertaining, and seldom harmless. Our Masonic discretion should act in entire accord with our Masonic charity. The latter bids us think no evil of our neighbour: let the former restrain us from saying aught which even in the slightest degree may be calculated to do him a disservice. We are none of us so near perfection that we can afford to examine too minutely into the affairs of other people; and as it is well nigh certain we must prefer not to have every trifling act or habit of our own made a subject of remark from one person to another, so let us show others the same degree of consideration in this respect as we would have extended to ourselves. Let us note in silence what passes around us—in all that almost infinite variety of cases at least in which silence merits to be described as "golden." A man who is desirous of illustrating by his conduct the respect he entertains for the principles of Freemasonry must be above the petty meanness of tittle-tattling. He must ever bear in mind the true meaning and force of the motto which serves as text for this article—"Audi, vide, Tace." In doing that he cannot err.

ADMONITIONS.

(From the Voice of Masonry.)

Regular Communications of Lodges.—Another and one which I fear is a growing evil, and to which I would here allude, is the difference manifested by members of Lodges in their attendance upon the regular meetings. The slightest pretext is often sufficient to keep them away. In all the departments of business, punctuality and regular attendance upon its demands is the only sure guarantee of success. So in Masonry. If a Lodge is deserted by its members, or seldom attended and then out of season, it must languish and bring reproach upon the Fraternity. It is far better that a Lodge should not exist than to maintain a feeble, morbid and sickly existence by the cold indifference and inattention of its members. True we are taught that Masonry is by no means to interfere and embarrass our usual vocations, but where is the man of industrious business habits who could not, by a little forethought, so calculate and arrange his business that it would not suffer by a few hours of attendance upon his Lodge? Frequently those who urge a pressure of business as an apology for neglecting the Lodge can find abundant time and opportunity, even on Lodge nights, to attend places of amusement, sit round saloons or other public places of resort, indulging in frivolous conversation (or perhaps doing worse) or walking several miles around a billiard table when they are too busy or too much exhausted by fatigue to walk a single block to the Lodge room. This evil, where it exists, should be remedied, and it can be done in no other way but by pointing it out and convincing members of their duty and urging upon them a prompt performance. With a view to its correction I have thus referred to the subject, knowing that the evil exists to an alarming extent in some Lodges, but hoping and trusting that this vile and pernicious practice is limited to a few.

Symbols.—It is, I am sorry to say, an acknowledged fact that we as Freemasons do not always practise those cardinal virtues, Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance and Justice, which are laid down for our guidance, and so beautifully typified in our Masonic symbols. If every Mason was thoroughly instructed and made familiar with the hidden meaning attached to the knowledge conveyed in our Masonic emblems and symbols, we would soon see a vast improvement in the daily life and practice of Freemasons. How often do we see persons flaunting the square and compass and blazing sun before the public gaze who are entirely ignorant of their moral significance or meaning, without which these frequent symbols become but glittering baubles, pandering to vulgar vanity and ostentation. The true Mason, wearing these sacred emblems, feels their influence urging him to honour and duty both in public and private life. It is the proper business of the Lodge to teach, and of the brethren to learn the import of our emblems, symbols and usages; they form altogether a code of principles which, if lived up to, cannot fail to make us better men and better Masons. We exemplify our principles in the proceedings of our Lodge sand have one universal language to recognize one another in all nations. We have explanations of many of our emblems and charges even in our printed books, which may be known to all who choose to read them. We are bound to study and know them ourselves; we explain them in our lectures so that these principles, made impressive on the mind, serve a valuable purpose as a ruler of our conduct, not only among the Fraternity but before all men. We are bound by the Masonic teachings, hence how important that we should know and understand the duties we owe to ourselves and to all the members of our ancient brotherhood! The importance of understanding thoroughly the significance and language of our Masonic emblems and symbols is most beautifully illustrated by the poet,—

"You wear the square, but do you have
That thing the square denotes?
Is there within your inmost soul
That principle that should control
All deeds and words and thoughts?
The square of Virtue, is it there,—
Oh you that wear the Mason's square?

"You wear the compass; do you keep
Within the circle due,
That's circumscribed by law divine,
Excluding hatred, envy, sin,—
Including all that's true?
The compass, does it trace the curve
Inside of which no passions swerve?

Secrecy.—Masonry is condemned by its enemies because it is a secret society. It is true that Masonry does its work in secret, but it cannot be said we conceal our principles or designs. Masonry upholds and supports everything that is calculated to promote the happiness and best interests of mankind, and also requires us to do our duty to God, our neighbours and ourselves. What member of a family would not repel impertinent curiosity should it attempt to penetrate the secrets of the family circle? What man of respectability would allow a total stranger to listen to his private conversation with his wife and children about domestic affairs? There is no man but has some secret of the past hid away in the depths of his heart. Every conscience, every church, every society, every organization, every party, political, religious or otherwise, has its secrets upon which the sun is not allowed to shine. The great tenets of a Freemason's profession are *Brotherly Love, Relief* and *Truth*. These are published openly to

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the world. Our family secrets belong to ourselves and do not directly or indirectly concern any one else. The outward defences thrown around our Institution are absolutely necessary to preserve the secrets of Masonry from unhallowed hands and the approach of the impostor and the unworthy; and every Mason should be proficient and have a thorough knowledge of these defences; but we must bear in mind that they are but the casket that contains the precious jewel, the hull that conceals the kernel, the shell to preserve the egg. The destruction of the one is the inevitable ruin of the other as illustrated by Scotland's bonny bard, Bro. Robert Burns:

"Aye free aff han your story tell
When wi a bosom crony
But still keep something to yoursel
Ye scarcely tell to ony."

Our Duties as Freemasons.—Our duties and obligations as Freemasons are not confined within the narrow limits of a Lodge Room; they continue through life, extend to all situations and embrace all circumstances. We are bound to exemplify, practically, in our daily intercourse with each other and with the world those great moral principles and cardinal virtues so constantly inculcated and symbolically illustrated in the Lodge. To relieve the distressed, comfort the afflicted, provide for the widow and orphans of our deceased brothers, and educate the children of indigent Masons, are duties expressly enjoined upon us. We are taught to practise no falsehood, hypocrisy or deceit, but to let truth, honesty and sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us; to restrain our affections, passions and appetites by temperance and sobriety; to maintain a steady and noble purpose of mind and energy, firmness and fortitude; to regulate our lives and actions by prudence and discretion; to render strict justice to every man without distinction, and practise Charity. These are some of the more prominent virtues inculcated and enjoined upon us to which we have yielded a willing assent, and by which we profess to be governed; and while we make them the constant, habitual and governing principles through life, we show to the world that there is something in Freemasonry more than a useless, formal, unmeaning round of ceremonies. We have, my brethren, voluntarily assumed responsibilities of which we cannot now divest ourselves, and we have united with a society whose characteristic badge is an emblem of innocence, and whose system of morals covers the whole range of our duties to God, our neighbour and ourselves. Each brother, when he takes upon himself the solemn pledge of a Mason, binds himself in the State to be "a quiet and peaceful subject, true to his Government and just to his country." "Masonry," says a distinguished writer, "is a singular, amiable institution, which in its Lodge rooms annihilates all parties, conciliates all private opinions, and obliterates all sectarian doctrines." While Masons practise out of the Lodge room the excellent precepts inculcated and enforced in it, they furnish a better commentary upon the principles of their Institution and do more towards abating prejudice, repelling calumny and silencing the bitter lisping of its enemies, than can be effected by the most profound reasoning and elaborate argument. Let us, then, my brethren, endeavour to live as near as possible up to our Masonic obligations, and never by our lips cast reproach upon our ancient and honourable Fraternity.

New Members.—We cannot be too often reminded of our solemn duties in all important matter of admitting new members into our time-honoured Institution. The qualifications of a candidate for the honours of Masonry should be of a positive nature. It is insufficient that nothing of a vicious character is known respecting a candidate; the question should be—"Is he a man of good moral character? Is he a man of *truth, honour* and *integrity*; will he add strength and respectability to the Institution?" Let the honours of Masonry be conferred only on those thus carefully selected and Freemasonry will be as enduring as the everlasting hills. How impressive and emphatic the language of the good old charge, "A Mason is bound by his tenure to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understands the art he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine!"

There is one other point in this connection on which I feel called upon to speak a word of caution. I fear that among some, perhaps, of the more inexperienced brethren the dangerous un-Masonic course may sometimes be pursued of inviting men to petition for the degrees of Masonry. This is un-Masonic; in direct violation of the fundamental principles of Masonry, and must meet the disapproval and condemnation of every good Mason. Great care should be taken not to be too forward in recommending the institution to those who are not members, but when called upon we may, on suitable occasions, express our opinions of its principles, and when requested to propose the name of a friend for initiation we should cheerfully do this office, but beyond this we should be careful never to go in the way of offering the least inducement to the uninitiated to seek admission, for we are met at every step in Masonry by this positive injunction that the candidate must come of his own *free will* and *accord*.

The Secret Ballot.—I have been pained to learn that in some cases rejected applicants have been apprised of the result of the ballot and the names of those who were supposed to have voted unfavourably. The ballot is *sacred*. No brother should seek to know how another votes, and if he should happen to know, he has no right to communicate that knowledge to any one. It is wrong and un-Masonic for one to make known even his own ballot, as each member voting affirmatively, by exhibiting or announcing his own vote, throws the censure or responsibility for rejection on the brother or brethren who may not so declare or expose their ballot. Every Worshipful Master of a subordinate Lodge should prohibit any discussion as to how members have voted or may vote; and no inquiry into the ballot should ever be allowed under any circumstances whatever. After the ballot has been taken, *examined* and the result *announced* by the Master, it is final and conclusive.

A Mason's Word.—It is the duty of every Mason to so conduct himself that his word shall be above suspicion; he should always be governed by that divine attribute, the law of truth. Be behind a Mason's back what you are to his face; guard a brother Mason's good name; above all, avoid the low, contemptible, unmanly and un-Masonic vice of slander. "What is to become of all our teachings if we permit the vile and pestilent breath of slander to profane the lips with which we have pronounced all our solemn Masonic obligations?" "Of all the villains that live under God's bright sun, the slanderer is the basest—and next to him the being who listens and encourages. None are safe from his attacks; there is no mark so high that his arrows will not reach, no reputation so bright his slimy breath will not tarnish."

While I am bound to vindicate a brother's character behind his back as well as before his face, I have a right to demand that every Mason shall furnish a character worthy of being vindicated, and not a character that if I attempt to vindicate it I shall feel that I am debasing my honour as a man. Live up to the teachings of Masonry, then our brothers will vindicate our character both to our face and behind our backs with pleasure to themselves and honour to the Masonic Fraternity.

Stand by and Maintain the Ancient Regulations and Landmarks of Freemasonry.—The Ancient Landmarks of Masonry consist of the Ancient Charges, the Old Regulations, the Constitutions, Regulations and Decisions of the Grand Lodge, the General Usages and Customs of the Fraternity and the By-laws of the Lodge. A Landmark cannot be repealed or changed; it is a law or custom, that has existed from time immemorial.

The present time is remarkable for the great number of societies and associations which have been formed for a variety of purposes and objects, and as many of the members of our Fraternity are connected with these different *modern* associations, great care should be taken that no change in our peculiar modes of action in our business transactions are suffered to creep into our ancient customs and regulations.

"As regards the principles and tenets of Freemasonry, no improvement can possibly be made; therefore no place for change is found; and for this reason Masonry is an institution founded in the immutable laws of truth and justice. I would therefore recall to your minds the injunction of our Supreme Grand Master,—"Remove not the landmarks which thy fathers have set up and established."

It is believed by many intelligent Masons that the higher or fancy degrees called Masonry, as organized and worked separately and apart from the Blue Lodge, are seriously injuring Ancient Craft Masonry. There is no safety in innovation anywhere in our system; make but one change and you will soon make another more dangerous and fatal than the first. Touch not a single block, remove not one ancient Landmark, but transmit to posterity unimpaired our sacred tenets.

"In Freemasonry there is neither a new day nor a new duty; the days of Masonry are as to-day, yesterday and for ever. They change not, nor are they new. The duty which is laid down in the very foundations of the Ancient Craft Masonry of our fathers is our duty to-day."

The prosperity of Masonry depends in a great measure on the strict and cheerful obedience to the ancient landmarks. More time should be given for the instruction of candidates in the mysteries unfolded to them before other and more important information is imparted. They should have time to mark and inwardly digest what they have already received before they are allowed to receive more. It is an old adage that, whatever a man knows but little about he will care but little for; and the less instruction the young Mason receives the fainter will be his conception of the beauty and importance of the great principles which lie at the foundation of the Masonic Institution. If every candidate was strictly required, in accordance with the letter and spirit of the ancient regulations, to be thoroughly instructed in one step in Masonry before he is allowed to take another, we would not see so many rough ashlars lying along our pathway to the middle chamber, nor so often hear of Masons who have taken all the degrees and who write 32° or 33° after their names, who are unable to work their way into a Master's Lodge.

E. A. Stevenson.

GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterley Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. S. Rawson presided as M.E.Z., Capt. Philips as H., and Capt. Platt as J., there were also present Col. Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., Comps. E. E. Wendt as N., J. A. Rucker as P.S., the Rev. C. W. Arnold as 1st A.S., C. A. Murton as 2nd A.S., Col. Creaton Treasurer, James Lewis Thomas as Sword Bearer, S. Mullins as D.C., H. G. Buss Assistant S.E., Fenn, H. G. P. Dumas, Joshua Nunn, W. F. Nettleship, A. J. Duff-Filer, Peter de L. Long, J. M. Case, E. J. Barron, Hyde Pullen, H. Muggeridge, and W. Ough. Grand Chapter was very numerously attended. Comp. Rawson announced that the Prince of Wales had appointed the following Comps. to be his Officers for the ensuing year:—the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Z., the Earl of Lathom H., Lord de Tabley J., Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., Sir F. W. Truscott (Lord Mayor) S.N., the Rev. R. P. Bent P.S., Comp. F. R. Gould 1st Asst. S., Comp. Frank Richardson 2nd Asst. S., Lieut.-Col. John Creaton Treasurer, Comp. Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Registrar, Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney Sword Bearer, Comp. J. Henderson Scott Standard Bearer, Comp. Magnus Obren D.C., Comp. H. G. Buss Asst. S.E., and Comp. Henry Sadler Janitor. On the motion of Col. Creaton, duly seconded, charters for new Chapters were granted to the Yarrowee Lodge, No. 713, Ballerat, Victoria, the Hova Ecclesia Lodge, No. 1466, Brighton, the Eaton Lodge, No. 533, Congleton, Cheshire, the Bedford Lodge, No. 157, London, and the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, Stanmore. The Prince of Wales appointed Col. Creaton President, and Comps. R. Grey and A. J. Duff-Filer members of the Committee of General Purposes, and Comps. H. C. Levander, E. Letchworth, C. F. Hogard, James Lewis Thomas, George Lambert and F. Adlard were elected members of the same Committee by Grand Chapter, which was thereupon duly closed.

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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held their monthly meeting last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart (in the chair), R. B. Webster, S. B. Wilson, W. F. C. Moutrie, S. Rawson, Don. M. Dewar, Herbert Dicketts, L. Ruf, A. H. Lilley, S. Rosenthal, A. J. Duff-Filer, Edward B. Grabham, H. Massey, J. Terry, C. H. Webb, H. Young, W. Maple, John Constable, Joyce Murray, Richard Morris (Head Master), Thomas Meggy, W. Mason, Chevalier Hooper Wilkins, Thomas W. C. Bush, F. Adlard, W. H. Perryman, and F. Binckes (Secretary). Two adjourned petitions were passed, and two new ones accepted (one conditionally on receipt of fuller information). Two outfits of £5 each were granted to former pupils of the Institution, now in situations. The following brethren were nominated for election on the House and Audit Committees. For the House Committee, by Bro. A. H. Lilley:—Bros. Joyce Murray and E. B. Grabham. By Bro. Leopold Ruf:—Bros. J. G. Chancellor, H. W. Hunt, W. F. C. Moutrie, Joyce Murray, W. Paas, F. W. Ramsay, G. J. Row, W. Roebuck, S. Rosenthal, D. Rolls, G. Sanders, and R. W. Stewart. By Bro. W. Mann:—Bros. E. C. Mather and T. Meggy. By Bro. S. B. Wilson:—Bros. J. G. Chancellor, W. Paas, Joyce Murray, D. Rolls, E. C. Mather, Alfred Williams, E. B. Grabham, R. P. Spice, T. Cubitt, Alfred Durrant, and G. J. Row. By Bro. H. Dicketts:—Bros. J. G. Chancellor, W. Paas, Joyce Murray, W. F. C. Moutrie, W. Roebuck, R. W. Stewart, D. Rolls, E. C. Mather, Alfred Williams, E. B. Grabham, R. P. Spice, and G. J. Row. For the Audit Committee. By Bro. S. B. Wilson:—Bros. J. Constable, C. F. Matier, D. M. Dewar, T. Meggy, W. Mann, Alex. Wallace, R. B. Webster, H. Venn and C. E. Soppet. By Bro. H. Dicketts:—Bros. J. Constable, C. F. Matier, D. M. Dewar, C. E. Soppet, R. B. Webster, W. Mann, Alex. Wallace, H. Venn and Thomas Meggy. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

SOCIETY OF PAINTERS IN WATER COLOURS.

The ninety-fourth exhibition of the Society of Painters in Water Colours, 5 Pall Mall East, was opened to the public on the 26th ult. The display of pictures must be highly gratifying to the Society, and we feel assured will be deservedly appreciated by all visitors. No less than 297 works adorn the walls of the Gallery, and as the hanging committee, or those entrusted with the important task of arranging the paintings selected, have done their duty most judiciously, and as the light is excellent, it is possible for every one to see and judge for himself as to the merits of the several contributions. The President, Sir John Gilbert, R.A., sends two examples of his tried skill, in one of which, "The Battle of the Standard," the grouping of the figures round the standard is admirable, while the general effect is such as only an artist of such eminence could have succeeded in producing. His other picture, "The Prisoners," is also to be commended. Mr. Edward Duncan, in his delineation of "Old Billingsgate," from sketches made in 1835, and in his "North Berwick lifeboat going out to a vessel in distress," gives undoubted evidence that his ability has lost none of its ancient cunning. His picture of Billingsgate may indeed be described as one of the gems of the Exhibition. Carl Haag is represented by—among other contributions—"The Sphynx of Geezeh and the Pyramid of Cheops." Mrs. H. C. Angell, whose reputation for floral and fruit portraiture stands deservedly high, fully sustains it in No. 227, "Raspberries in basket," Pomegranate and Grapes," No. 245; "Chrysanthemums," No. 217; and Mr. George H. Andrews is especially to be commended for his representation of "The Inner Port, Honfleur," though hardly less effective are his "French Fishing Smack," No. 58, and "A Ballast Wharf on the Thames," No. 8. Messrs. Walter Field, E. A. Waterlow, T. J. Watson, and W. E. Walker, the newly elected Associates, are worthily represented. Mr. Paul J. Naftel's best contribution is, in our opinion, his scene "Through the Wood, Pont-y-Gypyn, North Wales." Mr. A. Newton's "Mountain Pass," is admirable, and the same remark applies to Mr. F. Powell's "Ailsa Craig," No. 70; Mr. F. Taylor's "Market Day on the road to Quimper, Brittany," the several works of Mr. R. Thorne Waite; Birket Foster's "West Portal of Rheims Cathedral," Mr. Oswald W. Brierly's "H.M.S. Black Prince," No. 158, and Mr. S. Read's "Interior of Burgos Cathedral." In fine, the talent shown, whether taken collectively or individually, is of a very high order. At our visit we were shown a new thing in the way of art catalogues, which, unlike those ordinarily issued, has the unwonted merit of being compact in shape, and excellently well printed on hand-wove paper, while it contains the same information as the usual unwieldy catalogue, and is easily portable. The public will doubtless appreciate this novelty, and we should like to see it adopted by all our art galleries.

CRYSTAL PALACE.

The opening Festival of the new season was given at the Crystal Palace on Saturday, and drew together thousands of visitors. A rehearsal of the instrumental portion of the Concert, which later on delighted the visitors, was given early in the day. The bands of the Coldstream, Grenadier and Scotch Guards, conducted by Messrs. F. and D. Godfrey and Mr. J. Clarke, reinforced the Crystal Palace Orchestral Band under the direction of Mr. Augustus Manns. The vocalists included Madame Patey, Madame Marie Rose, Madame Trebelli-Bettini, Signor Foli and Mr. Edward Lloyd, who sang with their usual success some well-known compositions. The Great Fountains played during the day for the first time this year. Great credit is due to Messrs. Brock and Co. for the way in which they, at dusk, illuminated the gardens with thousands of coloured lamps.

We are often requested to give our opinion as to the comparative merits of the different manufacturers of Masonic jewellery. We know it is a delicate question and one difficult to be answered, for, as in the case of ordinary jewellers, there are several which stand together in the first rank, while others are left very far behind. We have therefore contented ourselves with referring inquirers to the advertisement columns of the different Masonic publications, and suggesting that the best way of arriving at a conclusion would be for them to visit the different places where this class of jewellery is vended, and judge for themselves. Among the establishments we have at different times named as likely to afford satisfaction to intending purchasers is—taking them at hazard—that of Bro. Lamb, of St. John's-square, Clerkenwell, who has been long engaged in the business; to whom has been entrusted the duty of furnishing particular jewels to be worn—as in the case of the Stewards' jewels for the Prince of Wales's installation in 1875 as Grand Master—in commemoration of noteworthy occasions; and of the work that is turned out from whose workshops it may always be said, it represents money's worth. If—and Fashion changes in Masonic jewellery as in all other things—a brother should desire to exchange a trinket manufactured a few year's back for one of the newest and most artistic design, he can have allowed him the intrinsic value of the former in part payment. There is nothing tawdry, nothing tinsel-like about the jewellery of Bro. Lamb. All is genuine of its kind,—good metal, good workmanship, and excellence of design being its characteristics. Then there is Bro. Kenning, whose fame is thoroughly well established. His business is on a large scale, and of his jewellery it may truly be said that, according to the price charged, it leaves little to be desired. The well-known firm of Spencer and Co., and Edward Stillwell and Son, also stand deservedly well, the goods manufactured by both of them being of a high order of excellence; while those of A. D. Loewenstark and Sons, and Joseph L. Caney, stand well before the Craft on the same grounds. Others there are who make Masonic jewellery a speciality; others again, doubtless, who include it among the branches of their general business. But to all intending purchasers of regalia we say advisedly—select whom you will of the firms we have specified, or any other you may know of, and judge for yourselves. Pay a fair price, and you will get a good article. But avoid the maker of tinsel, or you will find yourselves in the position of a Past Master whom we are pleased to number among our friends, who, on recently retiring from the Mastership of his Lodge was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, so ill-made, so intrinsically worthless, that until he had had it almost entirely re-manufactured, he felt ashamed to wear it.

As the Duke of Connaught was proceeding on Thursday morning from Bagshot Park to the Camp at Aldershot, his horse shied at a load of straw which had been overturned in the road at Farnborough. Both the Duke and the servant who accompanied him were thrown out of the dog-cart in which they were riding. After a short delay the Duke was able to proceed on his journey, The vehicle was seriously damaged.

We announced in our issue of the 17th ult., that the Right Hon. the Prov. Grand Master for Kent, who has recently been summoned by the Queen to the Upper House, would assume the title of Baron Amherst of Montreal. This, we are informed, is somewhat incorrect, as his Lordship will retain the same name as that by which he has for many years past been known to us.

We gather from the *Keystone* that Bro. Ramsay, editor of the *Masonic Eclectic*, who has been laid on a sick bed for nine weeks, is progressing favourably towards recovery. We heartily join in the good wishes of our contemporary for the speedy restoration to health of this worthy brother.

According to the *Freemasons' Repository*, the first number of a new Masonic Monthly publication, entitled the *Gavel*, has been issued by Bro. W. La Rue Thomas of Danville, Kentucky. Bro. Robert Ramsay has been engaged as a regular contributor.

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THE MASONIC RITUAL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Brother Jacob Norton, in his communication to you of the 26th March, objects to that beautiful passage in Ritual, "And lift your eyes to that bright morning star whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race." It is not "salvation" but "tranquillity," as Bro. Norton will find if he refers to the "English Ritual." I am afraid he allows his susceptibilities to outrun his discretion. For myself I am content; I do not wish to parade my religious opinions; sufficient to say, they would not be acceptable to many of the sects of Christians, but I am content with the literal interpretation of that passage, much as I feel convinced that in many respects our Ritual needs revision.

Through the whole of our ceremonies in Craft Masonry we have one emblem continually before us, the "Sun." As the sun rises in the east, to open and enliven the day, so is the W.M. placed in the east, to open his Lodge," &c. The blazing star or the glory in the centre reminds us of that grand luminary the "Sun," which by its divine influence dispenses its blessings to mankind. The sun to us Masons of every sect and opinion represents our God; it is the bright morning star anxiously looked for after the gloomy darkness of night. It is the bright morning star dawning on the heart of gloomy sorrow, and driving away the black clouds of despair. It is the brightest portion of nature, teaching us that the "Lord of Life" will trample the king of terrors—Death—beneath our feet. Why should we fear Death when we can lift our eyes to that bright morning star—"The Most High," of which the sun is the representative; and know that in Him the human race finds peace and tranquillity.

This theory of the "Sun" or the "Blazing Star" is no new idea; it is held by the most primitive race of human beings. The Santhals, a very low race, worship the sun under the name of Chando; they told the missionaries who settled among them that Chando had created the world, and when told that it would be absurd to say that the sun had created the world, they replied:—"We do not mean the visible Chando, but an invisible one."

Max Muller, in his translation of the Vedic Hymns, says:—

> "The sun rises, the bliss-bestowing, the all-seeing,
> The same for all men;
> The eye of Mitra and Varuna,
> The God who has rolled up darkness like a skin.
>
> "The brilliant (sun) rises from the sky wide-shining,
> Going forth to his distant work, full of light;
> Now let men also, enlivened by the sun,
> Go to their places and to their work."

Again he says,—"Seeing the light rising higher and higher above the darkness, we came to the highest light, to Sûrga, the God among Gods."

In Hyde—De Vetere Religione Persarum—is a figure of a lion with a bee between his lips, and over his back is a star emblematical of the "Sun God." "The Sun's strength is in his word," the bee signifying "the word."

Near the small town Babain in Upper Egypt there still exists in a grotto a representation of a sacrifice to the sun, where two priests are seen worshipping the sun's image. The Pæonians of Thrace were sun-worshippers; and they adored an image of the sun in the form of a dish at the top of a long pole. When the good king Josiah set about the work of reformation we read that his servants proceeded thus. "And they brake down the altars of Baalim in his presence, and the images (margin—sun images) that were on high above them he cut down," (2 Chron. xxxiv. 4). Benjamin of Tudela, the great Jewish traveller, speaking of the Cushites of the East says:—"There is a temple of the posterity of Chus addicted to the contemplation of the stars. They worship the sun as a god, for half a mile round their town is filled with great altars dedicated to him. By the dawn of morn they get up and run out of town, to wait the rising sun, to whom, on every altar, there is a consecrated image, not in the likeness of a man, but of the solar orb, framed by magic art. And as the sun rises, these orbs take fire, and resound with a great noise, while everybody there, both men and women, burn incense to the sun." And here in this country, in many so-called Christian churches, a plate of silver or gold "in form of a sun" is placed on the altar, so that every one who adores at that altar, must bow down in reverence before that "image of the sun." From all this it is manifest that the "sun" or the "bright morning star" was one of the recognised symbols of the Greater Divinity; and as the Vedic poet sang, "He who wakes us in the morning, who recalls the whole of nature to new life"—"He who by his might looked even over the waters, which held power and generated the sacrificial fire, He who 'alone is God of all gods.'"—Even so sang king David, "My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning," Psalm cxxx. 6.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

TOM B. ROSSETER, J.D. No. 972,

St. Augustine, Canterbury.

5th May 1880.

MODE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Cranford College, Maidenhead,
4th May 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having read with much interest the various letters in your journal on the subject of helping unsuccessful candidates for admission into one or other of our three great Charities, may I crave space to make some remarks on the subject?

Is not, I would ask, the whole system of admission to the benefits of a Charity by votes wrong, and most opposed to the three principles of Charity? Who were meant to be assisted by these Institutions? was it not the poor, friendless, aged Masons, their widows and orphans? Yet, as a matter of fact, those who have the most friends get the most votes, and consequently become the successful candidates. To my mind there is hardly a more painful task than to scan the "list of candidates" periodically placed before us. Take, for instance, the Girls' List of 10th April. There are, to begin with, 45 candidates, and only 13 vacancies! A little way down the list we find a mother, a widow, with seven children; she has one vote to bring forward, and in your issue of 17th April, I see she scored at the late Election twenty-one more. Evidently friendless! Yet should not this fact make her still more worthy of a Mason's help. Does not her case rather remind us of the poor diseased man in the Gospel, who, though for thirty-eight years in sight of the healing waters, yet had no friend to dip him therein? I need not take up your time and space by quoting further examples, your readers have only to examine the lists for themselves to find many such; but, for the remedy.

The first would be to abolish the whole system of admission by votes, and substitute instead admission through a committee, whose duty it should be to examine every case, and admit each in turn on its own merits. Large Charities have, I believe, already adopted this system, with the satisfaction of seeing its approval marked in the increase of their subscription lists.

A better remedy still, and one worthier by far of our great Order, would be to reject none who were found deserving of help. I hold it a disgrace to us that we should say to Nos. 70 and 71 (see Boys' List April 1880), Yes, your cases are deserving, your fathers were Masons of some standing, one even assisted two out of our three Institutions, but you have no friends, you cannot get votes. Go, we will not help you to that which at least should be the right of every Mason's child,—a good education.

Perhaps it would be a heavy strain to give to all the high class education now given at Wood Green, but is this necessary? Would it not be possible to give a more technical and cheaper education to those in the lower ranks of life.

Money would never be wanting if it were known that in case of unexpected misfortune our children would certainly receive at the hands of our brethren an education of some kind to fit them for their life's struggle.

The views I have laid before you, Mr. Editor, may seem quixotic at first sight, but on second thoughts it will be seen that they are in true accordance with that virtue of which the Masons proudly boast,—Charity.

I am Sir, yours truly,

EDWARD DE EWER,

A P.C. Berks and Bucks, Chaplain 1566.

A PLEA FOR THE CANDIDATES TO THE R.M.B.I.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As an instance of those cases to which Bro. Parsons alludes in last week's CHRONICLE, that of the unsuccessful candidates who, after several attempts, fail in obtaining admission to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, I beg to state the following case:—A brother belonging to Petersfield, Hants, was accepted as a candidate to the Institution, but was not successful at the first election. His name was on the list the following year, but before the polling day he died, I regret to say, an inmate of the Petersfield Workhouse, and was buried by the parish.

Had there been some fund to assist our aged brother in "keeping the wolf from the door," and to provide the common necessaries of life a little while longer, most likely he would not have rested in a pauper's grave, and the Craft would have been able to soothe and sustain him in his last hours.

Yours fraternally,

THOMAS AYLING.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

NINETY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.

Amount announced in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 24th April			£13,637 8 6
Lists since received:—			
Province of Monmouth (Bro. W. Pickford)	£99 15 0		
Amount announced ...	57 15 0		
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Lodge 708 (Bro. A. G. H. Gibbs)			15 15 0
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THE NICHOLSON CHAPTER, No. 371, MARYPORT.

WHEN we suggested, two or three years ago, in the CHRONICLE the formation of a Chapter at Maryport, to be called "the Nicholson Chapter," we did not expect that our suggestion would bring forth such early fruit. Wednesday, 21st April, witnessed the first anniversary convocation, and it was a success in every respect. Four exaltations besides the installation of the principals were witnessed by a goodly number of Companions, who evidently thoroughly enjoyed the ritualistic treat. In the absence of the M.E.Z., E. Comp. John Bowes P.Z. P.P.G.S.N.,took the first seat in the council of Comps. and was ably supported by the Officers, members, and Visitors. The exaltations completed, the principals elect were duly presented and installed, and the other Officers invested and charged. The following are the Officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. P. de E. Collin Z., T. Mandle H., W. Armstrong J., J. R. Banks S.E., Captain Sewell S.N., A. Walters P.S., R. Brown and W. G. Mitchell Assistant Sojs., Jos. Nicholson Treas., and J. Harrison Janitor. After the conclusion of the ceremonies a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Bowes for the efficient manner in which he had rendered the long and important ceremonies. The Companions then adjourned to the Senhouse Arms Hotel, where ample justice was done to an excellent banquet, well put on the tables.

Zetland Chapter, No. 236.—The regular meeting of this strong Chapter was held on Wednesday evening, the 28th ult., at York, when there were present:—E. Comps. J. Todd P.Z. as Z., H. W. T. Orde-Powlett H., G. Balmford J., W. Lawton P.Z., R. W. Hollins P.Z., T. B. Whytehead Z. 1611, J. S. Cumberland H. 1611, &c. The first business was the installation of the principals elect, which was performed very ably by E. Comps. J. Todd P.Z. Prov. G.J., assisted by E. Comp. T. B. Whytehead Z. 1611. The three chairs were filled as follows:—Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Z., G. Balmford H., J. M. Meek J., and the following Officers were afterwards invested: J. Todd P.Z. Treas., J. Hollins S.E., Rev. W. Valentine S.N., A. Buckle P.S., M. Rooke D.C., T. W. Wilson and A. Hanson Assistant S.S., J. Redfare Janitor. Two brethren were subsequently exalted by the newly installed Z., who performed the ceremony in an admirable manner, the latter portion of the mystical lecture being given by E. Comp. Todd P.Z. There was a large muster of members and visitors at the supper table, and a most pleasant evening was passed. Amongst the visitors were Comps. Shaw-Hellier and L. Murphy (4th Dragoon Guards), Rev. J. Blake 1611, W. P. Husband 1611, and others.

North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471. The anniversary meeting of this Chapter was held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Thursday, 15th ult. Present—Comps. L. A. Leins M.E.Z., R. H. Halford H., W. Webb J., Osborn S.E., R. Pearcy S.N., J. L. Mather P.S.; also Comps. G. H. Hunter, J. W. Hobbs, J. E. Sheffield, W. Hirst, S. Hollidge, R. G. Thomas, J. Eldridge, J. L. Cogan, J. Greenfield, W. Shurman, J. Garrod, J. Lenzell, W. Fysh, &c. The Chapter having been declared open, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Comps. R. G. Thomas Org. 1602, S. Hollidge 1602, W. Webb 1471, L. A. Leins M.E.Z. 1471, W. Shurman 1471, J. Garrod, Enfield, were elected members. The Chapter was then closed, and the Comps. adjourned to dinner. After the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts, the M.E.Z. gave the toast of the evening, Prosperity to the North London Chapter of Improvement, which was ably responded to by the Preceptor, Comp. J. L. Mather. Other toasts followed—Past Principals, responded to by Comp. Hobbs; The Officers, by Comps. Halford and Osborn; the New Members; the Visitors, by Comp. Lenzell, &c. During the evening some excellent singing was rendered by Comps. Hirst, Shurman, Pearcy, Sheffield, Hobbs, Halford, Cogan, &c. Comp. Thomas presided at the pianoforte. The Comps. separated at an early hour, after having spent a very enjoyable evening

Eboracum Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1611.—An emergency meeting of this Chapter was held at York, on Tuesday evening, when there were present Comps. T. B. Whytehead Z., J. S. Cumberland H., G. Balmford H. 236 as J., J. Todd P.Z. Prov. G.J., R. W. Hollon P.Z. Past G.D.C., Rev. James Blake as S.E., C. G. Padel S.N., A. T. B. Turner 1st Asst. S., W. P. Husband 2nd Asst. S., P. Pearson Jan., W. Lackenby, R. Ware, A. Hanson, and other Visitors and members. The Chapter having been opened the M.E.Z. said that they all regretted the absence of their Principal Sojourner, occasioned by a sudden and painful domestic affliction. It had necessitated an alteration in the arrangements for the evening, but he was glad to be able to fall back on the assistance of their E. Comp. Todd, who would take the chair of Z., whilst he would undertake the duties of P.S. This was accordingly done, and Bro. Humphries of the Eboracum Lodge was introduced and duly exalted, the historical lecture being delivered by E. Comp. J. S. Cumberland. After the ceremony, E. Comp. T. B. Whytehead again assumed the chair, and the report of the Bye-laws Committee was brought up and adopted, after which the Chapter was closed and the Comps. adjourned to supper, provided by Comp. H. Churchill, at which the principal toasts were honoured.

Mr. AUGUSTUS HARRIS will, this evening, produce, at Drury Lane, on a very grand scale, a new ballet, entitled "Les Sirènes." Nothing, we understand, will be spared in any department to make it worthy of the boards on which it is to be produced, and of the reputation for *spectacle* the present able management has already acquired.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

Eboracum Conclave, No. 13.—On 29th ult., a meeting of this body was held at York for the enthronement and consecration of Sovereign and Viceroy elect. Ill. Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead P.S. and Intendant-Gen. Unat. presided, in the unavoidable absence of the M.P.S. the Earl of Zetland, and there were also present Ill. Sir Knts. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Intendant General of the Province, J. W. Woodall Intendant General Unat. and E. Sir Knts. J. S. Cumberland V.E., C. G. Padel S.G., Geo. Simpson I.G., L. Murphy H.P., A. T. B. Turner Recorder, T. Humphries as Standard Bearer, W. P. Husband as Herald, S. F. Bousfield, R. Walker, W. B. Dyson, J. Ward, G. Balmford, H. Churchill, H. Jackson, &c. Bro. E. T. Clark of the St. Oswald's Lodge, 910, was installed a Knight of the Order. The Auditor's report was adopted, showing a balance of over £3 on the right side. The Viceroy elect and the Sovereign elect Sir Knts. C. G. Padel and J. S. Cumberland were then respectively consecrated and enthroned in the chairs of Eusebius and Constantine by Ill. Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead, assisted by Ill. Sir Knts. Orde-Powlett and Woodall, and were afterwards saluted. E. Sir Knt. J. S. Cumberland then appointed and invested the Officers, as follow:—G. Simpson S.G., M. Millington J.G., T. Murphy H.P., G. Simpson Treas., W. P. Husband Recorder, W. B. Dyson Assist. Recorder, A. T. B. Turner Prefect, T. Humphries Std. Bearer, S. F. Bousfield Herald, J. J. Wilkes 1st Aide, R. Walker 2nd Aide, Geo. Balmford Organist, H. Jackson Sentinel. On the proposition of Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead M. Ill. Sir Knt. C. E. Meyer Grand Sovereign of the Order in the United States, and V. Ill. Sir Knt. R. S. Brown Grand Recorder of the Order in Scotland, were elected honorary members of the Conclave. The name of a candidate was proposed and seconded, and the Conclave was closed. The St. Peter Sanctuary K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John were afterwards opened, and the degrees conferred upon Sir Knts. C. G. Padel, W. P. Husband and E. T. Clark. The Commander elect Sir Knt. Cumberland was installed on the throne, and the Sanctuary and Commandery were closed.

THE MOHAWK MINSTRELS.

FAREWELL BENEFIT OF BROTHER R. G. THOMAS.

THE farewell benefit of Bro. R. G. Thomas, the courteous and talented Manager of the Mohawk Minstrels took place on 28th ult., a special and excellent programme being provided for the occasion, the rendering of which was everything that could be desired. Among the most noticeable features of the entertainment must be mentioned two new songs composed by Bro. Thomas himself, one of which, "When thy lay at eve thou singest," found a most admirable interpreter in Mr. C. Temple, while the other, a new vocal valse entitled "My love and I," was given with the greatest success by Mr. G. Clare. Conspicuous among the numbers were several of Henry Russell's songs, which it is hardly necessary to say were sung with their wonted ability by those members of the Company to whom they were severally allotted. Where all acquitted themselves so well it seems invidious to make any selection, but "A Life on the Ocean Wave," by Mr. C. Garland went splendidly. Mr. J. Kavanagh was most deservedly applauded for his rendering of "Man the Life Boat," while Mr. Chester and Mr. Vincent Layton were very effective in "To the West," and "Cheer, Boys, Cheer," respectively. Bro. J. Francis evoked well-merited applause by his humorous rendering of "Emancipation Day," and Harry Hunter's new Military Absurdity, "Victoria's Black Hussars." Mr. W. Ray was amusing in his comic Refrain, "Daffney, do you love me?" and Mr. W. Freeman, both in "Quips the Quaker," and his banjo song, "The Rustic Young Damsel," was, as invariably happens, most heartily appreciated. Bro. Egbert Robert's fine voice was heard to great advantage in "The Gambler's Wife," his admirable singing and expression eliciting a chorus of approval from those present. Little Thomas and Mr. J. Kavanagh were duly appreciated in the screaming absurdity, entitled "The Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers," and a Grand Chorus—"Let's be gay, Boys," arranged expressly by Mr. W. Williams, and sung for the first time at this Concert, was grandly given by the Mohawk Choir and Orchestra. Mr. Arthur Lloyd, Fred Kent, the so-called "Mad Artist," who, to the wonderment of the audience, then and there painted a picture, while the orchestra played a galop by way of accompaniment, and Mr. T. Maclagan contributed to the entertainment in a manner worthy of their known ability, and reaped a rich and fervent burst of applause in consequence. As an interlude between the Grand Chorus aforementioned and the concluding item, "The Simple Moketeers," another screaming absurdity, which derives its parentage from the ever-fertile genius of Harry Hunter, the able Interlocutor of the Mohawks, Bro. Thomas appeared at the footlights, and in a few well-chosen sentences, and with great feeling, expressed his thanks to all who had done him the honour to attend that evening. Let us hope that Bro. Thomas, the severance of whose connection with the Mohawks is unquestionably their loss, will continue to fare as prosperously in the future as he has done hitherto. His managerial and musical ability is well known, and appreciated not only by the Minstrels with whom he had been so long connected, and who evinced their sense of his merits by doing their utmost on Wednesday to achieve the difficult task of surpassing themselves, but also by the public, with whom as manager he has been continually brought into contact.

As was announced in our columns last week, to-day (Saturday) has been chosen for the Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey. The place chosen for the gathering is the Spring Hotel, Ewell, and the hour 12.30 p.m. The business will include the appointment and investiture of the Prov. Grand Officers, and a luncheon has been arranged to follow at 2 p.m. Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., is the Prov. Grand Superintendent.

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JAMAICA.

THE ordinary meeting of the Royal Lodge, No. 207, was held on 5th April, at Friendly Hall, Kingston, Jamaica, presided over by Wor. Bros. J. Thursall W.M., E. X. Leon S.W., W. Duff J.W., and other Officers. Being the night of election for Officers for the ensuing year, according to bye-law, Bros. E. X. Leon and G. M. Duff were proposed for Master, and resulted in the election of Bro. G. M. Duff. Bros. Iffla and Ryder were proposed for Treasurer, Bro. Iffla being elected, and Bro. G. Magnus was re-elected Tyler. The following Past Masters and several brethren of sister Lodges were in attendance:—Wor. Bros. R. Langley, G. Sargeant, C. H. Davis, W. Andrews of Royal, McFarlaine Hamilton, A. E. Burke and Davis Glenlyon, B. Stines and M. Ross Collegium Fabrorum. The installation will take place at the next ordinary meeting, in May. There was a large attendance of members belonging to the Royal.

The little town of Green Island, on 31st March, put on its holiday garb, on account of the laying of the corner stone for the new schoolhouse in connection with the Episcopal Church of that town, which was to be laid by the Masonic brethren of the Westmoreland Lodge. A procession was formed, and marched to the spot under the charge of Wor. Bro. Dr. Mennell W.M. of the Westmoreland Lodge, and a goodly number of brethren. The stone was examined, and proving satisfactory, was laid by Mrs. Cooke, wife of the late custos of the parish, assisted by the W.M.

The half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for Jamaica was held on the 7th April, at Friendly Hall. The Rt. Wor. J. W. Whitebourne D.D.G. Master presided. The several Mark Lodges in the Island were represented by their Masters, Wardens, and Overseers. The following Officers were appointed for the year:—

Rt. Wor.	G. J. De Cordova (Phœnix) ...	P.G.S.W.
	A. De Cordova (Clifton Instruction)	P.G.J.W.
	G. J. Sargeant (Royal)	P.G.M.O.
	B. Stines jun. (Royal)	P.G.S.O.
	S. E. Pintz (Sussex)	P.G.J.O.
	O. Delgado (Phœnix)	Treasurer
	J. L. Ashenheim (Clifton and Phœnix)	Reg. of Marks
	E. X. Leon (Royal)	Secretary
	O. Delgado jun. (Phœnix)... ...	P.G.S.D.
	G. J. Peynado (Sussex)	P.G.J.D.
	G. A. Campbell (Royal)	Inspector of Works
	D. Barned (Phœnix)	Dir. of Ceremonies
	G. R. Taylor (Sussex)	Sword Bearer
	Dr. J. Allen (Sussex)	Standard Bearer
	A. H. Jones (Sussex)	Organist
	W. P. Dadson (Sussex)	Inner Guard
	L. C. Hollar (Phœnix) ...	Stewards
	T. N. Aguilar (Royal) ...	Stewards
	G. P. Myers (Phœnix) ...	Stewards
	G. Magnus	Tyler

The Provincial Grand Master the Rt. Wor. Hon. Dr. R. Hamilton was unable to attend, as he has been suffering from illness for some time.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Phœnix Holy Royal Arch Chapter was held at Port Royal, Jamaica, on 8th April, presided over by M.E. Companion David Barned P.Z. as M.E.Z.; M.E. Companions L. C. Hollar H., G. P. Myers J., W. J. Lovesy Rutherford as S.E., and other Officers. According to Bye-laws, this being night for election of Officers, the following were chosen:—M.E. Companions L. C. Hollar Z., G. P. Myers H., Dr. J. Tyndall J., H. D. Campbell Scribe E., J. Hall Scribe N. (re-elected), Lieutenant W. Hastings P.S., R. Thompson Treasurer (re-elected), and W. Hollar Janitor. Bro. M. C. Murdoch, Assistant Paymaster of H.M.S. Flamingo, was duly exalted, and Comp. Lieutenant W. Hastings elected as joining member. The P.Z. Comp. O. Delgado jun. was unable to attend from illness.

BALLOT FOR LIFE SUBSCRIBERSHIPS FOR THE R.M.I.G.

BRO. Dick Radclyffe wishes us to inform the holders of tickets that the ballot will take place on the 5th July, and the successful numbers will be announced in this journal on the 10th July. Meantime he hopes those brethren who hold tickets will effect the sale thereof. Each ticket will admit to the Bazaar in aid of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. Proceeds of sale of tickets, however, *without deduction*, will be handed over to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

It will be seen from the announcement in our advertisement columns that the day fixed for holding the Eighty-second Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has been altered from Wednesday, 30th June, to Thursday, 1st July, and that the place chosen for holding it will be the Crystal Palace. Already there are, exclusive of the President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer, 230 brethren who have signified their intention of serving on the Board, and in the interval between now and the day selected there is ample time for an addition of a further forty or fifty. It will be noticed that Lieut.-Col. Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire, is President of the Board—an omen, we take it, that his Province will cordially support its neighbour and popular chief, the Right Hon. Earl of Lathom. Indeed, all things augur well for a grand success for the Festival of the School with which Bro. Binckes has been so long associated.

TOTTENHAM AND EDMONTON MASONIC DRAWING

For Life Governorships of either the Boys', the Girls', or the Benevolent Institution.

THE above drawing took place on Saturday evening, 1st May, at Bro. Oddy's, Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, in the presence of Bros. Blenkinsop, Garrod, Lewis, Taverner, and others. Bro. Linzell presided, and the following were declared the successful numbers:—Nos. 293, 600, 660, 977, 1171, 1674. Henry V. Clements, Steward, J.W. 754, 1237, and P.S. 1237.

ISRAEL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 205.

THE anniversary banquet of this Lodge was held on the 29th ult. at Bro. W. Yetton's, the Rising Sun, Globe-road. The brethren sat down about forty strong. Bro. L. Norden W.M. 205 occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. P.M. Musto as S.W., and John Taylor (554) as J.W. After ample justice had been done to an excellent spread, Bro. L. Norden briefly gave the Queen and the Craft, and the other Masonic toasts. Bro. G. H. Stephens then proposed the health of the W.M. It was a toast, he said, which always met with a hearty reception, and, on the present occasion, peculiar interest attached to it. Bro. Norden, the W.M. of the evening, was occupying that position in virtue of his office as W.M. of the mother Lodge, and it would be within the recollection of the brethren that he obtained his first Masonic knowledge at this Lodge of Instruction. This Bro. Stephens claimed as an evidence of the importance of the work done, and a proof of its efficiency, under Bro. Musto's able Preceptorship. After a song from Bro. Veal, Bro. Norden thanked the brethren, and then gave the toast of the evening, viz., Success to the Israel Lodge of Instruction, claiming for it a foremost place for good work and efficiency, and calling upon its esteemed Preceptor, Bro. Musto, to reply. Bro. Bradbrook here gave a capital song, and Bro. Musto, in the course of an instructive speech, expressed the pleasure it gave him to see the work begun in the Israel Lodge of Instruction produce such good workers as Bro. Norden and many other of its pupils. The next toast was "The neighbouring Lodges of Instruction," viz., the Yarborough 554, coupled with the name of Bros. Barnes and J. Taylor, Doric 933 Bro. Payne J.W. 933, Burdett Coutts 1278 Bro. Chitson, Tredegar 1623 Bro. H. Yates (brother of the host of the house where it meets), and another which, through the hospitality of Bro. Musto, joined with the others in diffusing Masonic light and instruction to the brethren of the East. The last-named—generally known as the "Iron-bound Club," and *not* registered upon the Grand Roll—not only improving the mind Masonic, but, under the superintendence of Bro. Musto, its indefatigable Treasurer and Steward, administering the creature comforts to its members. Each of the brethren having replied, the Treasurer and Honorary Secretary were next toasted. These Officers, Bro. Norden said, in conjunction with the Preceptor, really carried on the Lodge. He had alluded to the exertions of Bro. Preceptor, so would now speak of the Treasurer, Bro. W. Yetton, and the untiring Honorary Secretary, Bro. G. H. Stephens. With the former he would connect the hostess, Mrs. Yetton. The Hon. Secretary was well known to them for the interest he took in Freemasonry. This was heartily received, as was the toast of the "Stewards," and after some other songs, the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant meeting to a close. Apologies for non-attendance, and good wishes were received, by the Secretary, from nearly forty brethren.

THE THEATRES, &c.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA, COVENT GARDEN.—This Evening, at 8, L'AFRICAINE. On Monday, at 8.30, IL TROVATORE. On Tuesday, LE PROPHETE. On Thursday, RIGOLETTO. On Saturday, ROMEO E GIULIETTA.

DRURY LANE.—At 7, LADY AUDLEY'S SECRET. At 8.40, LA FILLE DE MADAME ANGOT.

HAYMARKET.—At 7.50, CUT OFF WITH A SHILLING. At 8.30, SCHOOL.

LYCEUM.—At 7.30, THE KING AND THE MILLER. At 8.15, THE MERCHANT OF VENICE.

ADELPHI.—At 7.30, THE QUIET FAMILY. At 8.15, THE SHAUGHRAUN.

STRAND.—At 7.15, RUTH'S ROMANCE. At 8.0, MADAME FAVART.

GAIETY.—At 7.15, OPERETTA. At 8, TALE OF A TUB. At 8.45, VOYAGE EN SUISSE.

OLYMPIC.—At 7.15, PAIR OF THEM. At 7.45, GEORGE BARNWELL. At 9.30, TROVATORE. On Monday, THE GRASSHOPPER.

GLOBE.—At 7.30, THE HAPPY MAN. At 8.15, NAVAL CADETS.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7, DELICATE GROUND. At 7.50, THE STREETS OF LONDON.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, A HAPPY PAIR. At 8.40, FORGET-ME-NOT.

ST. JAMES'S.—At 1, OLD CRONIES. At 8.35, STILL WATERS RUN DEEP.

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ALHAMBRA. At 7.30, FARCE. At 8.15, LA FILLE DU TAMBOUR MAJOR. At 10.30, MEMNON.

ROYALTY.—At 8, THEMIS. At 9.45, CUPID.

NEW SADLER'S WELLS.—At 7.15, BOX AND COX. At 8, THE DANITES.

STANDARD.—At 7.15, SPITALFIELDS WEAVER. At 7.45, NINON.

DUKE'S.—At 7.30, A ROUGH DIAMOND. At 8, CONRAD AND LIZETTE.

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THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

READERS of Bro. Cole's "Illustrations of Masonry," or of the address which accompanies the Reports from time to time issued in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, are doubtless, in a measure, acquainted with the particulars of the foundation of that Charity; but we question if there are many of the present generation who have looked fully into the operations of the Fund for the first few years of its existence, if indeed it is possible to do so. From the work already referred to we learn that:—

"The United Mariners' Lodge, No. 23, observing with concern the distressed circumstances of several of their brethren, and the exposed situation of their children, at the same time viewing with pleasure the daily progress making in the Freemasons' Charity, in St. George's Fields, for Female Children, induced them at a meeting, held on the 3rd day of July 1798, to consider of means for to establish

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a Masonic Charity for cloathing and educating the Sons of Indigent Freemasons, and for that purpose they immediately opened a subscription, which at their second meeting increased beyond their most sanguine expectations, that enabled them to receive six children to the benefit of this Charity; but as it is their intention to extend the same, the fraternity at large, the humane and benevolent in general, are therefore most earnestly solicited to contribute towards accomplishing this laudable undertaking, whose object is to cloathe and instruct the Sons of Indigent Freemasons, and to train them up in the knowledge of virtue and religion, and to inculcate strongly on their minds obedience to their superiors."

From the above it will be seen that even at the first meeting the Founders were enabled to do something, but to do them credit it should be known that the work commenced so well was vigorously continued, and to such an extent were they successful that on the 1st October of the same year a meeting was advertised for the 5th October, when twelve more children were to be received into the Charity. This information we gather from an advertisement, in the following terms, which appeared in the *Times* of Wednesday, 3rd October 1798, and which we are enabled to place before our readers through the courtesy of a correspondent, who forwards a copy of the same:—

Masonic Charity for Cloathing, and Educating the Sons of Indigent Freemasons according to the old Institutions.

A General Meeting of the Subscribers to this Institution will be held at the "Kings Arms," Greenbank, Wapping, on Friday next, the 5th day of October instant, at 6 o'clock in the Evening, in order to receive Twelve Children into this Charity.

J. MONTEFOIRE,
Attorney at Law, Sec.

Sampson's Gardens,
October 1st, 1798.

We gather from this that in the short space of three months after the proposal was put forward no less than eighteen sons of Freemasons were being clothed and educated at the expense of what to-day is known as the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; at that time the children were put out to schools in the neighbourhood of their residences. We should very much like to trace still further the growth of our Charities, and shall be pleased if any of our readers can assist us in the undertaking. The information would not only be interesting from an antiquarian point of view, but would serve as a guide to those connected with younger branches of Masonic Charity Systems, as for instance the Mark Benevolent Fund, Pupils' Assistance Fund, &c.

FREEMASONS IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

AS far as we have been able to ascertain at present, the following members of our Fraternity are entitled to sit in the House of Lords by (*a*) hereditary right, (*b*) election as representative Peers for Ireland or Scotland, (*c*) as one of twenty-five Bishops of the Anglican Church:—

Duke of Cornwall (Prince of Wales), K.G. G.M. England.
Duke of Connaught, K.G. P.S.G.W.
Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M. (Notts).
Duke of Manchester, P.G.M. (Norths and Hunts).
•Duke of Marlborough, K.G.
•Duke of Abercorn, K.G. (sits as Marquis of Abercorn), G.M. Ireland.
•Duke of Leinster (sits as Viscount Leinster).
Duke of Atholo (sits as Earl Strange), P.G.M. Perthshire West.
Marquis of Londonderry, P.G.M. Durham.
Marquis of Headfort, S.G.W. Ireland (sits as Baron Kenlis).
Marquis of Donegall, P.G.M. Antrim (sits as Baron Fisherwick).
•Earl of Home (sits as Baron Douglas).
•Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G.
•Earl of Erne, K.P. (sits as Baron Fermanagh).
•Earl of Meath (sits as Baron Chaworth).
Earl of Haddington, S.G. Deacon Scotland (Scotch Rep. Peer).
•Earl Granville, K.G.
•Earl Cowper, K.G.
•Earl of Lathom, Dep. G. Master England and P.G.M. Lancashire West.
Earl of Charlemont (sits as Baron Charlemont), K.P.
Earl of Fife, K.T. P.G.M. Banffshire (sits as Baron Skene).
Earl of Breadalbane, P.G.M. East Perthshire.
Earl of Dunmore (sits as Baron Dunmore).
Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M. and P.G.M. Somersetshire.
•Earl of Mar and Kellie, Dep. G.M. Scotland (Scotch Rep. Peer).
Earl of Limerick, P.G.M. Bristol (sits as Baron Foxford).
•Earl of Jersey, P.G. Warden.
•Earl of Donoughmore, P.G. Warden.
Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe, P.G.M. Cornwall.
Earl of Wemyss and March, P.G.M. Scotland.
Earl of Dunraven (sits as Baron Kenry).
Earl of Clonmell (Irish Representative Peer).
Earl of Hardwicke, P.G.M. Cambridgeshire.
Earl of Ferrers, P.G.M. Leicester and Rutland.
Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. N. and E. Yorkshire.
Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland.
Earl of Huntingdon, P.G.M. Midland Counties, Ireland.
Earl of Onslow, G.S.W. England.
Viscount Powerscourt, K.P. (Irish Rep. Peer), P.G.M. Wicklow and Wexford.
Viscount Falmouth.
•Viscount Lifford (Irish Rep. Peer)
Viscount Strathallan (Scotch Rep. Peer).
Baron Amherst P.G.M. Kent.
Baron Hartismere (Henniker) P.G.W.
Baron Methuen P.G.M. Wilts.
Baron Sherborne, P.G.M. Gloucestershire.
Baron Waveney, P.G.M. Suffolk.
Baron Londesborough, P.G. Warden.
Baron Dunboyne (Irish Rep. Peer), P.G.M. North Munster.
Baron Harlech, P.G.M. North Connaught.
Baron Plunket, Bishop of Meath (G. Chaplain, Ireland).
Baron Tenterden, K.C.B. P.G.M. Essex.
•Baron De Tabley, P.G.M. Cheshire.
•Baron Northwick.
•Baron Emly.
•Baron Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk.
•Baron Carew.
•Baron Wolverton.
•Baron Lilford.
•Baron Poltimore.
Baron Leigh P.G.M. Warwickshire.
Bishop of Peterborough.

The three that follow are, in the case of Nos. 1 and 2, members of the Irish, and in No. 3 of the Scotch Peerage, but they are not entitled as such to sit in the Peers' House of Parliament.

Earl of Bandon (Irish Peer), Grand Secretary, Ireland.
Earl of Arran (Irish Peer), 32 Scotland.
Earl of Northesk (Scotch Peer) 31 Scotland.

N.B. Those marked with a • were initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford.

We shall be obliged if any of our readers will favour us with the names and Masonic rank of other noble Lords who may be entitled to the same rights and privileges as those contained in the foregoing list.

We omitted from our list of members of the new Parliament who belong to the Craft, the name of Brother Eneas McIntyre, Q.C., who was successful in winning the second seat for the City of Worcester. His rival was Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, who was member for that City in the last Parliament. The contest was a very close one indeed, Bro. McIntyre securing the victory by a majority of only nine votes—2511 to 2502.

We must add to the list the name of Bro. Joseph Dodds who is the representative in Parliament of Stockton-on-Tees, for which constituency he was first returned in 1868. Bro. Dodds is a Past Master of the Tees Lodge, No. 509, Stockton.

Bro. R. F. Gould, on whom His Royal Highnes the Grand Master has just conferred the honour of a Grand Senior Deaconship, and who has made so great a mark in Masonic literature, by those most useful works of his "The Four old Lodges" and "The Atholl Lodges," was initiated into Freemasonry whilst stationed with the depôt of his regiment (the 31st Foot) at Walmer, in 1855, in the Royal Navy Lodge, Ramsgate, then No. 621, now No. 429. On joining the service companies abroad, he subsequently bore an active part in Masonry in Malta, Gibraltar, the Cape of Good Hope, India, and China. He has filled the chair of W. Master in not less than four Lodges, viz., Inhabitants Lodge, No. 153, Gibraltar; Northern Lodge of China, No. 570, Shanghai; Meridian Lodge, No. 743, 31st regiment; and Moira Lodge, No. 92, London. In May 1858 he was appointed Prov. S.G.W. for Andalusia. He was exalted a R.A. Mason in 1857 at Valetta, and since then has filled the chair of First Principal in Zion Chapter, No. 570, Shanghai, and Moira Chapter, No. 92. Bro. Gould is a member both of the Board of General Purposes, and of the Colonial Board, having served three years on the former, and four years on the latter, and has likewise qualified as a Life Governor of the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Gould served in the North China and Tae-ping campaigns of 1860 and 1862 respectively, with the 31st regiment. On his retirement from the army he studied for, and was called to, the Bar in 1868, and has since practised on the Western Circuit.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 8th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R. A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 10th MAY.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
R. C.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
567—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
569—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
R. A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R. A. 300—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
M. M.—Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 11th MAY.

46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
167—St. John, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powrall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction.)
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Shoe, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominste
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1515—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Willenhall, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M. M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 12th MAY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 3 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R. A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
754—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn. (Instruction.)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hobburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 13th MAY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royal, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1309—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.

R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T.—Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

FRIDAY, 14th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 165 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

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36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
468—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
R. A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K. T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 15th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE, No. 406.

THE installation and annual Festival of this time honoured Lodge took place on Monday, the 19th of April, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on which occasion a large gathering of brethren, members and visitors, assembled to do honour to the W.M. elect. The Lodge was opened at three o'clock by Bro. John Page P.G.S.B. W.M., with nearly all his Officers in their places, viz., Bros. R. L. Armstrong I.P.M., R. G. Salmon S.W. W.M. elect, G. W. Lax J.W., S. M. Harris Sec., E. Dunford S.D., J. Wood P.M. as J.D., R. Knox P.M. P.P.G.P. D.C., A. Hume I.G., W. E. Sisson S.S., R. W. Sisson J.S., and G. S. Sims Tyler, amongst the P.M.'s present were Bros. J. Ridsdale P.P.G.J.W., W. E. Franklin P.P.G.J.W. Durham, W. S. Hughes P.G.J.W., G. J. Dean P.G.J.D., W. M. Bell P.G.A.D.C., T. J. Armstrong, William Cooper P.G.P., T. Bell, &c. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed. Bros. Knox P.M. D.C. presented Bro. R. G. Salmon W.M. elect to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. He having taken the necessary obligation, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and all below the rank of P.M. having retired, the ceremony was proceeded with, and upon the readmission of the brethren the newly installed Master was proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom. Too much praise cannot be accorded to Bro. John Page for the perfect and impressive manner in which he conducted the ceremony; seldom have we heard it given with such good effect. The Lodge was then closed to the first degree, and the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bro. John Page I.P.M., G.'W. Lax S.W., S. M. Harris J.W., John Ridsdale Treasurer, E. Dunford Secretary, R. Knox D.C., J. S. B. Bell S.D., A. Hume J.D., R. Ferry Organist, W. E. Sisson I.G., R. W. Sisson S.S., R. Beilby J.S., and G. S. Sims Tyler. The installing Master then delivered the addresses to Wardens and brethren, with much feeling. The report of the Finance Committee, which was a most satisfactory one, was read by the Secretary and adopted, and the W.M. having acknowledged the hearty good wishes tendered him by the visiting brethren, closed the Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the Turk's Head Hotel, Grey Street, where they did ample justice to a choice banquet. The viands, wines and attendance (three indispensable elements to a good dinner) were excellent. Grace having been said, the W.M. commenced his toast list with the Queen, which was drunk as Loyal Masons do; the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. received Masonic honours. The next toast on the list was that of the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M., and the Officers of the Grand Lodge. The W.M. then gave the health of Earl Percy Prov. G.M., the D.P.G.M., and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland. He was pleased to see so many of the Prov. G. Officers present, their periodical visits to the Lodge must have beneficial effect, he coupled the name of Bro. W. S. Hughes, who he regretted had been unable to attend lately at this Lodge. Bro. Hughes, in replying to the toast, said that the brother at the head of affairs in the province was not only a hard-working Mason, but in every sense of the word a gentleman. Earl Percy took the liveliest interest in everything that concerned the welfare of the Craft, and he, with the other Officers of the Province, considered it an honour to be chosen to serve under him. He hoped to be able to discharge his duty to him and to the brethren at large, and concluded by thanking the W.M. and brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received. Bro. R. L. Armstrong I.P.M. then rose to propose a toast, which, he said, it would afford the brethren great satisfaction to drink, namely, the health of and a cordial welcome to Bro. John Ridsdale P.M. P.P.G.J.W. It was twelve months since the brethren had the privilege of seeing him amongst them, during which time he had been severely ill. Few who saw him during that period of ill-health ever hoped to see him resume his collar. It was therefore with gratification that he welcomed him here again as an officer. He was a man not of theory but of practice. Bro. Ridsdale's upright, honest character had endeared him to the members of his Lodge, and he would advise them all to be his pupils and follow his good example. Wishing him better health, and a long connection with the Northern Counties Lodge, he called on the brethren to drink the toast with all honours. Bro. Ridsdale said, to meet such a reception, on his recovery from a prolonged illness, afforded him the deepest gratification. If they were glad to see him back again, he was more deeply pleased still to meet with them once more; he had suffered much during the last twelve months, but it had been a gratification to him to hear of the success and well-doing of his mother Lodge. He had never yet missed an installation, and he had made up his mind, with the assistance of the Great Architect of the Universe, to be with them on this occasion. Bro. Ridsdale resumed his place amidst rounds of applause. The next toast was that of the P.G.M. and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham, to which Bro. W. E. Franklin responded in suitable terms, intimating that shortly there would be a new P.G.M., who, he hoped, would keep up the dignity of Masonry in the sister Province as it had been heretofore. Bro. John Page then submitted the name of the W.M.; he expressed a wish that it had fallen into the hands of one who could have been more eloquent, although he would give place to no one for the admiration he had for Bro. Salmon the W.M. He had worked up through the subordinate offices of the Lodge, and had earned his promotion. Bro. Salmon said it was with mixed feelings that he rose to respond to the toast so kindly proposed—feelings of pleasure at the position in which he found himself, and of doubt as to his ability. If he only conducted the Lodge in half the efficient manner that Bro. Page had done, he would be satisfied; he could only at present thank the brethren for their kindness. Bro. R. L. Armstrong P.M., in a few well-chosen remarks, proposed the I.P.M., who thanked the brethren, and assured them the Lodge should always have his humble support. The Past Masters next received their mead of praise, which was acknowledged by Bro. Knox P.M. The W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the Officers, who had all worked hard in the past, and he hoped would support him in the future. Bro. Lax S.W. responded. Bro. Bell P.M. 1757 acknowledged the toast of the Visitors, and the Masonic Charities were very ably supported by Bro. T. J. Armstrong. The Tyler was then called, whose toast concluded one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent in this Lodge, enlivened by capital harmony and recitations. The Visitors were, amongst others, Bros. W. E. Franklin P.M. 48 P.P.G.J.W., W. M. Bell P.M. 1757, Wood W.M. 48, G. J. Dean P.M. 541, T. Bell W.M. 1626, Ford J.W. 481, Cooper 124.

ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 481.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle on Tyne, on Monday, 12th April. Bros. John Usher W.M., and the following Officers: Bros. R. Eynon I.P.M., J. Duckett S.W., Jos. Cook J.W., Jno. Spearman Treasurer, E. J. Gibbon Sec., Thos. Prentice S.D., C. B. Ford J.D., R. Ferry Organist, D. McDonald S.S. acting as I.G. in absence of T. Stafford, Jno. Mackey J.S.G., S. Simm Tyler. A very large number of Visitors were present among whom were the following:—Past Masters Bros. Wm. Cooper 1042, G. J. Dean 541, Jno. Page 436, Jno. Bolam 1712, J. E. Robson 48, Jno. Wood 48, A. Mustart 431, J. G. Tulloch 431, Thos. Robson 431, Jno. Mackay 424, J. T. Taylor 1676, P. O. Smith 481, Thos. Armstrong 1626, and many other distinguished brethren. The minutes having been read, the ballot was taken for Mr. R. F. W. Liddle and Mr. Wardlaw, and they both received the unanimous approval of the brethren. Bro. J. M. Atkinson being in attendance was conducted to the pedestal, where he answered the questions in a very able manner, received the test of merit and retired for preparation. The two candidates were admitted and received the privilege of initiation at the hands of the W.M., who afterward gave the charge. The Lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bro. Atkinson was readmitted and duly passed by the W.M. The Lodge was then closed in the second degree, remaining open in the first. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the Visiting Brethren to the W.M., who rose to announce that he had a pleasing duty to perform that night, and although he did so with considerable diffidence, he felt and believed that however imperfectly he might put the matter before them the subject would receive the hearty approval of all the brethren present. Enlarging upon the value of working Past Masters, he said there were many Masons, who when they had passed the chair, considered they had reached the goal of their ambition, lost interest, and were only conspicuous by their absence; others there were who took a sort of supine interest, and were only useful as lending some weight to meetings by their presence, but the few were those who, notwithstanding they had attained to highest honours, still gave their assistance in any Lodge and in any capacity where their services might be required. These were the men Freemasonry needed, and whom they delighted to honour. Bro. Usher very ably led up to what some of the brethren he had no doubt had already anticipated, and he had extreme pleasure in imforming the Visitors and members that he was about to present, on behalf of himself and a few of the brethren of St. Peter's Lodge— Bro. Joseph Cook P.M. 481 P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland, with a very handsome and elaborately chased gold Past Master's jewel, to commemorate his silver wedding in Freemasonry. Twenty-five years ago that night their worthy brother first saw the light, and now he shone on them. Bro. Cook was then led up to the dais by Bro. Eynon, when the W.M., attaching the jewel, amid the enthusiastic plaudits of the brethren, feelingly remarked "that he trusted the Great Architect of the Universe would long spare him to come and work among them." The jewel bore the following inscription—"Presented to Bro. Jos. Cook. P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland, by a few Brethren of St. Peter's Lodge 481, as a slight token of regard, on attaining his 25th year of active membership. April 12th 1880." Bro. Cook, who was visibly affected, thanked the brethren in very feeling terms for their kindness, and assured them that as long as health and strength was permitted him he should consider it his duty, as it was certainly his pleasure, to further the interests of Freemasonry in general and the time honoured Lodge of St. Peter's, where he first saw the light, in particular. This handsome jewel would remind him of what he had long been aware, that he held a high place in the esteem of the brethren of St. Peter's Lodge, this to him was sufficient reward for any little services he had rendered." The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshment; the usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts were given and honoured, while at intervals the brethren were delighted with the excellent harmony of Bros. Nicholson, Liddell, Bennett and Morgan, not forgetting a very humorous and well rendered recitation by Bro. Lax. Thus passed one of the most successful meetings of this prosperous Lodge.

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Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—The regular meeting was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City, where there was a numerous attendance. The W.M. Bro. H. Hymans occupied the chair, R. Baker S.W., L. M. Myers J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., J. S. Lyon Treas., J. Benjamin S.D., W. R. Blank J.D., N. Baum I.G., J. Davis D.C., Bean Steward, P. E. Van Noorden Org., P.M.'s L. Alexander, H. M. Levy, A. G. Dodson, S. Hickman, O. Roberts, L. Lazarus. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Justus Strokirk having answered the questions satisfactorily was passed to the second degree by the W.M. A distressed brother was relieved. Bro. Hickman proposed and Bro. Alexander seconded a proposition that 21s should be given to the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund; this was carried unanimously. Hearty good wishes were then tendered by the Visitors, and Lodge was closed. The brethren sat down to a banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Bro. M. Silver. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts, and in offering that of the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, the W.M. said that at the Grand Festival the noble earl presided for the last time under the name of Lord Skelmersdale, by which he was so well known to the Masonic body. On this occasion, however, he (the W.M.) would ask them to drink the health of their noble brother under his new title; with the toast he would associate the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, and he would call on Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P., Past Master of the Lodge, to respond. After Bro. Albert had appropriately acknowledged the compliment, the toast of the Benevolent Fund was given, for which Bro. L. Alexander P.M. and President responded. Bro. S. Hickman P.M. now said it was the privilege of Brother L. Alexander to propropose the health of the W.M., but he felt that evening an honour and a pleasure had been conferred upon him on his being entrusted with this toast. Bro. Hymans they were proud of; since his occupation of the chair he had added lustre to the Lodge; he not only worked the ceremonies well, but in all questions brought before the Lodge he was impartial. The brethren could testify how ably he had presided that evening, and he (Bro. Hickman) thought that at the expiration of his year of office they would say, they might have had good Masters, but very rarely one who was more qualified to fill the chair. The W.M. in reply said how pleased he was to hear the kind expressions of the members; it was with pride he presided over so old a Lodge in the Craft. The brethren were about to separate for four months; but he hoped to see all their kind and genial faces at the next meeting. He could hardly command words to express himself, but he thanked them one and all for their kind expressions. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and called on Bro. Bamberger W.M. 1366 to respond. After a reply from Bro. Bamberger, the W.M. gave the toast of the Past Masters. Bro. L. Alexander returned thanks. The Wardens were next complimented; they were fully qualified to fill every office, and the W.M. hoped to see them eventually fill the chair he now occupied. Bro. R. Baker S.W. said it was one of his greatest pleasures to be present as an Officer; in due course he hoped to arrive at the position of W.M., and also to fill the chair as worthily as their present Master. Bro. L. M. Myers J.W. followed; he hoped by his working to satisfy the Lodge. The toast of the Secretary and Treasurer—Bros. E. P. Albert and J. S. Lyon—followed, and the latter brother returned thanks. In speaking of the junior Officers, the W.M. referred to their excellent working; more particularly he spoke of the attention paid by Bro. Dodson P.M. and D.C. This having been responded to, the Tyler's toast was given, and a very agreeable evening was closed. The W.M. provided an excellent concert, under the direction of Bro. G. Van Noorden Organist of the Lodge. Madame Frances Brooke, Miss Julia Sydney, Bro. C. A. White, and Mr. Payne rendered goodly help. Among the Visitors were Bros. James Gaskell P.M. 1076, B. Kauffman 1732, C. White 1777, Bamberger W.M. 1366, J. Myers 205, W. L. Lyon 185, Corderoy No. 19, D. H. Aronatas 666.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—Held on Thursday, 29th April, at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham. Present—Bros. Turquand W.M., Byng S.W., J. Pinder J.W., Thompson Preceptor, Garrod Sec.; also Bros. Everdell, Jaffa, Oxley, Fidler, Oaff, Evans, Bryant, Taverner, Herbert, Peach, Bradstock, Sproat, Robinson, Noyes, Tegg, Lewis, Clark, Forger, Day, Linzell, Morley, White, Shepherd, Leaman, Jones, Gimingham, Verry, Fuller, &c. Lodge was opened in ancient form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed; the Lodge was then advanced in the several degrees and resumed accordingly. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—Bros. Samuel J. Turquand P.M. 1556 W.M., S. J. Byng P.M. 902 S.W., J. Pinder P.M. 1662 J.W., J. H. Thompson P.M. 1237 and 1707 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. W. A. Sproat, O. Oxley, A. Bryant, J. Noyes, D. Shepherd, W. Lewis, J. H. Peach. Second Lecture—J. Taverner, J. Pinder, J. Robinson, S. J. Byng, A. G. Fidler. Third lecture—Bros. W. Bradstock, E. J. Everdell, J. Garrod. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had worked the sections, and also to the S.W. and J.W. and brethren for the efficient manner in which they assisted. There being no other Masonic business the Lodge was closed in ancient form. Bro. Bryant will occupy the chair at the next Lodge meeting.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 4th May. Bros. Smyth W.M., Clark S.W., Christian J.W., Wardell S.D., Polak J.D., Quay I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Fraser, Catlin, C. Lorkin, Carr and Greenwood. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Catlin acting as candidate. Bros. Carr, Smyth and Clark assisted Bro. C. Lorkin to work the first, second and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—Held at Bro. Clayton's, the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road. The proceedings of the Lodge on the 30th ultimo were of a most interesting character. The announcement that Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 (whose labours for many years past in the improvement of the rendering of the Ritual has produced such excellent results) would preside at the working of the Fifteen Sections attracted a large and appreciative gathering of the brethren. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. Friedeberg, Levy, McDonald, Durell, Richardson, Judd, Grounds, Myers, Macarthy, Smith, Roberts, Worsley, Magrath, McClelland, Twinn, Harbord, Webb, Clark, Loane, Holdond, Thorman, Mead, Ellis, West, Spencer, Boas, Goldstein, Stephens, Wilkins, Fowler, Taylor, Clayton, Wilcox, Job, &c. Bro. Barnes opened the Lodge punctually at seven o'clock, and was supported by Bros. P.M.'s B. Cundick Preceptor as S.W., I. P. Cohen as J.W., C. H. Webb as I.P.M., and W. Musto, the indefatigable Hon. Secretary. After the usual formalities, the sections of the three lectures were rendered by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Loane, Myers, West, Levy, Webb, Friedeberg, McDonald. Second Lecture—Bros. Cohen, Durell Ellis, Cundick, Stephens. Third Lecture—Cohen, Job, Musto. These brethren as a rule are so well known as section workers that it will be readily understood their rendering of the sections was of unusual excellence, special mention must however be made of Bro. Dr. Loane and Bro. Friedeberg, who being young Masons deserve credit for the clever manner in which they worked. Bros. M. Clelland 901, Thorman 893, Roberts 16 S.C., and Mead 865, having sought admission into the Lodge, were unanimously elected members. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Barnes for presiding; to Bro. Cundick for acting as S.W., and to the working brethren. Each briefly responded. Bro. G. H. Stephens availed himself of the opportunity to thank the brethren of the Doric Lodge of Instruction for their kind donation of £5 5s upon his list as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He was very grateful for their support, and considered it a strong proof of the good work done by the brethren not alone in the correct exposition of the Ritual they had just heard, but in that characteristic of Freemasonry,—the cause of Charity. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until the 7th inst.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 4th May. Bros. W. J. Smith W.M., McDonald S.W., Seymour-Clarke J.W., J. W. Brown S.D., Dixon J.D., Roberts I.G., Worsley Secretary, Myers P.M. acting Preceptor. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, after which Bro. Worsley worked the first, second, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. McDonald was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when some well-known brethren have given their promise to attend. Our readers will regret to hear that Bro. J. H. Pavitt has just passed through a heavy, though we trust the worst, stage of a severe illness. Bro. Pavitt, by the attention he has evinced for the comfort of the members of this Lodge of Instruction, has gained the respect and esteem of the brethren to whom he is known. We are convinced that all who read these lines will join in hoping that change of air, and the genial weather we may reasonably look forward to at this season, will have the desired effect, and that our brother will return well braced up for the duties he so worthily strives to fulfil. In the course of the evening Bro. Worsley intimated to the brethren that he had that day seen Bro. Johnson, well known as an attendant at this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Johnson, who likewise has been seriously indisposed, reported himself much improved in health, and as looking forward to being able shortly to rejoin the members at their weekly gatherings.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.—At the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 3rd May. Bros. R. Olley W.M., Finch S.W., McMillan J.W., J. Lorkin S.D., Blackburn I.G., C. Lorkin Preceptor, Stephens Treas. Also Bro. Martin. The business of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Martin acting as candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Finch was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After which Lodge was closed.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 22nd April. Present—Bros. A. Beasley W.M., H. Kasner S.W., H. E. Tucker J.W., C. E. Botley S.D., Seward J.D., J. R. Fernee I.G., J. Wells Secretory, T. Kingston P.M., C. Andrews P.M., G. Read P.M., A. J. Burr, E. A. Jones, S. Smout jun., S. Dorey, W. Nye, E. C. Porter, F. Botley, E. T. Brown, R. P. Webb, J. W. Woolmer, F. C. Woolmer, Gasson, H. Stephens, G. S. Wright, Mitchell, E. Smith, E. Meadows, J. W. Fisher, J. J. Clarke, E. E. Gewflowski No. 249, Wood 173, Hannis. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. The annual banquet took place, when the late Secretary, Bro. A. J. Burr, was presented with a gold watch and chain, for which the brethren had subscribed. Bro. A. Beasley, on behalf of the subscribers, presented the testimonial, and Bro. A. J. Burr thanked the brethren for their handsome gift.

Meeting held on Thursday, 29th May. Present—Bros. H. E. Tucker W.M., C. Andrews S.W., E. C. Porter J.W., W. Seward S.D., H. Yonens J.D., E. Meadows I.G., J. Wells Sec., H. Stephens. The Lodge was opened in due form. It was unanimously agreed to suspend bye-law No. 1 until September, and to meet every Thursday during the summer months at 7·30 p.m. Bro. H. E. Tucker was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Thursday, 6th May.

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VISIT OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES TO TRURO.

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THE SYMBOLISM OF FREEMASONRY AND G.L. OF MASSACHUSETTS.

THE brethren of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at the last Quarterly Communication of that body, held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, 10th March, had before them the question of changing the seal of the Grand Lodge. It appears that in March 1857 a Committee was appointed on the same subject, and at the meeting held in the month of June following they submitted a report, wherein they remarked that the seal so long in use was so much effaced that it gave but a very imperfect impression, and that in its best state it bore nothing significant of Freemasonry, saving the arms of the city of York, England. The supporters they described as two nondescript animals, perhaps beavers, perhaps lizards, while they characterised the motto, "Follow Reason," as being in still worse taste. They therefore took upon themselves to entirely change the old seal, and adopted one which they hoped would be deemed to be in better taste, and of greater Masonic significance. The shield they proposed was divided into two parts, one representing the arms of Massachusetts, the other those of the city of York, that being the acknowledged source from which originated their denomination of Ancient York Masons. The crest they decided upon was a dove, with the olive branch, symbolical of the peaceful mission they as Freemasons professed, and the supporters, in the form of two angels, were meant to represent Justice and Truth. We will not trouble our readers with the technical description of the arms; suffice it to say that the report was accepted and its recommendations adopted, without, it would seem, any discussion or objection, and up to the present time the alteration then made has been in force. Now, however, the brethren—who in the meantime have learned better to understand the meaning of the old arms—desire that their use should be resumed. In the report submitted by the Committee who at present have the matter in hand, we have some very interesting particulars concerning the seals and armorial bearings of various Masonic bodies, which are well worthy of perusal, as more particularly evidencing the care with which every minute detail was arranged by our earlier brethren. Very many of the acts attributed to the founders of Freemasonry have been at one time or another held up to ridicule, and are not unfrequently pronounced as being nothing but trivial items, having no meaning, and utterly unworthy of being retained as a part of our Masonic system. For this reason passages have from time to time been expunged from our Ritual, and alterations made, many of which we have no doubt found their way into our ceremonial law for a good purpose, but which, from a want of perception on the part of those who undertook the part of "improvers," and who did not or could not understand them, were pronounced valueless. This it appears is the case as regards the "supporters" of the old Massachusetts Grand Lodge Arms, which, in 1857, were pronounced by a duly appointed committee as nondescript animals; certainly they went near the mark when they described them as being something like beavers, for such they have since been pronounced by competent authorities, who, in support of their decision, give the very good reason for their adoption that beavers, well known for their building powers, were emblematic of industry. As a consequence, the Committee who now have the matter in hand recommend that the old seal be again adopted, without any change save the addition of the Arms of the State of Massachusetts. Attached to the report is a lengthened statement by Bro. W. T. R. Marvin, who most exhaustively treats the question from an heraldic point of view, citing the best authorities on the subject, and embodying in his remarks the opinions of the various brethren who have devoted their attention to it.

The consideration of this subject may be regarded by many as being of trifling importance; but we look upon it as one of the many opportunities which are made to alter, or, as it is generally termed, amend, our ceremonies and ritual. We are not among the class who object to alterations simply because they involve a change; but as we believe that, to a certain extent, the founders of Freemasonry had an object for most of what they introduced into our laws and ritual, we think greater pains should be taken to discover what was really intended before any alteration is made. It would be far better, before any so-called improvement is attempted, to first decide whether there was a reason for the insertion of the matter objected to, and then discover what that reason was before it was decided to expunge it; if such were the case, we should not so often have to listen to the arguments of brethren who urge that uniformity of ritual, as well as the uniform observance of ceremonies, exists only in name. We have frequently heard it remarked that such and such a passage does not apply to Freemasonry of the present day, and next we hear that the objectionable words, not being necessary, are omitted. It may be that the decisions thus arrived at are occasionally correct, but it is absurd to suppose they can be so in any but a few instances. Here in London we have this point plainly evidenced by the fact that we have some six or more different styles of "recognised" working, all of which are claimed by their respective votaries as being the correct form, while in the country there are few Provinces but can boast their own particular style. Our views on the subject of "uniformity" are doubtless well known to our readers, and we have no intention of taking up that question on the present occasion. All we now urge is, that some better reason should be found for making an alteration than the verdict of the one or two who, in their own opinion, are wiser than those who introduced it, and who

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often as not are too bigoted to either see for themselves or listen to the arguments of others.

The other business transacted at the Quarterly Communication of the 10th of March already referred to was of the ordinary nature. The M.W. Charles Alfred Welch, Grand Master, presided, and was supported by a large attendance of Grand Officers and Lodge representatives. The report of the Committee appointed to consider the expenses of the Grand Lodge was among the first items submitted. It states that the Committee had met on several occasions, and had carefully investigated every item of expenditure. The first reduction they had made was in the office of the Grand Secretary, the work of which is now undertaken by one person, at a salary of 2,000 dollars, instead of, as hitherto, requiring two, who received between them 3,220 dollars. Reductions have likewise been made in other departments which, combined with the efforts lately made by the Grand Master and other influential members of the Grand Lodge, will cause a material diminution in the annual expenditure. This desire on the part of our Massachusetts brethren to reduce their expenses is part of the scheme lately propounded for the purpose of clearing off the debt attached to their governing body, and we have great pleasure in offering our congratulations on the evident success which is attending their determined efforts to set themselves free. As may be imagined, the question of the capitation tax was again brought under notice, the Grand Master using all his energy in advocating the heartiest co-operation of the brethren.

NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE MARK DEGREE.

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THERE can be no doubt that the Mark Degree forms one of the closest links in the chain which connects the present speculative with the old operative system of Freemasonry. In the old Guilds the ceremony of selecting and registering a mark by a newly admitted Craftman, was only second in importance to that of his first admission into the Society. In using the words Mark Masonry, I must be understood to speak in a general sense, and not of any particular ceremony or ritual as now carried out in any country. The Degree of Mark Master Mason, as now worked, is essentially of modern construction, and some Masonic writers have thought fit to pour contempt upon the Degree in consequence. The whole Masonic system, however, as far as regards its details, is of such comparatively recent formation that any degree which can claim an origin in the last century must be considered worthy of investigation, and the steady progress of the Mark Degree during the past few years has given it an importance and a prominence which cannot be overlooked.

The wide and interesting subject of Masons' Marks is somewhat beyond the present question, and moreover presents such a large scope as to be quite beyond the limits of a short paper. It is a subject of the deepest interest to Masons and archæologists, and has been treated of elaborately by writers both inside and outside the pale of the Craft. In tracing the history of the building sodalities, the study of Masons' Marks is of inestimable value, and from the very earliest period the custom of the selection of a Mark by each and every builder has been world-wide. It scarcely needs any argument to prove the great importance for the proper selection, approval and registration of each man's mark in an age when records were sparse and writing but little known, and Mackey and others have sufficiently exemplified this, and have given examples and quotations from old writers, showing the antiquity of the use of the private mark as a pledge or guarantee of good faith.

The selection of a mark by every Brother appears to have been insisted on with much greater regularity in the Scotch than in the English Lodges, but this may, I think, easily be accounted for by the fact that the Scotch Lodges retained their operative character long after the English Lodges had ceased to contain any but the speculative element. In the minute books of the oldest Lodges in Scotland, the register of marks is usually kept with the greatest regularity, and the choice seems to have been made by the Brother at the time of initiation and payment of fees. There seems to be no mention of any ceremony, and it is improbable that any special form was observed, still less that any ritual existed until about the end of the last century at the earliest. The mark cypher was early used in England, and in the minute books of the Grand Lodge of All England at York the initials of the titles of the officers present at meetings are sometimes given in this cypher appended to their names. There is no evidence whatever in the York minutes to show that any ceremony was observed in the conferring of a Mark Degree, nor is any such Degree in any way alluded to as far as I can discover, but that a Mark Degree was in existence in England at the close of the century there is abundant proof. Where then did this Degree come from at the time of its revival as a *working* Degree? It seems to me probable that it had been re-introduced from Scotland, between which country and the northern counties there was much communication.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland governs the Mark Degree in that country, and it was reported in 1865 by a Committee of that Body appointed to investigate the history of the Mark Degree, that—"In this country from time immemorial and long before the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (in 1736), what is now known as the Mark Master's Degree was wrought by the operative Lodges of St. John's Masonry."

Minutes preserved by some of the older English Lodges show that the Mark Degree was independently worked under the authority of the blue warrant before the close of the 18th century, but at the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813, the Degree was not included in "Pure and Ancient Masonry," unless it was intended that Mark Masonry should form the first step to the Royal Arch (as in Scotland), of which there is no hint. In both Ireland and Scotland the Mark Degree is, and always has been, recognized as a part of ancient Masonry, and it is difficult to understand on what ground it was not recognized as such at the Union. Many old Masons of high standing have, in my hearing, expressed their regret at the exclusion of the Mark Degree, but a horror of tinkering at the Constitutions has always stood in the way of any alteration, and the danger of interfering with the text of the Articles of Union would doubtless be very great.

It is only within a comparatively recent period that any systematic investigation of old Lodge minutes has been made, and even yet these investigations have been of a very imperfect character. I have no doubt that as time progresses and brethren see the advantage of careful examination, we shall have unearthed further evidence as to the date at which the Mark Degree came to the front in England.

The earliest record of its working in London that I know of is to be found in the Minute Books of St. Thomas Lodge, No. 142 (London), warranted as 193 under the "Ancients" in 1775. Brother H. C. Levander, the Secretary of that Lodge, has transcribed the record as follows:

"August 9, 1777.

"The W.M. with the following Brothers of that Lodge were made Mark Masons and Mark Masters."

(Here occur names.)

"August 14, 1777.

"Regular Lodge night, the W.M., the Wardens, the Secretary and Treasurer present, worked in the First and Second Degrees. Made the following Brothers Mark Masons and also Mark Master Masons. Opened at 6 o'clock."

(Here occur names.)

"November 17, 1777.

"Being a Lodge night of Emergency, the W.M. in the chair, the Wardens present, made the following Brothers Mark Masons, also Mark Master Masons."

(Here occur several names of Brethren from other Lodges.)

"May 4, 1778.

"Being regular Lodge night, the W.M. in the chair as last night, S. and J. Wardens present. The Lodge opened at ½ past seven o'clock, worked in the three Degrees, made the following Brothers Mark Masons as also Mark Master Masons. Opened the Lodge at ½ past seven as above."

(Here occur the names.)

"January 8, 1784.

"The Lodge was opened, the W.M., A. Harmsh, in the chair, and Brother White, Master-elect, was installed in his office of W. Master for the next six months. (Here occur names of visitors.) Worked to the (blank) Degree, when the following Brothers were made Mark Masons and Mark Masters."

(Here occur names.)

"June 13, 1785.

"The Lodge was opened, the W.M. in the chair; the officers present, when the W.M., S.W., and others wished to become Mark Masons and Mark Masters. Brother McCree took the chair and the following were initiated:"

(Then occur several names.)

"Monday August 13, 1787.

"The Lodge was opened, the W.M. in the chair, the officers present, when the W.M., S. and J.W.'s and several members desired to become Mark Masons and Mark Masters. Brother James Mackree took the chair and the following Brothers were installed:"

(Here occur the names.)

It may be noticed that the "marks" appended to the name of each Brother possess little variety, and in many cases the same mark was chosen by two or more Brethren at the same meeting. Out of a total of 77 marks there are only 9 varieties, there being 22 squares, 21 anchors, 10 compasses, 9 columns, 6 keys, 4 balls (or circles), 2 cross pens, 2 plumb-rules, and 1 hour-glass.

In these minutes there are several features to be particularly regarded, the most important of which are, first, that the Mark working consisted of two separate Degrees—Mark Man and Mark Mason, a fact that has been long in dispute in England; and second, that these Degrees formed an appendage of the Second or Fellow Craft Degree. (See minute of August 14, 1777.) These are well worth noting.

The earliest North of England minute of any distinct Mark working which I have so far been able to procure is to be found in the minutes of the Imperial George Lodge, No. 78, warranted by the "Moderns," in 1752, as No. 92, meeting at Middleton, in Lancashire. It runs thus:

"Imperial George Lodge, No. 92,
"Hare and Hounds,
"Middleton, March 9, 1809.

"This Lodge was opened in due form at 8 o'clock, in peace and good harmony.

"When the following Brethren were made Mark Masons."

(Here follow names.)

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"Imperial George Lodge, No. 115 (*sic*),
"Hare and Hounds,
"Middleton, Feb. 29, 1824.

"Being a Lodge of Emergency for making Mark Masons."
"The Lodge was opened in due form at 3 o'clock.
"Benj. Isherwood was made Mark Mason.
(Then follow other names.)
"This Lodge was closed in peace and good harmony at 5 o'clock.

I believe that, in a short time, I shall be in possession of actual transcripts of earlier Mark minutes in the North of England, but the difficulties in obtaining access to old minutes are very great, and those of inducing local Brethren to make copies are, as a rule, still greater.

From the published "Directory" of the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, at Hull, which contains a sort of analysis of the old minutes, I gather that in 1802 the following Degrees were worked in that Lodge: "Three Degrees of Craft Masonry, Mark Masonry, Royal Arch, Knight Templar, Old English Herodim or Orange Masonry, and Ark, Mark and Link." From enquiry of Bro. M. C. Peck, the Secretary, I gather that no regular Mark minutes were kept, but the marks were entered in the Craft minute book. There is nothing to prove that the Degree was then worked *in extenso*, and previous to 1853, the W.M. of the Minerva Craft Lodge was (if a Mark Mason) W.M. of the Minerva Mark Lodge (*ex officio*).

Separate and distinct certificates for Mark Master Masons were issued for many years before distinct Mark Lodges were established, and I possess one formerly issued by the "Old York" Lodge, at Bradford, which at one time formed an integral portion of the Hope Lodge, held in that town, and which worked under a "Dispensation" from York. In this one the Brother's mark was placed in the centre, and the certificate was written according to the taste of the W.M. in the margin.

The York Mark Lodge was one of those Time Immemorial Lodges which was long in recognizing the authority of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, although overtures of reception on favourable terms were early made to it. Its records do not extend further back than 1852, and in this old centre of Masonry I do not think the Mark had any existence as a separately worked Degree at any former period. According to the oldest edition of the By-Laws, which I possess, it is called the "York Lodge of Mark Masons, attached to the Union Lodge, No. 236" (now called the "York" Lodge, No. 236), and these By-Laws made the Mastership conditional on membership in the Union Lodge. No doubt in this stronghold of Freemasonry there has formerly been a practice of selecting marks, but there is no evidence of its having been worked as a separate Degree, indeed, the Templar is the only extraneous working beside the Royal Arch, of which we have any recorded evidence at York.

In the minutes of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, at Maryport, in Cumberland, there is an entry dated 9th July 1844, to the effect that certain Brethren "took the Degree of Mark Master Mason, and had their Marks duly registered in the Book of Marks," and Bro. Lamonby says that he has found no earlier entry of the Mark in the counties of Westmoreland and Cumberland. There was no Mark Lodge, however, as we understand the term, and the oldest Mark Lodge in that District, at the present time, was warranted in 1863.

I suspect that south of the Trent, Mark Masonry fell out of fashion at the beginning of this century, and that this was one reason why it was not included as a portion of "Pure and Ancient Masonry at the Union." Thenceforth the Degree must have been preserved in the South by a very slender thread, which would account for the Bon Accord Lodge in London, in 1855, applying to Scotland for a Mark warrant; for the six members who applied for the warrant from the Bon Accord Royal Arch Chapter in Scotland would scarcely have done so had they been able to advise with any known Mark Master's Lodge of repute in London on the subject. It was then that a Committee of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England took the matter into consideration, as to whether the Mark Degree should be taken over by that Body as in Scotland, but that Committee decided that the Mark was a portion of the Fellow Craft Degree, and had no connection with the Arch. The Committee even recommended that the Mark should be added to the Fellow Craft, and the recommendation was accepted by the Grand Lodge of England. Some of the members of the Grand Lodge, however, became frightened at the prospect of any change, however slight, regarding it as the thin end of the wedge, and consequently the declared opinion of the Grand Lodge was regularly reversed, and matters were left in the same condition as before, and in which they have remained ever since.

The Bon Accord Lodge in London was the first body to move in the formation of an independent Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons (Lord Leigh being their head), and they gathered round them, in 1857, the other Lodges in the South and some in the North of England, working the Degree as English Lodges, and formed a Grand Mark Lodge of England. In this they were perfectly constitutional, and were only following the example of the Craft Lodges in 1717. It had been previously agreed that any Mark Lodge in working existence before June 1856 should be considered a "Time Immemorial" Lodge, and should take rank accordingly. In 1858 most of the Mark Lodges working under warrants from the Grand Chapter of Scotland transferred their allegiance to the Grand Mark Lodge of England, which, from that date, has held an increasingly prosperous existence.

But it is to Scotland that I think we must look for the birth-place of the Mark Degree as a speculative working. No one who has made even the most cursory examination of the remains of ancient ecclesiastical and military buildings could fail to acknowledge that a system of Masons' marks has been in vogue as long as the art of building itself, but between such a system and the speculative system of Mark Masonry there is more difference than between the mediæval Abbey Builders and ourselves as Free and Accepted Masons. The Abbey Builders had a system of speculative teaching, a code of general morality which they taught their initiates, but which, as far as we know, had no special reference to Masons' marks. The mark was selected by a Brother as soon as he had served his time and was made free of the guild, just as the monastic devotee of this day, on assuming the cowl, adopts a name by which he is known amongst his brotherhood. I feel sure that the Mark *Degree* came into a "working" existence towards the close of the last century, when there was a rage for the multiplication of orders, and when, doubtless, it was seen by the leaders of the Craft, as now, that a certain hiatus existed between the Second and Third Degrees. It may even have been the case that originally some kind of mark working, though of course not the same as at present, once formed an integral part or complement of the Second Degree, just as some Masons imagine the Royal Arch did of the Third Degree, and that for the sake of abbreviating the ceremonies, both were divorced and fashioned into separate and distinct workings under newly invented names.

In consequence of the action of a Blue Lodge in Glasgow in the year 1860, which conferred the Mark Degree under its Craft warrant, the Grand Lodge of Scotland felt compelled to examine into the whole question of the status of Mark Masonry, and the result of its inquiries is very important, as showing what conclusion the heads of Masonry in that country came to after careful investigation and abundant evidence. The following was the minute entered into between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and though rather long is well worth quoting in its entirety:

"The committee appointed by the Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter having held a conference with a view to carrying out the remit to them, unanimously agree that what is generally known under the name of the Mark Master's Degree was wrought by the operative Lodges of St. John's Masonry in connection with the Fellow Craft Degree before the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. That since that date it has continued to be wrought in the Old Operative Lodges, but in what may be called the Speculative Lodges it never was worked at all—or at all events in a very few. That this Degree being, with the exception of the Old Operative Lodges above mentioned, entirely abandoned by the Lodges of St. John's Masonry, the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter resumed the the management of it as the Fourth Degree of Masonry in order to complete the instruction of their candidates in the preliminary Degrees before admitting them to the Royal Arch. That this Degree, whether viewed as a second part of the Fellow Craft Degree or as a separate Degree, has never been organized or worked in England, Ireland or the Continent, or in America, as a part of St. John's Masonry; and that it is now most desirable that an arrangement may be made which will reconcile the differences between the Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and which will admit of the three first Degrees of St. John's Masonry being worked in the Lodges in Scotland in a manner similar to that allowed by sister Grand Lodges. Resolve to recommend the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland to enact and declare as follows:—I. That all Lodges holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland shall be allowed to work this Degree in virtue of the charters which they already possess. II. That to prevent confusion with Brethren belonging to Lodges out of this kingdom or with sister Grand Lodges, this Degree, although held by the Grand Lodge to be a second part of the Fellow Craft Degree, shall only be conferred on Master Masons, and the secrets shall only be communicated in presence of those who have taken it either from a Lodge or Chapter entitled to grant it. III. That the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland shall adopt the same ritual in conferring the Degree, being that now adjusted by their respective committees. IV. That any candidate applying to be admitted to the Royal Arch Degree, if he has received this Degree in a regular Lodge of St. John's Masonry, shall not be required to take it a second time from the Chapter into which he seeks admission, but in event of his not having received it he shall be obliged to take it from that Chapter. V. That as regards the Royal Arch Degrees, this Degree shall be reckoned the Fourth Degree in Masonry. VI. That nothing contained in these regulations shall interfere with the superintendence which the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter claims over Mark Masonry out of Scotland or with the Lodges holding of it in England or abroad."

Now this is a register of opinion of the highest value, and when added to that of the Grand Lodge of England, in 1856, that the Mark Degree was "not positively essential, but a graceful appendage to the Degree of Fellow Craft," and to the fact that the Mark Degree occupies a similar position in Ireland to that which it does in Scotland, it gives to the Degree the *imprimatur*, as it were, of the highest Masonic authorities in the United Kingdom. It signifies nothing that the Grand Lodge of England declined to take charge of the Degree. That was objected to merely on the technical ground of Article II. of the Articles of Union in 1813, and not because the Grand Lodge of England regarded the Mark Degree as *unworthy* of inclusion in Craft Masonry. The objection was similar to that which now pervades the minds of English Churchmen at the idea of any alteration in the Book of Common Prayer. It is felt that if once a breach is made in the Rubric, which have stood the test so many years, there is no telling where it would end.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland refused to recognize the Grand Mark Lodge of England until June of 1879, only because they were so convinced that the Degree belonged to the Fellow Craft, that it seemed to them as reasonable to form a Grand Fellow Craft's Lodge as a Grand Mark Lodge, and it was only when it became quite evident that the Grand Lodge of England would never recognize, or take charge of the Degree, that they accepted the inevitable. In 1861, the Scotch Committee, before spoken of, sent their adopted report to Grand Lodge and Chapter of England, and asked if those Bodies were prepared either to take over the Mark Degree, or to recognise the Grand Mark Lodge of England, but the reply was in the negative, nor have subsequent conferences and communications altered matters. At the present moment the Grand Mark Lodge of England is so strong, and occupies such an independent position, that there would be no possible chance of amalgamation with either Grand Lodge or Grand

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Chapter, even were such a consummation to be desired by either of those Bodies.

I stated before, that in Scotland were to be found the oldest records of any registration of marks in Lodges now in existence. Of course, when a brother chose a mark it must necessarily have been different from the mark of any other member of the Lodge, and for that reason it must have been registered in the Books of the Lodge. It is in Scotland that we now find Lodges practising speculative Masonry, whose records show them to be direct descendants of Operative Lodges existing from very ancient times. In the very earliest records of these Lodges we find the progress of the selection of a mark to have been gone through by every Mason admitted, and we also find that as early as the middle of the 17th century others than Masons were admitted members, showing that even then the speculative element was invading the Lodges. How long that period existed during which the Lodges were both operative and speculative it would be difficult to decide, because, in the very earliest charges which we possess, not only those collected and published by our eminent Bro. Hughan, but the old mediæval guild charters, are contained allusions which prove that moral and even Theological teachings entered into the earliest operations of the building guilds. According to the records of a trial which took place in Edinburgh about 1707, being the outcome of a financial dispute between the Edinburgh Journeyman's Lodge and the Mary's Chapel Lodge, it appears that the former Lodge made only Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, the "Mark Master" being Master of the Lodge. The condition of things in England about that time was very similar, since the third degree could only be given in Grand Lodge, just as in Edinburgh it could only be obtained from St. Mary's Chapel Lodge, which occupied the position to a certain extent of a Grand Lodge in that city. The Mark Master who ruled the Lodge, therefore, was not what we understand now by a "Mark Master," but was simply an Installed Master, and as such held the register of marks of his Lodge, or, in other words, ruled over the Mark men, or Craftsmen, who formed the ordinary Masons' Lodge. He seems to have been called a "Mark Master," or "Overseer," in distinction to the "Master Mason," who ruled over a Mother Lodge, such as Mary's Chapel. Thus there would seem to have been two classes of Lodges, the lower class, or Mark Lodges, owing a kind of allegiance to the Master Mason's Lodges, and this existed up to the commencement of the 18th century. In many of the old Scotch minute books the brethren appear to have made a rule of appending their marks to their signatures, and I hope our Brother Hughan may see his way one day to publish a work on Mark Masonry, and reproduce therein specimens of the marks used, which, as far as I have been able to examine them, are principally emblematical of the calling in life of the Brother adopting them, such as a shovel for a maltster, &c., or merely a monogram of the brother's initials.

The present ritual of the Mark Degree, wherever worked, has been founded principally upon Ancient Craft legends, and is intended not only to illustrate the principles which guided our ancient operative founders, but to instil moral lessons of integrity, faith, hope, and gratitude. As such the Degree is valuable. But it does not end here, for Mark Masons in England have taken up a position in regard to practical Charity, which, regarding the strength of the Order, places them second to none amongst the Masonic Bodies of the world. The Grand Lodge has on its roll over 240 numbered Lodges in addition to 10 "Time Immemorial" Lodges without distinction of number. The Grand Master holds 45 votes in the Masonic Charities. It has an invested Benevolent Fund of £2000, and a General Fund of £1000. It has an "Educational Branch" of its Benevolent Fund for the purpose of giving supplementary aid in the education of the children of Mark Master Masons in reduced circumstances; to say nothing of the assistance casually rendered by the Lodges, both to local Charities, and to the lists of brethren at the Annual Masonic Charity Festivals.

This alone would be a sufficient *raison d'être* for the existence of the Degree, which has, since the formation of the Grand Lodge, been ruled over by most distinguished brethren:—Lord Leigh, Lord Carnarvon, Viscount Holmesdale, W. W. B. Beach, Esq., the Rev. G. R. Portal, Earl Percy, Lord Limerick, and now Lord Skelmersdale. It also has the advantage of many energetic Officers, and none more so than our distinguished Bro. Binckes, the Grand Secretary, whose zeal for the Order is only excelled by that for the Boys' School, whose needs he so constantly and eloquently advocates.

I wish I could have given you a more connected and detailed paper, but there is a very little ground to work upon, and records are so meagre in England that, without bringing in the sister kingdom, I fear any history of the Mark Degree might be summed up in the words—there is none to speak of.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT MARK MASTER MASONS' LODGE, No. 199.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held at the Bell Tavern, High-street, Shoreditch, on Thursday, 6th May. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. B. Shackleton P.G.S.B., who was well supported by Officers and members. There being no other business before the Lodge but the Installation, the minutes were confirmed, and the V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O. proceeded with the ceremony, placing Bro. W. J. Meek in the chair of A., according to the ancient rites of the Order. The W.M. appointed and invested the following Officers, viz., Bro. J. B. Shackleton I.P.M., H. Meyers S.W., W. Beasley J.W., J. Edmunds M.O., R. Marshall S.O., J. J. Gould J.O., A. P. Little R.M., James Hill Sec., B. Meyer Treasurer, G. Andrews S.D., E. M. Adams J.D., H. Godfrey I.G., J. G. Hopkins Tyler. Amongst the visitors on this occasion were the V.W. Bros. Fred. Binckes P.G.W. and Grand Mark Secretary, John Constable, W. C. Needes, and others. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Shackleton on his retirement from the Master's chair, for the second time since the establishment of the Lodge, and the thanks of the members were accorded to Bro. James Stevens for his highly appreciated services as Installing Master. After the closing of the Lodge, the brethren dined together, and subsequently the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening spent in social intercourse.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND BERWICK LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

THIS time immemorial Lodge held its regular monthly meeting on the 28th April, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Bro. Dr. L. Armstrong W.M. in the chair, supported by Bros. T. J. Armstrong S.W., W. S. Hughes P.M. as J.W., J. E. Robson M.O., G. R. Salmon S.O., John Wood J.O., R. Look Treasurer, G. W. Lax Registrar of Works, J. S., Bell Sec., S. M. Harris S.D., Ford I.G. and G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. No business offering itself, the Lodge was closed and adjourned till September. The brethren then partook of refreshment.

SIMON DE ST. LIZ LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 245.

THE Annual Festival in connection with this Lodge was celebrated on Tuesday evening, 11th May, in the Masonic Hall, Abington Street, Northampton, when Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders LL.M. and M.A. was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, in the presence of a large assembly of brethren of this degree. The duties of Installing Master were very ably discharged by Bro. J. T. Thorp P.P.G.S.W. of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, and Derbyshire, and I.P.M. of the Simon de Montfort 194, and was performed with the usual clearness and perfect ceremony for which this brother is so greatly distinguished. After the presentation of the warrant, &c., Bro. Sanders W.M. appointed and invested his Officers in the following manner:—Bros. Nicholas T. Hewens Senior Warden, Henry J. Atkins Junior Warden, George Ellard Master Overseer, Eli Morris Senior Overseer, Henry Spoor Junior Overseer, Rev. T. C. Beasley, M.A., Chaplain, W. C. Short Treasurer, H. W. Parker Registrar of Marks, Henry Hill Secretary, George H. Percival Senior Deacon, J. V. de Denne Junior Deacon, Henry Brown Director of Ceremonies, Edward Hale Assistant D.C., Richard Croft Organist, Brook Sampson Inner Guard, Stephen Dumbleby Steward, Geo. Butcher Steward, Wm. Kirby Tyler. The usual addresses to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Overseers, and brethren were then given by the Installing Master, and the newly-appointed W.M. at once gave evidence of his working powers, for which he is so well known, by ably advancing Bros. J. Manning and T. Emery to the degree of Mark Master Mason. At an excellent banquet which followed, the usual toasts were duly honoured. The whole proceedings were throughout most agreeable, and the brethren separated highly pleased with the work of the evening.

HILDA CHAPTER ROSE CROIX.

THE regular meeting of this Chapter took place in the Eboracum Lodge Rooms, York, on Friday evening last, when the chair was occupied by Bro. T. B. Whytehead M.W.S., J. S. Cumberland H.P., Rev. W. C. Lukis first Gen., L. Murphy as second Gen., A. T. B. Turner G.M., T. M. Richey R., G. Simpson C. of G., J. Healy, &c. Successful ballots were taken for Bro. Edward J. De Salis D.A.C.G. of Ordnance, Aldershot Camp Lodge, 1331, and Bro. the Rev. James Blake of York, Eboracum Lodge, 1611, and those brethren being in attendance were duly installed by the M.W.S. A letter was read from Lieut-Colonel Clerke Grand Sec. of England, thanking the Chapter for a letter of congratulation which had been sent to him from the Chapter on the occasion of his appointment by the Grand Master of England. The M.W.S. stated that he had, on his own responsibility, forwarded two guineas to the Testimonial Fund to their late Sec. Gen., feeling sure that the Chapter would be only too glad to sanction his act. Accordingly that sum was unanimously voted by the Chapter, which was afterwards closed.

Everything seems to promise a most successful gathering for Thursday next at Truro on the occasion of the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to lay the foundation-stones of the new Cathedral there. An especial Grand Lodge will be opened in the Town Hall, Truro, at eleven o'clock, the Provincial Grand Lodge having previously been opened at ten o'clock. In another part of our present issue will be found details of the arrangements which have been made by the Great Western Railway Company for the conveyance of visitors, of whom it is expected a very numerous company will assemble. We tender our heartiest wishes for the success of the meeting.

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MODE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—So far from considering Bro. E. de Ewer's views quixotic, I for one consider they are in accordance with the true spirit of Masonic Charity. In my humble judgment, the system of election by ballot into a charitable institution is radically wrong. In the first place, it is not the most deserving and most needy candidate that succeeds, but, as your reverend correspondent very justly points out, "those who have the most friends," for it is they who "get the most votes, and consequently become the accepted candidates." Now with all due respect to those who may differ from me as to the best way of electing candidates, they will hardly venture to dispute the proposition, that the plan in force at present involves a subversal of what should be the governing principles of all such elections. It must be clear to every one who does not wilfully shut his eyes to reason and common sense, that of two candidates whose claims upon our assistance are as nearly as possible equal in value, the one who has few or no friends has more need to be successful than the one who has many. To enforce my argument, I will take the case of two girls down for election in April last, one of them, No. 8, an applicant for the third and last time; the other, No. 30, an applicant for the first time, who, moreover, was of an age to be eligible on three more occasions, namely, in October of this year, and April and October of next. I dismiss from my reckoning the fact that No. 8 was one of *three* children dependent on their mother, while No. 30 was one of *two* only, though this, of course, makes the claims of the former just one-half as strong again as the latter. No. 8's father was an engineer, was initiated in April 1864, and died in January 1873, having been a subscribing member seven years and three quarters. No. 30's father was a surgeon, was initiated in October 1870, and died July 1879, having likewise been a subscribing member seven years and three quarters. Neither had subscribed to, or acted as Steward, for the Institutions. Well, the last election, as it affected these two girls, resulted thus:—No. 8 with a credit of nineteen votes from her two previous attempts, receives further support to the extent of 28 votes, making her total score 47. On the other hand, No. 30, whose age would have permitted her to stand again and again, and yet a third time, sweeps in at the head of the poll with 1775 votes. Poor little No. 8, who for seven of her eleven years has been fatherless has experienced something worse even than that "hope deferred," which "maketh the heart sick," for her hope of success has been rudely destroyed, while fortunate No. 30, whose father died as recently as 26th July of last year, or less than nine months ago at the date of the election, has been elected into the School, and having been born on 29th March 1871 will, if she lives, be well clothed, fed, and educated till the corresponding day of 1887. Estimating these advantages at £40 a-year, No. 30 will be receiving from this Institution as nearly as possible £280, while No. 8 gets nothing, though, as I have already shown, the fathers of the two girls had been Masons about the same time, while the mother of the rejected candidate had had three children to support since *January* 1873, and that of the successful only *two* since *July* 1879. I know well enough that people who have votes in such cases as these do not sufficiently weigh the relative circumstances of the different candidates, and it is for this reason I consider your correspondent deserves our thanks for having come forward and advocated so strongly as he has done so excellent a proposition, namely, that elections should not be conducted by ballot, but by a specially appointed Committee.

There is yet another point to be considered. One candidate may have friends who may be of use to him in soliciting votes, but another may have friends with plenty of money to spend in circulating particulars of the case in which they are interested, and whose success at the earliest possible opportunity they are prepared to spare no—reasonable, of course—outlay to secure. Here, again, there is a decided inequality in the claims of the two candidates; and, into the bargain, it strikes me that where people can afford to spend money in advertisements, circulars, and other purposes to the same end, they might as well cut the matter short and lay out their money in directly assisting their young *protégé* to an education and maintenance, thus leaving the School for those who are less fortunately placed.

If subscribers think it necessary they should have votes, and that they are very ill-used if the voting power is withheld, let them in that case have votes for a Committe to conduct all elections. This will satisfy their requirements, and make them perfectly happy; at the same time it will prevent them from unintentionally doing a disservice to some whom, if they knew anything of their circumstances, they would be only too glad to assist.

Yours fraternally,

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A PLEA FOR THE CANDIDATES TO THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As I was interested in the case of the brother who died in the Petersfield Workhouse, I can give Bro. Ayling satisfactory evidence why he was not elected an annuitant of the above Institution.

Yours fraternally,

Emsworth. THOS. FRANCIS 804.

A PLEA FOR THE CANDIDATES TO THE R.M.B.I.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. W. C. Parsons's suggestion that those who have been unsuccessful candidates the greatest number of times should be elected to fill vacancies which have occurred in the interim between the declaration of the number of places to be balloted for and the day of the election, is not without its merits, but to this, as to many other schemes of an equally favourable character, there are various objections which might be raised, and could not be described as other than noteworthy. Thus, as the ballot goes by votes, those next highest on the poll have the right to claim they shall be appointed to fill any additional vacancies, on the just ground that if those additional vacancies had been declared ones instead of accidental, they would have fallen to their lot in the natural order of things. Again, as the inferior limit of age is, in the case of the old men sixty, and in that of the old women fifty-five, a candidate may have stood half-a-dozen elections unsuccessfully, and yet on the score of years be less worthy of election than one who is a candidate for the first time, and seventy years old. Then the most meritorious of the unsuccessful candidates may, when the day of election next comes round, be surpassed in point of merit by a new candidate. In fact, whatever may be the arrangements made for filling up these additional, and as I have called them accidental vacancies, there will, I fear, be some kind of hardship to be endured by those who fail. Perhaps some modification of this hardship might be obtained if a law were made, by which it might be at the discretion of the authorities to assign an allowance, say, of twenty pounds, payable in equal quarterly sums of five pounds each, to every candidate who had tried five times to get elected on the Fund, this allowance to cease on the candidate's election to a vacancy. But even here I anticipate that some might raise the objection I have already noted, namely, that in this case a candidate of sixty-five or sixty-six years of age would find himself better off than one who might be much older.

It strikes me that in order to meet such cases the scheme of the Pupils' Assistance Fund might be enlarged. The chances are there would never be more than three or four, or at the most five candidates so circumstanced, so that the outside limit of what would be required annually would be only £100, and it is most likely it would average, taking one year with the other, not more than half that amount.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present:—Bros. Lieut.-Col. J. Creaton (in the chair), William Hale, J. A. Farnfield, Richard Hervé Gerraud, S. Rawson, John Henry Leggott, G. Bolton, Raynham W. Stewart, James Kench, A. H. Tattershall, Henry G. Warren, William Clarke, John G. Stevens, James Brett, John L. Mather, J. Newton, William Stephens, Thomas Cubitt, J. March Case, John Constable, Charles F. Hogard, C. H. Webb, William Hilton, William F. Nettleship, A. J. Duff-Filer, Louis Stean, Thomas Goode, and James Terry (Secretary). Bro. Terry reported the death of one male Annuitant. The Warden's Report for the past month was read. The Report of the Finance Committee was also read, and received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The chairman was authorised to sign cheques for the male and female annuitants, &c., for the ensuing quarter. The Draft Report for the annual meeting was approved and adopted. Letters of Grand Secretary were read as to proposed new offices, but the subject thereof was deferred for further information. Application was made by Mrs. Grant for half her late husband's annuity, which was granted. Bro. Henry G. Warren's notice of motion was withdrawn, and the Committee, after some further business, adjourned.

THE LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 22.

THE Session of this Lodge opened on the 28th September last, and since that time they have held thirty meetings with an aggregate attendance of 244, and those hailing from upwards of thirty Lodges, being an average attendance of about nine members. The ceremony of the first degree has been worked thirty-three times, the second degree twenty, and the third degree seventeen times, and the installation ceremony once. The members of this Lodge of Instruction and their friends banqueted together at their place of meeting, Bro. McDiarmid's, the Cambria Tavern, near Loughborough Junction, on the 7th inst., when upwards of thirty sat down to an excellent spread admirably served up. Bro. William Ashwell P.M. of the Neptune, No. 22, presided, and Bro. Baldwin Secretary acted as Vice President. After the usual toasts had been cordially received and disposed of, Bro. G. S. Graham, gave some of his very clever songs and selections, a selection from "Il Trovatore" receiving a well merited encore. The songs and recitations of Bros. Crook, Warren, Wallis, and others, added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

The Annual Communication of the Provincial Grand Chapter of N. and E. Yorkshire will take place on Thursday next, at York, under the banner of the Zetland Chapter, No. 236.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LILY OF RICHMOND LODGE, No. 820.

THERE are few places within easy reach of the metropolis which are so well worthy of being visited—and especially at this season of the year—as Richmond. The situation on the banks of Old Father Thames, which hereabouts gives people some idea of a pellucid stream, its magnificent hill, its glorious old park, with the timid but graceful deer bounding through its glades, the cattle lowing and frisking hither and thither in the bright sunshine—all these combine to make it one of the loveliest of the comparatively few attractions which are easily accessible by the denizens of smoky and prosaic business-like Londinopolis. For those who thoroughly appreciate the old *dolce far niente* principle of taking their pleasure, we know of no spot where the acme of perfect and contented delight can be so completely enjoyed. A lounge on the green sward, looking down from the heights of Richmond Hill, a lazy paddle towards Twickenham Eyot and Teddington Lock, a steady jaunt across Ham Meadows, or, in the case of the more energetic visitor, a good swinging walk out by the Robin Hood Gate to Wimbledon and its picturesque Common—what can be more delightful than either or all of these? Then for those who love old associations, and associations, too, of the most varied character, where shall we find a place that is richer? The historian may carry back his mind to the old palace of Sheen, where the gallant Edward IV. held his Court. The old mill at Wimbledon, hard by, has many painful associations in connection with the *duello*, now happily an effete custom. Admirers of statesmanship may recal visions of Sir William Temple and his house at East Sheen, where Swift first acquired notice as a man of genius. No one can walk through the Park without thinking of Thompson and his "Seasons," or moon along the Thames without awakening memories of Pope or of Horace Walpole. Even political exiles in the person of the Duke d'Aumale have lent additional lustre to this time-honoured resort of royal, noble, and talented personages; and now one of the most popular and fashionable clubs is located within easy reach of Park and Hill. We may go further, and say that at a short distance only—or to be as explicit as possible, at the neighbouring hamlet of Kew—took place one of the brightest scenes connected with the early history of Freemasonry. If our memory serves us, it was at the old Palace of Kew that Frederick Prince of Wales, father of George II., and great-great-grandfather, therefore, of our present Grand Master, was made a Mason. Since this auspicious event happened, not far short of a century and a half has elapsed, and during that period of time there has been almost without a break a continuity of Royal members of the English Brotherhood of Freemasons. First, sons of Frederick, following their father's bright example, joined our ranks; then nearly all George III.'s sons did the same, and now three of the sons of Queen Victoria have received, in one case the highest honour it is in our power to bestow, while in that of the other two they also have received well-merited distinctions, and in due time will doubtless obtain still higher rank. Then, to the genial-minded brother, who considers it the reverse of a sin to enjoy in season the good things Providence has bestowed on us, there are many well-known hostelries whose fame extends very far beyond the limits of this delightful town, and among these one of the best, though at the same time one of the least pretentious, is the Greyhound, where Bro. Palmer formerly administered creature comforts to all who sought solace and refreshment within his gates, and where our esteemed Brother Mouflet now worthily reigns in his stead. And here it was that on Wednesday afternoon we were rapidly carried by train in order to assist, as our Gallic neighbours have it, at the installation meeting of the Lily of Richmond Lodge, a Lodge which, though dating back its origin only to 1860, has in its brief career shown a zeal and energy in the work of Freemasonry which is in the highest degree creditable. Nor has its career been without its vicissitudes, though even the cloud which temporarily obscured its labours was due to an excess rather than a defect of energy. In point of numbers the Lily is not one of our strongest bodies, but it has about it the makings of a good Lodge, and the members will doubtless pardon us for suggesting that, if a greater degree of harmony prevailed amongst them, they would rapidly increase in strength. They are not unmindful of the most important duties of Freemasonry. They have a Benevolent Fund of their own which has already exceeded the respectable sum of £100, and though it is quite possible the accounts might be rendered in a more business-like manner, still the financial position of the Lodge appears to be very satisfactory. But to our story, which is the more immediate concern of the moment. At 4 p.m. on the 12th instant, the day and hour fixed in the programme of business, the chair of the Lodge was taken by Bro. Charles Hubbard W.M.—we are not in a position to say if our worthy brother is or is not a descendant of the venerable dame in the nursery rhyme, who charitably explored the innermost recesses of her cupboard in order to give her poor dog a bone; but we believe we are justified in saying that during the whole of his private and Masonic career he has been actuated by the same worthy motives of kindness and compassionate regard for others as was the ancient dame we have referred to. Be this as it may, Brother Hubbard was loyally supported by his principal and subordinate Officers and the members of the Lodge, as well as by a fair muster of visitors from the immediate and surrounding neighbourhood as well as from more distant localities. The usual preliminaries having been studiously observed, the Report of the Audit Committee was read and submitted for acceptance. The statement was on the whole satisfactory, though it strikes us, in common with some members of the Lodge, that, in the case of one or two items which are brought forward annually as still outstanding, it would be better if they were dropped into a kind of suspense account till such time as an arrangement can be made for their settlement. Bro. P.M. Myers, who throughout the day filled the duties of D. of C. most creditably, then presented Bro. Young, the W.M. elect, to the Master to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was formed and Bro. Young inducted into the chair of K.S. with the customary ceremonial, the work being both ably and impressively done by the retiring Master Bro. Hubbard. After salutation and congratulation, Bro. Young proceeded with the appointment and investiture of the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year, namely:—Bros. C. Phillips S.W., W. F. Reynolds J.W., Giles P.M. Treas., Myers P.M. Sec., Chas. Page Deane S.D., W. Chesswas J.D., Johnson I.G., Hammond W.S. and Gilbert Tyler. Inquiry having been made by a brother as to the mode of procedure to be adopted in making application for assistance from the Lodge Benevolent Fund, and the desired information having been given, a letter was read from Bro. Past Master Koch, in which that worthy brother—who be it remarked was present in the flesh, and was as genial and happy as we have ever seen him—sought permission to be entered, for some time at least, on the roll of country members, the reason being that he was on the point of paying a visit to the United States. It is needless to say the request was graciously accorded, and we trust Bro. Koch will derive all the benefit he anticipates from his temporary expatriation. A letter from Bro. Myers, soliciting the same favour, had been received, but as we have noted already, Bro. Myers was appointed to the office of Secretary, having at the request of members generally gracefully withdrawn his communication. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, among whom was Bro. Joshua Nunn, one of the founders of the Lodge, adjourned to a most excellent banquet, both the quality and selection of the viands, as well as the service, leaving nothing to be desired. In due time, Bro. Young proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, accompanying each with a few pertinent remarks. With that of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present was associated the name of R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett, a Past Grand Warden and Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, who possessing as he does a keen appreciation of the beauties of nature, has chosen Richmond for his place of residence. In his reply, Bro. Colonel Burdett expressed warmly his thanks for the compliment they had paid him. The present Grand Officers, he remarked, were the right men in the right place, and all those who were entitled to occupy a place on the dais of Grand Lodge were only too happy when their engagements permitted of their visiting Lodges. Col. Burdett laid great stress on the work done by our Institutions, in which, he said, of necessity all brethren worthy of the name took a deep interest, and he took occasion to suggest—a suggestion by the way in which we most heartily concur—that the custom of presenting Worshipful Masters on their retirement from the chair of office with Past Masters' jewels should give place to the far worthier custom of presenting them with Life Governorships to our different Institutions; the compliment would be as great, while the recipient would enjoy the inestimable advantage of being able to exhibit for the rest of his life a deep interest in the work of one or other of our Institutions. It was very well for a brother to wear one Past Master's jewel, given him in token of his services as Master, but nothing was to be gained, except display, by a multiplication of jewels, whereas the gift of a Life Governorship would carry with it certain life-long advantages, such as he had indicated. Bro. Nunn supplemented Bro. Col. Burdett's remarks briefly, but to the point. Bro. Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, responded to the toast of "The Masonic Institutions," pointing out, in the course of one of those elaborate speeches which tell so greatly, and seem to come as a matter of course from him, that while in the year 1872 the sums raised for the three Institutions amounted in the aggregate to £16,000, last year no less than £44,000 was subscribed towards their maintenance and support. There were, he likewise noted, no less than 325 annuitants on the Funds of the Institution with which he was more immediately associated, while the two Schools were equally successful in the good work they did. Bro. Hubbard, having assumed the gavel, then rose and proposed the health of the W.M., who was well known to them all, had been initiated in the Lodge, and in his own quiet way had already given them a taste of his quality. He trusted the W.M. would have a pleasant year of office, and felt sure he would leave no stone unturned in order to fulfil his duties and uphold the honour of the Lodge. Brother Young, in his reply, briefly expressed his thanks for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received, and declared he would do all in his power to make his year of office a success. He concluded by expressing the pleasure he felt that it had fallen to his lot to present, on behalf of the Lodge, the Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to Bro. Hubbard for his eminent services in the chair during two consecutive years of office, and he hoped that Brother might live many, many years to wear that memento of the kindly feeling and respect they all entertained for him. The jewel, which was very handsome and exhibited great taste on the part of the maker, having been affixed to Bro. Hubbard's breast, that brother rose and feelingly acknowledged the compliment paid him, and the very great honour he esteemed it to have received so beautiful a reminder of their kindness towards him during his two years occupancy of the chair. The toast of the Visitors, who received a hearty welcome, was responded to in the first instance by Bro. J. L. Mather, who expressed the gratification it afforded him to be present on so interesting an occasion, Bros. Cusworth, Cranford, and Nissen of Bombay also made a few remarks to a like purport. Among the remaining toasts was included as special to the occasion one proposed by Col. Burdett, viz., Prosperity to the Lily Lodge of Richmond, the R.W. Brother's speech being marked by singularly good taste and good feeling. The Tyler's toast concluded the list, and the brethren then rose and departed for the evening. One familiar face we missed—that of the late Bro. Kyezor, who at the installation, for the second time, of Bro. Hubbard last year, was appointed to fill the chair of Senior Warden, but died during his term of office. We could wish it had been otherwise, but life and death are in the hands of Him who has created all things. If, however, there was absent the

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old familiar face and kindly greeting of Bro. Kyezor, we were pleased to see among those present Bro. Palmer, who till a year or two since was the courteous and kindly host of the Greyhound, and who has now taken up his quarters at the Lord Nelson, Milford Haven, where his known ability as a caterer will doubtless find ample scope, and will be duly appreciated by the brethren living there. Among those present were—Bros. Colonel Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex, F. Honeywell P.G.O. Surrey 889, J. Wicks 813, A. Nuthall 889, G. Nissen Concord Lodge of Bombay 757, S. R. Lovett 3, E. Farwig P.M. 188, T. J. Cusworth P.M. 813, T. Wilkinson 948, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, W. R. Phillips P.M. 975, W. H. Carmen I.G. 1827, J. Terry P.G.W. Herts, J. L. Mather P.G.D.C. Herts, W. Cranford P.M. 127, J. M. Scarlett 147. The jewel, to which we have referred above, bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. CHARLES HUBBARD, by the Brethren of the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820, in appreciation of the zeal and ability displayed by him as W.M. for two years in succession—1878-79, 79-80.—12th May 1880."

London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, No. 58.—A meeting was held on Monday, 3rd May, at the London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present:—Bros. Herbige W.M., Barnett S.W., Haynes J.W., Smallpeice Preceptor, J. D. Langton Sec., J. S. Fraser S.D., Haines J.D., Tarr I.G.; Bros. John Wood, W. Fraser, W. W. Williams, &c.; Visitor—Bro. Henri Bué Sir Thomas White Lodge 1820. After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. John Wood acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history of the degree. Lodge closed in the three degrees. The Lodge meets every Monday at 6 o'clock.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at the Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday, 3rd May. Present:—Bros. Myers Preceptor, S. L. Green W.M., Goddard S.W., Partridge J.W., McDonald S.D., Kimbell J.D., Robson I.G.; also Bros. Lyons, Seymour-Clarke, and others. Lodge was opened in due form in first, second and third degrees, and the ceremonies of raising and passing were ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Seymour-Clarke being candidate. The chair was then taken by Bro. Partridge, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation with the same candidate. Bro. Goddard was elected W.M. for Monday next. The Lodge was closed in due form.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—On Monday, the 26th ult., an emergency meeting of this Lodge was held, for the purpose of initiating a candidate. The W.M. Bro. C. G. Padell was present, and was supported by Bros. J. S. Cumberland I.P.M., J. T. Seller S.W., George Simpson J.W., Rev. J. Blake Chaplain, George Balmford P.M. Treas., and a number of other brethren and visitors. During the evening Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., on behalf of Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Pawlett P.M. P.P.G.S.W., presented to the Lodge a curious old jewel, bearing a number of Masonic emblems, for which a vote of cordial thanks was passed. After the Lodge was closed, several toasts were honoured, and many of the brethren contributed songs to the harmony of the evening.

York Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners (attached to the York Mark Lodge T.I.)—A meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Thursday, the 29th ult., when Bro. T. B. Whytehead W.C.N. presided, supported by Bros. L. Murphy as J., W. P. Husband as S., J. S. Cumberland as S.D., and several other brethren. The following candidates were duly elevated to the degree:—Bros. J. W. Woodall (Scarborough), E. T. Clark (Snaith), W. E. Clark (Snaith), and J. Oates (Darlington). Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett the N. elect was then installed in the chair by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and afterwards appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. J. S. Cumberland J., George Simpson S., M. Millington Scribe and Treasurer, A. T. B. Turner D.C., L. Murphy S.D., W. P. Husband J.D., T. G. Hodgson Guard, J. Redfarn Warder. The Lodge was then closed.

Bro. Charles Roome, M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of New York, was recently made the recipient of an ovation by the brethren of the Kane Lodge, No. 454, of New York City. The hall was splendidly decorated with flowers, and there was, as might be expected, an unusually large attendance of members. The speeches both of the W.M. of the Lodge and of the Grand Master were both appropriate and expressive of the kindliest feelings. It is not to be wondered at that Bro. Roome should have had this honour conferred upon him, as he is a member and Past Master of the Lodge.

Among civilians who have held high office in the service of the Crown, and at the same time have distinguished themselves in, or been members of, our Society, must be mentioned Richard, second Earl of Mornington, K.G., K.P., subsequently Marquess Wellesley, who was Governor-General of India when his younger brother, the great Duke of Wellington, was gaining his early laurels as a general at Assaye, Argaum, &c., and subsequently Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. His lordship was Grand Master of Ireland in the year 1782. It is likewise noteworthy that Garrett, first Earl of Mornington, father of the Marquess and Duke was also Grand Master of Ireland, 1777. As the old Duke, according to a note in Preston's *Illustrations*, was a Freemason, there were three members of this distinguished family connected with our Fraternity.

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday next, the 21st inst., at the hour of noon. After the transaction of the ordinary business, a ballot will be taken for the election of candidates, both on the Male and Female Funds. We trust the choice of the electors will fall on those old men and women whose cases are most deserving of sympathy and support.

An emergency meeting of the Metropolitan Order of St. Lawrence will be held at 2 Red Lion Square, on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at 3.30 p.m.

We understand that an English Mason, some short time since, applied to the Grand Lodge of Scotland for some relief from the distress he was suffering, and that the application was unsuccessful, the reason that was given for the refusal being that the Grand Lodge of England invariably referred all Scotch applicants to it for relief to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Whoever formulated this view labours under some misapprehension. As many as *thirty-four* distressed Scotch Masons applied to our Grand Lodge for relief during the years 1871-5, and they were assisted to the extent of £281 in the aggregate.

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GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTERLY communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on 6th inst.,—the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Brother Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., on the throne. Bro. Roger Montgomerie D.C.L. acted as Deputy Grand Master, Bro. William Mann Proxy District Grand Master of all India as Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. R. F. Shaw-Stewart was at his post as Junior Grand Warden. The other Grand Officers present were—Bros. D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, David Kinnear Grand Cashier, Rev. J. Henderson Chaplain of Lodge St. Andrew, Adelaide, acting Grand Chaplain, William Hay Grand Architect, F. L. Law Grand Jeweller, Thomas Halket Grand Bible Bearer, H. Y. D. Copland Grand Sword Bearer, C. W. Maxwell Muller Grand Director of Music, Robert Davidson Grand Organist, William Bryce Grand Tyler. There were also present:—Bros. Alexander Hay Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica and Greytown, William Maclean Proxy District Grand Master of Montreal, James Turner President, and James Crichton Vice-President of the Board of Grand Stewards, and the following representatives of sister Grand Lodges:—Bros. William Officer Egypt and Pennsylvania, E. W. Nightingale New York, R. S. Brown Kentucky, George M'Lean Nebraska. The following sister Grand Lodges were also represented:—England, Sweden, the three Globes of Prussia, the Countries Grand Lodge of Germany, Grand Lodge of Saxony, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, West Virginia, Wyoming, New Jersey, &c. Letters of apology were intimated from Bros. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Depute Grand Master, Colonel Sir Archibald Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., Substitute Grand Master, F. A. Barrow Past Senior Grand Warden, John C. Forrest Provincial Grand Master of Lanarkshire, Middle Ward, Captain Colt of Gartsherrie Past Grand Sword Bearer, Dr. Falconer Proxy District Grand Master of New South Wales, &c.

A vidimus was submitted by the Grand Cashier of the income and expenditure for the three months ending 24th April, which showed that during that period there had been 1050 entrants, and that the income had amounted to upwards of £1330, being about £720 in excess of the expenditure. A statement as to the Fund of Masonic Benevolence showed that during the three months ending 29th April, £98 16s had been voted by the committee as grants to brethren, or widows of such. Presents, being reports of their proceedings, were received with thanks from the Grand Lodges of the three Globes of Prussia, Portugal, St. John's of Hungary, Maryland, Montana, Alabama, Virginia, Michigan, Missouri, South Carolina, and Massachusetts. Grand Lodge approved the reponal of Lodge Palestine, Beyrout, No. 415, permission being given the Lodge to work in Arabic, as many of its members know no other language; confirmed the action of Grand Committee in ordering that a charter be issued to Lodge Hawera, Patea, N.Z., and ordered that a charter be granted to the Lodge St. James, Macduff. Bro. William H. Bickerton, Glasgow, having resigned his seat in Grand Committee, Grand Lodge approved of the appointment in his place of Bro. William M'Lean jun., R.W.M. No. 3, Glasgow, who had been next on the list to the members elected in February. Bro. Dr. Max Nenda was unanimously appointed representative to the St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary, in room of Bro. Henry Maurer resigned. It having been reported that the difficulties heretofore existing between the Grand Lodges of Colon and the island of Cuba had been amicably adjusted, and that the two bodies had united, under the title of the "United Grand Lodge of Colon and the island of Cuba," Grand Lodge, on the recommendation of Grand Committee, complied with the request of the new body to recognise it. Grand Lodge next proceeded to the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master for the Glasgow City Province. It appeared that at a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Bros. Sir James Bain and William Pearce were nominated for the office of Provincial Grand Master, and that it was resolved by 21 to 12, to recommend the appointment of Sir James Bain. A petition had, however, been presented to the Grand Committee, signed by 35

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brethren, members of Grand Lodge, residing in Glasgow, and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, praying for the appointment of Bro. Pearce. Grand Committee being desirous to give effect to the election, and as statements had been made impugning the validity of the resolution in favour of Sir James Bain, remitted the petition to the Provincial Grand Lodge for reconsideration of their resolution and for their report. The Grand Secretary reported that, in accordance with the instructions of the Grand Committee, the Provincial Grand Lodge had met and reconsidered their recommendation, and that on a division 50 voted for Sir James Bain and 18 for Bro. Pearce, and he submitted a petition in favour of each. Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election, when Sir James Bain was appointed by 71 votes, 54 voting for Bro. Pearce. A letter had been submitted to Grand Committee, in which Bro. Lord Ramsay, M.P., resigned the Provincial Grand Mastership of Forfarshire, the duties of which, through pressure of other business, he felt himself unable to perform; and on the recommendation of Grand Committee, Grand Lodge accepted Lord Ramsay's resignation, and thanked his Lordship for his services. In compliance with a request of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the appointment of a successor was deferred. On the application of the Lodge St. James's Operative, Edinburgh, No. 97, authority was given that Lodge to change its designation to Edinburgh St. James. Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.—*Edinburgh Courant.*

ROYAL ARCH.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

THE Royal Arch Masons of Surrey held their Provincial meeting on Saturday last, the 8th inst., at Ewell. The M.E. Comp. General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Superintendent presided, when he was supported by Comps. Rev. C. W. Arnold H., Wainwright J., George Price Treasurer, Charles Greenwood Scribe E., H. E. Frances D. of C., Dumas S.N., Elsom P.S., Boer Reg., Buckland Sword Bearer, Taylor Standard Bearer, &c. The Provincial Grand Chapter was formally opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's statement was presented, it shewed a balance in hand, and was unanimously accepted. The Prov. Grand Treasurer Comp. George Price was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and he briefly acknowledged the compliment. The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. Rev. C. W. Arnold H., Rhys Williams (Grove) J., Charles Greenwood S.E., Dr. Eager (Weyside) S.N., Magnus Ohren (Frederick of Unity) P.S., Dr. Brodie (Weyside) 1st Assist., Haydon (Grove) 2nd Assist., Dr. Strong (East Surrey of Concord) Registrar, W. Sugg (Frederick of Unity) Sword Bearer, Podmore (East Surrey of Concord), Standard Bearer, H. E. Frances Director of Cer., Honeywell (Dobie) Org. General Brownrigg then briefly addressed the Companions present. He announced that everything was in a very satisfactory state as regards Royal Arch Masonry in the Province over which he presided. There were several young Lodges in the Province, whose business was being conducted in a very satisfactory manner, and in due course they might look forward to having Chapters in association with them. Personally he regretted his engagements did not prevent him visiting the numerous Lodges of the Province so frequently as he desired, but he had a most energetic Deputy in Comp. Arnold, who gave him excellent accounts of the way in which the duties of Freemasonry were being carried out. It was intensely gratifying to him to hear such good accounts, and he sincerely trusted the standard for good working would be maintained. Reference was then made to the system of organisation that existed in the Province for the successful utilisation of the votes for the several Masonic Charities, and Comp. Arnold suggested that the question be more ventilated in the Lodges, as he felt assured very valuable votes were lost through non-agreement as to how they should be bestowed. Bro. Greenwood referred to what was being done in this respect between the Province of Berks and Bucks and that of Surrey, and urged on the members their obligations to support the case of the lad Richard Arthur Grave, whose election must be secured in October next, as that would be the last chance he would have of gaining admission into the School. General Brownrigg stated that as his son, the Rev. Studholme Brownrigg, had been reappointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, he would doubtless, from old associations, do everything in his power for Surrey in this matter, and they would assuredly get their *quid pro quo* in the exchange of votes between the two Provinces. This completing the business, Provincial Grand Chapter was closed. The Companions afterwards lunched together at the Spring Hotel, where General Brownrigg presided, and gave the formal toasts customary on these occasions.

Sincerity Chapter, No. 174.—A convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars. Comps. G. Huggett M.E.Z., E. C. Mather H., A. L. Leins J., Barlow Treas., E. Bowyer P.Z. 1471 S.E.; P.Z.'s J. Terry, J. Bulmer, J. Newton, J. L. Mather, J. Bellerby, Rawley, Cook; Companions Hallett, Wooley, Brown, Morris, Webb, J. Wright, Perceval, &c. Visitors—Comps. E. P. Albert P.Z. 188, and H. M. Levy P.Z. 188. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Election for Principals and Officers for ensuing year took place, and Comp. E. C. Mather was elected M.E.Z., A. L. Leins H., E. Bowyer J., Barlow Treas., Appleby S.E., Cox S.N., Halford P.S., Very Janitor. Comps. Brown and Thomas were appointed auditors. Comp. James Terry P.Z. proposed and Comp. J. L. Mather seconded that a Past Principal's jewel be presented to the retiring M.E.Z. for the able and efficient manner he had conducted the duties of the Chapter, and in token of the regard and esteem in which he was held by every Companion. This was carried unanimously. The resignation of a Companion was accepted, with regret. The Chapter was then closed until October, and the Companions sat down to a very excellent banquet provided by Comp. Wright. The M.E.Z. proposed the initiatory toasts. After which he remarked that he went out of the usual course in proposing the next toast, that was the health of the Z. elect. They all knew his kind disposition and his ability as a worker, while the interest he takes in Masonic Charity is proverbial. Under his rule he was sure they would have a happy and prosperous year. Comp. E. C. Mather, in replying, thanked the M.E.Z. for his kind expressions; he would do all in his power to keep the Chapter together, in fact he felt bound to see that every link was well rivetted; he felt proud to be with them as their M.E.Z. elect; they had always had good working Companions and thorough conviviality, he hoped this would ever continue; he thanked them sincerely for electing him. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, Comps. E. P. Albert and H. M. Levy, who both acknowledged the compliment. The M.E.Z. next proposed the toast of the P.Z.'s, who he hoped to see among them for many years; two were absent, but those present were well known and had made their mark in R.A. Masonry; no better working Companions could be found in the Craft. Comp. Barlow returned thanks; he, as well as the other P.Z.'s, was pleased to meet them on each occasion of their assembling. It was essentially gratifying to know how well at all times they were received; they all hoped to live for many years to be among them. Before resuming his seat, he would, with great pride, propose the health of the M.E.Z., whom all could compliment on the excellent manner in which he had performed his duties. Comp. Huggett said he felt honoured by the toast being proposed by the oldest P.Z.; he had striven hard to qualify himself for the chair, and from the first hour he joined them his associations with the Chapter had been most pleasant. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the H. elect Comp. A. L. Leins, whose services to Freemasonry and the Royal Arch were well known and appreciated. Comp. Leins, in an excellent speech, responded to the toast. The newly elected Companions would, with himself, do all in their power for the welfare of the Chapter. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Officers, whose qualifications were, he said, well known; he hoped each in turn would eventually occupy the chair of Z. Comp. Halford acknowledged the compliment. Comp. Terry proposed the health of the worthy host, Bro. Wright, who had greatly assisted in the foundation of the Chapter; to his dear, good wife great credit was due for the comforts they enjoyed. The Chapter each year gives £5 5s to the Charities, and although the subscription is small, they were free from liability. He (Bro. Terry) thought it right to offer Mrs. Wright some slight testimonial to show that lady the feeling of esteem in which she was held by the Chapter. Comp. Newton P.Z. fully agreed with Bro. Terry; he hoped they would form a committee to carry out in some tangible way the proposition. The M.E.Z. fully endorsed all the former speakers had said, and those present gave a hearty response. The Janitor's toast was given, and this closed the proceedings. Comps. Brown and Hallett contributed to the harmony.

PANMURE CHAPTER, No. 720.

THE sixteenth installation meeting of this well-known Chapter was celebrated with more than usual *éclat* at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, S.E., on Monday last, when a large proportion of the members and a goodly array of Visitors attended. Chapter was opened at the hour appointed by E. Comps. M. S. Larlham M.E.Z., Thos. Poore H., R. N. Field J., and other Present and Past Principals of the Order, amongst whom were E. Comps. James Stevens P.Z. Scribe E., R. H. Harvey, H. C. Levander, G. Waterall, J. W. Baldwin, and Thos. Hands. Comps. Thomas Meggy P.S., S. Poynter N., J. Walmsley and B. R. Bryant Assist.-Sojs., E. Mitchell, J. W. Watts, H. Baldwin, and other members were present; also Visitors—E. Comp. Fred. Binckes P.Z. 10, J. W. Baldwin P.Z. 73, T. Hands P.Z. 1016, J. Hepburn Hastie Z. 1216, C. Pulman H. 1339, Henry Lovegrove N. 72, N. B. Headon 145, J. Welford 733, J. B. King 1489, and W. Ackland 63. After confirmation of minutes of previous Convocation, Bro. Henry Baldwin, of the "Stuart" Lodge, No. 1632, was received into the Order, the ceremony of exaltation being very ably performed by the M.E.Z. and his Officers. E. Comp. James Stevens P.Z. and Scribe of the Chapter then addressed the Principals elect in relation to their new appointments, and subsequently installed E. Comps. Thomas Poore as Z., R. N. Field as H., and Samuel Poynter as J. The Officers were invested in the following Order, viz., E. Comp. James Stevens P.Z. Scribe E., Comps. T. Meggy Scribe N., B. R. Bryant P.S., J. Walmsley 1st Assist.-Soj., J. W. Watts 2nd Assist.-Soj., E. Comp. Henry Smith P.Z. Treasurer was unfortunately prevented from attendance for investment. Comp. John Gilbert was invested as Janitor. The full ceremony of Royal Arch Installation was then completed by Comp. Stevens, who delivered the addresses to Principals, Officers, and Companions in a most effective manner, and which amply merited the compliments he received for his perfect working. Propositions for exaltation and joining were received, and the Auditors' report and balance-sheet adopted. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to banquet. The new proprietors of the Horns Tavern, Messrs. Smith and King, had made ample and elegant provision for this refreshment, and their liberality and courtesy were warmly acknowledged by all present as the evening's entertainment proceeded. On the clearance of the cloth, the M.E.Z. gave the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts, and departing somewhat from the usual programme, followed with that of the Visitors, for whom, in reply, Comp. Fred. Binckes expressed the pleasure they had experienced, both in the Chapter, on account of the working of the ceremonies of exaltation and installation, and at the table on account of the heartiness of their reception and the good things set before them.

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To the toast of the M.E.Z., Comp. Poore returned his thanks for his elevation in the degree, and expressed his determination to uphold the well-deserved reputation of the Chapter. To the Installing Principal he tendered the thanks of Members and Visitors alike for his exemplification of the perfect ceremony of installation; and to the Immediate Past Principal the acknowledgments of the Companions for services rendered, and of which the P.Z. jewel they now presented was but a feeble token. To these compliments responses were given by the Companions indicated, and so, with alternate toast and song, the usual programme of a Masonic dinner was carried through in order and regularity. The "Charities of the Order" gave occasion for a splendid speech from that acknowledged champion of our Institutions and "best of beggars," Comp. Binckes, whose forcible appeals are seldom, if ever, ineffectual, and the Janitor having been summoned to his especial duty, the Companions, after formally thanking Comp. J. B. King, their host (who was present throughout the evening), for the admirable catering of his firm, separated, fully satisfied with the entire transactions connected with their sixteenth installation.

DRURY LANE.

AS an additional attraction, Mr. Augustus Harris has produced an entirely new ballet d'action, entitled "Les Sirènes," in the place of "Lady Audley's Secret." This ballet follows Lecocq's comic opera, "La fille de Madame Angot," which continues to prove a great draw. The story runs that Naila, the Queen of the Sirens, entices, with the aid of her three grotesque slaves, Ninon, a fisher boy, to her submarine abode, and there so entrances him with the seductive allurements of herself and her attendant Sirens, that he becomes quite content to remain there. Madame Palladino, as the Queen of the Sirens, does some wonderful dancing, with grace. Miss Percival, as Ninon, the fisher boy, is clever, while the scenery from the brush of Mr. Cuthbert is beautiful, and the dresses by Messrs. Auguste and Co. dazzling and grand. A word of praise is due to Mr. Wallenstein for the way in which he conducts his band.

NEW SADLER'S WELLS THEATRE.

ONE night this week we paid a visit to this theatre, principally that we might witness the performance of a drama by Joaquin Miller, entitled "The Danites," which, during the past three years, has drawn crowded houses in all the principal cities of the United States, and is now being represented by the identical company of American actors who have made it so brilliant a success; and at the same time that we might compare notes of the "Wells" under the management of Mrs. Bateman with the old Wells of the halcyon days of the late popular veterans Samuel Phelps, Greenwood, and Mrs. Warner. We had no manner of doubt that the entertainment would be in every way worthy of the house, the reputation of its talented manager, and the actors engaged in it. We were not at all surprised, therefore, when we found everything so admirable, and that the audience, which followed the piece throughout with rapt attention, applauded to the echo the principal episodes which mark its progress. Mr. and Mrs. McKee Rankin, who respectively sustain the leading *rôles* of Alexander McGee (Sandy) and Nancy Williams—with which the lady doubled the part of Billy Piper—are the bright particular stars of the company, but there is an approach to equality on the part of all engaged which shows how well they have worked together, and how thoroughly each enters into the spirit of the part entrusted to him. Everything worked smoothly, and without the semblance of a hitch. The play has many affecting and effective scenes, while the scenery and appointments leave nothing to be desired. We must offer our congratulations to Mrs. Bateman, whose management, conducted on the old lines, has been most successful, as well as on the "go" with which "The Danites" was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. McKee Rankin and their coadjutors. We think we recognised amongst those present not a few of the *habitués* of the old theatre, and were we inclined to offer any suggestion which, in our opinion, would be an improvement on the present arrangements, it would be simply this, that Mrs. Bateman should resort to the old Pit as it was in the days of Phelps, and not divide it into Pit and Pit-Stalls. We are confident she would gain rather than lose by the change.

LADY MONCKTON.—This lady's portrait appears in last week's *Whitehall Review*, which says:—"As the leading exponent of amateur dramatic art, Lady Monckton—whose husband, Bro. Sir John Braddick Monckton, recently received the honour of knighthood—has earned celebrity throughout the United Kingdom. Her greatest successes have been in "The Wife's Secret," "Shadows," "A Son of the Soil," "Yellow Roses," "Infatuation," "A Scrap of Paper," "Plot and Passion," "Masks and Faces," and "Faustine"—the last, Sir Charles Young's newest production, successfully performed for the first time at Bristol a few nights ago. She is strongest in dramatic rather than in comedy parts. When she enlisted under the banner of the "Windsor Strollers," those popular amateurs were enabled for the first time to dispense with the aid of lady professionals; and the locket with which the "Strollers" presented her a year or two ago was not only a graceful but a well-earned gift. Many Charities have reason to be grateful to Lady Monckton for her successful exertions on their behalf. The Committees of the Freemasons' Schools presented her with her portrait in recognition of a performance by which the Schools largely benefited; the completion and opening of the Shanklin Institute last year was in a great measure due to her assistance; and throughout the country innumerable towns and villages owe Lady Monckton a debt of gratitude for her labours on behalf of hospitals, working men's clubs, and such like benevolent institutions."

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 15th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

TUESDAY, 18th MAY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
66—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
M.M.—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R. C.—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction.)
246—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
452—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound, Croydon
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, 19th MAY.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 3 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity, Masonic Hall, King-street, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom

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1623—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R. A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
M.M. 151—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

THURSDAY, 20th MAY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction and
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

Special Meeting of the P.G. Lodge of Cornwall, Concert Hall, Public Rooms, Truro, at 10 a.m.
43—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
288—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
341—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
524—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1378—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
Provincial Grand Chapter of North and East Yorkshire, York.
R. A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
R. A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 21st MAY.

Annual General Meeting Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester,
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
490—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
903—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1034—Eccle-hill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

SATURDAY, 22nd MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
Metropolitan Lodge of the Order of St. Lawrence, 2 Red Lion-square, High Holborn, W.C., at 3.30 p.m. (Emergency)

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 6th May, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C. Present:—Bros. S. B. Hallo W.M., C. Cordingley S.W., M. A. S. Humphries J.W., H. Follett P.M. Treasurer, A. A. Wing P.M. Secretary, C. H. Horne S.D., J. Smith D.C., W. Balls I.G., H. T. Nell Steward, Stead Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Defriez, Driver, G. G. Symons, H. Moss, and J. Vass; Bros. Nicholls, Liddall, Fountaine, Freelove, H. N. Symons, Glennie, Wood, E. H. Dove, Cubbon, Hunt, Thomas, Callon, Jones, Greenfield, and Herbert. Visitors—Bros. Ridge S.D. 1347, Phillips, Macpherson 354, and Packe 488. Lodge was opened in due form, according to ancient custom, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Freelove and Fountaine, candidates for the third degree, were examined, found qualified, entrusted, and retired. Lodge was opened in the third degree, Bros. Freelove and Fountaine were re-admitted, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and the ballot was taken for, and proved unanimous in favour of, Bro. G. J. Packe, 488 New York, as a joining member. Mr. Samuel Challen Greenfield, of Brisbane, was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. Wood proposed, and Bro. Hallo W.M. seconded, that Mr. Joseph J Curtis be a member of this Lodge. Proposed by Bro. Follett, and seconded by Bro. Humphries, the Lodge have a summer banquet, which was unanimously carried, and the W.M. Bro. Hallo, and P.M.'s Bros. Follett, Symons, Moss and Wing, were appointed as a committee to make the necessary arrangements. Nothing more being offered, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till the first Thursday in October, emergencies excepted.

London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction.—On Monday, 10th May, at the London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, Bros. C. E. Barnett W.M., Bentley Haynes S.W., Beeton J.W., Smallpeice Preceptor, J. D. Langton Sec., Herbage S.D., W. Fraser J.D., E. W. Haines I.G.; Bros. J. S. Fraser, Tarr, &c. Lodge opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Tarr acting as candidate. The second section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Smallpeice, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and closed in the three degrees. Bro. Beeton was elected W.M. for the meeting to be held on Monday, the 24th instant, at six o'clock.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 1st inst. Present:—Bros. Gibbs W.M., Western S.W., W. Williams J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Valentine S.D., Spencer J.D., and Thompson I.G.; also Bros. Houghton, Brasted, Moss, Osborn, Mullord, C. Lorkin, Weeden, Halford (Treasurer), &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Pro. Brasted being candidate. The first, second, third, and fourth sections were worked.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., present:—Bros. W. Williams W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Mullord J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Spencer S.D., Forss J.D., Houghton I.G.; also Bros. Moss, Woodman, Dick, Good, Taylor, Fysh, Smith, Allardyce, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Smith answered the questions, and retired, he being an E.A. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed in an able manner by the W.M., Bro. Woodman acting as candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The following brethren were duly elected members:—Bros. Cornelius Smith and L. Allardyce New Concord Lodge 813, A. J. Goode Finsbury Park 1288, Arthur Tuck Chiselhurst 1531, Thomas Taylor Crusaders 1617. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 11th May. Present:—Bros. Clark W.M., Christian S.W., Wardell J.W., Polak S.D., Brasted J.D., Smyth I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Baker, Catlin, Hardrodt, Webb, C. Lorkin, Carr, and Brown. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Catlin candidate. The same brother answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. Wardell assisted Bro. Webb to work the first section of the lecture, and Bro. C. Lorkin to work the second and fourth sections. Bro. Christian afterwards assisted Bro. Webb to work the fourth section of the first lecture. Bro. Hardrodt of Lodge 1679 was elected a member. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday evening, 25th May, at 7 o'clock. The Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned. Bro. Christian will preside next Tuesday.

Hartington Lodge, No. 1085.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 5th May, at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. Bros. W. B. Hextall W.M., J. E. Russell S.W., J. O. Manton J.W., Rev. J. Worsnop P.M. Chaplain, W. Naylor P.M. Treas., W. Butterfield Sec., C. D. Hart S.D., W. Popplewell J.D., P. Wallis D.C., G. Johnson I.G., H. Carr Steward, W. Stone Tyler; Past Masters Bros. H. J. Foulds, J. Heathcote, F. Iliffe, G. Pipes; Bros. Belfield, Baxter, Coulthurst, Cadman, Cooper, Dodd, Lane, Orme, Osbourn, and Wheatcroft. Visitors—Bros. A. Frazer W.M. 731, S. Steele W.M. 802, F. Campion P.M. 253, W. Whitaker S.W., J. Bland J.W., and T. Day D.C. of 731, F. Burstall 591, G. Sprickley 253, and J. Piper 802. Lodge was opened in due form at 7.40 p.m., the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Naylor P.M. P.P.S.G.W. P.G.S. was invested and took his seat as Treasurer, vice Bro. Bobarts P.M. P.P.S.G.W. resigned. The ballot was taken for Mr. Broughall and found clear. Messrs. Dusantoy and Broughall were afterwards presented and initiated by the W.M. The charge, after the ceremony, was given in a most able and impressive manner by Bro. Manton J.W. The W.M. received the hearty congratulations of the visiting brethren, and all business being finished adjourned the meeting, at 9.5 p.m. The brethren then descended to the banquetting-room, where a sumptuous repast, provided by the caterer (Bro. W. Popplewell), awaited them. After the cloth was withdrawn, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with some excellent music and singing, and received with much heartiness, especially the toasts of the Visitors and Initiates. This Lodge

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is noted for its hospitality, and the Visitors expressed their admiration of the care that had been bestowed in order to make the evening's proceedings agreeable to all.

Phœnix Lodge, No. 173.—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 8th May, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. Present:—Bros. E. W. Allen W.M., James Blyth S.W., J. Andrews J.W., C. S. Jekyll Organist, J. Burford Treasurer, E. W. Mathews Secretary, F. Foxler S.D., F. D. Vine J.D., G. Güterbock I.G., H. W. Davie Steward, C. T. Speight Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Wilson, Green, Witt, Salmon, Vine, Phillips, and Finch. Members:—Bros. Miller, Pearce, Mabey, Russell, Humphreys, Tatham, Simpson, Gilbert, Stanham, Viney, Wood, Filmer, Mott, Kearley, Holcombe, New, Kinninmont, Williams, Ferguson, Gairdner, Boalling, &c. Visitors:—Bros. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., W. Ough P.G.P., J. H. Jewell P.P.G.O., T. Wood P.P.G.J.W., F. G. Baker P.M. 753, A. W. Duret P.M. 1223, J. Nicholson P.M. 59, W. Shepherd W.M. 69, J. I. Cantle P.M. 1257, H. J. Johnson W.M. 1791, J. Scholfield 172, A. Thomas P.M. 1446, W. R. Lister W.M. 145, J. Pearson W.M. 1196, and others, numbering 36. The formal business of the Lodge having been performed the W.M. Bro. Allen installed Bro. James Blyth as his successor. The ceremony was performed in a very able and impressive manner, to the evident satisfaction of the numerous brethren present. Bro. Blyth as W.M. invested the Officers; the present Officers down to the I.G. being advanced in rotation. Bro. Davie was appointed Secretary of the Lodge in the place of Bro. Mathews who did not desire to be reappointed, and Bro. Holcombe was appointed W.S. The Lodge having closed, the brethen adjourned to a superb banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. in pleasing and felicitous terms, and Bro. Hyde Pullen, in returning thanks, in eloquent terms, for the Grand Officers, paid a warm tribute of praise to the W.M., whom he esteemed as a friend, for his efficiency as a Mason, and he alluded to the fact that he had on the last installation meeting of the Lodge, recommended the then W.M., Bro. Allen, to instal his successor. He was gratified to observe that he had taken his advice, and the result was the Installing Master had gained great credit to himself, and had done honour to the Lodge, by the very efficient manner in which he had performed the duty. The W.M. then presented the jewel of the Lodge to the I.P.M., and in doing so acknowledged on behalf of the members the uniform kindness and urbanity with which the duties of the W.M. had been performed during his year of office. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. F. G. Baker P.M., who stated that it had given him great satisfaction to witness the able manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed by his pupil. The musical arrangements were of a very efficient charactor, and gave great pleasure to the brethren assembled. The W.M. was warmly congratulated upon the success which had attended his installation, and received many expressions of goodwill for continued success during his year of office. The Lodge will not meet again until the second Saturday in November.

Leigh Lodge, No. 957.—A meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, 10th May. Present:—Bros. A. Middlemass W.M., T. C. Pratt S.W., F. Marx J.W., J. Diprose P.M. Treasurer, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Secretary, W. James S.D., J. Lewin J.D., E. H. Bramley I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Creswick, Abel, Meredith, and Kelso, and several members. Visitors—Bros. H. Dubois P.G.J.W. Middlesex, W. Stephens P.G.D.C. Middlesex, Gardner W.M. 1641, J. Pattison W.M. 1578, Carter P.M. 141, L. Leins P.M. 65, J. Blundell J.W. 742, E. Cole Treasurer 1853, J. Hurdell J.D. 1348, Taylor I.G. 1639, Whiddington 1867, Diprose 1853, Goodchild 1743, J. Paul 1287, Goodfellow 437, H. E. Ffennell 60, G. Wood 1861, W. Nash 79, Maxsted 180, Smith 1744. Lodge was opened in due form. Bro. W. T. Woodruff was raised, and Bro. Frank W. Smeed passed. Bro. T. C. Pratt W.M. elect was then presented to receive the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed by Bro. Middlemass, the retiring W.M. The Officers were invested as follows:—Bros. F. Marx S.W., W. James J.W., J. Diprose Treasurer, C. A. Cottebrune Secretary, D. Abbott S.D., E. Bramley J.D., Von Joel I.G., Kelso P.M. D.C., and Woodstock Tyler. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual toasts were proposed, and responded to. Bros. Carter, Gardner, Stephens and Dubois returned thanks for the Visitors.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—The members met on Tuesday evening, at Bro. J. H. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. Macdonald, who had been elected to preside, the chair was taken by Bro. E. T. Worsley, the energetic Secretary of this Lodge of Instruction. Amongst the brethren who were present to support him we may mention Bros. William Musto P.M. Preceptor, W. H. Myers P.M. S.W., Smith J.W., Roberts Acting Secretary, Watkins S.D., Watson J.D., Day I.G., Keable, Morgan, Davis, Leach, &c. After due observance of preliminaries, the ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed. The W.M. then worked the first four sections of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren, Bros. Myers, Smith and Musto especially exhibiting their Masonic knowledge, much to the gratification of those assembled. One noticeable feature in this Lodge of Instruction,—the brethren do not "rush" through their work; every opportunity is taken to make the novice understand that the members are assembled the one to make the other better acquainted with the ceremonial portion of our Ritual, and with the many symbolical features embodied in the lectures. Bro. Myers will preside on Tuesday next, when, notwithstanding the holidays, a good attendance may be anticipated.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.—At the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 10th May. Bros. Finch W.M., McMillan S.W., McDowall J.W., Olley S.D., Blackburn J.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., C. Lorkin Preceptor. Lodge opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Bro. Blackburn answered the questions leading to the second degree; the Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. McMillan gave the lecture on the second tracing board. Bro. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Blackburn answered the questions leading to the third degree. The Lodge was closed in the second degree, Bro. J. Lorkin worked the third section of the lecture. Bro. McMillan was appointed W.M. for next assembly. This Lodge will not meet till Monday, the 24th, when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. McMillan.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-row, Dalston, Monday, 10th May, under the Precentorship of Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. Bros. T. E. Goddard W.M., Partridge S.W., Kimbell J.W., Robson S.D., Winkley I.G.; also Bros. McDonald, Lewis and Seymour-Clarke Sec. Lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. Seymour-Clarke having offered as a candidate, he was asked the usual questions and entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by Bro. Goddard. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. McDonald, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was then closed in the second degree, and Bro. McDonald was elected W.M. for Monday, 24th May, at 7.30, when sections will be worked by the W.M. as far as time will permit.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Monday, at York. Bro. C. E. Padel W.M. was in the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. S. Cumberland I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Lecture Master, Rev. J. Blake Chaplain, J. T. Seller S.W., G. Simpson J.W., J. Kay Sec., J. York as S.D., W. P. Husband as J.D., A. T. B. Turner M.C., and many other visitors and members. After a successful ballot for a candidate, Mr. Peston was introduced and was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, and Bro. Stubbs was passed to the second degree. Ballots were then taken for two life memberships in the Girls' School, which were won by Bros. Kay and Brown. The name of a candidate for election was proposed, and the Lodge was closed.

Sackville Lodge, No. 1619.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead, on Tuesday, 4th inst. The brethren appeared in Masonic mourning, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Bro. John Noke, who was some time ago appointed an honorary member of this Lodge, in recognition of his valuable services rendered to it, and whose death we referred to a short time since. Owing to serious illness the W.M., Bro. John G. Horsey, was absent. There were present—Bros. Chas. Sawyer I.P.M. and Sec., S. Davies S.W., E. A. Head J.W., W. Rudge S.D., J. G. Calway J.D., E. Dickman I.G., C. W. Noehmer P.M. D.C., H. Horsey, W. H. Brown, G. Mitchell, J. Cooper, E. Ovenden, Thos. Carder, W. Pile, A. M. Betchley, C. Firbank and G. W. Holmes. Visitors—Bros. A. W. Thorpe S.W. Careac 176, W. C. Banks I.P.M. Amherst 1223, R. Allison W.M. Industry 186, and A. Hopkinson P.M. St. John's 191. The acting Worshipful Master Bro. C. Sawyer I.P.M. opened the Lodge at 3 p.m., when, by unanimous desire, a telegram was sent to the Worshipful Master, expressive of the sympathy of the brethren with the illness which prevented his attendance. The minutes of three preceding meetings were then read and confirmed. In accordance with Bro. Sawyer's notice of motion, it was unanimously resolved that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. John G. Horsey, on the expiration of his year of office. Bros. W. H. Brown and George Mitchell, candidates for passing, were then entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bros. Thomas Carder and Henry Horsey, candidates for raising, duly entrusted, the Lodge opened in the third degree, and these two brethren were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. After the reading of a telegram in reply from the absent W.M., Lodge was resumed in the second degree, when Bro. Sawyer vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. W. Noehmer P.M., who passed Bros. Mitchell and Brown to the second degree. Lodge was then resumed in the first degree, and the ballot taken for Mr. George Berry, Superintendent of Police, East Grinstead, a candidate for initiation, who was (the ballot being unanimous) duly admitted into the secrets of Freemasonry. Bro. S. Davison S.W. was then unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. W. Hale P.M. Treasurer, and Bro. F. Sargeant Tyler. Bros. Brown, Mitchell and Coopor were appointed members of the Audit Committee. After referring in feeling terms to our departed brother John Noke, and the transaction of further business, the acting W.M. closed the Lodge, and the brethren assembled at table, where a very pleasant evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast. The London brethren were again indebted to Bro. Pierpoint (Superintendent of London Bridge Station, L.B. and S.C. Railway), for the use of a through saloon carriage from London, which much added to their comfort and convenience.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—A meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, 38 St. Peter's-street, Canterbury, on Monday, 3rd May. Bros. Howarth W.M., Blamiers S.W., Addison J.W., Hathersole S.D., Ewell J.D., Carter I.G. and Hon. Sec., Naylor P.M. Prec., Miskin Treas. Lodge opened and minutes were confirmed. The working tools of the 1st degree were explained, and the questions leading from 1st to 2nd given by the W.M. The Lodge was then advanced, and the questions leading from the 2nd to 3rd degree were put by the W.M., who also explained the working tools. The charge and lecture on the tracing board were given by Bro. Blamiers. The Lodge was closed at 9.30 p.m.

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SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

THE installation meeting of this young Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Tuesday, 4th inst., The brethren assembled at five o'clock, and the Lodge was duly opened by Bro. W. H. G. Rudderforth W.M., assisted by Bro. Baron D. Barnett S.W. W.M. elect, A. D. Loewenstark P.M. J.W., W. T. Lover P.M. S.W., H. Aarons J.D., I. Quincey I.G., W. Williams D.C., J. Rogers Tyler, and a goodly attendance of visitors and brethren. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Sally and Otto Rheinhold, merchants, of Germany, with an unanimously favourable result; those gentlemen will therefore be duly initiated at the next meeting of the Samson. The Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and on being resumed the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. D. Barnett I.P.M., who explained to the brethren that the W.M., knowing that he (Bro. Barnett) had initiated his brother (the W.M. elect) in the mysteries of the Order, had, with that kindness and good feeling by which he was always actuated, resolved that he (Bro. Barnett) was the fit and proper person to instal his brother into the chair of K.S. Bro. B. D. Barnett was then presented in due form, and having given his assent to the Ancient Charges, the Lodge was resumed to the third degree, and the brethren below the rank of I.M. withdraw. Bro. B. D. Barnett was then duly installed as W.M. of the Lodge. After the brethren had been readmitted, and had saluted the W.M. in customary manner, he invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. Rudderforth I.P.M., A. D. Loewenstark P.M. S.W., W. T. Lover P.M. J.W., T. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treas., J. D. Barnett P.M. Sec., Chas. Ochse S.D., H. Aarons J.D., W. Williams I.G., W. Soughton D.C., D. Smout W.S., and J. Rogers Tyler. Bro. J. D. Barnett then, in a most perfect and impressive manner, delivered the customary addresses, which were listened to with much pleasure and satisfaction by the brethren. Then followed the Auditor's report, which was unanimously adopted. The W.M. said that among his first duties and privileges was to perform a very pleasant task; this was to present to the I.P.M. a handsome jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the members of the Lodge in recognition of his services as Master, and as a mark of their high esteem. There was no one whom he would have greater pleasure in decorating with such a testimonial than Bro. Rudderforth, who he trusted might live for many years to wear it, and be amongst them as one of the P.M.'s. Bro. Rudderforth, in choice and appropriate terms, expressed his thanks. The brethren then proceeded to ballot for two Life Governorships in the Masonic Charities, from the Samson Masonic Benevolent Association, which is established to enable the members of the Lodge and others to become Life Governors of any of the Royal Masonic Institutions by paying a subscription of 1s per week. The successful members this evening were Bros. Williams and Quincey, and upon the W.M. announcing that he was representing the Lodge at the forthcoming "Boys' Festival," the former brother placed his £10 10s on the W.M.'s list. Bro. Quincey required his amount for one of the other Institutions. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served by Bro. Best. After the cloth was removed the W.M. said it was impossible for him to give the usual toasts in any novel manner, as whatever he could say in proposing them had already been said over and over again, therefore it was his intention to submit them to their notice in as brief a way as he could. Then followed the usual list. Bro. H. Hollis, P.P.G. Officer Herts, responded for the Grand Officers, and Bro. Bayley W.M. 185 for the Visitors. In proposing the health of the Installing Master, the W.M. said that he was a brother of whom any Freemason might justly be proud, but as he was doubly related to him, by blood as well as the mystic tie, he was doubly proud of him. Bro. J. D. Barnett replied in feelings of fraternal warmth. The Officers severally responded, and the Tyler's toast brought a most pleasant evening to a conclusion. The enjoyment of the brethren was much enhanced by some excellent songs and recitations from Bros. Bayley, Constable, Mathias, Smout, Cooper, and J. D. Barnett, who also accompanied the several brethren on the pianoforte. The Visitors were:—Bros. Bayley W.M. 185, L. Norden W.M. 205, J. Salamon W.M. 1017, J. Constable P.M. 185, H. Hollis P.P.G.P. Herts 167, F. H. Tibbitts J.W. 59, J. Swingard 1695, J. C. Myers 185, M. Young 1178, C. Brien P.M. 1571, H. Pirling P.M. 1160, D. Simpson 190, J. Rhuckes 565, H. C. Manger 343, T. J. Maidwell P.M. 27, A. Hirsch 188, G. P. Nightingale 193, and P. Mathias 1586.

Hotspur Lodge, No. 1626.—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on 22nd April, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Bro. John Bell W.M. in the chair, W. S. Hughes I.P.M., Ralf Carr S.W., H. Bowman J.W., R. C. Dodds Sec., J. B. Read S.D., J. Wood as J.D., W. T. Wilson S.S., J. A. Dixon J.S., G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland were announced, and they were received by the brethren in the usual way. One brother was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. W. S. Hughes in a very perfect manner. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, the health of the Provincial Grand Officers meeting with a most cordial reception, and responded to by Bro. R. Eynon P.G.S.W., who expressed himself pleased with the working of the Lodge, and said the visit had afforded the Prov. Grand Officers much satisfaction. Other complimentary toasts followed. The Visitors present were Bro. L. M. Cockcroft Dep. P.G.M., R. Eynon P.G.S.W., J. Cook P.P.G.S.W., B. J. Thompson P.G. Sec., Ralf Carr P.G.S.D., W. Cooper W.M. 1312 P.G.A.P., W. M. Bell P.M. 1557 P.G.A.D.C., A. R. Taylor W.M. 1676, J. Duckett S.W. 481, R. W. Sisson S.S. 406, and S. M. Harris J.W. 406, &c.

Kilburn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1608.—The usual meeting was held on Monday, the 3rd May, at Bro. Walton's, South Molton Hotel, South Molton-street. Bros. T. B. Linscott W.M., Ayres S.W., Willey J.W., Walton I.G., O. Latreille Preceptor, and Cuff Hon. Secretary being present. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Lopes candidate. The Lodge was then opened to the third degree and closed in form.

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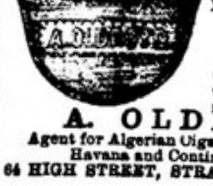

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THE LATEST DENUNCIATION OF FREEMASONRY.

ACCORDING to an account published in a comparatively recent number of the *Boston Herald*, of the proceedings on the 25th March of the United States Anti-Masonic Convention, the gentlemen composing that body —both reverend and non-reverend—have been enjoying themselves amazingly at the expense, primarily, we presume, of our United States brethren, and, in the next place, of all other brethren wheresoever they may be scattered throughout the world. In the most violent and appalling terms they have been attacking wholesale the tenets, or what they imagine to be such, of our Society, and all other Societies which meet together in private have come in for their share of the denunciation. We have been at the pains of re-producing the principal resolutions adopted on the occasion referred to, and, as we are told in the opening remarks of the reporter, that this particular gathering of the so-called "National Christian Association" had a more numerous attendance than that which preceded it during the forenoon of the same day, we are waiting with some curiosity—though to our shame perhaps be it said, without the slightest fear and trembling—to hear what, if any, effect has been produced on the 600,000 brethren who constitute our Fraternity in the land of the Stars and Stripes. We take leave to mention to our readers that this Association is a reality. It has a president, a secretary, an assistant-secretary, and as many as twenty-two vice-presidents, several of these last and the assistant-secretary being described as "reverends." The account is wisely silent as to the number of members which, having regard to the circumstance already noted, that the attendance in the afternoon of the day in question was larger than it had been in the morning, may, possibly, amount to as many or twice as many more; or, it may be, as in the case of the late Artemus Ward's regiment of volunteers, the zeal of all is so nearly equal, that all are commanding officers, the president being nothing more than *primus inter pares*, the secretary his *alter ego*, and the moving spirit of the latter the assistant-secretary. All this, however, being mere conjecture, let us turn our attention to the principal resolutions which were discussed and adopted, though, before doing so, it is only just we should mention that letters of sympathy are reported to have been read from Charles Francis Adams, the Rev. J. D. Fulton, and Wendell Phillips, while the statesman, the Hon. J. G. Blaine, wrote for the purpose of declaring that he was not a member of any secret society—a declaration which appears to have been received with much satisfaction and to have been regarded as though—why we are at a loss to understand—equivalent to an expression of hostility towards Freemasony and all other similar bodies. Having thus given the Association the full benefit of all the strength they are fairly entitled to claim, let us now take the principal resolutions and deal with them severally in the order in which they are published.

The preamble states that secret societies in general, and Freemasonry in particular, "promote class hostility, interfere with justice and elections, restrain free speech, largely control the press, ensnare the pulpit, excite un-Christian ambition," and is, in short, utterly subversive of all that just and proper men hold dearest; and this being so, it is not surprising that the first resolution agreed to should have contained the proposition that all secret societies "ought to be abated as public nuisances," and doubtless had this so-called Christian Association the power, we should have been told in the same sentence, "and they are abated as such accordingly." It is on record in the history of our country, that when about the middle of the seventeenth century, a certain Oliver Cromwell adopted a resolution to the effect that the famous Long Parliament, or what remained of it, was a public nuisance, he went down with a company or two of his soldiers, told one of them to take away "that bauble"—the ensign of the House's authority—sent the members away, locked the door, put the key into his pocket, and then went home to dinner at Whitehall. But such an act of summary procedure happens but once or twice in a nation's lifetime, and as the whole of this self-constituted association, even if multiplied a hundredfold, would be incapable of accomplishing the hundredth part of what one of "Old Noll's" Ironsides would have done offhand, as a kind of stimulant to his next meal, we do not fancy this denunciation and the accompanying resolution will have much effect on the fortunes of Freemasonry. Even the Antediluvian Buffaloes, and the Odd Fellows, and the other bodies which are thus denounced, as the *Boston Herald* puts it, in such "scathing terms," can afford to smile at such silly objurgations. If it has survived the anathemas of Popes, cardinals, and bishops, to say nothing of the Anti-Masonic prejudices in the States of half a century since, it need not fear the scathing petulance of this present Association, which in ridiculous arrogance has outdone the world-famed Tailors of Tooley Street, when they proclaimed themselves the people of England. But though it may seem hardly worth while to condescend to argument about a self-evident proposition, let us glance cursorily at the different reasons stated, why, in the opinion of this particular convention, Freemasonry should be abated as a public nuisance. In the first place, in the proper sense of the word, it is not a secret society at all. Its principles are open to the investigation of all the world; anybody in this country who is so minded may for the modest sum of eighteen-pence become the possessor of our Constitutions or laws. There, at all events, he will find that so far from it being the case that Freemasonry promotes "class hostility," its chief aim is to bring all classes together and unite them by the common bond of brotherhood. So far from interfering with "justice and elections," it studiously omits having anything whatever to do with them. Instead of restraining "free speech," it encourages it, though at the same time it never descends to the ignominious license of wholesale condemnation of others. Freemasons, being wise in their generation, remember how little harm was done by the wholesale cursing in the "Jackdaw of Rheims." They are frequently assailed, but they content themselves with repelling and showing the injustice of the assaults They are not desirous of interfering with other people, leaving it to them to settle with their conscience whether what they do is just or the reverse. What is meant by "ensnaring the pulpit" we are at a loss to understand. They do not molest the minister of religion in his sacred calling, nor does it ever occur to them to inquire what tenets he may profess. They are essentially unsectarian, only requring that members of their Society shall acknowledge a Supreme Being. This, in the opinion of the Anti-Masonic Convention, may tend to destroy Christian fellowship and morality, but if so, the initiative taken by Freemasons in recognising religious freedom has been followed, in England at all events, by the legislature of the kingdom. It is only about half a century since that the battle of Roman Catholic Emancipation was fought and won, and still more recently have

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the disabilities of the Jews been removed. But it does not need much study of Masonic history to become aware of the fact that what the British Legislature has done thus tardily, was done from the very first by Freemasonry, as it has been constituted since 1717. The essentially Christian character of our old legends was modified in such a manner that Masonry became a platform on which men without distinction of religious faith might meet together, and grasp the hand of good fellowship. If the Association meant to imply that the adoption of this liberal platform has degraded Christianity, it follows inferentially that the only way of remedying the mistake and putting an end to its sad consequences, will be to return once again to the old sectarian order of things, and resume the policy of bigotry and narrow-mindedness, which, in these days, is considered so dangerous to both the national and international well-being of communities. We do not think there are many people who will agree with this Convention as to the desirability of committing so grave an error. We are sure the policy of retrogression will find no advocates in this country or in the United States, for both have derived far too many solid advantages from a policy of progress. As to our oaths and obligations, they are no more subversive of true religion than oaths of allegiance, or oaths taken in a court of justice; and there is this to be said in their favour, that they are always taken voluntarily. No one is even asked, much less forced, to become a Freemason, and hence those who take on themselves our obligations do so of their own motion.

In the next resolution it is laid down that "Freemasonry is the Lodge citadel" and if it falls, the minor secret societies must fall likewise. This may or may not be intended as a compliment to our Society, but the proposition as stated involves most decidedly what is known as a *non sequitur*. Freemasonry stands alone in this respect, that it is not, and never was intended to be, anything like a benefit society, whereas we believe we are justified in saying that other secret or so-called secret bodies either possess that character or are intended for social enjoyment. We do not doubt there are many who seek admission into our ranks because they think it will be in some way or other to their advantage, as there are many who profess this or that form of religion without ever troubling themselves to act up to its tenets. This, however, is one of the misfortunes to which Freemasonry in common with all other human institutions is liable. These cases, moreover, are the exceptions which prove the rule in force among us, namely, that men who seek to join us do so without ulterior motive, and with no desire to benefit by so doing. We venture to say the benefits of initiation would be withheld from any who were biassed in their wish to come among us.

The third proposition is to the effect that a professed Christian who is a member of one of our Lodges, "thereby practically denies Christ." We have no desire to enter into anything like argument over a statement such as this. We are content with asking this simple question. Does any one really believe that the present Bishops of Meath and Peterborough, a former Archbishop of Canterbury and a former Bishop of Salisbury, to say nothing of the other very Rev. and Rev. gentlemen, who are or have been Freemasons, are on that account less of Christians than these Rev. members of this "National Christian Association?" We are not disposed to speak harshly of people who, albeit somewhat bigoted, are doubtless privately very good fellows, but were we so disposed, we might point out that this ridiculous proposition carries on the face of it its own refutation. It would be no more unreasonable to suggest that a Christian baker or licensed victualler who sold his goods to the hungry or thirsty Jew "thereby practically denied Christ."

We will not dwell on the next resolution, warning Christians against joining such an association or advising them, if they have done so already, to at once sever their connection with it. If a Christian who is a Mason denies Christ, then it follows he should give up his Masonry; and others, knowing the unchristian character of our Society, should hold aloof from us; and the same remarks apply to the Jew or member of any other religious faith who is or is not a Mason. But if the former proposition is untrue, then there is no need for him to abandon or avoid us. Nor need we lay particular stress on what follows. We say advisedly that Freemasons do not "secretly practise religious ceremonies, and secretly inculcate religious teachings," unless paying respect to the Supreme Being, much in the same way as well-ordered people invoke a blessing on the food His bounty has provided, is equivalent to one or other or both of such practices.

No. 6 declares that a member of an oath-bound secret association should be disqualified from holding any office in a free government. Now we know, as regards our Society—whatever may be the case with other societies—that a man's Masonry has no influence whatever on his politics. In the great civil war between the Northern and Southern sections of the United States there were Freemasons in both camps. They manfully did their several duties, or what they conscientiously believed to be their duties, and the only influence which Freemasonry exercised was in mitigating the severities and horrors of civil strife. But let us take a case or two nearer home. Is there a single Englishman, capable of formulating a reasonable opinion, who thinks the Earl of Carnarvon was less capable or less likely to fulfil his duties as a Colonial Minister because he happened to be Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England? Will the affairs of the Indian Empire be worse conducted by the Marquis of Hartington because he is the Provincial chief of the Derbyshire Freemasons? Or will the honour and integrity of Old England be less safe in the hands of Earl Granville, because years ago, when a student at Oxford, he sought acceptance as a member of our Fraternity? We might go on multiplying cases, and ask if the Grand Master of Ireland was, as a Mason, a less worthy and efficient viceroy of that portion of the United Kingdom; if his successor, who is an English Mason, was less capable and conscientious; and if it will make the slightest difference, socially, politically, and religiously, to the British Empire, that Earl Cowper, the new Viceroy of Ireland, is also a Freemason? We will only, however, mention the name of one whose memory is and ever will be held sacred by all citizens of the United States—that of the illustrious, God-fearing patriot, George Washington. Are the reverend and other members of the "National Christian Association" prepared to say that the very man to whom under Providence they owe their independence, was disqualified as a Freemason from holding any office whatever in a free government? The truth is, we are non-political in the sense in which we are a non-religious body. Just as we accept all candidates regardless of their religious views, and forbid all religious discussion in our Lodges, so we accept men whether they be Whig or Tory, Republican or Democrat, and are as sternly opposed to the consideration in Lodge of political as of religious questions.

Three principal resolutions remain, but they will not occupy us long. In the first, "all seceding and renouncing Masons" are urged to "make public confession of the secret order whereby they were ensnared;" and this, they are given to understand, is "a duty" they owe "to society and God." Now, as we have pointed out already, no one is ever "ensnared" by Freemasonry, because no one becomes a member except by his own free, unbiassed will and of his own motion. And then to tell people it is "a duty to society and God"—"God" being, of course, of inferior consequence to "society"—to go out of their way to commit perjury! An oath or obligation extorted, as in the old days of the Inquisition, under fear of death or torture, would not, in the estimation of most people, have any value; but it is something quite different, when ministers of religion step forward and advise people deliberately to violate an obligation they have contracted of their own free will. The penultimate resolution is somewhat to the same purport, and lays it down that a Mason is relieved from his bond because of its barbarous oaths, in accordance with the dictum of a late Boston minister, and not only so, but that it is his duty to expose its enormities. The last resolution invites the co-operation and prayers of all Christians in order to upset the Lodge system as "corrupting to the Church, and so baneful in its influence upon the family relation." There are not a few sections and subdivisions of the Church, to say nothing of the Jews, Mahommedans, Buddhists, &c., and therefore we should like to know, before going further, over which "Church" Freemasonry exercises so baneful and corrupting an influence, and also in what manner it is hurtful to the family relation. In the case of a society whose leading principles are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, those who observe them scrupulously will certainly not do any harm to family or other relations. We trust the members of this Convention will learn something of our principles before they again think of anathematising us.

It is our duty to add that in the evening of the same day

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was held in the Music Hall an exhibition, at which some 600 or 800 persons were present, including a few ladies, there being also a very respectable police force on duty for the preservation of order. The majority of the spectators had come evidently, says the *Boston Herald*, to enjoy the fun, and lest the actors might be exposed to a fire of eggs and other disagreeable missiles, none were allowed to seat themselves in the balcony. After a certain Professor Blanchard, of Wheaton College, had occupied three-quarters of an hour in denouncing and exposing the horrors of Freemasonry, a Mr. Edward Ronayne set himself to the task of exposing the mystery of conferring the Master Mason's degree, but he was inaudible, owing to the laughter, shuffling of feet, &c. &c. of the audience. Then an "elderly gentleman, tall of stature, and possessed of lungs so powerful as to cause a drill sergeant among the police to turn green with envy," essayed to speak, but only a few of his sentences were heard, at intervals. Mr. Ronayne then reappeared and went through the ceremony of conferring the third degree, which, from its exciting character, appears to have been mistaken by those present for a wrestling match, At length the candidate, or "victim," as he is called, was disposed of and duly "laid out and covered with a pile of chairs," when the scene closed, the audience left, and "the 'Christian gentlemen' who conducted the show, after calling at the box-office and receiving their share of the gate-money"—the men had been charged what is equivalent to a shilling of our money for admission—"were escorted out of the building by the police through the rear entrance."

Many will say we should treat this "exposure" with contempt, but the whole thing is so ridiculously funny that we could not leave it unnoticed; nor must it be forgotten that Freemasonry is bound to stand always on the defensive. Though this kind of denunciation is not very terrible, the cursing we are subjected to in other quarters is not without its influence on the weak-minded.

We append the resolutions referred to:—

Whereas, secret societies, and especially Freemasonry, promote class hostility, interfere with justice and elections, restrain free speech, largely control the press, ensnare the pulpit, excite unchristian ambition, bring professed Christian men into confidential relations with bad men, degrade the sacred name of brother, tend to destroy Christian fellowship and morality, require oaths and other obligations that are contrary to the Bible, and hinder the progress of pure religion; therefore—

Resolved, 1. That all secret societies ought to be abated, as public nuisances.

2. That Freemasonry is the Lodge citadel, and with its fall the minor secret orders will go down.

3. That a professed Christian who remains an adhering member of a Masonic or Odd Fellow's Lodge thereby practically denies Christ.

4. That we warn all Christians not now connected with a secret Lodge to continue free, and we entreat all who are bound to forsake the hidden works of darkness and turn away from such unholy associations.

5. That membership in secret societies ought to be regarded as a disqualification for membership in Christian churches, because such societies secretly practise religious ceremonies, and secretly inculcate religious teachings.

6. That members of oath-bound secret combinations are thereby disqualified to hold any office whatever in a free government.

7. That it should be urged upon all seceding and renouncing Masons, as a duty to society and God, to make public confession and exposure of the secret order whereby they were ensnared.

8. That this convention fully concurs in the deliberately expressed opinion of the late Rev. Nathaniel Colver of Boston, that the vicious character of Masonry and its guilt-concealing and barbarous oaths are such as not only to release all men from their bonds, but also to lay upon them the solemn obligations to tear off its covering and expose its enormity.

9. That we invite the co-operation and prayers of all Christians for the overthrow of the Lodge system, as corrupting to the church and so baneful in its influence upon the family relation.

The Installation ceremony will be rehearsed in the Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, on Thursday next, 27th inst., at 6.30 p.m., at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C., by Bro. Thomas Poore P.M. 720. Brethren are cordially invited to support our worthy brother on this occasion.

We are requested to announce that the installation ceremony will be rehearsed in the St. James's Lodge of Instruction, No. 765, held at Bro. Meacock's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, on Friday, the 28th May, by Bro. J. Perkins W.M. 765, who will be supported by Bros. J. Davison P.M. 299 Preceptor, W. Pennefather P.M. 879 Secretary, and many brethren from the mother Lodge.

R. M. BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was held yesterday (Friday), at the Freemasons' Tavern, London. Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, having declared the meeting open, it was proposed and carried unanimously that Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. Grand Secretary of West Yorkshire, take the chair.

Bro. Terry then read a letter received from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, stating that the M.W.G.M. approved of the 23rd February 1881 as the date of the Annual Festival of the Institution.

The minutes of the last annual general meeting were taken as read, and then the Secretary presented the Annual Reports of the Audit Committee and Committee of Management, which were unanimously approved and adopted, these were as follow:—

REPORT.

In presenting the Annual Report to the Governors and Subscribers, the Committee of Management have much pleasure in congratulating them upon the continued prosperity of the Institution, evidenced by the large amount of donations collected by the Stewards at the Festival, which, by command of the Patron, H.H.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., was held on the 9th February last, under the Presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W. Prov. G.M. for North and East Yorkshire, supported by a Board of 230 Stewards, who brought in no less a sum than £12,280. The Committee tender their warmest thanks to the Earl of Zetland for his kindness in taking upon himself the arduous task of Chairman upon the occasion, and also to the brethren who so nobly exerted themselves to raise this large amount.

In May 1879 there were 145 male and 145 female annuitants upon the fund; to-day, waiting election, there are 31 men and 48 widows.

Since the last election 17 men and 16 widows have died, and the Committee, naturally being desirous of extending the benefits of the Institution as widely as they prudently can, have determined not only to fill up these vacancies, but to add 15 additional annuitants (viz., five men and ten widows) upon the already large list of recipients, so that after to-day there will be 150 males and 155 females upon the funds, the total amount of whose annuities will reach £10,960. There are also 20 widows receiving £20 each per annum (being half the amount of their late husband's annuity) making the total payment £11,360 in annuities alone, without the ordinary and necessary working expenses.

The Committee venture to think that the following figures may not be without interest, as showing the growth of the Institution during the past nine years:—

	Male Annuitants.		Female Annuitants.		Total annual amount paid.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
1872	114	£2,964	78	£1,950	£4,914
1873	115	4,140	81	2,268	6,408
1874	120	4,320	88	2,484	6,804
1875	130	4,680	98	2,744	7,424
1876	130	4,680	113	3,164	7,844
1877	144	5,760	127	4,064	9,824
1878	145	5,800	134	4,288	10,088
1879	145	5,800	145	4,640	10,440
1880	150	6,000	155	4,960	10,960

With these figures before the donors and subscribers, the Committee leave the support of the Institution in future with greater confidence to the liberality of the Craft, feeling assured that the work thus being done must commend itself to its favourable consideration and sympathy.

It will thus be seen that the Institution is in a most prosperous condition, mainly owing to the continued exertions of the Secretary, Bro. Terry, whose untiring energy and zeal for its welfare is deserving of the highest praise. Since his accession to office, the income of the Institution has steadily increased, for whereas in 1874 the sum announced at the Annual Festival was £5,176, the amount has risen in 1880 to the above-mentioned sum of £12,280; and your Committee tender its best thanks to Bro. Terry for his great efforts in bringing about such a glorious result.

To Grand Lodge the Committee again renew their thanks for the grant of £70, enabling them to provide the residents of the Institution with coals during the inclemency of the winter months.

The Institution at Croydon is in a thorough state of repair, but the time will shortly arrive when the usual painting and renovations will have to be attended to.

The health of the residents is, as usual, well cared for by H. J. Strong, Esq., M.D., the Honorary Surgeon, to whom they accord their heartiest thanks for his kindness and attention.

An offer having been made by R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., to attend to the ailments of the non-resident annuitants without fee, the Committee accepted this generous offer with their warmest thanks, and appointed him an Honorary Surgeon, and they have reason to know that in many instances his attention has been of great service to those who have needed his care.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the past year, ending the 31st March 1880, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution:—

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MALE FUND.

Balance 31st March 1879 - - £2,921 10 11

RECEIPTS.

Donation from Grand Lodge - -	500 0 0	
Do Grand Chapter -	100 0 0	
Do Lodges, Chapters and Individuals -	6,691 5 2	
Annual Subscriptions do -	973 16 0	
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds - - -	1,879 2 1	
Rent of Field - - - - -	9 0 0	
Cash withdrawn from Call - -	1,500 0 0	
Interest on Cash at Call - - -	6 9 0	
		11,659 12 3
		£14,581 3 2

DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuitants - - - - - -	5,560 0 0	
Salary of Secretary and Clerk - -	352 10 0	
Collector—Commission - - -	121 13 0	
Messenger - - - - - -	5 0 0	
Secretary—Provincial Expenses -	44 12 11	
Medicine for residents at Institution	12 10 0	
Warden at Institution - - -	20 0 0	
Pension to late Gardener, and Gardener's salary - - -	54 12 0	
Rates and Taxes, at Institution -	29 16 10	
Repairs and Furniture do -	15 8 4	
Law Charges - - - - - -	4 14 6	
Stationery, Printing, &c. - -	47 12 10	
Advertisements - - - - -	9 4 0	
Postages, &c., including expenses of Election - - - - -	164 7 10	
Petty Expenses - - - - -	13 16 4	
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants - - - - -	34 8 7	
Votes of thanks to Stewards - -	19 16 0	
Balance—Building Gardener's Lodge and Greenhouse - -	51 1 11	
Gardening Expenses - - -	5 15 1	
Hire of Hall on day of Election -	2 12 6	
Rent of Office - - - - -	18 0 0	
Rent of Field at Croydon - -	16 18 10	
Placed at Call - - - - -	1,500 0 0	
Purchase of Stock - - - - -	2,431 17 6	
Brokerage and Powers of Attorney -	21 13 2	
		£10,558 2 2

Balance on this Fund - - £4,023 1 0

WIDOWS' FUND.

Balance 31st March 1879 - - - - £3,252 0 5

RECEIPTS.

Donation from Grand Lodge - -	300 0 0	
Do Grand Chapter -	50 0 0	
Do Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals -	4,796 10 6	
Annual Subscriptions - - -	762 12 6	
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds - - -	1,059 6 11	
Rent of Field - - - - -	9 0 0	
Cash withdrawn from Call - -	1,500 0 0	
Interest on Cash at Call - - -	6 9 0	
		8,483 18 11
		£11,735 19 4

DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuitants - - - - - -	4,741 0 0	
Salary of Secretary and Clerk -	352 10 0	
Collector—Commission - - -	99 1 0	
Messenger - - - - - -	5 0 0	
Secretary—Provincial Expenses -	44 12 10	
Medicine for residents at Institution	12 10 0	
Matron do -	50 0 0	
Pension to late Gardener, and Gardener's Salary do -	28 12 0	
Rates and Taxes do -	29 16 8	
Repairs and Furniture do -	15 8 4	
Law Charges - - - - - -	4 14 6	
Stationery, Printing, &c. - -	47 12 11	
Advertisements - - - -	9 4 0	
Postages, &c. including expenses of Election - - - - -	151 4 4	
Petty Expenses - - - - -	13 16 5	
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants - - - - -	34 8 7	
Votes of thanks to Stewards - -	19 16 0	
Balance—Building Gardener's Lodge and Greenhouse - -	51 1 10	
Gardening Expenses - - -	5 15 1	
Hire of Hall on day of Election -	2 12 6	
Rent of Office - - - - -	18 0 0	
Rent of Field at Croydon - -	16 18 8	
Placed at Call - - - - -	1,500 0 0	
Purchase of Stock - - - - -	2,431 17 6	
Brokerage and Powers of Attorney -	15 2 6	
		£9,700 15 8

Balance on this Fund - - £2,035 3 8

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Balance 31st March 1879 - - -	£37 15 0
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	58 15 0
	£96 10 0

DISBURSEMENTS.

Repairs - - - - - - -	48 6 1	
Brokerage and Powers of Attorney -	1 4 0	
		49 10 1

Balance on this Fund - - £46 19 11

Total Balance as per Auditors' Report £6,105 4 7

The Permanent Income of the Institution is as follows:—

MALE FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge -	500 0 0	
Do Grand Chapter	100 0 0	
Dividends on £35,450 Stock in Government Funds - -	1,041 7 0	
		£1,641 7 0

WIDOWS' FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge -	300 0 0	
Do Grand Chapter -	50 0 0	
Dividends on £21,075 Stock in Government Funds - - -	619 1 10	
		969 1 10

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Dividends on £1,000 Stock in the Government Funds	30 0 0

Total Permanent Income - - - £2,640 8 10

Signed HENRY SMITH, Prov. G. Sec. W. Yorks, Vice-President, Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
21st May 1880.

Bros. T. Goode, W. Hale, Quitmann and J. Bulmer were elected to fill vacancies on the Committee of Management, caused by the retirement of old members, by rotation and otherwise.

The Auditors, Bros. H. Warren, A. H. Tattershall and R. B. Webster, were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year.

Scrutineers having been appointed, the Chairman announced that in consequence of deaths which had occurred among the annuitants, the number to be elected was twenty-two men and twenty-six widows; and further that since the issue of the balloting papers, five of the males and one female candidate had died. The election was then proceeded with, and the result, as given in another part of our columns, was announced shortly after six o'clock.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday, at Freemason's Hall. Bros. John M. Clabon, Joshua Nunn and James Brett being in the President's and Senior and Junior Vice-President's chairs respectively. After the agenda paper for the next meeting of Grand Lodge, on the 2nd June, the brethren confirmed the grants and recommendations of grants made at last Lodge of Benevolence, to the amount of £405. The new list of applicants contained thirty-four names. Two cases were relieved with £100 each, two with £50 each, one with £40, one with £35, one with £30, three with £25 each, nine with £20 each, five with £15 each, and five with £10 each. Bro. Joshua Nunn read a letter which had been addressed by the Grand Secretary of Scotland to an English Mason who applied to the Lodge of Benevolence in Scotland for relief, referring the brother to the English Lodge of Benevolence, and stating that that was the plan adopted by the English Lodge of Benevolence when Scotch brethren asked them for assistance. Bro. Nunn stated the brethren at the table knew that this was not so, as applicants from Scotland, and all other places in the world, were never sent empty away from the English Lodge of Benevolence when they applied.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

A CONVOCATION of this Grand Chapter took place on the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne, under the banner of De Swinborn Chapter, No. 24; there was a very large attendance of Companions from all parts of the Province. Grand Chapter was opened by L. M. Cockcroft Prov. Grand Superintendent, who after the ordinary routine of business had been gone through, appointed the following Comps. as Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter:—Comps. Hotham H., J. Ridsdale J., Mean E., Loades N., T. Smith P.S., Underwood and W. S. Hughes A.S., John Spearman Registrar, R. L. Armstrong Treasurer, Bentham Sword Bearer, Horkins Standard Bearer, Montgomery Organist, G. W. Lax and G. Cockburn P.G. Stewards, Carry Janitor. P.G. Chapter was then closed in ample form.

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THE WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.

MAY, though a somewhat treacherous month in respect of its temperature, is, if true to its ancient fame, one of the brightest and most enjoyable months in the year. If people will only take reasonable precautions against the cold when the sun has sunk beneath the horizon, they may allow themselves almost any amount of latitude in the pleasure they propose to take. It is impossible that anything can be more enjoyable than the country at this season. Even the smoke of London has not yet had time enough to spoil the fresh bright verdure of our parks—the "lungs" of our metropolis, as they are wont to be called. The few fields and open green spaces in the suburbs which the encroaching tendencies of bricks and mortar have yet spared to us look joyous enough to make even the misanthrope sigh with regret over the memories of innocent and happy youthful days gone beyond the possibility of recall. The birds sing their spring carols with a rich energy which never tires. Gardens, though not as rich in bloom as they will be later, look as nearly as possible their very best, and be indeed must be incapable of satisfaction who cannot thoroughly enter into the spirit of happiness with which all nature, and all God's creatures seem imbued in the merry, merry month of May. And the May of this year of grace 1880 has been indeed a glorious one. A clear and cloudless sky, with plenty of warm sunshine, has been for the most part the order of the day this season, to the profit alike of the hardy sons of toil who seek, and those whose duty it is to purvey, amusement when occasion offers. No wonder then the reports we have gleaned from various quarters should point to an exodus of metropolitans from the grimy scenes of their labour which is almost without precedent. The railway officials must have been at their wits' end to accommodate the thousands and thousands of excursionists who thronged to the principal stations in and near London—on Monday especially—in order that they might spend that one of the four annual holidays, which the law allows, or custom sets apart, for rest from their daily toil, at some favoured inland or sea-side resort. The trains of the Great Western, London and North Western, Midland, Great Eastern, South Eastern, London Chatham and Dover, Brighton and South Coast, and the other Railway Companies, were laden with passengers, all, like dear old John Gilpin, on "pleasure bent." The steamboats that ply to Greenwich, Gravesend, Southend, Margate and Ramsgate, were crowded; while those which journey above bridge to Kew, &c., were equally fortunate. The Crystal Palace, with its formidable array of attractions, secured an entry of over 50,000 visitors, while its rival at Muswell Hill, which opened again only on Saturday last, under the generous and energetic management of Mr. James Willing, was even more numerously crowded, some half dozen score less than 70,000 being the number who betook themselves thither for the purpose of assisting at the circus, concert, and other items of a most excellent programme. We feel it a duty specially to recognise the rare collection of animals, the Roman Chariot Races, the riding of Mrs. Rose Myers on her horse Cromwell, and other equestrians, and the other portions of the entertainment provided in the well-known Myers's Circus and Hippodrome. Kew Gardens and the "Zoo" were filled, the former with over 60,000, and the latter with almost half that number of admirers. The "People's William," in his pleasant home at North Woolwich, had reason to congratulate himself that his efforts to please are appreciated as they deserve. The various museums had each of them a strong contingent of holiday folk, while the open country about Hampstead, Highgate, Epping Forest, Battersea, Finsbury, and Victoria Parks were also resorted to by a goodly company of people determined at all hazards to enjoy themselves. Even the indoor places of amusement were not without an attendance which must have been as gratifying as it was profitable. Though the times have been a little hard of late, there seems to have been no lack of money to spend both wisely and well, and we trust the outlay will bear fruit, and enable people to brace themselves up for a return with increasing vigour and energy to their daily business. True it is, that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," and though there is no end of stupid people who think the greatest amount of pleasure is derived from excessive eating and drinking, still it does not do to be too precise in these matters. If, when the day or two's enjoyment is at an end, the head is not as clear or the hand as steady as at ordinary times, if some folk have turned their holiday to account "not wisely, but too well," as the saying is, let us hope they will be more fortunate next time.

A few particulars, however, are needed in order to complete this account of the holiday doings. It goes without saying that Madame Tussaud's exhibition is one of the most popular in London, and it is not to be wondered at that it received a considerable amount of patronage on Monday. The wax effigies of princes and statesmen and warriors, the room of horrors, Napoleon's carriage, and the other attractions to be seen here, draw wonderfully, especially when our country cousins have the opportunity of paying us a visit. The Polytechnic, too, with its models and diving bell, and a special provision of entertainment, found its share of admirers; so, too, the Westminster Aquarium, though not so numerously attended during the day as we have seen it, secured a good share of the public favour. Dr. Lynn, Messrs. Maskelyne and Cooke, the Moore and Burgess Minstrels, and Mr. and Mrs. German Reed, each in their several ways and with their wonted success, contributed to the general enjoyment, while the attendance at the Tower was such that it was found impossible to admit all who presented themselves to see the regalia, the armouries, Traitors' gate, and the other wonders of that ancient building. The Mohawk Minstrels set themselves bravely to work, both on Monday and Tuesday, to cater for the public, and right glad must they have been, on Monday at all events, when the labours of the day were ended, and they were at liberty to enjoy that rest they had so justly earned. From one to two o'clock on the Bank Holiday they gave a part of their entertainment at the Westminster Aquarium. Then at their own Concert Room at the Agricultural Hall they had a specially arranged programme for 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and this was repeated on the day following at the same hours, the attendance being most satisfactory. All went admirably well. Mr. Layton sang a new ballad—"We Two"—with great taste. Mr. W. Ray was, as usual, very funny in his comic refrain. Mr. Temple's admirable voice was heard to advantage in another new ballad "The Shady Lane." The latest acquisition of the Mohawks, in the person of Master Rowland Howell, gave promise of unusual excellence. Mr. Chester (bass), Mr. Freeman (comic), Mr. Kavanagh (baritone) and Mr. Garland (tenor) all acquitted themselves well, Mr. Kavanagh in his new hunting song, and Mr. Garland in his new descriptive, being loudly and justly applauded. The principal features in the Second Part were firstly the breakneck song and dance entertainment of Messrs. Mason and Dixon, which, by its amazing vigour as well as novelty, it is no mere figure of speech to say brought the house down, and but that the laws of the Mohawks are as unalterable as those of the Medes and Persians would doubtless have been repeated. The glee as sung by the choir went beautifully, while Master Rowland Howell confirmed the good opinion formed of him by his earlier song, and rendered a pathetic plantation ballad, entitled "Poor Little Sue the Quadroon," with exquisite feeling and taste. A travestie, entitled "The Dunites," by "Joe (kin) Miller," served as an exquisite finish to a thoroughly enjoyable entertainment. It is almost needless to say that Messrs. Hunter (Interlocutor), James and Will. Francis, and the other minstrels were in the best of form, while Mr. Mowbray fulfilled the duties of manager with great courtesy and kindness.

We have spoken of the efflux of metropolitans into the country, but it is only right that we should add that this drain on our popular resources was in a great measure counterbalanced by an influx of country folk from the principal towns in the Provinces, and it was these who took the opportunity of inspecting the treasures of our British Museum, National, and other picture Galleries, the varied display at the South Kensington Museum, &c., &c. Nor was it to have been expected that a Bank Holiday could be allowed to pass without one or more exhibitions of stupidity, the scene where these were held being Hyde Park. There, some 10,000 people with a score of bands assembled to consider the merits of Temperance, though why Hyde Park should be allowed by the authorities to be thus desecrated is a puzzle to all reasonable folk. There was also a "Tichborne demonstration," at which about some 300 people made themselves ridiculous, and what was intended as a demonstration in honour of the Liberal victory at the general election turned out a complete failure, and very properly so. What have politics to do with holidays and a people seeking rational enjoyment? With these exceptions the Whitsun holidays seem to have passed off magnificently.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Antiquity Lodge, No. 146, Bolton.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 12th May, at the Bull's Head Inn, Bradshaw-gate, Bolton. Present:—Bros. James Dooley W.M., William Cooper S.W., George Taylor J.W., M. Burgess Sec., Jacob Rostron as S.D., James Galloway J.D., John Morris P.M. M.C., Frederick Williams I.G., James Kennedy Steward, H. Broughton Tyler. P.M.'s Horridge, Wide, and Ainsworth, and Bros. Skelton, Wild, Barton, and Rimmer. Lodge opened at 7 p.m. and the brethren confirmed the minutes of preceding meeting. Lodge was advanced to third degree, for practice, and was closed to the first, when one of the ancient charges was read. Mr. Arthur Jackson of Westbank, iron founder, was proposed as a candidate for initiation at the next meeting, by Bro. John Morris P.M. Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 12th May, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present:—Bros. J. Early Danks W.M., W. Ferguson S.W., E. J. Blackwell J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., R. Dowsett S.D., R. C. Prickett Steward, T. Newman I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Flanagan I.P.M., Welch, Brown, Margrett; Bros. Weatherhead, Wort, Rhind, Ravenscroft, Bailey. Visitors—Bros. R. Bradley P.G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, F. W. Albury 414, W. A. Hart 771. Lodge was opened, the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The W.M. gave the lecture on the tracing-board in the first degree, which occupied just forty-eight minutes in delivering, the whole of the emblems were fully illustrated, and there was not a break from beginning to end. This is the first time since the formation of the Lodge that the whole of this beautiful lecture has been delivered here. After the introduction of the subject, the form or shape was described; the three reasons for its being holy ground; the situation of the Lodge, with its signification; the three grand pillars—Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty; the celestial canopy, with the three principal steps of Faith, Hope, and Charity; the ornaments, furniture, and jewels, both movable and immovable; the lewis and corners were all fully and accurately described. At the conclusion the brethren present showed their appreciation by acclamation. It is to be regretted that a greater number of members and friends were not in attendance to enjoy this treat. After proposal of candidates and the usual ceremonial, Lodge was closed and adjourned to 5th June, which will be the last meeting till October. We congratulate Bro. Danks on his erudition, and we trust his example will be followed by his successors.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction. No. 1259.—The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 14th inst. Bro. H. J. Day occupied the chair, and was ably supported by the following brethren as Officers:—Bros. Rolfe sen. S.W., Esmond J.W., J. W. Davies S.D., Hellingford J.D., Morton I.G., Atkins W.M. 1259 I.P.M., Finch Preceptor, Buchan S.W. 1259 Secretary. There were also present Bros. Gilroy, Rolfe jun., Hancock

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jun., Skinner, Keable, and Moore P.M. 1259. Lodge opened in due form, according to ancient custom, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second and third degrees, and afterwards resumed, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Rolfe jun. acting as candidate. Bro. Rolfe sen. was unanimously elected to fill the position of W.M. on the ensuing Friday evening, which will be the closing meeting of the season.

St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306.—The first regular meeting of this Lodge, since the Installation meeting, was held on the 12th inst., at the Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping. With a degree of punctuality highly commendable Bro. C. Veal opened his Lodge at 5.30, and was well supported by his Officers. The Secretary, Bro. H. T. Hardy, was then called upon to read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were capitally kept, and received confirmation. Bro. J. G. Twinn who was in attendance for the third degree, was tested as to his proficiency, and was entrusted, as also was Bro. A. S. Judd, of the Langthorne Lodge, No. 1421 (by the courtesy of the W.M., owing to that Lodge being in recess). Bros. Twinn and Judd were then raised to the degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being well and impressively rendered. Bros. C. Whybrow and W. McCreddie next received the benefit of advancement to the second degree, after having proved themselves worthy, and Lodge lowered. The brethren next discussed several matters of importance, including claims upon its Benevolence, on behalf of Bro. Longstaff, the aged Tyler, who we regret to learn has recently met with a serious accident, and requires the assistance of the brethren. The motion to remove the Lodge to a suitable place was next brought forward (having been postponed from a previous meeting), and after ample discussion it was unanimously determined to meet at the Moorgate Station Restaurant, kept by Bro. A. Kent. The W.M. having received the hearty congratulations of the brethren, the Lodge with all solemnity was duly closed. After the usual long interval to clear the Lodge room and lay the supper table therein, the brethren sat down to a well-served supper. After grace, Bro. Veal gave the health of Her Majesty the Queen, coupled with the Craft. Bro. Stephens having sung God save the Queen, the health of His Royal Highness was proposed, and met with the usual hearty reception. Bro. Couture having given a capital song, the Earl of Carnarvon P.G.M., Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present, were duly honoured. A song from Bro. Whybrow, who possesses just the voice for the Village Blacksmith, here gave general satisfaction. Bro. P.M. Dawson, acting I.P.M., rose and said, the W.M. having entrusted me with the gavel, you, brethren, know full well for what purpose. It affords me much pleasure to congratulate our W.M., for the first time, upon the manner in which he has performed his duties, and his excellent working. I hope he will continue to have a great deal of work to do for the St. John of Wapping Lodge, and that you, brethren, will as cordially support him as you have done this evening. This was received with enthusiasm, and Bro. T. Willets (one of the founders of the Lodge) gave a musical rendering of the demise of Cock Robin, in which the brethren gave valuable impromptu assistance. Bro. Veal in reply asked what he could say in answer to a brother who had used such flattering remarks, or to the brethren for receiving them with such hearty approval? I can only thank you. I feel pleased I have given you satisfaction, and my earnest endeavours will be to deserve the appreciation you have all shown me, and I feel confident the brethren will do all in their power to render this a successful year. Nothing shall be wanting on my part to make it one, at the end of which I trust I shall again receive your approbation. Introducing the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. said this Lodge is never without Visitors, and I hope never will be. Although not so numerous as usual those present are very welcome, and are well known to you. Of my Brother E. Veal 145, I will not say much; he is an old warrior, as well as a Mason, and has fought well for his country. Bro. Judd I hardly call a visitor, having received at my hands his third degree this evening—he is heartily welcome. The capabilities of Bro. D. Durell are so well known to you all that I will not dilate upon them, except to hope we shall constantly see him amongst us. Bro. G. H. Stephens is also a favourite here. We are all pleased to have him present, and I am sure my successors will esteem his services to the St. John of Wapping Lodge as highly as I do. This toast having been drunk with a bumper, Bro Stephens, who was called upon to respond to it, said he thanked the brethren for drinking to the toast of the Visitors in their usual hearty manner. They were all deeply impressed with the welcome offered them. For himself, it was always a pleasure to visit the St. John of Wapping Lodge, especially so to-night, when he saw proof that what he ventured to predict about the future of the Lodge was being amply verified. The promise of good working given by the brethren when occupying junior positions months ago was now being realised, and they had a W.M. and two Wardens who would be sure to do credit to themselves and the St. John's Lodge, whilst the other Officers had shown themselves up to their work, and justified the wisdom of Bro. Veal in selecting them to support him; he was sure they would join him in wishing prosperity to the St. John of Wapping Lodge. In giving the P.M.'s, Bro. Veal said—In our P.M.'s we have some jolly good fellows. All know Bro. Dawson, from his kind disposition; whether as I.G. or Deacon he is always willing to do service, and I have received many valuable hints from him. Bro. Beck's capabilities we all know; we trust him with our funds; and although this is not much, it is a position of honour and trust we are glad to see him fill. He was my father in Freemasonry, and I feel very glad to see him among us. Bro. Coleman, too, whose obliging disposition and harmonious way of assisting us make us hope to see all our P.M.'s many years with us. After replies from the Past Masters, the W.M. toasted the Officers, of whom he would say but little. He would endorse the kind remarks of Bro. Stephens concerning them, and was glad to see that his choice and their fitness for their several posts gave satisfaction. He then gave a brief review of them. Bro. Magrath S.W. was working up well, and he hoped soon to see him in the same honourable position he held. Bro. Wooding J.W. was an industrious and very expert worker; were you to see him in Lodges of Instruction you would find hardly any ceremony was too much for him. I trust to see him as well as Bro. S.W. attain the highest position. Bro. Horsley S.D. was also a capital Officer, a Fifteen Section worker, and great things were expected of him. Bro. Tyer J.D. was initiated with him, and would have held the S.W. position but that his business forced him to retire some time from office. Bro. Tarling S.W. had an humble but important office to discharge; he was the best Wine Steward the Master had seen. Bro. Couture the D.C. was making himself proficient, only he was bashful. Bros. Haldom and Clement were evidently qualifying themselves for higher office. Bro. Magrath in reply said he thanked them for the reception given to this toast. If he had given Bro. I.P.M. Hayward satisfaction as J.W., he hoped to give Bro. Veal satisfaction now he was S.W. Bro. T. Wooding hardly knew how to thank them, but as long as he was an Officer of the Lodge they might rely upon his best endeavours. Bro. Horsley J.D. said, as one of the Officers of the Lodge he was determined to do all in his power, and that notwithstanding he had to travel 528 miles to do so. He had heard it said that "bad wishes come home to roost." To-night some good had come home to roost, although he thought they were not fully realised. An eminent sculptor once said that in art a good deal depends upon the model, well, we have a good model in our W.M. After "Tom Tough" had been capitally sung by Bro. Judd, the Tyler's toast brought a memorable and successful evening to a close.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 18th May. This flourishing Lodge of Instruction, notwithstanding the holidays, met as usual; the chair was taken by P.M. Myers, who was supported by P.M. Musto and several other brethren. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Loame acting as candidate. The Lodge closed to the first degree, when Bro. Musto was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday, on which occasion sections only will be worked. Bro. Musto will be supported by P.M. Myers as S.W.; these brethren are sure to secure a good attendance. Any brother desiring to assist in a section will be allowed to do so, the indefatigable Preceptor being always pleased to aid those students who are aspiring to learn the sections. A list of the workers will appear in our next.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At a meeting held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 13th May. Present:—Bros. H. Yonens W.M., Jones S.W., Fisher J.W., Seward S.D., Coop J.D., Bellerby I.G., H. E. Tucker Treas.; Bros. Porter, Gasson, Mitchell, Meadows, Mansfield P.M. 1137. Lodge was opened in the first and second degrees; Bro. Meadows kindly volunteered as a candidate, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bros. Meadows and Mitchell answered the questions leading to the third degree and retired. Lodge was opened in third degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. E. C. Porter candidate. Lodge was resumed to second degree, and closed to first degree. Bro. Mansfield expressed his sincere thanks to the brethren for their kindness to him during his late severe illness. Bro. A. Jones was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and having appointed his Officers in rotation, the Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer.

SOCIETY OF FRENCH CHEFS.

THE Annual Ball Des Jeune Artistes Culinaires was held, under the presidency of Bro. Penet and an efficient body of Stewards, on Thursday, 13th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, and was numerously attended. Bro. Grove Ellis conducted the band, which comprised many skilled musicians, and an excellent selection of music was provided. Bro. Johnson, as usual, made an efficient M.C. The company, numbering nearly 400, sat down to a most sumptuous and *récherché* supper, provided by Bro. A. Best and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The decorations, floral and artistic, with immense blocks of ice in pyramidal form, reflected credit on M. Burlet. The Stewards naturally pride themselves on their catering for their numerous visitors, but on this occasion they excelled themselves. Bro. Penet, the President, after the supper, proposed the health of the Queen and the Royal Family. Bro. W. C. Parsons returned thanks for the numerous visitors, remarking how delighted all were at the reception accorded them. He hoped to be present on many of their future gatherings. The toasts of the President, Vice President, and Stewards, and also the Ladies, were given and duly responded to, and then the company adjourned to the ball room, where dancing was kept up till the small hours had departed. Great credit is due to Bros. Penet and Burlet for their attention to the comfort of the visitors. The following comprised the Board of Stewards:—Bros. A. Penet President, Bobers Secretary, Burlet Treasurer, Ed. Lamoux, Bouyoud, Cossard, Ph. Terrollion, Boizot, Escarguel, Ennis, Ph. Desplace, Menet, Mathe, Oger, Thommire, A. Boëtch.

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RESULT OF THE ELECTION.

MALES.—SUCCESSFUL.

		Total votes polled.
1	Genese, Samuel	2163
2	Bennett, John	1968
3	Claisen, John William	1786
4	Jones, William	1523
5	Penotiere, William La	1514
6	Douglas, Henry	1505
7	Helps, William John	1467
	Morris Thomas S.	1467
9	Leaver, Jonathan	1273
10	Wood, William	1199
11	Highland James	1196
12	Herbert, Henry	1166
13	Lyon, John Hardman	1078
14	Booth, Edwin	1062
15	Kendall, Thomas	1041
16	Broadbent, Richard	969
17	Portlock, James	965
18	Hague, George V	930
19	Walker, Robert Cox	774
20	Flinn, John	772
21	Wauldby, James	415
22	Elliott, George	320

MALES.—UNSUCCESSFUL.

23	Mannington, John	157
24	Crisp, Joseph	35
25	Ensell, Georgo	9
26	Docchar, John	7
27	Croft, William	2
28	Bennett, Joseph	Dead
29	Wilkinson, Samuel	Dead
30	Muruss, Edward	Dead
31	Emmerson, J	Dead

FEMALES.—SUCCESSFUL.

1	Bull, Elizabeth	1259
2	Pattison, Sarah	1105
3	Crispin, Martha	1091
4	Blake, Frances	1073
5	West, Mary Ann H	1039
6	Stafford, Jane	1029
7	Grace, Sarah W	1011
8	Maynard, Elizabeth T	973
9	Bamber, Hannah B	965
10	Hawkins, Ann	955
11	White, Sarah	928
12	Andrews, Susanna C	923
13	Dawson, Elizabeth	919
14	Candler, Louisa E	846
15	Rigby, Marianne	838
16	Palmer, Harriet	796
17	Hodgson Sarah Ellen	771
18	Peters Catherine	759
19	Child Elizabeth	721
20	Spencer Mary Ann	695
21	Dumper Ann	686
22	Dicker Ann	642
23	Prebble Ann Mary	632
24	Woods Sarah	597
25	Willis, Jane	597
26	Weeks Martha	515

FEMALES.—UNSUCCESSFUL.

27	Wright, Sarah	526
28	Eade, Hannah Betsy	503
29	Martin, Rebecca	476
30	Elliott, Isabella	454
31	Mongar, Elizabeth Mary	454
32	Allen, Sarah Ann	430
33	Miller, Maria	415
34	Lafittau, Eliza	404
35	Winter, Phillis	389
36	Isherwood, Elizabeth	377
37	Francis, Elizabeth	157
38	Rowell, Margaret	134
39	Crisp, Sarah Ann	127
40	Gambell, Naomi	83
41	Wakefield, Ann	70
42	Child, Elizabeth Mary Ann	62
43	Bentley, Mary Ann	43
44	Haberfield, Jane	29
45	Gregory, Eleanor	22
46	George, Hannah	21
47	Maddick, Jane	11

The thanks of the meeting was voted to the Scrutineers, and on motion it was resolved that the result be advertised as usual, and the report of the day's proceedings printed and circulated. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

RECOMPENSES OF MASONRY.

A MAN makes a grievous mistake who connects himself with the Masonic Brotherhood thinking thereby to obtain direct benefits of a tangible character. Indeed he does not fully appreciate the character of our Institution, nor is he actuated by the highest motive, unless he thinks of the good he may do to others by such an association with them, no less than of benefits which he may receive, and which are sought for by his selfish nature. A man who enters the Masonic Order only from the expectation of securing some material advantage—of being recompensed for his outlay of time and money by certain special and well defined benefits bestowed upon the outward life—will surely be disappointed; and very likely such an one will turn away in disgust from Masonic work and intercourse. He thought he was to join a society based upon selfishness; an organization the ministries of which were tangible and direct, and limited to its own members. To his surprise he finds the teachings of Masonry so broad as to inculcate charity and goodwill to all men, whilst he does not find provision made for supplying him with the specific aids which are the paramount objects of selfish desire.

It is not to be questioned, however, that Masonry has its recompenses. It proffers certain direct helps and benefits to its members which they have a right to roly upon; but its greatest benefits and rewards are intangible—they do not belong to the fulfilment of any specified pledges, nor are they to be reckoned among the things of outward good. Thus it may be said of Masonry that it recompenses every earnest and faithful brother for all that he gives and does in its behalf, in that it broadens his thought, quickens his affections, and enlarges his real life. Its philosophy and its symbolism; its moral and social atmosphere, tend to impart both strength and zest to the life. There is a *lifting* power in Masonry which we may reckon as among the leading benefits it bestows. Then there is found a blessed recompense in the very doing of Masonic work—the discharge of Masonic obligations. Masonry is a gospel of love, and its ministries are those of truth and affection, hence there is a delightful charm associated with its meetings and its work. Every well-instructed brother appreciates the blessedness which comes to him in doing the sacred work of benevolence, and in partaking of that sweet fellowship which is fostered by the genius of Masonry. The more of such work he does, and the more of such communions he is privileged to share, the greater is the recompense he receives. In the same line of bestowal mention may be made of those delightful and close friendships which grow out of Masonic relations and intercourse. It is in the Lodge that men are brought to understand each other, and opportunity is given for congenial minds to come into true and lasting companionship. So it is some of the most firm and lasting friendships have their origin; and in this way one of the indirect yet most blessed recompenses of Masonry is made apparent. Friendship imparts to life an exquisite sense of strength and pleasure, and we ought to appreciate any instrumentality that tends to the development of this royal quality. Most certainly Masonry has a ministry in this direction, and in its fulfilment it sends forth a sweet and gracious benediction.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

THE HORNS, KENNINGTON.

BROS. Smith and King, who are well known to our readers in connection with their city establishment—the Cannon, Cannon Street—have lately undertaken the management of the Horns Tavern at Kennington, and on Thursday, the 13th inst., were entertained there by numerous of their friends and connections in the trade. The special feature of the meeting was the celebration of the completion of the extensive improvements and decorations which they have had executed at great cost in the famous old hostelry, and the inauguration of their management with the expression of good wishes for its success on the part of a numerous body of sympathisers. To those who have had occasion to visit the establishment, or to note its appearance lately, no change could be more striking than that which has been made there. The work of renovation, restoration, or redecoration, which has been carried out in admirable taste, entitles the "Horns" to rank high among the most popular of suburban taverns, and its several departments are conducted in a manner that still further sustains the aim of the proprietors to earn for it that distinction.

The dinner was a very elegant one, and admirably served in the great hall of the tavern, which presented a most handsome appearance. Mr. Henry D. Rawlings presided, and a goodly company of the new manager's well-wishers was present. The principal toast of the day was "The health of Messrs Smith and King, the proprietors, and success to their undertaking," and it is needless to say it was received most cordially and as cordially responded to. We may add that the whole of the redecoration and other improvements made in the establishment have been carried out in a most efficient manner, and we hardly know whether it would be just to single out any one for special praise. Still we feel we must mention the success which has attended the efforts of Bro. John Dodson, who was entrusted with the fitting of the gas and cooking apparatus, and of Mr. T. Heath, who was responsible for the engines and other pewterer's work.

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AT the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, 21st May 1880, W. Bro. Henry Smith Prov. G. Sec. W. Yorks, Vice-President, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 22 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 31 candidates, and 26 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 48 candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

MALES.

	Votes		Votes
Genese Samuel	2163	Herbert Henry	1166
Bennett John	1968	Lyon John Hardman	1078
Claisen John William	1786	Booth Edwin	1062
Jones William	1723	Kendall Thomas	1041
Penotiere William La	1514	Broadbent Richard	989
Douglas Henry	1505	Portlock James	965
Helps William John	1467	Hague George V	930
Morris Thomas S	1467	*Walker Robert Cox	779
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WIDOWS.

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Crispin Martha	1091	Palmer Harriet	796
Blake Frances	1073	Hodgson Sarah Ellen	771
West Mary Ann H	1039	Peters Catherine	749
Stafford Jane	1029	Child Elizabeth	721
Grace Sarah W	1011	Spencer Mary Ann	695
Maynard Elizabeth T	973	Dumper Ann	666
Bamber Hannah B	965	Dicker Ann	643
Hawkins Ann	955	Prebble Ann Mary	623
White Sarah	938	*Woods Sarah	595
Andrews Susannah C	923	*Willis Jane	587
Dawson Elizabeth	919	*Weeks Martha	545

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INSTALLATION OF M.W. GRAND MASTER.

THE SUMMER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION OF THIS Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Tuesday, the 1st day of June next, when and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, and Overseers of private Lodges are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock p.m.

By Command of the M.W. Grand Master.

FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.J.W., Grand Secretary.

N.B.—A Banquet will be provided at seven o'clock, at which the Grand Master will preside. The Tickets will be 15s each, inclusive of wine, if taken before the day of meeting; and 17s 6d if taken on that day; and it is requested that every Brother intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary, not later than Saturday, the 29th of May.

Grand Lodge Office:—2 Red Lion Square, Holborn, W.C.

19th May 1880.

FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

23 GREAT QUEEN STREET, W.C.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES AT TRURO.

IT is customary in this country, in the case of all public fêtes and ceremonies, before all things to say something respecting the weather. An account of any important event without this reference would be but little appreciated by ordinary readers, for is it not the fact that in this fickle climate of ours, it makes all the difference between success and failure whether the day be bright and sunshiny or gloomy and wet? As a rule our Gracious Sovereign has been so favoured by the meteorological authorities that "Queen's weather" has passed into a proverb, and one might almost be inclined to fear the British Empire had reached its nadir, if a fall of rain should intervene to mar the brilliancy of a Royal progress or ceremony in which the Queen herself took part. The Prince of Wales, however, has not been quite so fortunate, and therefore Truro and its throng of visitors from all parts of the country are to be congratulated on the gloriously bright weather which has prevailed during His Royal Highness's visit for the purpose of laying Masonically the foundation-stones of the Cathedral Church of the new Diocese, of which this ancient Cornish city will be the episcopal centre. Nor were their rejoicings in the slightest degree diminished by the fact that his Royal Consort and their young sons the Princes Albert Victor and George accompanied him. Indeed her bright presence would almost alone have sufficed to redeem the visit from any gloom that might have prevailed had the Clerk of the Weather been out of sorts. However, as we have already said, everything passed off most brilliantly, and Truro could hardly have known itself in the midst of all its guests, with its concomitant music, feasting, and decorations, and above all, its unaccustomed display of Masonic strength and fervour.

The purpose of the Royal visit is without a precedent in our history. Many a time and oft have there been in different parts of the United Kingdom Masonic processions which have excited the wonder and admiration of the public. Many a time has the first stone of an important public edifice been laid by the Grand Master of English Freemasons. But this is the first occasion on which the foundation stone of an entirely new Cathedral of the Anglican Church has been laid by the Heir Apparent to the British Crown in his capacity of Grand Master. It will be said that St. Paul's is a case in point—of a new Episcopal building having been erected since the Reformation, but this is not so. This was the re-erection of a Cathedral which had existed almost from time immemorial, whereas in this instance it is not an old building re-edified, or converted to new uses, but an entirely new edifice for episcopal purposes, in what to all intents and purposes is an entirely new Diocese. Hence the importance attached to the event—not because the Prince took the leading part in it, for he has done that again and again, nor on account of the Masonic display, for that is often witnessed—and, moreover, his Highness has before this had experience of the fraternal heartiness with which Cornish brethren receive their Duke; but because this is the first time in the lapse of centuries that a British Prince has laid the first stone of a new British Cathedral.

The journey was commenced on Monday, when the Royal party left London by special train for Torquay, where they were to rest *en route*, and were received as guests by the Duchess of Sutherland. The reception at the various stopping places and at Torquay itself was of the most cordial character. Guards of honour, addresses, and the other outward and visible signs of a Royal journey, were among the minor matters to be noted, while the good people of Torquay seem to have been especially delighted by the kindness and consideration of the Prince and Princess, who carried away with them not a few mementoes of their visit, thus making glad the hearts of the jewellers and other tradesmen who were honoured with the Royal patronage. On Tuesday afternoon the journey was resumed to Truro, the Duchess of Sutherland, Sir John Kennaway, M.P., and Sir G. and Lady Macgregor being on the platform to bid their Royal Highnesses God-speed. After stoppages at Plymouth, where the Mayor handed in an address of welcome, and at Liskeard, the Royal train ultimately reached its destination at the Grampound Road Station, which, as may be imagined, was gaily decorated and fitted with flags and banners, flowers, crimson carpeting, &c., in honour of the visit. Here the Earl of Falmouth, with his son, the Hon. Hugh Boscawen, was in waiting to receive his illustrious guests. The greeting was of the heartiest, and the Royal party and Lord Falmouth having entered the carriages in waiting, drove off amid the cheers of those assembled to Tregothnan, the noble Earl's Cornish seat. At intervals along the route the good people had met together to give their Royal Highnesses a true Cornish welcome. At the towns and hamlets through which the *cortège* passed all kinds of pretty devices and floral decorations had been arranged, and here and there triumphal arches had been erected, while at Tregothnan the Earl's tenantry were in attendance, and gave the party, on its arrival a reception such as perhaps the Prince and Princess, with all their experience, have rarely met with before. It is needless to say the preparations were on a scale worthy alike of the noble host and the princely visitors. A wing of the mansion had been set apart for the latter, and beautifully fitted. In the evening a grand ball was given at which the Earl of Mount-Edgecumbe and the *élite* of society in the neighbourhood were present.

It is only natural that Truro, which was thus to be honoured, should have been steadily preparing itself for weeks past in order to receive the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall in a manner worthy of the county which gives them that ancient title. The neighbouring population, too, with a proper anxiety to witness a unique spectacle, was bent on furnishing a strong contingent, and even remote districts and the metropolis itself, sent up a strong array of loyal people, all curious to see what there was to be seen. Thus the resources of the city as regards accommodation were very seriously taxed. However, goodwill and good management combined succeeded at last in finding space for all in Truro and round about, and when Thursday morning arrived, the extensive preparations were as complete as they could well have been, even under the most favourable circumstances, and with the resources of a far larger city at command. But the citizens and the Cathedral Committee had worked with a will, and to them justly falls the honour of having achieved so magnificent a success.

Long before the hour fixed for the commencement of the proceedings, every street was crowded, and in spite of the loyal and good-tempered efforts of the Militia and Volunteers, to whom the duty of keeping the streets had been entrusted, locomotion became a matter of some difficulty, so that when the carriages containing the Earl of Falmouth and his guests arrived at Boscawen Bridge, the progress thence to the Town Hall was very slow. But words fail to convey any adequate idea of the warmth with which their Royal Highnesses were greeted all along the line, till the Town Hall was at length reached. There a guard of honour of the Royal Cornwall Miners' Artillery was drawn up, and there the Mayor of Truro, the High Sheriff of the county, the Mayors of several Cornish boroughs, and most of the leading officials of the county were assembled. To the usual address of welcome, the Prince returned a gracious reply, and then in company with his wife was driven to the residence of Mr. R. W. Paull, Southleigh, there to await the arrival of the Masonic procession.

In the meantime the brethren had not been neglectful of their duties. Grand Lodge was opened at the Town Hall by the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, there being present the Grand Wardens, the Grand Secretary, Bro. Thos. Fenn P.G. Deacon, who, in the absence of Sir Albert Woods (Garter), fulfilled the duties of Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Very Rev. Parsy-Cust, Dean of York, Grand Chaplain, and a strong muster of brethren entitled to sit in Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was opened by Right Worshipful Past Grand Master the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe, who was likewise numerously supported by his Officers and the members of the various subordinate Lodges of the Province. A procession having been duly formed, the brethren marched two and two, with their banners, and wearing their full regalia down Lemon-street towards the site chosen for the new Cathedral; and as soon as the leading files had reached the latter, the brethren opened out in two lines, one on each side of the street. Along the avenue thus formed, the Princess of Wales and her sons, accompanied by the Earl of Falmouth, drove to the site, and the Prince having in the interim taken up his position at the head of Grand Lodge, the brethren filed into the enclosure, and occupied the seats provided for them, with the exception of the Grand Master and the Officers whose duty it was to assist His Royal Highness in the ceremony. The National Anthem having been sung, and the preliminaries having been arranged, the Prince and his Officers, together with the clergy, including the Bishops of Truro, Exeter, and Madagascar, took up positions at the north-east corner-stone. A prayer was offered up by Bishop Benson, and then the Prince addressed the brethren and those present as follows:—

"Be it known unto you that we, being lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, although not ourselves operative masons, have from time immemorial been associated with the erection of buildings to be raised for the benefit of mankind, the adornment of the world, and the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us secrets, concealed from those who are not Masons; but they are lawful and honourable, and are not opposed to the laws either of God or man. They were entrusted to Masons in ancient times, and having faithfully been transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them down to our posterity. We are assembled here to-day in the presence of God, to erect a house for the worship and praise

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of the Most High, which I pray that God may prosper as it seems good to Him."

The ceremony then proceeded, the Grand Junior Warden, Grand Senior Warden, and Deputy Grand Master in turn handing to His Royal Highness the tools of their respective offices, when the Prince, having proved the stone, and strewn corn, wine, and oil thereon, declared it well and truly laid, and having returned the plans, &c., to the architect, again addressed the assemblage in the following terms:—

"Brethren,—We are an ancient Fraternity, which from its earliest days has been identified with all that is beautiful and grand in architecture, and you will therefore be proud to have aided me, as I have been proud to work with you, in commencing a building which, by the beauty of its design and the solidity of its construction, will, we trust, be an ornament to this city and province for centuries to come. But, brethren, it is something far more than this—it is a temple to be erected to the glory and worship of our Heavenly Father, the great Architect and Creator of all things; and whatever minor differences there may be amongst us, I feel sure that the same spirit must be in your minds this day which animated the Jews of old, when, as Ezra tells us, 'the builders laid the foundation of the Temple of the Lord, and they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets to praise the Lord after the ordinance of David, King of Israel. And they sang together by courses in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord, because He is good and His mercy endureth for ever. And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the House of the Lord was laid.'"

The second stone in the western enclosure, was then laid, and then came a very practical, as well as interesting part of the proceedings, namely, that of handing in purses of gold by young ladies and brethren to Her Royal Highness the Princess, who, having watched with intense interest the Masonic ceremonial, played her part most graciously in this trifling office. Grand Lodge then marched back in reverse order, and having been closed in ample form, the Grand Master, the Princess, and their sons sat down to luncheon in the Market Hall, the Mayor presiding, and being ably and loyally supported by all the most distinguished persons connected with the county, or with the naval or military forces stationed in the west of England. Soon after 4 p.m. the Prince completed the list of his numerous engagements for the day by reviewing the Militia and Volunteers in the grounds of Capt. Teague at Trelisko. Thus ended a day which will ever be memorable in the annals of this distant county, not only from the unique character of the event itself, but likewise from the brilliancy of the circumstances under which it was celebrated.

It may be as well to add that the mallet used in performing the ceremony belongs to Antiquity, No. 2 (the old St. Paul's Lodge), to which it was presented by Sir Christopher Wren, and is the actual implement used by Charles II. in laying the foundation-stone of St. Paul's Cathedral. The trowel was of silver, and bore the inscription, "Presented to H.R.H. Albert Edward, Duke of Cornwall, Grand Master of England, on the laying the foundation-stone of the Cathedral of Saint Mary at Truro, 20th May 1880."

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE PROPOSED PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letters you published last week from your correspondents TAU and X. Y. Z. both point in the same direction. Both indicate the necessity there is, not for founding a fourth Charity, to which so many objections have very properly been raised, but for enlarging the scope of the proposed "Pupils' Assistance Fund." The original idea of the promoters and patrons of this Fund was to establish a means for assisting deserving pupils who, on leaving our Schools at the age of sixteen, find themselves without resources to enable them to obtain situations where the excellent training they have received may be turned to good account. It was further contemplated that, in the case of those boys or girls who, in the course of their training, had displayed an aptitude for some particular calling, or abilities above the average, something should be done to help them either to follow that calling or further develop those abilities. I believe I am right in saying that, in the course of their labours, those brethren who have worked so energetically to make this scheme a success, discovered a very strong feeling in various quarters that something should also be done for the unfortunate candidates who, after having been approved of as such by the authorities, find themselves at the last denied any participation in the benefits of our Charities. As TAU has pointed out, No. 8 on the Girls' List for April gets nothing after three trials, while No. 30 will be maintained and educated for not far short of seven years, though had she failed at her first and only attempt she had still left to her three more chances of being admitted into the School. Now as your correspondent has said, there was, on the faith of the two statements of particulars, very little to choose between the two little girls, any inclination one way or the other being in favour of No. 8, who is for ever shut out from help in this quarter. Yet the Girls' School Committee have marked their approval of her candidature as a fit and proper child to be received and educated in this Institution. Well, it strikes me here is one of those cases in which the administrators of the new Fund might step forward and say, We cannot give you such help as you would have derived from five years' maintenance and training in the Girls' School, but we have at our disposal certain moneys, out of which, as we hear your's is a most deserving case, we are willing to allow you a sum of (say) £10 per annum for three or four years, provided, of course, you work diligently and conduct yourself properly. This allowance will be devoted, in the first instance, to defraying the expense of your schooling, and the remainder, as far as it will go, towards your books and clothes or other requirements. And if all goes well, we may then find you a place, where it will be your own fault if you cannot earn your own living in honest fashion.

Would not this be better than leaving the poor child—mind I know nothing whatever of this particular candidate, and write therefore without bias—to rub along anyhow, without giving a thought as to whether her "rubbing along" went well or ill? I venture to say that a moderate income would suffice to enable the Fund to meet this class of case, not only as regards unsuccessful boy and girl candidates, but likewise in the case of old people, as suggested by X. Y. Z. Nor would such outlay appreciably affect the main purpose of the scheme. Help would be given to retiring pupils who needed it and were found worthy, and I dare say those who may have entrusted to them the administration of the Fund would carefully avoid being lavish in the amounts they awarded. At all events, there is reason to believe that, by the judicious expenditure of a few hundred pounds, the proposed Fund would do an almost incalculable amount of good, just in the direction and under the circumstances where a very little assistance, judiciously applied, may be made to go a very long way.

Trusting the promoters and patrons will take notice of the very practical suggestions of X. Y. Z. and others of your correspondents,

I remain, faithfully and fraternally yours,

A READER.

As Her Majesty has announced her gracious intention of raising the Right Hon. Robert Lowe, lately M.P. for the University of London, and the Right Hon. E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen, lately M.P. for Sandwich, to the Peerage of the United Kingdom, the list we published a fortnight since of Members of the Upper House who are Freemasons will be increased by the addition of their names, while the number in the Commons House of Parliament will be correspondingly decreased.

The following should be added to our published list of Peers who are members of our Brotherhood, namely:—

Earl of St. Germans, P.G. Warden.
*Earl of Lisburne, Irish Representative Peer.
Baron Alington.
Baron Balfour of Burleigh, P.G. Warden.
Baron Clonbrock, Irish Representative Peer.

Lord Bellew is a member of the Irish Peerage, but not of the House of Peers.

The Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, who was recently appointed to fill the Senior Warden's chair of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726, Stafford, will, on the attainment of his majority, be entitled to a seat in the Upper House. His father, it will be remembered, was Prov. G. Master of Staffordshire.

N.B.—Those marked with a * were initiated in Apollo University Lodge, No. 357.

The following names should be added to the List of Members of the new House of Commons who are likewise members of our Society, namely:—

Rt. Hon. J. G. Mowbray, initiated in No. 124, Durham, M.P. University of Oxford.
G. J. Shaw Lefevre, M.P. Reading.
Christopher Sykes, P.Prov.G.S.W. N. and E. Yorks, M.P. E. Riding.
Hon. D. Plunket, Q.C., M.P. Dublin University.
Col. Richardson-Gardner, M.P. Windsor.
*W. E. Briggs, M.P. Blackburn.
C. M. Norwood, M.P. Hull.
E. T. Gourley, M.P. Sunderland.
Rt. Hon. Sir W. Hart Dyke, Bart., M.P. Mid Kent.
Baron de Worms, M.P. Greenwich.
J. R. Hollond, Hova Ecclesia, No. 1466, M.P. Brighton.
Hon. T. C. Agar-Robartes, M.P. Cornwall East.
*H. B. Samuelson, M.P. Banbury.
*Captain Bernard, P. Prov. G.S. of Works, Oxon, M.P. Bandon.
*W. M. St. Aubyn, M.P. Helston.
A. Staveley Hill, Q.C., Chancellor K.T., M.P. Staffordshire West.
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W. Amhurst Tyssen-Amhurst, P.G.S.W. Norfolk, M.P. Norfolk East.
*Sir G. M. Grant, Bart., P.Prov. G. Reg. Oxon, M.P. Elgin and Nairn.
*Sir W. E. Welby-Gregory, Bart., M.P. Lincolnshire South.
*Sir Baldwyn Leighton, Bart., M.P. Shropshire South.
*Piers Egerton Warburton, M.P. Mid Cheshire.
*W. C. Borlase, P.G.S.W. Cornwall, M.P. Cornwall East.
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Col. Mure, M.P. Renfrewshire.
Michael A. Bass, M.P. Staffordshire East.
Lord Arthur Hill, P.G.M. Downshire, M.P. Co. Down.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 22nd MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
Metropolitan Lodge of the Order of St. Lawrence, 2 Red Lion-square, High Holborn, W.C., at 3.30 p.m. (Emergency)

MONDAY, 24th MAY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 25th MAY.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
800—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Barnsley
178—Antiquity, Masonic Hall, King-street, Wigan.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R. A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 26th MAY.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masons Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
224—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 3 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquility, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R. A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R. A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R. A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
M. M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 27th MAY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 786—Wilham Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth.
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms, Hotel, Accrington
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R. A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R. A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M. M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 28th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 29th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. GEORGE'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 140.

ON Monday, 3rd inst., this Lodge of Instruction closed its session, with a banquet, at the Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, to which about forty brethren sat down. The chair was ably filled by Bro. Hubbuck P.G.S. P.M. 140, 320, &c., and the vice-chair by Bro. Loughborough W.M. 140. Bros. Tattersball P.M. and Sec. 140, Noah P.M. 140, Wallace P.M. 140, Roberts P.M. and Sec. 79, Edwards P.M. 1494, G. Brown Preceptor, Hill J.D. Sec., supported

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the Chairman, and Bros. Dennant S.W., Spark S.D. and Nuding I.G. the Vice-Chair. The brethren did ample justice to a judiciously chosen and generous *menu*. The usual toasts having been proposed and heartily responded to, the Chairman called on Bro. Forsyth for a "recitation." He rose and said, W. Chairman,—the recitation I propose giving you this evening is by special request of the members of the Lodge of Instruction. It will not convey the sentiments and words of any public author, but is an expression in my own words of the sentiments held by those members of the Lodge of Instruction who have received benefit from our Preceptor during the session just completed. They desire me, Sir, to convey to him the expression of their great appreciation of his unvarying kindness and courtesy in helping on in season the work he has set his mind to. No pains have been spared, no time has been grudged by our beloved Preceptor, if only he could help us on in that Masonic knowledge of which we acknowledge him *facile princeps*. Think, brethren, which of you would fill his post? In the first place you must devote one whole evening in seven solely and entirely to the duties you would undertake. No business engagement must ever interfere with this duty, foul weather or fair, tempting you to stay at home or go abroad; fogs or rains, or snows must present no excuses for absence, for they never came between us and Brother Brown. Who will accept his post? Secondly, you must not only have all the ceremonies to perfection, *verbatim et literatim*, but you must have them according to the *Standard* of working, I mean the working of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which is sanctioned by Grand Lodge; and although there be no compulsory ritual, we boast of working the Standard ritual. Ah! no one offers yet. Again, if you would fill Bro. Brown's chair, you must imitate his unvarying courtesy and gentleness in correcting our faults. You must not only never betray hastiness of temper, or dullness of intellect, nor pretend to superior mental excellence, but you must have the knack of making the *pro tem* W.M. feel as if he were bestowing a favour in accepting a correction. And, lastly, you must work without the hope of reward, or without that great comfort and consolation of other teachers, viz., the gradual but steady advancement towards perfection of their pupils in the branches taught. There is there a regularity in the course of instruction, but here you have a ceremony worked tolerably well one night, and next night execrably; you have one class of brethren one night, and next perhaps a totally different set. Bro. Preceptor, *I will not* accept your post. And I am requested to convey to you our appreciation of your goodness and kindness to us. You have endeared yourself to us, not only at work, but when refreshment enabled us to light the calumet. You have given us still further instruction in the general laws and sentiments of Freemasonry, so that we look upon you as the exponent of the three great principles upon which our Order is founded. My brethren have requested me to supplement the inward and spiritual grace by the outward and visible sign of their appreciation of your services by presenting to you this "Tantalus" spirit case, on which you will find the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Preceptor Brown, by the members of St. George's Lodge of Instruction, No. 140, as a token of their esteem and admiration of his unwearying kindness and courtesy, 3rd May 1880." You will find two keys attached to it; the golden one you will keep, the other you will entrust to your wife, to whom we send our most kindly greetings, and hope that to each of you it may give *good spirits*. The case was then sent round, and afforded the brethren much amusement in attempting to get at the contents, but they failed in their endeavours, till an expert brother showed them the trick. Bro. Brown, who had been kept in ignorance of the presentation, replied with much feeling: Worshipful Chairmen and Brethren,—It was my intention to reserve until a later period of the evening a few remarks anent the occasion of our present meeting, but I have been so completely taken aback by this unexpected mark of your kindness, and the accompanying sentiment so eloquently expressed by our dear Bro. Dr. Forsyth, as to force from me, without a moment's delay, the promptings of my almost overcharged heart, and if I fail, as fail I shall, in rendering my thanks intelligible, kindly charge it to my inability to express, rather than to a want of appreciation of the high honour you, brethren, by your kind and generous act, have conferred on an undeserving member of the Craft, for I feel myself unworthy of your handsome present. A full reward for any service I may have rendered is amply compensated by the friendliness you evince on all occasions of our meeting. This beautiful and useful gift, besides being an exquisite example of art workmanship, I perceive has its triple reservoirs filled to the brim with a most comfortable-looking liquid. I cordially invite you all, brethren, to call and partake of their contents at some future time. Our esteemed brother has also been good enough to associate my wife as part recipient of this treasured gift; be assured, brethren, I will not fail duly to convey to her those kind allusions, and safely transfer the duplicate key. Brethren, your kindness has robbed me of speech. I ask you kindly to accept my heartfelt thanks for this undeserved and unexpected token of your kindness, and for the kind and eloquent encomium which accompanies it. The Chairman proposed Success to St. George's Lodge of Instruction, accompanied by words of encouragement for the younger brethren, and paid a high tribute to the Treasurer, Bro. Webster, and the Secretary, Bro. Hill. This was coupled with the name of the Preceptor, who in reply briefly referred to the work of the past year. For himself he must say that he had a most genial and attentive class of students. It might not be known to the whole of the brethren present that the course of procedure differs somewhat in this from the neighbouring Lodges of Instruction, inasmuch as the Sections are not worked; the careful rehearsal of one or so of the ceremonies, with their accompaniments, and after closing the meeting resolves itself into the form of a conversazione; this is found to work very acceptably to the members, and an hour so employed is fraught with much enjoyment. Bro. Roberts replied to the toast of the Sister Lodges of Instruction, and remarked that although Emulation working had been changed during the last twelve years, he was willing to recognise the Standard referred to by Bro. Forsyth, and hoped the working of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement would be a boon to those Lodges of Instruction whose ambition was not peculiarity of ritual but harmony of ritual. Bro. Hill, after felicitating the members on having once more the able and genial presidency of Bro. Hubbuck, called for a bumper response to the toast of the health of the Chairman, to which succeeded musical honours. Bro. Hubbuck thanked the brethren for the heartiness which greeted Bro. Hill's proposal. He had always a most lively interest in all matters connected with his parent Lodge, and would always feel it a pleasant duty to promote its welfare. He congratulated the members on the continued success of their Masonic school, and the kindly feelings which pervaded its members, to which might be attributed in a material degree the satisfactory conduct of Masonic matters in the mother Lodge. Bro. Porter assisted at the pianoforte, and various members of the Lodge contributing to the congeniality of the occasion, the evening closed in perfect peace, harmony, and brotherly love. We are pleased to observe in the proceedings of this Lodge of Instruction that in the interesting ceremony of presenting a testimonial to their Preceptor, there has been a carefully considered opinion given as to the vexed question of unanimity of ceremonial. As Grand Lodge wisely declines to fix the ceremonial with which all Lodges must work, the best plan is to have a standard working, and let the various Lodges of Instruction assimilate themselves to that working as nearly as may be. We congratulate Bro. Brown on the appreciation his services have received, and believe that all Preceptors will be encouraged to imitate his example.

PANMURE LODGE, No. 720.

THE anniversary meeting of this Lodge falling this year on Whit Monday, the members availed themselves of the holiday for an early discharge of Masonic business, so as to leave themselves free for other engagements at a later period of the day. In consequence the Lodge was opened at the Balham Hotel, Balham, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of the 17th inst., by the W.M. Bro. William Sheadd. There was a good muster of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. E. Mitchell S.W., W. Gunner J.W., Thomas Poore P.M. Treas. and Sec., F. G. Lambert S.D., G. Mulley J.D., C. Glenister D.C., C. Richardson I.G.; Past Masters James Stevens, C. P. McKay, and H. Payne; Bros. E. Gillemand, A. J. Barton, Max Brenner, W. Kerr, J. C. Lambert, G. Lilley, G. Treves, W. Saunders, &c. &c. The Visitors were Bros. W. Smeed P.P.G.J.W. Middx., W. Platt P.M. 144, E. Kidman P.M. 766, S. G. Aitchison 1242, C. Everist 1360, J. D. Arnold 1586, W. P. Robinson, and J. M. Gillingham 1790. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the Auditors' report received and adopted, and a few matters of Lodge business transacted, W. Bro. Thomas Poore P.M. ably installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Edward Mitchell, into the chair of K.S. The ceremony was marked by that careful detail in working for which Bro. Poore is justly renowned, and the assistance rendered to the Installing Master by Bro. Stevens P.M., who officiated as D.C., further enhanced the interesting proceedings. The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows, viz., Bros. W. Gunner S.W., G. Lambert J.W., G. Mulley S.D., C. Richardson J.D., Thomas Poore P.M. Treas. and Sec., C. Glenister I.G., Max Brenner D.C., W. Kerr W.S., G. Treves C.S., and W. Steedman Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, W. Bro. W. Sheadd, who was addressed in most congratulatory terms by the W.M., and who acknowledged the presentation in a few well-chosen remarks. Hearty good wishes having been expressed, the Lodge was closed at about 1 p.m., and, previous arrangements having been made for that purpose, the Officers and members of the Lodge, with their guests, were grouped in the grounds attached to the Hotel, and a series of photographs were taken by Bro. Hall, one of the members, to be reproduced and distributed as mementos of the interesting event connected with the twenty-third installation meeting of the Lodge. Shortly afterwards the brethren sat down to luncheon, and subsequently honoured the usual toasts. The Visitors were unanimous in their expressions of satisfaction with all the arrangements made for their comfort and enjoyment, and Bro. Smeed especially congratulated the Lodge on the perfection of working which had been displayed. Bro. Robinson also endorsed his remarks. As the afternoon passed away the several brethren departed, as their engagements elsewhere made it necessary they should leave, and just about the hour when, under ordinary circumstances, Lodge-work commences, the Tyler was summoned and the pleasant day's proceedings terminated.

MACDONALD LODGE, No. 1216.

THIS well known Metropolitan Lodge, established in 1868, at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifle Volunteer Corps at Camberwell, held its thirteenth installation meeting on Thursday, the 13th inst. The Lodge has always been celebrated for its extremely correct and perfect working, and as far as we have known, from the W.M. to the I.G. the Officers have at all times been thoroughly proficient. In consequence its meetings have always been most attractive to members of the Craft, and an additional attraction has resulted from the appropriateness of its Masonic furniture and the gathering of its members in military uniform. These several features, of good work, complete accessories, and personal appearance, combined with the increased order and discipline naturally resulting from the close association of men who "step together," were especially prominent on the occasion of the late gathering, when a very large muster of members and visitors assembled to witness the installation of Bro. W. C. Hale, who was initiated in this Lodge in 1872. The Lodge was opened at four o'clock by the W.M. Bro. Charles Fountain, all Officers being in their places, and there were present during work the following members, viz:—W. Bros. James Stevens, George Waterall, Newington

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Bridges, W. J. Messenger, and M. S. Larlham Past Masters; Bros. D. A. Ross S.W., W. Carlton Hale J.W., Captain Arthur Styan Treas., Thomas A. Harper S.D., Lieut. C. H. Nevill J.D., A. Youngman D.C., A. C. Bradley I.G., A. C. Woodcock C.S., A. J. Style W.S., S. Steed Tyler, H. E. White, J. W. May, Patrick Clay, T. A. Fitzer, T. V. Turner, A. R. Cranch, C. T. Hildreth, C. W. Davis, F. P. Young, H. A. Price, A. H. Goggs, J. J. Curtis, W. S. Harvey, C. E. Goldring, E. W. Dubois, Herbert Cuff, C. J. Henton, T. V. Staley, J. Carpenter, and others. Amongst the Visitors were the W. Bros. Louis Hirsch W.M. Clapham 1818, G. Mc A. Low W.M. Adelphi 1670, J. G. Marsh P.M. 28 P.G.P. Middlesex, G. R. Hunt P.M. 857, and Bros. J. H. Thompson 1580, W. T. Roycroft 1669, G. R. Steel No. 1, H. J. Bertram 1426, G. Carrington 1593, J. Wells 193, T. Cull S.W. 1446, Seymour-Smith 742, T. W. Symons and A. Hubbard New Concord, J. L. Feder 1671, F. J. Gordon Polish National, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, ballot was taken for Mr. Frederick Peel Baxter, and proving clear, that gentleman was introduced and initiated into the Order. The installation of Bro. W. Carlton Hale the W.M. elect, was then proceeded with, the general custom of the Lodge that each Master shall complete his work by installing his successor being fully complied with by the W.M. Bro. Fountain, whose manner of performing the ceremony was in every respect most excellent. The Officers appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. Captain D. A. Ross S.W., T. A. Harper J.W., Captain A. Styan Treas., W. J. Messenger P.M. Sec., Lieut. C. H. Nevill S.D., A. C. Bradley J.D., A. Youngman I.G., Lieut. Newington Bridges P.M. D.C., A. J. Style A.D.C., Lieut. Augustus Woodcock W.S., T. A. Fitzer C.S. The Installing Master then delivered the addresses to the W.M., Officers and Brethren, and at the conclusion of his oration received the never better deserved expression of high appreciation by his hearers. The Auditors' report was presented, and showed a goodly balance in favour of the Lodge, notwithstanding its liberal donations to the Masonic Charities. The Lodge was, after some trifling business details had received attention, closed, and the usual liberal banquet followed, the W.M. Bro. W. Carlton Hale presiding. The toast list and music programme were duly observed. Of the toasts those requiring special notice were the W.M., given by the I.P.M. Bro. Fountain, who congratulated the Lodge, as well as Bro. Hale himself, on his accession to the dignified position of Master, and to which Bro. Hale made effective response; the Visitors, which called forth expressions of fraternal regard and encouraging remarks from Bros. Louis Hirsch, J. H. Thompson, G. Mc A. Low, G. R. Steel, and T. Cull, on behalf of themselves and their numerous associates; the Initiate, more than usually well responded to by Bro. F. P. Baxter; and the Past Masters, in reference to whom the W.M. took occasion to observe how much the Lodge continued indebted to them for general assistance at all times. The handsome Past Master's jewel of the Lodge was presented to W. Bro. Charles Fountain I.P.M., who returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. W. Bro. James Stevens, to whom the Lodge acknowledges its origin, was also called upon to respond. His remarks were but few, as he evidently suffered from severe cold. They were however very congratulatory in respect of the progress of the Lodge, and the honourable position it continued to maintain in the Craft. The subsequent toasts were the Treasurer and Secretary, to which Captain Styan and W. J. Messenger P.M. responded, and the Officers of the Lodge, on whose behalf the Wardens replied. The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a most agreeable re-union, which had been enlivened by the excellent vocal and instrumental abilities of Bros. Seymour-Smith, T. W. Symons, A. R. Cranch, A Hubbard, and F. J. Gordon.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1713.

A MEETING was held on Wednesday, the 28th April, at Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton. Bros. Nath. Nicholson W.M., William Blain S.W., James Heywood J.W., George Ferguson Treas., J. Martin Ratter Sec., William Court S.D., Robert Latham J.D., J. W. Taylor P. Prov. G.A.D.C., John Barrett I.G., T. T. Holt Organist, J. W. Roiley Tyler, P.M.'s Bros. J. H. Greenhalgh, G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D.; Bros. John Priestley, E. G. Harwood, Thomas Naylor, Cosgrave, Long, Rimmer 146, Mather 163. Visitors:—Bros. James Walker P.M., Johnson Mills W.M., Rooke Pennington S.W. 37, Robert Moir 526, James Dooley W.M. 146, J. Boothroyd J.W., M. H. Stead W.M. 221, O. Crompton 191, McMillan 163, Mort 1354, Burgess 1161. Lodge opened at 4 p.m., when the brethren confirmed the minutes of former meeting. Board of Installed Masters was opened, under the presidency of the W.M., and Bro. Heywood W.M. elect was presented by Bro. G. P. Brockbank P.M., and he was installed, proclaimed and saluted as W.M. for ensuing year. The following Brethren were appointed Officers:—Bros. Blain S.W., Court J.W., N. Nicholson Sec., George Ferguson Treas. (re-elected), J. W. Taylor M. of E., Robert Latham S.D., John Barrett J.D., E. G. Harwood I.G., T. T. Holt Organist, Cosgrave and Long Stewards, J. W. Roiley Tyler. The charges to the W.M., Officers and Brethren were given by Bro. Brockbank. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Nicholson, in token of approval of his services during the past year as W.M. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. J. M. Ratter for his services as Secretary during the formation of Lodge, which services have been continued up to the present time. The resolution was ordered to be engrossed, and presented to Bro. Ratter. A silver square and compasses were presented to the Lodge by Bro. Harwood I.G.; a splendidly bound Volume of S.L. by Bro. Cosgrave Steward; and a beautiful case of working tools, jointly presented by Bros. Priestley and Naylor. Bro. Ferguson was appointed Charity Representative. Hearty good wishes were offered by the respective Visitors, and the Lodge closed at six. The brethren proceeded to banquet.

Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.—The first meeting of this Lodge since the installation took place on the 5th, at the Masonic Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Bro. R. G. Salmon in the chair, supported by all his Officers, viz: Bros. G. Page I.P.M., G. W. Lax S.W., S. M. Harris J.W., R. L. Armstrong P.M. Treas., E. Dunford Sec., R. Knox P.M. D.C., J. S. B. Bell S.D., A. Hume J.D., R. W. Sisson I.G., G. R. Sisson S.S., R. Bilbey J.S., G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge being opened and the minutes confirmed, two brethren were passed to the second degree by the W.M. Considering this being his first meeting since his occupation of the chair, the degree was given with an amount of care and correctness that does Bro. Salmon credit, and promises well for the rendering of the ceremonies during his year of office. Usual routine business having been gone through, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. After the Loyal and Masonic toasts the health of the W.M. met with a cordial reception, and a pleasant evening was spent, the usual amount of harmony not being wanting.

A movement has been set on foot by the Lodge of Industry, No. 48, meeting at Gateshead-on-Tyne, to present a testimonial to the late Provincial Grand Master, Bro. John Fawcett, on his retirement from that office, in acknowledgment of the high esteem in which he has been held by the brethren of the Province, he being, at his retirement, the oldest Prov. G. Master in England. Bro. John Mead, the W.M. of No. 48, has issued a circular to all the Lodges and Chapters in the Province, asking their co-operation, which there is very little doubt he will obtain; the fund should be subscribed to not only by every Lodge, but every Brother in the Province.

DEATH.

BRYANT.—Drowned, on the 17th inst., through the accidental upsetting of a boat, Bro. Geo. Bryant (Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744), aged 26, deeply regretted by a large circle of friends.]

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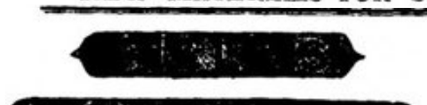

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THERE is a fair amount of business to be transacted on Wednesday next, when Grand Lodge will hold its regular Quarterly Communication. Then will be held the election of members of the Board of General Purposes, of the Colonial Board, and of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The report of the Lodge of Benevolence contains recommendations of grants amounting in the aggregate to no less than £1300, two of the grants recommended being for the very considerable sums of £250 and £200 respectively. One point in connection with these recommendations is worth noting. Many of our readers, perhaps, are not aware that, in the case of all amounts exceeding £50 the minute confirming the Lodge's recommendation must itself be confirmed ere the brother whom it is proposed to relieve can derive any appreciable benefit from the grant. For instance, a brother in sore distress applies to the Lodge of Benevolence for some help, let us say in the month of July, and £100 or £150 is voted him after due inquisition into the circumstances. This, however, is not a grant absolute, but only the recommendation of a grant which must be submitted to the meeting of Grand Lodge next ensuing, in order to receive confirmation. This is given, but not until the grant has been re-confirmed at the December Communication can this poor brother in distress receive the sum awarded to him. He is, we believe, allowed to draw a small sum on account, but that will go only a very little way towards assisting him in the interval of four or five months that must elapse between his application to the Lodge and the re-confirmation by Grand Lodge of the sum recommended to be granted to him. On the other hand, the sum of £50, though it must be confirmed by Grand Lodge, needs no further confirmation; so that, as far as immediate or early relief is concerned, those brethren to whom the Lodge of Benenevolence grants, or recommends to Grand Lodge to grant, relief for smaller amounts fare better than those towards whom, after full consideration of their circumstances, they consider they are justified in acting more bountifully. This is certainly an anomalous state of things, which requires amendment. Why, in the case of the larger grants, should not the brother seeking relief be entitled to draw £40 or £50 on account to meet his immediate necessities? As well may happen, let us suppose the poor brother who has been granted £100 dies in the interval between the confirmation of the grant and the next regular meeting of Grand Lodge; has not this needless delay frustrated the kindly intentions both of the Lodge of Benevolence and Grand Lodge itself? It may even have been indirectly the means of hastening the very catastrophe which the grant was intended to prevent. Even if the Lodge of Benevolence were prodigal of the funds entrusted to its administration, so considerable a delay would be unnecessary; but, as it is well known the Lodge is careful to relieve only when it has fully satisfied itself of the necessity there is for relief, a second confirmation by Grand Lodge is certainly supererogatory.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes makes mention of a very unusual occurrence. A complaint appears to have reached the Board that a brother had violated the Constitutions by appearing in a Public Place or Assembly—one of Her Majesty's Levées—wearing Masonic jewels without having previously obtained the sanction of the Grand Master. On inquiry it turned out that the brother had misinterpreted the Constitutions, and as he at once made due submission and expressed regret, the Board very wisely passed over the offence with only an admonition.

Then are mentioned two cases in which in certain Lodges brethren have been advanced to a higher degree after an insufficient interval of time as required by the Constitutions, and the Board directed the brethren to be re-obligated, and fined each of the offending Lodges in the sum of Two Guineas. This is as it should be, but we should like to see the Board direct its attention to the very lax observance of the law in respect of proper intervals of time in the case of candidates seeking initiation into Freemasonry. We have reason to believe that cases are frequently occurring of candidates being proposed, balloted for, and initiated in far less time than is prescribed by the Constitutions, and we all know how earnest Past Grand Secretary Hervey and other prominent brethren have been of late years in urging on Lodges the dangers likely to ensue to Freemasonry from too hasty and indiscriminate an admission of candidates. The same suggestion occurs to us in the case of joining members, whose candidature with even less reason, is but too frequently hurried forward. It is very difficult to assign, though we admit there may be in some rare instances, a cause for urgency in respect of proposed joining members. Though it is open to such brethren to be present at the meetings of the Lodge they wish to join in the capacity of Visitors, they are often proposed and balloted for with undue haste, it being within our personal knowledge that but for the firmness of one of the Officers—who by the way is a Grand Officer for the current year—of a certain Lodge, two brethren would have been balloted for without due proposition in open Lodge.

The last recommendation of the Board is to the effect that Grand Lodge "should authorise an expenditure not exceeding £25 per annum" for the purpose of preserving, "by binding where necessary," and improving "by addition" the Grand Lodge Library in their charge. We cannot congratulate the Board on this recommendation. With balances in bank and in hand amounting together to over £6,000, an appeal to Grand Lodge for authority to spend a sum not "exceeding £25 per annum," after the grave consideration they appear to have given this "important question," reminds us very much of the old adage about the mountain in labour bringing forth an idiotic little mouse. If it is worth while having a library, and that already existing is described as an excellent one, though we fear it is not much patronised by the Craft; if, we repeat, it is worth while having a library, it would seem to be most desirable that it should be one in every respect worthy of the mother Grand Lodge of Freemasonry of the whole world. But a maximum annual expenditure of £25—how far will that immense sum go towards "the due preservation by binding where necessary, and the improvement, by addition, of the excellent library belonging to Grand Lodge?" It will not suffice to purchase many of those rare books which constitute the strength and pride of a library, and it must be remembered that Masonic books, being printed as they are for a very small circle of readers, are published at prices out of all proportion to the cost of production. There have of late been, it is true, a few departures from this rule, but it stands to reason that books written for a class which includes but very few readers must be sold at higher figures than those for which there is sure to be something like a demand. Then, in the case of books which it is likely may be in fair request, there ought to be several copies, so that those who are anxious

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to read may not visit the library time after time, and find the book they wish to consult is already engaged. Reports of the Proceedings of Foreign Grand Lodges should by themselves form an important branch of the Library, and there are many well-established foreign Masonic periodicals, to subscribe to which seems only an act of duty. Thus what with rare old books, the costly publications of the day, binding, when necessary, or purchasing Reports of foreign Grand Lodges, and subscribing to and binding periodical Masonic publications, the purchasing powers of £25 per annum will be very terribly taxed in order to show anything like a satisfactory result. One rare book may cost a third, the half, or even a greater proportion of the whole sum, and the remainder would be equal to the provision of but a very modest supply of literature and binding. We are aware that book-collecting by amateurs is a somewhat costly hobby, but even if the formation or extension of a library is entrusted to experienced hands, the purse strings must not be too tightly drawn. £100 per annum would not be an extravagant sum; but as to £25—we presume the grave and reverend Board of General Purposes have for once in their way been guilty of perpetrating a joke. They know a library is desirable, but they are also well aware that not one Mason in a hundred ever troubles himself to read a Masonic book, and though they are sensible the library as it is needs preservation and addition, they recommend the expenditure of a sum which will do as little as possible, and yet keep up something like a regard for appearances. £25 per annum for a Grand Lodge Library! Well, it has at least this merit—that it is better than no vote at all.

There are two motions to be submitted, of which one by Lieut.-Col. Creaton, for the usual vote of £70 to provide coals for the inmates of the Benevolent Asylum at Croydon, is always passed *nem con.* The other will be brought forward by Bro. Jas. Stevens, who is anxious that effect should be given to the resolution of Grand Lodge as agreed to on 1st December 1869, and confirmed on 2nd March 1870. In other words, Bro. Stevens means to re-open the question on which he was so signally defeated some short time back. Now our opinions as to the desirability of a uniformity of observance in ritual, so far as essentials are concerned, are too well known for us to waste any time in again referring to them. But though we still abide as firmly as ever by our old views, we must remind Bro. Stevens that there is or ought to be among Masons such a quality as discretion, and that it is most indiscreet in him, after having been beaten in March, to come forward again and challenge his successful opponents to another battle royal in June. We trust he will have the good sense to drop his motion, and by so doing show that he accepts his beating in a manly, English, and Masonic fashion. Moreover, no great harm will come if the resolution of Grand Lodge, passed in 1869 and confirmed in 1870, which has lain dormant for ten years, remains for a year or two longer a dead letter. We have suffered nothing by having so long allowed it to be of none effect, and doubtless we shall survive the enormity of allowing it to remain so a little longer.

TYPE AND SYMBOL-MONGERS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

"THAT fact [alluding to Jonah] expresses, prefigures, or typifies another fact of a higher and more important nature."

So reasoned Dr. Waterland, and so reason most commentators on sacred books. And if Jack the Giant Killer and Old Mother Hubbard had been incorporated by compilers of sacred books into their collection, pious commentators would not only swear to the literal truth of those stories, but would also go into ecstasies about "the profundity, sublimity, deep, and exalting thought which lie hidden in those sacred narratives," and thousands would probably have suffered martyrdom ere this for disbelieving either the truth of the stories, or the interpretations of said commentators.

Old writings usually abound in obsolete or forgotten words and phrases. Copiers may also have added to the confusion by alterations they made either through carelessness or wilfulness. These facts are generally admitted by critics of secular works, but not so by pious commentators of sacred books. These will never allow for the changes in modes of thought and expression which may have taken place, or of a possibility of any mistakes or alterations by copiers of sacred books, and so they go to work, and ascribe meanings to passages which the authors of the books never dreamt of, when a *pet soul-saving dogma has to be proved.* Then these commentators will swear that *up* means *down*, and *down* means *up*; that *past* means *future*, and *future* means *past*; that Gill means Jack, and Jack means Gill; and with the assistance of types, figures, and allegories, they manage to prove anything they please.

Philo Judæus took it into his head that Plato stole his philosophy, including his notion of a *Trinity*, from the writings of Moses, and to prove which Philo claimed that Scripture had two meanings, viz., literal and figurative. And so, by fanciful types and allegories, he transmogrified Moses into some sort of a Trinitarian. This method of reasoning was adopted to a *limited extent* by Jews, but to an *unlimited* extent by Christians. Thus, Justin Martyn, in his controversy with a Jew named Trypho, among other nonsense, told him:—"He who is called the 'Angel of the Counsel' and 'Man' by Ezekiel; and like the 'Son of Man' by David; and 'Christ' and 'Stone' by many; and 'Wisdom' by Solomon; and 'Joseph' and Judaha' and the 'Star' by Moses; and the 'East' by Zechariah; and the 'Suffering One' and 'Jacob' and 'Israel' by Isaiah; and a 'Rod' and a 'Flower' and a 'Corner Stone' and the 'Son of God,' &c.—all which meant Christ." He also says the marriage of Jacob was a type of Christ; Rachel is a type of the Church, and Noah is a figure of Christ, "who regenerated us by water, faith, and wood."

Irenæus said that the boy who led Samson was a type of John the Baptist, and because Christ "bore the burden of our sins," therefore he made "*Balaam's ass a type of Christ.*" * But it is needless to multiply this kind of quotations, for the headings of the chapters of the Old Testament, in Catholic and Protestant Bibles, abound in such absurdities.

If, however, that kind of reasoning had been confined to churches, Sunday schools, and religious publications, it would not have been my business to find fault. But when these topics are introduced into Lodges, and into Masonic publications as Masonic teachings, then it becomes my duty to expose, to protest against, and even to rebuke, their *impertinent Jesuitism.* Thus, according to the teaching of Christianising luminaries, the three degrees, the three principal Lodge Officers, and other *threes* in the ritual signify the *Trinity.* The lion, lamb, pelican, fish, Aaron's rod, a candlestick, and a pot of incense typify Christ. In short, they teach that the whole object and aim of Masonry, from the days of Grand Master Adam to the present time, is nothing else but to indicate salvation through Christ. And it is needless to prove that our so-called Masonic publications abound in that kind of stuff.

And now I will call attention to the inverted letter ⊤ on the English Master's apron, about which no explanation is given in the authorised ritual and lectures, *or what are generally supposed to be authorised.* If any one had asked me what ⊥ mean, I might have suggested that it is a rude imitation of the Master's gavel. Bro. Rosseter, however, whose head is filled with the mysteries of Babylonian and Egyptian Masonry, calls this ⊥ a "Tau," and says that Nimrod had his head decorated with "Taus."

The emblem of the R.A. Mason is ⊤, which the learned call "*Triple Tau.*" Whether Nimrod's head was adorned with single or triple Taus, Bro. Rosseter failed to enlighten us (see Freemason's Chronicle, 9th August 1879). It is however my opinion that the *tripling* was invented in the last century for the R.A. degree manufactured for the *Ancients*; and the upper part thereof was turned upside down (for what reason no one knows), and placed upon the Master's apron, probably not before 1813, and this mark is unknown to Craft Masons, at least outside of Great Britain and her dependencies. But what is the meaning of *Tau?* To ascertain this, I consulted the writings of the greatest expounder of Masonic conundrums, viz., Dr. Mackey (Lexicon and Cyclopædia), who says:—

"The *Tau cross*, or cross of St. Anthony, (so called because it is said to have been the cross on which that saint suffered martyrdom), is a cross in the form of a Greek ⊤. . . . In the initiation in Hindostan the Tau cross, under the name of Tilak, was marked upon the body of the candidate as a sign that he was set apart for sacred mysteries. The same mark was familiar to the ancient Hebrews, for, in the vision of Ezekiel it is thus alluded to, 'go through the midst of the city, and set a mark (in the original, תו *Tau*) upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.' This mark was to distinguish them as persons to be saved on account of their sorrow for sin, from those who, as idolators, were to be slain; and its form was that of a Hebrew letter Tau, which in the ancient Phœnician alphabet, and on the coins of the Maccabees, has the shape of a cross. . . . Finally, observe that the Tau is the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, as the aleph is the first, . . . and we see another consecration of this symbol in the expression 'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,' which, spoken in the Hebrew language, would be, I am the Aleph and the Tau. . . . We are not therefore surprised that the Tau cross has been adopted as one of the symbols of Masonry."

"According to the Talmudists" [what Talmudists?] "the symbol ⊤ was much older than the time of Ezekiel: for, say they," [where?] "that when Moses anointed Aaron as high priest, he marked his forehead with this sign."

In his Cyclopædia, after describing the *Triple Tau*, Dr. Mackey says:—

"This emblem, placed in the centre of a triangle and circle—both emblems of the Deity" [why?] "constitutes the jewel of the Royal Arch as practised in England, where it is so highly esteemed as to be

* I heard a very curious Arabian legend about Balaam's ass, which I cannot refrain here from giving. "The ass," says the legend, "was created at the close of the sixth day, or during the twilight preceding the first Sabbath. The same ass carried Abraham on his journey to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice; it carried Balaam on his mission to curse or bless Israel; it carried Jesus into Jerusalem; and, last, it carried Mahommed into the seventh heaven!" where, I suppose, it joined the celestial choir, and has been engaged ever since in singing hymns to the glory of the Prophet.

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called the 'emblem of all emblems,'" [why?] "and the grand emblem of Royal Arch Masonry. It was adopted in the same form as the Royal Arch badge by the General Grand Chapter of the United States in 1859. The original signification has been variously explained, some suppose it to include the initial of the Temple of Jerusalem, *Templum Hierosolymæ*. Others, that it is the symbol of the mystical union of the Father and Son, H signifying Jehovah, and T or the cross, the Son." Again—

"Speaking of the use of the cross in the Old Testament, Didron says, 'that it saved the youthful Isaac from death, redeemed from destruction an entire people whose houses were marked with that symbol, healed the envenomed bites of those who looked at the serpent raised in the form of a tau upon a pole, and called the soul of the dead body of the son of the poor widow who had given bread to the prophet.'"

We see, now, how easily our symbol-monger could Masonize and Christianize Abraham and Isaac, Moses and Aaron, Elijah and Ezekiel, and the Talmudists in the bargain; for, according to Dr. Mackey, one and all either worshipped or venerated the cross. But was Masonry designed for teaching such trash?

I have always avoided that species of pedantry of using foreign words in Masonic communications; but as I wish to make the subject clear to the understanding of all, I am therefore, in this instance, compelled to depart from my rule, but must premise—

First. St. Anthony *was not crucified*; the T cannot, therefore, be called "St. Anthony's cross" on that account.

Second. There is no evidence whatever that Jews ever worshipped the cross, or venerated the cross, or marked themselves with the cross, or that the Talmudists ever said that Moses did mark a cross.

Third. In the Book of Numbers xxi. 8, 9, there is no allusion to the cross, or *Tau either*, it merely says, "Make thee a fiery serpent and put it upon a pole." "And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole."* A *pole* is not a *cross*.

And fourth. In the Hebrew version of Ezekiel ix. 4, are the following words:—ותוית תו (*Vehitvito tav*), the literal translation whereof is, "And you shall mark a mark." The English Bible has it, "And set a mark." In Leeser's Bible it reads, "Inscribe a mark." There is some difference in the phraseology of the above translations, but all concur in the fact, that those words merely convey the idea of *making a mark*, without the least hint about the shape of the mark. As far as we know, the mark meant by the writer may have been a mere *daub*; for a daub would have answered the purpose of distinguishing those that were to be saved from those that were to be killed, as much as a more complicated mark could do. But Bible commentators who have dogmas to prove stick at no trifles; and as already shown, the early Christian fathers were very prolific in discovering far-fetched meanings in the writings of the Old Testament, hence the Douay, or Catholic Bible, renders the above passage in Ezekiel, "And make a Tau." But what is a Tau? This question the translator of the said Bible answers in a foot-note, thus—

"Tau is the last letter in the Hebrew alphabet, and signifies [not as a mere letter ת, but when written תו or *tav*], a *sign* or *mark*, which is the reason why some translators render this place—*set a mark* or *mark a mark*, without specifying what this mark was. But St. Jerome and other interpreters conclude it was the form of the letter Tau, which in ancient Hebrew character, was the form of a cross."

Mosheim says that one of the maxims of the early Christian fathers was:—

"That it was a virtue to deceive and lie, when by such means the interest of the church might be promoted." And he adds, "We would willingly except from this charge Ambrose and Hilary, Gregory Nazianzen, and Jerome; but truth, which is more respectable than those venerable fathers, obliges us to involve them in the general accusation."

As Jerome did not hesitate to deceive and lie for the interests of the Church, we need not wonder at his perverting and misconstruing the words of Ezekiel. Our Masonic symbol-mongers and expounders also believe in the doctrine of deceiving and lying for the benefit of the Church; and hence no matter what shape an emblem may be, and no matter how it is explained in the Lodge, they persist in declaring that "It expresses, prefigures, or typifies another fact of a higher and more important nature," viz., *Christianity*. And I verily believe that if the poker, tongs, and shovel, or any other *household utensil*, had been mentioned in the ritual, there would have been no end of significancies suggested about them. They would have assured us that poker, tongs, and shovel, &c., were anciently regarded as symbols of Deity in the religion of Osiris, Moses, or Christ. And as for authorities, they would either have cited the writers of some dreamers, or when even that failed them, they would not have scrupled at inventing authorities.

This emblem ⊥ on the English Master's apron, is a fair illustration of the truth of the above remark. As already stated, the R.A. and its emblem, was unknown to Masons before or near the middle of the last century. Nay, more. D.G.M. Manningham condemned that new degree as an imposture, and Grand Secretary Spencer ridiculed the R.A. degree about 1768. In 1813, at the Union, the Grand Lodge of England was compelled to call the R.A. degree "Masonic." And I am strongly inclined to believe that this *upside down* top of the R.A. emblem was not introduced into Craft Masonry by the G.L. of England before 1813. Dr. Oliver, *of course*, made the "Triple Tau" into a Christian emblem. And Dr. Mackey, who was bound to tell us what Dr. Oliver did not, made, as we have seen, a great splurge about the upside down T (for *up* or *down* is all the same to him) and demonstrated after his fashion that ⊥ is not only a Christian cross, but also that the identical shaped cross was venerated by Abraham, Isaac, Moses, Aaron, Elijah and Ezekiel; but as he had no authority whatever, not even that of Didron, about Moses marking Aaron with the cross, he was not at all abashed, in appealing to Talmudic authority.

Such are the characteristics of our symbol-mongers, whose writings our clerical brethren and pious Masonic editors admire and applaud. And why?

BOSTON, U.S., 5th April 1880.

* Leeser's Bible reads, "And Moses made a serpent of *copper*, and put it upon a pole" (omitting "brazen" and "fiery"). The Douay Bible says, "Made a brazen serpent, and set it up for a sign" (omitting brass and copper). And in a note thereto, we are informed that, "The brazen serpent was a figure of Christ crucified."

To my mind, this kind of *figuring* seems very ridiculous. But if Christians can be made to believe that the *lion*, the *lamb*, the *pelican*, the *fish*, the *ass*, &c., are types of Christ, why may not the *serpent* also typify Christ?

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, London. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, occupied the chair, and, as will be seen from the number of votes recorded for the several candidates, was supported by a very large number of Life Governors. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the general business of the day was proceeded with. This comprised, among other matters, the approval of six petitions, the children on whose behalf they were presented being then placed on the list for the October election. The plans for affording additional office accommodation, as drawn up by the Grand Superintendent of Works, were submitted, and the offer of Grand Lodge in this respect was accepted, the rent asked and agreed too being £85 a-year. Certain recommendations from the House Committee on matters connected with the management of the Institution were brought up and confirmed. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for the various accounts which had been passed, and then a notice of motion was given by Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. to establish an annual prize, of the value of three guineas, to be given to one of the pupils in memory of the late Bro. John Boyd, and to be called the John Boyd Memorial Prize. This prize is proposed in consideration of a donation of one hundred guineas made to the funds of the Institution by the members of the Prudent Brethren Lodge and Chapter. The Committee then proceeded to the election of the House and Audit Committees, the following being the result:—

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

No. on poll	Name	No. of votes
1	Edmund C. Mather	284
2	Alfred Henry Tattershall	272
3	John A. Rucker	271
4	Griffiths Smith	269
5	Frank Richardson	268
6	Edward Letchworth	267
7	Henry A. Dubois	262
	Joshua Nunn	262
9	Lieut.-Col. James Peters	261
10	Peter de Lande Long	258
11	William Hope, M.D.	253
12	Charles Hammerton	241
13	Edward Cox	96
14	Thomas Cubitt	94
15	John A. Farnfield	86
16	William Stephens	83
17	Reuben R. Davis	71
18	Edgar Bowyer	68
19	John H. Southwood	67
20	Edward Terry	65
21	John Bellerby	63
22	T. W. C. Bush	62
23	Charles G. Hill	60
24	C. H. Webb	42

The twelve brethren first named, all of whom, except Bro. Charles Hammerton, were members of the old committee, were declared elected.

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

No. on poll	Name	No. of votes
1	Henry C. Levander	309
2	Herbert Dicketts	296
3	John C. Chancellor	294
4	Robert B. Webster	292
5	William Roebuck	290
6	William Bailey	288
7	James Cutbush	283
8	Henry Venn	273
9	Thomas Kingston	257
10	Robert Berridge	96
11	Hyam M. Levy	61

The nine brethren highest on the poll were declared elected. These brethren comprised the Audit Committee last year. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

In the event of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution deciding to refill the office of Collector, we understand that Bro. William Worrell P.M. and Sec. 766, &c. and Bro. C. H. Webb P.M. 1607 W.M. 174, Vice President of the Institution, will offer themselves as candidates. We shall refer to the subject in a future issue.

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PARTY SPIRIT IN MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been somewhat amused of late at the self-laudatory tone adopted by your Masonic contemporary. I do not object to a display of honest pride. On the contrary I hold, in common with a good many other people, that it is both reasonable and justifiable, provided always it is not repeated too often, and is consistent with the circumstances of the moment as well as with the general tenour of one's conduct. The proposition that the Press as an institution is not as highly appreciated by Freemasons as it should be is not an unlikely one. Not a few worthy brethren have a dread of their meetings being too fully reported, or, in short, that a proper amount of discretion will not always be exercised by the editors and their staff of coadjutors. Though I do not hold this opinion myself, I can understand the feeling which prompts it, but I know of no justification whatever for the statement that "if the Press is subservient to a party and the echo of a clique, all is well; but if it desires to seek to be honest, impartial, and independent, what 'change comes o'er the spirit of our dream' immediately." It seems to me this is a most wanton attack on the members of our Craft. I do not think Masons in their conduct and appreciation of ordinary matters are very different from other folk, and I am very certain the rule, as between subserviency and independence in the Press, is—as among individuals—that while people *use* the former when it suits them, they always *respect* the latter. A partisan journal or one which knows and recognises no other opinions than those dictated to it by a clique has, undoubtedly, its uses; but no one ever thinks of accepting unreservedly its praise or dispraise, and if Freemasons are not more, they assuredly are not less, liberal than the world generally.

And as though the editor were conscious of the absurdity of this statement, he is at the pains of contradicting himself in the very next paragraph. "The *Freemason*," he goes on to say, "has outlived opposition, has laughed down childish criticism, and intends to pursue the 'even tenour of its way,' in its straightforward and manly career, neither impeded by hostility, annoyed by sarcasm, or intimidated by antagonism. It appeals simply on its own merits to a cosmopolitan Craft, and it believes that the zealous endeavour of its proprietor to establish and keep up a thoroughly readable, rational, and Masonic paper is alike appreciated at home and abroad." Now this, stripped of its verbiage, means, if I understand anything of English, that the *Freemason* has flourished more rather than less since its first appearance, and that in spite of the hostility which newspapers so commonly experience; because throughout its whole career it has been manly and straightforward in its conduct. Now, I see little or no difference of meaning between being "manly and straightforward," and being "honest, impartial, and independent," and all the difference in the world between either of these and partisanship and subserviency to a clique. It follows then that if on the one hand Masonic papers which are partisan prosper, and those which are independent become disliked, while on the other, the *Freemason* has outlived criticism by reason of its manly and straightforward conduct, either the journal in question is not as prosperous as we are asked to believe it is, or it has achieved its popularity at the expense of its independence. However, I must not pursue this matter; if the editor of your contemporary has got himself on the horns of a dilemma, it is his own fault. Moreover, I have no intention of gainsaying the proposition that the proprietor, with whose name we are all acquainted, has done his best to establish and keep up a readable Masonic journal. He deserves the greatest credit for all he has done not only in connection with Masonic journalism, but likewise on behalf of Masonic literature, and it is greatly to be regretted that the brother, to whom is entrusted the editorial conduct of the *Freemason*, cannot see his way to write without indulging in objectionable personalities, and attributing motives to others who have the misfortune to differ with him.

When I find a man takes every opportunity of telling the world how very good he is, and how unlike those who hold other opinions, I very naturally test his statements practically. I find, for instance, in the number from which I have already quoted, it is editorially laid down that in opposing the re-election of the present House Committee of the Girls' School, "it is very wrong to give the Life Governors so much trouble and annoyance to gratify personal pique, and thus to enforce the attendance, much to their inconvenience, of so many brethren." Now, I ask, what right has the editor of your contemporary to attribute the threatened opposition to the brethren seeking re-election on the House Committee to a desire "to gratify personal pique;" and in the next place, whether, supposing him to have such right, he is Masonically justified in publicly attributing the acts of any of his brother Masons to an unworthy motive? I turn to the circular he alludes to as being "a modest and manly circular," and there I find it stated in plain, but inoffensive language, that understanding the re-election of the old House Committee is going to be opposed, "for some reason not apparent," and having full confidence in the brethren thus seeking re-election, those whose signatures are appended to it, invite their brother Governors to vote for the old Committee. They wisely and necessarily abstain from saying anything about the motives of those who mean to vote for the new nominees. They do not charge them with being anxious "to gratify personal pique," or as being "influenced by a desire for a petty revenge for a previous defeat." They do not say their opposition is "a very Jesuitical proceeding in itself," and they have the good sense and good taste to refrain from telling their opponents they "had much better remain in their own proper insignificance." I should think that Bro. Case's nominees and the signatories to this straightforward circular must be ashamed at finding their cause advocated in this unmasonic fashion.

Passing over the appeal to Life Governors to attend on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall and vote,—as a matter of course, though it is not so suggested,—for the old House Committee; and the innuendoes contained in the two following paragraphs, to the effect that, on the one hand, more than one of the new nominees is not desirous of being elected, and on the other, that a brother who is presumed to have "other fish to fry," is taking a "very active part as regards the Girls' School election Committee," I turn to the correspondence columns in the same number, and there I find a letter written by one signing himself "B. F." But for the signature, and from the tone and style of the writer's remarks, I should have set this down as expressing the Editor's *personal* views, as the paragraphs I have quoted from express his *editorial* views. The writer speaks of the "party spirit and personal feeling," so rife amongst us, and "which threatens such evils to Freemasonry." For some time past there has been "a 'cabal' or 'clique,'" which if it succeeds in establishing its influence, will bring about all kinds of disastrous results. "Even if this 'clique,' or 'cabal,' or 'camarilla,' or 'caucus,' call it by what name you will," were distinguished "by every public and domestic virtue," it would still be a nuisance, for Englishmen dislike being "governed by a 'coterie' or dictated to by a 'cabal.'" This "clique," for months past has been exhibiting its wickedness "in resolutions, and counter resolutions, in circulars and mendacious calumnies, and numberless other measures and threats, which are positively a disgrace to our very Masonic profession." After more of the same kind of affectionate comments, "B. F." trusts that "by a determined and united effort we may be induced, Masons of all ranks and ages, to 'put a foot' upon this audacious effort to hand over Masonry in the metropolis to this 'out-come' of personality and malevolence, the intrigues of a petty clique, or the arrangements of an audacious 'caucus.'" This letter is inserted with the following note appended:—["We insert this 'strong meat' for 'babes,' as we are not insensible to the threatened evils 'B. F.' speaks of.—ED."]

I have hardly yet made up my mind whether the strength of this "meat for babes" lies in its substantives or adjectives. We have firstly, a "cabal" or "clique;" then a "clique" only, but with "its circulars and mendacious calumnies;" then a "clique," "cabal," "camarilla," "caucus" or "coterie;" in the next paragraph, a "new party," and in the last, a cross between a "petty clique" and an "audacious caucus;" and all these substantives, be it understood, are arrayed in all the glory of "inverted commas," with the exception, by the way, of the "petty clique," to which, with a due regard for the principles of justice, I take the liberty of assigning equal honour. "Disgrace to our profession," "animosities," "personality," "malevolence," are also among the other choice terms which "B. F." introduces; while among his most expressive adjectives are "mendacions," "debasing," and "audacious." It strikes me this is an illustration of a "storm in a teapot"—excuse my inverted commas, but example is contagious—which is very creditable to "B. F.'s" ingenuity. Thus, A to M, both inclusive, propose the re-election of the old Committee, and N to Z, also both inclusive, propose to elect a new Committee; but while the former are "anxious to avoid the debasing animosities of party spirit and personality," the latter are dubbed a clique, cabal, camarilla, caucus, coterie, and new party. I dare say the language of Billingsgate, if not very choice, is very entertaining—when spoken in Billingsgate by Billingsgate fishwives; but I respectfully submit that a letter containing charges of cliquism, mendacious calumny, debasing animosity, and malevolence, ought not to find a place in any Masonic journal, and least of all with a certificate of editorial approval appended at foot.

Following next in order after this unsavoury letter is one written by Bro. Southwood, who very naturally objects to being associated with "cliques" or "petty cabals;" has no knowledge of "the malevolent assertions of deliberate slander," to which allusion was made in a former number of the *Freemason*; and says he never has occupied the undignified position of a "cat's paw" and never will. The letter is manly and sensible, and the Editor has no option but to observe, "our remarks do not of course apply to him, "though, before doing so, he suggests that "it is just possible that we of the *Freemason* may know a little more of what is going on 'behind the scenes' than he does." To judge from this one might almost imagine that Freemasonry is a very terrible Society, the members of which are always plotting and counter-plotting against each other in the most diabolical spirit—Guy Fawkes and his associates and the Nihilists being, by comparison, mere baby conspirators. Yet all these desperate brethren who have been lately indulging in a banquet of "malevolent assertions of deliberate slander" are anxious to do is to elect on the House Committee the nominees of their own choice over those of somebody else's. Here surely is another "storm in a tea pot," and in inverted commas, too.

I am very certain that every member of the House Committee for the year now ending has done everything in his power to promote the welfare of the Girls' School. But I am by no means willing to admit that they are the only men that can necessarily be found throughout the Craft who are able and willing to serve on the Committee and do their utmost for the Institution. Your contemporary allows that "it is the undoubted privilege of Life Governors to propose new members," and that it is good "at times to infuse a little new blood into all Committees Masonic or un-Masonic." Then, why, in the name of all that is reasonable, abuse people when they exercise an "undoubted privilege" and charge them with being guilty of "audacious calumnies," "debasing animosities," "personality and malevolence," &c., &c. If—mind I do not assert there are, but only, if—there are those who think the purchase of Lyncombe House was a needless act of extravagance,—it is proved to have been a great irregularity; that a Treasurer should not take

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upon himself Secretarial functions, or a Secretary Tresorial functions; that a newly-appointed official, who is young, modest, and of retiring disposition, though at first he needs the kindly assistance and sympathy of his elders, should in time be allowed—nay, encouraged—to assert himself, nor always be held in leading strings; that there can be too much of a good thing, even when that good thing is the dictation of one mind in the management of a large institution; and, in short, that a little change—"the infusion of a little new blood"—is at all times good for us; then I have yet to learn that to endeavour to give effect to such opinions is "the 'outcome' of personality and malevolence, the intrigues of a petty clique, or the arrangement of an audacious 'caucus;'" that it is done "to gratify personal pique;" that it is "a very Jesuitical proceeding in itself;" and that those who do so are "influenced by a desire for petty revenge for a previous defeat." I charge no one with being actuated by improper motives, whether he nominates an old Committee or a New Committee, and I have a right to expect that others shall allow I am animated by the same spirit of justice and impartiality as I concede to them. If "party spirit and personal feeling" are disturbing elements in the Freemasonry of the present generation of Craftsmen, they will be intensified, not removed, by such writing as I have been commenting upon, whether that writing takes the form of editorial animadversions of a personal character, or of "strong meat for babes" which has received editorial sanction and approval.

I derive at times so much interesting information from the columns of your contemporary, that I regret to have been obliged to write in the manner I have done. But this style of editorial comment passes my poor understanding. And as I condemn it for its personality, so do I feel sorrow for its feebleness and inconsistency. In order that "babes" may swallow and digest the "strong food" provided for them, it must be seasoned with the proper quantum of sense and consistency. If the editor of the journal in question will only disabuse his mind of the idea that every one who differs with him is unprincipled, and that Freemasons are not such bad fellows as he seems to think they are, I am sure he will feel much happier, and the *Freemason* will be better appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

X.

London, 24th May 1880.

WHITSUNTIDE AMUSEMENTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I read with much pleasure your account in last week's issue of the festivities in which the holiday folk indulged this Whitsuntide, and as it may interest your readers to contrast the amusements of this more prosaic age with those which were in vogue in the good old times, I will, with your permission, and for the especial benefit of those who delight in the study of popular manners and habits, mention one or two customs formerly peculiar to the season just past. Thus, the *Reading Mercury* for the 24th May 1819 contained the following curious advertisement:—

"*Peppard Revel* will be held on Whit Monday, 31st May 1819, and for the encouragement of young and old gamesters there will be a good hat to be played for at cudgels; for the first seven couple that play, the men that breaks the most heads to have the prize; and one shilling and sixpence will be given to each man that breaks a head, and one shilling to the man that has his head broke."

I offer no opinion as to the sufficiency of the sum [eighteen pence] awarded for breaking a man's head. Some of those people's heads may have been so thick as to have taken a good deal of breaking. But one shilling would seem to have been but a poor *solatium* for having one's head broken. Perhaps, however, as eels are said to like being skinned because they are used to it, so these *Peppard Revellers*, for a similar reason, may have enjoyed having their heads broken,—at all events, as the next best thing to breaking other people's.

Probably most of your readers have seen accounts in the daily papers of the Passion Play, acted at Ober-Ammergau, on Whit Monday. Well, among the old local customs which prevailed centuries ago in this country I may mention one peculiar to Chester, where on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Whitsun week, were enacted Plays or "Shewes" in a series of four or five and twenty parts, so many being apportioned to each day, and each guild having a part allotted to it. Thus to the Tanners was assigned the representation of "The Fall of Lucifer," the Drapers were charged with "The Creation," the Water-carriers very appropriately gave a rendering of "The Flood," and so on. Accounts are still preserved of the expenses incurred in acting these plays, and in them occur not a few quaint items, such as the following:—

"Item, payd for mendyng hell mought" (mouth), "2d."

"Item, payd for kepyng of fyer at hell mothe" (mouth) "4d."

"Item, paid for settyng the world of fyer, 5d."

It must be remembered that a penny in those days was of greater value than a shilling is now, but even at that rate, the charge of 2d for the repair of "hell mought" must be regarded as trifling, while only 5d for setting the "world of fyer" must be set down as dirt cheap.

One more old custom and I have done. Strutt, in his work on "The Sports and Pastimes of the People of England," mentions a custom that prevailed at Kidlington in Oxfordshire, where, on the Monday after Whitsun week, a fat lamb was provided, and the maidens of the town, having their thumbs tied behind them, were permitted to run after it, and she who with her mouth took hold of the lamb was declared the Lady of the Lamb, which being killed and cleaned, but with the skin hanging upon it, was carried on a long pole before the lady and her companions, attended with music, and a morris-dance of men, and another of women. The rest of the day was spent in mirth and merry glee. The next day the lamb, partly baked, partly boiled, and partly roasted, was served up for the lady's feast, where she sat "majestically at the upper end of the table, and her companions with her," the music playing during the repast, which being finished, the solemnity came to an end.

Trusting you will find a place in your valuable columns for these memorials of ye olden time,

Believe me, fraternally yours,

"ANTIQUUS."

A PLEA FOR THE CANDIDATES TO THE R.M.B.I.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to thank Bro. Francis for his courtesy in informing me that he "could give satisfactory evidence why the brother who died in Petersfield Workhouse was not elected an annuitant of the above Institution."

I am well acquainted with that brother's history. My argument is this—If our deceased brother was worthy to be accepted as a candidate, he must have been a fit and proper person to be elected to the Institution, or, failing that, why did he not receive a gratuity (by instalments) from the Benevolent Fund, to keep him off the parish?

I wish Brother Francis to understand that, in referring to this case, I had not the slightest intention of casting any reflection upon the Petersfield Lodge, but merely wished to give an instance of the hardships endured by the unsuccessful candidates.

Yours fraternally,

THOS. ATLING.

25th May 1880.

SUPREME COUNCIL A. & A. S. RITE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honour to inform you that the following changes have taken place in the Supreme Council 33°.

1. The Most Puissant Sov. Gr. Commander has been created an Earl of the United Kingdom by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, under the title of Earl of Lathom.

2. Ill. Bro. Lt.-Colonel Shadwell Henry Clerke having resigned his office as Grand Secretary-General, in consequence of his being appointed Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of England, Ill. Bro. Hugh David Sandeman has been appointed in his stead.

3. Ill. Bro. The Hon. James Gibbs, C.S.I., has been created a Supernumerary Member, residing in the East Indies.

The Supreme Council is now constituted as follows:—

Grand Patron.

ILL. BRO. H.R.H. ALBERT EDWARD PRINCE OF WALES, K.G. 33°.

Honorary Members of Supreme Council.

H.R.H. ARTHUR DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, K.G. 33°.
H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD, K.G. 33°.

Supreme Council.

Ill. Bro. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, M.P.S.G. Commander.
Ill. Bro. Captain Nathaniel George Philips, Past M.P.S.G.Cr. and M. Ill. Lt. G. Commander.
Ill. Bro. Major-General Henry Clerk, Grand Treasurer-General.
Ill. Bro. John Montagu Pulteney Montagu, Grand Chancellor.
Ill. Bro. Hugh David Sandeman, Grand Secretary-General.
Ill. Bro. Sir Michael Costa, Grand Captain of Guards.
Ill Bro. Colonel Alexander William Adair, Sov. Grand Inspector-General.
Ill. Bro. Lt.-Colonel Shadwell Henry Clerke, Sov. Grand Inspector-General.
Ill. Bro. General John Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Sov. Grand Inspector-General.
Ill. Bro. The Hon. Dr. Robert Hamilton, Supernumerary member, residing in the West Indies.
Ill. Bro. The Hon. James Gibbs, C.S.I., Supernumerary member, residing in the East Indies.

Official Letters should be addressed to the Grand Secretary-General, No. 33 Golden Square, W., at which address all information concerning the Ancient and Accepted Rite can be obtained.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

HUGH D. SANDEMAN, 33°,
Grand Secretary General, H.E.

33 Golden Square, London, W.
14th May 1880.

TRURO CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Mount Edgcumbe, Devonport.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is proposed that all Masonic subscriptions for the Truro Cathedral should be kept separate from others and applied to some special portion of the building.

A collection was made after the ceremony on Thursday last, but I have reason to believe that many brethren present had no opportunity of contributing. I therefore trouble you with this letter, to say that any contributions which brethren may like to send, either to myself at No. 23 Belgrave Square, London, or to E. T. Carlyon, Esq.,

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Truro, will be placed to the Masonic Fund, and that due information will be given to all contributors before the special object to which it is proposed to apply the money is decided upon.

Its nature must necessarily depend in some measure upon the amount collected.

Yours obediently,

MOUNT EDGCUMBE,

P.G.M. Cornwall.

VISITING SECRETARIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The establishment of a second Masonic Girls' School, whose Secretary should visit Lodges, &c., might prove a success. I have no doubt it would be supported. Grand Mark Lodge has proved successful, and so has its Benevolent Fund.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A P.M.

THE MARQUIS OF RIPON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can you or any of your subscribers imform a brother Mason what the general opinions and sentiments of the Craft are relative to the appointment of the Marquis of Ripon (Past Grand Master) as Governor-General of India.

Yours truly and fraternally,

NE VARIETUR.

6th May 1880.

[We think a matter like this, which can only be described as a political question, is outside the scope of Freemasonry. Doubtless most Masons have an opinion on the subject, which as men they are at liberty to entertain, but as Freemasons they are, or should be, independent.—ED. F.C.]

MARK MASONRY.

THE GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND, &c.

THE Mark Grand Lodge will hold its Summer Communication on Tuesday next, and, in anticipation of this event, the General Board's Report and that of the Grand Treasurer have been published, both of them being most satisfactory, and showing the great advance in prosperity which this branch of Masonry has recently made. According to the Report of the General Board, no less than 606 certificates of advancement have been issued in the half-year ended 31st March last, so that the number of those at present registered as M.M. Masons is 13,514. During the same period warrants for the following new Lodges have been issued, namely:—

No.		No.	
40	"Shakespeare," Warwick.	254	"St. Louis," Goletta, Tunis.
44	"Florence Nightingale," Woolwich.	255	"Robinson," Maidstone.
		256	"Five Arches," Tenby.
250	"Darlington," Darlington.	257	"Jersey," Maidenhead.
251	"Tenterden," Buckhurst Hill.	258	"Satlej," Ferozepore, Punjab,
		259	"Snowdonia," Portmadoc.
252	"Natalia," Pietermaritzburg, Natal.	260	"Comet," Emerald, Queensland.
253	"Spes Bona," Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope.	261	"Zealandia Marine," Port Chalmers, N.Z.

There have likewise been issued 144 certificates of elevation to the degree of Royal Ark Mariner, while warrants for two new Lodges, —the "Natalia," attached to the "Natalia" Mark Lodge, No. 252, and the "Charles V." attached to the "St. Louis" Mark Lodge, No. 254—have likewise been issued. The Province of South Wales has been temporarily placed under the charge of Grand Registrar.

It is further announced that a scholarship of the annual value of Fifteen Guineas has been placed at the disposal of the General Board for educational purposes by Bro. Dr. Passawer W.M. Mallet and Chisel Lodge, No. 5, and Head Master of the Notting-Hill School; that the Annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund is fixed to take place at the Crystal Palace on 7th July under the presidency of Bro. Col. Burdett Prov. G.M.M.M. of Middlesex and Surrey; and that, as the Earl of Lathom M.W. G.M.M.M. will preside at the Annual Festival of the Boys' School on Thursday, 1st July next, it is recommended that a sum of Twenty Guineas be granted to the funds of that Institution. The Board's accounts are most satisfactory.

The Grand Treasurer's accounts for the half year could not well be more favourable. The General Fund, including balance brought forward, shows receipts amounting to £968 14s 2d, and disbursements, including purchase of £200 Cape of Good 4½ per Cent. Debentures, to the extent of £619 11s 11d, leaving a balance at bankers' of £348 19s 3d. The Benevolent Fund, balance and receipts together, gives £257 14s 2d, and disbursements £145 19s 6d, leaving balance in hand of £111 15s 1d. The Education Fund, on Debtor side, shows a balance and receipts amounting together to £174 3s 2d, and as the disbursements are represented by the small sum of four guineas, there is a balance to the good of £169 19s 2d. The Invested Funds include, in respect of the General Fund £1,500; of the Benevolent Fund £1,200; and of the Educational Fund £300, the interest on which amounts in the aggregate to £115 per annum.

From this brief *résumé* of particulars our readers will see that the Grand Mark Lodge has of late been making most rapid and substantial progress. Financially its condition is most satisfactory, while as regards its numerical strength the advance speaks for itself. This is not to be wondered at, perhaps, when we bear in mind the names of those distinguished brethren who, since the establishment of the Grand Lodge in 1856, have presided over its destinies, and the energy of Bro. Binckes and others of its Grand Officers. Nevertheless, even the most enthusiastic and hopeful Mark Mason cannot but feel gratified at the well nigh unparalleled success achieved by their degree in so brief a space of time.

Kingston Lodge, No. 222, at Tunis, North Africa.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on the 12th May, at the Masonic Hall, Tunis. Present:—W. Bros. G. Pentecost (P.G.J.W.) W.M., Dr. Perini S.W., Professor Souiller J.W., Professor Clement M.O., Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch (P.G. Reg.) S.O., A. Bokobsa J.O., Rev. E. B. Frankel Chaplain, J. Barsotti Treas., C. Carriglio as Sec. and R.M., S. Sessing S.D., J. B. Cassar J.D., Commander Bridger, R.N., Organist, I. Boccara I.G., and J. Eymon Tyler. Bros. Delsol, Hannen, Chaigne, Cassuto, &c., Bro. T. F. Reade (33 Turkey), British Consul General at Tunis. The Lodge being duly opened, W. Bro. C. J. T. Hambro of Milton Abbey, Dorsetshire, P.M. Lodge 1266, at Blandford, and D.P.G.M. for Dorsetshire, was unanimously approved of as a candidate for advancement. On an alarm being given R.W. Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., (P.G.M.M.M. for Dorsetshire), and A. M. Broadley (P.G.M.M.M. for Tunis and Malta), entered the Lodge, and were received with grand honours. The P.G.M. assumed the gavel, and advanced Bro. Baron Hambro to the honourable degree of a Mark Master. Bro. Broadley expressed the keen pleasure felt by the Lodge in general, and by himself, as a Dorsetshire Mason in particular, in receiving R.W. Bro. Guest as a visitor, and his Deputy Bro. Hambro as a candidate. He then gave Bro. Guest a short account of the rise of speculative Mark Masonry in Tunis, and of the various circumstances which gave an additional interest to the degree as worked on the site of the great architectural efforts of their operative predecessors—the Phœnicians. On Bro. Broadley concluding his remarks, the R.W. P.G.M.M.M., of Dorsetshire, expressed his surprise and pleasure at what he had witnessed, and the satisfaction he felt at knowing how great a share a Mason of his own Province, their P.G.M., had had in the extraordinary success of Mark Masonry in their midst. He should certainly return to England much enlightened as regards Mark Masonry, and fully determined to profit both by the example he had seen of efficient working and the explanations he had heard of the archæological associations connected with the degree. He would certainly do his best to support the degree in England, and he should much like that the P.G.M. of Tunis and Malta should give an adress on the antiquity of the degree in Mark Grand Lodge. He also warmly thanked the brethren for the reception he had received at their hands, and especially for conferring the degree on his Deputy Bro. Hambro. The P.G.M. acknowledged the kindly commendation of Bro. Guest, who was, at the proposition of the S.W. Dr. Perini, elected an honorary member of the Lodge. The charitable collection being made the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

London Lodge of St. Lawrence—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday last, at 2 Red Lion Square. Bro. C. F. Matier D.G.M. presided as W. Master, the Senior and Junior Warden's chairs being filled by Bros. D. M. Dewar (G. Sec)., and P. C. Dibdin respectively, and there were present besides, Bros. Alfred Williams Conductor, J. E. Anderson as I.G., Thos J. Pulley, George Gravely, C. H. Driver, Thomas Keene, George Lambert, H. C. Lambert, Walter Spencer P.M., and R. P. Spice. After the usual preliminaries the degree was conferred on the following brethren, viz., W. W. Morgan, Henry Hacker, Thomas Benham, Frederick Walters, Thomas W. Adams, Thomas Meggy, and E. B. Florence. After the lecture explaining the mysteries of the degree had been given by Bro. Matier, in his most able and impressive style, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where the customary grill was most excellently served, and a pleasant evening, enlivened by toasts and agreeable chit-chat, was passed.

The public celebration of the sixty-first anniversary of Her Majesty's birthday will be held this day (Saturday), amid the customary demonstrations of hearty loyalty. The Prince and Princess of Wales, H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief, and other illustrious personages will be present at the time-honoured ceremony of trooping the colours on the Horse Guards' Parade. The principal ministers will give the usual banquets in honour of the auspicious event. Parades will be held at Woolwich and other garrison towns, at the Headquarters in Finsbury of the Honourable Artillery Company, and elsewhere; while in the evening there will be a brilliant display of illuminations at the West End, but especially in Pall Mall, Bond Street, St. James's Street, Piccadilly, Regent Street, and the other principal thoroughfares in that part of the metropolis. No doubt if the weather turns out as brilliant as it has been thus far in the present week, the parks and streets will be thronged with crowds of sight-seers, all eager to enjoy themselves. Let us hope—though we fear the hope is a vain one—that the rough element will be as little demonstrative as possible, and avoid molesting ladies and gentlemen who are only desirous of moving about in peace.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 25th inst., when there were present numerous brethren and visitors. This Lodge is appropriately named, for only those gentlemen or brethren who are connected with gas engineering are eligible to be received into it as initiates or joining members. Thus it is a class Lodge, and though it may seem at first sight contrary to the spirit of Freemasonry to restrict the range of choice to only a single section of the community, we are pleased to note that, in its brief career, the Evening Star has gone on most prosperously, and it is more than probable that there are few Lodges in which the relations of the members towards each other are distinguished by such marked cordiality, or where it is no mere stereotyped expression to say whenever the Lodge meets, that complete harmony prevails throughout the proceedings. The mere fact of all the brethren belonging to it following, or being interested in, the same profession is tolerably certain to cause this happy consummation. At all events, our experience of the "Evening Star" is in keeping with what we have just said, and was fully exemplified by the doings of Tuesday, when at the time appointed Bro. Duff-Filer P.M. occupied the chair of K.S., in the temporary absence of Bro. John Aird P.G.S. W.M., who, however, came later on. There were also present, Bros. William Sugg S.W., T. A. Greene J.W., Magnus Ohren G.A.D.C. Secretary as S.D., David Sugg J.D., G. C. Trowby Steward as I.G., David Sugg P.M. as D.C., and Visitors, Bros. C. M. Ohren I.G. 452, T. Vincent 1076, H. E. Frances P.M. 452, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, G. Buckland P.M., W. Tanner 1627, E. Roberts Organist 1623. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. W. King was raised to the degree of M.M., and subsequently Bro. Hubert T. Bailey was passed to F.C., the acting Master fulfilling his duties most fluently and impressively. The next business was the election of W.M. and Treasurer, and the appointment of Tyler for the ensuing year. In the selection of a member to fill the chair of the Lodge, the choice of the brethren fell on Bro. William Sugg, who, on the fact being announced, rose and returned thanks to all for the honour they had conferred upon him, promising at the same time to use his best endeavours to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors in office, and promote the comfort and well-being of the members. Brother James Glaisher was re-elected Treasurer, but, as he was unfortunately absent in Cornwall, Bro. Magnus Ohren undertook to convey to him the pleasing announcement of the honour conferred upon him. Bro. Speight was re-appointed Tyler. A discussion then ensued on the Bye-laws, and especially on the law respecting the proposition of candidates for initiation or as joining members, in the course of which Bro. Ohren drew attention to the Constitutions on the subject, and interpreted the Bye-laws in accordance with the one and only sense the Constitutions could be made to bear. Brother Aird, who had arrived in the meantime, and taken his place as W.M., then rose and proposed a resolution, offering the congratulations of the Lodge to Bro. Ohren on his appointment to the rank of a Grand Officer, and also moved that the proposal be entered on the minutes. This was seconded by Bro. Sugg, at whose suggestion a Committee was appointed with the view of taking steps to ascertain in what manner the Lodge could more substantially endorse their opinion of the graceful act of the Grand Master in appointing Bro. Ohren to be G.A.D. of C. It is needless to say that the motion was carried. As regards the purpose of the Committee it was hinted—and we consider the hint a good one—there could not be a better way of bearing testimony to Bro. Ohren's general merits, and his especial services to the Evening Star Lodge, than by presenting him with a complete set of Grand Lodge clothing. Bro. Duff-Filer having given notice of motion with a view to presenting a Past Master's jewel to the retiring Master in recognition of his able services during the past year, and other matters having been despatched, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. Justice having been done to an excellent *menu*, the cloth was removed and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Bro. Magnus Ohren replying, among others, to that of the Pro and Deputy G. Masters and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present. Bro. Aird gracefully acknowledged the toast of his health, while Bro. Sugg's election as W.M. for next year was noted and acknowledged by that brother in returning thanks for the toast of the Officers. Bro. H. E. Frances responded for the Visitors. The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. E. Roberts, G. Buckland, and Miss Clara Perry. Bro. J. Stedman had charge of the musical arrangements of the evening, and sang his favourite song, "Mary of Argyle," excellently well. Bro. Roberts so highly distinguished himself by his rendering of the song, "Big Ben," as to elicit not only the warm approval of all present, but also a vote of thanks, cordially moved by the W.M., and as cordially accepted by the brethren. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

William Kingston Lodge, No. 1835, Goletta, Tunis.—The annual meeting for the election of W.M. took place on the 14th May. Present:—Bros. Barker W.M., Curletto S.W., Engerer Sec. as J.W., Broadley P.M. Treas., Attard S.D., Perkins J.D., Castelli D. of C., Vaux I.G. Pagano Tyler; several brethren of the Lodge, and Visitors—Commander Bridger 1717 and B. C Hannen 319. Bro. Rosenbusch D.D.G.M was announced and received with grand honours. The ballot for W.M. resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. A. M. Broadley P.M. and P.Z. 1717 and P.D.D.G.M. of Malta. Bros. Durazzano and Pagano were elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively. Bro. Gaetano Testa was raised to the third degree. Bro. Rosenbusch then gave an interesting address on the principles of English Masonry, and exhorted the brethren to persevere in their endeavours to maintain the prestige of the Lodge they had founded, and furnished with so much taste. He felt sure their destinies were safe in the hands of his friends and predecessor Bro. Broadley. The Lodge was then closed.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 25th May. Bros Myers P.M. 820 and 1445 W.M., Webb P.M. 1607 S.W., Brasted J.W. 1524 J.W., Wallington P.M. 860 I.P.M., J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first. The Fifteen Sections were then worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture: Bros. Dallas, Smyth, Clark, Christian, Forss, Webb, McDonald. Second Lecture: Bros. Polak, Fieldwick, Webb, C. Lorkin, McDonald. Third Lecture: Bros. Brasted, J. Lorkin, Wallington. The following brethren were also present:—Bros. Ware, Hardrodt, Blackburn, Carr, &c. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Polak was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—At Bro. Clayton's, the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, E., on the 21st inst. Bro. H. Forss occupied the chair, assisted by Bros. Waterer S.W., Loane J.W., Levy S.D., Judd J.D., Richardson I.G., B. Cundick P.M. Preceptor, W. Musto P.M. Hon. Sec.; also P.M.'s Barnes and Webb, and Bros. Gamble, McDonald, Kloer, Stephens, and Clayton. Lodge having been opened in due form, the ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, Bro. Gamble candidate. Lodge was closed to first degree, and Bro. McDonald worked the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. H. Kloer, No. 49, Ancient Dundee, was admitted a member, and Bro. Waterer was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—The special meeting, for working sections only, was held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, the 25th inst. Lodge opened at 7.30 precisely, under the presidency of P.M. Musto, who was supported by P.M. Cundick, an invaluable attendant on these occasions; Bro. Smith as S.W., Loane as J.W., and Bros. Worsley, Judd, Watson, Power, Keable, Watkins, Ives, Sadler, White, Dixon, and others. Bro. Myers was unavoidably absent, having to fulfil a similar task at the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction. The sections were very ably and correctly worked, as follows:—First Lecture—Bros. Loane, Power, Smith, Worsley, P.M. Cundick, sections 5 and 6 being omitted. In the Second Lecture—Bros. Watkins and Smith worked the first and second sections respectively, and as the time did not allow of more being accomplished, the Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Smith was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. P.M. Musto said he could not allow the brethren to disperse without thanking them for their attendance. Although the Preceptor of the Lodge, he must say it was one of the best meetings as regarded attendance they had had. He hoped to be long among them as their Preceptor, for though they had now reached the summer months, when other Lodges could scarcely secure a sufficient number of brethren, the Friars Lodge of Instruction seemed to prove as attractive as during the busier portion of the year.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction.—Meeting held at Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 20th May. Present—Bros. A. Jones W.M., G. Coop S.W., E. C. Porter J.W., J. Wells S.D., G. Wright J.D., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, Mitchell I.G., H. Kasner, E. T. Brown, H. Stephens, F. Millsom, J. J. Clarke. After preliminaries the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. E. T. Brown candidate. The charge was delivered in a very able manner. The ceremony of passing was next rehearsed, Bro. Millsom candidate. Bro. G. Coop was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting.

The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed in the St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, at Bro. Kent's, the Moorgate Station Restaurant, opposite the Metropolitan Railway Station, on Thursday Evening, 10th June, at 8 o'clock p.m., punctually, by Bro. Alfred Withers, I.P.M. of the mother Lodge. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

It is with sincere regret we mention that, after a brief illness which only lasted four days, Bro. Giuseppe Mazzoni, Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy, expired at Prato, on the 11th instant. His funeral, which was attended by representatives of the various Masonic bodies, took place on the 14th instant. Bro. Mazzoni had taken a leading part in politics, having been one of the triumvirate of Tuscany, in the stirring times of 1849. He had represented Prato in four Parliaments, and was made a Senator in 1876. He had been re-elected Grand Master of Italian Freemasons no less than four times.

We mentioned last week that Her Majesty had graciously signified her intention of raising Bros. Right Hon. R. Lowe, and E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen to the Peerage. The *Gazette* announces that these gentlemen will take their seats in the Upper House of Parliament by the style and title of Baron Sherbrooke of Sherbrooke in the county of Surrey, and Brabourne of Brabourne in the county of Kent respectively.

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INSTALLATION OF M.W. GRAND MASTER.

THE SUMMER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION OF THIS Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Tuesday, the 1st day of June next, when and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, and Overseers of private Lodges are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock p.m.

By Command of the M.W. Grand Master.

FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.J.W., Grand Secretary.

N.B.—A Banquet will be provided at seven o'clock, at which the Grand Master will preside. The Tickets will be 15s each, inclusive of wine, if taken before the day of meeting; and 17s 6d if taken on that day; and it is requested that every Brother intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary, not later than Saturday, the 29th of May.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 2nd June 1880:—

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd March for confirmation.

2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 28th April for confirmation.

3. The Minutes of the Especial Grand Lodge at Truro on the 20th May for confirmation.

4. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.

5. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.

6. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

7. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz:—

The Orphan children of a Brother of the Lodge of Light in Adjoodhia, No. 836, Fyzabad, Bengal, East Indies	£50	0	0
A Brother of the St. Albans Lodge, No. 29, London	250	0	0
A Brother of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London	200	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Castle Lodge of Harmony, No. 26, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 905, London	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304, Leeds	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Mount Edgcumbe Lodge, No. 1446, London ...	150	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 309, Fareham	75	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Hope, No. 302, Bradford, Yorkshire	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, London	50	0	0
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The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Union, No. 166, London	50	0	0

8. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report:—

(1.) In connection with the proposed erection of new offices for the use of the Charities there appears to be a contiguous plot of Freehold ground in New Yard, the possession of which by Grand Lodge is highly important in connection with questions of light and air.

The Board are strongly advised that this plot of ground should be purchased, and they have been enabled to arrange that Grand Lodge by its trustees can purchase the fee simple, free from incumbrances, for the sum of £1,050, and they have at the same time satisfied themselves that a tenant at a thoroughly remunerative rent can be obtained so long as is desirable.

They accordingly recommend that such purchase be sanctioned by Grand Lodge.

(2.) Having received formal complaint that a brother had violated the Constitutions by appearing in a public place or assembly (namely, one of her Majesty's Levees), wearing Masonic jewels without the authority of the Grand Master, the Board proceeded to deal with the matter, and caused the brother in question to be summoned to appear before them. It appearing that the error arose from a misconstruction of the Constitutions, and due submission having been made and regret expressed, it was not thought requisite to proceed further than admonition in the matter.

(3.) Lodge No. 401 (Slaidburn) having passed two Brethren after an insufficient interval (viz., 25 days) from their initiation, the Board have ordered that the Brethren be re-obligated in the second degree, and subsequently in the third degree at the proper interval, and have inflicted a fine of two guineas on the Lodge.

Lodge No. 910 (Pontefract) having passed a Brother after an insufficient interval from his initiation (viz., 16 days), the Board have ordered that the Brother be re-obligated in the second degree, and have inflicted a fine of two guineas on the Lodge.

(4.) The Board further report that they have had under consideration the important question of the due preservation, by binding where necessary, and the improvement, by addition, of the excellent Library belonging to Grand Lodge, in their charge, and they are unanimously of opinion that it is desirable that Grand Lodge should authorise an expenditure not exceeding £25 per annum for the above purposes.

The President will move in accordance with the foregoing recommendations.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
15th May 1880.

At a Meeting of the Board, held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., after the ordinary business had been disposed of, it was unanimously resolved, that

"The Board desire to express their appreciation of the uniform kindness and courtesy of their President, Sir John B. Monckton, and embrace this opportunity of congratulating him on the honour recently conferred upon him by Her Majesty the Queen."

(Signed) HENRY C. LEVANDER,
Vice President.

To the Report is subjoined a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of May inst., shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £5,835 14s 1d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s, and £22 14s 5d, in the hands of the Solicitor of the Society.

9. APPEALS.

(1.) Appeal by the W. Master, Officers, and other Members of the Joppa Lodge, No. 864, Cape Town, against the decision of the District Grand Master of South Africa, Western Division, for declining to entertain a complaint against certain Brethren of the Lodge for conspiring to black ball Candidates.

(2.) Also appeal by Brother Thomas Gardner, the Secretary of the said Lodge, No. 864, complaining of certain expressions used, respecting him, by the District Grand Secretary, in an Official Communication addressed to him by direction of the District Grand Master.

N.B.—The papers relating to these Appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's Office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the Brethren during office hours.

10. PROPOSED MOTIONS.

1. By Brother Lieut.-Colonel John Creaton Grand Treasurer:—

"That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," to supply the Residents of the Institution at Croydon with Coals during the winter season.

2. By Brother James Stevens P.M. No. 720:—

"That inasmuch as all laws made by this Grand Lodge should be strictly observed and respected, this Grand Lodge is of opinion that the resolution of Grand Lodge to appoint a Committee of Past Masters for enquiry into the merits of the respective systems of working, &c., adopted on the 1st December 1869, and confirmed on the 2nd March 1870, and which thereby and in accordance with the Constitutions of the Fraternity, regulating the government of Grand Lodge (Section 8, page 28), became a law, should be carried into effect."

LIST OF BRETHREN NOMINATED FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Masters:—Bros. Charles Atkins 1260, Edward Cutler 197, Frederick H. McCalmont 394, Herbert Monckton 503, Richard Notley 1150, George Pitt-Lewis 444, Charles William Thompson 969, Francis Charteris Wemyss 1615. Past Masters:—Bros. Albert J. Altman 1657, William Coppard Beaumont 26, Henry Bishop 66, Henry A. Dubois 1777, Henry E. Frances 857, Edward B. Grabham 19, Frank Green 1567, Henry Harben 92, Charles Frederick Hogard 205, John Matthew Kienck 1680, Henry C. Levander 632, Alfred Meadows, M.D., 4, Macrae Moir 66, William Henry Perryman 3, Samel Poynter 902, James Stevens 1216, John G. Stevens 554, Alfred Henry Tattershall 110.

LIST OF BRETHREN NOMINATED FOR THE COLONIAL BOARD.

Bros. Frederick Adlard 7, Brackstone Baker 21, James Brett 177, Ralph Gooding 1, Edward Letchworth 1579, James Henry Matthews 113, Samuel Poynter 902, Griffiths Smith 569.

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LIST OF BRETHREN NOMINATED FOR THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

Bros. Charles Atkins W.M. 1260, James Brett P.M. 177, William Clarke P.M 114, Charles A. Cottebrune 733, Charles F. Hogard P.M. 205, William F. C. Montrie P.M. 11, George Penn P.M. 1642, Alfred H. Tattershall P.M. 140, Henry George Warren P.M. G.S.L., James Willing jun. P.M. 1507.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the W.M. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

1856.—St. George's Lodge, Temuka, Canterbury, New Zealand.
1857.—South Rakaia Lodge, South Rakaia, Canterbury, New Zealand.
1858.—St John's Lodge, Ashburton, Canterbury, New Zealand.
1859.—Prudentia Lodge, Negapatam, Madras.
1860.—Phœnix Lodge, Simon's Town, Cape of Good Hope.
1861.—Claremont Lodge, Esher, Surrey.

ROYAL ARCH.

PROV. G. CHAPTER N. & E. YORKSHIRE.

THE Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of North and East Yorkshire was held on Thursday, at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on the invitation of the Zetland Chapter, No. 236 York, when there was a large assembly of the Companions of the Order. M.E. Comp. J. P. Bell, Grand Superintendent of the Province, presided, Comp. Scberling P.Z. Minerva Chapter acting as H., and Comp. Todd P.Z. Zetland Chapter J. The following Companions were also present:—Compe. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Z. Zetland 236 D.C., Sir James Meek P.Z. and H. Zetland 236, R. Watson Dundas 543 P.Z., M. C. Peck P.Z. Minerva 250 P.G. Scribe E., J. March Zetland 236 P.P.G.S.W., R. W. Hollon P.Z. 236 Prov. G. Treas., T. B. Whytehead Z. Eboracum 1611 P.P.G. Reg., G. Balmford Zetland 236 H., T. Clough King Edward 660 P.P.G.D.C., R. Boggett Humber 57 P.P.G.S.B., W. Tesseyman Humber 57 P.G.S.B., R. Huntley Minerva 250 H., T. Sissons Kingston 1010 P.P.G.S.B., R. H. Peacock Old Globe 200 P.P.G.S.B., J. Stevenson Britannia 312 P.P.G.H., J. Thompson Minerva 250 Prov. G.S., J. S. Cumberland Eboracum 1611 H. P.G.S.B., H. O. Piercy Londesborough 734 P.Z. P.G.S.B., O. G. Bond King Edward 660 Z., C. H. Priestly King Edward 660 P.P.G.P.S., W. H. Rose King Edward 660 P.P.G.H., A. W. Walker King Edward 660 P.S., J. Murray Denison 1248 P.P.G.S.N., George Hardy Minerva 250 P.Z. P.P.G.S.N., J. T. Emes Minerva 250 P.Z. P.P.G.S.B., A. Farmer Marwood 602 P.Z. and P.G.H., R. Davison Marwood 602 P.P.G.H., C. T. Ganderton Humber 57 Prov. G.A.S., Thomas S. Camidge Zetland 236 P.P.G.O., W. Cowper, Newby, King Edward 660 Prov. G. Steward, W. H. Marwood 602 Prov. G. Steward, H. Preston Humber 57 P.P.G.A.S., and the following Companions attached to the Chapters which precede their names:—Humber Chapter. Hull: Comps. Thompson Z., Wilson J., Storry P.P.G.O., Oates Ansel P.Z. P.P.G. Reg., Needler P.Z., Kemp P.Z., Wing Pexton A.S., Lowe Beevers S.N. Minerva: Comp. Vigne. Old Globe, Scarborough: Comp. Middleton J. Zetland 236, York: Comps. Hodgson, Hollins E., Garbutt, Rooke D.C., Buckle P.S., Palliser, Houlden Barstow, Hanson, A. S. Ayres, Simpson, Rymer. Waistell, Kirby and Wilkinson. Chapter 226 Irish Constitution: Comp. J. Hanly. Philanthropic, Leeds: Comp. Brown. Britannia, Whitby: Comp. Ayre. Royal Victoria, Bermuda: Comps. E. J. de Salis, Marwood. Middlesbrough Comp. Cowper. Marquis of Ripon, Ripon: Comps. Rev. W. C. Lukis J., Paley P.Z. Londesborough, Bridlington: Comps. Severs, Watson Z., Jarratt, Brigham J. King Edward. New Malton: Comps. Staniland P.Z., Golder A.S., Nicholls S.E., Wandby. Dundas (Stokesley): Comps. Watson P.Z., Coulson E. Eboracum (York): Comps. Kay E., Simpson Treasurer, Turner A.S., Husband, Humphries, Rev. J. Blake. Kingston (Hull): Comps. Forden, Lambert. The Companions having taken their appointed seats, the members of the Provincial Grand Chapter entered, and the proceedings were opened by the reading and confirming of the minutes of the preceding Grand Chapter, held at Hull in 1879. The balance-sheet, which was considered very satisfactory, was then read by the Prov. Grand Treasurer Comp. R. W. Hollon, and was unanimously adopted. Other business, mainly of a routine character, followed, and the Grand Superintendent then read an interesting paper on the subject of "Royal Arch Freemasonry." It was announced that the next Provincial Grand Chapter would be held at the Denison Chapter, Scarborough, in 1881, on the invitation of that Chapter. The Grand Superintendent took the opportunity of thanking the Zetland Chapter for the very complete arrangements they had made, which were highly appreciated by the Companions present. He next announced the following as the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Comp. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett H., H. O. Piercy J., M. C. Peck Scribe E., Martin Kemp Scribe N., A. Buckle P.S., C. G. Bond A. Soj., W. H. Cowper A. Soj., R. W. Hollon Treasurer, T. C. Davison Registrar, R. Huntley S.B., J. Coulson Standard Bearer, T. Marshall D.C., J. Hagyard Organist, J. Ward and D. Lambert Janitors. The proceedings then terminated, and the Companions adjourned to Harker's Hotel, where an excellent collation was served by Bro. Matthews. The M.E. Grand Superintendent of the North and East Ridings presided, and in proposing the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Excellent Grand Principal of England, referred to the fact that he was that day laying the foundation-stones of a Cathedral at Truro, in the presence of a large assembly of Freemasons, and he hoped that it was the inauguration of a new era in Masonry in the acknowledgment that it was the privilege of Grand Masters to lay the foundation-stones of such edifices as that to which he had referred. Truro Cathedral, he said, might be expected to vie architecturally with their Cathedral at York. It was much after the same style—the twelfth or thirteenth century—and the money which had been collected for the construction simply of the shell was something like £90,000. A number of other toasts were drunk, and the evening was spent in harmony.

PRIORY CHAPTER, No. 1000.

THIS Chapter held its annual meeting on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Terminus Hotel, Southend-on-Sea. Comps. Rev. H. J. Hatch was installed Z., W. Pissey H., and E. Judd J., the ceremony being very ably performed by E. Comp. Jas. Terry P.Z. 228, Prov. G.D.C. Herts, to whom a cordial vote was given by the Comps. for his kindness. The following Officers for the ensuing year were also invested, viz.:—Comps. J. A. Wardell P.Z. Scribe E., G. F. Jones Scribe N., Rev. A. F. Heaton Prin. Soj., F. Wood 1st Assist. and J. Girling 2nd Assist. Soj., A. Lucking P.Z. Treas., and A. Martin Janitor. Amongst others there were also present—Comps. E. E. Phillips P.Z., W. Belcham and H. Beecher. A candidate for exaltation was proposed, the Chapter was duly closed, and the Comps. adjourned to banquet. The usual loyal and R.A. toasts were given and heartily responded to, Comp. Terry, in an eloquent speech, returned thanks for the Masonic Charities. The Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

GLOBE.—No suitable novelty of the light opera type being at hand to take the place of the "The Navel Cadets," somewhat suddenly withdrawn, Mr. Henderson imagined, perhaps wisely, that the public might be ready to re-awaken their memories of "Les Cloches de Corneville." The piece has already obtained the second longest run on record, and was only removed from the boards as recently as Easter last. Nothing has been spared to render the revival a success; new scenery and new costumes combining to increase the attraction, with the result that the house was well filled on Saturday, the night of its reproduction. The performers who contributed most to the popularity of the piece during its recent representation are again in their places. Miss Violet Cameron as the charming Germaine, Miss Emma Chambers as Serpolette, Mr. Shiel Barry as the old miser, and Mr. Harry Paulton as the stupid Bailen, could not well be improved upon in their respective characters.

We lately had the pleasure of paying a visit to the Royal Polytechnic, and were very pleased to see the vast improvements which have been made there. This well known Institution is now under new management, and we wish the directors every success. The building has been repainted and redecorated throughout; statues, &c., have been introduced at each end of the Hall, while the entrances and recesses are decorated with choice plants. The Institution is opened three times a day, instead of twice as formerly (from 10 till 1, 2 till 5, and from 6 till 10). The programme submitted is both varied and entertaining. The dissolving views, "London as it was and is," explained by Mr. Daniel, are plain and distinct, making one feel quite at home in the various scenes represented. "The Magician Foiled, a new Fairy and Ghost Story," a class of entertainment for which the Polytechnic is famed, is next brought before the visitors. In it Miss Alice Burnelle explains the story, and indeed does all the talking for the actors, the members of this Institution not being allowed to transform their entertainments into stage plays. Blondin and Leotard, two life-sized figures, do some very wonderful tricks; Blondin walks across the Hall on a rope, and also wheels a barrow across, a very difficult feat for an automaton. Leotard goes through a series of gymnastic tricks in a life-like manner. These two figures were invented and constructed for the Institution by Mr. Seraphicus Pichler At one end of the Hall an illuminated fountain has been erected, which throws water of apparently different colours into the Diving Tank. The Cosmoramic Views are very good, and well worth seeing.

On Monday, the 31st inst., at Myddelton Hall, Upper-street, Islington, Bro. E. Roberts, Organist of West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, will give his annual Grand Evening Concert. The following artistes will give their services on the occasion, namely, Miss Elene Webster, Miss Clara Perry (by the kind permission of M. Carl Rosa), Mdme. Osborne Williams, and Miss Ellen Marchant. Messrs. Stedman, Gerrard Coventry, John Child, George Eustace, James Sauvage and F. Clive. Madame Coventry of the Promenade Concerts, Covent Garden, and Herr Josef Trousselle will preside at the pianoforte, and Mr. H. S. Webster will take upon himself the duties of conductor. The Concert will commence at 8 p.m. Tickets, price 3s, 2s, and 1s each, to be had of the music sellers and Bro. Roberts, 15 Upper Barnsbury-street. We trust Bro. Roberts will have a well-filled house.

On Thursday, the 3rd proximo, at the Angell Town Institution, Gresham Road, Brixton, Miss Annie Matthews will give her first Annual Concert, when the following artists have undertaken to give their services, namely:—Madame Worrell, Miss Matilda Roby, Miss Marian Burton, Miss Emma Baer, and Messrs. Arthur J. Thompson, E. E. Dear, James Budd, J. Nettleship, and C. Pompe. Solo Flute, Mr. C. Spencer West; Solo Pianoforte, Herr Carl Weber; while Mr. James Turle Lee will act as Conductor. The Concert will commence at Eight p.m., and carriages must be ordered for Ten p.m. Admission, 3s, 2s, 1s. We trust the fair artist will be well supported.

Well fermented Old Wines and Matured Spirits. J. E. SHAND & Co., Wine Merchants, (Experts and Valuers,) 2 Albert Mansions, Victoria Street, S.W. Price Lists on application.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 29th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 31st MAY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 8
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
1663—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
837—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)

TUESDAY, 1st JUNE.

INSTALLATION FESTIVAL GRAND LODGE M.M.M., Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 7
Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 8.30 (Inst)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
130—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
134—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction.)
346—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
M. M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M. M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 2nd JUNE.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1053—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1187—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
33 5—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Instruction.)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.

THURSDAY, 3rd JUNE.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction.)]
1231—Savile, Royal Hoteel, Eland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R. A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R. A. 541—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 4th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
243—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
998—Welsh Pool, Railway Station, Welsh Pool
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 6.30

SATURDAY, 5th JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, on Monday, the 31st May, at the New Market Hotel, King-street, Snow Hill, West Smithfield, by the members of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860. Bros. C. Lorkin S.D. 1524 W.M., W. Wallington P.M. 860 S.W., J. Lorkin S.D. 192 S.W. 1679 J.W., Pennefather P.M. S.W. 1623 I.P.M. First Lecture:—Bros. F. Carr, C. Smith, T. Clark, M. Christian, Forss, Webb, and Barnes. Second Lecture:—Bros. Wardell, Fieldwick, Job, Lardner, and Moss. Third Lecture:—Bros. F. Brasted, J. Looker, and Wallington.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE, No. 1679.

THE Installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, 22nd May, at Bro. Crighton's, Prince George Hotel, Parkholme-road, Dalston. Bros. Henry Muggeridge P.M. presided, in the absence of Bro. E. Storr the W.M., and was supported by Bros. J. Lorkin S.W., and H. John J.W., as well as by a large number of brethren and the following Visitors:—Bros. J. Weeden P.M. 715, H. Berdoge P.M. 715, Greenwood P.M., W. Fieldwick W.M. 1364, A. McMillan W.M. 1365, C. Lorkin 1524, and several others. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. J. Lorkin the W.M. elect was presented, to receive from Bro. Henry Muggeridge P.M. the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. J. Lorkin was duly installed as W.M. of the Lodge, and appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. E. Storr I.P.M., H. John S.W., H. Wilkin J.W., J. B. Scriven P.M. Treasurer, Henry Leah P.M. Secretary, W. Darrell S.D., Sack J.D., Dyer I.G., Brown D.C., Marsh Tyler. Bro. H. Muggeridge then delivered the customary addresses, at the conclusion of which the new W.M. presented Bro. E. Storr with a Past Master's jewel, the gift of the brethren, in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year, for which he briefly but appropriately expressed his thanks. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., where a very excellent banquet was served by Bro. Wood the worthy host, the Master being supported by his Past Masters and Visitors. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were all duly responded to, the toast of the Queen being followed by the National Anthem. Bros. Ross, Brown, C. Lorkin, Edmonds, and F. J. Croger as vocalists. Bro. E. Storr I.P.M. rose and said that the brethren were no doubt aware for what purpose he had obtained possession of the gavel, namely, to propose the health of Bro. James Lorkin the W.M. He knew what the W.M. could do, and he felt sure that he would perform his duties to their entire satisfaction; it was therefore with great pleasure that he proposed his health. The toast was enthusiastically received and followed by a song from Bro. Edmonds, "Mrs. Brown's Tea Party." The W.M. briefly returned thanks for the very kind manner in which his health had been drunk. He would endeavour to deserve the honour that had been conferred upon him. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. E. Storr, which was cordially drunk. After a song by Bro. Ross Brown, Bro. E. Storr thanked the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the very hearty manner they had responded to it. If he had done anything to merit their satisfaction he felt highly complimented. The jewel which they had presented to him that evening he was very proud of, and the recollection of it would ever live in his memory, as it would remind him of the time when the brethren elected him W.M. of their Lodge, their kindness that night proved to him that they appreciated what he had tried to do. In conclusion he thanked the brethren most heartily for the very kind manner in which they had drunk his health, and he hoped to be spared for many years to be amongst them. Bro. Croger here gave his diverting recitation, "Villainy defeated." The W.M. proposed the health of Past Master Bro. Henry Muggeridge (the Installing Master), who was a Founder, and also the first Master of the Lodge bearing his name, which was responded to very cordially by the brethren. Bro. Henry Muggeridge P.M. returned thanks, and informed the brethren that he was a P.M. of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, in which he was proud to say the W.M. was initiated; he could even say that he was the father of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, having been initiated forty years ago. As a P.M. of this Lodge he had endeavoured to do his duty, and he would continue to do so as long as he was spared to be amongst them. The toast of the Visitors was coupled with the names of Bros. Birdege, Weeden, and Greenwood, who congratulated Bro. J. Lorkin on having attained the high position of W.M., and felt assured from the diligence he had shown he would discharge his duties to their entire satisfaction. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated, after spending a very enjoyable evening. Members present—Bros. Arnold, Haynes, Stampher, Catlin, Hartrodt, Groves, Edmonds, Brown, Clark, Croger, Street, Sandland, Penney, Tuckwood, &c.

LODGE OF ANCIENT CARTHAGE, No. 1717, E.C., AT TUNIS.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 15th May 1880. Present—W. Bros. Dr. Perini W.M., and Broadley P.M. and Secretary, Souiller S.W., Pentecost J.W., Barsotti Treas., Bokobsa D.C., Le Gallais S.D., Audry as J.D., Sessing as A.D.C., Chaigne, Silvera, and Memmi Stewards, Commander Bridger, R.N., Org., C. Carriglio I.G., and Eymon Tyler, with a very numerous attendance of members and visitors. Amidst the latter were Wor. Bros. Sulema 30 and Mugnaini 32 (P.M.'s of Italian Lodges), Rev. E. B. Fra[illegible] P.D.G. Chaplain Malta, &c. On an alarm being given, the following distinguished brethren were received with grand honours, viz.:—R.W. Bro. Montague Guest M.P. Prov. G.M. for Dorsetshire, Chas. Hambro D.P.G.M. for Dorsetshire, and Edward Rosenbusch D.D.G.M. of Malta and Tunis. Bro. Guest having declined the gavel profferred him, Bro. Rosenbusch accepted it, and the minutes of two past meetings were confirmed. At the request of Bro. Rosenbusch, Bro. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. assumed charge of the Lodge, and passed Bro. Chevalier to the second degree. The work being resumed in the E.A. degree, a letter was read from the Italian Lodge in Tunis, announcing the death of the G.M. of Italy Senator G. Mazzoni. It was afterwards resolved to write our Italian brethren a letter of condolence, and place the Lodge in mourning till the summer vacation. The P.D.D.G.M. alluded at some length to the pleasure experienced by the Lodge at the presence of the three distinguished visitors at his side, and presented Bros. Guest and Hambro with bound and inscribed copies of the Italian edition of the Bye-Laws and Book of Constitutions published by the Lodge. On the proposition of W.M. Dr. Perini, seconded by the S.W., these brethren were unanimously elected honorary members, and presented with the Lodge diploma as such. Bro. M. Guest returned thanks in an eloquent and instructive speech. He told the brethren that the great interest which their excellent working and the harmonious feeling prevalent amongst them would have under any circumstances excited in his mind was, if possible, increased by the fact that the founder of their Lodge and first W.M. now in the chair was a Dorsetshire Mason. Bro. Perini had continued the good work commenced by Bro. Broadley, and he exhorted them one and all to persevere in their endeavours to maintain and propagate English Masonry in the midst of a foreign country. Bro. Guest resumed his seat amidst tokens of approbation, and Bro. Hambro in a few well chosen sentences expressed his satisfaction with all he had seen of Masonry in Tunis both in and out of the Lodge. The P.D.D.G.M. then brought before the Lodge an appeal for aid. He said that a few nights ago the British S.S. Mary Driver foundered off Cape Bianco, on the Tunisian coast. The captain, Bro. James Lowrie Wood (whom he had reason to believe was an old Mason, belonging to the Lion Lodge, No. 312 at Whitby), was drowned, but the chief mate, Bro. Reuben Lee Webster, of St. John's Lodge, No. 175, at Greenock, Scotland, was rescued and present amongst them that evening, though he had just quitted the hall. He asked the brethren to give some aid to Bro. Webster to enable him to proceed with some degree of comfort to his native land. The D. of C. circulated the "*sac de bienfaisance*" which yielded £2 14s. Bro. Webster re-entered the Lodge and had this sum handed to him. He returned thanks to the brethren, and said as soon as he regained his former position he would take care to devote the sum he had now received as a distressed Mason to relieve the afflictions of some equally unfortunate brother. The Lodge then adjourned, and Bros. Guest and Hambro retired. On work being resumed, Bro. Babian was raised to the third degree, and the Lodge was lowered. Before closing, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Rosenbusch D.D.G.M. for his kindly visit to the Lodge he had virtually founded. Bro. Rosenbusch expressed his satisfaction at their progress, and promised to further assist Bro. Webster in Malta if necessary. He entreated them to redouble, if possible, the exertions they had put forth during the past three years. The Lodge was then closed, at a somewhat late hour.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

THE first annual festival of this Lodge was held at the Assembly Rooms, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex, on Thursday, 20th May, when there was a full attendance of members and visitors. The W.M. elect, W. Bro. Edward Dorling, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by W. Bro. Alfred Welch P.M. 51 P.P.J.G.W. Essex, in a most impressive manner, and at the close the following were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—W. Bros. B. A. Arnold I.P.M., C. Randall S.W., C. Hompson J.W., W. R. Wellham P.M. Treas., R. Scott Sec., W. R. Bloom S.D., T. C. Riddlesdell J.D., W. Finer I.G., A. G. Rickarby Steward, J. James Tyler. In the course of the proceedings it was announced that since the consecration of the Lodge by Lord Skelmersdale (now Earl of Lathom), about a year ago, twenty-six brethren had been initiated and twenty-eight had joined, and, notwithstanding the necessarily heavy expenses of founding a Lodge, they were free from debt. A special vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to W. Bro. B. A. Arnold the first W.M., and after whom the Lodge is named, for his munificence during his year of office. On taking the chair W. Bro. Dorling presented to the Lodge a Steward's collar and jewel, as a memento of the occasion. After the business, about fifty brethren sat down at the Marine Hotel, to a *recherché* banquet, served *à la Russe* by the new landlord, Bro. Fleck, in a manner that showed him to be a worthy successor to Bro. Dorling. The usual Masonic toasts were given during the evening and heartily responded to.

Frederick of Unity Lodge, No. 452.—The meeting for election of W.M. and Treasurer of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. There were present Bros. Charles Pawley W.M., E. H. Sugg S.W., F. A. Manning J.W., James Robins P.M. Treasurer, Magnus Ohren P.M. G.A.D.C. Secretary, J. C. F. W. Rogers S.D., J. Methven J.D., Charles M. Ohren I.G., Rawles as Tyler. Amongst other Past Masters present were Bros. A. T. Jeffery and J. W. Sugg. The Lodge was opened in regular form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The name of a candidate, who had been already balloted for, appeared on the agenda paper, but he was unable to be present for initiation on this occasion, and consequently his election, according to the bye-laws, fell through. The choice of the members was unanimous in favour of Bro. E. H. Sugg, who therefore will be installed as W.M. at the next meeting of the Lodge. Bro. James Robins was likewise unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The Treasurer's Report showed a balance in hand, with all liabilities cleared. The names of two gentlemen as candidates for initiation, to be brought forward at next meeting, were named to the Secretary, and after routine business Lodge was closed. In the course of the evening, intimation of the death of the I.P.M. Bro. Charles Henry Edmonds was communicated to the Lodge, and the brethren expressed their deep regret at the loss of so esteemed a member. The brethren then partook of a capital banquet, which was admirably served by the new proprietor of the Greyhound. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Pawley gave the usual toasts. Bro. Magnus Ohren G.A.D.C. replied for the Grand Officers, and took the opportunity of

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personally thanking the brethren for the hearty congratulations he had received upon his appointment to that august body. For the toast of the Prov. G.M. and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Brother Jeffery responded, and then Bro. J. W. Sugg proposed the health of the W.M. This having been suitably acknowledged, the remaining toasts were fully honoured, and the brethren separated with agreeable reminiscences of having spent a most enjoyable evening. Bros. W. J. Sugg 1719 and W. W. Morgan 211 were present as Visitors.

Polish National Lodge, No.534.—To those of our brethren who have been present at the meetings of this Lodge, it may be somewhat out of place to mention the musical skill of some of its members, but as there are so many who have not had that pleasure, we have no hesitation in devoting a portion of our space to one at least of its number, Bro. J. Niedzielski, whose performances on the violin we have on more than one occasion referred to in reporting the proceedings at regular meetings of the Lodge. His rendering of the "Melancholie of Ernst" at the meeting in April last called forth an encore, to which our brother responded, selecting the "Reverie de Vieuxtemps" for the purpose. The W.M. of the Lodge (Bro. Dr. V. Jagielski) in expressing the thanks of the members to Bro. Niedzielski, referred to the death of the great Polish violinist, Joseph Wieniawski, which recently occurred at St. Petersburgh. The loss to the musical world sustained by the death of this artiste was very great; but the W.M. said they had that evening sustained some comfort in listening to the performance of their Brother Niedzielski, a native of Warsaw, which gave rise to a hope that ere long he would fill the place rendered vacant by the death of his illustrious countryman, who was personally known to him. He is an artiste who knows no difficulties, or at least if he does, they disappear under his skilful management of the bow and instrument. He is especially to be complimented on the depth of feeling and expression which he introduces into his playing, points which composers so greatly appreciate in those who undertake the representation of their productions. The W.M. concluded by tendering to Bro. Niedzielski the best wishes of himself and the Lodge for his future success, a desire we feel happy in endorsing.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, 24th inst., at the Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston. Bro. McDonald presided as W.M., and was supported by Bros. Myers as S.W., Goddard J.W., Seymour-Clarke Sec., Kimball S.D., Worsley as I.P.M., Robson I.G., &c. &c. The Lodge having been opened and minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, the first five sections of the first lecture were worked by the brethren in the order given, namely, Bros. Robson, S. L. Green, Seymour-Clarke, Worsley, and Myers. Bro. Worsley was elected a subscribing member, and Bro. W. W. Morgan Sec. 211 an honorary member. Bro. Myers was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and what business remained having been despatched, the Lodge was closed. We would remark that this is a zealous little Lodge, the members of which work well together and enjoy the advantage of having for their Preceptor that able and painstaking expositor of our ritual—Bro. Myers. Moreover, to those who think they are likely to study to greater advantage in a pleasant, open part, free from the closeness of most City Lodge Quarters, we should recommend a visit hither at this season of the year. They will find the accommodation at the Mitford excellent, and will doubtless meet several genial spirits willing and able to promote their desire for further Masonic knowledge.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—An Emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. presided, and there were also present Bros. J. T. Seller S.W., G. Simpson J.W., J. Kay Sec., W. P. Husband Assistant Sec., G. Balmford P.M. Treas., W. York as S.D., A. T. B. Turner as J.D., W. Girling as I.G., O. Marshall Organist, P. Pearson Tyler, Stubbs, Thorpe, Jackson, Churchill, Carter, &c. Bro. Chapman was passed to the second degree, the W.T. being given by the J.W. At the subsequent meeting for refreshment the toast of success to the Eboracum Lodge was given by Bro. Whytehead, who sketched the history of the Lodge from its formation, nearly four years ago, and urged the brethren to do all in their power to maintain the splendid reputation which the Lodge had gained, not only for the substantial work of charity, but for good Masonic working. The toasts of the W.M. and I.P.M. were heartily drunk, great regret being expressed at the absence of the latter through indisposition. Bro. Carter proposed the Treasurer of the Lodge, and Bro. Balmford responded, and referred to the financial position of the Lodge. Bro. Marshall gave the health of the Lecture Master, and Bro. Whytehead responded. The circumstance of the Queen's birthday was not forgotten, and the Queen and Craft was specially honoured.

Kings Cross Lodge of Instruction.—The regular meeting was held at Bro. De Vine's, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, on the 23rd inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. M. Stiles I.P.M. 1732, F. Guyer S.W., S. Solomon J.W., De Vine Treasurer, W. Burgess Deacon, Silvestre I.G., Leon Solomon acting Sec., Ash P.M. Preceptor. The Lodge was opened and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of the third degree, Bro. Seaton candidate. The ceremony of initiation was also rehearsed, Bro. Silvestre acting as candidate. The first and fourth sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Ash, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Guyer was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The working of the W.M. and Officers deserves especial praise. Amongst those present were Bros. S. Hickman, Koester, H. M. Levy, J. Strokirk, A. Gough, and H. Baker.

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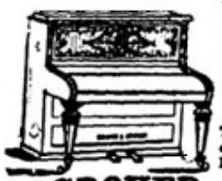

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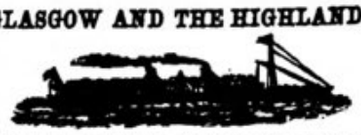

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PARTY SPIRIT IN MASONRY.

WE are of those who think the best way of treating an angry man is to meet him temperately in argument. Of course the chances are a thousand to one that he will refuse to listen to what you may have to say. Be your propositions never so clearly stated, he will reject them without ceremony. He will tell you, in more or less uncomplimentary language, that he will no longer stand the nonsense to which he has been subjected, and that the best plan for you who propose to advise him is to mind your own business. But the most wilfully-peppery man finds it difficult to keep his temper up to high fever point for any length of time. He gradually tires of running full tilt at everybody, and as the angry feeling gradually becomes less and less intense, so does he become proportionately more and more amenable to reason. And once he has been shown that his recent outburst of ill-temper was hardly, if at all, excusable, he is all eagerness to make honourable amends for his ill judged frenzy. In short, if he is what is commonly called a peppery fellow, his wrath is heavy but of brief continuance; while his return to a proper, juster, and more manageable frame of mind is speedy and sincere. It is far more difficult, however, to deal with folk who deliberately go out of their way to snarl at those who differ with them, who are always imagining vain things of others, and are unable to speak of any of their acts, no matter how trifling they may be, with a tongue of good report. What this class of people say or do is said or done with a cold deliberation. Many of them will even go the length of reckoning beforehand how what of malice they give utterance to will inflict the greatest amount of pain, and yet at the same time be within the limits of outward and visible decency, that mere conventional decency on the observance of which society insists so rigidly. It is still less use attempting to argue with these. They seem to acquiesce in what you say, but, nevertheless, go on pursuing their old malicious practices, unable, no doubt, to see that the longer they continue them, the more impotent is their intentionally-unfriendly criticism.

That such people exist in all classes is beyond all doubt, and we regret to say the Society of Freemasons is not without its due proportion of representatives of the backbiting fraternity. Those of our brethren who have an abiding faith in the virtue of Masonic charity will probably feel not a little scandalized at this statement. If so, we invite them to read carefully a somewhat lengthy communication we received last week from a correspondent signing himself X., and published in our columns. There is no doubt it was temperately written,—had it been otherwise we should have declined to insert it. Moreover, for the allegations it contained, the writer, as he steadily pursued his course, produced the amplest justification. Nor does the letter seem to have been prompted by any spirit of hostility against the journal he criticised; on the contrary, he bore handsome testimony to the exertions of its proprietor to make it as acceptable as possible as a medium for circulating Masonic information. What he did criticise, and we cannot condemn him for so doing, was the bitter scorn with which the editor treats all who are of another way of thinking than himself. Now seeing that it is a rare coincidence for even two people to be of the same mind on most occasions, it cannot seem strange to any one that, amongst a multitude of brethren, there should be great diversities of opinion. At the same time, in Freemasonry it is supposed that when two or more people find themselves differing, and that without the possibility of ever reconciling their views, they agree to differ respectfully from one another. It is not their custom—in theory, whatever it may be in practice—to taunt each other with ignorance or ill-will, or, even worse, with personal animosity or malevolence. They do not pertinaciously set at naught the Charity which thinketh no evil of its neighbour. But the editor of our Masonic journal, to judge from the passages quoted by our correspondent X., seems determined to be governed by no vulgar laws or usages. He, in his wisdom, may exceed the limits which are imposed on others, and none must dare question his doing so. It is, however, deeply to be regretted he cannot, or will not, see that, by persisting in his course of abusing others, he is doing the journal he edits a very serious amount of injury, which, if attempted too often, may turn out to be irretrievable. But lest our readers should think we are moved to make these remarks by some feeling of personal jealousy, we will take the liberty of giving greater prominence to certain passages which our correspondent reproduced in his letter.

The first testimony of any importance to which "X." drew the attention of our readers was to the effect that the opposition to the re-election of the old House Committee was raised in order "to gratify personal pique," and that those who raised it were "influenced by a desire for a petty revenge for a previous defeat;" that such opposition was "a very Jesuitical proceeding in itself;" and that its advocates "had much better remain in their own proper insignificance." It seems to us that the writer of these remarks has overstepped the bounds of ordinary courtesy and propriety, and, what is still more unfortunate for himself, has utterly ignored the claims of prudence and reason. It is the reverse of courteous and proper for the proposer or supporter of one set of nominees to tell the proposer or supporter of a rival set that his opposition is due to a wish to gratify personal pique, "that his proceeding" is very "Jesuitical," and that he "had better remain" in his own "proper insignificance." But what is far more important is, that these statements are absolutely worthless, except on the principle that to throw mud at people is justifiable, as some of it is sure to stick. We do not suppose any one would care to offer any such justification as this for his statements, and yet there is no other that occurs to us as being in any way reasonable. These statements are merely assertions which are incapable of being proved. How, for instance, is it logically possible to state the motives which prompt a man to pursue this or that line of conduct, unless he first of all explains those motives in writing, or by word or mouth? And even then the motives thus publicly assigned have nothing necessarily personal about their character. Nothing in the world is so easy as to make an assertion, and nothing so difficult as to prove it. In this case the opposition may have been unwise, inexpedient, without sufficient reason, or too wholesale to be deemed worthy of support. Yet once it is admitted that the proposal of new men in place of the old is the "undoubted privilege" of all Life Governors, and on the score both of courtesy and common sense, the proposed substitution of new men for old must be accepted as in accordance with the exercise of that privilege—that and nothing more. It is no business in a matter of this kind for one Mason to be curious as to another Mason's motives—these are, or should be, sacred.

Then, as to the letter signed "B. F.," which the editor was not only ill-advised enough to admit into his columns, but to which he appended, as "X." has pointed out, a kind of approval. It would have been most indecorous to have

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allowed this to appear in the form in which it did under any circumstances, even though, as was the case actually, the customary provisoes were inserted at the head of the Correspondence Column against the editor being in any way responsible for the opinions it contained; but in addition to allowing it to appear in all its native ugliness of expression, the editor went out of his way to give it a certain amount of approval. "We insert," said he, "this 'strong meat' for 'babes,' as we are not insensible to the threatened evils 'B. F.' speaks of.—Ed." We have preferred imagining that the editor intended these words to convey only a qualified approval. We are unwilling to suppose he endorsed such objectionable expressions as "mendacious calumnies," "debasing animosities of party spirit and personality," and others equally forcible and impolite. For ourselves we do not envy the man the spirit which prompted him to write in so offensive a strain of brother Masons, who, as "X." is careful to indicate, have the right to ask that their opinions shall be treated with respect. We have already suggested that men, because they happen to be Masons, are not on that account likely to hold, in respect of all questions that come before them, the very same opinions. We give all credit for being animated by the one and only desire to do their utmost to promote the welfare of the whole Masonic body. But it is only in the nature of things that some should think they will best attain the desired end by promoting this particular line of policy, and others by promoting that. Hence our strong objection to the use of such expressions as we have quoted, and to such abuse as is intended to be conveyed by the employment of such terms as "cabal," "coterie," "petty clique," and "audacious caucus." We have said already that it may not have been wise, expedient, or reasonable for any one to move that the whole of the old Committee should be supplanted by one entirely new; but it is one thing to reason thus, and another to pick out all the hardest words from the English vocabulary in order to express one's opposition to the proposed nomination. To pursue the one course indicates a readiness to listen to argument; the other involves nothing else than abuse of the most contemptuous kind.

We have been led to make these remarks by no spirit of rivalry. We unhesitatingly express our belief that our contemporary has, in the course of its long career, done good service to the fraternity, and we as unhesitatingly endorse X.'s views as to the great credit due to its proprietor for his services both to Masonic journalism and Masonic literature. But the cares and responsibilities of a large business, with several subordinate branches in the provinces and elsewhere, must of necessity claim his almost undivided attention, and he has a right to expect, nay to insist, that those who assist him editorially should do so in a spirit of loyal and fraternal respect for the acts and opinions of their brethren. They cannot be so ignorant as not to know they must be doing him a great disservice when they make the journal, which is his property, the medium for circulating all kinds of most objectionable personalities. We do not claim to be immaculate. We have doubtless written many things we would rather have left unwritten, but neither on this, nor on any former occasion, have we been actuated by personal hostility in advocating the policy we have considered it our duty to uphold.

We cannot do better, in concluding these remarks, than quote two passages from X.'s letter, as we feel they will receive from our readers the sanction they are entitled to. Said X., in the first instance, "If 'party spirit and personal feeling' are disturbing elements in the Freemasonry of the present generation of Craftsmen, they will be intensified, not removed, by such writing as I have been commenting upon, whether that writing takes the form of editorial animadversions of a personal character, or of 'strong meat' for 'babes' which has received editorial sanction and approval." And again, "If the editor of the journal in question will only disabuse his mind of the idea that every one who differs with him is unprincipled, and that Freemasons are not such bad fellows as he seems to think they are, I am sure he will feel much happier, and the *Freemason* will be better appreciated."

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

WE are glad to hear that the Masonic Charities Association for this Province is now fairly on its legs. There was a meeting of the Association at York on the 20th ult., when a code of regulations was adopted, which will be submitted to the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at Scarborough in October next.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master presided, and there were some 700 or 800 brethren present. On the minutes of last Quarterly Communication in March being put for confirmation, Bro. James Stevens P.M. 720 moved that the portion which non-confirmed the resolution come to at the meeting in December on Bro. Stevens' motion on Uniformity of Ritual be not confirmed. Bro. Stevens explained that he did not expect to carry his resolution, but he did not wish to place himself in antagonism to Grand Lodge. His desire in making the motion was that he might not be inconsistent in bringing forward a motion which he had on the paper for a later period of the evening. Considerable interruption marked the delivery of Bro. Stevens' speech. Bro. Monckton, rising to a point of order, said that by the Book of Constitutions the minutes came up for confirmation only on the question of whether they were correctly recorded, and Bro. Stevens was out of order unless he moved that they were not correct. Bro. Stevens cheerfully accepted the ruling of Bro. Monckton, but referring to the motion of Bro. McKay in March which was carried, insisted on knowing why that motion was not out of order, if his (Bro. Stevens') motion was. The Pro Grand Master ruled Bro. Stevens out of order, and the minutes were then confirmed. The ballot for members of the Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board then took place, and the scrutineers of votes proceeded to their duties. The Earl of Orslow, Senior Grand Warden, who was not present at the Grand Festival, was then invested with his apron and collar and took his seat as Senior Grand Warden, after which he was saluted. The Pro Grand Master proposed the addition of Bro. Philbrick and Bro. J. A. Rucker to the Committee appointed in March, with reference to the purchase made by the Board of General Purposes. The Committee had not yet been able to sit, the members being engaged on other business. He hoped, however, to report on the subject referred to them at next Grand Lodge. Grand Registrar having seconded the motion, it was put and carried. Bro. G. P. Britten called attention to the system of canvassing for votes for the elections that evening by papers containing names of those sought to be elected being put into the brethren's hands, when they came into the Hall. There were two lists, the house list, and the opposition list, and he wished to know if this was done by the authority of the Pro G. Master, or by any competent authority. Was canvassing in this form held to be a suitable or Masonic proceeding? The Pro Grand Master said that the papers referred to had just been put into his hands for the first time. They had not been issued by his authority, or, as far as he knew, by any constituted authority. It was not an uncommon practice, but he was far from saying it was a regular or satisfactory one. If notice was to be taken of it, he would like the whole matter well considered. If it was desirable to carry it further, brethren who took an interest in these matters might look into the matter seriously, and, if they could see their way clearly to a method of remedying it, the Grand Lodge would listen to them. Before moving the confirmation of the other grants made to distressed brethren and widows by the Lodge of Benevolence, which amounted to £1,300. Bro. Clabon said he would be glad if they were confirmed, but the Lodge of Benevolence was spending more than its income. He hoped that the £50,000 accumulated fund would not be touched in order to make up any deficiency, and he thought the best way of meeting the difficulty would be to increase by a small sum the brethren's quarterages. Bro. Brackstone Baker said he did not wish to see the accumulated fund touched. He thought the grants were too large, and he advocated economy. Bro. G. P. Britten protested against the doctrine that the accumulated fund was a sacred fund that could not be touched. Surely there could be no harm in trenching on it in case of a deficiency. Bro. John Holden thought the sums voted were too large. There ought to be justice as well as generosity. The Report of the Board of General Purposes as given in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE last week was after some discussion adopted. The Grand Registrar explained the circumstances connected with the following:—

(1.) Appeal by the W. Master, Officers, and other Members of the Joppa Lodge, No. 864, Cape Town, against the decision of the District Grand Master of South Africa, Western Division, for declining to entertain a complaint against certain Brethren of the Lodge for conspiring to black ball Candidates.

(2.) Also appeal by Brother Thomas Gardner, the Secretary of the said Lodge, No. 864, complaining of certain expressions used respecting him by the District Grand Secretary, in an Official Communication addressed to him by direction of the District Grand Master.

The first appeal he moved should be dismissed, and the second that not being against a judicial decision of the District Grand Master of South Africa, it could not be entertained. These having been seconded, were carried.

Brother Lieut.-Colonel John Creaton Grand Treasurer, moved:—

"That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," to supply the Residents of the Institution at Croydon with Coals during the winter season.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Joshua Nunn, and carried.

Brother James Stevens P.M. No. 720, moved.

"That inasmuch as all laws made by this Grand Lodge should be strictly observed and respected, this Grand Lodge is of opinion that the resolution of Grand Lodge to appoint a Committee of Past Masters for enquiry into the merits of the respective systems of working, &c., adopted on the 1st December 1869, and confirmed on the 2nd March 1870, and which thereby and in accordance with the Constitutions of the Fraternity, regulating the government of Grand Lodge (Section 8, page 28), became a law, should be carried into effect."

The motion was seconded by Bro. Driver. The Rev. C. W. Arnold

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moved as an amendment, "That Grand Lodge having by a large majority at the last Quarterly Communication expressed its opinion, that it is not expedient that any further steps should be taken in this matter, the revival of the subject is inexpedient, and is not calculated to promote the good of Freemasonry." The amendment was seconded by Bro. Raynham Stewart, and carried almost unanimously. After Grand Lodge was closed, the Scrutineers reported that the following brethren had been duly elected:—

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Masters.

	No.	Votes.
Charles W. Thompson	969	321
Herbert Monckton	503	317
George Pitt-Lewis	444	309
Richard Notley	1150	307
Frederick H. McCalmont	394	302
Edward Cutler	197	293
Francis Charteris Wemyss	1615	251
Charles Atkins	1260	158

All elected.

Past Masters.

Henry C. Levander	632	281
John G. Stevens	554	231
Edward B. Grabham	19	171
Alfred Meadows, M.D.	4	169
Frank Green	1567	150
Henry Bishop	66	149
William Coppard Beaumont	26	148
Samuel Poynter	902	147
Alfred Henry Tattershall	140	143
Henry A. Dubois	1777	139
Henry Harben	92	127
Charles Fredk. Hogard	205	122
William Henry Perryman	3	98
Macrae Moir	66	80
James Stevens	1216	48
John Matthew Klenck	1686	39
Albert J. Altman	1657	37
Henry E. Frances	857	36

The six highest on the list were elected.

COLONIAL BOARD.

James Brett	177	330
Brackstone Baker	21	324
Edward Letchworth	1579	304
James Henry Matthews	143	298
Ralph Gooding	1	291
Samuel Poynter	902	285
Griffiths Smith	569	271
Frederick Adlard	7	206

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PARTY SPIRIT IN MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—X. deserves the thanks of the whole Masonic community for having drawn attention, in so temperate a letter, to the un-Masonic tone adopted by your contemporary. I think he is quite right in drawing a distinction between the proprietor, who I know is a right good fellow, and the editor who seems to think the most important function of his office is to be always whining or snapping and snarling at other people. He rarely stands up and clearly and unmistakably points out to his readers what their duty is, and when he criticises the words and acts of others, he does so either in all humility or in a tone of impertinence. Is it, for instance, possible to imagine anything much more objectionable than his note of last week, in which he asks Bro. Southwood, "Who is this remarkable brother, who ventures to propose twelve distinguished brethren and fill their places with nominees of his own? What can he have done? Who can he be to claim to have a moral or Masonic right thus to attempt to dictate to the enlightened constituency of Life Governors of the Girls' School? We pause for a reply." Well, the answer is—Bro. John Constable, who, for the services he has rendered on sundry occasions to our Institutions, has been made an honorary Vice-Patron of them all. I consider it was most unwise on his part to attempt to oust a whole Committee, and I hold he has been very properly and handsomely beaten for his pains. But it is not obligatory on me to think or say this offensively. Nor do I see how Bro. Constable, in the exercise of his "undoubted privilege" was in any way claiming to have a "moral or Masonic right thus to attempt to dictate" to this particular constituency. I assume of course that it was farthest from the thoughts of Brother Constable, who has laboured hard and successfully for all the Institutions, to do anything that could possibly injure the Girls' School, and if he thought he could better its position by proposing a new Committee, he had the "moral" and "Masonic" right to do so.

Yours fraternally,

"PURRITS."

P.S.—As Freemasonry is a system of morality, may I be allowed to ask the editor of your contemporary, what difference or distinction exists between "Moral" and "Masonic?" P.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letter of "X." in last week's CHRONICLE referred to a beautiful composition which was inserted under the head of "Original Correspondence" in the *Freemason* of the 22nd ult., signed "B. F." On reading the elegant quotations from that epistle I was tempted to invest threepence in the purchase of the publication in which the original appeared, and now beg to acknowledge my indebtedness to your correspondent for directing attention to a communication which posseses such transcendent literary ability, that already the eager inquiry on every side is,—Who is "B. F."

He appears to be a practical engineer, for he "*let off the steam.*" It is almost too painful to contemplate what might have happened if his safety valve had been out of order, or, had he been unable to "expose his complaints." Possibly an explosion would have followed, or his complaints, for want of exposure, might have assumed some horrible form, when his grand effort might have been for ever lost to the world. Happy thought!—his name will be found in the list of Engineers. No. No trace of a name with those initials to give a clue in answer to the query,—Who is "B. F."

That he is an accomplished lingnist is evinced in his choice selection of English and Foreign alliterative substantives by which to designate those who have incurred his righteous indignation, Cabal, Camarilla, Caucus, Clique, or Coterie, or call it by what name you like. It is almost superfluous to criticise what is already so perfect, by suggesting the addition of a few adjectives to give increased force to the author's delightful alliterations, thus:—a confounded, cursed, cringing, cowardly, croaking, crawling, criminal, cabal, &c., &c., would make up a sentence which would, if possible, increase the admiration of the reader, and intensify the desire to know, Who is "B. F."

But if curiosity is excited by the engineering and literary talents displayed by this great unknown, let us not lightly pass over his social virtues. Superior in humility (perhaps a new and enlarged edition of Uriah Heep), morality (possibly a disciple of Wackford Squeers the Yorkshire schoolmaster; he kept the right shop for morals, and hoped he was a little in the pious line too), intellect (prodigious), Masonic zeal (overpowering), kindly sympathies (he must be brimful of them), knowledge of Masonry (probably a walking Encyclopædia), reverence for truth (perhaps, like Toole, he never told a lie), and in love of religion (Chadband and Stiggins must have been heathen by comparison). One virtue—*his modesty*—he omits to speak of, but that will doubtless be found to be most conspicuous in this paragon of paragons, when we have discovered,—Who is "B. F."

Yours truly and fraternally,

H.

1st June 1880.

BRO. JACOB NORTON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Whilst admiring the deep erudition of Bro. Norton, and his anxiety to further researches into the true history of Freemasonry, I read, with deep regret in your last week's issue, his article on "Type and Symbol-mongers." I think in that article Bro. Norton has widely transgressed the rule against the introduction of the religious element upon a Masonic platform, and has even gone out of his way to cast stones at Christianity, and to hold up religion to ridicule. I am as well aware as Bro. Norton that men who take strong views on any subject are very apt to find allusions, and mysteries, types and shadows where, to an unbiassed mind, none are seen to exist; but I think this might all have been said with perfect plainness and still without jarring upon the feeling of reverence which so large a proportion of English Masons entertain for the Christian faith. I feel sure Bro. Norton had no intention of giving umbrage, but his zeal has on more than one occasion overrun his discretion and good judgment.

I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

The following should be added to our list of Peers who are Freemasons, namely:—

Marquis Townshend.
Earl of Durham P.G. Warden.
Earl of E[illegible]mont.
*Earl of Galloway, sits as Baron Stewart of Garlies.
Earl of Mansfield.
Earl of Wharncliffe.
Lord Carington.
Lord de Clifford.

* Initiated in Apollo University, No. 357, Oxford.

The following must be added to our list of Members of Parliament who are Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, namely:—

Bros. Lord Richard Grosvenor, P.G.W., Member for Flintshire.
Earl of March, Member for West Sussex.
Abel Smith, Member for Herts.
Sir Dudley Coutts Majoribanks, Member for Berwick-on-Tweed.
W. E. Brymer, Member for Dorchester.
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NEW MASONIC HALL AT WAKEFIELD.

WEDNESDAY, 27th ult., was a red letter day amongst the members of the Masonic Craft in Wakefield, and throughout the province of West Yorkshire generally; on that day the foundation stone of the new Masonic temple, in process of erection in Zetland-street, on the site of the old building which has for such a length of time been devoted to similar purposes, was laid with all the ceremonial observances peculiar to the Brotherhood. The old building, as most of our readers will be aware, formed the only remaining portion of the old Rectory, which dated back from a somewhat remote antiquity, being mentioned by Leland as in existence long before he visited Wakefield in his tour of 1538. The building being found to suffer somewhat from the decrepitude and decay incidental to old age, and being moreover unsuited to the growing requirements of the three Masonic Lodges in Wakefield, it was decided, though apparently with some degree of hesitancy, to sacrifice it, and erect upon the site an edifice more commodious, and in point of appearance more in accordance with the times, than the plain and unpretending structure which for a generation or two has sheltered the mystic celebrations of the Craft from the gaze of the vulgar crowd, and has been the headquarters of Masonry in our midst. Although the project of a new Masonic temple has been for a long time under discussion it was not until the summer of last year that a building committee was appointed to take active steps for the purpose of erecting a new Lodge, and the plans and drawings for the new hall, which were prepared by Bro. W. Watson P.M. 154, did not finally receive the sanction of the corporation until March last, the contracts being let in the beginning of the following month. When the old building was being pulled down, the contract or for the stone work discovered in an old ceiling a piece of plaster work bearing a date, which reads either 1348 or 1548, the second figure being indistinct. In case it is the former figure, it might point to the date of the first erection of the Rectory, but if the latter, would probably refer to some restoration, as seeing that Leland has mentioned the building as existing some ten years earlier, it could not possibly be the date of its erection. From the plans and drawings of the architect, it appears that the new building will have a frontage to Zetland-street of 72ft., and, although outwardly there will not be much expenditure in ornamentation or appearance, internally the edifice will be replete with every requirement for the purposes of Masonry. The principal entrance, instruction, waiting-room, and other conveniences will be situated at the west end of the building, while the centre will be occupied by two rooms, each 33ft. by 21ft. and 18ft. high, the upper of which will be used for the various Lodge meetings, and the lower for the purpose of a banquetting room. Ample provision has been made for the care taker of the Lodge, for whom six rooms are set apart in the eastern end of the building. There will be large cellars underneath the Lodge, and, in addition, a communication will be made with the old arched cellars running across the street and into the old Vicarage grounds. The materials will be best red pressed bricks, fronted with Huddersfield stone. The two large rooms will be plastered, and will have coved ceilings. The old oak staircase, which formed a noticeable feature in the former building, will be retained, and incorporated in the proposed building as far as possible, the new portion of the staircase being made to harmonise with it. The whole of the works have been contracted for by local tradesmen, and the cost, exclusive of architect's commission, is expected to reach £1,500, of which amount over £600 has already been promised. At a meeting held on the 14th it was decided to invite Bro. Thomas William Tew, Esq., J.P., of Pontefract, P.M. 910, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation stone, and that gentleman, with his usual kindness, having accepted the invitation, the event took place in due course on Wednesday afternoon last. The weather during the greater part of the forenoon was very gloomy, threatening, and occasionally light showers fell. Luckily, however, the atmosphere cleared up partly about noon, and the brethren were enabled to go through the whole of their outdoor observances without inconvenience. A large number of the members of the three Wakefield Lodges, Unanimity 154, Wakefield 495, and Sincerity 1,019, assembled to take part in the proceedings, and there was a great influx of visitors from the surrounding Lodges and Chapters.

The brethren assembled at the Music Saloon, where at 1.15 p.m. the Lodge was opened in the three degrees by Bro. Jos. Hartley W.M. Lodge Wakefield, 495, assisted by the Officers and brethren of the two other Wakefield Lodges. The W. D.P.G.M. having then formally intimated his desire to be present, a deputation conducted him into the Lodge, together with the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge present. A procession was afterwards formed and the route taken was down Wood-street, through Silver-street, Little Westgate, Kirkgate, and Teall-street, to Zetland-street. On reaching the site of the intended building, the brethren opened out right and left, to allow the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Officers to pass to the platform, the brethren then closing in and following. The 100th Psalm having been sung by the choir, which was from St. Giles' Parish Church, Pontefract, and led by Bro. Gledhill, choir-master, Bro. the Rev. Canon Blakeney, D.D., Prov. G. Chaplain, read the 127th Psalm, after which the W. Depnty Prov. Grand Master called upon Bro. Major Freeman Prov. G. Registrar, to read the report, which was as follows:—Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master,—As the Provincial Grand Registrar of the Freemasons of West Yorkshire, I am requested by the Worshipful Masters of the three Wakefield Lodges to offer a few remarks by way of report, explanatory of the movement which has brought about the re-building of a new Masonic Hall in Wakefield. The erection of a Masonic Temple in the heart of Wakefield is an important event in the history of West Yorkshire Freemasonry. The new building will be erected on the site of an ancient edifice which, almost from time immemorial, has been known as the Wakefield Rectory. The first written mention of the old edifice is by rare old Leland in his tour of 1538. Dr. Sissons, in his "Historical Sketch of Wakefield Parish Church," in 1824, gives an engraving of the Wakefield Rectory; and the late Mr. Banks, in his "Walks about Wakefield," says, "that the Rectory House alluded to by Leland was pulled down except that part of the edifice utilised as 'Freemasons' Hall.'" Before the property came into the possession of the Freemasons, it was for many years tenanted as a Young Ladies' School. At this period Zetland-street had no existence. The Rectory House was pleasantly situated in open ground, which was fenced round by palisades; the usual approach to the house was through "Vicar's Croft," the carriage entrance being out of "Doctor-lane." When the Wakefield Borough Market Company laid out Zetland-street, the larger part of the old Rectory, which was the only building abutting on the then proposed new street, was taken down; the residue of the premises in 1853 was purchased at a cost of £300, and the property was vested in the names of ten Trustees. The "Decem-Viri" were William Statter, George Hudswell Westerman, Dr. Senior, Frederick Lumb, William Wood Glover, John Gill, Rowland Childe, Matthew Bussey Hick, Thomas Senior, and George Wood Bayldon. These "Patres Conscripti" of the Craft were empowered by deed to hold the property for the use of the Masonic Lodge, No. 495 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, and to be used for such Masonic purposes as this Lodge might determine. It was necessary, in consequence of the ravages of time, for the Trustees to spend a further sum of £200 in order to put the property into good repair and adapt it for the use of Freemasonry. The brethren soon discovered that the old Rectory House was ill adapted for the purpose of a Lodge, and that as the Craft increased in number, wealth, and influence, a new Temple was indispensable. From time to time plans of a new Lodge was discussed, and eventually, after much consideration, a Building Committee was appointed on the 15th July 1879 for the purpose of taking active steps for erecting a new Lodge. The Committee consisted of Bros. John Gill P.M. Chairman, Joseph Hartley W.M. Vice-Chairman, William Statter P.M., William Wood Glover P.M., Rowland Childe P.M., John Craven P.M., George Hart P.M., H. M. Edwards P.M., Thomas Smith, Charles Roberts, W. B. Alderson P.M. Treas., Henry Oxley S.D. Sec., and subsequently Bros. J. J. Hulbert P.M. 154, and A. Greenside P.M. 1019, were added to the Committee. The plans and working drawings for a new hall were prepared by Bro. William Watson P.M. 154, approved by this Committee, and received the sanction of the Wakefield Corporation on the 22nd March last. The building to be erected will be a substantial edifice, replete internally with every requirement for the purposes of Freemasonry, but owing to the locality it was thought unwise to expend a large sum of money in ornamenting the exterior. The entire cost, exclusive of the architect's commission, will not be less than £1,500. On the 9th of April last, the Committee accepted the tenders of the following contractors, viz.: George Fawcett (bricklayer and mason), W. Pycock and Sons (slaters), Charles Driver (plasterer), Craven and Lloyd (joiners), S. and T. Drake (plumbers, &c.), and Charles Turner (painter). The sanction of Sir Henry Edwards, Bart. D.L., Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire, having been obtained, to-day the foundation-stone of the new edifice will be laid with ancient Masonic ceremonial, and the brethren of Lodge 495 appeal to the Craft in general to assist them in their undertaking with liberal contributions. Donations amounting to nearly £300 have already been given, and the Lodge 495 has voted £300 towards the erection. The present Trustees are Past Masters Bros. William Statter, John Gill, William Wood Glover, Rowland Childe, and Dr. Senior. In conclusion, I have to express the gratification of the Craft in Wakefield and West Yorkshire, that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of this Province has accepted the invitation of the three Lodges to be present here to-day. Bro. T. W. Tew, you and your family have been connected with Wakefield and the West Riding, as bankers, for upwards of eighty years, and it is in our own memory that your grandfather was the Deputy Judge of the Honour Court of Pontefract. We therefore give you a cordial and fraternal welcome. In conclusion, the Committee and the Trustees have to express their satisfaction at the hearty manner in which this project of a new Masonic Hall has been taken up by the members of Lodge 495 Wakefield, and by the brethren of the other two Lodges, Unanimity 154 and Sincerity 1019. Bro. Tew said that on behalf of the Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, he accepted the report, and with the permission of the Worshipful Masters of the three Lodges present suggested that it should be inscribed on the minutes of the Lodges for future reference. Bro. J. Hartley W.M. 495 then, on behalf of the Craft in Wakefield, asked Bro. Tew to lay the stone, and presented to him for the purpose a silver trowel bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. T. W. Tew 910, J.P., D.Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, on the occasion of his laying the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall at Wakefield, 26th May, A.L. 5880, A.D. 1880." Bro. Tew, in accepting the trowel, said it was indeed a compliment they had conferred upon him personally, as well as to the office he had the honour of occupying, in asking him to lay that stone, and he accepted the beautiful memorial of the occasion which they had presented to him as an evidence of their good feeling towards the office he held, and also towards his family, which had been for such a long time resident in Wakefield. The stone was then raised, and the Prov. G.Sec., Bro. H. Smith, read aloud the inscription on the plate to be deposited on it. The inscription was as follows:—This foundation stone was laid by W. Bro. Thomas William Tew 910, J.P., D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, on Wednesday, 26th May, A.L. 5880, A.D. 1880, in the presence of the Prov. Grand Officers and brethren of the three Wakefield Lodges, namely, Unanimity 154, Wakefield 495, and Sincerity 1019. Bros. J. Scott W.M. 154, Jos. Hartley W.M. 495, Jesse A. Thornton W.M. 1019, John Gill P.M. 495, P.P.G.D. of Ceremonies, Chairman of Committee, W. B. Alderson P.M. 495 P.P.G.D. Treasurer, H. Oxley S.D. 495 Secretary, W. Watson P.M. 154 Architect. The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. Mason (Leeds), then deposited in the stone a phial, containing a list of Officers and members of the Lodge, plans of building, coins, and copies of the three Wakefield newspapers and the *Times*. Bro. Gill P.G.S. of Works, having placed the plate in

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position, cement was laid upon the face of the stone by Mr. Fawcett, the builder, which the W.D.P.G.M. proceeded to spread with the trowel, which was surrounded with a white handkerchief. The cement having been spread, the stone was lowered with three distinct stops, at each of which the choir sang one verse of the Masonic hymn, "Round the spot." Bro. France P.M. 1019 now presented Bro. Tew with the plumb rule, with which he proceeded to prove the position of the stone by applying it to the four corners. Having done so, he said, I have applied the plumb rule to the four corners of this stone in the usual Masonic manner, and I find they are perfect and upright, and have therefore fixed the stone on its proper basis. Bro. Naylor P.M. 154 then presented the level, which, after applying to the stone, Bro. Tew returned, saying that he used it on the stone as the symbol of uprightness, and found it to be level in all its parts. Bro. Tew then received the square from the hands of Bro. W. Glover P.M. 495. Having proved the position of the stone thereby, he returned it, saying: Brethren, I have now applied the square to this stone, and find it rectangular in all its parts. Bro. J. Scott W.M. 154 next presented the mallet, with which Bro. Tew gave three taps upon the stone, declaring it to be just, perfect, and regular. The cornucopia containing the corn was then handed by Bro. Hartley, and the corn having been cast over the stone, Bro. Tew said: Brethren, I have scattered corn upon this stone as the symbol of abundance and prosperity, and also as a symbol of the resurrection. May those who shall hereafter meet within the walls of this edifice disseminate amongst mankind the genial influence of Masonic wisdom, goodness, and truth. Bro. John Scott next presented the ewer of wine, which Bro. Tew poured over the stone, remarking: I have now poured wine over this stone as a symbol of cheerfulness and joy to all mankind. He next received from the hands of Bro. Thornton the ewer of oil, which he proceeded to pour on the stone as a symbol of peace, concord, and harmony. The stone was then sprinkled with salt, presented by Bro. Hart, Bro. Tew observing: I have sprinkled salt upon this stone as the symbol of wisdom and of learning. Salt is emblematical of consecration, of hospitality, fidelity, eternity, and immortality. Bro. Pearson Prov. G.C. then offered prayer, after which the stone was incensed by the acolyte, Bro. Tew observing that it was emblematical of the charity of their Masonic institutions. Bro. W. Watson, the architect, presented the plans of the building. Bro. Tew: Bro. Architect, you have placed in my hands the plans of the intended building and also the working tools of the Master Mason. I beg to request that without loss of time you proceed to the completion of this building, and that you inform the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy when it is completed, that we may take such further measures as may be deemed requisite for the devotion of the building to the purposes of Freemasonry. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then ascended the stone and addressed the brethren as follows:—As the construction of an edifice for the purposes of Freemasonry marks an epoch in the annals of the Craft in the West Riding at Wakefield, I will now ask your indulgence to make a few observations on the circumstances which have brought about this demonstration to-day in Zetland-street. As the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, it would have been my duty, had Sir H. Edwards been present, to have asked him to lay the foundation stone of this new Masonic Hall at Wakefield. Our Provincial Grand Master most deeply regrets his inability to be present at this interesting ceremonial; which, I feel, must lose some of its prestige and interest in your eyes by reason of the absence of his personal presence. The previous occasion on which he was present at a ceremonial of this kind was when he accepted the invitation of our late Brother J. C. D. Charlesworth, and assisted him to lay the foundation stone of the Clayton Hospital and Dispensary, in 1876. Most deeply do we deplore the death of our late brother, who was a member of the Wakefield Lodge, No. 495, but we feel grateful to Providence, that his valuable life was spared to see the completion and the opening of that benevolent Institution in which he took so lively an interest, and of which he was the president. The Freemasons of the Lodges and Chapters at Wakefield have indeed conferred a compliment upon me, and one which my family greatly appreciate in asking me, in the place of Sir Henry Edwards, to lay the foundation stone of this new Masonic Hall. This work, which we inaugurate to-day will, we believe, tend to promote the advocacy and development of Masonic principles in this town and neighbourhood. Being to-day operative as well as speculative Freemasons, we have laid the chief stone of this new Masonic Temple to Freemasonry at the North-East corner of the building, on which a noble superstructure will be raised, perfect in its parts and honourable to its builders. The three Lodges, Unanimity, Wakefield, and Sincerity, are to be congratulated on the agreement of views which has brought about this unity of action, and for which Freemasonry is ever remarkable, by which they have agreed to work together within the walls of one edifice in peace, love, and concord, thus resulting in the initiation of a new Masonic Hall worthy of the Craft in Wakefield, as well as an architectural ornament of Zetland-street. Could the Freemasons of Lodge Unanimity of 1766 be present here to-day, they would have rejoiced to see this day, and be glad. The noblest memorial we can erect to their memories is this new Masonic Hall, illustrating, as it does, the increase of the Lodges in this town, the growth of Masonic principles, and the commercial prosperity of "Merrie Wakefield," which they all had at heart so much to develope. On the excellency of Freemasonry I need not here dilate. Suffice it to say that its foundation-stone is Benevolence, whilst Charity is its cope-stone. Its three pillars are "Wisdom, Strength, and Purity," symbolical of "Faith, Hope, and Mercy," and that Charity which, like its sister Mercy, blesses him that gives as well as him that receives. Freemasonry is the handmaid of religion, it is the friend of the Church, and in its relations with the State, a staunch supporter of Constitutional principles, whilst within its portals are sedulously cultivated the seven liberal arts and sciences. But the other day the Freemasons laid the foundation-stone of a Freemasonry Institution at Pontefract. On the 16th April, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, £13,500 was subscribed in Freemasons' Hall towards this year's maintenance of our orphan Masonic girls; on the 8th inst., £785 was awarded from the Fund of Benevolence towards the poor and distressed Freemasons, and on the 20th of this month our Royal Grand Master the Prince of Wales laid the foundation-stones of a new Cathedral at Truro, for a new Bishopric, for which we have to thank the late Government. These we may take as evidence of the growth of Masonic principles in England. I see no limits to the usefulness and the influence of Freemasonry. I believe that it will continue to prosper in this as well as in other countries so long as the brethren realise and adorn those principles which Freemasonry upholds, and those vital truths which Freemasonry proclaims, and that with a consistent unfolding of our teaching, I can see no horizon, humanly speaking, to the progress and perpetuation of our ancient and honourable Fraternity, except that end which time alone must fix to all institutions earthly and transitory. May the Great Architect of the Universe prosper the work we have undertaken; may no accident happen to workmen engaged in construction, under the skilful architect, and may we here all be permitted to rejoice in its completion and dedication to Freemasonry. Under these circumstances, the Provincial Grand Master of this Province has permitted us to assemble round this spot to lay with Masonic ceremonial the foundation-stone of the new Masonic Hall for the advancement and welfare of the brethren who shall enter within its symbolic enclosures, that they may promote the faithful development of the genuine and unchangeable principles of our useful and benevolent Institution. The Worshipful Masters of Wakefield will, I know, make this Lodge a temple symbolic of that immaterial and beatific temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, and, though this building must one day succumb to time, and like the walls of the old Rectory house, crumble into ruin, yet may it in the interim increase the knowledge of the wonderful works of the Almighty Creator, and the happiness of the brethren who assemble and who are initiated within its walls. Bro. Thornton W.M. 1019 said it fell to his lot to return thanks to Bro. Tew for his kind attendance and services there that day. The old building had justly been described as having passed away, but long would it be remembered by the brethren of Wakefield, and the many visitors who had sat within its walls. He endorsed the remarks Bro. Tew had made with reference to the unity existing amongst the Wakefield Masons, and he rejoiced to know that there was a prospect of having a Masonic Hall. On behalf of the Wakefield Lodges he tendered most respectfully hearty and sincere thanks. Bro. Tew, in responding, said it had been a great pleasure to him to be present, and he would report to the Prov. Grand Master the satisfactory circumstances attending the ceremony, and the trouble the Wakefield brethren had taken in organising it. The choir having sung the hymn, "Hail, Masonry Divine," and the National Anthem, the procession was re-formed, and returned to the Music Saloon, where the Lodge was closed. A luncheon, to which a large number sat down, and which was of a strictly private nature, was held at the Bull Hotel at four for the members of the Craft. Luncheon was provided, at Bro. Tew's expense, in the Royal Hotel for the members of the choir and non-Masonic friends, Bro. Quarterman P.J.W. P.S.W. 910, Secretary to Bro. Tew, presiding.

The annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire will be held at the Wesleyan School Rooms, Maidenhead, on Monday, the 14th instant. Special Railway arrangements have been made, and return tickets at single fares will be issued from London, Windsor, Reading, Oxford, Newbury, Abingdon, Swindon, Faringdon, Aylesbury, Wycombe, and Marlow Road; and at all Stations on the London, Wokingham, and Reading Railway between Waterloo Bridge and Bracknell.

It appears from a circular we have received that, in the event of a Collector being appointed for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. Charles Henry Webb, who has been a Mason for several years, and has taken an active part in promoting the interests of our Charitable Institutions, will offer himself as a candidate. Bro. Webb was in the employ of Messrs. Cubitt and Co. for many years, but those gentlemen having relinquished the branch in which he was engaged, he is now seeking a new appointment. Bro. Webb considers that his business knowledge and experience are a sufficient qualification for the position he is anxious to obtain.

The ceremony of Installation was most ably rendered by Bro. J. L. Mather P.G.D.C. Herts, on Monday, 31st May, at the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, which holds its weekly meetings at the Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Square, Islington, N., every Monday evening at 8.30. A large number of brethren assembled, and all thoroughly appreciated the talent of the presiding Officer. This Lodge works ceremonies only, the last Monday in each month is appropriated to that of Installation.

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REVIEWS.

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St. John's Lodge, No. 221, *Bolton.* A Short History and Extracts from the old Minute Books, together with a list of Members, with the date of their respective initiation or joining the Lodge, and other information connected with the Masonic Fraternity. Compiled by Bro. G. P Brockbank, Treasurer and Senior Past Master, P. Prov. Grand S. Deacon East Lancashire, with a short Introductory Notice by Bro. W. J. Hughan, Past Grand Deacon of England. 1880. Bro. Morris, Printer, Oxford Street, Bolton.

Our first duty is to thank Bro. Brockbank for having fowarded to us some of the advance sheets of this interesting compilation of his. As the oldest Past Master of the Lodge, and one who takes, moreover, a deep interest in all that relates to Freemasonry, it is very natural he should endeavour to reciprocate the good feeling always exhibited towards him by the members of his mother Lodge, and prepare a sketch of its history from archives with which, during his thirteen or fourteen years of office as Secretary, he had become so intimately acquainted. Moreover, a work of this kind is of incalculable value from the assistance it must afford to future historic writers on Freemasonry, and we agree with Bro. Hughan, who has kindly furnished a short introductory sketch, that Bro. Brockbank's example might with advantage be followed by brethren of other Lodges. We are acquainted with several Lodge histories, and were the career of each existing Lodge carefully traced out from its constitution till now by some experienced member, we should at once have authentic material for a true history of the rise and progress of Freemasonry in England and other countries. We will not say Lodge histories alone would provide this material, for the records of Grand Lodge would have of necessity to be consulted, but they would furnish a step in the direction, and do something towards relieving us of the charge too often, and we fear too justly, made against Freemasons, namely, that its history, such as it has been written, is based chiefly on the imagination of the writers, having just a slight substratum of fact to give it an air of respectability. It is true we have been making great strides of late years, and doing our best to disturb the unequal relations formerly existing between fancy and fact; but much yet remains to be done, and a very considerable part of this much embraces the kind of work which Bro. Brockbank has prepared with so much zeal and assiduity. It is an admirable addition to those which have previously appeared, and, as we have said before, we trust this example of successful compilation will prove contagious, and that learned Craftsmen will be smitten with a desire to write their several Lodge histories. We could have wished, for the compiler's sake, that the archives on which he has had to work had been in themselves more acceptable. The founders of the Lodge and their immediate successors may have been shrewd men of business and excellent good fellows, but they do not, to judge from their style of writing, appear to have had the benefit of any serious amount of education. We know that, at the close of last century, when this Lodge, No. 221, first saw the light, the educational standard of the English was not remarkably high; but one naturally associates Freemasonry with well-to-do folk—with men of independent means, and those who have been successful in business or professionally, and that being so, with those who have received an education in advance of the ordinary charity school children of the day. We are not of those who judge of a Mason's worth by the purity of his spelling, the beauty of his handwriting, or the accuracy of his figuring; but we do think it desirable that people occupying decent positions in this country should have some acquaintance with the English language. But the extracts from the older minutes of this St. John's Lodge, No. 221, look very much as though they had been written during the latter intervals of a very heavy symposium, when a man's powers of articulation, like his reason, are dull and inconsequential, and his hand but too accurately reproduces on paper the chaos of ideas which his brain has prompted and his tongue uttered. What, for instance, can be said of "The Worshipful's toast from the chair," on 6th December 1797—"That Masons may florish like the bea leaf that grows by the River Side that is always green;" or of the following, under date of 20th February 1798—"A Cometa chose by the Worshipful to absent themselves from the Lodge Room to an a jacin Room to decide the matter; the Committee agreeing and finding Bro. O'Neil colpable of an error for Schandlelizing the Lodge is find five shillings and is to make an humble submission to the Lodge for the offence." It took us some little time to discover that "Cometa" and "Committee" are different forms of one and the same word, and though from the text of the minute it is not very clear whether Bro. O'Neil or the Lodge he had offended is "find" five shillings, we are willing to give the latter the benefit of the doubt, and suppose it was Bro. O'Neil who was mulcted. On the 18th May 1800, it was resolved that a Royal Arch Chapter should be held, and on that day one was opened, when certain brethren who had previously passed the chair and paid 7s 6d, "were made Exclant and Shuper Exclant Masons, and Likeeves Holy Royal arch Masons." Even in the rules for the government of the Lodge, which one would presume very naturally would be written with an approach to correctness, there is a display of ignorance for which at school the small boy of ten years would be deservedly well flogged. Thus, Rule III. is to the effect that no brother shall be chosen by "Senority" to preside as Master, &c. Rule V. resolves that "anev Br. that shall curse, Sware, or use anev unbecoming Language in Diragation of God's name intemiedtly, or Aggravate another Br. to disturbe the Harmony of the Lodge whilst engaged in that Most Serious and Solimn"—what is not stated. Rule XI. ordains "that no Modern Mason or anev Subscribeing those To Belongs will be admitted in this Lodge while engaged in that "Most Serious and Solimn," &c. In addition, occur such words as "petiton" (petition), "Abel" (able), "soport" (support), &c.; all of which betoken a very low standard of education, indeed, among the earlier members of this Lodge, especially when we bear in mind they were of a class of people who could afford to spend somewhat freely of their moneys, or they could not well have joined the Society.

So much for the language in which the minutes and Rules are expressed. Let us now turn to the important part of the subject—the Lodge history, as we gather particulars of its rise and progress from Bro. Brockbank's compilation. The Lodge, which originally consisted of but seven members, was founded in April 1797, under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients," full particulars of the ceremony of consecration, as we are wont to call it now-a-days, being furnished from the Lodge of Antiquity (now No. 146), an elder "Ancient" Lodge, which, however, had migrated from Leigh, some time between 1776, the date of its Warrant, and January 1786, when it was in full working order at Bolton. Thus, St. John's, No. 221, originally No. 303, enjoys the honour of being the first "Ancient" Lodge founded in this town. To James Abel as Grand Master, and other brethren as his Deputy, Grand Wardens, and Secretary, was deputed the task of constituting the Lodge, and there seems to have been a pretty strong muster of brethren from Nos. 235 Wigan, 238 Chorley, 275 Manchester, 292 Stockport, and 196 (now 146) Bolton, to witness the impressive ceremony. The first Master and Wardens, as named in the Warrant, were Bros. O'Neal (or O'Neil, for the name is spelt both ways), W.M., Thomas Keenan, S.W., Daniel Cane J.W., and the first Treasurer and Secretary were Bros. John McAllister Treasurer, and Edward McGlone Secretary. The first Minute Book dates from 9th April 1797, when the preliminary meeting was held, and it was decided amongst other things that every candidate who dines shall pay four shillings towards the expenses of the day, that being the sum chargeable against subscribing members; that the Lodge should be called St. John's; and that the brethren we have just named should be the first W.M. and Wardens respectively. On the 16th another meeting was held, the names of three candidates were submitted, and they subsequently received the first degree of Freemasonry. On the 29th June, in commemoration of St. John, the patron saint of the Lodge, the brethren, with several others belonging to Antiquity No. 196, went in procession to the old church, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Dullas—let us hope the sermon was livelier than the name of the rev. preacher might warrant us in supposing. At an early date the harmony of the Lodge would in a certain sense appear to have been disturbed, for at an "Amergency" meeting on 17th December of the same year, we read that, after a trial which lasted three hours, Bro. John Mulhollan was found guilty of having been "Intoxicated in drink," and fined 6d; of having broken Rule 12, which resolved that any member of the Lodge who should "divulge aney secrets to ancy person not belonging to the Lodge, should be fined five shillings," and he was fined accordingly; and of having used bad language to the Worshipful. However, after due admonition, Bro. Mulhollan, "asked Gods pardon and the Lodges," and the matter was amicably settled." The day following the election of Master, Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary for the half year took place at intervals, extending from 4 p.m. to 5.10 p.m., Bro. Brockbank suggesting that the intervals were devoted to libations. On 5th February 1798, Bro. O'Neal, who had been Master the previous six months, was found guilty of "Schandlelizing the Lodge," and fined five shillings, and when the culprit had made an ample apology, the Lodge closed in the greatest harmony. On the 12th April a brother was suspended for twelve calendar months, "then to be dealt with as the Lodge shall think fit," and when the suspension was over, it seems the brother was not allowed to have any certificate so long as he was "due any debt to the Lodge." In the interim, we read of a Bro. Crook, who, in the compiler's opinion, must have been a "perambulating luminary" giving three lectures. On 3rd April it was agreed the Lodge should shift its quarters from the Hand and Barrow to the Lord Admiral Nelson, and afterwards it was agreed to hold a Holy Royal Arch Chapter, to which end the Lodge was "opened in the 3d degree," and five brothers "past the chair at 6 o'clock, and pd 7 6." "The Chapter was then opened, and those Bros. were "made Exclant & Shuper Exclant Masons & Likeeves Holy Royal Arch Masons." We judge from the spelling that the brethren, and especially the Secretary, must have found this rather "dry" work, as Bro. Brockbank elsewhere suggests once or twice. On 3rd September 1801 a Bro. Morris, it is recorded, was guilty of contumacy, resolutely refusing to obey a summons to attend, as well then as formerly, and neglecting his "dutys" as Acting Secretary. At the end of the year it was resolved to quit the Lord Admiral Nelson, because, as it appears from the 3d Minute Book, the house went "under a bad report." This book closes as regards business on 12th December, but there is inscribed in it one entry of 1st January 1802, to the effect that on that day "a procession took place in which No. 196 joined, which was guarded by the military stationed in the town, and a letter of thanks was addressed by the Secr. of Lodge 196 to the Commanding Officer." To this is appended a foot-note by the compiler that "the Cash Book recorded that £2 0s 6d was reed towards the Expenses from different brethren of the 17 Light Dragoons."

Next week we shall consider Book II., with the Laws it contains, and further minutes.

(To be continued).

The Masonic Muse. Amusement with Music. A collection of unique Masonic Recitations and highly original songs, written and composed for the use of the Craft, by Bro. F. Julian Croger. London: Spencer and Co., 23A Great Queen-street, W.C. 1880. Price Two Shillings and Sixpence.

It does not often occur that the contents of a book so closely tally with its description on the title-page, but Bro. Croger has unquestionably succeeded in writing and composing half-a-dozen songs and recitations together, which are alike creditable to his muse and musical ability. The six items are entitled as follows: Song—"A Hunt for

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Fidelity" in six-eight time, pretty and lively, and with a simple accompaniment; "The Mason's Wife," an ode for recitation, quaint and humorous; "A Star burst forth from the Golden East," words by Bro. W. Snowing, well-written and effective; "The March of the Masons;" "Villainy Defeated," for recitation, and the "No-Singer's Song," words by Bro. J. Lee Stevens, the last three being quite equal in point of merit to the three which precede them. We hope and believe that Bro. Croger's "Masonic Muse" will be very popular with the Craft, for the contents are decidedly above the average of Masonic songs and odes. Moreover they have the advantage of being easy to sing and play, and easy to commit to memory. As regards the pieces for recitation, we may remark that they have been published in these columns, and moreover that we have several times heard them recited with telling effect.

MOHAWK MINSTRELS.—Friday last, the 28th ult., being the anniversary of the poet Moore's birthday, the Mohawks provided an Irish Festival programme, the principal features of which were some of the immortal "Moore's Irish melodies." As may be imagined, everything went admirably. There was a full house, and the Minstrels' efforts to entertain their audience were appreciated and applauded to the echo. Mr. H. Florence sang in good taste "Norah, the Pride of Kildare." Master Rowland Howell gave "The Last Rose of Summer" exquisitely. "The Minstrel Boy," given by a double quartette of Mohawks, with accompaniment of harps, was most effective. Bro. James Francis, in his quaint, humourous way, did justice to a new comic refrain, "The Kerry Girls are beautiful," and Mr. C. Garland's voice found opportunity for expression in the well-known words by Lord Byron—"A Health to thee, Tom Moore," set to music expressly for the occasion by Mr. Walter Redmond. Mr. J. Kavanagh was greatly appreciated in his interpretation of "The Harp that once thro' Tara's Halls;" but his great triumph was achieved in the recitation of "Shemus O'Brien," in which he carried his audience with him—unquestionably a grand piece of declamation, and the event of the evening. Be it added that the usual glee in Part II. sung by the Mohawk choir had a harp accompaniment, and that Messrs. G. Clare and C. Garland contributed, effectively to the evening's entertainment. Messrs. Mason and Dixon and the Brothers Ray in their several items, and the popular absurdity "The Mulligan Guards," by Bro. James Francis, were also in the programme, and were warmly received as usual. On Wednesday next the Mohawks will give a Ballad Concert.

The floral decorations at the Central City Tabernacle during the recent Feast of Pentecost were most artistic, and were a pleasing addition to the interior of the building. They were undertaken, as they have been on similar occasions in past years, by Messrs. Dick Radclyffe and Co., who were congratulated by those interested on the way in which they had carried out their work.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. GEORGE BILBY.

IT is with great regret we announce the death of this worthy brother, who for a long series of years was one of the foremost men of St. Luke's, E.C. Those whose memories will carry them back sufficiently far, will remember him in his successive capacities as schoolmaster in Golden-lane, as organist of the parish church, registrar of births, deaths and marriages, and a prominent member of the Vestry. Certainly many of the inhabitants of the parish will, in our deceased brother, miss an old and valued friend. As a trustee of the Commercial Philanthropic Institution, he found another field for his labours, and there is probably not a single member of that charitable society who will not feel the loss of this well-tried and trusted honorary servant. At one with his colleagues in all good measures, still he remained a dangerous antagonist when measures not calculated to promote the public weal were mooted. In purse and person he used his best endeavours on behalf of the poor, many of whom will sadly miss his genial countenance. Bro. Bilby had lived to an advanced age, and succumbed at last to the ravages of that painful malady—cancer of the mouth. Although his sufferings were, through his declining years, very great, he bore them with a fortitude that betokened the thorough Christian. He leaves behind him a large family as well as a circle of friends, who will undoubtedly feel that although the "great majority" claim him among their number, still their loss is none the less great. The body of our deceased brother was interred on Monday at Finchley, with Masonic honours. Marks of respect were exhibited throughout the line of route, many members of the Craft being on the ground to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory. Bro. Bilby was a Past Master and Organist of Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.

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THE Half-yearly Communication of Grand Mark Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. W. W. B. Beach Past Grand Master presided, Viscount Mandeville occupied the chair of S.G.W., and Bro. J. M. P. Montague that of J.G.W. The attendance of the brethren was more numerous than on any previous occasion. Bro. Beach apologised for the absence of the Earl of Lathom, the Earl of Limerick, and Lord Leigh, owing to other engagements. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the report of the General Board, of which we have already furnished the most salient features, was submitted to the brethren. On the motion of Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, and seconded by Bro. S. Rawson, Grand Lodge voted £21 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. On the motion of Bro. Portal, seconded by General Brownrigg, a vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Passawer for the gift of an annual scholarship of the value of fifteen guineas at the Notting Hill High School. The Earl of Lathom was then declared installed as Grand Master, and proclaimed and saluted, and the following brethren were appointed to Grand Office:—Bros. Lord Henniker Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Onslow S.G. Warden, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke J.G. Warden, Baron de Ferrières G.M.O., J. F. Tweedale G.S.O., T. Dolling Bolton G.J.O., the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall G. Chaplain, the Rev. W. Stainton Moses G. Chaplain, F. Davison G. Treasurer, H. C. Levander G. Registrar of Marks, F. Binckes G. Secretary, Donald M. Dewar Assistant Secretary, Charles Woodall G.S.D., George J. McKay G.S.D., G. J. Mattison G.J.D., Richard Bozgett G.J.D., Richard Driver G. Inspector of Works, Robert Berridge G.D.C., W. T. Westgate G.A.D.C., George Ward Verry G. Sword Bearer, Arthur Middleton G. Standard Bearer, Alfred Rowley G. Organist, George Morgan G.I.G.; Bros. T. W. Adams, F. W. Ansell, W. T. Clarke, Foster Gough LL.D., A. Haynes, T. A. de Leliva, R. L. Loveland, G. Renuie Powell, James Smythe, Charles E. Soppet, and W. Watkins Grand Stewards, and Bro. C. T. Speight Grand Tyler. The following brethren were nominated by the Grand Master to serve on the General Board:—Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal P.G.M. (President), Thomas Meggy, S. Rosenthal, S. C. Dibdin, Robert Berridge, C. F. Matier, and Thomas Cubitt. The following five brethren were elected by Grand Lodge:—Herbert Dicketts, E. C. Mather, W. Roebuck, R. P. Spice, and Alfred Williams. Bro. Binckes read a list of brethren from whom he had received letters of apology for absence, and then announced that the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival would be held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on the 7th July, at which Bro. Col. Burdett would preside. There were already 29 brethren as Stewards, and he expected to receive a large amount of pecuniary support. He would be happy to receive any additional names of Stewards. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, in responding to the toast of the Past G. Masters, said that if Lord Leigh had been

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present, it would have been an agreeable surprise to him to find that, whereas 23 years ago there were only a dozen Mark Lodges under Grand Lodge, there were now 271. He attributed the success of the degree to the love of Masons for new Orders, and to the absence of red tape in the Mark Degree. They did not much care about Chinese exactness and uniformity, but if they found remnants of old traditions in the country that did not exactly square with what was done in London, they were rather glad to find those evidences of antiquity. He also attributed the success of the degree to the great energy of the Provincial brethren, and mentioned as an instance the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford Prov. Grand Master for Stafford and Warwick, without whose aid the Shakespeare Time Immemorial Lodge would not have been brought under the banner of Grand Mark Lodge. He was glad to see that some of the Warrants for new Lodges were for the colonies of New Zealand and Queensland, where there was a boundless field for the working of the degree. Bro. Meggy proposed "The Mark Benevolent Fund," which he believed he was the means of originating. Bro. Binckes responded, and endorsed the views of Bro. Portal in reference to the success of the Mark degree. He added that Mark Masonry had always kept in view the virtue of Charity, and not only inscribed it on their keystone, but had sprinkled with it their lintels and doorposts, so that the destroying angel of ridicule and detraction had passed over their houses, and left a blessing instead of a curse. He reminded the brethren that the Festival of this Fund would take place at the Crystal Palace on the 7th of July, for which there were already twenty-nine Stewards. Shortly after sitting down he again rose and said, that another brother had given in his name as a Steward with the sum of forty guineas. Bro. Meggy then volunteered as a Steward, after which the toast of "The Visitors" was given, and the brethren separated. Bros. Henry Guy, F. H. Cozens, Hubbard, and A. Rowley sang a charming selection of vocal music between the toasts.

PROV. G. MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND DERBYSHIRE.

THE Annual Meeting and General Communication of Mark Master Masons in this important Province was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday the 27th ult., under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. Soc., &c. The Fowke Mark Lodge, No. 19, was represented by Bros. S. S. Partridge P.M. D.P.G.M., G. Toller P.M. P.P.G.W., R. A. Barber P.M. P.G.J.W., R. Waite W.M. elect P.G. Treasurer, J. M. McAllister P.M. P.G. Secretary, Rev. C. H. Wood P.P.G. Ch., R. Taylor P.G.M.O., C. E. Stretton P.G.J.O., J. Young P.G.D.C., J. Jessop P.G. Ins. of Works., F. J. Baines P.P.G.R.M., S. A. Marris P.G. Steward, and others. The Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 30, by Dr. R. B. Smith P.G.R.M., and others. The Simon de Montfort by J. T. Thorp P.M. P.P.G.W., H. Meadows, M.B., W.M., Thomas Coltman S.D. P.G. Ins. of Works., S. Cleaver Sec. P.P.G.S., Rev. F. H. Richardson J.W. P.P.G. Ch., W. J. Curtis, Dr. Hammond, &c. The Simon de St. Liz Lodge, No. 245, by Bros. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, M.A., W.M., N. T. Hewens S.W., George Ellard M.O., and Henry Hill Sec. The Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 246, was represented by Bros. W. Wynne Jeudwine W.M., Philip Le Gros S.W., the Rev. Augustus A. Bagshawe P.M. Grand Chaplain of England, E. C. Milligan P.M. P.P.G.M.O. Lancashire, W. L. Ball M.O. and J.O., Manton Assistant Secretary. Among the Visitors were G. F. Parkinson J.W. No. 32, and Bro. John Chadwick Prov. Grand Secretary East Lancashire. The Reports received from the various representatives indicated continued progress, and careful attention to the laws and constitutions of Mark Masonry in the Province; and the Officers of the recently constituted Lodges, the Simon de St. Liz and Duke of Connaught, have especially deserved the highest praise for the zeal and assiduity which have characterized their work during their term of office. The principal incident in the business of the meeting was the unanimous re-election of Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. Soc., as Provincial Grand Mark Master. He has discharged the important duties of this distinguished position since the constitution of the Province, twenty-two years ago, and is now the senior Provincial Representative of the Grand Mark Lodge of England. Bro. the Rev. Augustus Adam Bagshawe, M.A., B.D., P.M. Grand Chaplain of England having been appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the assembled Mark Masons manifested their esteem and regard for the good man and worthy Mason in a manner which must have afforded him considerable satisfaction. The following brethren were appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Clement Stretton, J.P., P.M. S.W., E. C. Milligan P.M., &c., J.W., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders Chaplain, W. Wynne Jeudwine W.M. M.O., Dr. R. B. Smith J.O., Robert Waite W.M. Treasurer, Thomas Worthington S.W. R.M., J. M. McAllister P.M. Secretary, N. T. Hewens S.D., Philip Le Gros S.W. J.D., J. Young J.W. D.C., H. Hill A.D.C., J. Jessop Ins. of Works., Samuel Knight Sword Bearer, Samuel Cleaver Standard Bearer, Brook Sampson, Mus. Bac., Organist, H. Spoor I.G., Dr. Hammond, George Ellard, and W. C. Moore P.G. Stewards. At the banquet which followed Bro. Chadwick, Prov. Grand Secretary Lancashire, ably responded to the Visitors' toast, and Bro. E. C. Milligan P.G.J.W. for the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

"SPES BONA" MARK LODGE, 253 E.C., PORT ELIZABETH.

THE introduction, under the English Constitution, of this beautiful and instructive degree into the Cape Colony took place on Tuesday, 20th April last, at the Masonic Temple, Port Elizabeth, when the above Lodge was duly constituted. The ceremonies of consecration, dedication and installation were performed in a most able and impressive manner by the Rev. Bro. Dr. G. G. Ross D.C.L. 30 P.M.M.M. As an earnest of the future success of Mark Masonry in the Colony several of the most prominent and zealous Masons in Port Elizabeth have since been advanced to this honourable degree, and it is expected that at no very distant date Mark Lodges under the English Constitution will probably be formed in most of the important towns in the Colony. The following is the list of Officers:—Bros. C. T. W. Mouat I.P.M. 711 Craft and P.D.G.S.D. W.M., W. H. Miles R.A. and 18 S.W., S. S. Hunter J.W., C. T. Wheelwright 18 P.M. 863 Craft and P.Z. 711 R.A. M.O., H. Norris R.A. S.O., S. R. White 18 P.M. 711 Craft and Z. 711 R.A. J.O., A. T. Wirgman D.C.L. 18 R.A. Chap., A. C. Milton Treas., C. F. Dunsterville 18 R.A. Registrar, G. Dunsterville 18 R.A. Sec., J. Kemsley W.M. 711 Craft and P.Z. 711 R.A. S.D., J. W. C. Mackay 18 I.P.M. 863 Craft and H. 711 R.A. J.D., F. D. Deare 18 P.M. 711 Craft and P.Z. 711 R.A. D. of C., C. Dickenson W.M. 863 Craft and R.A. Org., C. V. Freeman I.G., G. G. Ross D.C.L. 30 I.P.M. 389 Craft P.Z. and D.G. Chaplain P.M. W.S. 16 P.M.M.M. Steward, W. Myhill Steward, W. L. Hockey 18 R.A. Steward, W. Henderson Tyler.

JAMAICA.

Phœnix Mark Lodge, Port Royal.—Some time ago this Lodge passed a resolution requesting the Wor. Master to make the necessary application for the establishment, for the first time in this island, of a Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge. The necessary papers and documents having been forwarded to the indefatigable Grand Secretary of Mark Masons for England, by whom every facility was afforded, the application was granted. The W.M. Bro. A. De Cordova Deputy District Grand Master for Jamaica, being at the time in England, the degree was conferred on him, and at a special meeting of the Lodge, held on 22nd April, the degree was conferred on Bros. G. J. De Cordova Master of the Phœnix Lodge, O. Delgado S.W., O. Delgado jun. J.W., and R.W. J. W. Whitebourne Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Mark Masons and W.M. Sussex. Wor. Bro. G. J. De Cordova was installed in the chair of W.M. of the Phœnix, and appointed O. Delgado as S. and O. De Cordova as J.

At a meeting held on 5th May, present:—Bros. R.W. J. W. Whitebourne, Wor. G. J. De Cordova, O. Delgado, A. De Cordova, and O. Delgado jun., twenty-five brethren were elected, and fourteen belonging to the Phœnix Mark Lodge at Port Royal being present, were elevated to the degree of Royal Ark Mariner. The Prov. Grand Master did not attend, owing to continued illness. The Lodge was adjourned, and at its next meeting the administration will be formed.

It is expected that other Mark Lodges will follow the example of Phœnix.

Royal Lodge, 207, Kingston.—The ordinary meeting was held on 3rd May, presided over by Wor. Bro. J. Thirlwall and other Officers. Being the night for installation, the following Officers were appointed, namely:—Bros. Wor. G. M. Duff W.M., Worshipful J. Thirlwall I.P.M., W. Duff S.W., Wor. B. M. Dias J.W., S. A. Iffla Treasurer, E. J. Andrews Secretary, R. J. McPherson S.D., A. M. Marshall J.D., J. O. Waite I.G., J. McCann and J. Z. Measom Stewards, G. Magnus Tyler. The following Past Masters were also present:—Bros. R.W. A. De Cordova Dep. District Grand Master, Wor. W. P. Dadson Jamaica, W. L. Mudon Sussex, C. H. Davis Royal, W. Andrews Royal, R. Langley Royal, B. M. Dias Glenlyon, Wor. K. J. Spiers Glenlyon, Wor. G. J. Sargeant Royal. After the business was concluded the brethren were invited to a banquet. We hope this year will be a peaceful and successful one for this the oldest Lodge in the Province. The District Grand Master, being still indisposed, was unable to be present. The attendance was not as large as usual. The Wor. G. M. Duff, on behalf of the members, presented the Wor. G. J. Sargeant I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, designed after the banner of the Lodge, and having the following inscription on the reverse:—"Presented to Wor. Bro. G. J. Sargeant I.P.M. Royal Lodge No. 207, Prov. No. 1, by the brethren, in recognition of the benefits conferred on the Lodge by his able administration of the office of Master." Of all the Masters who have occupied the chair of this Lodge none has worked more in harmony with the members, or with greater success to the Lodge, than Wor. Bro. Sargeant. He is the only child of the Rev. George Sargeant, Superintendent of the Wesleyan Methodist body in this island.

Hamblin Lodge, No. 1440, Spanish Town.—The following were installed as Officers for the present year:—Bros. Wor. W. T. Jamieson P.M. W.M., C. T. Sanquinetti S.W., W. D. Barbes J.W., G. Livy Treasurer, J. F. Rickards Secretary, A. Robertson S.D., C. M. L. Kerr J.D., C. H. Repill I.G., J. Dileom Tyler.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the members of the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, at the Corinthian Lodge of Instruction, No. 1382, held at the George Hotel, Glengall-road, Poplar, on Tuesday, the 8th June, 1880, at 6.30 p.m. Bros. J. S. Brown J.W. 862 as W.M., R. P. Tate 862 S.W. S.W., W. H. Marston W.M. 55 J.W., H. G. Gush I.G. 1541 P.M., Wm. Long P.M. 435 Preceptor and Hon. Sec. First Lecture:—Bros. Brocklehurst, Collinson, Gates, Abell, Larchin, Tate, and Lardner. Second Lecture:—Bros. McCulloch, Marston, Fox, Gush, and Pate. Third Lecture:—Bros. Hallam, Long, and Hyde.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF STABILITY, No. 564, STOURBRIDGE.

ON Tuesday, 25th May, a very interesting meeting was held by the above Lodge, on the occasion of the presentation of a P.P.S.G. Warden's jewel to Bro. W. H. Jones P.M. and Treasurer. At a previous Lodge Bro. Isaiah Foley P.M. P.G.S.B. proposed that a P.P.S.G.W.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Past Master Jones, in recognition of his services as Treasurer of the Lodge for many years past: he felt assured that he had the hearty support of every member of the Lodge towards the object in view, as all were well aware how much they were indebted to their worthy Treasurer for the indefatigable manner in which he had always worked for the benefit of the Lodge. Bro. W. H. Westwood P.M. P.S.G.W. seconded the proposition of Bro. Foley, and heartily concurred in the sentiments he had so ably expressed. A presentation committee was appointed, and the resolution put in due form and carried unanimously. The meeting on Tuesday was held for the purpose of presenting the jewel, when the following Officers were present:—Bros. H. D'Arcy Ellis W.M., Isaiah Foley P.M. P.G.S.B. S.W. *pro tem*, Robert Egar J.W., W. H. Jones P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Treasurer, Robert Broomhall P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Secretary, Joshua Hammond S.D., Edwin Stringer J.D., William Perry I.G., Henry Scott Tyler. Members:—Bros. Joseph Aston P.M. P.P.G.R., Charles Blunsom P.M., Francis Perks D.C., J. P. Bayley, S. A. Brooks, Henry Hughes, Samuel Mobberley, F. Howells. Visitors:—Bros. William Masefield P.M. 252 493 D.P.G.M. Worcestershire, William Bristow P.M. 252 P.P.S.G.W. P.G. Secretary, Thomas Brettell P.M. 252 P.P.G.R., Joshua Stokes P.M. 252 P.P.S.G.D., George Taylor P.M. 377 P.S.G.D., Thomas Tromans P.M. 573 P.G.O., G. W. Grosvenor P.M. 377 P.P.G.R., John Thompson, W. Bill, Comber, and others. The Lodge being opened in due form, the W.M. Bro. H. D'Arcy Ellis, in a very able and animated speech, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to have the honour of presenting a P.P.S.G.W.'s jewel to P.M. Jones for the untiring zeal and ability with which he had conducted the financial affairs of the Lodge for so many years. Bro. P.M. Jones was not only known in his own Lodge, as a hard working and efficient Mason, but he stood pre-eminent throughout the province as an Officer ever ready to further the cause of Freemasonry in general; he hoped that the great Architect of the Universe would long spare Bro. P.M. Jones to wear that jewel, and continue his valuable services to the Lodge. Bro. P.M. Jones, in thanking the brethren for the handsome recognition they had been pleased to make of his services as Treasurer, assured them that in endeavouring to perform his duties he had been actuated only by the earnest desire to maintain the position and reputation of the Lodge, without hope of fee or reward; but nevertheless he should ever regard this presentation as one of the brightest spots in his life; no words of his could express his feelings at the many kind expressions he had received on all sides on this occasion. Several propositions were afterwards made, and carried, and then the Lodge being duly closed according to ancient custom, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall. After dinner, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and duly honoured, Bro. P.M. Broomhall P.P.S.G.D. Secretary (by request of the W.M.) said that he had now very great pleasure in giving the toast of the evening, viz., Bro. P.M. Jones more especially as the committee appointed to carry out the presentation had added thereto an album containing Bro. P.M. Jones's photograph, and a list of the members of the Lodge to accompany the gift, as a perpetual record for Bro. P.M. Jones's family to possess, as showing the high esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the Lodge. He had now very great pleasure in handing the same to Bro. Jones. Bro. Jones, again thanked the committee for this new proof of their kindness and esteem. The usual toasts followed, interspersed with music by Bro. T. Thomas, and songs by Bros. Foley, Stokes, Bristow, Taylor, Grosvenor, and Egar, and recitations by Bro. S. A. Brooks, &c. A very enjoyable evening was spent. The jewel reflected great credit on the manufacturer; it was an eighteen carat gold, hall marked P.P.S.G.W.'s jewel, with diamond in centre, gold and enamelled, and three embossed gold bars. The album was handsomely bound in crimson morocco; and illuminated in superb style in gold and colours. The photograph, large cabinet size, was taken by Mr. White, of Stourbridge, and is a true and expressive likeness of Bro. Jones.

CRYSTAL PALACE LODGE, No. 742.

THE Annual Meeting of this Lodge was held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Thursday, 3rd inst. The Lodge was opened under the direction of the W.M. Bro. Henry Speedy, who was well supported by members and visitors. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Edward Upton was passed. The next business before the Lodge was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Dick Radclyffe, and this ceremony was at once proceeded with, Bro. Charles D. Hume a P.M. of the Lodge undertaking the duty of Installing Master. After the customary salutations, Bro. Radclyffe appointed and invested his Officers for the year, the following being selected:—Blundell S.W., Orme J.W. (in the absence of Bro. Orme Bro. Thompson P.M. was invested in his stead), Foxall P.M. Treasurer, Land P.M. Secretary, Coles S.D., Ayres J.D., Pallen I.G., Meacock D. of C., Seymour Smith Organist, Lassam Steward, Woodstock Tyler. The ceremony connected with the installation was then completed by Bro. Hume, after which the ballot was taken for two gentlemen who were candidates for initiation. In each case the result was unanimous in their favour, and they were introduced and regularly initiated into the the secrets of the Order. The name of a gentleman who desired to be admitted to the Lodge was given in, and then the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge. We must not omit to mention that previous to initiating the two gentlemen already referred to, Bro. Radclyffe invested his predecessor with a P.M.'s jewel. In doing so he expressed the delight he experienced in being called upon to perform this ceremony. Bro. Speedy had deserved well at the hands of the members of the Lodge, and he was particularly gratified in presenting the token of their esteem and regard. Bro. Speedy briefly thanked the members for the jewel which he hoped to wear for many years, and which he should never disgrace. The brethren then repaired to the banquet room where a first-rate repast awaited them. At the conclusion thereof, Bro. Radclyffe gave the usual loyal toasts, and then proposed that of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers past and present. With this toast he coupled the name of Bro. J. L. Mather, apologising to Bro. F. Binckes for passing over him, as he intended later in the evening calling upon that brother. Bro. Mather considered himself placed in a somewhat peculiar position, as the W.M. had put him and the Provincial Officers generally on a par with the Grand Officers. However, he responded to the toast with pleasure. Personally, and he believed he might say on behalf of all the other representatives of the toast who were present, he desired to tender thanks for the reception that had been accorded them that night. It had been a great treat to be present. The next toast on the list the W.M. considered a most important one for Masons in general, and their own Lodge in particular, it was that of two of the youngest members of the Fraternity—Bros. F. A. Abrahams and H. Poston—the initiates of the evening. They were always pleased to see initiates, especially when they were stamped as of the right sort. If they would only aspire to the Master's chair they would do all that was needed of them as brother Masons, as he considered it impossible for any one to aim at that position without they had Freemasonry at heart. Bro. Abrahams was the first to respond. He had great satisfaction in having been admitted as one of the Craft; it had long been his desire to join Freemasonry, but from various reasons he had not done so until then. He had been greatly impressed with the ceremony he had gone through, and felt greater respect than ever for the noble institution. He thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had received him, and also for the hearty reception they had accorded to the toast. Bro. Poston also tendered his thanks to the brethren. Bro. Radclyffe then gave the toast of the Charities—the toast he considered the most important in Freemasonry. They all knew Freemasonry was essentially a Charitable Institution. Charity was taught in the first ceremony, and adhered to throughout the work. Although they could hardly call the Institutions founded in London a part of Freemasonry, yet they were so intimately connected with it as to be—as he trusted they always would be—inseparable from it, and therefore it was that they delighted in making special reference to them. The Crystal Palace Lodge was well known for its support to these Institutions; it seldom allowed a year to pass without working for either one of the three, and sometimes sent up more than one brother to represent it at the Festivals of the year. They were endeavouring to make themselves Vice-Presidents of the Boys' School, and in order to render this an accomplished fact as early as possible he would offer himself as a Steward for 1881, if the brethren would promise to do their best to support his list. Bro. Frederick Binckes Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys desired first to express his thanks to the Worshipful Master for having proposed this toast at so early an hour instead of leaving it as was usually the case until most of the brethren had retired. The Charities were so well known and supported in the Crystal Palace Lodge that he doubted whether it was possible for him to say anything unknown to the members, or bring forward any arguments which had not been worked upon by the brethren who had from time to time served the office of Steward. He believed that the Craft had never known a more zealous worker in the cause of Charity than their Worshipful Master, Bro. Radclyffe; if he succeeded in the work he had in hand—that of establishing a supplementary Charity fund—he would accomplish one of the proudest projects it could be possible for a man to conceive. He felt sure that he would accomplish it;—if good wishes availed anything he was secure on that point. Bro. Binckes hoped the Steward who would represent the Lodge at the coming Festival of the Boys' School would be well supported; it was only by all uniting and giving all the aid they could that success could be secured. He failed to imagine what would have been his position had he not met so many friends—he could number them from all parts of the country—who had worked with him in carrying out the proudest wish of his heart. It was a great delight to him to mix with the brethren on such occasions as the present. Whatever might be said about Visiting Secretaries, he for one would maintain that one personal visit to a Lodge was worth more than any number of circulars. If on a visit like that he was enabled to enlist the support of one or two, he was well satisfied. He would conclude by asking the initiates of the evening not to gauge their admission into Freemasonry by the pleasures of the night, but to learn that there were other associations intimately connected with the Order. Bro. Speedy proposed the next toast—that of the Worshipful Master, in a few well-chosen words. Bro. Radclyffe, in reply, said he felt very deeply the kind way in which he had been received. Bro. Binckes had alluded to him as a worker in charity; well, he must admit that the furtherance of Masonic charity had been his aim ever since he entered the Craft. Having undertaken the starting of a special fund for the assistance of Masonic pupils, he assured the brethren he should work hard to bring it to a successful issue, which he also desired to do as regarded his position of W.M. of the Crystal Palace Lodge. The toast of the Visitors was next given; Bro. Terry of Lodge No. 3 and Bro. Ball of 202, replying. Bro. Terry returned the hearties thanks of the guests for the reception that had been accorded them. Every Mason he said who had heard the name of Radclyffe would agree with him that the Crystal Palace Lodge now had a most hard-working and zealous brother at its head. The toast of the Installing and other Past Masters came next, to which Bro. Hume replied. He had hoped when he finished

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the installation ceremony that his labours for the evening were finished, but it seemed otherwise, and he was extremely pleased that his efforts were appreciated. To the toast of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers of the Lodge, Bros. Foxall, Land, and Blundell replied, after which the toast of the Press was given and coupled with the name of W. W. Morgan jun. That brother having replied, the Tyler was summoned, and his toast concluded the programme of the evening. The tables were most tastefully decorated with flowers, arranged in Masonic devices, under the direction of the W.M. Bro. Dick Radclyffe.

WILLIAM PRESTON CHAPTER, No. 766.

THE regular convocation and installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Thursday, the 27th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Comps. Dr. W. H. Kempster M.E.Z., J. T. Gibson H., Dr. C. Cutmore J., H. Garrod P.Z. Treasurer, W. Worrell P.Z. Scribe E., Braun P.Z., and a numerous attendance of Companions. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Comp. J. T. Gibson was installed as M.E.Z., Comp. Dr. C. R. Cutmore as H., and Comp. J. T. Hiscox as J. The three ceremonies were perfectly and impressively rendered, and the Installing Principal well deserved the encomiums passed on him by the Companions and Visitors. The M.E.Z. then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Comps. H. Garrod P.Z. Treasurer, W. Worrell P.Z. Scribe E., J. T. Pilditch S.N., W. J. Miller P.S., E. B. Broomhall First Assist., J. Sinclair Second Assist., Miller P.Z. S.W., Reinhardt Janitor. Among the Visitors were Comps. Edwin Lott 507, W. Poore H. 186, Newton 766, J. Osborne S.E. 1602, W. F. Lamonby Z. 119 P.G.A.S. Cumberland and Westmoreland, H. M. Levy P.Z. 188. A very elegant P.Z.'s jewel was presented to the retiring P.Z. Comp. Dr. Kempster, for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair during his year of office, and in token of the regard and esteem in which he is held by the members of the Chapter. Comp. Dr. Kempster P.Z. gave notice of motion that in future the subscription of country members be fixed at 21s, and the Visitor's fee at 10s. Hearty good wishes were given, and the Chapter was closed until October. A very excellent banquet and dessert was provided by Brother E. H. Rand; the newly installed M.E.Z. very genially presided. This is a Banner Chapter, and the banner of the M.E.Z., beautifully emblazoned, was placed at the back of his chair. After grace, "For these and all Thy mercies," the usual toast, The Queen and R.A. Masonry, was given, and the National Anthem sung, the solo verses being rendered by Madame Worrell, Miss Annie Matthews, and Bro. Turle Lee. After the second toast, "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was sung, and then Madame Worrell sang "The Venetian Boat Song," by Jules Blumenthal, eliciting hearty and well deserved applause. The M.E.Z., with great pleasure, had then to propose the toast of the new Companion, who had at a former meeting been exalted in the Chapter; on that occasion he (Comp. Gibson) had had no opportunity of proposing his health, but he would do so then, with all the kind feelings of the Chapter. Miss Annie Matthews here sang with great taste, "Rhymes and Roses," and then Comp. Jarman responded to the toast. After a selection from "Traviata," by Bro. Turle Lee, Comp. Dr. Kempster I.P.Z., in a very humorous speech, proposed the toast of the M.E.Z. The duties of First Principal were many and arduous, but Comp. Gibson was one who would successfully carry out every duty required of him. He (Comp. Kempster) would ask them to drink the toast as it deserved. The M.E.Z. said he could hardly find words to express his thanks to Comp. Kempster for his very kind sentiments. As he had remarked, Comp. Kempster had initiated him into Freemasonry, and that but a few years ago, and to him he was indebted for many kindnesses. To the Companions also he felt under deep obligation for their hearty reception of the toast. Before resuming his seat he had to propose the health of Comp. Kempster I.P.Z., who was an ornament to the Chapter; his knowledge of the Ritual, his kindness to the members, had endeared him to them all, and he (the M.E.Z.) hoped that for many years he might be spared to be among them. Madame Worrell and Miss Annie Mathews here sang "I know a bank," and then Comp. Kempster responded to the toast; he had to thank them; their unanimity of feeling augured hopefully for the future prosperity of the Chapter. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Comps. Lamonby, Osborn, E. Lott, and H. M. Levy. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the P.Z.'s. Comp. Worrell was the first who occupied the chair; Comp. Garrod, whose rendering of the ceremony it was a pleasure to listen to, Comp. Kempster who during his year of office had filled the chair to their satisfaction, and Comp. Braun they all knew; each was worthy the estimation he was held in by the Chapter. Comp. E. M. Lott played "In the Highlands," a selection of Scotch airs arranged by himself. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the H. and J., and then the ever popular "Singing Lesson" was artistically sung by Madame Worrell and Bro. Turle Lee. Comps. Dr. Cutmore and Hiscox severally responded, each expressing the pleasure he felt in having been elected to fill office, and hoping, in due course, they would arrive at the summit of their ambition, viz., the chair of M.E.Z., now so ably filled by Comp. Gibson. The toast of the installing Master, Comp. H. Garrod, who had so well rendered the ceremony of installation, was next brought to the notice of the Comps.; all wished him to be among them for many years. Comp. Dr. Kempster fully endorsed all that had been said by the Z. It was his privilege to act as installing Principal, but he was pleased to see how well and ably Comp. Garrod had fulfilled his task. Comp. Garrod said although it was a great pleasure for him to conduct the ceremony, it would give him infinite gratification to see younger members perform it, and he would do all he could to assist them in so doing. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of Comp. Newton P.Z., who was away recruiting his health; all hoped he would soon return, greatly benefitted by his trip. The toast of the P.S. and Junior Officers followed, and the Janitor's toast closed a very agreeable and harmonious evening.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND.

York College.—On Wednesday, 2nd inst., the members of this College met at Thirsk, by invitation of the W.M. (Bro. W. Coltman) and brethren of the Falcon Lodge of Freemasons, and spent a most enjoyable day in the locality, which bristles with objects of archæological interest, as well as great natural beauties. Arrangements were made for ladies to accompany the party, and accordingly the members of the College from York and Hull, accompanied by several ladies, left York in a saloon carriage, and at Thirsk station were met by the members from Harrogate, Leeds, Bradford, Darlington, &c., and were conveyed in carriages to the Masonic Hall, where they were heartily welcomed by the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren of the Falcon Lodge, No. 1416. After a short interval the party took their seats in open carriages and proceeded along a very picturesque route past Thirkleby Park, the seat of Sir William Gallwey, through a portion of the Vale of Mowbray to Coxwold, a pretty little village adjoining Newburgh Park, the seat of Sir George Wombwell. Here a halt was made, and the church was inspected, under the courteous guidance of the Vicar, the Rev. G. Scott. The church has a fine perpendicular western octagonal tower and an open parapet and gargoyles, and in the chancel are some remarkably fine monuments of the Bellasyse family, Earls of Fauconberg. At the entrance to the village is Shandy Hall, once the residence of the Rev. Lawrence Sterne. A descriptive paper was read by Frater T. J. Wilkinson, and the party partook of lunch at the Fauconberg Arms, after which Frater T. J. Wilkinson read a second paper on Byland Abbey, an interesting ruin in the neighbourhood. The journey was then resumed, and in a few minutes the carriages were drawn up in front of the ruins of this old Cistercian monastery. A sharp rainfall having taken place, the ground was not in a condition to be traversed, and the party had to content themselves with being driven round the ruins without any minute investigation of their details. The ruins are exceedingly beautiful, and possess many interesting peculiarities. The House was founded in 1177. The west end has the remains of an enormous circular window, and has three doorways, showing specimens of different periods of architecture. Over the central doorway are nine elegant lancet arches, three of which are pierced. The ruins are situated in a secluded and fertile valley, through which meanders a pebbly trout stream, and the shadow of the Hambleton Hills adds to the quiet solemnity of the scene. After a brief pause the drive was resumed, and the base of the Hambleton Range was skirted, passing the "White Horse" (a gigantic representation of a horse cut on the steep side of one of the hills in the chalk), and the villages of Oldstead, Bagby, and Kilburn, commanding a magnificent view of thirty miles' radius, over the vale of Mowbray, arriving once more at Thirsk at three p.m. Here the party were met, and the ladies under the guidance of the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Camidge P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain, visited the beautiful church, lately restored at a large outlay by Mr. Street. It is a magnificient structure, perhaps the finest perpendicular church in Yorkshire, and is said to have been built of the stone which formed the castle of the Mowbray family in Thirsk. An organ recital was also given by Bro. Walton the Organist. In the meantime the College was opened soon after 3 p.m., at the Masonic Hall by the following members:—R.W. Fra. T. B. Whytehead VIII Chief Adept., W. Fra. J. S. Cumberland VII Celebrant., Rev. W. C. Lukis VII Suffragan, Rev. James Blake V Prov. Secretary General, T. J. Wilkinson VI Primus A., W. Rowley VI Secundus A., E. P. Peterson V Tertius A., T. M. Richey III Quartus A., C. L. Mason V Conductor of Novices, J. Maffey IV as Guardian of the Temple, A. B. Turner II as Torch Bearer, and other Fratres. Successful ballots were taken for nine Aspirants, and Bros. S. Middleton P.M. (Scarborough), A. C. Bamlett P.M. (Thirsk), J. C. Thompson (Hull), T. Thompson P.M. (Hull), J. M. Meek P.M. (Darlington), J. G. Atkinson P.M. (Selby), and I. F. Taylor (York) were admitted to the M.C. The Report of the Byelaws Committee was received and adopted. The W. Suffragan read a learned paper on "Some Modern Errors in the Elucidation of the Ancient Tenets of the Rosicrucian Order," and was awarded the thanks of the College. Votes of thanks were also passed to Fra. T. J. Wilkinson for his admirable arrangements for the day's enjoyment, and also to the W.M. and brethren of the Falcon Lodge for their great kindness and courteous hospitality. The M.C. was then dissolved, and the Fratres rejoined the brethren of the Falcon Lodge and the ladies at the Three Tuns Hotel, where an excellent tea was provided, and at eight o'clock the visitors took their departure by rail for their various destinations. The catering for the day was admirably managed by Bro. Lory, of the Three Tuns Hotel, Thirsk.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road. Present:—Bros. Steward W.M., Brittain S.W., Hammond J.W., Smith Treasurer, Hand Secretary, Clark S.D., Chitson J.D., How I.G., Hogg Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Christian, Wooding, &c. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Smith acting as candidate. Bro. Christian worked the first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture. Bro. Brittain will preside next week.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Dyspepsia, Jaundice.—These complaints are the results of a disordered liver, which secretes bile in quality or quantity incapable of digesting food. Digestion requires a free flow of healthy bile, to ensure which Holloway's Pills and Ointment have long been famous, far exhausting every other medicine. Unsuitable food, irregularity of living, unhealthy climates, and other causes are constantly throwing the liver into disorder, but that important organ can, under all circumstances, soon be regulated and healthily adjusted by Holloway's Pills and Ointment which act directly upon its vital secretion. The Ointment rubbed on the skin penetrates immediately to the liver, whose blood and nerves it rectifies. One trial is all that is needed; a cure will soon follow.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

SATURDAY, 5th JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1213—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 7th JUNE.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Room, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1284—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
R. C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 8th JUNE.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
167—St. John, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Shoe, Soho-up
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
1314—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1569—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R. A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M. M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R. C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 9th JUNE.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Popsin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R. C.—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
604—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn. (Instruction.)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1084—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1312—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1336—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Instruction.)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
R. A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
M. M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 10th JUNE.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction.)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
349—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 183—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.

FRIDAY, 11th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
786—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Pelgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1612—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
158—Ark and Cubier, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
652—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 196—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 12th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1097—Loyalty.
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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—The regular Convocation was held on Monday, the 31st instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, Citr. Comps. P. Dickinson M.E.Z., L. Lazarus H., W. H. Gulliford J., N. Baum S.E., E. P. Albert P.Z. as Treasurer, Buderus S.N., H. P. Isaac P.S.; P.Z.'s S. M. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, J. Lazarus, W. Littaur, M. J. Emanuel; Companions Dewsnap, Benjamin, J. Pasta, Hawkins, W. G. Jennings, Haines, Brall, Silver, Mann, Hobinstock, Bockbinder. After preliminaries Comps. Rev. S. H. Harris and Alfred Henochsberg J. Friendship 241, Liverpool, were elected joining members. The election for Principals and Officers then took place. Comp. L. Lazarus was unanimously elected Z., W. H. Gulliford H., H. P. Isaac J., J. Lazarus Treasurer, N. Baum S.E., Buderus S.N., I. P. Cohen P.S., Hawkins 1st Assistant, J. Davis 2nd Assistant, Smith Janitor. Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z. proposed, and Comp. W. Littaur seconded, that a sum of two guineas be voted from the funds of the Chapter, to form a nucleus for presenting the M.E.Z. with a testimonial for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair. Hearty good wishes were given, and the Chapter was closed until November. The Companions sat down to a sumptuous banquet provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. W. Littaur P.Z., in proposing the health of the M.E.Z., said he had great pleasure in proposing this toast; at the same time it was with regret, because this would be the last time Comp. Dickinson would occupy the chair. He (Comp. Littaur) hoped at their next meeting Comp. Dickinson would be amongst the P.Z.'s. Every office he had served admirably, and had fulfilled all their expectations. The M.E.Z. thanked Comp. Littaur for his kind expressions, and also the Companions for their enthusiastic reception. He would always have the honour and reputation of the Chapter at heart. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the M.E.Z. elect; all knew how well he had discharged his duties in the various offices he had filled; their future Z. was one able to conduct the duties of the chair. This compliment having been acknowledged, the Z. proposed the toast of the Visitors, and Comp. J. T. Gibson M.E.Z. 766 returned thanks. The toast of the P.Z.'s was next given, and Comp. S. M. Lazarus responded. The Z., in proposing the Junior Officers, referred to the able assistance rendered by Comp. N. Baum S.E. to the Chapter. Comp. Dickinson also complimented the S.N. In speaking of the qualifications of the P.S., whose working is a credit to any Chapter, he congratulated him on being elected to the office of J. Comps. Baum, Buderus, and H. P. Isaac severally responded. The Janitor's toast was then given, and the Companions separated. Among the Visitors were Comps. J. T. Gibson Z. 766, B. Lyon 753, G. H. Hunter 1471, F. Eckstein 1196.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 1st June. Bros. Smith W.M., Rawe S.W., Watson J.W., Myers S.D., Keable J.D., Day I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. Andrews, White, Sadler, &c. The Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Worsley candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Rawe was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Musto brought forward the question of the summer outing; after much discussion it was resolved to adjourn till Tuesday next, when a committee will be formed to make arrangements. We hope the brethren will assemble, so as to discuss the resolutions that will have to be considered.

Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.—On Monday, 24th May, at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst Road, Hackney. Present:—Bros. McMillan W.M., McDowall S.W., Jones J.W., Fieldwick S.D., Morling J.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, C. Lorkin Preceptor; also Bros. Wallington, Finch, Blackburn, and Wyatt Visitor. After preliminaries, Bro. Wyatt was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Finch was presented to the W.M. to receive from his hands the benefit of installation. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Finch was regularly installed into the chair of K.S. in a very able manner by Bro. McMillan. Bro. Morling was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. McDowall was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C., on Thursday, 27th May. Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed in a very perfect manner by Bro. Saul P.M. and Preceptor, in the absence of Bro. Poore, who was unavoidably absent through an important engagement. There was a good gathering of the members, and the following visiting brethren were unanimously elected members:—J. King 1623, C. Everest 1361, J. D. Arnold 1586, E. Mitchell W.M. 720, C. J. Bivand 720, F. Stofford 1586, Elliot 1681.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 27th May. Bros. G. Coop W.M., Bellerby S.W., W. Seward J.W., J. Wells S.D., E. J. Acworth J.D., M. W. Wyville I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, C. Andrews P.M., J. R. Fernee, H. Stephens, E. C. Porter, E. T. Brown, C. Mitchell, A. Jones, F. Millsom, J. J. Clarke. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Mitchell candidate. The ceremony of passing was next rehearsed, Bro. E. T. Brown candidate. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Bellerby was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, Twickenham.—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. Present:—Bros. Henry Lovegrove W.M., Geo. Clarke S.W., W. H. Barber Sec., C. C. Cruikshanks S.D., T. J. Perks J.D., W. Heelis D.C., W. T. Dunkley I.G., T. G. W. Wood W.S., Harrison Acting Tyler; Past Masters Bros. H. A. Dubois P.J.G.W. (Prov. G. Scribe E. Arch) I.P.M., M. S. Larlham P.M. 1216, 1539. Bros. Holliday, Elliott, J. Inston, Johnson, St. Leger. Visitors—Bros. Chas. Wellard S.W. 1319, Wenst P.M. 753, W. R. Phillips P.M. 975, Fox 857. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for two joining members, Bros. A. G. White and F. H. Parker, and also for a candidate for initiation, Mr. G. H. Green, who was introduced and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The W.M. was then informed that the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. F. Burdett, was in the ante-room, and directions were given for the proper reception of the distinguished visitor, who was accorded a hearty welcome, and duly saluted in ancient form. The W.M. then proceeded to pass Bros. Johnson and St. Leger to the second degree, and afterwards raised Bro. Elliott. The proceedings, which lasted nearly three hours, were then brought to a close, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Twenty-three members and visitors having discussed the good things provided by Bro. Bayliss, the usual toasts were duly honoured. The W.M., in proposing the health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, expressed the pleasure felt by himself and all the members of the Lodge at his kindness in attending on that occasion. The R.W. P.G.M. thanked the brethren for their hearty welcome, and expressed his satisfaction at the careful and impressive way in which the W.M. had performed his duties, and the efficient working of the Officers. Bro. H. A. Dubois I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who in responding urged upon the brethren the duty of supporting the Charities, and announced that he would represent the Lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. J. A. Elliott, a member of the Lodge, who had that evening taken the third degree, handed to the W.M. an original acrostic on the name of the Lodge:—

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The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to an end. Those brethren who had the good fortune to be present will remember as a red-letter day the visit of the Prov. Grand Master, who is so highly esteemed in Middlesex, and, indeed, throughout the Masonic world.

St. George's Lodge, No. 1723.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 26th May, at Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at six p.m. Bros. James Heywood W.M., W. Blain S.W., W. Court J.W., G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. G.S.D. as Sec., Robt. Latham S.D., John Barrett J.D., R. B. Tong Steward, Alexander Cosgrave as I.G., J. W. Roiley Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. J. H. Greenhalgh, Thos. Morris, Thos. Entwisle P. Prov. G.S.W., James Richardson; Visitors—Bros. T. H. Hooper P. Prov. G. Treas., Parkinson S.W. 44, and M. Bleakley. The minutes having been confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Arden was examined as to his proficiency as an E.A. Bro. Entwisle passed Bro. Arden to the degree of F.C., and explained the working tools, after which a portion of the Ancient Charges was read. Lodge closed at 7.30, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

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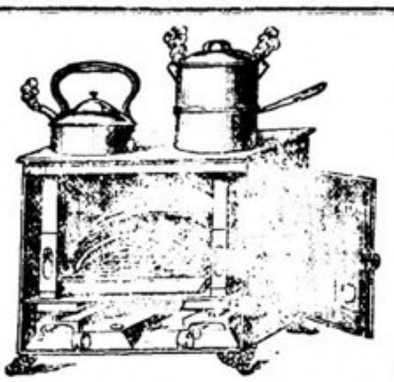

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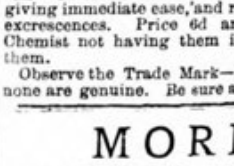

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ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

AS will be seen from a report we publish elsewhere in our columns, a meeting of the Interim Committee of the above Fund was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening. The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom presided, and among those present in support of his Lordship were Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., P.G. Master of Berks and Bucks, the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., P.G.M.M.M. Cheshire and North Wales, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Interim Treasurer, P.G. Chaplain, and Dep. P.G.M. Suffolk, the Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G. Chaplain and Dep. P.G.M. Surrey, and other brethren. The objects of the Fund were determined on this occasion, and from the chaos of suggestions which at the outset flowed in on worthy Bro. Dick Radclyffe considerably, it has been found possible to evolve something like order. It has now been determined—subject, of course, to the approval of the general body of patrons and supporters—that the objects of the Pupils' Assistance Fund shall include the provision of assistance to deserving Boys and Girls on leaving our Schools. This assistance is to take the form of procuring situations, advancing small amounts towards the purchase of tools and trade appliances, and towards outfits as well as obtaining apprenticeships, &c. It has been further resolved that the administration of the Fund shall be in the hands of a Committee formed out of the existing Committees of the two Schools, but with power to add to their number, and that it shall devolve on the Committee thus formed to select those cases which are held to be most deserving and most in need of help. It is further laid down that an annual audit shall be held, and a report be presented to the subscribers; while, to make it clear to the Masonic world that the Founders have no intention whatever of establishing a fourth Charity, it is distinctly announced that the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund will be wholly and solely supplementary in its character.

It will be seen from the above particulars that the *Vis et origo Fundi* is, as was originally announced and accepted by most brethren, retained. The multifarious suggestions, which appear to have puzzled a good many worthy members of the Fraternity, have now resolved themselves into a simple programme. It is not, and we take upon ourselves to affirm it never was, intended that this should be anything else than an Assistance Fund. It was never contemplated that its administration should have tacked on to it the "blessings of a paid Secretariat." The expenses will be little more than nominal, and the chances are that printing and postage will form the most considerable items. With a clear field and no favour, and the distinct understanding now officially made public that this is purely a subsidiary, and not a rival fund to our existing institutions, there is every reason to believe that the idea originated by Lord Rosslyn will be acted upon most successfully, and that those of our little folk who from necessity have been driven to seek eleemosynary aid from our Charities will have further assistance rendered them at the most critical period of their career, that is, when they are on the point of embarking in the grand struggle for an honest and honourable livelihood. We heartily endorse the action of the Committee, and we consider its members are entitled to the warm thanks of the whole Masonic fraternity. The establishment of this Fund, as Lord Rosslyn very appropriately suggested, is the completion of our educational edifice. Hitherto we have given our boys and girls a most liberal education, but have done little towards enabling them to utilise the advantages of that education. Now, at least in those cases where such further assistance is proved to be necessary, we shall give deserving youngsters such help as may be necessary towards enabling them to utilise the benefits it has been our pride and pleasure to bestow on them. A very little goes a long way in the direction we have indicated, and it will be greatly to the credit of Lords Lathom and Rosslyn, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, and the energetic Dick Radclyffe, to bear in mind for the future that to their initiative or their co-operation the success of this most desirable Fund is mainly due. A little Latin now and again is excusable. So say we, and we know all good Masons will cordially join with us in saying—*Hoc ulinam semper floreat Auxilium!*

THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

OUR holiday season has begun, though not under the most favourable auspices as regards the weather. But we must not grumble because the merry month of June has not been so far all we could desire. We have had a long spell of dry weather, so long a spell, indeed, that the ground had become hard and dry, and sorely needed refreshment. Thus the rain that has fallen with greater or less abundance during the past few days must have been gratefully received—most gratefully received—by husbandmen; and we who dwell in London will reap the benefit in the shape of a more bounteous and therefore cheaper supply of vegetable stuff. Thus, though the business of perambulating London in rainy weather is not of the most agreeable character, we can well afford to grin and bear so small a trouble. Moreover, as the rest that brethren take from Lodge business usually lasts well into the autumn, there is ample time before us for the meteorological authorities to put themselves in good trim and do the handsome thing by us poor mortals, and we hope they will have the kindness to bear in mind that we had no summer weather at all last year, and will give us a double share this.

But whither does all this tend? Why this inane preamble about the weather? Well, worthy friends and brethren, we are in the first place doing no more than all our fellow-countrymen do pretty well every day of their lives. Our climate is so fickle that, when two Englishmen meet, it matters little if it be in the house or abroad in the busy streets, the first remark they address to each other, when the usual greetings have passed, has reference to the weather. In fact, in some cases this is the length, breadth, and depth of the conversation they indulge in,—this, the Eastern question, and the last new opera or concert. Then we are just now interested in the Clerk of the Weather's arrangements. As well might we have no summer holidays at all, if they are such as we were favoured with in 1879. Those who have been toiling through the year are beginning to think of the time they can devote to laying in the needful supply of ozone. We may seek this at some inland resort, or we may hurry off to the seaside and set to work bracing ourselves up for a further period of labour. But holiday making, whether inland or by the sea, is miserable work, when "Jupiter Pluvius" is in the ascendant, and "Phœbus Apollo" sulks nearly all day long behind heavy banks of clouds instead of bestowing on us the light of his

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countenance—we hope this display of classic knowledge, and the use of inverted commas will not be set down as an excess of vanity on our part. What is the good of having read the Latin classics unless we occasionally air in public the knowledge we have gained? However, as we have just now observed, a wet and sunless holiday is rather dull, and we hope therefore we shall be soon enjoying ourselves under the best possible conditions of wind and weather. We hope too that our worthy friends, whether they journey north, south, east, or west, will not only obtain the rest they need from the cares and responsibilities of business, but will find themselves invigorated by the fresh air and the abundant exercise. One little piece of advice we venture to offer, and we have had considerable experience in holiday-making in various countries. People must not run away with the idea that much benefit is derived from long and frequent journeys by rail. What hardworking people stand most in need of is, rest and change of scene, but the former especially; and the man who lies on his back in some field basking in the sunshine acts far more sensibly than he who rises betimes of a morning, rushes off to the nearest station, and takes train some hundred miles and back, feeds incontinently, has a passing breath of fresh air, and then returns home late, quite worn out by the exertions he has put forth in order to make himself believe he has been enjoying himself. It is, of course, something to catch a momentary glimpse of the green fields, as the train is whirled along to its destination, but something more than this is needed in order thoroughly to renovate the system, and enable us once again to resume our duties successfully.

But the chief purpose we had in view in writing about the holiday season has yet to be achieved. Our remarks have been general in their character up to the present point, nor have we done much else than suggest that all of us are beginning to want a respite from labour. Just now, moreover, our Lodges are busying themselves about their annual excursions, and are probably planning where they shall go, what they shall do, and what it will cost them. On the first two points it is unnecessary we should offer any advice. Within easy reach of London, and it matters not in what direction one goes, there are delightful spots where a pleasant day may be spent. There is the river for those who like a sail, or a run to Gravesend, Sheerness, Southend, &c. Kew and Richmond and the neighbourhood are reached in comparatively a few minutes. In fact, no matter which way we turn, we need have no difficulty in finding a place to enjoy ourselves in each and every of the home counties. Nor is it difficult to fix upon the character of the recreation; but a more important point is to determine what shall be the cost of the day's excursion. We do not believe in niggardliness in connection with pleasuring. Far better is it to remain at home, if as regards cost it is considered unwise or inexpedient to leave a small margin for unforeseen circumstances. At the same time, as travelling is now so cheap, there is no earthly reason why a day's "outing" should be made so hot that brethren of moderate means must decline to participate in the enjoyment. By all means let those who have plenty and to spare spend freely; but all are not born millionaires, and the expenses of a day's excursion should be regulated to suit the pecuniary possibilities of the many, not those of the wealthy. With a good many people, the outlay of five pounds for a single excursion is matter for serious consideration; yet there are not a few of our summer fêtes where a brother accompanied by (say) his wife and daughters would find very little left of the sum we have named at the journey's end. There might also be some excuse for the costlier programme if it secured a greater degree of pleasure, but it is well known that some of the most delightful trips are at the same time the most inexpensive. Nothing, for instance, can possibly be more enjoyable than a land or water pic-nic, yet there is no reason why it need cost more than a good family dinner, apart, of course, from the expenses of travel. Fresh air in a picturesque locality, and a liberal supply of creature comforts, are the chief constituents of a good "outing," and these, with railway or carriage fares, need not involve very serious expenditure.

We commend these remarks to the notice of our brethren just at this time, as most of them are doubtless looking forward to a little pleasurable recreation during the coming summer.

THE ANTIQUITY OF LAYING CORNER STONES WITH RELIGIOUS AND MYSTICAL CEREMONIES.

By R.W. CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY.

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I PROPOSE to lecture on the Antiquity of the laying of corner stones for public buildings with religious and mystical ceremonies. In doing this, I shall chiefly call your attention to late discoveries and translations from Egyptian and Assyrian Inscriptions which have evaded the ravages of time for several thousands of years, and whose recent translation by scholars has let in a light on the distant past of the Masonic Craft as extraordinary as it is interesting to all Masonic students.

These records, carved in stone, or burnt into terra-cotta cylinders, are still extant, and living witnesses of the facts they state, and may not be denied. You know that the Grand Lodges of Freemasonry, certainly for the past century and a half, have been in the habit of laying the corner stones of edifices of a public, religious, or benevolent character with peculiar ceremonies. The history of this usage has not, that I am aware of, been hitherto explored; but I shall lay before you evidence of the antiquity of that usage, of undoubted authenticity as far as it goes.

Properly viewed, these new facts seem to me important in the history of Masonry, whether considered as an art or as an association of men. For the Masonic student to weigh well what the stones have spoken, a few facts should be borne in mind.

1st. We are to compare our usages, forms, and knowledge, with those in vogue among the Pharaohs,—not theirs with ours.

2nd. That the Master Mason of antiquity was the Architect and Draftsman in Architecture, combining these with his other practical functions, until after A.D. 1550, when Palladio began to set the example of separating the functions of Architect from those of a Master Mason.

Whilst the Freemasons were roaming through Europe Cathedral building, never permanently resident anywhere, they were able to preserve their liberty, independence and class organization, because the highest and the lowest in brains, wealth and skill clung together and made common cause against the assaults of feudal arrogance and monarchical cupidity. It is generally conceded that men of brains, priests, nobles and kings were attracted to and admitted within their Lodges. In no other way than by the aid of such protection and fellowship can you account for the long and successful fight they maintained in England against the statutes prohibiting their annual assemblies and general chapters, their oaths, and agreements of initiation. It was only when further violation was made felony, and modifications had enabled masters to avoid the statute of wages by contracting in gross, or by the piece, that the local laws appear to have controlled these strong organizations; and traditions made it probable that this control was rather in enforcing greater secrecy than in actual suppression.

But when those who aspired to master the highest branches of the arts of Architecture, exulting in the art-halo of the Renaissance, threw off their connection with the practical grades, disowned their fellowship in the Craft, and deriding the old Gothic art, devoted themselves to the Palladian, the unbalanced craft seemed likely to fall into obscurity. The public rapidly forgot that the old glories of the art were the master mason's work, and lost sight of the noble and intellectual distinctions which had separated the Frankmason from the art and calling of the wall builder and the bricklayer.

A few lingering Lodges of Freemasonry continued through the seventeenth century in England and Scotland, admitting gentlemen, artists, and other citizens to their fellowship, dimly preserving the traditions of their more glorious past, until in the time of Wren occurred that revival of Lodge Freemasonry with whose history we are all familiar. Knowing practical Masonry only as it exists in its last metamorphosis, a respectable number of our students have questioned whether this revival was an attempt to embody and preserve fading traditions of the craft, and its former organization, or whether its cherished traditions were the invention of some enthusiasts. No man has a right to deny the truth of history because he is ignorant. It is a Masonic duty to seek light as to Landmarks, that we may live up to them. I ask intelligent and bright Masons like you, when my story is told, to judge of the tenacity with which traditions and usages will cling in the memory and habits of a Craft descending thousands of years until all recollection of their origin is lost in oblivion.

LIGHT FROM THE STONES.—Very recently this age has learned how far into the past can be traced the usage of laying corner stones with important ceremonies, and the mystic reverence popularly attached to them.

The allusions in the Bible to the laying of corner stones are not unfrequent, and in the New Testament Christ is symbolized as the corner stone.

Job is held by scholars to be the oldest book of the Bible, and there we read that the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, asking, "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?" and bid him to declare, if he had understanding, "who laid the corner stone thereof, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" (King James version.)

These sublime words simply paraphrase the mystic reverence which in the adjacent civilized states of that time hung around the ceremonial of the laying of the corner stone.

Masonic art began earlier in Egypt than in any country whose records are preserved to us; there the oldest specimens of Masonic art yet known to man are still extant; on these ancient edifices Craftsmen have carved those hieroglyphics, which students agree are the beginning, the infancy of the art of writing. The earliest of these inscriptions are more than forty centuries old, and for the past fif-

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teen or eighteen centuries no man until within our day has been able to translate the records they bear. By aid of the key which Champollion discovered, the persistent labour of scholars has at last uncovered the contents of these records of the past.

Many matters of curious interest to Masonic students are thus freshly brought to our knowledge.

PATAH.—It may well surprise any one how closely the Masonic art was interwoven with religion in the time of their early dynasties of Egypt. As early as 4400 B.C., the leading God in their system of worship, *Patah*, was styled "the Holy Architect Patah!" In like technology and allusions the high priest of the country was called "the Foreman."

In this connection it will not excite any surprise to be told that amongst the trees sacred to this holy Architect of the Universe was reckoned at Memphis the acacia, nor to learn that there were two chief feasts to him in Memphis, viz.: on the first of the month Tybi and Mechir.

The office of "Foreman," or High Priest of Patah, was filled often by the princes of royal blood. There was also the office of Architect, or Master Mason, which demanded the highest intelligence, and the trained, skilful hand, and was the occupation of the noblest men at the king's court. "Pharaoh, architects, the mur-ket, who were often of the number of the King's sons, and grandsons, were held in high honour, and the favour of their lord gave them his own daughters out of the women's house as wives." 1 Brugsch, 47.

These architects, you will soon see, were not mere palace minions or political functionaries performing their duties by deputy, but were actual Grand Masters of the arts and points, tools and sciences of the Craft, and guardians of its rights and privileges.

In the Twelfth Dynasty, about 2400 years B.C., we meet with inscriptions of the reign of Usurtasen I., describing a Council held in the third year of his reign, about building a new Temple to the Sun, at which the king orders the work to proceed; and the inscription then describes the solemn laying of the corner stone, undertaken by the king himself.

In this reign, Mentu Hotep was the chief Architect to the king.

In another connection I shall quote his description of the duties of his office, and of his own manual skill in the royal art, in which he evidently took a commendable pride.

CORNER STONES.—The laying of the corner stone of a new public building appears to have embraced a mystic religious appeal to the Holy Architect of the Universe. The Master Masons were, like the land surveyors, members of the priestly caste in the organization of the Egyptian social system, and the King was chief of this caste, as well as of the soldier caste. We shall see, in following the quotations, that not only was he by indirection the head and chief of the masons, but that he was personally instructed and taught the art and mystery of the Masonic craft, both in its practical and scientific departments, and presided at the most mystic of their ceremonials. A parchment acquired at Thebes in 1858, and now at Berlin, describes an occasion of this sort. 1 Brugsch (131) in citing it says: "Then ensues, now undertaken by the King himself (Usur-tasen I.), the solemn laying of the foundation."

Again, in the reign of that Egyptian hero, Thutmes III. (p 379), an inscription says: "The King with his own hand conducted the solemn festival of the laying of the foundation stone for this monument."

P. 410, Amenhotep II. son of Thutmes III., beautiful and enlarged a temple. "Then the King carried out the festival of the laying of the foundation stone to the honour of all his fathers, when he dedicated it a massive tower gate of hard stone." In Vol. II. p 37, Ramses Miamun, in another inscription, says: "I gave orders for the building; I myself laid their foundation stone to build the work."

Ramses II. was crowned with his father at an early age (12 years). His progress in public employments is thus spoken of: "When thou wast a youth and counted ten full years, all buildings proceeded from thy hands, and the laying of their foundation stones was performed."

That this ceremony was mystical, and that the art instruction of the King was practical, will appear by an inscription of Mentu Hotep, chief architect of Usur-tasen I. (1 Brugsch, p 140), who also describes himself as a legislator and a judge. He distinguishes the duties of his various stations:—"As chief architect of the King, he promoted the worship of the Gods, and instructed the inhabitants of the country, 'as God orders to be done,'" Vol. I p 378-9. Speaking of *Thutmes* III., "the King bid more than all his predecessors from the beginning, and had proved himself *a complete master* of the holy sciences."

There is an inscription of this last King on the Temple of Amon Ra. The date, according to 1 Brugsch, is 1600 B.C., which is about six centuries before King Solomon—which throws strong light on the ceremonial of the corner stone.

I will observe that, as we understand it, Amon Ra, in one of his types, was the Sun God, the centre of the then popular worship. The King was assumed to be his son, either in a spiritual or practical sense; and "the divine one" who attends and participates with the King on this act of piety is Amon Ra, himself invisible, though a real presence.

The inscription has not been preserved entire; there are places where the accidents in 3600 years of exposure to the elements have obliterated parts of the writing. I shall cite those parts which illustrate my subject.

1 Brugsch 384—The King says, "I gave the order to prepare the cord and pegs, for the laying of the foundation stones in my presence. The advent of the day of the new moon was fixed for the festival of the laying of the foundation stone of this memorial." After a few now obliterated paragraphs the inscription proceeds: "The God Ammon went thither to celebrate his beautiful festival—he drew near—the cord and pegs were ready, then his holiness placed me before him, towards the memorial. And I began—then the holiness of this God went further, and the beautiful feast was celebrated to my lord.

"Then I came forward, yea I, to complete the business of the laying of the foundation stone, because, ... [here occurs another obliteration] . . . . He went out, and the work of the first stroke of the hammer for the laying of the foundation stone was to be performed. Then the holiness of this divine one *wished himself to give the first stroke of the hammer* . . . . [here another lacuna occurs] . . . .

"There was laid in the foundation stone a document with all the names of the great circle of the Gods of Thebes, the gods and goddesses, ... and all men rejoiced,"—here the stone and the inscription break off.

This inscription was found by Mariette Bey on the N.W. side of the Holy of Holies of the Temple of Karnak, where it is still to be seen.

Notwithstanding the vast difference between the religion of that time and of this, the Mason, who as member of the Grand Lodge has participated in the duties of dedication, must feel that he is on familiar ground in reading these descriptions of the proceedings of the Craft thirty-six centuries ago.

Does not also the conviction grow upon him that the mysticism which was attached to the Craft then is not without its parallel in the Craft now? Will he not also be struck with the fact that there was a speculative side to the Craft at that time which finds a noble expression in the spirit of the duties of Mentu Hotep, the Chief Architect, to promote the worship of God, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, to teach the Craft wisdom, and to protect the poor?

As I have more to say about Masonry in Egypt later on, I shall resume the consideration of Corner Stones in Assyria.

Since the fall of Babylon and Nineveh, centuries before the Christian Era, a midnight darkness hung over the knowledge of their arts, until the excavations of Botta, and Layard, and Smith exhumed their buried relics, and the researches of Rawlinson and Lenormant, Smith and others, translated the language of their public inscriptions and their public and private writing on cylinders. There also, as far back as sixteen or seventeen centuries before the Christian Era, the masonic art flourished, temples and palaces of stone, with carved inscriptions and pictorial descriptions on the panels of alabaster or marble, indicated that the Freemason was at work here.

I will remark that in Egypt and here, the Masonic Art to which I refer is the art of the stone cutter and stone mason, in the construction and ornament of stone buildings. The mere working in clay, the unburnt or the burnt bricks and the mere quarry working were performed in Egypt by prisoners, captives, and slaves under the cruel vigilance of skilled overseers. Our Craft held the lofty position due to its art, science, skill and epitomized knowledge of Geometry, Mechanics and Mathematics.

Contrast the Hebrew suffering in the plains by *On* in the claypits, with what the records disclose of the high social relations of the stone-workers; the cherished distinctions of the one, with the groaning tyranny which drove the other class into the desert as fugitives; and the difference will at once be manifest.

(To be continued.)

REVIEWS.

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St. John's Lodge, No. 221, Bolton. A Short History and Extracts from the old Minute Books, together with a list of Members, with the date of their respective initiation or joining the Lodge, and other information connected with the Masonic Fraternity. Compiled by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, Treasurer and Senior Past Master, P. Prov. Grand S. Deacon East Lancashire, with a short Introductory Notice by Bro. W. J. Hughan, Past Grand Deacon of England. 1880. Bro. Morris, Printer, Oxford Street, Bolton.

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Book 2 contains the rules, eighteen in number, for the government of the Lodge. Under the first, which fixes the day and place of meeting, each member is to pay one shilling, half to be spent and half to the "fund Tyler," and "Candles to be paid out of the same." On St. John's day, however, the payment by rule 2 is fixed at Three shillings and sixpence, and even Brethren "Absent on that day Shall pay the same, Except Sickness or Confinement." It is next provided that brethren shall not be chosen "by Senority" to any office in the Lodge, except they merit it, and that (rule 4) each one "Shall appear Clean and as Decent as he can, with an Apron, such as is worn by Antient Masons. Likewise that Every subscribing Brother shall wear in his Breast that Mark of distinction that is worn by Antient Masons on the Regular Meeting Nights." Cursing, and *Swearing*, and using "unbecoming Language in Diragation of God's name intendedly," or aggravating a fellow-member so as to disturb the harmony of the Lodge "whilst engaged in that most Serious and Solimn" is punishable by a fine of sixpence. Any one appearing "Disguised in Liquor" is mulct, for the first offence, "in the sum of sixpence, and for subsequent offences a shilling, to go to the fund For the Relief of Indegent Brethren." It does not seem to have occurred to the framers of these rules that a bibulous brother who came "Disguised in Liquor" might plead that he did so, not for the gratification of his appetite, but in order to increase "the fund For the Relief of Indegent Brethren," and there are doubtless many who would have regarded this plea as an extenuating circumstance. At least such a view is justified by later experience, as in the case of the great teetotal advocate who attended a great temperance demonstration "Disguised in Liquor," and explained that he did so solely for the purpose of giving a practical illustration of the evil effects of intoxication.

Absence without assigning a proper reason rendered the offender

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liable to a fine of one shilling. Any old Mason wishing to join the Lodge and being found worthy, to pay half-a-guinea, "likewise to pay his own Registrie." Any one ridiculing a brother's "Religion, Trade or Profession," was fined ten shillings, nor "admitted to sit in the Lodge until he pays the same and makes an humble Submission For his Transgression." By Rule 10, no brother was allowed to have a certificate till he had been a subscribing member for twelve months, "Excepting he is Leveing the Kingdom, or Going to some other part, or Entering into his Magesties Service, and then give his O.B. that he is not Deceiving the Lodge."—N.B. perhaps an Irishman had something to do with the framing of this law, to judge, at least, from the spelling of the last word but two. Rule 11 forbade the admission of Modern Masons or "any Subscribing those To Belongs," the meaning of which clause is obvious enough, though the language is slightly ungrammatical, the object being to "keep the Ancient Craft from being Adulterated." By the same law a visiting brother was to pay as much as a subscribing member, that is, one shilling, his first visit, however, being free. In the case of any member of the Lodge divulging any secrets to a person not belonging to it, his first offence was punishable by a fine of five shillings, and "an humble Submission for his Transgression"; a second offence was more seriously noted, the fine being half-a-guinea, after which if he committed himself again he was "Exclnded and Reported to the Grand Lodge." Rule 13 enjoined great care on every brother "in offering his Interest to any Man Desireing to Become a Mason without first applying by petiton, so that no Reflection May be Carried further by him if not admitted,"—a wise precaution, though the motive would seem to have been to protect the Lodge from the Reflections which they could have very well afforded to laugh at, rather than from the admission of unworthy persons. Rule 14 limits admission to those who are "of Abel Body, Honest Parentage, Good Reputation in the neighbourhood where they reside, and are observers of the Laws of the Land." The next two laws provide (1)—That a month's notice must be given before a man is admitted a member, "unless Some Cause May Appear Legal to the whole Lodge;" and (2)—That each intending candidate must send half a guinea with his "pettiton," which sum, in the event of his being approved, was to be "Detained as part of his Admission Money;" a further payment of one guinea on "his first entering the Lodge, and sufficient to raise the whole to £2 2s 6d, before he is raised to the degree of Master Mason, exclusive of his Registerie and Tyler." Rule XVII. is amusing, providing, as it does, "that if any Br. Comes on a stated Lodge Night with a foul shirt, with a Beard, Silk or Coloured Handkerchief, he shall pay a fine of twopence for every such offence." We know that in those days men prided themselves on being clean-shaven, so that a beard must have been decidedly objectionable, while the "foul shirt" would be indicative of want of proper respect for the Lodge, but we should have thought a "Silk or Coloured Handkerchief" was quite harmless. The last Rule of all provided that no brother should have a certificate granted "until he shall have paid all arrears due to the Lodge, likewise have Discharged all Debts he may have Contracted with any Brother of the same or in the house wherein the Lodge is kept in order to Soport the Credit of the Lodge, Except Love granted from the Creditor"—manifestly a most wise law for a most seemly purpose.

We now turn to No. 3 Minute Book, the first entry in which, under date of 27th April 1802, records—"That Br. McQuigan late one hour and Br. Britles the whole of the night"—a somewhat quaint way, in the case of the latter, of noting his absence. On the same day it was "Agreed a Brother be allowed £1 1s 0d for his Troble at the timeofthe Prossion," but the nature of the "Troble" is not indicated. After an explanation as to the reason why the Lodge left its quarters at the Lord Nelson, there follows a minute which is, perhaps, the most extraordinary in the whole series. "In contempt of this Lodge Rich. Clarkson said he was glad he was cleared of the Lodge, and should mend his old Breeches with his Apron to-morrow." What the said "Rich. Clarkson" had done, and whether he cleared himself or was cleared out by the Lodge does not appear in the record; but it is evident he was a very rude person indeed, though how the repairing of his old breeches with his Apron could be an act of ridiculo towards the Lodge, when it would only have made himself ridiculous, we are at a loss to comprehend. On the same day it is noted that a Bro. Morris was "silenced for four months, and to have no Masonick Communications with this Lodge or any other for that space of time," for having "called a meeting without the leave of the Master or Officers," and on the 8th of July following it is ordered that at the end of that period Bro. Morris should have his "Setevicate," and not join the Lodge any more. In 1803 we read that Bro. Cane and Bro. O'Neal, the first Junior Warden and Master respectively, withdrew from the Lodge, while on the 5th April the Lodge was summoned to consider the misconduct of the then Master, Bro. Stead, but owing to his absence the consideration was postponed till some future occasion. On 30th June it is recorded as follows:—"Opened on the four degrees 4.50: closed on the 4th degree 6 p.m. On the 3rd ¼ before 7, on first 20 past 10." Our brethren know well enough what is the fourth degree in these days; we presume, however, the fourth here mentioned must have been the R.A. degree. Why the Lodge need have taken four hours and twenty minutes for the ceremony of closing is not stated, and the inference we are left to draw is one which Bro. Brockbank has suggested elsewhere, to wit, that the labours of the brethren were of so severe a nature that they were compelled *nolentes volentes—volentes* mostly no doubt—to refresh themselves in each interval. The year following is recorded a Committee of Inquiry into a "Grievance between Josh. Wood and Thos. Longworth," the former charging Longworth with having accused him of "Bringing this Lodge to Poverty," and further said he—(Wood or Longworth, for it is not quite clear which of the two is meant)—had no God but his Lad, and that every Man's Soul was his God." In spite of his denial, Bro. Longworth was found guilty, and we learn that at the end of the year he was to have his Certificate, when he had settled his books and paid his dues. In 1805 the Lodge removed to the Elephant and Castle. On the 24th July 1806 it indulged in a game of "high jinks," the occasion being the visit of three brethren of the Bury Lodge, No. 171, and an Irish brother. The minute of the 28th August is well nigh the most enigmatical in the whole compilation, and in the hope that some of our learned readers may be able to throw some light on it, we reprodnce it in full:—"Report Thos. Wilkinson, a Spinner at Mr. Ormond's and Lodging with Br. Wood, a Native of Warrington, Visited by Bro. Joseph Wood and William Skelhorn, Brother of St. John, whose healths were drank, also Worthy Brother Throughout the Terraqnous Globe [omitted Br. James Conelly, also of St. John. Who was toasted and the same reld."] Bro. Brockbank suggests that "reld" means "replied," and we accept with pleasure his suggestion as being quite in the order of things. But very wisely does Bro. Brockbank abstain from offering further exposition, especially as to who may have been intended by "Bro. Throughout the Terraqnous Globe." We are aware that in the days of the Commonwealth, many eccentric individuals took whole sentences, especially Scriptural ones, as names. The person who was irreverently known as "Damned Barebones" will occur to most people as a case in point, but we did not know the custom was in existence anywhere in England in the early years of the present century. Of course, it is possible the words may mean "all worthy brethren scattered over the surface of this Terraqueous Globe," and we hope it does; but that portion of the minute beginning with "Report," and ending with "Warrington" is certainly inexplicable. On the 18th December of the same year Bros. Hart S.W. and Longworth J.W.—the same, we presume, whom we have mentioned as having been guilty of a false charge against Josh. Wood—were nominated for the chair, and on ballot the latter was chosen. In the choice between Bros. Hart and Whalley for S.W., the latter was successful, while Bro. Bell was preferred to Bro. Quin for the Junior Wardenship. On the 27th of the month, however, votes were again taken, and Bros. Longworth, Hart, and Bell were elected W.M., S.W., and J.W. respectively, after which the Lodge was "Call'd to R. at four o'clock, when the brethren partook of a Good and Wholesome Dinner." The meeting must have been a very convivial one, as the Lodge was not closed till half-past ten o'clock. In the course of the year 1808 we have an instance of a "Modern" Mason being initiated, passed, and raised according to "Antient" form, as though he had been a "profane." In the minutes of the next year we read "it was proposed by the Master if Thos. Longworth should walk at the Funeral of Bro. John Bolton," but it was opposed and agreed "he should not," and at the next meeting "it was proposed by the Master if Bro. Ivers should not get any allowance for being sick, he going by a majority of the members." We must all sympathise with unfortunate Bro. Ivers for having been sick, especially as he does not seem to have had any allowance made for him under the circumstances; but where he went to "by a majority of the members" and why, is beyond our powers of exposition. A minute of 30th June of this year, recording that Bro. Bell was installed a second time as Master, and that many loyal toasts were drunk closes Book III.

Book No. 4 begins with the record of a visit on 24th August 1809, of two Modern brethren, members of Lodge No. 33,—now "Anchor and Hope," No. 37, an old Lodge, having been founded in 1732—and after an entry in which it is mentioned that "The Master conspicuously toasted his Majesty in Ancient form," the rest of the Brethren giving "every Mark of Loyality to the King and Constitution," we find the Lodges, both Ancient and Modern, attending divine service at the New Church "in great harmony," it being an "Emergency Meeting of the Comemory of the Jubilee of his preasant Majesty, and was a Acomenced with the Ainchient Lodg 196." But these meetings and visits cannot be regarded as so very strange, seeing that the Union, fortunately accomplished in 1813, between Ancients and Moderns was doubtless the theme of general discussion at this period. At the meeting held in Commemoration of St. John's Day 1810, the Lodge drank "His Majesty's Land and Sea Forces Success," and drank it "deep in Clarret," so deep apparently that the Secretary had not recovered from the effects of his potations on the 19th August, when we find as follows:—"Opened in the Night Templer Order. Duely Beloved Jeromier Grayham who had his Sertifiket delivered for him B'fore a large Body of Respecttobel Brothers, met on the Resecotobel order." The minute though strangely worded, however, is curious as showing the hollowness of the pretensions advanced by the so-called "Ancient" Masons, to be the original Bros. Simon Pure of Free and Accepted or Speculative Masonry, or otherwise we should not find them working Craft, Arch, and Templar Masonry under the same warrant. True there may be a connection between ancient and modern Templarism, and likewise between these and Freemasonry. Yet it is strange that they, who were such sticklers for the purity of the Craft and condemned the so-called "Moderns" for a less conspicuous ingrafting of ceremonial on the original Masonic tree, themselves added to it first Arch and then Templar Masonry. But to proceed. On December 6th, 1810, a "plan of general relief for the town of Bolton" was submitted and approved. On 2nd May, 1811, the Lodge was "engaged for some time in most serious business," so serious that no one seems to have had the courage to record its nature.—N.B. perhaps it was a series of Toasts drunk "deep in Claret." On the 28th November, after a most serious preamble in which stress is laid on the "Interests of Masonry," a Brother Blank for repeated acts of disobedience was excluded from the Lodge "FOR EVER, and shall be reported as such to the Grand Lodge by next Communication and his certificate is burned by vote." The "FOR EVER" does not, however, seem to have lasted longer than 7th October, 1813, for on that day he was admitted by consent of the brethren present, conditionally that he "came as a Visiton Member until he cleared off the Books and then come as a Subscribing Member." For "Books" must be read, we presume, "dues," or Bro. Brockbank could not have fulfilled his task of compilation.

It is not a little strange, as our worthy compiler has pointed out, that no mention whatever is made of that important and glorious event, "The Union"—that healing of a schism, which had divided our Fraternity for some three-quarters of a century. Our Bolton brethren of those days must have been singularly indifferent to the fortunes of the good old Craft.

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One instance, and that after the Union had taken place, is given of the three degrees being conferred on one and the same individual at one and the same meeting, but the circumstances which justified this are not even alluded to. The penultimate entry in this Book bears date 9th May 1816, and is to the effect that "Thos. Sutcliffe" —Query, an ancestor of the late Bro. Sutcliffe of the Province of Lincoln—"wishes to lie dormant for some time," but though this brother may have been permitted to do so, the practice does not appear to have found favour with the Lodge, for on 23rd October 1817, a resolution was put "That for the futer none shall lie dormant."

In the Fifth Book, the first entry fixes the night for meeting, and also that "the Lodge of Instructions should be held on the next Sunday but one to the Lodge night, and spend 3d out of the Stock" —no very extravagant expenditure it must be admitted. About this time (1819) there would seem to have been started the idea of establishing a Sick Fund in connection with the Lodge, for we read more than one entry to the effect that "repitations" or "repilations" were made on the subject—we presume by these are meant "motions" or "recommendations." An entry on 23rd Sept. 1820 points to there having then been a Provincial Lodge, for we read that "Bro. Isherwood delegated to Preston to the day of the Grand Meeting." The next entry lays it down that no member was to receive any allowance outside the Lodge, Bro. Brockbank suggesting that this refers to a desire on the part of the brethren to drink outside the Lodge at the Lodge expense. In November or December of this year two brethren were expelled for non-payment, and "6 candidates admitted to the order of Red Cross of Babylon." We can only imagine that by this is meant the "Red Cross of Constantine," though it seems an unpardonable slur on the memory of the first Christian Emperor of Rome to have confounded his order with the pagan city, which is usually associated with a class or order that is unmentionable in polite society. But more important is it to ask what our brethren of those days can have been about when, in the teeth of the Articles of Union, in which pure and ancient Masonry is clearly defined, they ventured to work any other than the Craft degrees in a Lodge. We have read in other local Masonic histories of similar irregularities, but this is certainly the strangest that has come under our notice. A minute relating to the purchase of jewels for Deacons and Tyler, "according to present fashion" and "A Record 30 June 1830," with nothing recorded complete this Book. As Book 6 covers the five-and-twenty years, from 1821 to 1846, we shall defer all further comments on it till next week.

(To be continued).

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ELECTION OF HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE BOY'S SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I attended this election on Saturday last, believing that the introduction of a little new blood would benefit the Institution, especially as the names of some of the new candidates proposed, and marked with an asterisk, strongly recommended themselves as being earnest sincere business-like brethren, well calculated to share in the management of an Institution towards which they have been such liberal supporters. The laws of the Institution informed me that the votes were given by ballot, and I have always understood that to mean secret voting. I was therefore not a little surprised and amused to observe one indefatigable member of the Committee grasping at and filling up more than a score of voting papers. It was exceedingly obliging, but neither fair nor in accordance with secret voting.

Perhaps means will in future be adopted to allow members of the Committee to fill up their own voting papers, more especially as I observe that the two new members elected have only subscribed in the one case £10 10s and in the other £11 11s towards the funds of the Institution.

Your obedient Servant,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

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27 Walbrook, E.C., 7th June 1880.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think attention ought to be called to the manner in which the elections of our Masonic Charities are conducted, I am led to say this from what I saw at the election last Saturday of the House Committee for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Article 37 of the laws distinctly states that the election "shall take place by ballot," yet how it can be called a ballot when one brother fills in a pile of balloting papers is more than I can understand, and this was done by one of the prominent members of the old House Committee last Saturday, as can be vouched for by others as well as myself.

I am no advocate for secret voting, as I think open voting, properly ruled by the chairman, to be much the safer plan but if the ballot is to be adhered to it should be conducted strictly as a ballot. I think the papers ought to be given out to each brother, either by the chairman or by the scrutineers, and marked by them in such a manner that the scrutineers may easily identify the papers that have been properly issued.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

S. B. WILSON.

VISITING SECRETARIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letter of your correspondent "A P.M." is doubtless, as poor Artemus Ward would have said, meant for a "gosk," but seriously, a great deal of fuss is being made about the successes achieved by Bro. Hedges, who is, unquestionably, a non-visiting Secretary. He is to be congratulated on his good fortune, and I am sure the last brethren in the world to grudge him the honour due to his achievements are Bros. Binckes and Terry. Equally certain am I, that if these brethren had any choice, or thought they had any choice, in the matter, they would much rather not be always running about London and the Provinces in the performance of what they hold to be their duty. Now there is an old saying to the effect that people must not expect to get what they want by sitting down, and waiting and hoping for it to come. It is all very well to open your mouth and shut your eyes, &c., but though you may sometimes get a nice little piece of sugar candy, you may at other times, get an objectionable pebble or piece of dirt. Bro. Hedges must not labour under the mistaken notion that because the contributions to the Girls' School have been greater since his election as Secretary than formerly, he will always experience the same good fortune. It is well known that many subscriptions are given by Lodges or brethren on the spur of the moment, or because an official of one of our Institutions, like Bros. Binckes or Terry, is there to remind them that our Charities need constant help; and it generally and very properly happens that the donation or subscription is handed or forwarded to the Institution whose official representative happens to be present. Nor must it be forgotten that Bros. Binckes and Terry visit, as they do, from a sense of duty—the result of many years' experience. If Bro. Hedges, who, by comparison with his older colleagues, is a mere Toddlekins still in need of his nurse's help to keep him from falling or breaking his dear little arms or legs, can do without visiting, so much the better, say I, for Bro. Hedges; but I fear very much that a year or two hence we shall find the Girls' School lagging behind, unless Bro. Hedges's nurses are willing to go on doing for him what Bros. Binckes and Terry for years past have done for themselves.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally,

NOUS VERRONS.

THE MASONIC RITUAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your issue of 8th May contains comments by Bro. Rosseter on my letter printed the week previous. Bro. Rosseter interprets "bright morning star" to mean the *sun*. This is his *so-called "literal translation of that passage,"* and he is very much afraid that my susceptibility has outrun my discretion. Permit me to say that, as Bro. Rosseter is a firm believer in the Grand Mastership of Messrs. Nimrod, Osiris and Co., he may also be able to believe that "the bright morning star" referred to the sun, or that the moon is made of green cheese, or anything else. I, however, cannot believe that the literal translation of the "bright morning star" was ever meant to convey the idea of the rising sun, and, should proof be called for, I can amply supply him with authorities, copied from the Masonic publications of those who interpreted the said passage just as I did.

The fact is undeniable, that since 1717 Masonic Ritual-mongers have been incessantly striving to turn the Lodge into a conversion trap. It has been so in England, in America, and on the European Continent, but with only this difference:—in Germany Masonry was made exclusively for Christians. Everything there was open and above board, but in England and in America they tried to make rituals with double meanings; hence our English and American Masonic Inquiries have always been in a pickle—that is, they were either vacillating or prevaricating, as I have stated in a former paper. The same authority would declare that Masonry *is* a religion, and that it *is not* a religion. It is certainly high time for us to know what Masonry is. Pray, therefore, do tell us what Masonry is.

These sectarian allusions in the Ritual place the Hebrew W.M. in an unenviable position. If he does not know what he is reciting, he is laughed at for his ignorance; and if he does know the Christian significance of a phrase, and still repeats it, he is regarded with contempt for his hypocrisy. Nor is the Hebrew W.M. alone so regarded, for the finger of scorn may be equally pointed against the Jewish Masons in a Lodge who complacently listen to these Jesuitical interpolations in the Ritual.

On the other hand, it cannot be denied that those *very pious* brethren, who so persistently oppose the reform of the Ritual, must be utterly blind (notwithstanding their piety) to the principles of truth, honour, justice, and of "*doing as they would be done by.*"

Respectfully and fraternally,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S. 21st May 1880.

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"DROPPED" WORDS AND LETTERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Every reader of your contemporary must in a very short time become painfully aware of the many inaccuracies to be found in each number of that periodical. Sometimes they consist of dropped words, at others of dropped letters, but more frequently of gross errors in spelling.

As an instance of an inaccuracy arising from "dropped words," take one of the short editorial paragraphs contained in the last issue of the journal in question. The Editor therein desires to impress upon his readers that "he is never personal." Surely the words "otherwise than" have clearly disappeared from between the words "never" and "personal."

Yours fraternally,

A P.Z.

10th June 1880.

ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

THE Interim Committee of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund met together on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, and Prov. Grand Master West Lancashire. Among those present were Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart, M.P., P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., and Bros. W. Hickman P.A.G.D.C. Deputy P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G. Chaplain and D.P.G.M. Surrey, Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain and D.P.G.M. Suffolk (Interim Treasurer), and Dick Radclyffe Secretary. After careful consideration, it was resolved as follows:—

To assist Boys and Girls leaving the Masonic schools in procuring situations, &c. To advance small amounts to aid in the purchase of tools, outfits, &c., and to assist in obtaining apprenticeships, &c. That the administration of this Fund shall be in the hands of a Committee, to be formed from the existing Committees of the Scholastic Institutions, with power to add to their number, who shall select the most deserving and necessitous cases. That an annual audit be held, and report presented to subscribers. That a report of this day's proceedings be presented to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and Girls.

It was also laid down that in the opinion of the Committee the Fund will not necessitate the establishment of "a FOURTH Charity," but on the contrary that it will "serve as a Supplementary Fund," to be dispensed by the Committees in the manner suggested in the foregoing resolutions. The following are the Committee to carry out the above objects, namely, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, Right Hon. Lord Brooke, M.P., Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., Rev. C. W. Arnold, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, W. Hickman, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw. A vote of thanks to Lord Lathom for his kindness in presiding was passed and acknowledged, and the sitting then terminated.

MILFORD HAVEN.

WE congratulate the worthy people of Milford and neighbourhood, and the Lodges which are held there on the prosperous future which apparently is in store for them. Not that they have not had their share of Fortune's smiles in the past, but the resolute determination which has been come to lately to promote the deep sea fisheries along the S. Wales coast must in time exercise a beneficial effect on this favoured place. Last week, accordingly, which witnessed the return to harbour of the first steam trawler, will with reason be remembered as a very bright particular week in the annals of Milford. But while this prospect is general in its character, and affects the whole of this particular community, we must not forget to mention that it has been resolved to erect a Masonic Temple for the use of the two Lodges here located. These are St. David's, No. 366, and the Neyland, No. 990, and it speaks well for their energy that they should have undertaken boldly a task which cannot fail to cost them a handsome sum. Thus, with new quarters on the point of being erected, and the presence among them of that genial Craftsman and skilled caterer, Bro. Palmer, lately of the Greyhound, Richmond, the Milford brethren are or should be in excellent fettle.

LYCEUM.—On Saturday Mr. Henry Irving re-appeared in "The Bells." The house was crowded in every part, and the actor received fresh tributes of approbation for his masterly rendering of Mathias, the burgomaster, who is haunted by the sound of the sleigh bells. Mr. Irving acted his best in all the well-known striking situations of the play, especially in the last scene. Miss Alma Murray and Mr. F. Cooper, as the young lovers, deserve a word of praise, as likewise does Miss Pauncefort as the burgomaster's wife. This play will be repeated every Saturday throughout June, with Iolanthe as an afterpiece, Miss Ellen Terry enacting the heroine.

We understand, from one of our Exchanges, that the Grand Chapter of Michigan, at its recent convocation in Jackson, appropriated 1,000 dols. for the entertainment of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, which meets 24th August next. A committee of seven was also appointed by the Michigan Grand Chapter, and Monroe and Peninsular Chapters have each appointed a committee of seven with the same hospitable object.

OLD ENGLISH LODGE, No. 1790, CROYDON.

THE first installation meeting of this youthful Lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, New Thorntonheath. The highly-esteemed W.M. having summoned his Officers to their places, the Lodge was opened in due form, there being present—Bros. Foulsham W.M., B. Buckworth S.W. W.M. elect, Rev. J. H. Roberts P.M., C. Daniel P.M., Bush P.M., H Harland J.W., W. P. Robinson Secretary, F. C. Pascall S.D., E. Whitaker J.D., John Taylor I.G., Jno. Sergeant, J. F. Page, H. Legg, H. Baber, J. W. Russell, T. Young, M. Taylor, V. J. Abraham, J. Shakespeare, R. J. Fleming, W. H. Ransom, J. Clarke, and the following Visitors:—Bros. W. R. Sheadd I.P.M. Panmure Lodge 720, J. Bennett P.M. 234, Volney Keen Templar Lodge, New York, 203, G. Adamson P.M. Temple Bar Lodge 1728, B. Haynes P.M. Egyptian Lodge 27, W. Steedman P.M. 754, and Edward Brain Leopold Lodge 1751. The minutes of the previous Lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, the financial statement of the Lodge was presented, from which it appeared that after the heavy outlay incidental to the formation of a new Lodge, a balance of a few pounds only was due to the Treasurer, which was considered to be highly satisfactory, taking into account the exceptional expenses which had been incurred during the year. The ceremony of installation was then most impressively performed by Bro. Foulsham Installing Master, the W.M. elect being presented by Bro. Daniel, the office of D.C. being most efficiently discharged by Bro. Adamson. After the usual proclamations Bro. Buckworth the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Harland S.W., Pascall J.W., Foulsham Treas., W. P. Robinson Sec., E. Whitaker S.D., J. Taylor J.D., J. Sergeant I.G., Bavin Tyler, Rev. J. H. Roberts D.C., Fleming W.S. and Legg A.W.S. The W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Foulsham I.P.M. a handsome jewel, which had been subscribed for privately by the Lodge, as a slight token of respect, and in recognition of the zeal and ability with which Bro. Foulsham had performed his arduous and responsible duties as W.M. during the first year of the establishment of the Lodge. Bro. Foulsham, who was no less surprised than gratified on receiving the unexpected *souvenir* (which was attached to his breast by the W.M.), said he had had the honour of founding three or four Lodges, but he did not think he had ever taken so deep an interest in any as he had taken in the Old England Lodge, which he looked upon as his per child, and whilst he was blessed with health and strength he should do all in his power to promote its success and prosperity. He should ever treasure this jewel as being the outcome of a spontaneous expression of regard for him, who came amongst them a total stranger and had been received with the utmost respect and courtesy. The W.M. having risen in the customary manner, hearty good wishes were expressed by the Visitors, after which the Lodge was closed in due form, and the members were called "from labour to refreshment," in the banqueting room above, where the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and drunk, followed by those of a complimentary nature, including the health of the W.M., the I.P.M., the Visitors, &c.

HARBOUR OF REFUGE LODGE, No. 764, WEST HARTLEPOOL.

BRO. George Carter the W.M. elect, was duly installed on Tuesday, 8th inst., with the usual honours, the installing ceremony being gracefully performed by Bro. C. S. Lane P.G.J.D., the outgoing Master. The ceremony was witnessed by a large body of brethren, including many distinguished members of the Order. Amongst the Visitors were:—Bros. P.M.'s Knowles and Hunton of the Philanthropy Lodge, Stockton-on-Tees; Bros. Farmer P.M. North York Lodge, Middlesborough, Tobey W.M. Marquis of Ripon Lodge, Darlington, Hey P.M. of the Tees Lodge, Stockton-on-Tees, Hall W.M. of the Lodge of Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees, Spofforth W.M., John Horsley P.M. and Bennett I.P.M., of St. Helen's Lodge, Hartlepool. After being enthroned, the newly-installed W.M. invested his Officers for the ensuing year. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Commercial Hotel (Bro. Hobson's), where a sumptuous banquet was provided, the chair being occupied by Bro. Carter the W.M.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 348, BOLTON.

A REGULAR Meeting of this Chapter was held at the Bull's Head Inn, on the 3rd June. Present:—Comps. Henry Greenwood Z., John Harwood H., Robert Harwood P.Z. P. Prov. G. Standard Bearer as J., James Newton P.Z. Prov. G. Scribe N., Thomas Wilson P.Z. Treas., James Horrocks P.Z., William Cooper E., W. H. Alcock N., James Dooley P.S., John Morris, Richard Duxbury. Visitors:—Comps. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds P.Z. 62 Prov. G.H., G. P. Brockbank P.Z. 37 221 P. Prov. G. Treas., and Comp. J. Crossley (Wigan). The Chapter having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A candidate for exaltation was balloted for and approved. Bro. John Alcock P.M. 348, who had been previously elected, was duly admitted and exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason. The installation of principals and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year then took place, the following being the Companions invested, viz.:—Comps. John Harwood Z., James Newton H., James Dooley J., William Cooper E., William H. Alcock N., John Morris P.S., John Alcock first A.S., Richard Duxbury second A.S., Thomas Wilson Treas., Robert Harwood D.C., Thomas Higson Janitor. The auditors presented their report, which showed the finances of the Chapter to be in a satisfactory condition. All business being concluded, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to the refreshment board.

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CONCERNING THE BALLOT.

FROM THE MASONIC ADVOCATE.

AT the organization of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, among other regulations enacted for the government of Subordinate Lodges, was one requiring a separate ballot for candidates for each degree. This rule has been continuously in force up to the present time, and every Master Mason made in this jurisdiction has passed the ordeal of this triple ballot. It has also a standing rule that the ballot must be a secret one, and to maintain this secrecy no one is permitted to inquire how another voted, or even to disclose how he voted himself. That all may share equally in the responsibility of the result of the ballot, every member present when it is taken is required to vote.

So far as pertains to the first degree, the same regulations exist in the jurisdiction of all the Grand Lodges in the United States, and there is but one opinion among the best informed Masons as regards the correctness of them. All agree that no one should be made a Mason against the wishes of a single member. But as regards a ballot for the second and third degrees, there is not only a difference of opinion among well informed Masons, but also a difference in the regulations of the Grand Lodges of different States. While the regulations of Indiana are the more general ones, there are some jurisdictions in which only one ballot is required for the three degrees. We are informed that an amendment to that effect will be presented at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Indiana next May. Such being the case, we call attention to the fact, that the delegates may have time to consult the subject before being called upon to act in regard to it. The Grand Master has been notified of the proposed amendment, so as to bring the matter before the Committee on Jurisprudence previous to the annual meeting.

There is much to be said on both sides of this question. We do not propose to discuss it fully in this number, but may do so in our next issue. We will at this time only call attention to some points that should be duly considered. The present regulations have governed the Craft in this jurisdiction for more than sixty years. Under them Masonry has prospered, while Lodges have been established in every city, town and hamlet in the State. As a rule, to "let well enough alone," is a safe one to follow.

But is the question whether there shall be a separate ballot for each degree or only one ballot for three degrees, one of any special importance to Masonry? When a man presents his petition to a Lodge it is to be admitted a member of the "Ancient and Honorable Institution" of Freemasonry. In other words he asks to be made a Master Mason. His qualifications and fitness are then thoroughly investigated before the ballot is taken. If found worthy to receive the first degree he is certainly worthy to receive the second and third degrees, for the qualifications for each degree are the same, excepting that he is required to make suitable proficiency in the one taken before advancing to another. If after he has taken one degree the question is simply as to his proficiency in that degree to entitle him to pass on to the next degree, then why may not the vote be taken in the usual manner of taking the sense of the Lodge upon any other subject? What objection could any member have to this manner of deciding whether a candidate has learned his lesson? Unless the candidate is examined in open Lodge no vote at all is necessary, for a well posted committee could decide as to his proficiency.

It may be said that a candidate, after taking one degree, may commit some offence that should debar him further advancement. Would it not be better in such cases to stop him by preferring charges against him? If he is not worthy to advance, he is certainly not worthy to remain where he is. Besides, having assumed a Masonic obligation he is entitled to be heard in his own defence. Is it not sometimes the case when a ballot is required for each degree that a candidate is rejected without any apparent cause, to his own injury and that of the Lodge?

These are some of the points to be taken into consideration in connection with this subject. If any of our readers have any thoughts to present for the good of the Craft generally we shall be pleased to publish them in the next number of the ADVOCATE, which will be the only one issued before the meeting of the Grand Lodge. Let us give the subject the attention its importance demands, and endeavour to act for the best interests of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

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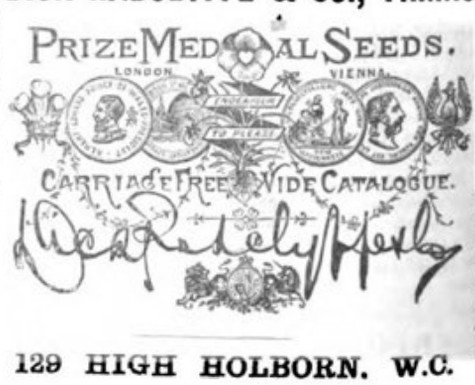

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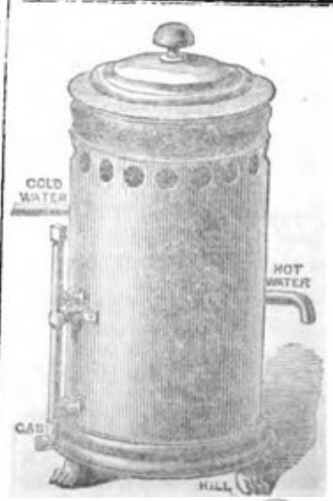

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THE late R.W. Bro. Col. Thomas Wildman, of Newstead Abbey, Prov. G. Master of Notts 1824-59, saw much active service after joining the army, which he did as Cornet 9th Lancers in 1808, exchanging subsequently into the 7th Hussars. In 1809 he served with Sir John Moore's Army in Spain. He was present at all the actions in 1813-14, and took part in the Battle of Waterloo in 1815 as Aide-de-camp to the late Marquis of Anglesea. He retired in 1837. Col. Wildman was initiated while serving with his regiment abroad. He joined Friendship Lodge, No. 6, in 1813, and Antiquity, No. 2, in 1819. In 1824 the late Duke of Sussex conferred upon him the honourable post of Prov. Grand Master of Notts, and in 1854 the brethren of that Province presented him with a very handsome silver epergne, value two hundred guineas, the late Earl of Scarborough presiding on the interesting occasion. Col. Wildman died 20th Sept. 1859, in his 73rd year, having been born 27th August 1787. In 1818 he purchased Newstead Abbey of the late Lord Byron (the poet), for somewhat under £100,000. Particulars of the above-mentioned presentation, &c. will be found in the *Freemason's Magazine* 1855, pp 103-112, and in the same journal for 24th September and 15th October 1859.

The late Admiral Sir Charles Napier, K.C.B., and M.P. Southwark, was a member of our Society. "It is not known," said the *Freemason's Magazine* of 17th November 1860, "when or where Sir Charles was initiated, but a few years since he was a constant visitor at the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, where he was well known." Our late brother, who was cousin to the late Bro. Sir Charles Napier, the conqueror of Scinde, was born in 1786, entered the navy as first class volunteer in 1799, was actively engaged till the Peace in 1815. He next saw service under the Portuguese flag, and defeated the fleet of the pretender Dom Miguel. In 1840 he took part as Commodore, under Sir R. Stopford, in the bombardment of St. Jean d'Acre and other operations on the coast of Syria. He commanded our fleet in the first campaign in the Baltic in 1854, and in conjunction with the French reduced the fortress of Bomarsund. He died 6th Nov. 1860.

The late Duke of Richmond who was Prov. Grand Master of Sussex 1823-1860, entered the army at an early age, as ensign in the 52nd regiment, and served in all the actions in the Peninsular war from 1810 to 1814, including Busaco, Fuentes d'Onor, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria, the Pyrenees, and others, for which in 1847 he received the war medal with eight clasps. He was also aide-de-camp to the Prince of Orange (late King of the Netherlands) at the battles of Quatre Bras and Waterloo. It was mainly through his Grace's exertions that the officers and men who had served in the Peninsular campaigns, received the medals, &c. commemorative of their brilliant services. The late Duke is believed to have been initiated when on service abroad. In 1823, the same year in which he was appointed by the late Duke of Sussex to be Prov. G.M. Sussex, he joined the Union Lodge, now No. 38, Chichester. He was in the seventieth year of his age, having been born 3rd August 1791, and died 21st October 1860.

The late General Vernon, born 28th September 1779, died 22nd March 1861, entered the army as cornet in the 10th Hussars, 1798. In 1808 he was appointed D.A.A.G. to Sir John Moore's army in Spain. Joined Wellington in time for Talavera, 1809, and took part in Salamanca, 1812, (gold medal), as well as in other actions. Served subsequently in West Indies and Ionian Islands. Was initiated in the Lodge of Harmony, No. 384, Hampton Court, in 1802,—now extinct; and fifty years later—in 1852—his son Col. Vernon, lately Prov. Grand Master Staffordshire, was installed W. Master. "At the installation, also, of Bro. Col. Vernon as W.M. of St. Peter's Lodge, Wolverhampton, his father and two brothers were all present as P.M.'s," an unusual occurrence, writes the *Freemason's Magazine*. Of his three sons, two, namely, Bros. Henry C. Vernon, and Col. George A. Vernon, have distinguished themselves as Past P.G. Masters of Worcestershire and Staffordshire respectively.

The late Bro. Admiral Sir John Borlase Warren, one of the most distinguished naval officers of the long war, was succeeded in the Prov. Grand Mastership of Notts by the late Colonel Wildman.

The late Captain Patrick Deuchar, R.N., who died 11th May 1869, was one of six brothers, among them being likewise the eminent Craftsman the late Bro. Alexander Deuchar, of Lodge No. 1 of Edinburgh. He was initiated 5th December 1806, being at the time a midshipman of H.M.S. Seahorse. He fought under Nelson at Trafalgar, and took part in the unfortunate Walcheren expedition in 1809. He had filled nearly all the offices in his Lodge, and for the last twenty years of his life had been Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He had attained the venerable age of 84 years.

Among Freemasons of to-day who are or were in the military service of the Crown, may be mentioned Lord Amherst—lately Viscount Holmesdale—P.G.M. Kent, who was wounded in the Crimea; General H. E. Doherty, C.B.; Colonel A. W. A. N. Hood, Major-General Gore B. Munbee, Major-General Henry Clerk, R.A.; Lieut.-Colonel C. Hutton Gregory, C.M.G.; Colonel H. T. Duncan, C.S.I.; Major-General E. K. Money, R.A.; Major-General W. D. Aitken, R.A.; Major-General Augustus Fleming; Lieutenant-Colonel Reginald M. Sartorius, V.C., C.M.G.; and Major-General John N. Sargent, C.B. These, with the exception of Lord Amherst, are members of the A. and A. Scottish Rite of England. Major-General Sir James E. Alexander is Past Grand Master Stirlingshire, Scotland; and the following, among others, are of the Irish Craft:—Lieutenant-Colonel George E. Hillier, C.B.; Major-General Sir J. J. Hort, Bart., C.B.; Major-General Sir H. C. B. Daubeny, K.C.B.; and Major-General E. A. Whitmore. Major-General Darby Griffiths, C.B., Representative from Grand Lodge Scotland at the Grand Lodge Ireland, is 32° Scotland.

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We regret to announce the death of Bro. Sir Stephen Cave, G.C.B., on whom, shortly before his resignation of office, the Earl of Beaconsfield, at the instance of Her Majesty, conferred the honour of a baronetcy. Sir Stephen Cave was born in the year 1820, and having entered at Balliol College, Oxford, took his degree of B.A. in 1843, with second class honours in Classics. He was chosen to represent Shoreham in 1859, and remained its representative till the close of the last Parliament. Bro. Sir Stephen Cave was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, in 1842.

By the death, at the advanced age of eighty-four, of Sir Robert Burdett, his cousin, Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett, one of the kindliest and most genial of Masons, succeeds to the honours of the Baronetcy. Bro. Sir F. Burdett, besides being the Masonic chief of Middlesex in Craft, Arch, and Mark Masonry, is also the representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland at our Grand Lodge. He has filled the office of Grand Warden of England, is Constable of the Great Priory of Knights Templar of England and Wales, and *ex officio* member of the Council, M.Ill. Grand Sovereign of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, as well as Chief Intendant General for Middlesex, Essex, and Surrey, an honorary Vice President of the Rosicrucian Society, and Inspector General 33° for the Southern District A. and A. S. Rite.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of Middlesex and Surrey will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Tuesday, the 29th inst. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett will occupy the chair.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—These Pills are more efficacious in strengthening a debilitated constitution than any other medicine in the world. Persons of nervous habit of body, and all who are suffering from weak digestive organs, or whose health has become deranged by bilious affections, disordered stomach, or liver complaints, should lose no time in giving these admirable Pills a fair trial. Coughs, colds, asthma, or shortness of breath, are also within the range of the sanative powers of this remarkable medicine. The cures effected by these Pills are not superficial or temporary, but complete and permanent. They are as mild as they are efficacious, and may be given with confidence to delicate females and young children.

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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held their usual monthly meeting on Saturday last, Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. On the recommendation of the House Committee the salaries of the first assistant master and the wardrobe keeper were raised, the first from £100 to £110, and the second from £50 to £60. Plans were submitted from the Board of General Purposes for the new Offices of the Institution, accompanied by a letter from Grand Secretary, offering the new office for the Boys' School for a rent of £85 a year, and a charge of £5 a year for coals, gas and attendance; this also included the use of the Board room, when not required for the purposes of Grand Lodge. These plans were accepted, subject to suggestions for variations which might occur to the Committee on consideration. Petitions on behalf of five candidates were examined and accepted. One outfit of £5 was granted to a late pupil, and a letter was read from another late pupil who had had an outfit voted to him, thanking the brethren for the gift. The following brethren were then elected for the House Committee:—Bros. J. G. Chancellor, H. W. Hunt, W. F. C. Montrie, J. Joyce Murray, W. Paas, Dr. Ramsey, W. Roebuck, Dudley Rolls, S. Rosenthal, E. J. Row, Charles Sanders, and R. W. Spice. The Finance and Audit Committee were Bros. John Constable, Donald M. Dewar, Charles F. Matier, William Mann, Thomas Meggy, Charles E. Soppet, Alexander Wallace, R. B. Webster, and Henry Venn. The usual vote of thanks closed the business of the day.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Lieut.-Colonel John Creaton Grand Treasurer, Vice Patron and Trustee (in the chair), W. F. Nettleship, Thomas Goode, W. F. C. Montrie, John G. Stevens, F. Adlard, Charles Lacey, Richard Hervo Giraud, J. A. Farnfield, John L. Mather, John Constable, James Kench, T. Quittmann, W. Clarke, G. Bolton, James Brett, J. Newton, J. Bulmer, Thomas Cubitt, A. F. A. Woodford, A. H. Tattershall, J. R. Gallant, C. G. Dilley, Edgar Bowyer, William Stephens, Charles Fredk. Hogard, Charles Daniel, Raynham W. Stewart, S. Rawson, J. M. Case, Henry G. Warren, Louis Stean, Charles Atkins, William Hale, W. Hilton, Thomas Meggy, Rev. C. J. Martyn, H. C. Levander, and James Terry Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the Secretary announced that the following brethren were the Committee of Management of the Institution for the year:—Bros. S. Rawson, A. F. A. Woodford, Shadwell Clerke, H. S. Somerville Burney, R. H. Giraud, Jabez Hogg, E. J. Barrow, N. G. Philips, W. F. Nettleship, James Kench, Charles Atkins, James Brett, W. Clarke, C. A. Cottebrune, C. F. Hogard, W. F. C. Montrie, G. Penn, A. H. Tattershall, H. G. Warren, James Willing jun., F. Adlard, John Bulmer, C. G. Dilley, Thomas Goode, W. Hale, W. Hilton, Julius Quittmann, L. Stean, W. Stephens, and R. W. Stewart. The death of some of the annuitants was announced, and also the names of the successful male and female candidates at the late election. Authority was given to sign cheques for the first quarter's annuities of these candidates, amounting in the case of the men to £210, and in that of the women to £208. Bros. W. Stephens, R. H. Giraud, W. Hale, H. G. Warren, and C. F. Hogard were elected the Finance Committee; and Bros. S. Rawson, Raynham W. Stewart, J. A. Farnfield, C. J. Perceval, and Thomas Cubitt the House Committee. The use of the Hall of the Institution at Croydon was granted for the summer entertainment to the inmates, and next Wednesday was fixed for the Stewards' visit. Bros. Col. Creaton, the Rev. Adolphus Woodford, John Newton, John Constable, John G. Stevens, J. L. Mather, Charles Lacey, Charles Frederick Hogard, and William Clarke were appointed as Sub-Committee to enquire into the office duties and emoluments of the Collector of the Institution (an office now vacant), and to report to an adjourned meeting of the Committee.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE Annual Provincial Grand Lodge will be holden in the Masonic Hall, Newland, Lincoln, on Thursday, the 24th June next (Festival of St. John the Baptist), on the invitation of the Lodges, "Witham," No. 297, and "St. Hugh," No. 1386, at high twelve punctually, under the presidency of Bro. W. H. Smyth, J.P., Deputy Lieut. for Lincolnshire, &c., R.W. Prov. G.M. The P.G. Officers and Past Officers, with the W. Masters and the acting Wardens of the Lodges in the Province, are convoked to attend; and all Master Masons are invited to be present. The W.M. and Officers of the Witham Lodge 297, will open the Lodge in the three Degrees at 11.30 a.m., at which time it is particularly requested that all brethren not invested with the purple will endeavour to be present. At noon punctually the R.W. P.G.M., the W. Deputy P.G.M., and Prov. Grand Officers will enter and open Prov. Grand Lodge. The Lodge will afterwards be closed by the W.M. and Officers of the "St. Hugh" Lodge, 1386. Craft Clothing and R. Arch and Charity Jewels only to be worn.

The usual reports having been presented, W. Bro. E. Locock D.P.G.M., will propose—

"That a Form of Enquiry respecting Candidates for Initiation who are non-residents, and also respecting Joining Members (similar to that now in use in the Prov. of West Yorks), be adopted in this Province, and that it shall be incumbent on the W.M. of every Lodge within the Province of Lincolnshire to observe the same.

W. Bro. W. H Sissons P.M. 1447 P.G.J.W. will propose—

"That during the next and following years contributions shall be solicited from the Freemasons of this Province for the purpose of raising the sum of one thousand guineas as an Investment Fund for the Education of Girls in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution."

(Contingent on the above being carried). "That the Fund shall consist of an Investment and Interest Fund, under the same rules and regulations as the 'Oliver Memorial Fund,' and that as a fitting token of respect to the recently appointed R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire, and as a proof of appreciation of his earnestness and zeal from the brethren of the Province, such girls as may hereafter benefit by the Fund shall be known and designated as the 'Smyth' Scholars."

W. Bro. Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., P.M. 1332 P.P.G. Chaplain, will propose—

"That this Prov. Grand Lodge sanction a sum of money to be raised from the Province of Lincolnshire, sufficient to raise a 'Perpetual Presentation' of one girl to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be called 'The John Sutcliffe Presentation,' the right of such presentation being vested in the Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire for the time being."

W. Bro. H. Watson P.M. 297 P.G. Reg. will propose, and W. Bro C. F. Bonner P.M. 469 P.G.S.W. will second—

"That an Honorarium of £20 be given to the Prov. Grand Sec., from the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund, for the satisfactory and faithful manner in which he has fulfilled the duties of his office: and that in consequence of increased duties the Prov. Grand Secretary shall in future be paid a yearly Honorarium of £20 from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund.

A special Charity Commitee for the general support of the Province during the ensuing year will be selected, and a Provincial Grand Charity Steward appointed for the same.

Our views as to Uniformity of Ritual and our respect for Bro. James Stevens are well known to our readers. But we cannot call to mind anything which has given us greater pleasure than the signal overthrow of Bro. Stevens at the last Communication of Grand Lodge. We have supported his views on all legitimate occasions, because we deemed them worthy of support. But when a man has been fairly and overwhelmingly beaten, it is his bounden duty to accept the result without further question. Instead of doing this wisely, as he should have done, Bro. James Stevens has used his utmost endeavours to make himself, and the reasonable cause he has at heart, obnoxious to Grand Lodge. We have no hesitation in saying that he was somewhat rudely treated when the minute relating to his motion was denied confirmation by Grand Lodge. Still he ought to recognise that that non-confirmation of his recent and former motions is unquestionable. He is defeated, and should accept his defeat with the best grace he can. Moreover, it is the duty of Bro. James Stevens, as of every other Mason entitled to a seat in Grand Lodge, to show proper respect for the Chair, and we hold that the Earl of Carnarvon was scurvily treated by our too zealous brother at the Communication referred to. Will Bro. Stevens be kind enough to bear in mind that "Discretion is a Virtue?"

We beg to remind our readers in Berks and Bucks and the contiguous Masonic districts that the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, over which Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., so genially presides, will be held at the Wesleyan School Rooms, Maidenhead, on Monday next, at 2 p.m., a banquet following at 3 p.m. The business will include the appointment and investiture of P.G. Officers for the year, and the decoration of Bros. Dick Radclyffe S.D. 209, S. Knight W.M. 574, S. G. Hunt P.M. 574, Barron Fielder P.M. 574, R. G. Barton J.W. 771, and C. W. Cox W.M. 1565, with the Provincial Charity Jewel. Special Railway arrangements have been made, and Return Tickets, at Single Fares, will be issued from London, Windsor, Reading, Oxford, Newbury, Abingdon, Swindon, Faringdon, Aylesbury, Wycombe, and Marlow Road; and at all Stations on the London, Wokingham, and Reading Railway between Waterloo Bridge and Bracknell.

It will be seen from our advertisement columns that the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent will be at the Foresters' Hall, Union Crescent, Margate, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. The P.G. Lodge will be opened at the stated place of meeting at noon. The brethren will attend divine service at 1.30 p.m., at St. Paul's Church, Cliftonville, and at 3.30 p.m the usual banquet will be held in the Assembly Rooms, Cecil Square. Doubtless there will be a strong gathering of brethren, as usual, especially as this is the first occasion on which the popular Grand Master Viscount Homesdale will preside since his elevation to the peerage.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 12th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1607—Loyalty,
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

MONDAY, 14th JUNE.

Prov. Grand Lodge Berks and Bucks, Maidenhead
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1633—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
569—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
M. M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K. T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

TUESDAY, 15th JUNE.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
167—St. John, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R. A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
M.M.—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
452—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound, Croydon
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

WEDNESDAY, 16th JUNE.

Stewards' Visit to R.M.B.I., Croydon
19—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Pepper's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1274—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1284—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Croston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.C.—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
178—Antiquity, Masonic Hall, King-street, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
386—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
693—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
824—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1341—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
R. A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury

THURSDAY, 17th JUNE.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street Ashton-under-Lyne
273—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
636—D Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1260—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R. A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
R. A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
K.T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle

FRIDAY, 18th JUNE.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 70 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
M. M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.

152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
317—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levensholme
1094—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1493—Hooper, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
1641—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1778—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 301—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R. A. 847—Marchioness of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 19th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms Eastwood.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 10th June. Present:—Bros. Grammer W.M., H. J. Phillips S.W., Hall J.W., Maidwell S.D., N. P. Vallentine I.G., C. H. Webb Preceptor, L. Norden Secretary, Appell. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Norden answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Appell acting as candidate. Bro. Norden worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Appell was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Phillips was elected W.M. for the meeting to be held on 24th June. The Anniversay Banquet will be held next Thursday evening, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 5th inst., Bro. Gilham presided, and he was ably supported by the following brethren—McMillan S.W., J. Millington J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., E. Woodman S.D., Tuck J.D., Mallord I.G., there were also present Bros. J. Lorkin, Spencer, Houghton, Carr, D. Moss W. Williams, Fysh, Mendelsohn, Giller, H. Hall, and Brasted. The usual formalities were strictly observed, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., in a careful manner, Bro. W. Williams candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the first and second sections of the lecture. The Lodge was called off and on, when Bro. Moss worked the third section. Bro. McMillan was duly elected to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—Held at Bro. E. Walter's, Green Dragon, Stepney, E. The regular meeting took place on the 1st inst., Bros. E. W. Walter (S.W. 554) W.M., Harvey S W., J. L. Anderson J.W., T. J. Barnes P.M. Preceptor, William Cross Hon. Sec., G. H. Stephens Deacon, Mackenrot I.G., J. Taylor candidate, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was carefully rehearsed. Lodge was next opened to the third degree, and then called off, affording the brethren an opportunity of discussing matters of interest. Lodge having been called on, Bro. Stephens was requested to work some sections, and the first and second of the first lecture were ably worked, with the assistance of the brethren, to whom Bro. Barnes afforded able instruction throughout. Bro. Harvey was elected to fill the chair on the 8th inst., and Lodge was duly closed and adjourned. To brethren seeking Masonic knowledge, we can recommend a visit to this Lodge any Tuesday evening. The Lodge room is cool and commodious, and possesses all the necessary adjuncts, whilst the working is acknowledged to be first-class.

On the 8th inst., present—Bro. T. F. Harvey W.M., supported by Bros. G. H. Stephens S.W., J. Taylor J.W., W. Hawes Deacon, Mackenrot I.G., T. J. Barnes P.M. Preceptor, W Cross Secretary, and W. Marsh candidate. Lodge was opened with due formalities, and the ceremony of passing was worked very creditably. Lodge was called off and on again, and then opened up. Lodge was closed to the second degree, and Bro. J. Taylor worked the first and Bro. Stephens the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down, these ceremonies being carefully performed here. Indeed, it is pleasing to witness the good working of the Lodge, most of the attendants of which belong to the mother Lodge. Bro. G. H. Stephens was unanimously elected to the chair for the ensuing meeting on the 15th inst. which Bro. P.M. Barnes kindly promised to attend, when he trusted Bro. Stephens would be well supported. We regret to miss the familiar face of our esteemed Bro. J. J. Berry P M. 554 and Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Berry has unfortunately met with an accident, which deprives the Lodge of his valuable services for, we trust, but a short period. Bro. Barnes P.M. kindly acts as Preceptor in the meantime.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 8th June. Bros. Brasted W.M., Christian S.W., Clark J.W., Smyth S.D., Carr J.D., Taylor I.G.: Bros. Dallas, Polak, Catlin. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Polak candidate. Bro. Catlin, as candidate for passing, was entrusted; the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Catlin was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the first section, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—An emergency meeting was held on Tuesday, 1st June, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present:—Bros. J. Early Danks W.M., W. Ferguson S.W., E. J. Blackwell J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, C. R. Honey J.D., F. H. Hawkes D.C., R. C. Prickett Steward, T. Newman I.G., W. Hemming Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Flanagan I.P.M., Hurley, Welch, and Brown. Members—Bros. Ravenscroft, Weatherhead and Wort. Visitors—Bros. Mount P.M. 1328 J.W. 414, Jackson 70, Hawkes 414. The Lodge was opened, and a candidate for initiation was elected. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. delivered the lecture on the tracing board, this, as was that of the former degree, at the last regular meeting, was given *in extenso*, most carefully and correctly. The emblems were explained and illustrated, the noble orders in architecture, the liberal arts and sciences, the number of artificers employed, and the time occupied in the building of the Temple of King Solomon at Jerusalem, together with its dedication, were all fully descanted on, and the lecture was concluded amid the acclamations of the brethren. P.M. Hurley expressed his admiration in unequivocal terms, and proposed that a vote of thanks to the W.M. be recorded on the minutes; this was seconded by P.M. Brown and carried unanimously. The W.M. returned thanks, and intimated his gratification at the honour accorded him, likewise the appreciation of his humble exertions, at the same time he considered he had only done his duty to the Lodge; he also spoke feelingly of the kindness he had, since his occupation of the chair, at all times received from the members. P.M. Brown stated that with reference to the W.M.'s Stewardship at the Festival of the R.M.I.G., he felt confident that had it been usual in this Lodge a unanimous vote of thanks would have been recorded in acknowledgment of the truly magnificent sum (£200) taken up by him as the representative of the Grey Friars Lodge. He also congratulated the Lodge upon the appointment of the W.M. as Prov. G.S. of W. for Berks and Bucks, which honour he certainly merited, and which preferment he was quite sure no member would envy him. The W.M. again thanked the P.M.'s and brethren for their kind expressions, and congratulated the two Reading Lodges on Bro. Leaver, late Secretary of 414, obtaining the Life Annuity on his first application. This was a convincing proof of the advantage of the two Lodges co-operating and working together. The labours of the evening being ended, Lodge was closed.

Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319.—The regular meeting of this Lodge, whose members are engaged in the musical and dramatic professions, was held on Monday the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. The Lodge was draped in mourning, and each brother showed some mark to testify his respect to the memory of the late Bro. Charles Coote, one of the founders. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Edward Swanborough, Wellard S.W., H. Cox J.W., W. Chamberlin P.M. as Secretary, Meyer Lutz S.D., J. Maclean J.D., Delevanti I.G., C. Tinney Organist, Gilbert P.M. Tyler. There were also present Bros. P.M.'s C.S. Jekyll G.O., W. A. Tinney, G. Buckland I.P.M., E. Terry, and Frewen; Bros. R. Soutar, Kent, Bracey, Morton, Pritchard, Fairchild, Silverberg, Max Klein, and Egerton. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. J. Strokirk 188, by the courtesy of the W.M., was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, as likewise was Bro. Jenkinson. The ceremony was ably and perfectly rendered by the W.M. Bro. Tinney played some appropriate music. Letters of apology were read from several members, who were unable to attend. A letter was also read from Bro. C. H. Stephenson, resigning his office, in consequence of professional engagements. This will enable another brother to go a step forward. The resignation was accepted with great regret, as Bro. Stephens had proved himself an ornament to the Lodge. Bro. Wellard S.W. said that this Lodge was well and worthily represented at the laying the foundation stones at Truro, the W.M. having attended; he should propose that a vote of thanks to him be recorded on the minutes. This was seconded by Bro. W. A. Tinney, and carried unanimously. The W.M., in suitable terms, replied; he was pleased to render any assistance to the Lodge, of which he was proud; he hoped always to successfully carry out all required of him. Bro. E. Terry P.M. proposed that a vote of condolence be sent to the sorrowing widow and family of the late respected Bro. George Honey. This was seconded by the W.M., and carried unanimously. A letter was read from Bro. Humphreys, asking the W.M. to recommend a petition for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Maidenhead. Bro. J. Strokirk thanked the W.M. for his kindness in raising him. The W M. remarked that having been initiated in the Joppa Lodge, eighteen years since, he felt a pride and pleasure at all times in rendering that Lodge any service. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated. Among the Visitors were Bros. T. Harding 859, E. Smith S.W. 1559, J. Strokirk 188, F. H. Cruggen 1670, F. Walters P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex, Adams P.M. 1623, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326.—An emergency meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held on Thursday, 3rd June, at the Lion Hotel, Hampton. Bro. John Bairstow Shackleton P.G.P. Middlesex P.M. 1524 W.M. opened the Lodge. The ballots were unanimous in favour of all the candidates for initiation. By the kind and courteous consent of the W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. Frederick Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary, who in an able manner initiated his eldest son, Mr. Tristram Frederick Edwin Walter into Freemasonry. The entire ceremony was given, including the lecture on the tracing board, and the charge to the newly-initiated member. Bro. J. B. Shackleton W.M. resumed the chair, and taking each candidate separately, and going through the entire ceremony, initiated Mr. William Born, Mr. Charles John Pratt, and Mr. Charles Iced. The W.M. then raised Bro. J. V. Willis and Bro. R. Willett. Business ended, the Lodge was closed and adjourned, to meet on Saturday, 19th June, at one o'clock precisely. Refreshment followed labour. There were present besides the above-named, Bros. J. W. Baldwin P.P.G.P. Middlesex P.M. 1423 J.W., W. Hammond P.P.G.D. Middx. P.M., T. W. Adams P.M., H. Potter P.M. W.S., F. Knight D.C., D. Steinhauer J.D., T. B. Robbins, L. Cohen, and some fifty others. Amongst a very large number of Visitors were Bros. W. Smeed P.P.J.W. Middlesex P.M. 946, W. Pennefather P.M. S.W. 1623, J. Horton 371, and many others.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 8th June. Bros. Rowe W.M., Watson S.W., Day J.W., Pavitt S.D., Myers J.D., Power I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor: Bros. Watkins, Butler, Sadler, White, Keable, Marston, Prosser, McDonald, Andrews, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes read and confirmed; the ceremony of second degree was excellently

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worked by the W.M., Bro. Butler being candidate. Bro. Pavitt, who we were very glad to see after his long and painful illness, worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture; the rendering of the six grand periods, by Bro. Keable, being very effective. The Lodge closed to the first, when Bro. Thomas Marston, of the Merchant Navy Lodge 781, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Watson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Musto brought forward, as per resolution of last week, the discussion of the summer outing, when the following brethren were appointed as the Committee for carrying out the same:—Bros. Pavitt, Smith, Andrews, Myers, Watkins, Rawe, Musto and Worsley; it was resolved that it take place on 16th of August, the Committee will meet on Tuesday next, at six o'clock, to determine where, and to make other arrangements. P.M.'s T. J. Barnes, B. Cundick, and others, have already promised to join the brethren on that day. As this outing is intended for the ladies, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves last year, we trust the weather will be favourable, and that a large party will assemble.

Corinthian Lodge of Instruction, No. 1382.—Held at Bro. Clark's, the George Hotel, Glengall-road, Cubitt Town, East. On Tuesday, the 8th inst., the proceedings of the Lodge comprised the working of the "Fifteen Sections," by the members of the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, who were invited by the above Lodge. There was a large attendance of brethren. Amongst those present we noticed Bro. Hodges W.M. 1382; P.M.'s Bros. Carnaby, Delves-Bennett, Searell, and Balding Sec.; Bros. Clark, Stapleton, Millington, Raker, Milton, Howell, Doring, Galloway, Morrison and Bonner of 1382, Mace of the Zetland, McFarlane and Mackie of the Temperance, and Mil's No. 802. The Lodge was opened punctually at 6.30 by Bro. J. S. Brown J.W. 862 W.M., assisted by Bros. R. P. Tate S.W. 862 S.W. and W. H. Marston W.M. 55 J.W. After the minutes were read, the lectures were rendered by the following brethren. First Lecture—Bros. Brocklehurst, Collinson, Gates, Abell, Larchin, Tate and Lardner. Second Lecture—Bros. Lardner, Marston, Fox, Gush and Pate. Third Lecture—Bros. Tate, Fox and Larchin, the rendering of the sections was of unusual excellence, and called forth deserved congratulations from the numerous brethren present. To those who so admirably worked them a vote of thanks was accorded, also to Bro. J. S. Brown for the able manner in which he had presided on the occasion, and he was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge. Bro. Brown, on returning thanks for the honour conferred upon him, congratulated the brethren on the manner in which their working had been done. The Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until next Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—On Monday, 7th June, at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney. Bros. Crane W.M., Forss S.W., McDowall J.W., Blackburn S.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Charles Lorkin Preceptor; also Bro. Catlin and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Catlin candidate. Bro. Forss worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Forss was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday, 31st May. Present—Bros. Myers P.M. Preceptor W.M., Partridge S.W., Robson J.W., Seymour-Clarke Sec.; also Bros. Goddard, McDonald, Newman, Kimbell, and others. The Lodge having been opened in due form and minutes read, Bro. Goddard was presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed in the chair of King Solomon by Bro. Myers, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation in his usual able and impressive manner. The Lodge was resumed in the 2nd degree, and Bro. Kimbell, a candidate for raising, was asked the usual questions and entrusted. Bro. Goddard W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of raising, in an able manner. Lodge was resumed in 1st degree, when Bro. Newman was elected a member.

On Monday, 6th June. Present—Bros. W. H. Myers P.M. Preceptor, Goddard W.M., Robson S.W., McGregor J.W., Goddard S.D., Seymour-Clarke Sec.; also Bros. Kimbell J.D., Woillaume, Lewis, McDonald, Lenzberg, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes read, when the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Lenzberg being candidate. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. McDonald, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lenzberg, of Joppa Lodge 188, was then elected a member, and Bro. Robson was elected W.M. for Monday next. On the application of a distressed brother, assistance was given, and the Lodge closed in due form. The dues are now accumulating for the purchase of Life Subscriberships to the Masonic Charities, to be ballotted for amongst regular attendants.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—Held at the Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, on the 9th inst. Present—Bros. W. Finch W.M., A. McMillan S.W., E. Dignam J.W., J. Williams Secretary, W. Green S.D., S. Morling J.D., W. Fieldwick Preceptor, W. Williams I.G.; also Bros. A. McDowall, A. R. Olley, T. Batt W.M. 907, H. J. Lardner, R. B. Greenwood, G. H. Stephens, &c. Lodge having been opened in due form, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. J. Williams being candidate. Lodge was lowered, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, A. R. Olley candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. H. J. Lardner, and the second by Bro. G. H. Stephens, assisted by the brethren. Bros. T. Batt and Williams were admitted members, and Bro. McMillan elected to be Master at the ensuing meeting. Lodge was closed.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At a meeting held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., present:—Bros. C. Andrews P.M. as W.M., J. Wells S.W., A. Jones J.W., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, E. C. Porter S.D., E. T. Brown J.D., C. Bellerby I.G.; also Bros. H. Stephens and C. Meadows. After preliminaries, the first and second sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren, and the Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. C. Meadows answered the questions prior to raising, and retired. Bro. Tucker gave the lecture on the Tracing-board. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and resumed to first degree. Bro. J. Wells was elected W.M. for the meeting on Thursday, the 17th inst., and Lodge was closed in due form.

A Lodge of Instruction was opened on Thursday, 3rd inst., at Bro. Arnold's, the Crown, Albert Embankment, under the warrant of the Stockwell, No. 1339. The ceremony of consecration was rehearsed, Bro. H. E. Frances P.G.D. Surrey being the presiding Officer, Bro. J. Hammond P.G.D. Middlesex and Bro. Phillips W.M. Rose of Denmark the Wardens. A very large muster of brethren, hailing from Metropolitan Lodges and the Provinces, assisted at the inauguration. Bro. Frances, in the course of the ceremony, gave an oration upon the duties of Freemasonry, and the purposes of Lodges of Instruction, which was listened to with much attention. The anthems were capitally rendered by Bros. Ludlow, Marsh, and Bartlett, under the direction of Bro. J. Stock 1586. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Avling, who has taken much interest in forming the Lodge, was placed in the chair. On the proposition of Bro. J. Hammond, a cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Frances, and a similar compliment was paid to the musical brethren, who had kindly volunteered their services. The brethren then adjourned to a cold collation, provided by the host, Bro. Arnold. This Lodge of Instruction will meet every Thursday from seven to nine.

NEWPORT PAGNELL.—A serious fire occurred here early on Tuesday morning. Three dwelling-houses, with shops, were entirely destroyed, and also the greater part of the Swan Hotel. In the latter the Lodge of SS. Peter and Paul, No. 1110, have lost nearly the whole of their furniture, jewels, &c., but the Lodge is fortunately insured in the Sun Fire Office.

Bro. Charles Watkins, of No. 1 Torriano Avenue, Camden Town, has executed a life-like photograph of the late Bro. George Honey. The proceeds of sale will be given to our late brother's distressed family.

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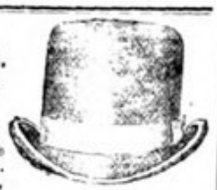

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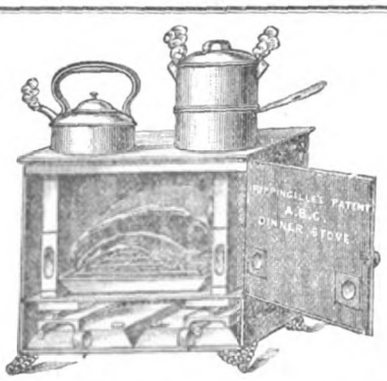

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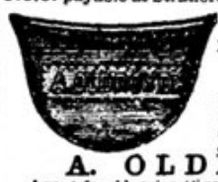

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PRECEPT AND PRACTICE.

IT is an old story, yet it is none the less astonishing, that whilst the bands of brotherhood are theoretically presumed to unite all Freemasons into one happy family, where not so much as the slightest whisper of strife is ever heard, or likely to be heard, there are few, if any, societies in which litigious differences are so common. We know well enough that in Freemasonry, as in Religion, to expect anything like perfection were an absurdity. It is not in the order of things that men should live on from year to year without having their differences of a more or less serious character, but it is one thing to know that such differences must arise, and another to force them into being at every available opportunity. We are not so silly as to expect that every proposition which may be made will meet with general favour or support, but we do think it both reasonable and desirable that when one is made it should be treated with a certain degree of consideration. If the minds of different men are so constituted that it is impossible they should ever be brought to look upon one particular object in one and the same light, there is not the slightest reason why these different men should not be satisfied with expressing their disagreement amicably. There is no need for any among them to indulge in harsh language, or suggest unpleasant innendoes in respect of those who have the misfortune to think differently. In the political world this truth is pretty generally recognised in these days, and the instances are rare, indeed, where men who take opposite views on the great questions which are always agitating the world now exhibit any feeling of personal hostility towards each other. So in the legal world, the advocates who figuratively pummel each other in the interests of their respective clients when in court, are privately the best of friends. Of this we have a memorable instance in the celebrated trial of "Bardell v. Pickwick," when, to his surprise, and we fear we must add, his indignation, the latter gentleman saw Serjeant Buzfuz and the learned leader on his own side saluting each other cordially after the manner of two old friends. We know, too, that differences of religious faith are no obstacle to the purest and most disinterested friendship. But though squabbles are by no means infrequent among other classes of men, we confess, without the slightest feeling of hesitation, that considering the tenets they profess, there is, as we have before remarked, no society in which angry differences so frequently arise as in Freemasonry. Why this should be the case is a matter we dare not attempt to explain: all we can venture to note is the fact of its being so.

The present year—and one half of it has not yet expired—has been more than usually fruitful of these interfraternal disturbances. At two of its Communications Grand Lodge has been made the scene of an unwonted excitement, such as will not be remembered as among the pleasurable episodes of the year's Masonic history. There has been evinced in connection with the conduct of both our Schools, and not once only, but on various occasions, a bitterness of spirit which has not been creditable to those who have indulged in it. Some very harsh things have been said about those have been and still are advocating the establishment of a new and special Fund, though we cannot see why those who take an active part in favour of or against the formation of this supplementary Charitable Fund cannot manage to think or speak charitably of their brethren. All this has led to a vast amount of angry correspondence, and that portion of it which appeared in the columns of our contemporary seems to have so seriously perplexed the brains of its Editor that he has been under the necessity of furbishing up his choicest vocabulary, so that he may be fully equal to the occasion when the next explosion of temper among any of his brethren takes place.

We have no wish to inflict a homily on our readers. Nevertheless, it seems necessary from time to time to remind them that the word Charity has an important significance, while the principle of which it is the written expression is the quintessence of Freemasonry. Deprive it of this principle of Charity, and our Society at once loses the very reason of its being. Many, of course, will turn round and say, Look at our magnificent Institutions, and the thousands we raise annually for their support! Are there not always over 200 children being educated in each of our Schools, and does not the Benevolent do much towards the support of upwards of 300 old men and women? Then there is Grand Lodge itself, which, by the medium of the Board of Benevolence, annually dispenses its thousands, to say nothing of what is done by individual Lodges, local Associations, &c. &c. Well, granted, say we. All this almsgiving bespeaks a generous spirit on the part of the Society, but almsgiving is only a very inconsiderable part of what is meant by Charity. The woman who cast her mite into the Treasury was in that one respect as charitable as the wealthiest who may have given several talents; while the Pharisee who gave the tithe of all he possessed to the poor was a mere proud boaster by comparison with the humble Sadducee he so cordially despised. Brethren are too apt to run away with the idea that they best illustrate the virtue of Charity who give of their substance most freely. Yet there are many people who, though they never give alms, are animated by the purest spirit of charity. They have a kind word for everybody; they never think or suggest evil of others. They sympathise actively, as well as deeply, with human suffering. In short, they strive to the best of their ability to fulfil their duties as Masons, and this they do quietly and unostentatiously, the only reward they desire to obtain being the love of their fellows.

Far be it from us to say one word which might be considered as suggesting that almsgiving is no part of Charity. The Craft has taken upon itself the duties and responsibilities of supporting certain institutions with a view to helping those whom the sad vicissitudes of fortune have reduced from a state of comparative affluence to that of comparative, if not actual, poverty. What we are desirous of pointing out is that this is by no means the "be-all and end-all" of Freemasonry. We appreciate and applaud these good deeds of the Craft; but at the same time we should like to see more of the sympathetic feeling which theoretically is supposed to bind us together as brethren of the mystic tie. We take the greatest pride in the principles we profess, and we know that that pride is best exhibited by a faithful and active interpretation of those principles. We do not, for instance, give the best evidence we can of the love we bear our neighbour, when—figuratively speaking of course—we belabour him or kick him downstairs. When we show ourselves indifferent to the behests of duly constituted authority, we by no means give the best illustration it is in our power to give of our respect for the laws and constitutions of our Order. We do not best illustrate the virtue of Charity when we travel out of our way to use harsh words of a brother, to impute motives to him, or to suggest his ignorance of the amenities, as well as of the

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usages, of society. To be always snapping and snarling at people who differ with us is not the likeliest way to secure their respect, or, if they be non-Masons, to impress them very favourably with the creed and articles of Masonry. Still worse is it to do all or any of these things, and at the same time to protest they are done in a purely Masonic spirit. If there is one vice a brother should hold in the greatest abhorrence it is the vice of Humbug. This has no place in our profession of faith, and should have none in the practice of that profession. If by any chance we think it undesirable to adopt a particular line of policy, if we are inclined to believe that other men than those occupying them may be found to hold certain offices; if we imagine a new idea is well-timed, and calculated to make the good we are doing more complete; if, or, rather whether we hold these views or the opposite, let us at least show proper respect for our principles, and agree to differ amicably. If it is impossible for the world to go on without squabbling, let us at all events strive to keep as much as we can of the squabbling outside the pale of Freemasonry.

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ASSUR.—It appears from many of the inscriptions that both at Nineveh and at Babylon the custom was to place under or at the four corners of public buildings a burnt clay tablet or cylinder, with inscriptions. This was called a "Timin," and it was regarded with peculiar reverence, as the Hebrews regarded the corner stone. It was intended to remain for ever, and terrible imprecations were invoked on any succeeding King who, finding it by any casualty, or exposing it, should not restore it to its former place.

Thus in Vol. I. of the Records of the Past, is translated an inscription of Sennacherib (page 30), in which he states, "The Timin of old times had not been forgotten, owing to the veneration of the people." Again at p 29, "The ancient Timin of its palace, those of old time had stamped its clay with sacred writing and repeated it *in the companion tablets.*" To these latter tablets I shall again recur.

The inscription at Birs-Nimrod, in the time of Nebuchadnezzar, who rebuilt the Temple of the Sun, ruinous from age, states: "Its site had not been disturbed, its Timin had not been destroyed." (See Vol. VII. p 77.)

When an Assyrian king captured a town and destroyed it, he always seems to have taken special pains to destroy its Timin. Thus in an inscription of Sargon (about 720 B.C.), at Khorsabad, is found, "I reduced Dur Iakin, the town of his power, to ashes, I undermined and destroyed its ancient forts, I dug up the foundation stone, I made it like a thunder-stricken ruin."

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There are some reasons to think that a Timin may sometimes have been placed in the protecting foot-walls of such mounds. Fortunately, however, there is no doubt of its relation to the foundation and dedication of public buildings.

Discovery has been made in the ruins of the Temple of the Sun at Mugheir (the Ur of the Chaldees) of four cylinders inscribed with the sacred writing, one at each corner of the Temple. These are translated. Vol. VIII. p 143 of the Records of the Past.

They are of the time of Nabonidus, king of Babylon. He states that he rebuilt this Temple on its old Timin. The king makes this invocation, also: "Like heaven, may its foundation stand fast."

The "companion tablets" heretofore referred to were built into the foundations, probably much as is now practised.

A regular foundation-stone has been discovered at Khorsabad, in the very interior part of the construction; a large stone chest, which enclosed several inscribed plates, was dug up by M. Place in 1853. This is the only extant specimen of the Assyrian foundation-stone. It is described in the Records of the Past, Vol. XI. p 31.

In this chest were found one little golden tablet, one of silver, one of lead, one of copper, one of tin; the seventh was written on the chest itself, the sixth was of alabaster.

The inscriptions on four of the tablets are given. He describes himself as *Sargon*, the mighty king, &c., "who reigned from the two beginnings to the two ends of the four celestial points." In the course of the inscriptions he mentions an eclipse, which fixes the date as prior to 721 B.C.

This is a later date than the Egyptian inscriptions, and probably later than the date of Job, or the Temple of Jerusalem. The similarity in the usage of the Architects, and in the reverential feeling, suggests a common centre of origin in some earlier civilization whence this masonic Craft spread, carrying its traditions into the nations, which grew wealthy and ambitious enough to welcome the reverential and scientific art.

There is a further resemblance, in the same Vol., p 21. It appears that there was a ceremony attending the laying of the corner-stone which had a highly religious as well as artistic character, in which the king himself bore a part of the practical masonic labors of the craftsman. Sargon, in the inscription says, "In the month of Ab, the month of the God who lays the foundation-stones of towns and of houses, all the people assembled, and performed the ceremony of Salal [of the handbells] on gold, on silver, on copper, on metals, on stones, on the trees of Amanus, and, according to the rule, distributed the various employments, *I* laid the foundations, and placed the bricks," &c.

These are all the important Assyrian inscriptions on this subject which have come to my hand. I am bound to say, that I do not consider my researches are at all exhaustive investigations of what has been discovered and published. They sufficiently establish the fact of the great antiquity and wide-spread Masonic usage of laying corner stones, as well as the mystic and reverential character of the ceremonial with which it was performed. A thorough examination of all that has been brought to light within the past half century, and the progress of discoveries still ardently pursued by eminent scholars of Europe, will doubtless add much to what is here collated, that will illustrate the habits of the Masonic craft in early times. There was a perfection in the practical skill of the ancient craft which has not been equalled since. The contributions of beauty, harmony and grace which the masters of Greek, Saracenic and Gothic art have made to architecture, cannot be overlooked, but still, these old craftsmen, who preceded them thousands of years, and piously worshipped the Holy Architect of the Universe, in many practical points remain unapproachable by any of their successors.

ARCHITECTS.—There is something very striking to me in the social distinction in which the Masonic craft was held in Egypt. Brugsch, in his history of the Pharaohs, Vol. I. p 47, says, that the architects of the Pharoahs (the mur-ket) were often the king's sons and grandsons, and often the kings gave them his daughters for wives. In the following page he gives a list of those of the first dynasty; three appear to have married daughters or descendants of the blood royal. One is stated as a man of low extraction, but married to the lady Noferhotep, from the house of the king; one was a king's son, and of three no details are given. These lived more than 4000 years B.C.

The priestly caste was more inclusive of learning and art in those days than in modern times. While the highest God-Patah (the father of their other Gods) was hailed by his title as Holy Architect of the Universe, and the high priest under the kings was called the Foreman, it must be admitted that the art and architecture of the stone masons was in the closest and most natural relation to the religion of the country. In the fourth dynasty, a king, Seruchis, is said to have invented notable improvements in constructing edifices of carved stone, and some also in painting the hieroglyphic writings.

It is not singular that we find the names of the architects who were the masters of the particular works inscribed thereon, and preserved, for these highly educated master masons held no grovelling position in the state. They were eligible to the highest civil and priestly offices, and frequently one more distinguished for practical abilities was entrusted with such. Nor is this a fanciful conception. Such persons holding double offices, have inscribed their pride in their practical skill at the handicraft they possessed.

Mentu-hotep, the chief Architect of Usurtasen I., the inscription on his tombstone, now at Bologna, is thus described by Brugsch, I. p 140.

"He prides himself on having been 'a man learned in the law, a legislator,' one who apportioned the duties, and ordered the works in the district, who kept order in the whole land, who carried out all the behests of the king, who, as judge, decided and restored his property to the owner."—See p 19.

"As chief architect of the king, he promoted the worship of the Gods, and instructed the inhabitants of the country according to the best of his knowledge, as God orders to be done. He protected the poor, and freed him who was in want of freedom. Peace was in the words which came from his mouth, and the book of the wise *Thot* was on his tongue. *Very skilled* in artistic work, *with his own hand* he carried out his designs as they ought to be carried out. He knew the hidden thoughts of men, and he appreciated a man according to his value," &c., &c.

He also was governor of the town of Aut, and the land of Tesher. His panegyric finished by some remarks about a Temple of Osiris: "I it was who arranged the work for the building of the Temple, and sunk the well according to the order of the holiness of the royal lord." Righteous and generous were the speculative duties of his office of Architect. Proud of his craft was this Grand Master; and no other official rank of his was so high or so noble that in his mind it obscured the skill of his own hands, or the fertility and grace of his powers of artistic masonic design.

The Craft, now four thousand years after you have laid down the chisel and the mallet, dropped the crayon and the line, and put off your regalia, O Mentu-hotep, will hail you as a fellow, and not forget you when they drink to the health of the living masons throughout the world, and the memory of the dead.

Brugsch, I. p 180, says, the artist was the most honoured man in the Empire, and stood close to Pharoah, who poured his favours in a full stream on the man "of enlightened spirit and skilful hand."

The old master Martisen, who lived forty-four centuries ago—calls himself "a master among those who understand art, and a plastic artist," who "was a wise artist in his art." He relates in succession his knowledge in the making of "statues, in every position, according to prescribed use and measure;" also he describes as his particular invention an etching with colours that resist fire and water; and states "no man has arisen who is able to do this except himself alone and the eldest son of his race, whom God's will has created. He has arisen able to do this, and the exercise of his hand has been admired in masterly works in all sorts of precious stones, from gold and silver to ivory and ebony." His son was named Usurtasen. These two

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masters opened the age of the highest development of art under the kings of the twelfth Dynasty.

Bek, an architect at the Red Mountain in the time of Amenhotep IV., described as son of "the overseers of the sculptors from life men, and of the lady Ri-n-an," described himself, "overseer of the works at the Red Mountain, and artist and *teacher of the king himself*, an overseer of the sculptors from life at the grand monuments of the king for the Temple of the Sun's disc in the town of Kuaten." Brugsch, I. 444.

Bek's tombstone was sold at auction a few years since in Cairo to Mr. Vassali. In another context I shall refer to its inscriptions.

Senmut was architect in Queen Hashop's reign. He was "chief steward of the house" and "clerk of all the works," "first of the first." He was of skilful hand, but as his monument says, "without the fame of proud ancestors," or, as we would say, a self-made man.

Amen-mes-haut in the forty-seventh year of the reign of Thutmes III, was the master builder of the Temple of the Sun at Heliopolis. He is styled "Hereditary lord and first governor of Memphis, the architect in the town of the sun, the chief superintendent of all the offices in Upper and Lower Egypt, the head architect of the king, the steward of the king's palace."

Bekenkhonsu was chief in the time of Rameses Miamun. He also was "the hereditary lord and first prophet of Amon." He says: "I was a great architect in the town of Amon, my heart being filled with good works for my lord." Again, "the skilled in art, the first prophet of Amon, Bekenkhonsu, he speaks thus: I performed the best I could for the Temple of Amon as Architect of my lord," &c., &c. He put obelisks at the gate of the Temple. He was the president of the prophets, and his priesthood has lasted over fifty years of his life.

Leri or *Lui*, was chief architect to Mineptah II., High Priest of Amon, and also treasurer, and his son Roma succeeded him.

After the Persian conquest of Egypt, the same consideration was paid to the Architects, and in the time of Darius I. (490 B.C.), an Egyptian, Krum-al-ra, was "Architect of Upper and Lower Egypt." He furnishes, in an inscription published by Brugsch, p 299, a pedigree of twenty-four generations of his ancestors, who had been architects, and many of whom also had filled other offices of importance.

These brief references show the distinction accorded to the Craft through many thousands of years in the old time, and provoke the reflection that the further we go back into the records of the Craft the more brilliant its social position appears.

I have already shown the Kings of Egypt assisting at laying corner stones with mystic and religious rites, the inscriptions collated by Brugsch show that Architecture was a valued branch of the truly Royal Education, and could truly, in the earliest times, be called "the Royal Art." *Bek* inscribed on his tomb that he was *teacher* of the King himself.

King Amenhotep III., in an inscription (Brugsch, I. p 428), Pharaoh himself "gave instructions and the directions, for he understood how to direct and guide the Architect." The visitor of to-day, at Karnak, sees the work of this King yet standing, and can judge for himself whether this Royal Master of Art had the skill of his craft. The gigantic statues of this King and his wife, known usually as the Memnon Statues, are on the opposite side of the river, marking the site of another temple erected by the same monarch. These statues were planned and erected by Amenhotep, Chief Architect, Governor and Secretary.

Thutmes III. built, about B.C. 1600, the Temple of Osiris. An inscription says, "And each one of the Temple Artists knew the plan, and was well instructed in the mode of carrying it out: no one betook himself away from that which it was given him to do (viz., to build) a monument to his father Osiris, and to erect in good work *the inlaid mystery* which none can see and none can declare, for none know his form."

In Ramses II.'s time, Am, the King's son, of Kush, was the directing architect.

In Ramses Miamun's time (1133 B.C.) in an inscription on the Temple of Soti (Vol. II. p 35), the King speaks to the Chamberlain at his side, "Speak, that there may be assembled the Princes, the favourites of the King, the Commanders of the body-guards as they are, the architects, according to their numbers, and the Superintendent of the house of the rolls of the books." This Pharaoh laid the foundation-stone himself.

The inscription says: "When this speech from the lips of the Princes before their Lord was ended, then the king commanded, and gave commission to the architects, and separated the people of the masons, and the stone-cutters with the help of the graver, and the draughtsmen, and all kinds of artists to build the most holy place for his father, and to raise up what had fallen into decay in the Necropolis, and in the Temple of his father, who sojourns among the deceased ones."

Here there appears to have been very practically a Master's lodge, or a Grand Lodge, of that era assembled. Further on we read that this worthy mason and royal master had painted on the entrance of this Temple portraits of sixty of his sons, and fifty-nine of his daughters. Truly he intended his works should live after him.

I have finished my citations. The reign of *Caste* in Egypt worked no harm to this royal craft, for it belonged to the priestly and governing caste, and the road to civil preferment and priestly rank was free to its votaries. It found them on the throne, in the palace, and in the workshop, and in the Temple of the Great God-Patah, Chief Architect of the Universe and God of Truth.

The publication by Mr. Brugsch of the "History of the Pharaohs," from the inscriptions yet extant, is the mine whence these Egyptian inscriptions are exclusively drawn.

To the great value of his labors let me bear a faithful testimony. The light he has incidentally thrown on the organization of Masonry as a Craft will, I hope, induce him, out of his intimate acquaintance with the extant inscriptions, painting, papyri, and his mastership of their language, to favour us with a little more light on the obscure subject from over which he has raised a corner of the veil.

My task is performed. The dignity of the organization of Masonry is exposed to you, and the broad scope with which it gathered into its fold the art of working and building in stone, in all its adjunct branches. The light of education illumined the ancient craft beyond any other body of men of their age. Geometry, mathematics, its own technology and physics grew up within lodges, where knowledge and skill brought promotion and power. The speculative mysteries and metaphysics of a theology which taught the immortality of the soul and its responsibility for our good and bad actions was familiar to them. Of the Holy Architect of the Universe whom they worshipped they said, "all things came into existence after he existed." They styled him "the Lord of Truth," "the Father of beginnings."

Their art, formed into grandeur and perfection by their efforts, was the lamp from which Greek, Assyrian, Roman, and Semitic architecture caught the holy flame. Their instruction formed the artists of civilisation who succeeded them on the stage.

Over the illustrations I have drawn from the inscriptions of these giants of an elder day, I ask the Blue Mason and the Red, and the Grand Master Architect of the symbolic degrees, to stretch the line for themselves. I ask them, with square and level to test these relics of the corner stones Freemasons laid thousands of years ago—the work of a craft which was then a Royal art, both practical and speculative, enlightening the infancy of civilisation—and say, in the light we follow to-day, whether such work is not still true and trusty.

The annual visit of the Stewards to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution took place on Wednesday. We have a full report of the proceedings, and trust we shall be able to find space for it in our columns next week. For the present, let it suffice to say that, in spite of the very inauspicious weather, there was a good muster of brethren, and many ladies graced the Asylum by their presence. Bros. Raynham Stewart and Cubitt occupied the chair and vice chair respectively. The indefatigable Secretary, Bro. James Terry was, as usual, unremitting in his attention to the guests and inmates, while the venerable Warden, Bro. Norris, and Miss Norris played their part admirably. Be it added that a subscription was entered into by some of the brethren present for the purchase of a pianoforte, so that those of the residents who may possess musical ability and taste may have the opportunity of now and again relieving the monotony of what, after all said and done, must be a somewhat dreamy life.

It appears from the Prov. Grand Secretary's statement at the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks, which was held on Monday, and of which a report will be found elsewhere, that there are at present 726 subscribing members in the Province, of whom 169 are Past Masters. Forty one of these had been initiated during the past year, and fourteen were joining members. The sums disbursed by the various Lodges in charity amounted to £242 4s 6d, the aggregate of the balances in hand being £684 4s 11d.

We have great pleasure in announcing that Bro. Terry has been fortunate enough thus early to secure a chairman for the Festival next year of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Our R.W. Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Prov. G. Master and Prov. G. Superintendent of West Yorkshire, has kindly expressed his intention of taking upon himself the duties of President on that occasion. We congratulate Bro. Terry on having enlisted the sympathies on behalf of this Institution of so distinguished a brother, whose advocacy, backed up, as it will be, by one of our strongest, best organised, and most liberal Provinces, cannot fail to be otherwise than most powerful for good.

On Monday afternoon a deputation, which included the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe P.G.M. and Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, the Earl of St. Germans P.G.W. England, the Earl of Devon, the Bishop of Truro, and other gentlemen, waited on the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House, with a view to requesting the assistance of his Lordship, who is a native of Truro, in raising the balance of the large fund required for the erection of Truro Cathedral. His lordship was pleased to express his readiness to start a fund in the City for the purpose, and he trusted his expectations of a successful result would be realised.

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REVIEWS.

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St. John's Lodge, No. 221, *Bolton.* A Short History and Extracts from the old Minute Books, together with a list of Members, with the date of their respective initiation or joining the Lodge, and other information connected with the Masonic Fraternity. Compiled by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, Treasurer and Senior Past Master, P. Prov. Grand S. Deacon East Lancashire, with a short Introductory Notice by Bro. W. J. Hughan, Past Grand Deacon of England. 1880. Bro. Morris, Printer, Oxford Street, Bolton.

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As we advance further the minutes improve in the phraseology, though at the same time we lose most of the quainter and more curious writing. The first entry in Book VI. bears date 17th February 1821, and records the initiation of Bro. William Dawson, whom subsequently we meet with very often, and who, Bro. Brockbank tells us, was a Masonic Instructor in the county of considerable popularity. After entries respecting the initiation of a brother under age, for which of course a dispensation was obtained, we find it noted that a sum of Twenty Guineas was lodged in the Bank in the name of the Lodge. On the 11th November the Lodge writes to the Masonic Committee, Castle Inn, North Liverpool, offering them comfort and consolation, and Bro. Brockbank points out that the brethren to whom this comfort and consolation were offered belonged to Lodge No. 31, and were afterwards expelled the Order for contempt of Grand Lodge, the Lodge itself, as a reference to Preston's *Illustrations* will show, being erased from the roll. On the 15th December two brethren were delegated to attend P.G. Lodge, their expenses being borne by the Lodge. With one exception, in which mention is made of a petition of Reconciliation being forwarded to Grand Lodge on behalf of Lodge 31, the minutes in 1822 refer to the ballot and Bye Laws and testify to a very strange conception of duty on the part of the Lodge and to an equally strange laxity in matters disciplinary on the part of Grand and P.G. Lodge. Thus a candidate who was balloted for on 9th March had two black beans cast against him, whereupon a Brother moved and carried a resolution to the effect "that any candidate being objected to by more than two members, if a majority of the members think proper, the objection shall be disclosed to the Lodge for their satisfaction," while, on the 11th May, the Master refused to put a motion "That we are ruled by the Grand Rules or Bye Laws as they stand at present." Here we have a Lodge deliberately proposing to break the secrecy of the ballot, and the Master placing himself above the "Grand Rules" and the Lodge's own Bye Laws. A step, however, towards determining these irregularities, or, at all events, towards inviting the sense of Grand Lodge on these matters was taken, and it was resolved by a majority that the Bye Laws of the Lodge should be sent to Grand Lodge for their sanction. The only event worthy of being recorded in 1823 appears to have been the attendance of the Lodge at the laying the foundation-stone of a new Church in Bolton, which it is suggested was Trinity Church, built from the so-called "Million Fund." Next year the Lodge took part in a similar ceremony at Farnworth, in conjunction with the other Bolton Lodges and the Ringley Lodge, No. 765. The same year, too, it was agreed "that members who belong to this Lodge appear on St. John's Day in a clean neat apron, in either Craft, Arch or Black." In 1825 the Province was divided into two—East and West Lancashire—though on 1st October a resolution was passed that a petition should be forwarded to Grand Master the Duke of Sussex, recommending Bro. Crossley as a "fit and proper person to become P.G.M. for the County of Lancaster." A few days later it was agreed to postpone their attendance at Prov. Grand Lodge till the following year, when Bro. W. Dawson W.M. represented the Lodge, and was allowed a guinea for his expenses. In the year 1828 the same Bro. Dawson attended Provincial Grand Lodge as a "Provincial Grand Officer," and had the post of P.G.D. of Ceremonies conferred upon him by Bro. John Crossley, who is styled "Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Superintendent of the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Masons, and Eminent Knight Provincial Grand Commander of the Religious and Military Order of Knights Templar." Thus, even after a lapse of fifteen years from the Union, Craft, Arch, and Templar Masonry were mixed up, if not worked, in the same Lodge. In 1829 the Prov. Grand Lodge met at Bolton, and Bro. John Warbrick was appointed Prov. Grand Steward. In 1830 there were two funeral processions—one in order to pay respect to Bro. Val. Quin, an actor of some note at that time, and the other "for the purpose of the interment of our late Majesty King George the Fourth, Grand Patron of Masonry," the Lodge bearing one-third part of the expenditure. In 1831 there was a procession in honour of the King's birthday, and one was arranged for on his coronation day, but no expenses to be allowed out of the Lodge funds. On 20th August 1836 we gather that a new Local Fund for a Masonic Female School and a similar Fund of Benevolence were established in the Province, and that St. John's Lodge was a contributor to and supporter of both. Rather a strange entry occurs on 24th June 1837, where we read that £1 was granted to a Lodge at Dukinfield towards a lawsuit for recovery of property. In 1838 Bro. Thomas Preston D.P.G.M., attended by his Officers, took the chair, examined the books and accounts, and offered some useful remarks and suggested alterations. Shortly afterwards, it seems, a law was passed requiring "all members' Certificates to be deposited in the chest." In 1840 the Lodge resolved on becoming a subscriber to the intended Orphan School—a proof that, if the members hitherto had been and still were somewhat illiterate, they had an excellent notion of what constituted one of the principal duties of Freemasons, and lost no opportunity of giving effect to it. The minutes of 6th April 1841 contain copy of the rules issued by Grand Lodge denouncing the Freemason's Quarterly Review, and any Brother who furnished materials for the same, and at the next meeting a letter was directed to be sent to the Duke of Sussex M.W. G.M. congratulating him on his action. This, we presume, refers to certain differences which arose about this time in connection with the establishment of what is now known as the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the result being that Bro. Dr. Crucefix was for some time suspended from all his Masonic functions and privileges. There is no doubt the differences arose, as such matters usually do, out of misconceptions which it was found impossible to make clear at first, and much warmth of feeling was exhibited; but in time these misconceptions passed away, Dr. Crucefix was restored to his rank and privileges, and the Benevolent Institution flourishes like a green bay tree in testimony of the earnestness of purpose by which all parties to the dispute were animated. On 25th June 1843 mention is made of a "Code of Bye-laws agreed upon for Sick and Craft." On 6th July 1844 it was resolved that the Lodge should co-operate with No. 363 in requesting Bro. John Crossley to become Prov. G. Master for the Eastern Division of Lancashire. Next year it is recorded that the "Local Fund, Sick and Burial," should be formed apart from the Lodge Funds, and the rule forbidding members from joining other secret societies was rescinded, while Bro. Warbrick, whose name occurs frequently, and always with distinction, was presented with a horn snuff-box. On 17th June the compiler of this narrative being under age, was initiated by dispensation of Bro. S. Blair D.P.G.M. nominate, and four months later the same brother and others passed the chair, these being the last who were permitted to go through the ceremony in consequence of the new authorities having interdicted the practice. This interesting event appropriately closes Book No. 6.

The next Minute Book covers a decade of years and brings us to 1856, but it records a by no means strange and eventful history. The first note of any moment mentions that Bro. Brockbank was elected to the office of Secretary in the year of his initiation. In 1847 we read it was resolved that the Lodge furniture should be repaired at an expense not to exceed £50. Later in the same year a new code of Bye-laws was adopted. A most unusual circumstance is recorded under date 4th January 1848. The Worshipful Master refused to serve, and a new election became necessary, Bro. Harris, who a short time before had been chosen Secretary, being elected to the chair. In 1849 Bro. Brockbank, who was at the time W.M. of the Lodge, was appointed to act as Prov. G. Steward at the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting. In 1850 the Lodge gained an accession of strength in the person of Bro. John Tunnah, subsequently and still the respected Prov. G. Secretary, who was accepted as a joining member. In 1851 the Secretary was, for the first time for many years, appointed by the Master, and towards the end of the year it was resolved that the W.M.'s chair should be fitted with its canopy and appendages on the occasion of the Festival of St. John. Bro. Brockbank recounts how the Master sat in this chair—which was like a watch-box—smothered with curtains, and with his hat on "Nature's Peg" perspiring fearfully as though he was having "a Vapour Bath." Still whether the chair and canopy were comfortable or not, it is evident the Lodge was bent on making itself as imposing as possible, for in 1852 new collars and gauntlets for the officers were purchased, the hour for meeting was made earlier, and it was forbidden that any liquor should be brought into, or smoking allowed in, the Tyler's room during the time the Lodge was assembled. Moreover, its charitable inclinations were even more tenderly fostered than before, and several times we read of sums of £10 being voted in aid of the Local Fund of Benevolence. The last entry in this book records the initiation, at a Lodge of Emergency, of our worthy Bro. Thos. Entwisle, who is another of the lights of Freemasonry of which Bolton has reason to be proud.

The next section extends over five years only. The first note of importance relates to the signature of a petition to the Annuity Fund—now the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund—on behalf of Bro. Jas. Isherwood who, as far back as 1820, when the first mention of a P.G. Lodge occurs in these minutes, was told off to attend it as a delegate. Unfortunately for him, Bro. Isherwood does not seem from the Reports of the R.M.B.I. of those days to have been successful in his candidature. We next read of a memorial being signed for the appointment of Bro. Stephen Blair as P.G. Master, which was acceded to, as that respected brother was installed as P.G.M. at Manchester on 24th July 1856. On the 20th August next following, a Lodge of Instruction was formed, under the auspices of the Lodge and with its sanction. But this Lodge did not exist for long; its sittings were discontinued in a little over a year, and the mother Lodge was presented with a Grand Lodge banner, as a token of respect on the part of its daughter. Meantime the initiation fee was raised to four guineas and a half—a fact which proves that the Lodge was desirous of members of, socially speaking, a higher status. We are not suggesting they were becoming ashamed of having among them humbler brethren less well furnished with the comforts of life. We imagine their object was to secure something of equality of position among the members—a not unnatural or ill-disposed wish, when we bear in mind that there are two extremes, one which would make Freemasonry too cheap, as well as one which would make it too costly. In making the change the Lodge seems to have hit upon a happy mean between these two. A little later and a project is noted for building a Masonic Hall for the town, but what came of it is not recorded. There *is* a Freemasons' Hall at Bolton, but the St. John's Lodge does not hold its meetings in it. In 1858 the Lodge contributed towards presenting Bro. Blair P.G.M. with a banner of Grand Lodge, and the year following the Provincial Grand Lodge held its meeting at Bolton, two of the members being nominated as Prov. Grand Stewards. In 1860 the portrait of Bro. Dawson, in his clothing as a P. Prov. Grand Officer, was presented to the Lodge, the artist being a Mr. Walley, of local fame. The book closes with a minute recording that Bro. Entwisle was appointed Charity reprepresentative for the Lodge to the East Lancashire Committee; and the next book begins with an entry to the effect

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that the same brother collected a sum of money in aid of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, this minute bearing date 16th April 1862.

We have now reached the last section of the proof sheets, which Bro. Brockbank has kindly forwarded, and we are happy to say that among the earlier, as, indeed, also among the later records, are several which refer especially to his most valuable services. Thus, on 21st January 1863 is recorded a vote of thanks to him on his retiring from the Secretaryship after from some thirteen to fourteen years' service, and on the 15th April following that he was presented with a handsome skeleton clock, accompanied by a diamond ring to Mrs. Brockbank, "as a mark of respect and in appreciation of his services as W.M., S.W., and Secretary for 16 years." The next minute notes that the number of the Lodge had been altered from 268 to 221, and then an intimation is given that the P.G.M. would lay the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall at Manchester. A month later we are told that Bro. Tunnah P.G.M. presented to the Lodge a portrait of the Prov. Grand Master Bro. Blair. In 1865 Bro. Entwisle again collected money in aid of the Benevolent Institution. A minute of 17th July 1867 notes that a letter from Grand Secretary Gray Clarke was read, "cautioning the brethren against holding Masonic intercourse with persons professing to be regularly made Masons, but who have not been initiated in a regularly warranted Lodge." A little later the Lodge, we are told, went into mourning for three months out of respect to the memory of Bro. Lawrence Newall Deputy P.G.M. About this time the Lodge resolved on re-arranging its meetings, so as to have a vacation in July and August, while in 1868 the June meeting was dispensed with, so that those members who were desirous of doing so, might attend the laying of the foundation-stone of the Albert Asylum, Lancaster, by the Earl of Zetland M.W.G.M.—an opportunity of which Bro. Brockbank tells us many prominent brethren availed themselves. The minute immediately following this is a painful one, recording, as it does, that a petition was sent to the Lodge of Benevolence on behalf of Bro. William Dawson the senior member of the Lodge. This Bro. Dawson, who was highly respected, and well known as a Masonic expositor of merit, had been initiated as far back as 17th February 1821. He was W.M. in 1826 and on several occasions had acted as delegate for this Lodge at Prov. G.L. meetings; and yet after an honourable career, extending over very little short of half a century, his necessitous circumstances drove him to apply for relief—a sad illustration of the vicissitudes of fortune which some of the wealthiest among us are called upon to undergo.

The next minute introduces to us the name of a most worthy brother, who held a high position in the Province, had received Grand Lodge honours, and died beloved and respected by all who knew him, as recently as 1876. We allude to Bro. W. Romaine Callender, who is here referred to as having "delivered a lecture on the Tracing Board in the first degree." Bro. Callender succeeded Bro. Newall in the Deputy Prov. Grand Mastership, and held that office at the time of his death. The next year (1869) the Lodge subscribed towards a monument to be erected to the memory of Bro. Callender's predecessor, and subsequently the question of holding the Lodge meetings in private rooms was entrusted to a Committee consisting of Bros. Entwisle and J. W. Taylor. In 1870 are recorded among other matters the presentation in open Lodge of an illuminated address on vellum, enclosed in a gold frame, to Bro. Jos. Howarth, on his retirement after seven years from the office of Treasurer, and of jewels to three worthy Past Masters, Bros. T. Morris, James Fitznewton, and William Flitcroft. On the 18th August is noted a letter from Grand Secretary, announcing appointment of Bro. Le G. Nicholas Starkie as Prov. G. Master, in succession to the late Bro. Blair. Nearly the whole of what follows concerns our worthy Bro. Brockbank himself. On 18th Jan. 1871, in commemoration of his having completed twenty-five years of membership, he presented to the Lodge a silver chain to be worn by the W.M. over his ordinary collar. The chain is described as having thirty links, the monogram 221 and the eagle, which is symbolic of St. John, being placed on each alternate link, while suspended from it hang the square within a circle and the donor's crest, and pendant therefrom a silver eagle. It is hardly necessary to say that a vote of thanks illuminated was subsequently presented to the donor. Then on 15th February he announced that as Steward at the Festival of the Benevolent he had collected £134—afterwards increased to £140—in aid of that institution, that being the first occasion on which any member of the Lodge had acted as Steward at any of the London Festivals. The W.M. announced on 20th March 1872 that in recognition of these various services the P.G.M. had intimated his intention of conferring the rank of Prov. G. Senior Deacon on Bro. Brockbank, that being the first occasion since 1826 on which an honorary appointment had been conferred on a member of the Lodge. Two months later the Lodge offered him their congratulations on the appointment. The good example thus set in connection with our Festivals bore immediate fruit, for the last entry, dated 20th Nov. of this year, records that three members had undertaken the office of Steward for the Boys' School Festival, Bros. E. C. Gilbert, W. Hewitt, and J. M. Rutter, while the last-mentioned was to act in the same capacity at the next Festival of the Girls' School, and Bro. J. W. Taylor for that of the Benevolent.

We have now completed our sketch of this interesting compilation, so far as the sheets have reached us. What further remarks may be necessary, and the rest of the story, will be added when we receive what remains to be published.

(To be continued.)

We beg to remind our readers that the Prov. G. Lodge of Kent will be held at Foresters' Hall, Union Crescent, Margate, on Wednesday next, the 23rd instant. The hour of noon is fixed for the opening of the P.G. Lodge; 1.30 p.m. for attending Divine Service at St. Paul's Church, Cliftonville, and 3.30 p.m. for the banquet.

Obituary.

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HON. ROBERT HAMILTON, M.A., M.D.

DISTRICT GRAND MASTER JAMAICA.

IT is with very sincere regret we announce the death of Dr. Robert Hamilton, District Grand Master, and Grand Superintendent of the R. A. Masons, as well as Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason of Jamaica. Dr. Hamilton's health, it seems, had been failing for some time, and therefore though the wish was father to the thought that, considering he was only in the sixtieth year of his age, his life might be spared for many years, his death has not been altogether matter for surprise. Our deceased brother was educated at the University of Cambridge, after which, having graduated as M.A., he betook himself to the study of medicine, and after obtaining the customary diplomas, went out to Jamaica, where he had inherited a considerable property from a grand uncle, Mr. W. Hamilton, an English merchant in Kingston, and Colonel of a Kingston regiment of Militia. This gentleman, on withdrawing from business, sought retirement at CliftonMount, a coffee estate which he had settled, and hither, as we have said, Dr. Hamilton when about thirty years of age went out, and took possession of the property. He also practised medicine to a limited extent in the surrounding country. He led a quiet, unostentatious life—that of a typical English country gentleman—for several years, until in 1864, he was offered by Sir Charles Darling, and accepted, a seat in the old Legislative Council. Soon after, he was appointed a member of the Executive Committee, and while filling that responsible place—which he did until the abolition of Constitutional Government, after the troubles of 1865,—he accepted the office of Custos Rotulorum for the parish of St. Andrew. On resigning these posts he returned to England. He spent a considerable time on the Continent, walking again, for personal gratification, the hospitals of England and France. Upon his return to Jamaica, he was called to the present Legislative Council by Sir Anthony Musgrave, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the Hon. Robert Nunes. He had taken an active part in the volunteer movement, and was major of the St. Catherine's Administrative Corps, composed of artillery of that parish, and of Kingston. He deeply interested himself in medical and educational subjects, and at the same time was a most social, generous, and hospitable man. In politics he was an ardent liberal, and being in Paris as a medical student during the stormy days of 1848, he sided with the Republicans, at first dressing their wounds, and then shouldering a musket behind the barricades. At the same time he was essentially a lover of order, and only played this part from his sympathy with people whom he regarded as oppressed. Dr. Hamilton was also a member of the Queen's Body Guard, or Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms.

It is chiefly, however, as a Mason, that his career will prove of interest to our readers, and to give some idea of the high consideration in which he was held among the brethren a mere recapitulation of the offices he held at the time of his lamented decease will suffice. First and foremost he was District Grand Master of Jamaica, to which office he was appointed 5th Nov. 1858; District Grand Superintendent of R.A. Masons—date of patent 10th Jan. 1859; and had been Prov. G.M.M.M. since 1877. He was also a Supernumerary member of the Supreme Council, 33° of the A. and A. Rite, and Prov. G. Master of the Royal Order of Scotland.

His funeral which took place on Sunday, the 23rd May, was attended by over 300 friends, local officials, and Masonic celebrities, among whom were the Lieut. Governor, the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Justice Ker, the Auditor General, Custodes McDowell and Kimble, Prov. G.M. Bro. S. C. Burke (S.C.), and Deputy G.M. Bro. Altamont de Cordova(E.C.) The remains were consigned to their last resting place at Craighton Churchyard, the funeral service being read by Archdeacon Brooks, the choir and organist assisting. Sprigs of myrtle having been thrown on the coffin by the brethren, the Ven. Archdeacon spoke a few earnest words, after which the assemblage dispersed. No attempt was made at a Masonic demonstration, but we feel assured the memory of our deceased brother will be deeply respected, and that he will always be spoken of as one of the chief Masonic luminaries of his day. Bro. Dr. Hamilton had been twice married, but leaves no issue to mourn his loss.

JAMAICA.

Collegium Fabrorum, Kingston.—The ordinary meeting was held 13th May, presided over by Wor. Bro. M. Y. Ross; Bros. E. Finzi S.W., Da Cotta J.W., and other Officers. Being the night of election, a good many members were present. The aspirants for the chair were Bros. E. Finzi and W. Duff. The ballot was taken, and resulted in the election of Bro. E. Finzi.

We are happy to announce that another Mark Lodge will shortly be opened in this city, to be called the Kingston Mark Lodge, of which Wor. Bro. W. Andrews jun. is to be first Master, Wor. Bro. M. Dias Senior Warden, Wor. Bro. J. Thirlwall Junior Warden. The petition is numerously signed.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

CAVEAC LODGE, No. 176.

THE Installation Meeting of this influential and prosperous Lodge was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Saturday last, 12th inst. Present:—Bros. Walter Neumegen W.M., Alfred West Thorpe S.W., P. A. Nairne P.M. Treasurer, Charles T. Dorey P.M. Secretary, E. F. Johnston S.D., William Kirkness J.D., Charles Browne P.M. D.C., Thomas Quihampton P.M., J. B. Sorrell P.M., W. Miller Goss P.M., W. J. Stride P.M., J. B. Sorrell jun. P.M., Robert Sutherland, Aubrey Browne, Oscar L. W. Moore, Charles J. Scott, Charles Bischoff, Frederick Elder, Guillermo A. Wilson, and Louis B. C. Will. Visitors:—Bros. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, Simpson P.G. Chaplain, Hogg P.G.D., Costa P.G.D., M. R. Morton P.M. Bank of England 263, John Charles P.M 19, A Middlemas P.M., Harold Carter W.M. Moira 92, John G. Horsey W.M. 1619, Charles Atkins W.M. 1260, H. B. Mugliston S.W. 1228, H. Paget J.W. 194, S. Pollard S.D. 19, C. H. Dorey Roman Eagle, Edinburgh, 160, W. W. Wartraby 1330, Robert Symington 1330, J. L. Patisson 2, F. R. Hales 34, Buzzegoli and H. L. Hancock 143. Lodge was opened at four o'clock p.m., in due form, and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. L. B. C. Will, a candidate for raising, having been entrusted, retired, when Lodge was opened in the third degree, and he was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Resuming to the first degree, and the ballot proving unanimous, Mr. E. C. Fielding was initiated into the secrets of ancient Freemasonry, and the Lodge resumed in the second degree. The D.C. then entered, and presented Bro. Alfred West Thorpe S.W. the W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. Upon the conclusion of the first portion of the ceremony Lodge was resumed in the third degree, all below the rank of I.M. were requested to retire, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the W.M. elect duly placed in the chair of K.S. in the usual manner. He having been saluted, proclaimed, and greeted, then invested his predecessor as I.P.M. and closed the Board. The brethren were re-admitted, and the W.M. saluted, proclaimed, and greeted, in the several degrees. Bro. Thorpe invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. E. F. Johnston S.W., W. Kirkness J.W., P. A. Nairne P.M. Treasurer, C. T. Dorey P.M. Sec., W. G. Elder S.D., Robert Sutherland J.D., and O. L. W. Moore I.G. The Tyler was then unanimously re-elected and duly invested, after which the I.M. delivered the ancient charges to the W.M., the Wardens, and brethren. The W.M. said a very pleasing duty devolved upon him, as Master of the Caveac Lodge, viz., the presentation to their I.P.M. of a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, voted to him by the brethren as a slight recognition of his able services as W.M. during the past year. Bro. Neumegen having responded and other business been transacted, Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards sat down to a substantial banquet. During the evening the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Neumegen, when giving the toast of the W.M., spoke in very high praise of the abilities and virtues of Bro. A. W. Thorpe, whom they all so much respected, and whom they were all so pleased to see in the Master's chair; he felt convinced, as did one and all, that with such a W.M. the Caveac Lodge was certain of a prosperous year. In responding Bro. Thorpe alluded to the very impressive manner in which the ceremony of installation had that evening been rendered by their I.P.M. Bro. Neumegen. After the Tyler's toast the brethren dispersed.

THE GILBERT GREENHALL LODGE, No. 1250, WARRINGTON.

THE members of the Lodge and their visiting friends held their annual Festival on the 8th inst. The meeting was called for three o'clock, and immediately after that time the W.M. (Bro. T. H. Sutton) with his Officers assumed their respective positions. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were confirmed. Among those present were:—Bros. H. S. Alpass Prov. G. Sec., Dr. Bowes P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, D. W. Finney Prov. G.D. Cers. W. Lancashire, E. C. Cooper P.P.G.S.B., J. R. Young P.M. 148, C. E. Hindley W.M. 148, Samuel Saunders 1609, J. Fineberg 1609, J. H. Galloway S.W. W.M. elect, T. H. Sutton W.M., S. Wallhead J.W., W. Richardson P.M., W. Woods P.M., W. Taylor I.G., T. Hutchinson S.D., T. Domville, A. W. Brandritt, J Shillcock, R. Brierley P.M., J. Baird, J. Farrington, J. Jones T. Barber, F. Massey, J. Smethurst, G. Fairhurst, J. O'Brien, G. Mackey, P. J. Edelsten P.M., T. O. Speakman, J. Barlow, R. Heaton, J. Currey, D. Hooley, J. H. Potter, A. F. G. Potter, W. Reid, &c., &c. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. J. H. Galloway S.W. and W.M. elect was presented and installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, Bro. D. W. Finney Prov. G.D. of Cers. being the Installing Officer. This done and cement applied, the Board was dissolved. The newly appointed W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. H. Sutton I.P.M., S. Wallhead S.W., T. Hutchinson J.W., Richardson P.M. Treasurer, D. W. Finney P.M. Sec., W. Taylor S.D., W. H. Jenkins J.D., J. O'Brien I.G., T. Domville Tyler, J. Jones and J. Farrington Stewards. After routine business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren above named, augmented by others, adjourned to the Lion for the banquet. Bro. Galloway W.M. presided, supported by a long array of Prov. and other distinguished brethren. We should not omit to mention that a very interesting feature in the proceedings was the presentation of a very handsome and chaste P.M.'s jewel to Bro. T. H. Sutton the I.P.M., bearing a suitable inscription, in recognition of that worthy brother's services during his year of office. The proceedings, which were of the most lively character, were brought to a close about nine o'clock, and the brethren separated in the most perfect harmony.

ST. NICHOLAS LODGE, No. 1676.

THE Installation Meeting of this young but very flourishing Lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 7th. The Lodge was opened in due form at three o'clock by Bro. A. R. Taylor W.M., supported by his Officers. All formalities having been gone through, Bro. E. D. Downs P.P.G.S.W. took the chair, and the W.M. elect, Bro. M. E. Catchesside S.W. was presented to him for installation. The ceremony being most impressively performed, the newly-installed W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. A. R. Taylor I.P.M., F. Blencowe S.W., R. W. Cummings J.W., J. R. Pringle Treasurer, E. Marston Sec., R. Veitch S.D., J. P. Clark J.D., J. Cook P.M. D.C., W. Simpson I.G., R. Ferry Organist, J. Carry Tyler. After the transaction of the business of the Lodge, Bro. E. D. Davis P.P.G.S.W., in a few well-chosen remarks, presented to Bro. John T. Taylor I.P.M. P.P.G.A.P. a beautiful and valuable P.M.'s jewel, which bore a suitable inscription, and which had been subscribed for by members of the Lodge. Bro. Taylor feelingly responded for the handsome present which the brethren had made him, in recognition of his services to the Lodge. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the Central Exchange Hotel, Grey-street, where the Annual Festival was held, and an agreeable evening was spent, the harmony being pleasantly contributed to by Bros. Gibbons, Keeney, Dewar, Robson, &c.

THE SUBURBAN LODGE, No. 1702.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, 11th June, at the Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, and in consequence of the fineness of the day was very numerously attended. Bro. A. F. Roberts W.M. presided, and there were present Bros. Redford S.W. W.M. elect, J. D. B. Wall J.W., J. Tickle P.M. Treasurer, C. Hawksley Secretary, W. T. Buck S.D., J. F. Hepburn J.D., C. S. Buck I.G., W. R. Shutt W.S., G. H. Carter Steward, and the following Visitors:—Bros. H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Sec. and Prov. Grand Sec. for Middlesex, W. C. Maddever P.M. 504, Robt. Wright P.M. 501, W. J. Foster P.M. 19, H. W. Ruff W.M. 95, G. N. Watts P.M. 194, H. Thompson 1426 and P.M. 177 and 1158, A. Buck J.D. 453, R. G. Webster P.M. 579, W. G. Watson I.G. 633, E. C. Kilsby 871, Dr. J. E. Carpenter P.M. 1196, J. Pearson P.M. 1196, J. Heath W.M. 1196, F. Redford 1196, F. Eckstein 1196, G. H. Hunter W.M. 1298, J. F. Fellary 1385, W. S. Marshall 1549, W. S. Whittaker 1572, T. Gates 1599, &c. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, a ballot took place for Mr. W. B. Andrews, a candidate for admission, and it resulting unanimously in his favour he was introduced and impressively admitted to the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The next business was the installation of Bro. Redford Worshipful Master elect, for which purpose Bro. Tickle Past Master and Treasurer took the chair, and Bro. Redford was duly invested in the presence of a large body of installed Masters. After the usual salutes he appointed his Officers as follows:—Bros. Wall S.W., W. T. Buck J.W., J. Tickle Past Master Treasurer, C. Hawksley Secretary, J. F. Hepburn S.D., C. S. Buck J.D., W. R. Shutt W.S., G. H. Carter I.G., Eaton Steward, Ritchie D.C. One of the addresses was delivered by Bro. Dr. Carpenter, and the others by the Installing Master. The installation ceremony having been concluded, the next business was the initiation of Mr. Robert Watson jun., and that ceremony was most ably performed. A motion for the increase of the annual subscription was put and carried, as was one by Bro. Tickle—"That the Lodge meet in the months of January, March, May, June, and October, instead of as at present, and that the Bye-law be altered accordingly." An interesting incident here took place in the proceedings of the meeting, which was the presentation to the Lodge, by Bro. Milbourn, the architect engaged in the restoration of the Church of St. Stephen, Walbrook, built by Sir Christopher Wren, of a maul of old oak, beautifully polished, formed out of one of the rafters of the old church, and it was looked upon as a relic of great interest. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Milbourn for his valuable gift. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren for some time amused themselves by inspecting the beautiful gardens attached to the hotel, or viewing the charming country by which it is surrounded. On re-assembling, they proceeded to the banquetting-room, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them, and to which ample justice was done. On the removal of the cloth, the Wor. Master, in giving the toast of the Queen and the Craft, said she had endeared herself to all her subjects, and more particularly so to Freemasons. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was the health of the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master. As his merits and the interest his Royal Highness took in all that concerned the Craft were so well known and appreciated, he should offer no further observations, but at once call upon them to drink the toast—a request that was enthusiastically responded to. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was the health of the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present. All the Grand Officers were supporters of their Masonic Institutions, and had the interest of them at heart; their merits were well known, and they were always in attendance to promote the welfare of the Craft. He would say no more, but propose their health, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary. The toast was cordially received. Bro. Buss, in responding, said the W.M. had placed him somewhat in a difficulty in having to return thanks for the Grand Officers; he regretted there was no one more eminent amongst them present to return thanks for the very cordial manner in which they had received the toast. He thought, however, they would agree with him when he said, that they were the right men in the right place, as there were no men who could devote more time and trouble than they did to promote the interests of the Craft, and in their name he returned thanks for the honour they had con-

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ferred upon them. The W.M. said the next toast he should ask the brethren to drink was the Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers. They were particularly fortunate in meeting on one of the most charming spots in Great Britain; he regretted that their Provincial Grand Master was not present with them that evening, but hoped in the future he would honour them with his company. They had had the pleasure of a visit from him once, and one of their members (Bro. Tickle) had been appointed as one of the Prov. Grand Officers. He should couple with the toast the name of Bro. Tickle. Bro. Tickle said, in responding, that he was sorry that the Provincial Grand Master was not with them that night to see with his own eyes what was passing there: it was a great misfortune to them that he was not amongst them. In the name of the Provincial Grand Officers he begged to return thanks. The Wor. Master said the next toast he should have the pleasure of bringing before them that evening was a very pleasing one to him. He had had the pleasure of introducing two gentlemen into the Order, and he was sure that both of them would do credit to the Lodge. He had known Bro. Andrews for some time, and therefore had great pleasure in introducing him to the Lodge, as he was sure that he would be a credit to it. Having passed a warm compliment upon Bro. Watson, the W.M. concluded by proposing the health of their newly-initiated brethren, Andrews and Watson. Bro. Veal gave, with good effect, "The Entered Apprentice" song. Bro. Andrews said he was unaccustomed to speak in public; he would only say that he would endeavour to carry out the tenets of Freemasonry to the best of his ability. Bro. Watson said he thanked them from his heart for the very kind manner in which they had drunk his health; the ceremony he had gone through was so deeply impressed upon him that he could not express himself in proper terms; he would do his best to prove himself a worthy Mason. Bro. Roberts I.P.M. said he had with the utmost pleasure to propose the next toast; it was one that he was sure would be reciprocated by every brother in the Lodge. It, however, was an easy one, as it was the health of the W.M., who was well known to them, and whose good qualities were admitted by all. He was a most worthy brother, and he was sure that every one in the Lodge was proud of him as W.M. Wishing him a prosperous year, he asked the brethren to drink his health, hoping that for many years he might be amongst them. The toast was cordially received. The W.M. thanked Bro. Roberts for the very kind manner in which his health had been drunk. He could assure them that if he should fail in giving them satisfaction it would not be from want of inclination but from want of ability. The next toast he had to propose was the Past Masters; after alluding to the services of Bro. Tickle, he said that Bro. Roberts, contrary to the advice of his medical man, at great inconvenience had come amongst them to carry out his duties as W.M. He had great pleasure, in the name of the Lodge, in presenting him with a jewel, trusting that for many years he might be a member of the Lodge, and give them the benefit of his advice and good counsel. Bro. Roberts returned thanks, and after some other toasts had been given the proceedings were brought to a close, and most of the brethren returned to town, having spent a day of unmixed pleasure.

NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE, No. 406.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge took place on the 2nd instant, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Lodge was opened by Bro. R. G. Salmon W.M., assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. John Page I.P.M., G. W. Lax S.W., S. M. Harris J.W., E. Dunford Sec., R. W. Sisson as S.D., A. Hume J.D., E. W. Sisson I.G., Bilby W.S., and G. W. Sims Tyler. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Lodge was raised to the third degree, and two brethren received the sublime degree of M.M. from the W.M. in a very perfect manner. The Tracing Board was correctly explained by Bro. Page I.P.M. The ordinary routine business having been gone through, and a committee appointed for the purpose of revising the bye-laws, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, where a very pleasant evening was spent, enlivened by several songs and recitations. There were several visitors present.

ROYAL ARCH.

LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 1326.

THE regular convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday, 10th June, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. There were present Companions W. Hammond P.Z. as M.E.Z., J. Hammond H., F. Walters P.Z. as J., E. Hopwood P.Z., Moody 1st Assist. Sojourner, Errington, and several others. The minutes of the last Chapter were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the M.E.Z. The Bye-laws were read. The elections were unanimous in favour of Companions J. Hammond as M.E.Z., J. B. Shackleton H., J. C. Woodr w J., S. Wickens P.Z. S.E. Treas. re-elected, Moody S.N., Davey P.S., Gilbert Janitor re-elected. The usual P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. Edwin Gilbert I.P.Z. Comp. T. W. Adams M.E.Z. West Smithfield Chapter was proposed as a joining member. Several candidates were proposed for exaltation. Business ended, the Chapter was closed and adjourned to meet on Thursday, 8th July, at 4 p.m. The usual banquet was served.

DEATH.

HAMILTON.—On 20th May, at Clifton Mount, St. Andrew, Jamaica, the Hon. Robert Hamilton, M.A., M.D., J.P., District Grand Master of East Jamaica, Member of the Legislative Council, late Custos of St. Andrew, &c.

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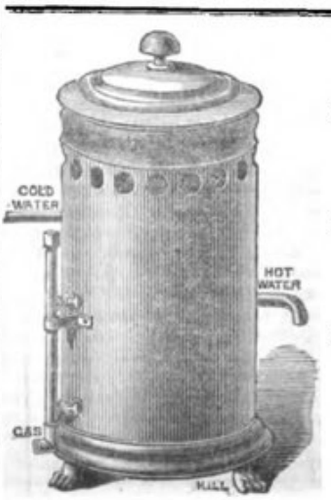

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norths and Hunts was held on Thursday, 10th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton. The Provincial Grand Master the Duke of Manchester was prevented by ill health from attending, and therefore Bro. Butler Wilkins, the Deputy G.M. of the Province, assumed the presidency of Provincial Grand Lodge. He first announced that he had received a letter from the Prov. Grand Master explaining his absence, but inasmuch as the letter contained other matters which would be brought forward at a later hour, he did not think it necessary to read it then. He next proceeded to open the Provincial Grand Lodge, when the Prov. Grand Secretary read the minutes of the meeting held last year at Wellingborough, which, after an explanation from the chair as to the alteration made in the locality of holding this year's meeting, were confirmed. The roll of Lodges was then called over, and the various representatives having reported themselves, the minute books were examined and signed. The Acting Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to nominate and instal the Officers for the ensuing year, the following brethren being selected:—Bros. T. R. Wood Pomfret 360 S.W., W. J. Pilcher St. Peters 442 J.W. (in the case of this brother a dispensation had been obtained from Grand Lodge, in consequence of his being a non-resident of the Province), Rev. S. W. Wigg Eleanor Cross 1764 Chaplain, Rev. W. E. Hall Wentworth 737 Asst. Chap., R. C. Parr 607 Reg., F. G. Buckle St. Peters 442 Sec., H. Standley Perseverance 455 S.D., H. J. Atkins Eleanor Cross 1794 J.D., W. Wade Socrates 373 S. of Works (Bro. Marson invested in his absence), R. H. Griffin St. Peters 442 D.C., G. Ellard Pomfret 360 Assist. D.C., Hewens Wentworth 737 Sword Bearer, S. Slinn Wentworth 737 Standard Bearer, A. J. Evans Fidelity 445 Purs. (Bro. Greville invested in his absence), W. Acroyd Wentworth 737 Org., Richard Howes Fidelity 445 (re-elected) Treas., Ayres Pomfret, Harrison St. Peters, Linnel Fidelity, Royce Merit, Park Perseverance, Matthews Wentworth, Stewards. In proposing the re-election of Bro. Richard Howes to the office of Treasurer, the acting Deputy Prov. G. Master said it had been his great pleasure to propose the election of Bro. Howes on many previous occasions, and he was extremely gratified to do so again. He had always performed his duties most efficiently, and he felt it impossible that Prov. G. Lodge could elect a brother more suited to the office, or who would more faithfully discharge the duties appertaining thereto. The proposition was seconded, and carried unanimously amid acclamation. The Secretary then read the report prepared by the Board of Benevolence and Charity organization committee of the province, which had met previously at the Peacock Hotel. At that meeting Bro. Butler Wilkins presided, and the following among other business was transacted:—The accounts for the year, which comprised grants of twenty guineas each to the Male and Female Funds of the Benevolent Institution, £20 to the widow of a deceased brother, £15 to a brother whose present condition entitled him to the sympathy of the members, and the usual expenses of the year, were passed, and on the grants being put to the vote in Prov. Grand Lodge they were confirmed, and the Treasurer's statement was signed. The amounts standing to the credit of Prov. Grand Lodge are as follow:—Owing on mortage of Masonic buildings, Northampton, £700, balance in hand £76 19s 6d. A discussion then ensued as to the desirability of issuing a Provincial Calendar, it was suggested, on the one hand, that Grand Lodge should simply endorse the publication with its sanction and authority, and on the other that the funds of the Province should be held liable for the difference between selling and cost price (if any), thereby making the issue of the Calendar a part of the work undertaken by the Grand Lodge; but this latter was, after considerable comment pro and con, rejected, and the former proposition carried, Grand Lodge recommending to its daughter Lodges to support the Calendar it was proposed to issue. Bro. Wilkins then read the letter from the Duke of Manchester, which, as we have already stated, expressed the inability of his Grace to attend, and also informed the brethren that it was his desire to resign his appointment as Prov. Grand Master. This letter it was decided should be entered on the minutes, and as the Prov. Grand Master had expressed a desire for the Deputy to take steps to make the proper representations to Grand Lodge, it was decided that such should be carried out. This completing the business of the day, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was held at the Peacock Hotel. Here also Bro. Butler Wilkins presided, and in due course he proposed the usual loyal toasts. Bro. Boeme P.M. 360 proposed that of the Prov. Grand Master, the Duke of Manchester. The privilege of proposing the toast having devolved on him, he could but express the pleasure he felt in offering it for the acceptance of the brethren. They must all regret, as he did, the cause which, on the present occasion, prevented the attendance of their chief, and he felt sure that all present would join in the wish that the Duke would soon be restored to health. The toast was honoured, and then Bro. E. J. Orford P.M. 446 proceeded to give that of the Deputy Prov. G. Master Bro. Butler Wilkins. He felt that anything he could say would ill represent the feelings of the brethren as regarded the Deputy. Most would endorse the opinion entertained by himself and the brethren generally that in Bro. Wilkins they had a Mason who faithfully, and to the best of his ability, performed the various duties which devolved on him. The toast met a most hearty reception. Bro. Butler Wilkins thanked those present for the way in which they had responded to the toast. He took the opportunity of reminding them that it was five years since he was appointed to take the prominent position in Freemasonry he occupied. He remembered the first time he addressed a Provincial meeting, when he must say the collar of office sat more heavily on his shoulders than it did on the present occasion. It was true that at the commencement of the term to which he had just referred they had clouds and mists hovering over them, but he was pleased to say they had all been dispersed. He ventured to say that at the present day there was no better worked Province than that of Norths and Hunts, and he hoped they would long maintain the reputation of being in the foremost rank. If he had failed to carry out the promises he had made from time to time, it was from inability of head rather than of heart; he had endeavoured as far as he could to fulfil those promises, and he hoped the brethren were satisfied with what he had done. During the five years in which he had been so prominently associated with the Province there had been added to the roll one Lodge and two Chapters, all of which were prosperous and working in good order. By this he did not mean to express an empty phrase, for every Principal and every Master of the district was doing his work, and in all cases would scorn the idea of incompetency. They had now the permission of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to establish a Grand Chapter for the Province; this he hoped would soon be formed, and prove as great a success as he wished it might be. He next proceeded to review the support which the Province had given to the central Charities during the term; he found that no less a sum than £553 had been contributed during the five years by the Lodges and Chapters themselves; while if he took into account the personal donations added to the lists of the various Stewards, he found Norths and Hunts figuring with a total of something over £740. This he thought was a sum of which a Province like theirs might justly be proud; still they must not forget that if they had freely given, they had also freely received. He next touched on the position in which the Province was placed by the retirement of the Provincial Grand Master. It was not for the brethren to say who should or who should not succeed to the government of the district, but he felt convinced that if the brethren could point to any brother whom they felt would discharge the duties with satisfaction it would have great weight with the Prince of Wales when he made the appointment. Bro. W. Kingston P.M. 360 gave the health of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Prov. Grand Secretary, and the Grand Officers of the Province present and past. Bro. Kingston would have been pleased if the proposal of this toast had been in other hands, but he felt that no brother could have better proposed it than himself if the desire for the welfare of those comprised in the toast was to be a gauge of his desire to do the toast justice. He should have felt his shortcomings much more had he been entrusted with a toast requiring better advocacy than the one under notice, which he might say only needed to be mentioned to secure a hearty welcome from the company. Bro. J. T. Greene proposed the toast of the Masonic Institutions. He considered the toast of Charity was the best on the list. Freemasonry itself was Charity, and it comprehended a vast amount of Charity. Bro. Terry replied in a most forcible manner, acknowledging the support given to the Benevolent Institution in Provincial Grand Lodge, and also the hearty co-operation of the brethren in the past. He announced that Bro. Stanton P.M. of the Pomfret Lodge and Bro. Hall of Wellingborough, had each consented to act next year as Stewards for the "Old People." Bro. T. R. Wood W.M. 360 proposed "The Visitors," to which Bro. Agnew, of New South Wales, replied. The remainder of the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner, the brethren each doing his best to keep up the harmony of the meeting by songs and recitations. In this, as well as in the intervals between the speeches, they were most ably assisted by Bro. Seymour Smith, whose journey from London was amply rewarded by the hearty reception he received, and the apparent enjoyment he afforded by his songs and humourous sketches. We understand that the plants and decorations for the Lodge and banquet table were supplied by Messrs. J. Perkins and Sons, and Bro. A. Cockerell, of 360, and that the decoration of the banquet room was the work of Bro. J. Jeffrey 1764. The brethren are to be complimented on the result of their efforts.

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THE Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks was held in the Wesleyan School Rooms, Maidenhead, on Monday, it having been found necessary to secure these rooms owing to the incomplete state of the Town Hall, which, but for unforeseen circumstances, would have been rebuilt by the 1st May. A better place for such a gathering could not have been selected, at least at this time of the year, though we admit that a Masonic Province which can boast of an historic Newbury, a county town such as Reading, Royal Windsor, and Aylesbury, famous throughout England for its dairy produce and breed of ducks, has rich embarrassment rather than a poverty of choice. But Maidenhead, on the silvery Thames—and the river here deserves the epithet—the favoured haunt of excursionists who delight in the study of *to kalon*, as well as of boating men and anglers, with its beautiful surrounding scenery, is a perfect Paradise in the leafy month of June, when the feathered songsters are warbling their praise to the Great Architect, and the insect world is burring and humming in unison. It must be a placid life which the good people of Maidenhead live from year to year, and it is gratifying to know that in such a place our much-loved

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Craft has found a home—two homes rather, for it can boast of two Lodges, the St. John's No. 795, and the Ellington No. 1566. Provincial Grand Lodge, therefore, which met at the appointed time of two p.m., under the genial presidency of its respected chief, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., found everything prepared for its reception. All the Lodges in the Province were represented, and there was a fair muster of visitors, prominent among whom we noticed Bros. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, R. Giddy D.G. Master Griqualand, and F. Binckes P.G.S. Secretary to Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The Chief was well supported by his Grand Officers and the brethren of the different Lodges, there being present of the former Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C., who, since the vacation of the office by the Very Rev. Purey-Cust, Grand Chaplain and Dean of York, has been re-appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Bros. H. Poynter P.G.J.W., Rev. G. De Ewer A.P.G.C., Chas. Stephens P.G. Treasurer, R. Bradley P.G. Sec., Jabez Adams P.G.S.D., R. Roberts P.G.J.D., W. Biggs P.P.G. Sec., A.G.D.C., James Rutland P.G.O., and W. Hemmings P.G. Tyler. Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the roll of Lodges and Officers having been called, and the minutes of the last meeting at Abingdon having been read and confirmed, the balance sheet of the accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, as audited by the Finance Committee and signed by the Provincial Grand Master, were presented. These showed that financially the Province was in a very satisfactory condition. The Prov. Grand Secretary's statement, in which was set forth the position of the several Lodges in the Province was then read, and showed that the Craft in this district had made commendable progress and was constant in its attention to work. The P.G.M. then rose and made a few brief but appropriate remarks. There was, indeed, but little for him to say beyond offering them his congratulations on the favourable state of the Craft in the Province, and the numbers which had assembled on the present occasion, as well as on the fact that the Charity Fund was receiving a larger measure of support than at the corresponding period of last year. He took, however, the opportunity of speaking warmly in favour of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, which he strongly recommended to their support as a Fund that could not fail to be of the greatest service to those it was intended to benefit. After announcing that the next annual meeting would be held at Aylesbury, the P.G.M. proposed, and it was unanimously agreed, that the Lodges subscribing to the Charity Fund should have sums appropriated to them in proportion to their several contributions. Bro. Charles Stephens having been re-elected to the office of P.G. Treasurer, Sir Daniel Gooch invested the following brethren with the Provincial Charity jewels, namely, Bros. Dick Radclyffe S.D. 209, Stephen Knight W.M. 574, S. G. Hunt P.M. 574, E. L. Shepherd P.M. 945, R. G. Barton J.W. 771, and C. W. Cox W.M. 1566, and, in doing so, made a few complimentary remarks to each, especially to Bro. Dick Radclyffe, who is deservedly popular throughout the Province. The P.G.M. then invested Rev. J. S. Brownrigg with the insignia of office as Deputy P.G.M., and took the opportunity of congratulating him on his return to a post with whose duties he was well acquainted, and which, therefore, he was so eminently qualified to fill. He then appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. J. O. Carter P.M. 209 Prov. G.S.W., J. Reeve P.M. 1639 and 840 Sec. 1639 P.G.J.W., Rev. E. de Ewer 1566 P.G. Chap., Rev. A. J. Riddle W.M. 1787 P.A.G. Chap., C. Stephens S.W. 414 P.G. Treas., C. Oades P.M. 414 P.G. Reg., R. Bradley P.M. 414 P.G. 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The P.G.M., in his reply, spoke in high terms of his Reverend Brother's qualifications for the position he held, and most cordially thanked the brethren for the reception his health had met with at their hands. He also again brought under notice the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, and hoped it would find plenty of support in the Province. The toast of the Visitors was replied to, in the first instance, by Brother Giddy, and then by Brother Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell Clarke, who expressed his readiness to do all in his power, in his capacity of Grand Secretary, to further the interests of the Province, though he was pleased to point out that, from what he had seen that day, he thought but very little assistance from him would be needed in order to maintain the excellent position which the Craft had secured in the Province. Bro. Binckes responded for the Masonic Charities, and expressed a hope that the approaching Festival of the Institution with which he had been so long connected would be as successful as he had reason to believe it would be. The toasts were interspersed with songs and glees, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. Jas. Rutland P.P.G.O. One point must not be passed over in silence. The dinner tickets were fixed at a very moderate price, and yet the dinner, which was provided by Bro. Tyler, of the Bear Hotel, was ample and good—which confirms what we said last week as to summer excursions, that no part or parcel of a day's pleasure need be costly in order to be enjoyable. It may be as well to add that owing to the fine weather many brethren took the opportunity of enjoying a drive in the neighbourhood, and so reinvigorated were four of these enterprising spirits by their excursion that before taking their departure for London they found it necessary once again to refresh themselves. But alas! for the vanity of human wishes. Having selected, as they thought a suitable place by the river side, they entered in order to appease their hunger and went disconsolately away an-hungered. The modest chops, beer, and et ceteras vouchsafed them would not have satisfied a healthy child. But the landlord, though he seems to have forgotten the viands, did not hesitate to make the exorbitant charge of sixteen shillings. Sixteen shillings for four small chops and potatoes, bread and cheese and beer! We trust readers of this who may visit Maidenhead will decline to afford the landlord of this riverside hostelry the opportunity of serving them as these friends of ours were served.

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THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very glad you have drawn attention to the matter of expense in connection with our summer excursions. I often have the chance of joining a party of brethren "on pleasure bent;" but in the majority of cases I am obliged to decline availing myself of it, because, having a wife and two grown-up daughters—to say nothing of the junior olive branches—necessity compels me to think more than the proverbial "three times" about spending £5 or £6 on a day's pleasure. Nor if I had the money to spend, do I think we should enjoy ourselves any more at a cost of twenty-five or thirty shillings each than at half that amount. I know there are many who think happiness impossible without an unlimited supply of champagne, the chief point in its favour being that it is a high-priced wine. Probably not one in twenty of these worthy folk could tell, if they were asked, one vintage from another, or even distinguish the genuine wine from old gooseberry; but Fashion has laid it down that champagne is the *sine qua non* of a grand feed, and several cases of it must be swallowed in order to be quite *comme il faut*. Of course if a man drinks it habitually at home, there is nothing strange in his drinking it when he dines out. He regards it as others regard beer and spirits and water, but who of those who never from one year's end to another drink a bottle of "cham," as it is vulgarly called, at home, is the bettter for having drunk half-a guinea's worth of a wine he knows nothing about? Even a bottle of Gladstone's claret would answer the same purpose, while a tankard of sound English beer would be a thousand times more acceptable, but "for the appearance of the thing." There, in fact, lies the whole secret. For the sake of appearances, the man of moderate means, when out on an excursion, drinks champagne "like a lord," and for a week or two afterwards must pinch himself at home "like a beggar."

In my young days I often went pic-nicking, but I never found it too hot for my modest purse, and always enjoyed myself thoroughly. Many of these "outings" were organised on what is known in business as the "principle of co-operation." To so many were assigned the provision of the fluids, and to so many that of the solids. There was an ample, varied, and excellent supply of both, and only now and again did it happen that one blessed with a good plain cook, warranted to know nothing of our business, brought a veal and ham or pigeon pie that would have taxed the jaws of a Samson to masticate. But such an accident—vexatious enough, no doubt, to the individual—was always received good humouredly and served for a little friendly chaff till something similarly ridiculous happened. And somehow there was always something funny happening on these occasions. A thirsty soul mistakes the vinegar for the claret, an absent-minded man sat himself down incontinently on a veal and ham pie, a lobster salad, or in the salad mixture, but invariably the day was found to be too short for the pleasure. The elderly folk had to break off in their reminiscences of former days, and the young folk thought they ought to have had more time for flirting or love making. In short, every one was happy. I doubt whether it would have been so, with many of us at least, if we had had to pay thirty shillings apiece for the expedition.

I intend this letter, which is probably an absurd one, as a protest against the tendency to extravagance which finds daily-increasing favour with the Craft. I have written it because I know that a thoroughly enjoyable excursion is not inconsistent with a provident outlay.

Yours fraternally,

EDWARD ALLAWAY.

ISLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Moorgate Station Restaurant,
15th June 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly intimate in an early number of your valuable journal that the Islington Lodge of Instruction is held every Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, at the above address, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. J. L. Mather P.M. 65, 1471, 1580, &c., P.Z. 174, 1471, &c.

Yours fraternally,

W. BAUSOR,
Secretary 1471.

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"ROSICRUCIANISM."

An Inaugural Address, delivered at the First Meeting of the York College, at York, 24th February 1880, *by*

R.W. Fra. T. B. Whytehead, Chief Adept.

Fratres,—On the eve of addressing so distinguished a body of Masons as that I now see assembled, I think I can scarcely be accused of affectation if I express some measure of diffidence; knowing so well that there are many of you far better qualified to instruct than your Chief Adept. Still I feel no less that on the occasion of the first meeting of the York College of Rosicrucians something is naturally expected from its leader, and on this account I have put together a few remarks which I trust will serve as some introduction to the intelligent existence which seems to open before us.

Some there are present to-day, novices of our Order, and others who perhaps have not made diligent inquiry into the subject, who will in the ordinary course of thought ask—What is the Society into which we entered, and why is it called the Rosicrucian Society of England? This opens up two questions—Who and what *were* the Rosicrucians, and who and what *are* the Rosicrucians? To the first of these it is by no means easy to give a thoroughly satisfactory reply. There are those who are prepared to maintain that the Society of Rosicrucains was a myth. That the Order was purely imaginary, born and existing only in the fanciful imaginations of a certain set of mediæval students who found the idea a convenient pivot on which to hinge their teachings, and a cloak beneath which to conceal their secret proceedings. Others there are who, whilst admitting the actual existence of a secret Order of the name, believe that its philosophical aspect was purely a mask beneath which to hide complicated intrigues of a political nature, and who claim for its members some of the most eminent of the scholars of Europe of the olden time—as Boccaccio and Dante. As for the traditional history of the Rosicrucians, the only writer who has pretended to afford us any insight into it is John Valentine Andrea, whose Latin writings were very numerous, chiefly consisting of moral and occult treatises. Andrea was born in 1586, and died in 1654. He wrote many books, and was a staunch advocate of Protestant principles or the right of private judgment. In 1614 he published a work called *Fama et Confessio Fraternitatis Roseæ Crucis*, which went through several editions, and which professed to give an account of the origin and aims of the Rosicrucian Society. It is manifest, as you will see presently, that this history is almost entirely fabulous, but it is exceedingly ingenious, and well adapted to excite that curiosity and craving for the unknown and marvellous which at all times has characterised the human mind, and especially about the period at which Andrea wrote.

According to his story there lived once upon a time a certain Christian Rosenkreuz, who was of good birth but poor, and who was compelled to enter a monastery at a very early age. When 16 years old he set off on a pilgrimage with one of the monks to the Holy Sepulchre. Arriving at Cyprus the monk fell ill and died, and Rosenkreuz had to pursue his journey alone. When he reached Damascus he stayed there three years, pursuing with zeal the study of the occult sciences, which were then taught by the Magi in that city, who were known as the "The Wise Men of the East." From Damascus he made for Egypt, and there further renewed his researches, and at last, having skirted the shores of the Mediterranean, arrived at Fez, in Morocco, where his instructors in Damascus had ordered him to reside. Here he stayed two years, and then crossed over to Spain, thence returning to Germany, where he resolved to form a society for the preservation and prosecution of the sciences of which he had made himself master. He therefore selected three monks of his convent, and, under vows of secrecy, imparted to them his learning, which was to be committed to writing, in a mystic vocabulary, for the use of future students. The science of medicine was one of the branches of study included; but so large became the number of applicants for relief that Rosenkreuz resolved to admit four new members, which was done, and it was arranged that two should remain in their House of the Holy Spirit (as it was called) with Father Christian, and the others should travel and acquire knowledge and dispense relief, but that all should assemble annually and mutually communicate ideas and results. The brethren were not distinguished by any peculiar garb, they practised the healing art without any charge, and each one was required during his life to appoint one to succeed him at his death. The letters R.C. were their title and watchword, and it was arranged that the brotherhood should be kept a secret for a hundred years.

At the age of 100 years Father Rosenkreuz died, and was buried by the two brethren who had remained with him, but the place of his burial remained a secret to all the rest, the two carrying the secret to the grave. Nevertheless the Society was continued, but unknown to the world, always maintaining its number of eight members. They preserved a tradition among them that at the end of 120 years the grave of Father Rosenkreuz was to be discovered, and the brotherhood no longer be kept secret from the world. About that time the brethren began to make some alterations in their buildings, and attempted to remove to a more fitting situation the memorial table, on which were inscribed the names of those who had been members of the Fraternity. The plate was of brass, and was fixed to the wall by a nail driven through its centre, but so firmly was it attached that, in taking it away, a portion of the plaster was torn off, and disclosed a secret door. Upon removing the rust on the door there appeared written in large letters "*Post CXX Annos Patebo*"—After 120 years I will appear. They opened the door, and discovered an heptagonal vault, each of its seven sides being five feet wide and eight feet high. It was lighted from an artificial sun in the roof, and in the middle of the floor there stood, instead of a tomb, a circular altar, on which was an inscription, stating that this apartment had been erected by Christian Rosenkreuz as a model compendium of the universe. About the vault were other inscriptions, as *Jesus mihi omnia, Legis jugum, Libertas Evangelii*, and so on, indicating the Christian character of the builder. In each of the sides was a door opening into a closet, and in these closets they found many rare and valuable articles, such as the Life of the Founder, the Vocabulary of Paracelsus, and the Secrets of the Order, together with bells, mirrors, burning lamps, and other singular articles. On removing the altar and a brass plate beneath it, they came upon the body of Rosenkreuz in a perfect state of preservation.

Andrea's book created all the sensation he probably anticipated, and numbers of persons came forward with a view to join this romantic society, which, however, they failed to discover, its existence being solely in the brain of Andrea. The result, however, was the formation of more than one mystical brotherhood, claiming ancient origin, and amongst those who prominently belonged to English branches of them were Elias Ashmole and Richard Fludd. The members professed to be in search of lost secrets connected with alchemy and astrology, especially the Philosopher's Stone (whatever that was), and the art of making gold. In times when all secret working was dangerous, as being regarded by Church and State with suspicion, it may have been a very convenient blind to profess a search for that which, when found, would enrich mankind, and remove the necessity for labour. The symbol of the Rosicrucians was a rose upon a cross, the rose being a symbol of secrecy, and the cross of the light of knowledge.

The history and objects of the early Rosicrucians are, however, veiled in mystery, and, like Freemasonry, the theories advanced regarding them have been very numerous. Between them and the ancient Gnostics many similarities of emblems and ideas have been found, and so some have asserted that their origin was to be sought in the history of that curious and powerful sect which flourished during the earlier days of Christianity, and whose remains in the form of amulets, gems, marks, and altars are so frequent in the ruins along the shores of the Mediterranean.

Amongst the bygone writers on Rosicrucianism are many names of note—Albertus Magnus (Cologne), Alexander Ales (Edinburgh), Arnold of Villanova, Roger Bacon, Thomas Chardock (Salisbury), Dr. Falk, Nostradamus, Florent de Villers, and many others. They were all voluminous authors, and wrote on hermeticism and the occult sciences.

It is much easier to reply to the question—What is the Rosicrucian Society of the present day of which we have the honour to be a branch? It may be very justly described as a Masonic Literary and Archæological Association, having for its objects the endeavour to elucidate the history of Freemasonry and to examine kindred questions and subjects. It is not a Masonic Order, having an entirely distinct and independent basis and foundation, but it is for evident reasons a *sine qua non* that its members should have previously been received into the Masonic fraternity. The Rosicrucian Society numbers in its ranks many of the most intelligent Masons of England, Scotland, Ireland, Europe, and America, for everywhere are independent branches of the Order in fraternal connection with each other. Of late it has spread considerably, and numbers in England some six or seven colleges, including the Metropolitan College. The Supreme Magus in Anglia is the M.W. Fra. Dr. Woodman of Exeter. The Degrees of the system are nine:—1. Zelator, Illuminatus or Junior; 2. Theoricus; 3. Practicus; 4, Philosophus; 5, Adeptus, Junior or Minor; 6, Adeptus, Senior or Major; 7, Adeptus Exemptus; 8, Magister Templi; and 9, Magus.

A college consists of 36 members, the Chief Adept being of the 8th grade. There may be then 2 of the 7th grade, 3 of the 6th grade, 4 of the 5th grade, 5 of the 4th grade, 6 of the 3rd grade, 7 of the 2nd grade, and 8 of the 1st grade. After this number (36) aspirants can still be admitted to the first grade, but (as in a Royal Arch Chapter exceeding 72) they are not actual voting members of the college when thirty-six of their elders are present.

Fratres,—I am very anxious that the York College should carry out faithfully the objects for which the Order was revived. Our head quarters are upon classic ground. We are meeting on a spot at which many writers have supposed was a centre of working of the ancient Culdees. We are surrounded by an atmosphere pregnant with memories of the past. It is for the sake of those memories, and for the investigation of their origin, that we propose to meet together as a college. We have amongst us Fratres who are well able to enlighten us on many points on which we desire information. We are fortunate in numbering on our already long roll Masons of great erudition and known in the literary and working Masonic world. There is, perhaps, no Provincial College of the Order that has begun under fairer auspices than we have done this day. But I am very anxious that we should not rest upon our oars. Let us not content ourselves with having done well, but let us aim ever to be advancing and improving. The field of labour which presents itself before us is large and varied. So many branches of knowledge are open to us that amongst ourselves we may each find some special line in which to direct the channel of our thoughts and studies. I hope each member will regard it as his positive duty, as a member of this College, to render himself expert in some branch of Masonic study, so that he may, when his time comes, be prepared to enlighten his fellows when called on so to do. And I would further ask you to be careful whom you propose for a participation in our knowledge. Remember that the acquisition of members is not our object. We do not desire to fill up our ranks with drones and dummies. Let each candidate introduced be one whom you have the best reasons for believing will not only be a credit to our society but will, by his talents, education, and energy, be able to add to the knowledge of his companions. Thus aiming and working, we cannot fail to become a beacon in the Order, and shed the light of intelligence upon those Masonic circles with which we come in contact.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 19th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149 Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms Eastwood.

MONDAY, 21st JUNE.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthbert's, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Inst.)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R. A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R. A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 22nd JUNE.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 23rd JUNE.

Provincial Grand Lodge Kent, Foresters' Hall, Union Crescent, Margate
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons Hall, W.C. at 6.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masons Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
224—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
741—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Inst.)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Inst.)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Inst.)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
R. A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R. A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishops Stortford
R. A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
R. A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 24th JUNE.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire, Masonic Hall, Newland, Lincoln
General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R. A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
K.T.—Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth.
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
968—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
1313—Fernor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Eyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple street, Newcastle
R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R. A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M. M. 34—St Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 25th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Inst.)
814—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R. A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. C. 20—Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 26th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1484—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A meeting was held on Wednesday evening, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. P.M. T. B. Biddle W.M., John E. Fells S.W., James Smith J.W., Biddle Treasurer, J. K. Pitt Secretary, Hy. Morris S.D., G. L. Walker Preceptor, Henry Cattermole I.G. Visitors—Bros. Cattermole 1839, Parker 815, John Aillard, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The questions in first degree were interrogated

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for the benefit of Bro. Parker and he retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. N. P. Valentine, a candidate for raising answered the questions, was entrusted and duly raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. S.W. John E. Fells was duly elected W.M. for Wednesday next, and then the Lodge was closed in due form. The sum of five shillings was voted to a travelling brother.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Saturday, 12th inst. Bros. McMillan W.M., J. Millington S W., Tuck J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, W. Williams S.D., Spencer J.D., T. Taylor I.G.; also Bros. Trewinnard, J. Lorkin, Osborn, Gilham, R. Defriez, Houghton, Selig, Brasted, Fysh, Hamer, Mendelsohn, &c. Usual preliminary formalities were gone through. Bro. J. Lorkin answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed in the W.M.'s usual careful manner. He was ably assisted by his Officers, Bro. Lorkin candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the first section of the lecture, when the W.M. gave the lecture on the Tracing Board. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Fenner acting as W.M. elect. Bro. A. A. Selig of the Canterbury Lodge 1048, Christchurch, N.Z., was elected a member. Bro. J. Millington was elected W.M. for the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Northern Counties Lodge of Instruction, No. 406.—Meeting of this Lodge was held on the 8th, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Bro. Duckett jun. S.W. 481 in the chair, and Bro. John Page P.M. 406 acting as Lecture Master. Bro. Duckett explained the tracing board in the first degree in a very perfect manner, for which he received the applause of the brethren. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. G. W. Lax S.W. 406 rehearsed the second degree, giving the working tools and charge, all of which he explained with an amount of care that did him credit. After several questions had been answered the Lodge was closed.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 15th June. Bros. Christian W.M., Clark S.W., Smyth J.W., Carr S.D., Wardell J.D., Brasted I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Polak, C. Lorkin and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Poluk, a candidate for raising, was interrogated, entrusted, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the W.M. giving the Traditional History. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed to the first degree, when Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned. Bro. Wallington P.M. 860 will work the ceremony of installation on Tuesday next.

Whittington Lodge, No. 862.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 16th June, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Present—Bros. Drury W.M., Abell S.W., Turner J.W., Long Preceptor and Sec., Hallam S.D., Tate J.D., Brown I.G., and many others. After the confirmation of the minutes Bro. Brocklehurst proved his proficiency. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The whole of the sections of the third lecture were worked, the questions being put by Bros. Abell, Hallam, and the Preceptor. On the Lodge being resumed Bro. Abell S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 15th June. Bros. Andrews W.M. 1227 W.M., Watson S.W., Pavitt J.W., Smith S.D., Cope I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. Brownson, Sadler, Dixon, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Brownson acting as candidate; the W.M. worked the first section of the lecture. The Lodge closed to first degree, when Bro. Watson was elected to fill the office of W.M. on Tuesday, 6th July. Next week will be the night for working sections only, and the following week, being the 5th Tuesday, the installation ceremony will be rehearsed by Bro. Andrews W.M. 1227, who will have to instal his successor in his mother Lodge at Upton next month. Bro. Andrews being an excellent worker, we would recommend all who can to attend on the 29th, when he will be assisted by Past Masters Musto, Cundick, Myers, and several brethren from the celebrated Doric Lodge of Instruction; it is anticipated this will be one of the nights of the year. Wet weather or dry weather, this Lodge always holds its meetings. The Committee last night decided that the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne, should be the place where their summer outing with the ladies should be held.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday, 14th June. Present—Bros. J. Robson W.M., Goddard S.W., Kimbell J.W., Seymour-Clarke Sec.; also Pros. Partridge Rayner, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes read. The ceremony of initiation was then ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Seymour-Clarke acting as candidate. The 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks was passed and recorded for the able manner in which the W.M., Bro. Robson, had filled the chair during the evening, it being his first attempt. Bro. Goddard was then elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Lodge was closed in due form.

Sackville Lodge, No. 1619.—An Emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 8th inst., at the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead. Present—Bros. John G. Horsey W.M., S. Davison S.W., E. A. Head J.W., Charles Sawyer I.P M. Secretary, W. Rudge S.D., F. G. Calway J.D., M. Ovenden, W. H. Brown, G. Mitchell, J. Cooper, George Berry, Thomas Carder, Henry Horsey, T. Betchley, C. Firbank, and G. W. Holmes. The Lodge was opened at four p.m., Bros. G. Mitchell and W. H. Brown, were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being rendered in a most impressive manner by the W.M. Bro. George Berry was afterwards passed to the degree of F.C., and the Lodge then closed.

Unity Lodge, No. 1637.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 12th inst., at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, under the presidency of the genial W.M. Bro. J. C. W. Davis P.M. 382 and Prov. Grand Steward Middlesex, who opened the Lodge, supported by Bros. A. Cooper as S.W., W. Murlis P.M. as J.W., W. Stephens P.M. P.P.D.C. Middlesex Treasurer, T. Cooper S.D., Slyman I.G., Penn D.C., Linscott W.S., J. Middleton Tyler, H. M. Levy as P.M. The following Visitors were in attendance:—Bros. W. Murlis P.M. 1264, J. Bellerby P.M. 65 and 60, Nicholls 1264, Fradd 101, S. Parkhouse I.P.M. 1642, Bartle 1642, Biorn 733, Handover 1642, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. A telegram was read from the Secretary, regretting his absence. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. H. N. Larkin, which was unanimously in his favour, and he was initiated into the Order by the W.M. It is needless to say, from the Masonic experience of that brother, that the working was perfect. The name of a candidate for passing was on the agenda paper, but he was not present. A letter was read from Bro. H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, Prov. G. Treasurer Middlesex, stating that the proposed testimonial to the R.W. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., first Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, and inaugurating the tenth year of his service, will be presented to him at the forthcoming Provincial Grand Lodge; the sum of one guinea was subscribed to the fund. The Lodge was then closed until August, when it was decided that the ladies should be invited to attend. The brethen then sat down to a very excellent dinner, provided by the worthy host, Bro. Veal, in a manner that gave great satisfaction. Grace having been said, the W.M., in appropriate terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts In proposing that of the R.W. Brother Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., the W.M. said the Prov. Grand Master might be congratulated on succeeding to the title. Since Sir Francis Burdett had been in the Province he had looked after their interests; he is one who has Freemasonry at heart, and all who come under his banner know that they must carry out every detail. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Deputy Grand Master Bro. Sir Charles Bright. The same remarks would apply to him; in Sir Charles they had a brother who holds a distinguished position in the Province, and who is a respected member of our Order. Bro. W. Stephens responded. He was pleased to have his name coupled with the toast; since he had been associated with the Province everything had been well carried out; Freemasonry was well looked after in Middlesex. Before resuming his seat he would, with great warmth of feeling, propose the toast of the W.M., who is one that does his duty in every respect. They had seen his working, and they all respected him. Personally he felt proud to own Bro. Davis as W.M. of the Lodge; long may he live, not only to be an ornament to his Lodge, but also to Freemasonry, wherein his services are well appreciated. The Wor. Master thanked Bro. Stephens for his kind expressions; anything he (Bro. Davis) could do to promote the harmony of the Lodge he should consider a pleasure; he thanked the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which the toast had been received. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the newly-initiated brother, who came with good recommendations. Bro. Larkin having acknowledged the compliment, the W.M. proposed the toast of the P.M.'s and Treasurer, which was responded to by Bro. W. Stephens, who regretted the absence of Bro. Woodward, whom the members at all times were pleased to see. As Treasurer of the Lodge he hoped to see more of the P.M.'s among them at the future gatherings. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and Bros. Bellerby, Murlis, and H. M. Levy responded. The toast of the Officers was next on the list; the W.M. was proud to say he was assisted by brethren who were in every respect capable of doing the work. He regretted the absence of the S.W., Bro. Grist, whose illness was of a serious nature, but he hoped it might soon be their good fortune to see him again among them. He would call on the acting S.W., Brother A. Cooper, to respond to the toast. After responses, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. Great credit is due to the indefatigable exertions of Bro. Linscott for the comfort of the brethren and visitors. The W.M., Bros. Handover, Woodmason, and Bellerby contributed to the harmony.

Hermes Chapter, No. 77.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 9th June, at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend. Present—Comps. E. C. Woodward M.E.Z., Rev. P. M. Holden H., Cameron P.Z. J., E. J. Scott P.Z. Treas., C. A. Cottebrune P.Z. Scribe E., Murley S.N., Hall P.S., Martin Janitor; Comps. M. Crook, Döcker, Festa, Coe, Skilliter, &c. Visitors—Comps. J. E. Shand 25, E. Farwig 180, Parker P.Z. 733, Pratt P.Z., Dixon P.Z. and J. E. Edmonds 1507. Chapter opened and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. The election and installation of Officers resulted as follows:—Comps. Rev. P. M. Holden M.E.Z., Woodward I.P.Z., Cameron P.Z. H., Murley J., Cottebrune P.Z. S.E., Scott Treasurer, Döcker S.N., Hall P.S., Skilliter 1st Assistant Festa 2nd Assistant Sojourner. Ballots, taken for Bros. E. Curtice 22 and F. Farr 1687, resulting favourably, both candidates were exalted into R.A. Masonry very impressively by the M.E.Z. Rev. P. M. Holden. The addresses, given from the three chairs, were also well and accurately rendered. After Chapter was closed, the Companions dined in good style, and the customary R.A. toasts were honoured, after which the return to town was made.

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Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25.—An emergency meeting was held on Monday, the 14th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. Lindner W.M., Hodgson S.W., M. Loewenstark J.W., J. J. Wilson P.M. Treasurer, J. Dyte P.M. Secretary, Winn S.D., Benton J.D., Moorcraft I.G., P.M.'s Harrison and Robins. Lodge was opened, and Messrs. Miller and Bonwell were balloted for, and duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Doig was raised to the third degree. The principal business of this meeting was for the purpose of recommending the petition of the widow of the late respected Bro. Kirkby, and thus enabling her son to become a candidate at the election of the Boys' School in October. It was decided that a summer banquet should be held at the Crystal Palace in July next, where the Ladies should be present. A candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated. Bros. T. Bull P.M. 145 and G. W. Stephen 348 (Elgin, Scotland) were present as visitors.

Kings Cross Lodge of Instruction.—At Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, on the 13th instant. Bros. Silvester W.M., Burgess S.W., B. Kauffmann J.W., Devine Treas., S. Solomon Secretary, Little S.D., Guyer I.G., Hemming Preceptor; and Bros. Kent, H. M. Levy, Koester, Wilson, Soucher, Canfield, Smith, and Baker. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Kent acting as candidate. The ceremony was perfectly and impressively rendered. The first and fourth sections of the lecture were worked. Bros. C. Woods 145 and Bingham 405 (Scotland) were unanimously elected members. Bro. Burgess S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Strawberry Hill Lodge, No. 946.—The regular Lodge meeting was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Grotto Hotel, Cross Deep, Twickenham. Present—Bro. Dan. Argyle W.M., supported by the Wardens, Officers and P.M.'s. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Charles Holland No. 157 and W. T. Bell were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. W. Smeed P.M., by the courtesy of the W.M., raised Bro. Alfred Loft to the third degree, and Bro. J. H. Sholl was passed to the second degree by the W.M. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Some excellent songs were sung by Bros. W. Smeed, Dr. J. Pope, Garwood and Beard. The Visitors were Bros. Latham, late 916, Green 73, and Gearey 154.

Era Mark Masters Lodge, No. 176.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Friday, 11th June. The Lodge was opened by Bro. W. Hammond P.J.O. W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the W.M. The new list of Officers was arranged, and comprised the names of J. Hammond S.W., J. B. Shackleton J.W., T. Horton P.M. Treasurer, W. Pennefather Secretary, T. W. Adams G.S. P.G.I.G. Middlesex and Surrey, J. Allsopp, R. P. Tebb, H. Meyer, Edwin Bromley, and others. The names of several candidates were given in for advancement; and it was arranged to meet in future at 2 Red Lion-square, Holborn. Business being completed, the Lodge was closed. No banquet was provided.

Our Jamaica correspondent, speculating on the appointment of a successor to the late R.W. Bro. Hon. Robert Hamilton, M.A., M.D., District Grand Master of Jamaica, mentions as being eligible for that high office W. Bro. J. W. Whitebourne Past Deputy D.G.M., and the present Deputy District G.M., Bro. Altamont De Cordova, besides several Past D.G. Wardens. He considers the appointment of Bro. De Cordova would be hailed with satisfaction, as that brother is generally beloved by the Craft for his courteous manners, and the ability he has shown in the fulfilment of his duties as Dr. Hamilton's Deputy.

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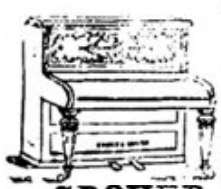

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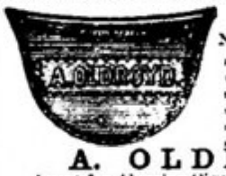

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