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TO OUR READERS.

WHEN these few remarks appear the season of Christmas will, to all intents and purposes, have begun. Many of the theatres will have a kind of dress rehearsal in public of the pantomimes they have been preparing for during the last few weeks. The festive arrangements are about complete, and the Christmas presents have been bought and are ready for distribution to the intended recipients, or, perchance, are already being conveyed by post or carrier to their respective destinations. The youngsters are home from school, and are filled already with glorious visions of plum pudding and mince pies. Houses and churches look bright and cheerful with their floral decorations, and the misletoe hangs temptingly in its appointed place, no doubt many having already anticipated its osculatory virtues. Indeed, it only needs that the clerk of the weather should show himself just a little more considerate than he has done of late, and the cup of most people's pleasure will be filled to the brim, if not to overflowing. There are also abundant signs that, in the midst of all these preparations, the needs of the poor are not being lost sight of. Everywhere dinners are being provided for the less fortunate amongst us. The usual liberal contributions are finding their way into the different poor boxes. Christmas clubs are distributing coals and warm clothing. In short, whatever is possible is being done, so that the force of Sir Walter Scott's words may be realized—

> "A Christmas gambol oft would cheer
> A poor man's heart through half the year."

For ourselves, we take leave to join in the general congratulations and hearty good wishes, and in all sincerity we trust our friends and readers will enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

By a coincidence which, by the aid of a little mental calculation, can easily be accounted for, the present is the first number of our Fifteenth Volume. We are consequently in a position to combine our customary Christmas greetings with the cordial thanks we owe to our readers for their long-continued support of this journal. During the seven years we have been before the Masonic public we have, of course, experienced those vicissitudes of fortune which, more or less, befal every publication of the same or a similar character. We have had our "downs" as well as our "ups," our disappointments as well as successes, that were in a measure unanticipated. In and out of season, however, we have striven to the best of our ability to make the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE an impartial exponent of Masonic opinion, as well as a fair medium for the dissemination of Masonic news. We have some reason to believe these efforts have not been wholly unsuccessful. We judge so, at least, from the continuance of most of that support which was extended towards us at the outset, as well as from the periodical additions that have been made to our subscription list. We have had those losses which are inevitable from death and other causes; but these have been sufficiently compensated by the new friends that have taken their places, so that we enter on our new volume with the sense of having done our part to the best of our ability, as well as with a determination to make, if possible, still stronger the claim we have succeeded in establishing on the goodwill of the Craft.

To one point, however, we would draw attention. Regrets have occasionally reached us from different quarters as to the absence from our columns of a report of this or that Lodge. Now, we invariably observe one uniform rule as to visiting. If we receive an invitation, we make a point of being represented; if no official invitation reaches us, we carefully avoid even the semblance of being thought intrusive. Under these circumstances, we wish it to be clearly understood that wherever and whenever our presence is desired at a Lodge meeting, an *official* intimation to that effect should be forwarded to our Offices at 23 Great Queen-street, and it will receive attention.

We trust our readers will receive these and our foregoing remarks in all kindliness of spirit. It is in this sense we offer them, and it is in this sense that we repeat our earlier greeting of a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

VOTING IN GRAND LODGE.

THE motion which Brother C. J. Perceval has brought before United Grand Lodge (and which has been referred to the Board of General Purposes for their report), relative to the alteration or mode of voting on divisions, has excited considerable interest and comment in Masonic circles. And there can be little doubt that upon the report of the Board, when it is presented, great diversity of opinion will be expressed before the matter is finally settled. Without wishing in the slightest degree even to suggest to the General Purposes Committee, there are two or three points which it may be desirable should be explained, as they are freely exercising the minds of a no inconsiderable section of the brethren.

Brother Perceval suggests that when divisions occur on any question under debate in Grand Lodge, two tellers on either side shall be appointed, to record the votes as members pass out. No doubt that would be the most satisfactory method, if it could be made practicable and convenient; but are there not many formidable obstacles in the way, which it would be wise to consider before any solution of the question is arrived at? Those who know the difficulty which frequently happens in the way of seating members in Grand Lodge will see at once what confusion might arise in the egress and ingress of the brethren upon divisions. When the Hall was first designed, it was amply sufficient for the requirements, not only of the time, but of a period far in advance, according to the ratio at which Freemasonry was then increasing. But it must be recollected that, more especially since the accession of our M.W.G.M., the Institution has made giant strides, and consequently the attendances at Grand Lodge have far outgrown anything that could have been anticipated when Freemasons' Hall was built. Hence the crowding of brethren at each successive meeting, and the increasing lack of seat accommodation—a fact which was painfully apparent at last Grand Lodge, when so many brethren were compelled to stand during the greater part of the proceedings. The question, then, comes, when the brethren file out of the hall, and are noted by the tellers, where are

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL COMFORTING) COCOA.

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they to go to? Where is the retiring accommodation? We all know that in the Houses of Parliament, and the Court of Common Council, when divisions take place those in favour of a motion file out by one door, and those against it by another; and there are rooms into which the opposing factions retire. But there is no such facility at present afforded in Grand Lodge, which has only one entrance, and, moreover, there are no ante-chambers into which voters may pass. Even if there were such accommodation, the method suggested is, in the opinion of many of the brethren, undesirable, as it would tend to destroy the great principle of voting by ballot, which has always been observed in Masonic Lodges.

We assume, for the purposes of Grand Lodge, it would be only necessary to count the numbers, and it is scarcely to be imagined that the tellers would disagree on that point. Those present would conclude that the votes were honestly recorded, and there would be no necessity to ask everybody's name, but simply for the tellers to record "for" or "against" the motion, as the case might be, as the brethren each and individually declared on passing out. This may at first sight appear a fair and easy method. But not only is it undesirable that brethren—always on the most friendly terms—should know how each other vote; it is equally objectionable that the voters should even be recognised by the tellers themselves.

A point upon which some stress was laid at the meeting to which we refer was with regard to the structural difficulties that present themselves in Grand Lodge, in the way of such a scheme. Without any disrespect to the Grand Master in the chair, we question whether, having got all the members out of the Hall, it would be easy to recall them without interfering somewhat with the comfort and progress of business; whether there would not be lingerings in congenial nooks until the result of the division was declared. To obviate this somewhat, and to prevent the interruption of business as brethren are retaking their seats, it might be possible to open the room which exists opposite the entrance to Grand Lodge, and clear those present into it, the tellers to record the votes *as the brethren return to their places*, instead of as they emerge from Grand Lodge. This would effect no little saving of time, as when all the votes have been deposited with the tellers G. Lodge would have been reformed, and ready to proceed with the business. In the Court of Common Council, which consists of about 250 members, a division invariably occupies from a quarter of an hour to twenty minutes—and this with two means of exit and ingress, as before observed. How much longer would it take, and consequently how much greater the delay in proceeding with the business on the agenda, under the conditions now available at Freemasons' Hall?

The most feasible suggestion we have heard is, that when a division is called, the brethren should all be invited to leave the Hall, and as they pass out each should be presented with a "bone." All that would then be wanted is a box, with two divisions, placed at the door "for" and "against" the motion, and the number of "bones" in these boxes respectively would denote the verdict of the brethren upon the question at issue. We know these discussions frequently occur in Grand Lodge, and it is often repugnant to the feelings of members to vote openly, as not being in accordance with the Masonic version of the mode of voting. By providing a box such as suggested, all this delicacy of sentiment would be met, and the strict principle of the ballot would be maintained. It might be advanced that mistakes would not be impossible, in consequence of some brethren misunderstanding the exact way in which they were voting—just as it has happened at times that an aspiring candidate has been "pilled" in Lodge by a brother who in reality intended to say yea to his admission. But this is a very rare occurrence, and it would be still more so amongst brethren who have gained sufficient experience to entitle them to attend Grand Lodge. The same misunderstanding might occur in any method of telling, and thus the objections which might be urged against the "bone" system are disposed of.

There are by no means few instances in which a brother is almost obliged to vote against his own convictions, out of pure kindness and sympathy towards one who is sitting next him, and who may entertain contrary views, or towards the Lodge of which he is a member. Out of deference, therefore, to that charitable feeling which pervades every Lodge when a benevolent grant is proposed, a brother who might possibly not coincide with it should not be compelled, out of delicacy and respect for his neighbour, to show in which way his vote is given.

If the "bone" system were adopted, it would, of course, not be imperative for those to go out who do not wish to vote; and it need not be feared that Grand Lodge would lack a sufficient number of "bones" for the purposes of a division. Moreover, although, of course, it must necessarily be an unwritten law, it should be made a matter of mutual understanding that members on their return from voting should be entitled to the seats they had vacated before leaving Grand Lodge. This would save a vast amount of confusion, and prevent not only delay, but also the little natural feelings of disappointment which one hears expressed when members lose their seats as a penalty for rising to do their duty.

We would add that the matter is now fully before the Craft; that some alteration in the mode of division is imperatively needed has been admitted on every side. On three or four occasions recently there has been some dispute as to the counting of votes; with this fact before them, in addition to the desirableness of economising time, and ensuring the comfort and satisfaction of the brethren who attend Grand Lodge, it is sincerely to be hoped that some wise solution may soon be found of a problem which has vexed the Craft now for a considerable time. We hope that some of our correspondents may be able to throw out suggestions which may assist the Board of General Purposes to arrive early at such a decision as shall prove satisfactory to Grand Lodge and to the Craft generally.

OUR CHRISTMAS LODGE OF EMERGENCY.

ONE hundred initiates in one night!

To many brethren, I have no doubt, the idea may seem far-fetched; still that such a glorious result is not a very great stretch of the imagination, after all, I intend to prove by the following incidents, which are related to me as being not altogether devoid of foundation in fact. The precise locality of the achievement may be omitted, as of no particular moment to the story; but I only wish it could be multiplied a hundred-fold.

A wild, tempestuous night had set in, when, in obedience to a hasty and unexpected summons from their Worshipful Master, a party of Masons, loyal and true, might have been seen entering a cosy hostelry in the Midlands, and shaking the snow and sleet from their coats and mufflers as they stepped over the threshold, each with a look of wonder and enquiry on his weather-beaten visage.

The wind howled and rattled against the casements, and that there was "something in the wind" every brother admitted, though what it could be was as inscrutable as the very darkness that reigned without.

The Master had not yet appeared, but like the gallant old king of the seas after whose name the Lodge had been christened, he had called his crew together, and when his cheery face was seen—his beard and garb diamonded with snow—a veritable old Father Christmas—all hands were piped, and soon there was a cry for general orders.

I do not use these expressions in at all a Bacchanalian sense; though, like a true Briton as he is, our Worshipful Master evinced a strong belief in the maxim which teaches us that when a good deed is to be attempted the mind and temper should be in perfect accord.

Cheery Boniface had evidently been advised by some preliminary counsel, as his preparations showed, for a huge Yule-log blazed gaily on the wide-monthed hearth, spluttering its sparks up the open chimney, and causing the shadows to cut merry capers upon the whitewashed walls.

Refreshment before labour in such a case was no overstraining of the fourth degree, and as the steaming wreaths curled up from the punch-bowl—and our pipes too—all the fury of the outside blast was forgotten, for were not the red curtains drawn close, shutting out even the whisper of a draft?

Bro. Junior Warden performed his duty well; and, as soon as the glow of genial warmth had once more taken possession of our veins, each began inquiring, in whispered breath, what could have induced the Wor. Master to have drawn us from our own firesides on such a boisterous night. Was it merely to enjoy his hospitality, always so lavish and so free, or had this gathering some deeper hidden meaning?

There was a merry, mischievous twinkle in his eye as he caught the glances of wonder we exchanged; and then bidding "mine host" tyle the door, and officiate as Outer Guard, he proceeded to explain.

It is hardly necessary to add, we listened with rapt attention.

"Brethren," said he, "by virtue of the power I possess, and which you have so generously bestowed upon me, I have called you together, in order that you may have the inestimable privilege of exercising that virtue which may justly be denominated the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart—I mean Charity."

We meekly bowed assent.

"In two days hence," he continued, "Christmas Day will be upon us, a day which from time immemorial has been regarded by Christians as a period of universal rejoicing, of peace and goodwill to men. But I need hardly remind you that, amidst the scenes of hilarity and joy

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which always come at this season of the year, there is the darker side of the picture, where pinching misery and want stand shivering at the portals of our glee, and appeal to us for aid. To assist in such a work is a privilege and a joy, but it likewise requires a perfect freedom of inclination in every one who takes a part. Are you therefore willing to help forward so laudable an enterprise?"

Chorus of assent, headed by the Treasurer, who has long borne the sobriquet of the "sturdy beggar," from his great and earnest zeal in the cause of Charity.

"Well said," almost roared the W.M., as he dashed his fist in triumph upon the oak tab'e. "Right well I knew you would. And now, seeing that we are not actually in Lodge, but still *en camera*, I will tell you a Christmas story, which may perhaps whet your appetites for the work to which you have put your hands.

"And as a Christmas story must always have a ghost or goblin, let me at once inform you I have seen

"A TERRIBLE GHOST."

"None of your ordinary churchyard spectres, with long white shroud and blanched face, who, with outstretched hand and pointed finger, beckons you on to mystic scenes, and to some dreadful goal of possible perdition. Worse, far worse, than that. Shall I proceed, brethren?"

Never shall I forget the enthusiasm that lighted up the old man's eyes as he perceived how eagerly we caught the interest of his tale. He seemed to draw himself erect in his high-backed chair, and puffing away with increasing gusto at his pipe, he surveyed us with a benignant paternal smile, as though proud of scholars who were so apt.

"Are you all charged?" was his lusty inquiry.

The Wardens gave the usual reply, and then the old man went on:

"Only a night or two ago I was returning from a long and tedious journey, driving over yonder heath. The snow fell in huge feathery flakes, which blinded me almost, and rose above the tyres of my gig wheels.

"Old Bob—dear old faithful nag, who would carry me anywhere—shivered in his harness as the sweeping gusts of wind drove the snow like sheets into our faces, while the moaning across the bleak common sounded like the voices of the dead, crying out in the frenzy of remorse.

"Before us, and around, was the dreary snow-drift, with not a tree, a habitation, a living soul in sight. And the thought came over me of cheery firesides and of household games, little children warmed into new life by the gambols and games prepared for them by loving parents and friends at this glad Yule-tide.

"The scene was altogether so weird and wild that, in spite of all my natural courage, I felt afraid and benumbed with cold.

"'Press on, brave Bob!' I said to the poor old nag; and, as if cheered by a well-known voice amidst the howling of the tempest, he started on afresh, although it was now almost impossible to discern the road, so thick had grown the carpet of snow.

"How long I had turned over the thoughts which haunted me thus I scarcely know, but all at once I descried, curled up under a tuft of stunted furze, the figure of a man!

"Instinctively I pulled up, and on nearing the figure, by the light of my lamp I saw a pale-faced youth, dressed in a sailor's tattered garb, without shoes, and in a semi-stupor. He had been beaten by the blast, against whose power he could not stand, and he had evidently laid down either to sleep or die.

"Hastily administering some brandy, the poor fellow was soon sufficiently restored to acquaint me he was on his way to M——; and with some difficulty I raised him into the gig, and set forth again as rapidly as we could.

"With new life infused into him, the lad, whom I found to be more intelligent than I could have hoped, told me his wretched story. He had been well brought up, and his father was a Mason.

"But circumstances of unavoidable calamity and misfortune had reduced him to the lowest ebb of poverty and distress. His business failed, and he was overtaken with paralysis, and, continued the lad,—

"'Poor mother had to earn her living as best she could for me and the little ones, and as soon as I was old enough I resolved to go to sea and try to help.

"'They didn't like parting with me, sir; but I had made up my mind to go—and I went. I have been to Australia, and as my little earnings accumulated in the chest my father made me, I thought of the trifling happiness I might be able to carry home to make Christmas happy—for I knew I should reach home on Christmas Eve. But when we were nearly home we were wrecked, and brought to England in another ship, having lost all we had.

"'Still the dear old folks will be glad to see me, even in this dreary plight. We live half a mile this side of the town, and if you will drop me near the door I will go home and ask them to bless you, sir, for saving my life. But for your kindness I should have died almost at their very door.'

"In a short time we saw a light, which the unhappy youth said was at his mother's cottage, and so affected was I at his tale of woe that I could not resist alighting. Possibly I might be able to render some assistance.

"With a bound the lad was at the open door, and with a wild shriek the mother clasped him in her arms.

"Then all was hushed a moment, and in a minute more both mother and son threw themselves in an agony at my feet. *Father had died that very day!*"

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"Shall I tell you the rest, brethren?"

"By all means; proceed, Worshipful Master."

"Having sent my family to rest, I packed up some things, which I sent by messenger, and poor old Bob had to go another journey in the storm.

"But by the powers, brethren, he was only *too glad to go*! Bless the old nag for that. He's a thorough Mason!"

And down came the old man's fist again upon the table, with a life and power no gavel can possess. We could not but shout our applause at the quaint, but well-meant eulogy.

"I couldn't go myself," he continued, "a repetition of such gratitude as I had already received would have killed me.

"Well, during the time my man was gone, I must have fallen asleep by the fire, for such a train of varying visions rose up before me—of houses all aglow with light, and luxury, and pleasure; of hovels such as I had seen, stricken down with poverty, into which the Angel of Death had entered!

"I heard the prattle of happy children, dancing and frolicking in warm lighted rooms, amidst the festive dance and glistening Christmas trees; and when these passed away, I saw the pale, wan faces of others, huddled into the corners of filthy rooms, where bread would have been hailed as a luxury. Then came pictures of happy homes, where parents and children were sitting round the Christmas fire, telling gladsome tales; then other circles, half naked, wallowing in the mire, and wailing forth their woe. In the changing vista there dawned scenes of glad Masonic festivity, where brethren joined, and as they pledged to each other, in goblets of sparkling wine, they spoke of *Charity*!

"That awoke me, and in my heart I resolved to see what could be done. The terrible ghost of which I spoke is that of penury and want, existing far and wide, at our very doors, and which it is our duty by the professions we hold to help to relieve.

"That ghost stalks stealthily abroad amongst us, and as it has summoned away our Brother, lying now in yonder cot, how know we what we may do to help destroy his power? You have promised to help."

"Agreed," we shouted, one and all. But how was it to be done? The story of the "Ghost" had somewhat subdued us; the thought of our W. Master's idea of "laying" it rekindled our mirth.

"Are you all charged?" again demanded "Master Neptune," as our burly Master is called; and the voices of the Wardens sounded pleasantly.

"Then I request our Junior Deacon to station himself in the north-east corner of this room. I need not remind the brethren what they are *not* to bring there.

The hint was sufficient, and the jovial laugh went round as the "poor and penniless" deposited their *paper* in the Junior Deacon's hands. Our W.M. watched the ceremony with intense delight, and when the last cheque had been handed in, he cried in triumph, "Now, brethren, we will close this Lodge."

Immediately the door was untyled there was a shuffling in the stone passage, and serving men who had been engaged for the purpose filed in, in procession, each bearing prodigious baskets, laden with provisions of every shape and kind. Geese, fowls, huge joints of meat, puddings of laughable obesity, vegetables, cakes, groceries, and other luxuries, too numerous to mention, were brought in and landed in the centre of the spacious kitchen, amidst such a chorus of delighted cheers that might well make the heart of every true Mason leap in unison.

Our W.M., in his forethought, had provided all these in secret, and merely observed that if he had not had the support of the brethren—though he had never doubted it for an instant—he should have as secretly taken them round to the poor families himself.

We each then tried to think of some deserving poor of our own acquaintance; and it was wonderful what a long list each and either of us could make.

The Secretary took the names and addresses, as they were called out, and arrrangements were made for initiating them into the mysteries provided for them.

It is hardly necessary to say our meeting closed in harmony, and not a man amongst us felt anything but unbounded pleasure at having been summoned to that "Christmas Lodge of Emergency;" and having our hearts' impulses stirred into active exercise by the curious story of a "Ghost," which, though terribly real, is allowed far too much liberty.

Before next day had fairly dawned there was not a cottage or impoverished dwelling in the town but was rejoicing in the prospect of what they had not enjoyed for many a year—a rare good Christmas dinner. There were over a hundred such families—all deserving, for those who were of known bad character were left out—who blessed an unseen hand that Christmas Day for benefits not the less relished because they were unexpected.

The story of the "early morning cart" going round laden with good things, sent by some mysterious hand, spread like wildfire through the place next day. Mothers related how that, having retired on Christmas Eve, frenzied with the thought of little or nothing to eat on the festal day, found all her wants supplied! Children, who had not even so much as a wooden doll, realised that Santa Claus had really come, for their stockings were filled with toys and sweets, all hung up in orthodox fashion at the feet of their humble bedsteads! Fathers, "snowed-out" by the prolonged winter, and in despair because their wives and little ones were so scantily clad, felt strange emotions of gratitude as they sat around well-filled tables, their families dressed as well as fed by unseen hands.

It would prolong my story too far to relate a tithe of these tales of gratitude which reached the ears of the brethren in various ways, but as our Worshipful Master observed at our next meeting, they had made at least a hundred initiates at that Christmas Lodge of Emergency. They could not all be obligated, but this was quite compensated for by the approving smile which they might be convinced they would receive from the G.A.O.T.U.

The success of the experiment was so complete that it was resolved to repeat it the next year; and it is hardly needful for me to add that, whilst a due tribute of respect was paid to our deceased brother at the cottage, and provision made for the family, the poor sailor lad was not forgotten who had been the means of engendering in the mind of our dear Worshipful Master the idea of enrolling a *hundred initiates at our Christmas Lodge of Emergency*.

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REVIEWS.

The History of the Lodge of Unity, No. 183 (formerly 441, 376, 289, 290, 242, 305, 215). Extracted from the Minutes and other Documents of the Lodge, and from the Records and Register of Grand Lodge. by George William Speth, P.M. London: George Kenning, the *Freemason* Office, 16 Great Queen-street, W.C. 1881.

None but a harsh critic, and certainly no Masonic critic, would dream of dealing otherwise than gently with what he is told is the maiden literary effort of the author. Yet Bro. Past Master Speth need not have been at the pains of claiming the indulgence of his readers on the score of his inexperience. As invariably happens to all who attempt the task of compiling the history of a Masonic Lodge, he was met at the very threshold of his labours with the old, old story of lost Minute Books, imperfect registers, and a general absence of trustworthy information, at certain periods more or less prolonged. In the case of this Unity Lodge, No. 183, there is, first of all, a period of twelve years, from 1769 to 1781, of which no particulars are to be found, even in the archives of Grand Lodge. Some kind of record, in the shape of a "Quarterage Book," appears to have been kept from 1782 to 1811, but the earliest available minute belongs to the year 1806; and, to make matters still worse, there are no Minute-Books relating to the twenty-three years from 1815 to 1838. If we add to this that it was not till 1855, on the appointment to the post of Secretary of the late Bro. Speth (the author's father), that the minutes were kept with anything like a regard for accuracy, our readers will be able to appreciate the difficulties that must have been encountered in the compilation of this history. That anything like a connected and acceptable narrative should have been put together from materials so scanty is a matter on which we, who have had no small amount of experience of this kind of labour, beg to congratulate Bro. Speth most cordially. He has done his work admirably, and should he try his no longer prentice hand at writing the history of any other Lodge in which he may be interested, and where there is something like a connected series of minutes, we are convinced it will be a success.

Having noticed only the most salient facts in the history of the Craft from 1769, the year in which the warrant for the Lodge of Unity, No. 441, was granted by the Duke of Beaufort, the then Grand Master of the "Moderns," Bro. Speth almost immediately sets about the task of questioning the accuracy of the view entertained by the authorities of Grand Lodge, namely, that the Unity Lodge had no real existence until 1781, or, in other words, that the Duke of Beaufort's warrant of twelve years previously remained all that time unacted upon. He, first of all, points out with much show of reason, that "the probability of any brethren petitioning for a Warrant, receiving it, and then taking no steps for twelve long years, is hardly conceivable." These being, after all, only "negative reasons" in favour of his theory, he goes on to adduce "stronger and positive ones" in its behalf. He points out that the Lodge is included in Cole's engraved List of Lodges for 1769, as "No. 441, Ratcliffe Highway, Ap. 11, 1769." It is described almost in the same words in the list issued by order of the Grand Master in 1770, "Ship Tavern, Ratcliffe Cross," being given as the place of meeting, and "No. 376" through the closing up of the Lodges in that year as the number. In 1781 it is said to have been located at "The Vine Tavern, Broad Street, Ratcliffe," and had become "No. 289." The year following, owing to the omission of a Lodge, it was altered to "No. 290," and met at "The King Henry's Head, Whitechapel." But, as Bro. Speth very sensibly remarks, a Lodge that was dormant could not well have moved from one tavern to another, neither would it, at the successive closing-up of Lodges, have retained its place on the roll of Grand Lodge. Now the Grand Lodge authorities base their assumption, that the Unity Lodge had no real existence till 1781, on a statement inserted in the margin of the aforementioned Quarterage Book against the year 1773, to the effect that "Bro. Hughes, Master of the Lodge, certifies that to his knowledge none were made or admitted from 1769 to 1781." The value of this statement, however, is very materially weakened by a counter argument of Bro. Speth's, that the marginal note in question, which was inserted in connection with some inquiries as to the doings of the Lodge prior to 1781, does not belong to the year 1783, to which it is assigned, but to 1790, when Bro. Hughes, who was not admitted into the Lodge till 1782, was its Worshipful Master. "How then," very pertinently asks Bro. Speth, "could he know of his own knowledge what took place before 1781?" His testimony "may probably only mean that he knows of none having been made—he does not assert that none were made; indeed, he could not do so"—not having been admitted a member till 1782. We will not go so far as to affirm that the author's arguments are conclusive. Cole may have fancied the Lodge met as stated in his lists when it was really dormant, the result being that, in the estimation of our authorities, Grand Lodge lists are less valuable as an authority than the unsupported testimony of a member of the Lodge, who was not even a member during any part of the period of which he speaks. But though Bro. Speth's argument may not be absolutely conclusive, he certainly has the greater show of reason in his favour.

The amount of information contained in the Quarterage Book, 1782-1811, labours under the twofold disadvantage of being scanty and apparently inaccurate, or, at all events misleading, as regards the members of the Lodge. Yet, limited as the information is, it is not without its interest, and Bro. Speth has, after much painstaking research, been able to extract more than might have been looked for under the circumstances. The book shows the professional or business status of the members, so that we can judge for ourselves what kind of men they were who constituted the Lodge of Unity. The description is tolerably comprehensive, and includes gentlemen, coal merchants, tallow chandlers, bakers, painters, oilmen, and tobacconist, engraver, draper, bricklayer, pewterer, poulterer, coppersmith, dancing-master, attorney, hatter, shoemaker, &c. Most of them lived east of Aldgate Pump—chiefly in Whitechapel and Ratcliffe. Gradually, however, "merchants from Mincing-lane, gentlemen from the suburbs, and lawyers from the Inns of Court, put in a goodly appearance—brethren, doubtless, of more refined manners and better education, than our first members," and Bro. Speth very naturally comments on this—"That in the beginning of this century, when class distinctions were more marked than now, we should have attracted this infusion of the upper classes, is perhaps somewhat remarkable, especially as, neither then nor since, was Ratcliffe a very desirable neighbourhood. There must have been sterling stuff and good Masonic qualities in our ancient brethren to have attracted these new members, and this fact, whilst gratifying to us, redounds to the honour of Masonry as the great institution for promoting good fellowship amongst all ranks of life." Many years later, the Lodge was largely recruited "by brethren hailing from salt water." What is still more noteworthy, however, is the fluctuation in the number of members. Thus 1784 closed with a membership of sixty, "yet, if we could ascertain at what dates during the year the twenty-eight members were admitted, and the forty-nine resignations took place, it is very probable that at some or other we may have numbered over 120 members." However, in 1803 the number had dwindled to eleven, in 1805 it increased by twenty-two, and the year following by seven more. Towards the close of 1806 "no less than thirty-six members left the Lodge," the greater number, Brother Speth surmises, "on account of the expense," the initiation and subscription fees having been raised to five and four guineas respectively. This surmise is so far borne out that in 1807, when the fee for making was reduced to three guineas and a half, many old members rejoined, being specially invited to do so without expense. A second period of dwindling dates from 1819. In 1822 Bro. Gill, a pillar of the Lodge for many years, died. From 1823 to 1830 "only one member was made, and he resigned the same year." In 1824 there were only five members, who continued to form the Lodge till 1829, when two of them disappeared from the list, and the Lodge was composed of three, namely, Bros. R. Ackroyd, C. M. Demages, and Josiah Edwards, the two that disappeared being W. Claremont and Charles Conder. In 1833 "six new Masons were made, and thirteen joined; but in 1834 the Lodge once again fell off to seven; in 1835 there were eight, and in 1836 again seven members. By 1839, however, there had been a recovery to fourteen, while since 1840, the year of the late Bro. Burmeister's initiation, the fortunes of the Lodge may be said to have recovered, and have since remained on the whole prosperous."

The Lodge-Bye-laws, as entered in the Quarterage Book in 1782, like most we have seen, are distinguished by an absence of grammar, and a charming indifference to the laws of spelling. Their tenor is of the usual character, and some of the rules may profitably be noted in brief or at length. Thus article 1st enacts,—"Without order and Decency in this Society a dissolution must be the consequence therefore at the third stroke of the Master's Mallett profound silence shall be observed and no private Committee held and any Brother who swears curses or talks obscenely disputes about Politicks is disguis'd in Liquor or becomes disguis'd therein or offers to lay Wagers dispose of Play-house tickets sits down unclothed hisses at what another brother proposes or debates or refuses to stand up and address himself to the Master in anything he may have to relate such behaviour shall be publicly repremanded by the Master for the first offence and for a second offence shall be fined two shillings and sixpence if the majority of the present members confirm the same which if he refuses shall be dealt with as they think proper."

Article 2nd provided that the Lodge night should be the fourth Monday in every month, the hour of meeting being from 6 to 9 p.m. from Michaelmas-Day to Lady-Day, and from 7 to 10 p.m. from Lady-Day to Michaelmas, "and never to exceed eleven;" in the absence of the Master "the Lodge to be opened by the Past Master Wardens as soon as there is a sufficient number of brethren." By Article 3 the liquor drunk during Lodge hours and the beer drunk at supper by the brethren, "not exceeding a pint each," was to be charged in the bill of expenses for the night; "but no liquor called for before or after Lodge hours shall be allowed by the Lodge except on account of making &c. &c. no person shall be admitted to sup in the Lodge-room during Lodge hours." Other Articles provide for the payment of a quarterage of three shillings and sixpence, one quarter in advance, any one in arrears for four quarters to have his name erased; visiting or travelling brethren to pay eighteen pence each to the Tyler for the use of the Lodge before admission; for being made a Mason two guineas, and ten shillings for registration; any one proposing an appropriation of any portion of the Lodge funds "to any party affairs, whether for or against Church or State," to be fined half-a-crown the first time, and to be excluded for a second offence. By Article 9, new officers were to be elected by ballot on the Lodge nights nearest the Festivals of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist respectively. Article 10 provided for the election of Tyler, and Article 11 for an allowance to the Master when attending the Committee of Charity of half-a-crown, and with his Wardens at the Quarterly Communication, or when summoned, five shillings. Under Article 14 landlord of house where the Lodge meets to have no interest in the furniture of the Lodge beyond that of an individual member, and by Article 15 landlord to forward any letter or message left for the W.M. under penalty of a fine of half-a-crown. By Article 16 a member on being elected W.M. paid half-a-crown for a bottle of wine, the Treasurer a like sum for the same purpose, while the Wardens paid such sum between them, "but nothing when re-elected," the qualification being applicable, we presume, to all three offices. By Article 19 any one breaking the rules to be fined a sum not exceeding five shillings, if the W.M. and a majority so thought fit, and a refusal to pay such fine resulted in exclusion. Article 20, and last, directs that the laws should be publicly read on certain occasions in open Lodge, the Master, in the event of non-compliance with this law, being finable to the extent of half-a-crown. The occasions are mentioned as being "the last Lodge night in every quarter" and "before the election of Officers."

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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SAINT LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on 14th inst., at the Town Hall, Shoreditch. Bro. C. F. Barham the W.M. presided, and was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Elias Benjamin S.W., J. A. Jones J.W., H. G. Henderson Chaplain, C. Stevens P.M. Treasurer, Joseph Cox Secretary, A. Clements S.D., J. Funston J.D., F. Matthews Director of Ceremonies, G. C. Young Organist, and R. Drysdale and H. G. Thrower Stewards. The following Past Masters were also present:—Bros. G. T. Barr I.P.M., Louis Stean and James Terry and W. Clarke G.P. (hon.) There was a very good attendance of other members and a large muster of Visitors among the latter being Bros. H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, G. Wade 1310, T. Farnham, W. Musto P.M. 1349, E. Thomas Lynn 1310, Joseph Little 1607, George F. Stutchbury 186, C. A. Beckett 1365, Henry V. Clements P.M. 754, H. B. Holliday P.M. 1076, J. Dorton P.M. 1076, H. B. Taylor 1531, L. V. Walker 22, G. J. Woodman S.W. 1599, James Mitchell S.W. 1076, W. H. Lee P.M. 975, R. Jennings P.M. 907, J. Oddy 754, Smither 193, John Roberts, T. W. Francis 55, C. Rawson 28, W. Balls 77, J. Emmerson 276, Alfred J. Martin 111, Bolton 1604, E. Claseton 1604, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, J. W. Moore 49, J. Smith J.W. 193, F. Brien P.M. 1076, C. Brien 1076, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, G. T. Turner S.W. 183, James Smith 1107, W. F. Smithson P.M. 1001 Prov. S.G.D. West Yorks, Joseph F. Mayfield 1298, &c. The Lodge having been opened with the customary formalities, the minutes of the last regular Lodge and of a Lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. The report of the audit Committee was submitted and received, it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing condition. The ballot, taken for Messrs. Alfred Charles Critchfield and Henry Josephs, proved unanimous in their favour. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Elias Benjamin, the W.M. elect, was duly Installed into the chair by the retiring Master, in a very impressive manner. There were nineteen Installed Masters present at the Board. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted and in due course invested the Officers for the year, the following brethren receiving the respective collars:—Bros. Jones S.W., Clement J.W., Stevens Treasurer, Cox Secretary, Henderson Chaplain, Funston S.D., Walker J.D., Matthews I.G., Drysdale D.C., Thrower and Tidball Stewards, Young Organist. The ceremony of installation was then completed, Bro. Clarke G.P. giving the address to the Wardens, and Bro. P.M. Stean that to the brethren. The W.M. in appropriate terms presented to the retiring Master an elegant jewel, as a recognition by the brethren of the ability he had displayed during his year of office, and as a mark of the respect he is held in by every member of the Lodge. He trusted he might live for many years to wear it, and that the brethren might long have the pleasure of his company. Bro. Barham, in appropriate terms, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the gift. The W.M. then announced that of the three candidates on the agenda, one only was present, and that gentleman (Mr. Henry Josephs) was initiated by the new W.M., who performed the ceremony in a manner which showed that the brethren had made a wise selection in electing him to the chair. Letters of apology were read from Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex, Æ. McIntyre G. Reg., Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec., &c. The W.M. informed the brethren that the Senior and Junior Wardens had undertaken the duty of Stewards for the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and he hoped they would be well supported by the Lodge members. Hearty good wishes having been tendered by the Visitors, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the banquet, and this concluded, the Master proposed the usual toasts. With that of the Grand Officers he had the pleasure of coupling the names of Bros. Buss and Clarke. Bro. Buss in replying, expressed the pleasure it afforded him and the Grand Officers generally to visit Lodges such as the St. Leonard, and witness the progress made in them. It must be a source of great pleasure to the brethren around the table to see the way in which the Lodge of the old parish of St. Leonard was going on. Bro. Clarke followed. He thought that any brother who was present at Grand Lodge on the occasion of its last Communication would agree that to some, at least, of the Officers of Grand Lodge the duties were more than mere name. He and his assistants had that evening admitted upwards of 700 brethren, and to do the work thereby entailed as it should be done was no light task. He thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast. Bro. Barham then took the gavel, to propose the health of the W.M. He had known Bro. Benjamin for some few years, and could safely say that during his connection with the Lodge no brother had worked harder for the good of the Craft generally than he. He felt all must agree that in Bro. Benjamin the Lodge had a brother who would fulfil the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of the brethren, and act for the advancement of the Lodge. The W.M. tendered his most sincere thanks. He should do all that lay in his power to advance the interests of the St. Leonard Lodge and its members. It would not be for want of purpose if he did not show the Lodge in a more prosperous state at the end of the year than it was then in, and generally improve the condition of it. If he did not succeed in this desire it would be rather from want of ability than from any lack of interest. He next gave the health of Bro. Barham, the Installing Master. He felt that some of the brethren might have been disappointed at the work of his predecessor that night, but he did not think that any brother who knew how much he had to do would really be surprised at his performance that evening, but rather at the fact of his having attempted anything in addition to what he was really pledged to perform. He occupied the position of M.E. Excellent in his Chapter, was churchwarden of the parish, W.M. of the Lodge, and besides all this, superintendent of the banqueting arrangements of the latter. The brethren who knew him could testify to the able manner in which he fulfilled those duties, and all present having had the opportunity of judging of what he could do in one branch, might imagine that in all others he could be equally efficient. He (the speaker) had a specially pleasing duty to perform. The brethren, bearing in mind the amount of work entailed on Bro. Barham in superintending their banquets, feel that he is deserving of some special recognition beyond the jewel already given him, and for that purpose have had an expression of their feelings engrossed on vellum, and framed for his acceptance. On behalf of the members, one and all, the Master felt he might wish Bro. Barham every enjoyment that this world afforded, and he hoped that the small testimonial he now presented him with would be looked on, by him and his family, as a true expression of the sentiments of the Lodge, and that it might serve as an incentive to his children to emulate the example of their father, and lead them to deserve such a testimonial for themselves. The testimonial, which was one of the most handsome pieces of work we ever remember having seen, was in the following words:—

SAINT LEONARD LODGE,
No. 1766,
Town Hall, St. Leonard,
Shoreditch.

The Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers and Brethren of the above Lodge take the opportunity of the retirement from the chair of the late Worshipful Master, Bro. Charles Frederick Barham P.M., to present him with this slight testimonial of their esteem of him as a brother, and their appreciation of the very admirable manner in which he has performed the duties attaching to the office of Worshipful Master, and the ritual of the Lodge, and also their sense of their great obligations to him for the very valuable services and unremitting attention which he has displayed while governing the Lodge, for the promotion of the comfort and enjoyment of the members and Visitors on every occasion, and congratulate him upon the high state of organization and prosperous condition of the Lodge at the close of his official year.

(Signed) ELIAS BENJAMIN W.M.

LOUIS STEAN P.M.	JAMES FUNSTON S.D.
G. T. BARR P.M.	E. WALKER J.D.
J. A. JONES S.W.	FRANK MATTHEWS I.G.
A. A. CLEMENTS J.W.	R. DRYSDALE D.C.
C. STEVENS Treasurer.	HENRY J. THROWER S.
A. H. G. HENDERSON Chaplain.	G. C. YOUNG Organist.

JOSEPH COX Secretary.

December 1881.

Bro. Barham expressed his thanks in feeling terms. He had received that evening testimonials he had hardly expected, and they made him feel satisfied with what he had done. The gifts of the brethren he felt sure would be highly prized by the members of his family, and he felt he might hand them down with credit to those who would follow after him. In reference to his share of the work of catering—at the commencement of the Lodge's existence that had been entrusted to a firm, who certainly did not give satisfaction; but the climax came at the end of the first year, when the affairs almost collapsed. Discussion followed, and it may have been on the spur of the moment only he had said, he would do it better himself, if no one else could be found. The brethren had taken him at his word, and they were now in a position to judge for themselves how far they were justified in so doing. As I.P.M. he felt he could safely retire from the chair on his laurels, and was convinced that the present Master would carry out the duties of the chair in as able a manner as they had ever been done in the past. The toast of the Past Masters followed, to which each responded. Bro. Stean in the course of his remarks said he really felt somewhat sorry that he was a Past Master of the Lodge, he should have liked to have been in the chair that night, so that he could have had the pleasure of presenting to Bro. Barham the testimonials he so richly deserved. He hoped the Lodge would continue in the future to be as great a success as it had been in the past. Bro. Barr was pleased to feel that during his term of office he had gained the esteem of the brethren. Although he had not been able to entertain them as well as had the other Masters, still he felt that he did as much as the condition of the Lodge justified, and was proud to say that he left to his successor a larger balance than that with which he started his year of office. He fully approved of the way the Lodge had been conducted since he left the chair, and was only too pleased that Bro. Barham had been enabled to do what he had for the brethren. He felt that so long as the Lodge was conducted as it had been in the past, it would be able to meet any demands made on its funds, and support future Masters in anything they might think necessary for the comfort of the brethren. The Master then gave the toast of the initiate, regretting the absence of the other two brethren whose names appeared on the summons; he was sorry to say that in both cases sickness was the cause. After a reply from Bro. Josephs, the Master gave the Charities, to which Bro. Terry forcibly replied. He referred to the support given by the Lodge to the Institutions during the three years it had been in existence, viz.:—£30, £110, and £105 respectively, and was glad to hear that one hundred guineas had been promised for the Old People next year. It really did him good, as it must any one similarly circumstanced, to reply for the Charities in such a Lodge as the St. Leonard, and he hoped that the members would support their Wardens in such a manner as to add to the reputation of the Lodge in this particular. Speaking of the Benevolent Institution, he might say, that day the committee had had before them no less than twenty-four applications for admission to the benefits of the Fund, and it must be remembered that in all cases an applicant must be sixty years of age, or, as was the case with one of those before the committee that day, afflicted in some way or other. The case he referred to was of a young man, thirty-five years of age, suffering from blindness, and he felt that no one would say he was not worthy of any help his brother Masons could give. Another was an old lady who a few years since had an income of £3000 a year, now she had not so many farthings. It was on behalf of her

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and others similarly circumstanced that he appealed for all the aid the brethren could possibly afford. The toast of the Visitors followed, and being acknowledged, the Officers were complimented, and the meeting brought to a conclusion. We must congratulate Bro. Young, the Organist of the Lodge, on the musical fare he provided. He, Bro. Weige and Bro. Cohen, by their ability, added no small share to the general success which attended the meeting, which we should also mention was held under the influence of the electric light. Two Pilsen lamps were used, the mechanism and current being provided gratuitously by Messrs. Wells and Co., electrical engineers, from their works in Shoreditch. We were very pleased to observe several members of this firm present, and think the general approval of those present was the best expression of opinion they could have of the working of this light, for which they possess the English and French patents.

LODGE DE LORAINE, No. 541.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 16th inst. There was a very large attendance of visitors, owing to the meeting of P.G. Chapter just having concluded. The Lodge being opened, and all formalities gone through, the P.G. Master Earl Percy and Officers of the P.G. Lodge were announced, and received in due form. The ceremony of installation was then gone through; Bro. T. Blinkensop performing the ceremony in a very perfect manner. Bro. Henry Usher, the newly-installed W.M., then appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Read S.W., Keeney J.W., R. Smail P.P.G.S.W. Treasurer, Brown Secretary, Cambell S.D., Stergus J.D., T. Blinkensop P.M. D.C., R. Watson Organist, Dove I.G., Michals S.S., R. Bell J.S., Curry Tyler. Hearty good wishes were tendered to the Wor. Master by representatives (amongst whom was Earl Percy) from about twenty Lodges. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Scotch Arms to banquet. Amongst the Visitors we noticed Earl Percy P.G. Master, R. H. Holman D.P.G. Master, Colonel Shadwell Clerke G. Secretary, Colonel A. Potter, C.B., P.G.S.W., Smail P.P.G.S.W., Adam Robertson P.P.G.S.W., E. D. Davis P.P.G.S.W., J. H. Bentham P.P.G.S.D., John Spearman P.P.G.S.D.W.. M. Bell P.P.G.A.D.C., G. J. Dean P.P.G.J.D., J. O. Smith P.M., J. Wood P.M., Ogilvey P.M. S.D., J. Brethwaite P.P.G.S.D., J. Page P.P.G.S.B, J. Duckett P.P.J.W., Nicholson P.G. Organist, Cooper P.P.G.P. 991, H. S. Bird S.W., 1512 G. S. B., Bell Sec. 406, Cumming S.W. 1676, S. M. Harris S.W. 406, &c.

LONDESBOROUGH LODGE, No. 1681.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 15th December, at the Masonic Hall, Ayr-street, Regent-street, Bro. Robert Burleton W.M. presided, supported by his Officers, members, and the following visitors:—Bros. J. C. Stateley P.M. 1624, G. B. Edmeston 1818, J. Stock P.M. Ranelagh, T. Pim 860, H. Lipson 860, G. Foster 190, J. Lawrence 186, C. Dairy P.M. 140, H. Thompson 1426 P.M. 177 and 1158 M.E.Z. 619, J. M'Leod P.M. 1624, G. Draper I.P.M. 130, W. G. Dickens P.M. 860, J. B. Dodson P.M. 860, W. Vincent P.M. 1614, G. Biggs P.M. 435, E. W. Davis P.M. 172, W. H. Gray P.M. 704, T. H. Cock P.M. 222, W. Clarke 114 P.G.P. P.D.C. Suffolk. The ordinary business had been disposed of at a Lodge of Emergency, and nothing remained to be done to-day but to instal Bro. Duncan H. Harrison. Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, Bro. Harrison was presented to receive from his predecessor the benefit of installation. The brethren below the chair having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Burleton W.M. most ably rendered the ceremony of installation, for which he received the unanimous approval, not only of the Installed Masters, but of every brother present. Having been saluted in the customary manner, the newly-installed W. Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Honeyball S.W., Netherholt J.W., Barfield P.M. Treasurer, Read P.M. Sec., Jackson S.D., Ball J.D., Oliver Organist, Jones I.G., Bott D.C., Holland and Heath Stewards. The usual addresses to the Wardens and brethren having been given, the Worshipful Master said that the first duty he had now to perform was a most pleasing one, it was to present Bro. Burleton, their I.P.M., with a jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the members of the Lodge. He was gratified in having the duty cast upon him of attaching this jewel to his breast, and he trusted that he might long live to wear it. Bro. Burleton thanked the brethren for this mark of their esteem, and assured them that when he looked upon that jewel it would always remind him of the many happy hours he had spent as W.M. of the Londesborough Lodge. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and an adjournment took place to the large dining hall for the banquet. The banquet having been disposed of, the W.M. gave the usual loyal toasts, that of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master being followed by "God Bless the Prince of Wales," admirably sung and accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Oliver, the Organist of the Lodge. Bro. Clarke G.P. responded for the Grand Officers, and said that they had no light duties to perform; on the night of the Grand Lodge they had no less than about 700 members to look after, and to give offence to none; he believed that greater accommodation would on some future day be required for the increased number of members who now attended the Grand Lodge. Bro. Burleton I.P.M. said it was his privilege to give what might be considered the toast of the evening; it was the health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Harrison. From the time the Lodge was formed he had the pleasure of working with him, and as they had all seen how Bro. Harrison had discharged his duties in the different offices, they knew what they had to expect of him during the year that he would occupy the chair as Worshipful Master. The toast was drunk with great cordiality. The Worshipful Master, in responding, said he begged to return thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received, and also for his election as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, which had given him the greatest pleasure. He might say that he had been present at every Lodge, had never missed a single meeting, having resolved always to get to the front. Now, however, that he could get no further, and had arrived at the position of Worshipful Master, he was resolved to do his duty, and he hoped that his Officers would work with him. It was very pleasing to him to return thanks for this toast; the ordeal he had just passed through had been somewhat serious, but he must go through the duties to the best of his ability. He must say that he was very much indebted to the brethren for the position he then held, for he was not initiated in this Lodge, but in the St. Clement Danes, into which he was introduced by Bro. Barfield, their esteemed Treasurer. He thanked the brethren most sincerely for drinking his health, and hoped to see them many times in the future. The next toast was that of the Visitors, for which Bro. Davis P.M. and Treas. of the Eastern Star Lodge, and two other brethren returned thanks. The health of Bro. Burleton Immediate Past Master followed; he, in responding, thanked the brethren for the very handsome jewel they had given him that evening; one that he should always wear with great pleasure. He did not precisely know how many initiates he had had during his year of office, but he hoped that his successor might have as many. He was going up as Steward for the Lodge at the next Festival for the Old People, and three of their members had given him five guineas each; indeed he had not met with a single refusal. He begged to give them as a toast, the Masonic Charities, for which Bro. Dairy returned thanks; he said that if every brother gave a shilling each time the Lodge met, that would provide all required for their support. It was stated that Brother Burleton, on going round the room that evening, had collected from the members the magnificent sum of £51. Some other toasts were given and responded to, and the evening was spent in complete harmony, in short everything passed over without a single hitch in any of the proceedings. It should not be omitted to be stated that the jewel with which the I.P.M. was presented contains the Londesborough Arms, beautifully designed, is indeed a choice work of art.

Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when Bro. J. Rothschild acted as W.M. He was supported by Bros. Hickman S.W., Radcliffe I.P.M. 211 J.W., Morgan S.D., Wolf J.D., Eldridge I.G., Pearcy Preceptor, T. Goode Secretary, Evans, Morgan jun., Scott, Osborn P.M. 1602, R. Baker W.M. 188, Williams, Alford, A. Mullord Treas., and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Morgan acting as candidate, and at the conclusion of the degree Lodge was called off. On the resumption of business, Bro. Morgan read a paper on the Rise and Progress of the Masonic Charities. The S.W. was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting (3rd January 1882). A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his occupancy of the chair—the same to be recorded on the minutes—it being the first occasion on which he had done so, and the manner in which he had fulfilled his duties left nothing to be desired. On the motion of Bro. Pearcy, a like compliment was paid to Bro. Morgan for his interesting and instructive paper. Bro. Pearcy dwelt at some length on the various points referred to by Bro. Morgan, and felt convinced that if more addresses were delivered, especially in Lodges of Instruction, they would be greatly appreciated by brethren Bro. Mullord followed. He considered the particulars they had that night heard from Bro. Morgan were of a most instructive nature. He felt he might safely say that not one brother out of every three in the London District really knew what the Masonic Charities were. They might possibly be aware there were such institutions, but as to their foundation and requirements, the majority were comparatively ignorant. He hoped that Brother Morgan might find it possible to read his paper in many other parts of the Metropolis, more particularly in Lodges of Instruction, where brethren usually had more time to devote to such subects than was the case in regular Lodges; in doing so he felt that very great assistance would be rendered to the Charities, of which Freemasons were justly proud. The vote of thanks was carried with acclamation, and was suitably acknowledged. Bro. Radcliffe I.P.M. 211 was admitted a member of this Lodge.

At the desire of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the date of the afternoon concert, to be given in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, has been altered from Thursday, the 15th, to Saturday, the 7th January prox.

On Saturday, Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G.D.C., visited Windsor, for the purpose of placing the banner and regalia of the King of Sweden, Grand Master of the Swedish Freemasons, who has been created a Knight of the Garter, in St. George's Chapel.

The Marquis of Hartington, M.P., was present on Saturday, at the opening of a new Liberal Club, at Brierfield, near Accrington. In the afternoon he addressed a large meeting of his constituents at Nelson, near Burnley.

The Earl of Donoughmore has decided on leaving Knockloty, Co. Tipperary, and residing abroad.

A special private meeting of the Court of Common Council was held at the Guildhall, on Monday, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor. His Lordship made a statement with reference to the contemplated Irish Property Defence Fund, and a long and animated discussion is said to have followed the proposal of a certain resolution. Ultimately the Court adjourned.

A very successful meeting was held at Leeds, on Monday, under the presidency of the Mayor, the object being to assist the Irish Ladies in Distress Fund, recently started by Lord Mayor Ellis.

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Obituary.

BRO. JOHN HENRY HALE.

WITH feelings of very great regret we recently heard of the decease of Bro. Hale, which sad event took place on the 24th ultimo, at Wellingborough. He was well known in the various Lodges and other Masonic bodies in the neighbourhood wherein he resided, having been connected with the Craft about ten years, during which period he took a very great interest in all that concerned the Order. Two years since he passed the chair of Wentworth Lodge, No. 737, and at the time of his decease was Worshipful Master of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 455. He was Master of the first Mark Lodge (St. Simon de Montford), formed at Northampton, and was Second Principal of the Chapter held there. He was connected, in one way or another, with most of the Masonic bodies of Northampton, Nottingham, and Leicester, and a few weeks before his death took the thirtieth degree. In the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire he occupied the position of Past Senior Grand Warden, and was one of the Stewards who represented that district at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February last. Our departed brother leaves a wife to mourn his loss, and with her and the other members of the family we most sincerely sympathise. From our relations with the deceased, we considered him one of the worthiest brethren of our acquaintance; and knowing, as we do, the position he occupied in his family, where he was really idolized, we are enabled to express to those nearest and dearest to him the greatest sympathy, not only of ourselves, but of all those connected with the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

The Sheffield Freemasons have presented the Parish Church of Sheffield with a beautiful granite and bronze font, bearing Scriptural figures, as their contribution towards the recent restoration. On Thursday, the font was unveiled by the Officers of the Provincial Lodge, in the presence of Bro. Tew, the Grand Master of West Yorkshire. The brethren of the Britannia, Brunswick, Wentworth, and Ivanhoe Lodges were also present, and wore the regalia of the Craft. There was a procession from the vestry to the south aisle of the chancel, were the font has been fixed, and afterwards several children belonging to local Freemasons, were baptised by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Blakeney, who is the Provincial Grand Chaplain of West Yorkshire.– *Daily Chronicle.*

At a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire, held on Saturday, at the University Masonic Hall, a vote of congratulation to his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, on his approaching marriage, was moved by Bro. R. Bird, M.A., seconded by Bro. the Rev. H. A. Picard, M.A., and carried unanimously. It is intended to present, by subscription, a testimonial from the brethren of the Province to his Royal Highness.

Bro. W. Purkiss, of the Royal Music Hall, besides engaging a talented company for the forthcoming Christmas season, has also added greatly to the convenience of the public by providing four extra private boxes and a new lounge, and establishing a fine gallery of pictures by some of the most distinguished artists.

The Earl of Jersey P.G.M. presided at a conference held on Monday, at Bicester, under the auspices of the Church of England Temperance Society.

His Royal Highness Prince Leopold reached Salisbury on Monday afternoon, on his way to West Park, as the guest of Mr. and Mrs Kennard.

Tuesday being "Doctor's Day" at Merchant Taylors' School, the distribution of prizes to the successful scholars took place, accompanied by the customary recitations. Lord Mayor Ellis presided, and with him were the Lady Mayoress, Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, the Masters and Wardens of the Merchant Taylors' Company, &c.

Herr Wilhelm Ganz P.G.O. had charge of the musical arrangements at the sixty-fourth anniversary dinner of the German Society of Benevolence, held on Tuesday, at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, under the presidency of Count Munster, the German Ambassador.

The meetings of the "Chigwell Lodge of Instruction," No. 173, have been adjourned until the 6th proximo.

The Duke of Connaught has been elected a Chevalier of Justice of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence held its last meeting for 1881 on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Joshua Nunn President, James Brett jun. Vice-President, and Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C. occupied the chairs of President, and Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents. The Lodge was numerously attended. The brethren first confirmed the recommendations of the last meeting of Lodge, to the amount of £775. They had then before them the reconsideration of a case sent back by last Grand Lodge. Having recommended a grant of £150, an opposition was raised to it in Grand Lodge, and Grand Lodge resolved to have the case inquired into. After a patient hearing of several witnesses, the Lodge of Benevolence rescinded the grant, with the exception of the £10 granted on account. There were twenty-nine new cases on the list. After sitting nearly four hours, the Lodge granted a total sum of 890. Two cases were deferred.

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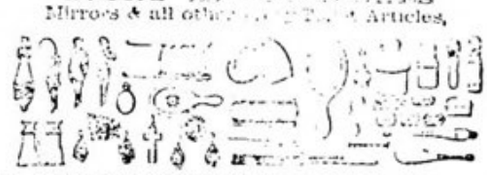

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FATHER CHRISTMAS, with his portly figure, his snow-white locks, and his ruddy countenance, is once again in our midst, and the feasting and revelry which accompany him may be said to have begun this day. But though the spirit of kindliness and hospitality; which is so appropriate to this eventful seasonis as strong as ever it was, and all classes of the community give themselves up to a close observance of its customs, there are those who think such customs are far more prosaic than they were formerly. The many quaint observances of our forefathers have died out, except perhaps in some of the remoter country towns and districts, while those that have succeeded them, albeit more in accordance with the genius of our time, are very far from being as impressive or as calculated to bring together the different classes of the community. The revelry of former days may have been more boisterous, but it would seem to have been more picturesque. There were no gorgeous pantomimes and Christmas cards, albums, annuals, and the like were necessarily unknown, but high and low mingled together in one common festivity, so that, as we have hinted, class distinctions may be said to have almost wholly disappeared for the nonce. It is not, however, our wish to draw comparisons between old and present customs, to the disadvantage of either, so much as to give our readers some idea of what the said old customs were like, so that they may judge for themselves whether the Christmas of this nineteenth century is more or less attractive than it was in earlier days.

Christmas, now as formerly, extends over the period from 24th December to 6th January, which is called Twelfth, or Old Christmas, Day, but there is more of sameness now in the celebration of the season, with the exception, perhaps, of Christmas Day proper, New Year's Day, and Twelfth Day, and even in the case of these the fea-

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tures which distinguish them from the rest exist rather in name than in reality. Formerly there seem to have been the general rejoicings, which lasted throughout the whole of the season, and at the same time special customs and observances peculiar to some of the more prominent days. Thus the revels over which presided the Lord, or, as he was sometimes called, the Abbot of Misrule, lasted the greater part of the holidays; so did the ceremonial connected with the election and reign of the Boy Bishop, an institution said to have been derived from the Festival of Fools. On the other hand, the King of the Bean ruled only on Twelfth Day, having been elected to his office the evening previous, while the King of the Cockneys was duly honoured on Childermas or Innocents' Day. But to give a description of some of these old customs.

Many writers are of opinion that the Lord of Misrule was peculiar to England, foreigners especially considering him a personage rarely to be met with out of our country. Strutt, however, thinks he was "well known on the Continent, where he probably received his first honours," and he adds, "In this kingdom his power and his dignities suffered no diminution; but on the contrary, were established by royal authority, and continued after they had ceased to exist elsewhere. But even with us his government has been extinct for many years, and his name and offices are nearly forgotten." Holinshed, with reference to Christmas, speaks of it as "what time there is always one appointed to make sporte at courte, called commonly lorde of misrule, whose office is not unknown to such as have bene brought up in noblemen's houses, and among great housekeepers which use liberal feasting in the season." Stow writes, "At the feast of Christmas, in the King's Court, wherever he chanced to reside, there was appointed a lord of misrule, or master of merry disports; the same merry fellow made his appearance at the house of every nobleman and person of distinction, and among the rest the lord mayor of London and the sheriffs, had severally of them their lord of misrule ever contending, without quarrel or offence, who should make the rarest pastimes to delight the beholders. The pageant potentate began his rule at Allhallow Eve, and continued the same till the morrow after the Feast of the Purification, in which space there were fine and subtle disguisings, masks, and mummeries." Occasionally, it happened, as in the fifth year of Edward VI.'s reign that a gentleman of position and ability was appointed to preside over the pastimes. On this occasion it was a certain George Ferrers, who was a lawyer, a poet, and an historian, of whom Holinshed remarks, "And he being of better calling than commonly his predecessors had been before received all his commissions and warrauntes by the name of master of the Kingo's pastimes; which gentleman so well supplied his office both of show and sundry sights, and devises of rare invention, and in act of divers interludes, and matters of pastime, played by persons, as not only satisfied the common sort, but also were verie well liked, and allowed by the Council and others of skill in lyke pastimes; but best by the young king himselfe, as appeared by his princely liberalitie in rewarding that service." On the other hand, Philip Stubbs, in his "Anatomie of Abuses," speaks in the reverse of complimentary terms, showing how "the wilde heades of the parish . . . chuse them a graund captaine of mischiefe, whom they innoble with the title of Lord of Misrule, and him they crown with great solemnity and adopt for their king." The newly "annoynted" sovereign chooses a number of followers like himself, who are invested with their liveries and bedeck themselves "with scarffes, ribbons, and laces, hanged all over with gold rinnges, pretious stones, and other jewels," as well as with bells on their legs, and "rich handkerchiefes in their handes, and sometimes laid acrosse over their shoulders and necks, borrowed, for the most part, of their pretie Mopsis and loving Bessies." A procession is formed, and they march to the church with "their hobbyhorses, their dragons, and other antiques," as well as with their pipers and their thundering drummers, "dauncing and singing like devils incarnate." Those who gave them no money were "mocked and flouted shamefully," many being "dived over heade and eares in water, or otherwise most horribly abused."

At Cambridge the functions of Lord of Misrule were entrusted to a Master of Arts, who was regularly elected to superintend the annual representation of Latin plays by the students, and also took general charge of their games and diversions during the Christmas season. He was styled *Imperator*, or *Prefectus Ludorum*. A similar custom prevailed at Oxford, and the Templars regarded the office as an honourable one, while in 1635 this mock representative of royalty is said to have expended in the discharge of his duties no less a sum that £2,000 out of his own purse. In consideration of this munificence he was knighted at the close of his brief reign by Charles I. at Whitehall.

Richard Evelyn, father of the famous author of the "Diary," and a Deputy Lieutenant for Surrey and Sussex, has left on record his rules defining the functions of a Christmas Lord of Misrule on his estate at Wootton:—"*Imprimis*, I give free leave to Owen Flood, my trumpeter, gentleman, to be Lord of Misrule of all good orders during the twelve days. And, also, I give free leave to the said Owen Flood to command all and every person or persons whatsoever, as well servants as others, to be at his command whenever he shall sound his trumpet or music, and to do him good service, as though I were present myself, at their perils . . . I give full power and authority to his lordship to break up all locks, bolts, bars, doors, and latches, and to fling up all doors out of hinges, to come at those who presume to disobey his lordship's command. God save the King."

The custom of electing and investing the Boy Bishop was, as has been suggested, derived from the Festival of Fools, and is traceable as far back as the fourteenth century. One of the choir, habited in episcopal vestments, took the title of Bishop on the Feast of St. Nicholas (6th December), or that of the Innocents (28th December), or both. His fellows, dressed like priests, obeyed him, and he performed all the offices of a bishop and his prebendaries, except that of the mass. The custom was abolished by proclamation of the King and Council in 1542.

Strutt, quoting from Dugdale, makes mention of the Society of Lincoln's Inn having had anciently an officer, chosen at this season, who was honoured with the title of King of Christmas Day, because he presided in the hall upon that day. This temporary potentate had a Marshal and a Steward to attend upon him. The marshal, in the absence of the monarch, was permitted to assume his state, and upon New Year's Day he sat as king in the hall, when the Master of the Revels, during the time of dining, supplied the marshal's place. Upon Childermas, or Innocents' Day, they had another officer, denominated the King of the Cockneys, who also presided on the day of his appointment, and had his inferior officers to wait upon him.

Another quaint old custom, which still survives in a modified form, is associated with the King of the Bean, whose reign commenced on the vigil of the Epiphany, or the day itself, 6th January. "It was a common Christmas gambol in both our Universities, and continued"—at the commencement of last century—"to be used in other places, to give the name of king or queen to that person whose extraordinary good luck it was to hit upon that part of a divided cake which was honoured above the others by having a bean in it." According to another version, derived from an old Calendar of the Romish Church, and referred to by the author we are quoting, "On the fifth of January, the vigil of the Epiphany, the Kings of the Bean are created; and on the sixth the feast of the kings shall be held, and also of the queen, and let the banqueting be continued for many days." It appears from an entry in a Computus of the 8th year of Edward III. that in that year "this majestic title was conferred upon one of the king's minstrels." At least there is in it an entry to the effect that "sixty shillings"—a very considerable sum in those days—were given by the king upon the day of the Epiphany to Regan the trumpeter and his associates, the Court Minstrels, in the name of the King of the Bean."

We have already referred to Childermas day and the custom in Lincoln's Inn of electing a King of the Cockneys, a person of some distinction, as Douglas mentions an order issued in 1717 by King Henry VIII. regulating the service that should be done him and the order to be maintained by his officers. One other custom there was, however, the abolition of which our young friends will not regret, namely, that of whipping the children on the morning of this festival, so that "the memorial of Herod's murder of the Innocents might stick the closer, and so, in a moderate proportion, to act over the cruelties again in kinde." The infliction of such a memorial may have been impressive, but it must also have been a little painful. The day in question, too, was regarded as of ill-omen, and hence the superstition against being married on its anniversary, and also the belief that it was unlucky to put on new clothes, pare the nails, or begin anything of moment.

Boxing Day, though it has latterly been elevated to the rank of a Bank Holiday, and enjoys the further honour of inaugurating the Pantomime season at the principal theatres, has its drawbacks in the sight of many people. The custom from which it derives its name is not so ancient as some we have enumerated. Yet as far back as 1731, we find a writer in a well-known work on London in the eighteenth century recounting his experiences in a somewhat doleful strain. "By that time," says he, "I was up, my servants could do do nothing but run to the door. Inquiring the reason, I was answered, the people were come for their 'Christmas Box;' this was logic to me; but I found at last that because I had laid out a great deal of ready money with my brewer, baker, and other tradesmen, they kindly thought it my duty to present their servants with some money for the favour of having their goods. This provoked me a little, but being told it was 'the custom,' I complied. These were followed by the watch, the beadles, dustmen, and an innumerable tribe; but what vexed me the most was the clerk, who has an extraordinary place, and makes as good an appearance as most tradesmen in the parish; to see him come a boxing, alias begging, I thought was intolerable: however, I found it was 'the custom,' too, so I gave him half-a-crown, as I was likewise obliged to do to the bellman, for breaking my rest for many nights together." But even "boxing" may be set down as tolerable, especially when we think of the poorly-paid postmen and others, to whom the shillings or half crowns we disburse are veritably a godsend.

Of the general character of the festivities we are on the eve of indulging in we need say little. What they were last year and the year before, that will they be now and for years to come. The spirit of old Father Christmas is unchangeable. No matter how great or how modest the attractions of the festive board, his aim is to imbue all who surround it with the same kindly feeling towards their fellow-creatures. He knows no distinction of persons, but greets all alike with the same jovial welcome. And our reception of him is equally jovial. We are glad to see him again among us; as glad as were our forefathers in their day; as glad, we doubt not, as will be our descendants.

We have little to add, and that little shall take the form of an old song, said to be the first drinking song composed in England, and in Home's opinion an abridged version of an old Christmas carol in Norman-French, which has been translated by Mr. Douce. It would be difficult to find a more appropriate conclusion to these jotting s about Christmas.

"Lordlings, from a distant home,
To seek old Christmas are we come,
Who loves our minstrelsy—
And here, unless report mis-say,
The greybeard dwells; and on this day
Keeps yearly wassel, ever gay
With festive mirth and glee.
"Lordlings, list, for we tell you true,
Christmas loves the jolly crew
That cloudy care defy;
His liberal board is deftly spread
With manchet loaves and wastel bread;
His guests with fish and flesh are fed,
Nor lack the stately pye.

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"Lordlings, it is our host's command,
And Christmas joins him hand in hand,
To drain the brimming bowl;
And I'll be foremost to obey—
Then pledge me, sirs, and drink away,
For Christmas revels here to-day
And sways without control.
Now *Wassel* to you all! and merry may you be,
And foul that wight befall, who drinks not *Health* to me!"

THE DUKE OF ALBANY AND THE FREEMASONS.

ON Saturday evening a special meeting of the Friends in Council Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 1383, was held at the Hall of the Supreme Council, 33 degree, Golden-lane, for the purpose of installing his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., as First Principal of the Apollo (University) Chapter of Oxford, to which office he has been unanimously elected by the members of that Chapter. His Royal Highness, who occupies the position of Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire in the Craft Degree, has lately been appointed by the Prince of Wales as Superintendent of that Province in the Royal Arch degree, and his installation in that important office will shortly be held, though the day is not yet fixed. The ceremony of Saturday may be considered as preliminary to that event, and the Companions of the Order mustered in goodly numbers to witness it. The assemblage was, as might have been expected, a distinguished one, and, as all those present had attained to very elevated positions in the Royal Arch, the spectacle was most imposing, the rank of the different companions entitling them to wear an abundance of elegant jewels. Among the Royal Arch Masons present, none of whom were below the rank of an Installed Third Principal, as the meeting was called only for Installed Principals, were Lord Tenterden, Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Sir John B. Monckton, Sir Michael Costa, Sir Erasmus Wilson, General Brownrigg, C.B., Major-General Henry Clerk, Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Captain N. G. Philips, Montague Guest, M.P., Comps. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Philbrick Q.C., the Revs. C. W. Arnold, Ambrose W. Hall, R. J. Simpson, H. Adair Picard, T. F. Ravenshaw, and R. P. Bent, J. W. Waldron, R. W. H. Giddy, J. M. P. Montagu, E. J. Barron, H. C. Levander, Capt. Bott Cook, Wilhelm Ganz, Raphael Costa, Frank Richardson, J. Lewis Thomas, Robert Gray, Thomas Fenn, John H. Scott of Brighton, Magnus Ohren, Ernest E. Wendt, Joshua Nunn, Charles A. Morton, H. G. Buss, H. Massey, Hugh H. Riach, H. R. Cooper Smith, George Lambert, John A. Rucker, Peter de Lande Long, B. F. Gould, Reginald Bird, W. Coppard Beaumont, J. M. Case, A. J. Duff-Filer, John Read, and H. Sadler. The Friends in Council Chapter was first opened, Lieutenant-General Randolph as Z., J. W. Waldron as H., Major-General H. Clerk as J., Hugh D. Sandeman as S.E., Colonel Burney as S.N., Giddy P.S., Ralph Costa as 1st Assistant, W. C. Beaumont as 2nd Assistant, Frank Richardson as Director of Ceremonies, and G. Austin as Janitor. Gen. Randolph informed the Companions that the Duke of Albany had been elected as First Principal of the Apollo Chapter at Oxford, but that as it would be inconvenient for him to attend at Oxford for installation he had selected, as he was privileged to do by paragraph 59 of the Royal Arch Regulations, another Chapter in which to take the degree. He had, therefore, honoured the Friends in Council Chapter for the purpose, and had requested Colonel Shadwell Clerke to perform the ceremonies. Shortly after this, the Duke of Albany arrived, and Colonel Shadwell Clerke took the First Principal's chair, Lieutenant General Randolph taking the second chair, and Comp. John Read presiding at the organ. When His Royal Highness entered the Chapter, he was presented for installation by Captain N. G. Philips. As he had not previously been installed in either of the three Principal's chairs it was necessary that he should pass through the whole of the three ceremonies. Colonel Shadwell Clerke therefore installed him first in the lowest chair, next in the second chair, and lastly in the chair of the Most Excellent of the Chapter, the Rev. C. W. Arnold acting as Chaplain. All the ceremonies were faultlessly performed, and appeared to make a profound impression on the Duke of Albany. At the conclusion of the ceremony he announced that he had appointed Comp. H. O. Wakeman to act for him as Pro Most Excellent in the Apollo Chapter, and directed the Rev. H. A. Pickard, a Past Most Excellent of the Chapter, to notify the fact to the members. General Randolph then, in the name of the Friends in Council Chapter, thanked his Royal Highness for having selected that Chapter for his installation, and the Duke of Albany in return thanked the Companions of the Chapter for their courtesy in allowing him to be installed in their Chapter. Thereupon, on the motion of Captain N. G. Philips, seconded by Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the Duke of Albany was elected an honorary member, and the Duke having thanked the Chapter for this distinction, Comp. Sandeman announced he had received letters expressing regret at not being able to attend from the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, Comps. John Havers, John M. Clabon, ex-Sheriff H. Hutton, Hutton Gregory, Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer, Bevan Grand Superintendent of Westland, New Zealand, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the Rev. J. Stadholme Brownrigg, J. Ebenezer Saunders, and the Rev. C. J. Martyn Grand Superintendent of Suffolk. The Duke of Albany then left, and the Chapter was closed in due form.

Lord Mayor Ellis has gone into residence at the Mansion House, and a series of entertainments are already announced. Thus, on the 9th January will be held the annual Plough Monday dinner; on the 13th following, the Lady Mayoress will give a juvenile ball, and on the 17th the Aldermen will be entertained at a banquet.

FREEMASONRY IN NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland took place on Thursday, 15th December. The meeting was held in the Town Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne, under the banner of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Lodge, No. 24. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at three o'clock, by the Right Honourable Earl Percy, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. There was a very large attendance of past and present Provincial Grand Officers, besides a great concourse of brethren from all parts of the Province. Worshipful Bros. Col. Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, and F. Binckes Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, were also present. The brethren having saluted the Grand Officer, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read and confirmed. The Provincial Grand Master, in proposing a resolution of sympathy with the family of the late Bro. L. M. Cockcroft D.P.G.M., expressed his sympathy with the family, and regretted the sad and almost irreparable loss the Province had sustained by the death of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The Treasurer's report was next read; it showed a balance of £235 7s 3d in his hands. Upon the report being adopted, the sum of £84 was voted to Masonic Charities, and £87 3s to Local Charities. Bro. T. Anderson was then unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The installation of the new Deputy Provincial Grand Master was then proceeded with, the patent appointing Bro. R. H. Holmes to that office having been read, Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke G.S. performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner. The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Colonel Adderson Potter, C.B., S.W., George Cockburn J.W., Rev. J. Lister Chaplain, B. J. Thompson Secretary, T. Anderson Treasurer, R. L. Armstrong Registrar, Corder S.D., J. Duckett J.D., Dr. Lang Supt. of Works, E. D. Davis D.C., G. Ogilvey A.D.C., Jeffery Sword Bearer, J. Nicholson Organist, R. Symons Pursuivant, Brewies Asst. Pursuivant, and Curry Tyler. The Stewards appointed were Bros. C. B. Ford, F. R. Richardson, R. A. Dodds, D. G. Anderson, J. Wilson, and R. Jackson. The Master announced that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held under the banner of the Walker Lodge, No. 1342. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren, to the number of about 150, adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, where they dined together, presided over by the Prov. G.M. Earl Percy. The usual toast list was gone through, and a very pleasant evening spent.

ROYAL ARCH.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

A SPECIAL Convocation of this Chapter was held on the 16th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Provincial Grand Chapter was opened at 1·30 by Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E. as Z., Banester as H., and R. H. Holmes as J. There was a very large attendance of visitors, amongst whom were Comps. Earl Percy and Colonel Collingwood. Colonel H. Shadwell Clerke explained the object of the meeting, which was for the purpose of installing Comp. Addison Potter, C.B., into the office of Provincial Grand Superintendent, to which high rank he had been appointed by His Royal Highness the first Grand Principal, in the place of the late lamented Comp. L. M. Cockcroft. He therefore ordered a deputation to be formed to fetch Comp. Potter into the Chapter, which being done, Comp. E. D. Davis P.G.D.C. presented Comp. Potter to the Grand Scribe to receive the benefit of installation at his hands, and the ceremony was most impressively gone through by Comp. Clerke, who also installed the two other Principals. After these appointments, the newly-installed Grand Superintendent spoke feelingly of the memory of the late Prov. Grand Superintendent, and said he would rather have remained one of the Royal Arch body of this Province, serving under him, could he have been spared. A resolution of condolence was duly passed. The Provincial Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the following Companions as his Officers:—R. H. Holmes H., John Spearman J., J. H. Bentham S.E., J. Wood N., Dr. Luke Armstrong P.S., Robinson 1st Asst. Soj., Montgomery 2nd Asst. Soj., R. L. Armstrong Treasurer, T. J. Armstrong Reg., W. M. Bell Sword Bearer, T. R. Richardson Standard Bearer, E. D. Davis D.C., Nicholson Org., and Curry Jan. Upon the motion of Comp E. D. Davis, seconded by Comp. Hotham, it was carried by acclamation that Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke be made an associate member of this Provincial Grand Chapter. Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke acknowledged what he was pleased to call a most unusual compliment. The Right Hon. Earl Percy was also gratified to accept a similar compliment, which he acknowledged very gracefully by a few well-chosen remarks. Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed in due form. The Companions nearly all adjourned to the Installation Meeting at Lodge 511, which was held at 3.30.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON CHAPTER, No. 1602.

AN emergency convocation was held on the 16th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, for the purpose of installing P.M. Weston 1602 as M.E.Z. of this Chapter, and exalting Bro. Dillon into Royal Arch Masonry. The ceremony of installation was performed by Comp. James Terry acting as M.E.Z., Osborn H., Hobbs acting as J. At a previous regular meeting, Comp. Osborn was installed as H. by P.Z. Stevens, and P.Z. Cogan (now present, although suffering from an accident) as J., Comp. J. Greenfield was invested as S.N., Thomas as Janitor. Other investments were postponed at both meetings, in consequence of the non-attendance of the Companions elected to several other offices in the Chapter. After the ceremony of Installation, Bro. Dillon having been regularly balloted for, was exalted in a very able manner, and it is no flattery to state

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that the impressive style, delivery, and work of the newly installed M.E.Z. could not be surpassed in any Chapter; this opinion was subsequently expressed in a most forcible speech by Comp. James Terry. Business being ended, and Chapter closed, the Comps. adjourned to a plain, substantial, and well served dinner, after which the usual toasts were given. That of the Visitors was responded to by Comps. Forge and Pearcy, the latter of whom kindly acted as P.S. in Chapter and at dinner. It is to be regretted that in this Chapter, as in the Lodge, some brethren accept office and do not attend, thus leaving their work to be done by others, as well as retarding the progress of competent members who attend regularly.

North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471.—The weekly meeting of the above Chapter was held at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, on Thursday, the 15th instant. Present:—Companions G. Davis M.E.Z., N. Moss H., E. Rogers J., J. Osborn S.E., D. Stroud S.N., S. Smout jun. P.S., T. C. Edmonds Preceptor; also Companions J. E. Sheffield, H. Higgins, G. Gregory, R. Pearcy, J. Weston, G. W. Knight, and others. The Chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the previous Convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Companion Edmonds acting as candidate. As on this occasion the offices, with the exception of that of S.E., were occupied by some of the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Chapter of Improvement, who had accepted an invitation from this Chapter to work the ceremony of exaltation, a cordial vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Companion Davis and the members who accompanied him for their kindness in attending and working the ceremony in such an admirable manner; and to mark their appreciation of his services, Companion Davis was unanimously elected an honorary member of this Chapter of Improvement. It was also carried that a letter of condolence be forwarded to Companion Moss, a much respected member of the Chapter, on his late severe illness. The Chapter was then closed and adjourned. This Chapter will not meet during the Christmas week, but will be adjourned to Thursday, 5th January, at 8 p.m.

THE MYSTERIOUS ORGANIST.

A LEGEND OF THE RHINE.

From the Masonic Review.

YEARS ago, at the Grand Cathedral overlooking the Rhine, there appeared a mysterious organist. The great composer who had played the organ so long had suddenly died, and everybody, from the king to the peasant, was wondering who could be found to fill his place, when, one bright Sabbath morning, as the sexton entered the church, he saw a stranger sitting at the crape-shrouded organ. He was a tall, graceful man, with a pale but strikingly handsome face, great, black, melancholy eyes, and hair like the raven's wing for gloss and colour, sweeping in dark waves over his shoulders. He did not seem to notice the sexton, but went on playing, and such music as he drew from the instrument no words of mine can describe.

The astonished listener declared that the organ seemed to have grown human—that it wailed and sighed and clamoured, as if a tortured human heart were throbbing through its pipes.

When the music had at length ceased the sexton hastened to the stranger and asked:

"Pray, who are you, sir?"

"Do not ask my name," he replied; "I have heard that you are in want of an organist, and I have come here on trial."

"You'll be sure to get the place," exclaimed the sexton. "Why, you surpass him that's dead and gone, sir."

"No, no, you overrate me," resumed the stranger, with a smile; and then, as if disinclined to conversation, he turned from old Hans and began to play again. And now the music changed from a sorrowful strain to a grand old pæan, and the mysterious organist—

> "Looking upward full of grace,
> Plays still from a happy place—
> God's glory smote him in the face,"

and his countenance seems not unlike that of St. Michael, as portrayed by Guido.

Lost in the melodies which swelled around him, he sat with his "far-seeing" eyes fixed on the far distant sky, a glimpse of which he caught through an open window, when there was a stir about the church door, and a royal party came sweeping in. Among them might be seen a bright young girl, with a wealth of golden hair, eyes like the violet's hue, and lips like wild cherries. This was the princess Elizabeth, and all eyes were turned towards her as she seated herself in the velvet cushioned pew appropriated to the court. The mysterious organist fixed his eyes upon her, and went on playing. No sooner had the music reached her ears than she started, as if a ghost had crossed her path. The blood faded from her crimson cheek, her lips quivered, and her whole frame grew tremulous. At last her eyes met those of the organist in a long, yearning look, and the melody lost its joyous notes, and once more wailed and sighed and clamoured.

"By faith," whispered the king to his daughter, "this organist has a master hand. Hark ye, he shall play at your wedding."

The pale lips of the princess parted, but she could not speak—she was dumb with grief. Like one in painful dream, she saw the pale man at the organ, and heard the melody which filled the vast edifice. Ay, full well she knew who it was, and why the instrument seemed breathing out the agony of a tortured heart.

When the services were over, and the royal party had left the Cathedral, he stole away as mysteriously as he had come. He was not seen again by the sexton till the vesper hour, and then he appeared in the organ loft and commenced his task. While he played a veiled figure glided in, and knelt near a side shrine. There she remained until the worshippers disappeared, when the sexton touched her on the shoulder and said:

"Madam, everybody has gone but you and me, and I wish to close the doors."

"I am not ready to go yet," was the reply; "leave me—leave me!"

The sexton drew back into a shady niche, and watched and listened. The mysterious organist still kept his post, but his head was bowed upon the instrument, and he could not see the lone devotee. At length she arose from the aisle, and moving to the organ loft paused beside the organist.

"Bertram!" she murmured.

Quick as thought the organist raised his head. There, with the light of a lamp suspended to the arch above falling full upon her, stood the princess who had graced the royal pew that day. The court dress of velvet, with its ermine trimmings, the tiara, the necklace, the bracelets, had been exchanged for a gray serge robe and a long thick veil, which was now pushed back from the fair, girlish face.

"Why are you here, Bertram?" asked the princess.

"I came to bid you farewell; and as I dare not venture into the palace, I gained access to the Cathedral by bribing the bell-ringer, and having taken the seat of the dead organist, let my music breathe out the adieu I could not trust my lips to utter."

A low moan was the only answer, and he continued:

"You are to be married on the morrow?"

"Yes," sobbed the girl. "Oh! Bertram, what a trial it will be to stand at yonder altar, and take upon me the vows which will doom me to a living death."

"Think of me," rejoined the organist. "Your royal father has requested me to play at the wedding, and I have promised to be here. If I were your equal I could be the bridegroom instead of the organist; but a poor musician must give you up."

"It is like rending my soul and body asunder to part with you," said the girl. "To-night I may tell you this—tell you how fondly I love you, but in a few hours it will be a sin! Go, go, and God bless you."

She waved him from her, as if she would banish him while she had the power to do so, and he—how was it with him? He arose to leave her, then came back, held her on his heart in a long embrace, and with a half smothered farewell, left her.

The next morning dawned in cloudless splendour. At an early hour the Cathedral was thrown open, and the sexton began to prepare for the wedding. Flame-coloured flowers nodded by the wayside—flame-coloured leaves came rushing down from the trees and lay in heaps upon the ground; and the ripe wheat waved like a golden sea, and berries drooped in red and purple clusters over the rocks along the Rhine.

At length the palace gates were opened, and the royal party appeared, escorting the princess Elizabeth to the Cathedral, where her marriage was to be solemnized.

It was a brave pageant—far brighter than the untwined foliage and blossoms were the tufts of plumes which floated from stately heads and festal robes that streamed down over the housings of the superb steeds. But the princess, mounted on a snowy palfrey, and clad in snow-white velvet, looked pale and sad; and when, on nearing the church, she heard a gush of organ music, which, though jubilant in sound, struck on her ear like a funeral knell, she trembled and would have fallen to the earth had not a page supported her. A few minutes afterwards she entered the Cathedral. There, with his retinue, stood the royal bridegroom, whom she had never before seen. But her glance roved from him to the organ loft, where she had expected the mysterious organist. He was gone, and she was obliged to return the graceful bow of the king, to whom she had been betrothed from motives of policy. Mechanically she knelt at his side on the altar stone; mechanically listened to the service and made the responses.

Then her husband drew her to him in a convulsive embrace and whispered:

"Elizabeth, my queen, my wife, look up?"

Trembling in every limb, she obeyed. Why did those eyes thrill her so? Why did that smile bring a glow on her cheeks?

Ah! though the king wore the royal purple, and many a jewelled order glittered on his breast, he seemed the same humble person who had been employed to teach her music, and had taught her the lore of love.

"Elizabeth," murmured the monarch, "Bertram Hoffman, the mysterious organist, and King Oscar (the royal Freemason) are one. Forgive my stratagem. I wished to marry you, but I would not drag to the altar an unwilling bride. Your father was in the secret."

While tears of joy rained from her blue eyes, the new-made queen returned her husband's fond kisses, and for once two hearts were made happy by a royal marriage.

E. Surrey's Almanack and Pocket Companion for 1882.—We heartily congratulate compiler, printer, and, above all, Mr. Surrey, tobacconist, of 21 Great Queen-street, W.C., on the success of their joint efforts in connection with this pocket companion. There is an abundance of useful—we ought rather to say necessary—information as to postal arrangements, foreign money, places of amusement, &c. &c.; the matter being well arranged and clearly printed, while the Companion itself may be carried in the waistcoat pocket. There are also blank pages for the insertion of casual memoranda, and a price list of the goods vended in wholesale and retail by Mr. Surrey. Of the cigars and tobaccos we can speak from personal trial of their merits. Only the best qualities are offered for sale, and we feel assured that brethren who may give Mr. Surrey even a portion of their custom will have no reason to complain.

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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 DECEMBER.

1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney, (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

TUESDAY, 27th DECEMBER.

205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
510—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool,
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire

WEDNESDAY, 28th DECEMBER.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1063—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
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
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 29th DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
16—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's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (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 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
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
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
807—Caldwell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
986—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1813—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1589—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 30th DECEMBER.

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. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Un. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 Inst.
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1269—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction) at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)

453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 31st DECEMBER.

1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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HOWARD LODGE OF BROTHERLY LOVE, No. 56.

THE installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year, and the annual banquet of the above Lodge took place on 15th instant, and proved a most successful gathering in everything except numbers. The time of year has always proved an inconvenient one to many of the brethren, and the unpropitious weather helped to detain those who came from a distance, and especially visitors. Of these latter there were only two—Bro. Elverstone W.M. Carnarvon Lodge, Havant, and Bro. Chamberlaine P.M. Lord Warden Lodge, Deal. Bro. A. H. Smith, the outgoing Master, installed his successor, Bro. E. Francis, P.M. 804, in excellent style. The Officers appointed and invested by the new W.M. were Bros. Smith I.P.M., Thompson S.W., Mardon J.W., Price P.M. Secretary, Nunn Treasurer, Rev. Dunlop Chaplain, Neame S.D., Ceal J.D., Mitchell I.G., Auckett Steward, and Robertson Tyler. The W.M. then presented Brother Smith with a P.M.'s breast jewel, which had been unanimously awarded to him by the Lodge for his services as Master during the past year. The whole party then adjourned to the Norfolk, where an excellent banquet was partaken of, supplied by Brother Barkshire in his usual style, and a very pleasant evening spent. In addition to the Officers, who were all present, with the exception of the Chaplain and the Steward, there were present:—P.M.'s Bros. Evershed, Garwood, Street, and E. Collings.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 156.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple. The W. Bro. W. H. Pike, who had been previously unanimously elected, was installed as Master. The ceremony was conducted by the retiring Master, Bro. D. Banks, and W. Bro. W. K. Michell P.M. P.P.G.D.C., in a large and influential Board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were Bros. Admiral F. H. H. Glasse, C.B., William Derry, E. Aitken-Davies, H. F. Hearle, D. Box, P. B. Clemens, W. C. Howard, J. Manning, E. Manley, W. Marsh, F. Hall, J. B. Gover, L. D. Westcott, W. S. Hearder, C. Cooper, F. Aubrey Thomas, J. Russell Lord, J. Kinton Bond, George Firks, W. G. L. Pearce, Byron Elliott, Thomas Goodall, James Rendle. The ceremony having been completed, the W. Master invested the following brethren as the Officers for the ensuing year:—D. Banks I.P.M., J. F. Young S.W., George Whittley P.P.G.O. J.W., Rev. W. Whittley P.P.G.D. Chaplain, H. F. Hearle Treasurer, W. K. Michell Secretary, E. B. Thompson S.D., W. C. Cuddeford J.D., Edmund Coppin I.G., William Skardon D.C., John Little A.D.C., Thomas Parker Organist, Thomas Welch S.S., John Parkhouse J.S., W. H. Phillips Tyler. Bros. H. F. Hearle, W. K. Michell, W. Whittley, D. Banks, and W. H. Pike were appointed as the representatives of the Lodge on the Committee of the Associated Lodges. The Rev. W. Whittley was unanimously re-elected to represent the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions. Friday, 6th January, was appointed for the banquet, and this will take place at Bro. Walter's, Farley Hotel. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed, and recorded on the minutes, to the I.P.M., Bro. Banks, for the perfect way in which he had carried out his duties.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday last. At 4 p.m. the brethren assembled, under the gavel of Bro. M. Rooke W.M., who proceeded to open the Lodge in the first and second degrees, after which the chair was assumed by Bro. J. Todd P.M. P.P.G.R., who appointed Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. Senior, and Bro. G. Balmford P.M. Junior Wardens. The W.M. elect (Bro. J. S. Rymer) was then presented for installation, by Bro. William Lawton P.M. P.P.G.R., and in due course the Lodge opened in the 3rd degree, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened in full form. The W.M. having been installed, then invested his I.P.M. (Bro. Rooke), and was duly greeted, and the Board closed. The brethren were then re-admitted, and the W.M. was saluted and greeted in the three degrees, and duly proclaimed. The working tools in the three degrees were given successively by Bros. M. Rooke P.M., W. H. Gainforth P.M., and A. Buckle P.M. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. G. Kirby S.W., G. Garbutt J.W., Very Rev. the Dean of York (Grand Chaplain) Chaplain, J. Todd P.M. Treasurer, A. Buckle P.M. Secretary, S. Border Assistant Secretary, W. Draper S.D., W. Powell J.D., W. Smith M.C., T. Take Organist, T. G. Hodgson I.G., W. G. Calvert Tyler, W. Biscomb and J. B. Sampson Stewards. The addresses to the Officers were given by the W.M., and those to the W.M. and brethren by the Installing Master. The Lodge was then closed amid hearty good wishes. Amongst the brethren present, in addition to those already named, we noticed:—Bros. Rev. W. Valentine P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain, J. A. Barstow P.M., F. Rawling P.M., Capt. Cavenagh, Major Thornton, W. H. Godley, A. White, J. Rodfare, C. A. Burdekin, W. T. Gowland, W. G. Thomas, E. Houlden, W. M.

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Kay, C. Anderson, T. S. Camidge, G. C. Lee, T. J. Russell, and J. Young. Amongst the Visitors were Brothers G. Simpson W.M. 1611, Col. Nasin 44, J. W. Marshall W.M. 660, J. Marshall P.M. 660, W. Constable, W. Wood P.M. 495, J. S. Cumberland P.M. 1611 P.P.G.W., J. Kay 1611, M. Millington 1611, A. T. B. Turner 1611, J. B. Jackson 1611, J. Mennell 1611, &c. After the close of the Lodge, about fifty of the brethren and their Visitors sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Tew, and at which a number of toasts were honoured. The W.M. gave the usual preliminary toasts, and then the health of the Provincial Grand Master and Officers, which was responded to by Bro. W. H. Gainforth Provincial G.D.C. Bro. W. Lawton P.M. gave the health of the W.M., who he was sure would worthily fill the chair in which he had been placed. He was a Mason of some fourteen years' standing, and they were all aware of his great abilities, and the high estimation in which he was held. The W.M. in responding said he felt it a great honour to be placed in the chair of a Lodge whose age was over a century, and it would be his earnest endeavour to emulate the good example of those who had preceded him in the high office. Bro. Alderman Brown proposed the Immediate Past Master, Bro. M. Rooke, and the Past Masters, and Bro. Rooke in responding took the opportunity of thanking the brethren for the generous support they had given him during his year of office. It had been a year of unmixed pleasure to him, and he hoped to be spared to give his utmost support to Masonry in general and the York Lodge in particular. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. J. Todd P.M., and alluded in terms of high praise to Bro. Todd's services to the Lodge. He had been to many of them a trusted guide and monitor, he occupied the responsible position of Lodge Treasurer, and he was happy in the knowledge that Brother Todd's aid and advice would always be at his disposal. Bro. Todd in responding alluded to the progress the Lodge had made, and said that he was happy to announce that it was the W.M.'s intention to represent the Lodge at the next Festival of the Boys' School, and he hoped the brethren would enable him to carry up a good list. Bro. Buckle P.M. proposed the Masonic Charities, and referred to the practical education which was given to the girls in the School, cookery and other useful arts being there cultivated. He mentioned the high opinion which he had heard expressed by Mr. Buckmaster of the management of these Schools. Bro. J. S. Cumberland responded, as Provincial Charity Steward, and pointed out at some length to the brethren the importance of supporting most loyally their own Provincial Charity Association, without which they could never hope to succeed in carrying their candidates. He also showed that, although the Province had done well of late years, it should go on improving and increasing its contributions, if it was to keep pace with the rest of the Masonic Provinces. Bro. T. B. Whytehead proposed the Visitors, and briefly showed that York from the very earliest times must necessarily have been the goal to which visiting Masons would gather. Referring to the late British Association gathering, he said every visitor there present must have taken away with him the most gratifying recollection of the hospitality of York Masons. Bro. Wood P.M. (Wakefield) responded in a neat speech. The W.M. proposed the Sister Lodges, and Bro. J. T. Sellar, I.P.M. Eboracum Lodge 1611, responded. The proceedings soon afterwards terminated. The evening was enlivened by a series of excellent songs and glees, by Bros. J. Todd, J. S. Cumberland, G. Kirby, J. B. Sampson, T. G. Hodgson, G. C. Lee, and others, Bro. T. Tuke presiding at the pianoforte.

LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 230.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Ebrington Hall, Granby Street, Devonport. Bro. R. W. Pitcher was installed as the Master, the ceremony being performed (in the unavoidable absence of the Master) by Bro. J. R. H. Harris I.P.M., assisted by Bro. Richard Cawsey P.M. and Secretary, in a Board of Installed Masters comprising Bros. John Lynn P.M. and Tr. P.P.G.S.B., D. B. Lynn P.M. P.G.S., R. H. Burt P.M., R. Pike P.M., A. Rowe P.M., W. G. Swiss P.M. (all of 230), J. Baxter P.M. 954 P.G.S.B., T. Searle P.M. 1091, H. Cameron P.M. 1205, Anthony Lethbridge P.M. 159, Owen Knowles W.M. 159. The Officers appointed were:—Bros. R. Ellis I.P.M., John Whitford S.W., John Border J.W., John Lynn Treasurer, R. Cawsey Secretary, W. M. Ridland S.D., E. Littleton J.D., E. Rattenbury I.G., J. Pike Organist, Gorey Chaplain, Meadley D.C., J. Toms S. Steward, C. Hunt J. Steward, W. H. Burt 3rd Steward, A. D. Cawsey Assistant Secretary, Jones Assistant Organist, Orchard A.D.C. The Wor. Brother R. Cawsey was unanimously appointed to represent the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions, and the banquet was appointed to be held at the Royal Hotel, Devonport, when, as is usual in this Lodge, the ladies will be invited, and there will be a ball and concert.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, on Saturday, 17th inst. Present Bros. Pearcy W.M., Wolf S.W., R. P. Forge J.W., Trewinnard acting Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, E. Woodman S.D., Gribbell J.D., R. M. Jones I.G., also Bros. C. Lorkin, G. Ferrar, Brasted, A. M. Marks, Wenborne, Fysh, &c. The ceremonial work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of the third degree, including traditional history, Bro. G. Ferrar acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Wolf was elected W.M. for the next meeting, which will be on Saturday, the 7th January 1882. The sum of £1 1s was voted to the Old People at Croydon towards their usual Christmas entertainment. The sum of £2 2s was also voted, to be placed on Bro. Forge's list, he going up as a Steward for the R.M.B.I., after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Star in the East Lodge, No. 650.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was rendered specially interesting by a visit from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master W. Brother Fred. A Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D. On 13th inst. there were present Bros. T. Jennings P.G.J.D. W.M, W. O. Ward P.M., R. Clowse S.W., H. Everard J.W., M. L. Sanders Secretary, J. R. Watson J.D., B. Hutchinson D.C., C. R. Salter Organist, T. Dunn I.G., R. Barlow Tyler. The Visitors were W. Bros. Thomas J. Ralling P.M. 51 P.G. Secretary, John J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., and Bros. A. C. Parsons, H. Simpson, and J. Smith, of St. Luke's Lodge, No. 225, Ipswich, while the members of Lodge No. 650 included Bros. F. R. Hales, J. Howard, G. W. Pickering, C. Hempson W.M. 1799, R. Wilson, W. Oxenham, A. De Wil, W. Rule, G. Sealey, W. Sealey, H. Cant, and I. C. Pratt. The ceremony of raising having been impressively performed by the W.M., some conversation took place as to the candidature of one of the children of the late Brother Basham for the Masonic School, in the course of which W. Brother W. O. Ward read a letter from the High Steward of the Borough (Brother E. W. Garland), promising all the help he could give, and enclosing a cheque for £5, to be applied towards forwarding the case in any way the Lodge deemed best. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Brother Garland for his kindness. The W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master took occasion to call attention to the new Provincial Charity Committee, the object of which was to assist cases like that of Bro. Basham's child, and they hoped that when thoroughly established the organisation would prove a valuable aid to the cause of Masonic Charity in the Province. Bro. Pratt brought forward the case of the widow of a former member of the Lodge, who he said needed help, and it was adjourned till next meeting for further enquiry. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the D.P.G.M. for his kindness in coming amongst them, which, having been seconded by Bro. Hales, was carried by acclamation. W. Bro. Philbrick acknowledged the vote in his usual genial manner. An adjournment was then made to banquet, which was well served by the host of the Pier Hotel. The toast of the evening was that of the D.P.G.M., which was given by W. Bro. W. O. Ward, and heartily responded to by the brethren. In the course of his reply. Bro. Philbrick expressed the pleasure it had given him to make the acquaintance of Lodge Star in the East, to witness its excellent working, and to find that it was in so flourishing a condition.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 20th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Glass W.M., T. Clark S.W., Dignam J.W., Edwards S.D., Christian J.D., Smyth I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Brasted Acting Preceptor; also Bros. Lamb, Robinson, C. Lorkin, and Wallington P.M., &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lamb acting as candidate. Lodge was opened in the 2nd; the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wallington Preceptor of the Lodge. Bro. Lamb, a candidate for raising, was interrogated and entrusted; the Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and Bro. Lamb was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason; the W.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the 3rd section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Glass again took the chair, and the Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The sum of one guinea was unanimously voted towards the expenses of the "Old People's" Christmas Festival, and a cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which the W.M. had performed the duties of the chair, it being the first time in any Lodge. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Elliot Lodge, No. 1164.—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held in the hall at St. Germans, on Wednesday. Bro. Dr. J. B. Kirswill P.G.J.W., who had been re-elected, was installed Master. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. H. Pole P.M., assisted by Bro. George Barnes P.M. P.P.G.P., and Bros. W. F. Creber P.M., R. Stead P.M., N. Henwood P.M., W. H. Maynard P.M., J. Creber P.M., F. Johns P.M., F. Hawke P.M., all of 1164; E. Aitkin-Davies P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works, G. Roseveare P.M. 970 P.P.G.S. of Works, E. Herring W.M., and W. H. L. Clarke P.M. Zetland. The Officers appointed were Bros. R. Stead I.P.M., B. Warwick S.W., W. N. Foreman J.W., H. Pole Treasurer, W. T. Creber P.M. Sec., R. G. Betty S.D., G. Trethewy J.D., F. Hawke Org., J. O. Kinsman I.G., J. Hawke Tyler. The brethren adjourned to the Elliot Arms for the dinner. The W. Master presided, and in the course of the evening he was presented with a very handsome gold jewel (Provincial Grand Junior Wardens) in recognition of his services to the Lodge.

St. John's Lodge, No. 1247.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on the 15th inst., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple. Bro. J. Kinton Bond was unanimously elected as the W. Master for the ensuing year, as also was Bro. J. Russell Lord as Treasurer; and, by the unanimous vote of the Lodge, Bro. J. R. Lord was appointed to represent the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions for the Province. Bro. Firks was appointed the Charity Steward for the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. There was a very pleasing episode, and, from being unexpected, therefore the more gratifying, Bro. Lord being presented by the members with a memorial of their fraternal remembrance. Bro. W. H. Phillips was appointed Tyler, and the installation was fixed for Thursday, 29th inst., at 7 p.m., when the day for the banquet will be arranged.

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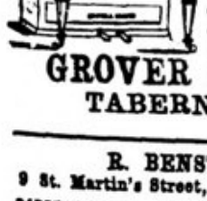

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THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

TO-DAY brings to a close the year 1881, a year which, in Masonic circles, may be described as having been one of quiet and uneventful progress. Nothing has happened that would be likely to evoke a sense of enthusiasm, yet it cannot be questioned that the Craft has strengthened and confirmed its interests everywhere. There may have been bickerings in our ranks, but where is the Society or Community that can boast itself as being entirely free from such? Quebec has raised a question as to the legitimate status of the English Lodges in Montreal, and certain Lodges in New South Wales have presumed to constitute themselves into a Grand Lodge, in territory already occupied by the District Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland; but such minor difficulties are inevitable. The fact remains that the year 1881, albeit distinguished by no remarkable occurrences, will bear fair comparison with the preceding six years during which the Prince of Wales has been Grand Master of English Freemasonry. Exactly sixty-one Lodges have been added to the roll of Grand Lodge, the youngest Lodge for which a Warrant has been issued being No. 1953, while at the close of 1880, the youngest was No. 1892. Of new Lodges only seven meet within the Metropolitan area, twenty-three have been established in the Provinces at home, and the remaining thirty-one in Districts abroad. The new Provincials are thus distributed:—Berks and Bucks, two; Cheshire, one; Derbyshire, one; Durham, one; Hants and Isle of Wight, one; Kent, two; Lancashire, one; Lincolnshire, one; Middlesex, one; North Wales and Salop, one; Norths and Hunts, one; Northumberland, one; Notts, one; Oxon, one; Somersetshire, one; Staffordshire, three; Surrey, two; and Sussex, one. Among the Districts abroad, Malta has two new Lodges; Newfoundland, one Lodge; Jamaica, one; East Indies, three, namely Bengal, two, and Madras one; China, two; S. Africa, five Lodges, namely, Eastern Division, two, Western, one, Griqualand, one, and under no D.G.L. one; Fiji, one; New South Wales, three; South Australia, two; and New Zealand, nine, namely, Canterbury, five; Auckland, one, and Wellington, three. If we compare the total for this year, we find it is, as stated before, sixty-one against sixty-six in 1875; sixty-nine in 1876, of which one has since dropped from the roll; seventy-three in 1877; sixty-five in 1878; fifty-three in 1879; and thirty-nine, of which one has ceased, in 1880. This gives a grand total for the seven years of 426 Lodges for which warrants have been granted; but, as two have already passed away, or, as is more probably the case, as in the case of two, the warrants were never acted upon, the net addition to the Grand Lodge roll is 424. We do not say this implies so much additional strength; on the contrary, there are grounds for believing that much of it will be found to contain a certain element of weakness. Under any circumstances, however, there is no doubt that during the Grand Mastership of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales there has been thus far a vast increase in the strength, as well as in the zeal and activity, of the Craft. But the most satisfactory feature is, that a very large proportion of this increase has taken place in our Colonies: this is, indeed, a point on which the Masonic World is to be congratulad. Nor is it in Craft Masonry alone that we notice this advance. The Royal Arch Degree has shared in the general impetus which the election of the Heir Apparent as given to the spread of our principles; while the prospects of the Extra-legitimate Degrees have correspondingly improved, the improvement being especially noticeable in the Mark Degree, which, with the Arch, will make still further advance now that Prince Leopold Duke of Albany has been installed Past Grand Master of the one, and has been appointed by the Prince of Wales a Provincial Grand Superintendent in the other.

The proceedings in Grand Lodge, with two exceptions, demand no special notice. Bro. C. J. Perceval brought forward a motion which, in our opinion, should have been adopted, namely, that in the case of grants recommended by the Lodge of Benevolence in excess of £50, the second confirmation by Grand Lodge, as prescribed in the Book of Constitutions, should be dispensed with. Our readers are aware that, as the law stood, a distressed brother to whom it was proposed to grant a sum, say, of £100, had to wait for payment till the minutes of Grand Lodge confirming it had themselves been confirmed, a sum of £10 being all he was allowed to draw on account. This entailed a delay of at the least four months, during which, of course, the brother in distress was under the necessity of getting on as best he could. Grand Lodge, however, did not adopt Bro. Perceval's motion, though it had the good sense to meet it to the extent of allowing £50 to be drawn after the first confirmation; which, it must be admitted, would suffice to meet the most pressing necessities of the case. Another motion, submitted by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., to the effect that the grants to the Male and Female Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution should henceforward be £1000 and £600 instead of £500 and £300 respectively, was carried unanimously, the grants to be paid out of the funds of General Purposes. This may be looked upon as a graceful act, especially when we remember that three and twenty years have passed since the last additions to the grants were made.

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THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

TO-DAY brings to a close the year 1881, a year which, in Masonic circles, may be described as having been one of quiet and uneventful progress. Nothing has happened that would be likely to evoke a sense of enthusiasm, yet it cannot be questioned that the Craft has strengthened and confirmed its interests everywhere. There may have been bickerings in our ranks, but where is the Society or Community that can boast itself as being entirely free from such? Quebec has raised a question as to the legitimate status of the English Lodges in Montreal, and certain Lodges in New South Wales have presumed to constitute themselves into a Grand Lodge, in territory already occupied by the District Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland; but such minor difficulties are inevitable. The fact remains that the year 1881, albeit distinguished by no remarkable occurrences, will bear fair comparison with the preceding six years during which the Prince of Wales has been Grand Master of English Freemasonry. Exactly sixty-one Lodges have been added to the roll of Grand Lodge, the youngest Lodge for which a Warrant has been issued being No. 1953, while at the close of 1880, the youngest was No. 1892. Of new Lodges only seven meet within the Metropolitan area, twenty-three have been established in the Provinces at home, and the remaining thirty-one in Districts abroad. The new Provincials are thus distributed:—Berks and Bucks, two; Cheshire, one; Derbyshire, one; Durham, one; Hants and Isle of Wight, one; Kent, two; Lancashire, one; Lincolnshire, one; Middlesex, one; North Wales and Salop, one; Norths and Hunts, one; Northumberland, one; Notts, one; Oxon, one; Somersetshire, one; Staffordshire, three; Surrey, two; and Sussex, one. Among the Districts abroad, Malta has two new Lodges; Newfoundland, one Lodge; Jamaica, one; East Indies, three, namely Bengal, two, and Madras one; China, two; S. Africa, five Lodges, namely, Eastern Division, two, Western, one, Griqualand, one, and under no D.G.L. one; Fiji, one; New South Wales, three; South Australia, two; and New Zealand, nine, namely, Canterbury, five; Auckland, one, and Wellington, three. If we compare the total for this year, we find it is, as stated before, sixty-one against sixty-six in 1875; sixty-nine in 1876, of which one has since dropped from the roll; seventy-three in 1877; sixty-five in 1878; fifty-three in 1879; and thirty-nine, of which one has ceased, in 1880. This gives a grand total for the seven years of 426 Lodges for which warrants have been granted; but, as two have already passed away, or, as is more probably the case, as in the case of two, the warrants were never acted upon, the net addition to the Grand Lodge roll is 424. We do not say this implies so much additional strength; on the contrary, there are grounds for believing that much of it will be found to contain a certain element of weakness. Under any circumstances, however, there is no doubt that during the Grand Mastership of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales there has been thus far a vast increase in the strength, as well as in the zeal and activity, of the Craft. But the most satisfactory feature is, that a very large proportion of this increase has taken place in our Colonies: this is, indeed, a point on which the Masonic World is to be congratulad. Nor is it in Craft Masonry alone that we notice this advance. The Royal Arch Degree has shared in the general impetus which the election of the Heir Apparent as given to the spread of our principles; while the prospects of the Extra-legitimate Degrees have correspondingly improved, the improvement being especially noticeable in the Mark Degree, which, with the Arch, will make still further advance now that Prince Leopold Duke of Albany has been installed Past Grand Master of the one, and has been appointed by the Prince of Wales a Provincial Grand Superintendent in the other.

The proceedings in Grand Lodge, with two exceptions, demand no special notice. Bro. C. J. Perceval brought forward a motion which, in our opinion, should have been adopted, namely, that in the case of grants recommended by the Lodge of Benevolence in excess of £50, the second confirmation by Grand Lodge, as prescribed in the Book of Constitutions, should be dispensed with. Our readers are aware that, as the law stood, a distressed brother to whom it was proposed to grant a sum, say, of £100, had to wait for payment till the minutes of Grand Lodge confirming it had themselves been confirmed, a sum of £10 being all he was allowed to draw on account. This entailed a delay of at the least four months, during which, of course, the brother in distress was under the necessity of getting on as best he could. Grand Lodge, however, did not adopt Bro. Perceval's motion, though it had the good sense to meet it to the extent of allowing £50 to be drawn after the first confirmation; which, it must be admitted, would suffice to meet the most pressing necessities of the case. Another motion, submitted by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., to the effect that the grants to the Male and Female Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution should henceforward be £1000 and £600 instead of £500 and £300 respectively, was carried unanimously, the grants to be paid out of the funds of General Purposes. This may be looked upon as a graceful act, especially when we remember that three and twenty years have passed since the last additions to the grants were made.

As regards our Institutions, the brethren have shown their accustomed liberality, the three Anniversary Festivals having together yielded, in round numbers, something like £37,500. The Benevolent Institution had Sir H. Edwards, Bart., Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire, as President of the day, and with such a Province at his back, it is not surprising that the total of the subscriptions should have exceeded £14,300. Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., signalised his accession to the Provincial Grand Mastership of Gloucestershire by taking the chair at the Festival of the Girls' School, about £11,500 being the result, Gloucestershire—a small Province—loyally supporting its Chief to the extent of £1,000. As to the Boys' School, at whose Festival the Marquis of Londonderry, K.T., Provincial Grand Master of Durham, presided, there was a departure from the usual order of things, the Anniversary being celebrated at Brighton, instead of in the immediate neighbourhood of London. The experiment may be set

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down as a success, Bro. Binckes the Secretary being able to announce a total of £11,700, the noble Chairman being very strongly supported, as well by his own Province as that of Sussex, in which the banquet was held. We are not in the secrets of the Executive, and are unable, therefore, to say whether the experiment will be repeated in the year that begins to-morrow, but it strikes us that if our Charitable Anniversaries were occasionally held in the Provinces, the latter would show even greater interest in our Institutions than they do now, and would imitate the laudable example set by Sussex at this particular celebration. Why, for instance, should not a visit be occasionally paid on these occasions to some such large Provincial centre as Liverpool, Manchester, or Birmingham?

A few words as to the coming year and we have done. Arrangements have been made for the Festivals of the different Institutions, at least as regards the distinguished brethren who have kindly consented to preside. At that of the Benevolent Institution, which will take place on Tuesday, 21st February, R.W. Bro. Colonel Lloyd-Philipps, Prov. Grand Master of the Western Division of South Wales, will take the chair. The Girls' School will have H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., P.G.S. Warden, as President of the day; while Bro. Binckes has succeeded in enlisting the services in the like capacity of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, Worshipful Bro. Whittaker Ellis W.M. Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1. The Benevolent and Girls' Festivals will be held, as usual, in the great Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, where that of "Our Boys" will take place remains to be seen. But wherever and whenever the anniversaries may be held, we have no manner of doubt that the three distinguished brethren who will play the leading part, as stated above, will have the loyal and liberal support of the Craft. May even the formidable figures of the current year be exceeded! Finally, may the Craft generally find 1882 as Happy a New Year as their warmest wishes can desire!

OCCASIONAL PAPERS.—No. IV.

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OUR MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

THEIR ORIGIN AND PROGRESS.

Written expressly for delivery at Lodges of Instruction.

PEOPLE may say what they will in ridicule of Freemasonry. They may sneer at our claims to be a Society that can trace back its origin to a remote period in the world's history. They may laugh at what they are pleased to designate as our intense love of conviviality. They may chaff us incontinently for wearing aprons and collars, and the other outward and visible ensigns of the Craft we belong to. They may go further, and condemn us outright as a secret body, which no civilised government with any respect for its own exalted virtues should dare countenance for a single moment. One thing, however, they cannot deny, to wit, that we conscientiously fulfil one of the most important of the various obligations we contract on joining the ranks of the Fraternity. We do earnestly strive, to the best of our ability, and within the limits of what is just to ourselves and families, to alleviate the distress of our poorer brethren, their widows, and their children. This alone entitles us to the respect of that portion of every community whose respect is worth having. This alone should suffice to rebut the silly charge that, albeit in a certain sense we are a secret Society, we are not so in the sense of secretly intriguing against order and settled government, or of plotting the destruction of religion and morality. No arguments are necessary to vindicate our character in this respect. The body that assists its poorer members, or contributes freely and openly towards the maintenance and support of the widows and families of those of its number who have died in distress, cannot, even by the wildest stretch of the imagination, be set down as a band of conspirators secretly leagued together against law, order, and religion. Moreover, this liberality is practised in open day, and from a sense of duty, but without ostentation, or the slightest wish to be thought more charitable than other men. Nor is it to Masonic sources alone the public is indebted for its information as to these particulars. The records of contemporary journals are as impartial as they are trustworthy, and to them we may confidently refer for so much as concerns the celebration of the Anniversary Festivals of our several Institutions. Again, there is the Fund of Benevolence, which annually disburses almost the whole of its large income—and sometimes more than its income—in assisting brethren, or the widows of brethren, in their day of difficulty. There are, additionally, Provincial Charitable Associations and Benevolent Funds attached to very many private Lodges, whose services in the same field of labour are none the less true and hearty, because for the most part they pass unnoticed. Hence, I repeat, people may laugh at us, may jeer us, may even set us down as capable of all sorts of crimes and misdemeanours, but they cannot deny that, as a body, we practise one virtue—the virtue of Charity. We claim this to be a part of pure and ancient Masonry, at least in the sense of helping those among us who stand in need of help. My present purpose, however, is not to occupy your time by telling you what you know as well as I do. My wish is to lay before you a brief account of those Institutions which, under Providence, are doing such loyal service to our poorer brethren and their belongings. The account must necessarily be brief, or I should find myself trespassing too severely on your patience. I shall, therefore, content myself with glancing rapidly at the chief points of interest connected with our three Institutions in the order of their establishment.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls is fast approaching the time when its patrons and well-wishers will be in a position to celebrate the Centenary of its existence. It was founded early in the year 1788, so that next year it will hold its Ninety-fourth Anniversary Festival. We are chiefly indebted for its establishment to the kindly and fraternal enterprise of a certain Chevalier Bartolomeo Ruspini, Surgeon-Dentist to His Majesty George III., who was a most enthusiastic member of our Fraternity, and for a long term of years held the office of Grand Sword Bearer. At the time I am referring to, the Masonic throne was occupied by a member of the Royal Family—His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, Grand Master from 1782 till his death in 1790. George Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV., and his brothers the Dukes of York and Clarence—the latter, years afterwards, ascending the throne as William IV.—were all of them made Masons in the year 1787. Thus, when Bro. Ruspini had conceived the idea of establishing a School for the daughters of indigent or deceased brethren, it was comparatively an easy task for him, having regard to his professional connection with the Court, to enlist the hearty sympathy and support of the Royal Craftsmen. Other prominent brethren loyally assisted in the good cause, and it is hardly necessary for me to ask you to take my word for it that the ladies, headed by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cumberland, wife of the Grand Master, were very far from being the least conspicuous among the patrons and promoters of the project. A poet, who subsequently became a Mason, and who, in the year 1788, was fast entering upon what are called the "years of discretion," has sung,

> O woman! in our hours of ease,
> Uncertain, coy, and hard to please,
> And variable as the shade
> By the light quivering aspen made;
> When pain and anguish wring the brow,
> A ministering angel thou!

I will not be so presumptuous as to justify the proposition enunciated in the first four lines I have quoted; but as to that contained in the last two, I need only appeal to the experience of all ages and peoples in order to confirm its perfect accuracy. At all events, so warm a sympathy with Bro. Ruspini's idea was excited in the mind, as well of the Duchess as of the Duke of Cumberland, that at the outset of its career the Institution was publicly designated the Royal Cumberland School for the Daughters of Freemasons. Under such brilliant auspices, it may well be imagined that funds were forthcoming at once in such plenty that in the year 1793 a school-house was erected for the accommodation of the pupils on some leasehold ground belonging to the Corporation of London, and situate near the Obelisk in St. George's Fields. And here it remained, its fortunes slowly, but on that account all the more surely, improving. With ever-increasing means—all, be it remembered the result of voluntary subscriptions, unless we except the contributions of Grand Lodge—the number of inmates kept on increasing commensurately. The Prince of Wales, who succeeded his uncle of Cumberland

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as Grand Master, was among the warmest patrons of the school. His brothers, and especially the Duke of Sussex, his successor in the Grand Mastership, followed his illustrious example. In short, from 1788 till now, all who have filled the office of Grand Master, the Grand Officers, the officers and members of private Lodges, and a large number of Ladies and Lewises have made it a point of honour and duty to support the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Only one change has taken place in the locality of the school during the ninety and odd years of its existence. When in 1851 the lease of the ground on which the original building was erected fell in, it was found impossible to renew it except at a largely-increased rental, nor, having regard to the crowded state of the neighbourhood in which it stood, was such renewal considered desirable. Some freehold land was therefore purchased on Battersea Rise, and there was raised the present schoolhouse. Not, however, in its entirety as you now see it. In the thirty years that have since elapsed, there have been alterations and improvements and enlargements; fresh ground adjoining has been purchased; the wings of the first house have been extended; the Royal Alexandra and North West wings have been erected. There are also a laundry, an infirmary, and, since the purchase of Lyncombe House, a preparatory school, each and all of them standing separately and distinctly from the main building; and, I suppose I must not omit to add, no short time hence there will be a swimming bath. With premises so extensive it is possible to accommodate no less than 229 girls, with the requisite educational and domestic staff. The age for admission ranges from eight to eleven, and the pupils are educated and maintained within these hospitable walls till they attain the age of sixteen, while even then, in meritorious and necessary cases, there is further assistance given to those who are leaving, so that they may not be without the means of making a fair start in life.

On the benefits conferred by this Institution I need not dwell at length. I gather from an address issued in January of the present year, that up till then 1254 girls have been educated, clothed, and maintained within its walls. But mere numbers is only in part—a very important part, I admit—a test of the good that has been for these daughters of our poorer or deceased brethren. The education they have received has been of a character to fit them for well nigh every branch of employment that is open to women, and I rejoice to say, on the authority of a statement in the report I have just referred to, those who have been under the necessity of seeking some kind of employment "have so invariably conducted themselves as to deserve and receive the commendations of their employers." I have yet this to add as to the education—in the sense of mental culture—afforded. The majority of those Girls who have submitted themselves to the tolerably severe examination imposed by the Cambridge Local Examiners have either passed with honours or secured certificates of proficiency up to a certain standard. May the picture, which is from the life, be always as brilliant as I have described it! Indeed, so long as the present excellent system is continued, I do not see how it is possible that any less satisfactory picture should ever be described.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which is only ten years the junior of the Sister School, now claims attention at our hands. It was started in July 1798 by the United Mariner's Lodge, No. 23 on the roll of Grand Lodge "Ancients," and in a very short time was so fortunate as to secure the Duke of Atholl, who was Grand Master of that body, for its patron. At the outset, the scheme was limited to the clothing and education of sons of indigent Freemasons, and the number of boys thus assisted was only six; but as the efforts of the promoters and governors were successful in bringing large sums annually, more boys were assisted, and when in 1810 the jubilee or fiftieth anniversary of the accession to the throne of his late Majesty George III. was celebrated, the number was increased to fifty. As between our Girls' and Boys' Schools, however, there was this very material difference. I have already shown in the case of the former that within a very short time after the idea was first promulgated by Bro. Ruspini a school-house was erected on some leasehold ground near the Obelisk, St. George's-in-the Fields, and fifteen girls were received and clothed, maintained, and educated within its walls. But with the latter the scheme was limited to clothing the boys and providing them with education at schools in the neighbourhood of their parents' residences; nor was it till as recently as the year 1857 that a school-house large enough to accommodate five and twenty boys was established at Wood Green. Another distinctive feature was adopted later in connection with "Our Boys." In June 1812 Grand Lodge passed a resolution to the effect that "every Lodge in and adjacent to the cities of London and Westminster" should contribute the sum of "five shillings" on the registering of every new made Mason, and every "country, foreign and military Lodge" the sum of "two shillings and sixpence" for every similar registration, such sums to be paid in aid of the "Institution for clothing and educating the sons of deceased and indigent Ancient Freemasons." The year following this, the rival Grand Lodges became one, under the style and title of the "United Grand Lodge of England," and the two Schools received the aid of Grand Lodge as well as of the Fraternity at large.

Here I must break off from the direct course of my narrative in order to show that though the chief portion of the honour connected with the establishment of this Institution belongs unquestionably to Lodge No. 23 of the Ancients, the Moderns have the satisfaction of knowing they had a fair share in setting it on foot. The particulars will be found at some length in the historical sketch issued from the Offices of the Institution, Bro. Binckes, the Secretary, being no doubt the narrator. Having, however, regard to your time, I can only state in brief that Sir F. C. Daniel, a conspicuous and enthusiastic Modern Mason, member and, for seventeen consecutive years, Worshipful Master of the Royal Naval Lodge, laid the foundation stone of a "Masonic Charity for Clothing and Educating the Sons of Indigent Freemasons," being assisted in this undertaking by Bros. W. Burwood Past G.S.W., Captain Foster, F. Penny, Robert Gill P.G.S.W., &c. What may have been the early progress of this new Charity does not appear in the narrative referred to, but at a meeting held at the Royal Naval Lodge, Burr-street, near the Tower, an account was presented, showing that in the fifteen months, from 25th March 1808, to 23rd June 1809, the subscriptions received amounted to £345 17s 3½d, while the disbursements were £151 1s, leaving a balance in favour of the the Charity of £194 16s 3½d. The above account having been audited, Bro. F. C. Daniel, the "institutor," was continued treasurer, and the healths of the Earl of Kingston, patron of the Institution, the Earl of Moira, and the Vice-Presidents, were drunk with applause. It appears also, from a memorandum attached, that "£100 in the Five per Cents., which cost £99 10s 6d" had "been purchased in the names of Chevalier B. Ruspini, F. C. Daniel, J. Haswell, and J. Woomsley, Esqrs., in trust for the Charity."

From this it is clear that the Boys' School is the outcome of two Institutions, one originated by the members of "Ancient" Lodge No. 23, and the other by Bro. F. C. Daniel, of the Royal Naval Lodge "Modern." But when the Union was accomplished, Bro. Sir F. C. Daniel set himself to bring about a union of the two Boys' Charities, and this he happily succeeded in effecting, with the able and fraternal assistance of Bro. W. Williams, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Dorset, and Sir William Rawlins, Past Grand Senior Warden. This auspicious event took place on the 26th May 1817, and was thus announced to the Fraternity:—

SIR AND BROTHER,—I most cordially congratulate you and the Fraternity at large on the union of the two Masonic Charities, which took place on Monday, the 26th ult., at Freemasons' Hall; and it must be gratifying to every brother to hear it was accomplished without a dissenting voice on either side: by this union of benevolence we shall be enabled to provide for sixty-five deserving objects, whose Parents were our Brethren, and many of them a short time since were living in respectability.

There are now upwards of Forty promising Boys imploring protection, and I am sorry to say, some without a shoe; what is still more distressing, that unless we provide for them, they must remain in ignorance, linger through a life of wretchedness, without education or decent clothing, and exposed to the mercies of a wide World.

I therefore, as Institutor, take the liberty most respectfully to call upon you, in the names of its noble patrons, the Dukes of Sussex, Kent, Athol, and the Earl of Kingston, to subscribe your mite, and also to use your influence with your Lodge and its Members (who must all feel an interest in so good a cause), by which means I shall

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be enabled to make a liberal return monthly to our worthy and most respected Treasurer, Bro. I. Lingo, Esq., whose zeal for Masonry can be equalled only by the goodness of his heart.

May the glorious cause of Masonic Benevolence, to which we are so warmly attached, pervade the Universe!

I have the honour to remain,

With every respect,

Yours fraternally,

F. C. DANIEL.

Grove Cottage, Mile-End,
May 29, 1817.

By this arrangement the fifteen boys provided for by the Modern Institution were added to the fifty of the Ancient, and for a further forty years the number was only increased to seventy. But to resume our direct narrative. It is sufficiently clear that from the very first it was the intention of the Governors, as soon as a fund could be raised for the purpose, "to purchase or build a school-house sufficiently capacious to contain the children, and wholly maintain, as well as clothe and educate them." I presume, however, that the erection or purchase of such a building was not found practicable for many years. At length a Committee, of which Bro. Rowland G. Alston was the chairman, reported, on the 16th November 1850, to the effect, that while the income of the Institution was £450 per annum, it would be necessary to considerably more than double the average annual amount of subscriptions and donations if a building were to be erected and maintained. They, therefore, recommended that "a building or establishment for the boys should not be entertained." But the very next year the project was renewed, and the numerous appeals to the Craft having been liberally responded to, "a convenient mansion and ten acres of freehold land, at Wood Green, were purchased, in the year 1856, for the sum of £3,500." In 1857, after the necessary alterations had been made, twenty-five boys were received into the School, and maintained, as well as clothed and educated, while the remaining forty-five continued to be provided for as heretofore. The experiment proved in every way successful, and as the contributions of the Craft continued to be paid in liberally, in 1859 sixty-eight out of the seventy boys accepted the offer of maintenance in the School, the other two preferring to remain under the old constitution. In 1862 it was determined to erect an entirely new building, and three years later this was inaugurated with considerable ceremony for the reception of eighty pupils. Since then further additions have been made from time to time, and the number of pupils accommodated has been increased till there are now some 218 boys comfortably housed, fed, and educated within the hospitable walls of the Wood Green Institution. What is more remarkable still, is that while it is only about thirty years since it struck Bro. R. G. Alston and his brother members of the Reporting Committee as being dangerous to think of attempting to raise the sum of £1,100 annually towards the support of this Institution, a subscription list of less than £10,000 at the Anniversary would now be looked upon as being not altogether a satisfactory result.

Thus far I have dealt only with the changes that relate to the number of pupils and the increased accommodation made for them from time to time. Other changes have also been made. The pupils are now kept on the establishment till they are sixteen years of age, the minimum of admission being eight. At first fourteen and seven were the extreme limits, and later (in 1873) these figures were raised to what they stand at now. Moreover, the character of the School as an educational establishment has been found increasingly worthy, the number of those who voluntarily submit themselves to the Cambridge Local Examinations being greater, while the proportion of honours and certificates of proficiency becomes more and more conspicuous every year. Having regard to the character of those who are responsible mainly for the executive and educational conduct of the School, we are not surprised at these results, but I feel it to be none the less my duty to draw attention to them in my present paper.

I must now ask you to accompany me—in imagination at all events—to Croydon, for the purpose of inspecting the headquarters of the third and youngest of our glorious Masonic Institutions—namely, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for distressed members of our Fraternity and their widows. Like our two Schools, it owes its origin, in the first instance, to the initiative of certain most energetic brethren, to whom the provision of some amount of assistance for decayed brethren in their declining years seemed to be equally as much a Masonic duty as was that of finding a maintenance and education for the children of poor or deceased brethren. In due time, as a matter of course, the subject was brought under the notice of Grand Lodge, but the initiatory steps do not seem to have been taken quite as smoothly as could have been wished. The moving spirit was the late Bro. Dr. Crucefix, but without stopping to weigh the pros and cons of the dispute, let it suffice if I state that a dispute did arise, and the origin of the building which now forms the Masonic Asylum at Croydon was the result of the enterprise of a limited number of brethren, who set to work and raised subscriptions, when a building for Aged Freemasons was erected. However, the example bore fruit, and among the events which closed the long Grand Mastership of the late Duke of Sussex must be set down the foundation, on the 2nd March 1842, of the Fund for granting annuities to aged or distressed Freemasons, the sum to be annually granted being fixed at £400. The year following, on 19th May, the first election of candidates was held, and fifteen brethren were received on to the Fund. In the year 1845, the Queen graciously subscribed £50 towards the Institution, and in 1847 Grand Chapter lent a hand by voting an annual grant of £100. After the lapse of another two years a Fund for granting annuities to the Widows of Freemasons was established, and to this Grand Lodge granted £100 annually, and Grand Chapter £35. Fortunately, too, in this year of grace an amalgamation was effected between the Benevolent Fund established by Grand Lodge and the Asylum for Aged Freemasons at Croydon, established by the enterprise of certain brethren, Grand Lodge signifying its approval of the union by voting £500 toward a Sustentation Fund for keeping the building in repair, which Fund has since increased to £1000. In 1855 a further £100 was voted to the Female Fund by Grand Lodge, and in 1856 Grand Chapter raised its annual contribution to £150. In 1858 Grand Lodge voted £100 to each of the two Funds, thereby increasing its total to £500 Male Fund, and £300 Female Fund, Grand Chapter standing as a contributor of £100 to the former, and £50 to the latter. For the twenty-three years that have since elapsed, the former's grant remained at the figures I have given, but now I rejoice to say, on motion of Bro. Raynham Stewart P.G.D. and unanimously agreed to, it has been doubled, the Male Fund receiving £1000, and the Female Fund £600 annually. Several other grants, but of a special nature, have been made at different times, and Grand Chapter has more than once during the last few years been the donor of sums of £500 sterling or Consols. Both these Grand Bodies, therefore, have played their part liberally, as might have been expected in the case of an Institution with whose origin the more important of them has so conspicuously identified itself from the very first.

It must not, however, be supposed that the marked success which has attended the Benevolent as well as our Scholastic Institutions has been the work even in a principal degree of our Masonic Diet—the chiefs who have presided over it, or the most distinguished Officers composing it. The brethren, individually and collectively, have exerted themselves in the most praiseworthy manner possible for the attainment of the grand object of assisting as many as possible of our poorer brethren or their widows, who having been once in comparative affluence, have found themselves in the closing years of their life either without means or chiefly dependent on friends and relations as poor almost as themselves. At the same time, other and well recognised means have been brought to bear in order to promote the well-being of this Institution. In June 1847 the late Earl of Zetland, at the time M.W.G. Master, presided at the first Festival held in aid of its funds, and the result of his appeal was a total of subscriptions amounting to £819 16s—but a small sum as compared with what we are now accustomed to, and one which many a Province of moderate numerical strength has equalled or exceeded. However, in drawing attention to the more limited amount subscribed at the first Festival of the Benevolent, I must not omit to mention that the earlier Festivals of its sister Institutions were productive of similarly modest results, there being, however, this difference operating unfavourably towards the Benevolent, to wit, that at the outset these Festivals were held only triennially, nor was it till the year 1860 that a change was made, and since then there

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has been the same measure of annual Festival apportioned to each of our three Institutions.

A few other points remain to be mentioned. In 1872 H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, then holding the honorary rank of Past G. Master, consented to occupy the position of Patron of the Institution, and this kindly act was followed up the very next year when His Royal Highness presided with marked success at the anniversary Festival. It should be noted further that at first the distressed brethren were granted annuities ranging according to a graduated scale from £10 to £30 per annum, according to age. In 1876 this system was abolished, and the annuitants on both funds received equal annual payments, which have been increased till at the present time the old brethren are paid £40 per annum each, and the old ladies £32. As there are now 155 of the former, and 160 of the latter, with sundry widows receiving one-half their late husbands' annuities it does not require a very elaborate amount of reckoning to discover that not far short of £12,000 is needed annually to meet the requirements of this Institution.

This completes my sketch of "our Masonic Institutions." It is longer, perhaps, than I had anticipated, but I trust it will be found clear in its details, and above all things an accurate presentation of the facts.

REVIEWS.

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The History of the Lodge of Unity, No. 183 (formerly 441, 376, 289, 290, 242, 305, 215). Extracted from the Minutes and other Documents of the Lodge, and from the Records and Register of Grand Lodge. by George William Speth, P.M. London George Kenning, the *Freemason* Office, 16 Great Queen-street, W.C. 1881.

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As regards removals from one place of meeting to another, they have not been very frequent. In 1769, the year of its constitution, the Lodge is said to have met at the Ship Tavern, Radcliffe; and in 1781 at the Vine Tavern, Broad-street, Radcliffe; but as nothing is known of its doings during the intermediate period, and as G. Lodge, for reasons of its own, fixes the latter year as the date when the Lodge commenced work, we can only repeat what Brother Speth points out, namely, that it figures in the engraved lists for 1770-4-7, as meeting at the aforesaid Ship Tavern. By 1782 it had removed to King Henry's Head, Red Lion-street, Whitechapel. Some time prior to 1804—Bro. Speth suggests the preceding year—it removed to the White Horse Inn, Friday-street, Cheapside, removing thence in June of the year following to the Horns Tavern, Doctors' Commons. No migration would seem to have occurred between this year and 1838, when minutes were again kept of the proceedings, and when the Master, Brother Warriner, assembled the Lodge at the George and Vulture Tavern, Cornhill, of which he was the proprietor, instead of at the Horns, the funds being in a precarious state. On 27th May 1839, it was resolved to meet at Bro. Warriner's. In 1851, after an emergency, held at Gerard's Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, arrangements were made for settling at the London Tavern, Gracechurch-street, and on the "disestablishment" of that hostelry, in 1876, the Lodge moved to its present quarters, the Ship and Turtle.

We have already noticed the fluctuations from time to time in the number of members, and it will be readily imagined that the fluctuations in the funds must to some extent have kept pretty much on the same level, increasing as the members increased, and diminishing as they diminished. During the earlier years of the Lodge's existence, it was the custom, as in other Lodges, to appeal to the minutes of a meeting a short account showing the receipts and expenditure of the evening. In this case, however, there are no minutes till 1806, nor is it till 1810 that an Audit Committee reports the Lodge as being indebted to the Treasurer in the sum of £7 13s 3d. Similar information, and to a similar effect, is all that is vouchsafed for 1811 and 1813. In 1829 we have the first Financial Report, the Lodge being in a state of solvency, but of arrears due by members £70 17s 6d are set down as being "bad and doubtful," and only £19 19s as "good." In 1840 the figures show an improvement, a mass of arrears having been written off, and the names of the defaulters erased. Still arrears, "bad and doubtful" are estimated at £21 19s, those considered "good" amounting to £35 18s 6d. It is not until a further period of sixteen years has elapsed that we have the next Report, when, in spite of arrears "bad and doubtful" to the extent of £25 1s, the Lodge assets are £29 10s 9d on the General Account, and £10 5s 7d on the Charity Fund, of whose existence we read now for the first time. Since 1856 the Reports have been rendered regularly every year, and though there is at the present time a considerable sum assigned to the "bad and doubtful" arrears column, there is a large balance in hand on the General Account, and a larger balance on the Charity Account than has ever been previously recorded.

Let us now refer to those noteworthy events and practices in the career of the Lodge which Bro. Speth has thought it desirable to particularise. Among the latter must be mentioned the frequency with which more than one degree was conferred on the same candidate at a single meeting, emergency being the pretext assigned in the majority of cases, though in certain instances no excuse at all was tendered. Another matter which has struck Bro. Speth as singular is, "the frequency with which a brother, having received his first degree in some other Lodge," requested the Lodge of Unity to grant him a further degree, this request being "immediately granted, without his in any way becoming a member." Some cases, too, are mentioned in which persons, chiefly of the waiter class, were initiated, free of expense, only the payment for their registering fees to the Grand Lodge being demanded. It seems also that "Ancient" Masons were received into the Lodge, and had the degrees according to the "Modern" system conferred upon them. This process was known as that of "translation," the fee charged for it being a guinea and a half, while the fee for initiation in the regular way was considerably more than double that sum. A solitary instance of a brother being expelled the Lodge occurred in 1806, the charge against the culprit being "for conducting himself on several occasions in a manner unbecoming a man and a Mason, whilst in the Lodge, and thereby bringing into disrepute that respect which has ever attended the Lodge of Unity." Opportunity was afforded the member for escaping the threatened sentence on his "making an apology for his conduct, and defraying the expenses such conduct had occasioned to the Lodge." However, as he "refused to comply, and at the same time used intemperate language," the sentence was passed by a majority. The same year Masons were cautioned against a certain brother, member of a country Lodge, "who, under the cloak of Masonry, had swindled divers members of the Lodge of several hundred pounds." Early next year the Lodge, which had changed from a Supper to a Dinner Lodge, found the expense too great, and reconstituted itself a Supper Lodge, and as the quarterages were reduced soon afterwards, its numerical strength increased, former members, who had resigned, being invited to return, "free of expense." In 1808 the Worshipful Master was presented with a ticket for Grand Feast, and shortly afterwards the same compliment was paid to the Secretary, but the practice, which soon became an annual one, has long since lapsed, probably, suggests Bro. Speth, during the period 1815-38, for which the minutes are not forthcoming. In 1809 Bro. Godwin was officially thanked for his services in Grand Lodge in connection with the impeachment of a certain Lodge. Letters of thanks were also ordered to be written to the Worshipful Masters of Prosperity (Bro. J. Blackwell) and Good Intent (Bro. W. Smith) for their services on the same occasion. Bro. W. Smith's reply is so full of good sense and so Masonic in its tone, that we take leave to reproduce it in its entirety:—

"To the R.W.M. and Brethren of the Lodge of Unity.

"Brethren,—With the most sincere acknowledgments of gratitude and respect, I beg leave to return you my best thanks for the honour you have been pleased to confer on me; for when I consider the nature of our Society, and the individual respectability of your Lodge, I can but feel proud on the occasion.

"I am indeed exceedingly sorry that any necessity should have existed for bringing forward any private Lodge to the Tribunal of the Grand Master, especially when the regulations of our Society are so salutary and mild, and so intelligible. If we cast a retrospective glance into the annals of former times, we shall find that the Revolutions of Empires and of States have arisen from a non-observance of the laws and from a neglect of political jurisprudence; as then in States, so it is in Societies—for the laws are the ligaments of its union and the very soul of its continuance. If, then, I have in any measure prevented the causes that produce such baleful consequences, I consider I have done no more than my duty, no more than any brother of our Order is bound to perform.

"I cannot conclude without expressing my tribute of approbation to Bros. Blacklock and Godwin for their upright, manly, and uniform conduct, and at the same time beg to assure the Lodge of Unity of the gratitude with which I have received their approbation of my conduct, and with all due consideration and fraternal affection,

I subscribe myself, yours, &c.,

J. W. SMITH."

It is satisfactory to be told in reference to this matter that Bro. Blacklock, who was the prime mover, appeared as a visitor in the Lodge of Unity as W.M. of the Lodge he had impeached and caused to be punished.

In 1801, it was moved that a Lodge Board in the three Degrees should be provided at the expense of the Lodge, but an amendment to the effect that it should be left open to the generosity of the members was preferred, the Treasurer offering to subscribe a guinea towards the expenses, and a Bro. Paull agreeing to furnish the board complete with lock and keys, &c., &c., while Bro. Brodie W.M. agreed to furnish a silver trowel, with a whalebone handle, for the explanation. In December 1810 Bro. Paull fulfilled his promise, but £8 8s was paid a brother for painting the Board, towards which the Treasurer, Bro. Jones, does not appear to have contributed his guinea, while Bro. Brodie, in November 1811, moved that a trowel should be provided out of the Lodge Funds, and in the May following sent in his "little bill."

On 3rd May 1810, a Senor Don Juan Baptist Morand was proposed, balloted for and approved; made, passed, and raised, the case being one of real emergency this time. Bro. Morand then paid his initiation fee of three and a-half guineas, three years' subscription as an honorary member, and two shillings and sixpence for a Masonic calendar. He further defrayed the supper bill and the other expenses of the evening. On 23rd July the Tyler was dismissed, "in consequence of complaints as to non-delivery of letters." Previous to closing, it was argued that the Lodge should adjourn over August and September, as it would be an improvement to the funds, the Lodge being at the time indebted to the Treasurer in the sum of £7 13s 3d. It was also agreed, notwithstanding this indebtedness, to present Bro. Gill with a £7 jewel in recognition of his services. Three years later, motion was made and carried unanimously that Bro. Gill should be authorised to purchase for himself, out of the

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Lodge funds, a jewel "of the value of ten guineas instead of seven," the Lodge being at the time in debt to the extent of £13 11s 10d. Bro. Speth thinks it problematical if Bro. Gill ever received the jewel, or, if he did, that he must have paid for it out of his own pocket.

In 1811 occurs the only instance in which, as far as is disclosed by the minutes, the Lodge had to seek assistance elsewhere in installing its Master, Bro. James Deans Grand Steward, afterwards G. J. Warden, and one of the representatives of the "Moderns" in settling the Articles of Union, December 1813, and Bro. Henry White Grand Secretary attending for the purpose.

In 1812 mention is made of a Lodge of Instruction holding under the Lodge, and meeting at "Bro. Morrell's, the Grapes and Cannes," but on the 25th October 1813 it was agreed it should cease to exist, or be suspended, through the non-attendance of its members, the "M. and W.'s of this Lodge" accepting "the trust of the jewels, books, regalia, &c., agreeable to the Bye Laws 12 and 13." What, however, became of these jewels, books, &c., Bro. Speth is unable to say.

In 1814, owing to Grand Lodge having levied a quarterage of one shilling per head on every subscribing Mason, the Lodge raised its quarterages one shilling and sixpence. At the following meeting the Senior Warden, in the absence of the Master, took the chair and conferred several Degrees, though there were two Past Masters present. At the meeting in May both W.M. and S.W. were absent, and the chair was taken by Bro. J. Warden, while at the June meeting the new Master was installed, there being only one Past Master present. This year likewise occurs the first mention of an I.G., "but no Brother was regularly appointed to the office." Two Deacons had been appointed pursuant to a resolution of Grand Lodge on 28th March 1810. It was also the first in which the retiring Master made a present to the Lodge, the donor being Bro. Cummins, and the gift a set of collars, the Wardens' columns, and the working tools.

In 1815—on 27th February—the Lodge was requested, for the first time, to send up a Steward at a Charity Festival, and in response Bro. Moxon W.M. agreed to fulfil the duty, the Festival in question being that of the Girls' School. On 24th April, the Lodge was honoured with a visit from R.W. Bro. Thomas Harper Past Deputy Grand Master—one of the most distinguished members of the "Ancients" prior to the Union. The minutes of 15th June of this year are the last that occur for three-and-twenty years.

When, on 23rd April 1838, the Lodge history is resumed, we find Bro. G. Warriner W.M., J. T. Barham S.W., James Elmes J.W., G. H. Pugh S.D., H. Deane J.D., J. C. Fourdrinier I.G., S. Muggeridge Treasurer, and J. Mivart Secretary. The last-named is the brother to whom the Lodge would seem to be indebted for the loss of its minutes during the vacant period just mentioned. He was negligent of his duties, and though in 1839 he was called upon to return the books, he does not appear to have done so. In 1840, during the Mastership of Bro. Fourdrinier, was initiated Bro. Burmeister, and thenceforward the condition of the Lodge was one on which it might justly be congratulated, though the effects were not immediately visible. This Bro. Burmeister afterwards became representative at Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. In 1842 Bro Speth, father of the author, and late P.M. and Treasurer of the Lodge, was initiated. On 22nd April 1844, Bro. H. L. Crohn appeared as a Visitor. He joined the year following, and became W.M. in 1847. On 24th April 1850, a few years before he resigned his membership, he was appointed to the previously unknown office of Grand Secretary for German correspondence, and died about 1860.

We have already mentioned the names of Bro. Speth, initiated in 1842, and Bro. S. Muggeridge, Treasurer in 1838. The former filled the chair of the Lodge in 1846, 1849, 1850, was Secretary from March 1855 to March 1867, and Treasurer from March 1867 till his death on 12th October 1878. He had received a P.M.'s jewel in 1847, a silver snuff-box in 1860, for his services as Secretary; on 22nd March 1861, a Treasurer's jewel, and on 26th January 1875 a silver claret jug and cups. The latter, on 28th May 1819, was presented by the Lodge with a silver embossed drinking cup, on completing his third term as W.M., having served the office once some time between 1815 and 1838, and for the second year in 1842. He was Treasurer from 1838 to 1842, and again from 1853 to November 1866, when he resigned his membership, but was elected an honorary member, and so remained till his death, in reduced circumstances, 28th February 1870. The father of the Lodge is Brother C. W. Todd, P.M. and Treasurer, who joined on 26th Jan. 1853, and was installed W.M. in March 1860. He has served the office of Steward at several Festivals, and represented the Lodge at the Installation of the Prince of Wales on 28th April 1875, receiving the installation jewel. In January of this year, on completing his twenty-fifth year of membership, he was presented with a Treasurer's jewel.

Having recapitulated the salient facts in the history of this Lodge of Unity, No. 183, we take leave of Bro. Speth. We regret the materials at his disposal were not more ample, but we congratulate him here, as at the outset, on the great success he has achieved in this, his maiden literary effort. We trust it will not be his last.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. Joshua Nunn, Arthur E. Gladwell, John A. Rucker, H. A. Dubois, J. H. Matthews, Charles Brown, H. Massey, Donald M. Dewar, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, E. Letchworth, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the brethren adopted a recommendation of the House Committee to grant £5 to Kate Helps, who was unable to return to the School. The Committee also adopted a report of the House Committee that an account sent in by a former architect of the Institution had been included in a former settled account, and on motion duly made it was resolved not to meet the charge. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for £119 2s 10d. The Chairman informed the Committee that the current account of the Institution would admit of £1,000 being invested, and he therefore moved that that sum be invested for the Sustentation Fund. The motion was carried. Thirteen additional candidates for the April election were placed on the list, the total number for that election being now twenty-eight, for whom there will be twenty-one vacancies. The Committee then adjourned.

THE THEATRES.

JUDGED by the Theatrical Entertainments that have been provided for the present season, the Christmas of 1881 must be written down as a great success, especially as to Pantomimes, which seem to have been in greater number than usual. In many cases the novelties were rehearsed on Saturday, as at the Grecian, the Surrey, the Gaiety, the Alexandra Palace, New Sadler's Wells, &c. But at Old Drury and the Garden the old custom of opening on Boxing Night was observed, and, as may be supposed, both these large houses were thronged with people long before the curtain rose.

At the Lane the Pantomime, or Annual, as it is the fashion to call it, is from the pen of Mr. E. L. Blanchard, to whom for years past the public is indebted for some of the best and grandest Pantomimes which have been produced for their delectation. "Robinson Crusoe" is the title, and from first to last the piece went magnificently, the transformation scene of the Fairy Wedding Cake being very splendid, and exciting unbounded enthusiasm from all parts of the house. The Harlequinade was excellently good, Mr. Harry Payne being Clown, Mr. Melbourne Harlequin, Mr. Tully Lewis Pantaloon, and Mr. Charles Ross Policeman X. The principal dancers were Mdlles. Lana and Stella, and the principal characters in the opening were well sustained by Miss Fanny Leslie (Robinson Crusoe), Miss Amalia, Mr. Harry Nicholls (Will Atkins the Bold Buccaneer), Bro. H. Jackson, Mr. Charles Lauri jun. (Friday), Mr. G. Le Clerq (King Hoity Toity). Mr. John D'Auban (Nigger Chamberlain), Mr. James Fawn (Mr. Timothy Lovage), &c.

The title of Mr. W. Younge's Pantomime at Covent Garden is "Little Bo-Peep, Little Boy Blue, and the Little Old Woman that Lived in a Shoe." The scenery by Mr. W. Telbin was in every respect worthy of that artist's reputation; the scene in which is presented "The City of Acanthia and Honeysuckle" being received with applause again and again repeated. The principal characters in the opening were sustained by Mr. Fenwick, Miss Claremont, Mr. Julian Girard, Miss Trevellyan, Miss Clara Thompson, Mr. G. Bradshaw, Mr. T. Sennett, Miss Alice Grey. Mr. Walter Hildyard was Clown, Mr. De Voy Pantaloon, Mr. Canning Harlequin, and Miss Laurie Columbine. These, with the Girards and the Nelson Troupe, kept the house in a state of excitement, while the dancing, with Mdlles. Alice Holt, Allcroft, and Rosa as principals, was most effective.

The Surrey is generally successful in its Pantomimes, and this year surpasses itself with "Mother Bunch and the Man with the Hunch; or, the Reeds, the Weeds, the Priest, the Swell, the Gipsy Girl, and the Big Dumb Bell," by Mr. Henry Spry and Mr. George Conquest, the romance on which it is founded being Victor Hugo's "Notre Dame de Paris." Mr. Conquest, however, did not, as in former years, take any part in the performance, but the excellent playing of the Edmunds Family must be regarded as some compensation for his absence, and this, added to the humour displayed by Mr. G. H. Macdermott, carried the piece successfully through, the audience being thoroughly pleased with singing, dancing, scenery, and in short with the excellent programme set before them.

No house in London gives a better Christmas entertainment than that over which the Brothers Douglass have so long and so worthily presided, and lovers of Pantomime will find "Sinbad the Sailor; or, the Genii of the Diamond Valley," at the Standard, one of the best of the many excellent theatrical treats provided for the season. The scenery, the appointments, the different ballets, the acting, and the harlequinade gave the utmost satisfaction. Miss Lucy Williams played the hermit Ozone, Miss Milly Howes was Sinbad the Sailor, Mr. John Barnum Copperstick, Miss Rose Lee Polly, Mr. Augustus Glover Captain Spanker, Mr. Henry Nordblom King Henpeckerini, and Miss Violet Hunt Princess Pretty Pans. In the harlequinade Little Ellis, Mr. Wallis, Mr. Westbourne, and Miss Carrie Conway were Clown, Pantaloon, Harlequin, and Columbine respectively.

Mr. Hollingshead of the Gaiety provided a burlesque-drama, entitled "Aladdin; or the Sacred Lamp," the author being Mr. Reece, and the artists who interpreted the principal characters, Miss Farren who plays Aladdin, Miss Kate Vaughan Princess Badroulbadour, Miss Connie Gilchrist the Slave of the Lamp, and Bro. E. Terry as the Magician. The reception accorded the last-mentioned, after his absence, was most enthusiastic, nor had the other favourite artists at this celebrated theatre any reason to complain that their efforts to fulfil their several parts were not sufficiently appreciated by the audience.

At the Imperial, a most agreeable novelty, in the shape of a vaudeville, by Messrs. Joseph Mackay and H. Agoust, entitled "Macfarlane's Will," was played both afternoon and evening, being supplemented at the latter performance by the farce of "The Married Batchelor." The libretto of the Vaudeville has been written expressly for the purpose of introducing the clever business of M. Agoust (late of the Hanlon-Lees) and his pantomimic and gymnastic artists. It is in three Acts, the scene of the first being the fashionable watering-place of Scandalborough, at a young ladies' seminary, of which Caroline, niece of Mrs. Macfarlane, the heroine, is a pupil. The guardians of the youthful damsel are Alderman and Mrs. Blobbs, and the rival matrimonial schemes of these worthy folk

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and their ward form the essence of the piece, which is effecitvely written, and succeeded in winning a highly favourable verdict from the audience. The leading characters are interpreted by M. Agoust, who figures in the first instance as Hugh Léon, a French painter, then as Colonel O'Shanghnessy d'Orsay,and yet again as Spindleshanks, a dancing-master; Miss Alice Ingram, as Caroline; Miss Merrywise, the schoolmistress; Mr. Alfred Nelson, as Alderman Blobbs; Mr. H. G. Dolby, as Caroline's handsome cousin and favourite suitor, Harry; and Mr. F. Desmond, as Alphonse, formerly a ducal footman, but at the period of the story in the service of Alderman Blobbs.

At the Globe there were both afternoon and evening performances, Goldsmith's Comedy of "She stoops to Conquer," being enacted at the former, and Sheridan's equally popular comedy of "The Rivals," at the latter. When we state that the cast in the evening included Mrs. Stirling as Mrs. Malaprop; Miss M. Litton, as Lydia Langnish; Mr. John Ryder, as Sir Anthony Absolute; and Mr. G. W. Anson, as Bob Acres, those of our readers who were not present to enjoy the treat prepared for them will not need to be told how admirably the play was rendered. A new play, in four Acts, by Mr. Herman Merivale, to be entitled "The Cynic," is in course of production.

"The Enchanted Dove" is the title of the Christmas pantomime at the Britannia, and the repeated and enthusiastic plandits of a house that was crammed in every part testified to the excellence of the performance on the opening. Indeed, with such a manageress as Mrs. Lane, whose long experience enables her to gauge most accurately the taste of her audience, the success of what it seems to be the custom to describe as the Christmas "annual" was certain. Every one was well aware that neither pains nor expense would be spared in the production of the piece, and it is difficult to say which merits the warmest praise, the magnificence of the scenery, the grouping and ability shown in the different ballets, or the rendering of the different characters. Mrs. Lane herself figured prominently among the artists as a Terrible Sorceress, while the Brothers Vernon, as Jumbo and Mumbo, brought the house down by their tumbling and singing.

At the New Sadler's Wells, Bro. F. B. Chatterton, like many other lessees and managers, took time by the forelock, and gave a public rehearsal of his pantomime of "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves" on Saturday evening, the audience that assisted at its production being both numerous and appreciative. Unlike most other pantomimic caterers for the public, Bro. Chatterton, no doubt impelled by a sense of respect for the memory of the immortal Grimaldi, gave the greater prominence to what follows, instead of what precedes, the transformation scene. The scenery and effects were admirable, nor could the work of Messrs. W. Callcot, Ellerman, and Maltby well have been otherwise, but no attempt was made at those gorgeous spectacles which, of late years, have played so prominent a part on the Christmas stage. The principal characters in the introduction were taken by Miss Caroline Parkes (Mefisto), Mr. Moreland (Mrs. Ali Baba), Mr. R. C. Lyons (Mr. Ali Baba), Miss Merton (Mrs. Cassim Baba), Mr. Barsby (Mr. Cassim Baba), Miss Stoneham, Morgiana), and Miss Emilie Grattan (Ganem). In the Harlequinade Mr. Fred Evans was clown, Mr. Bobby Bradford Pantaloon, Mr. Mercer Harlequin, Miss Amy Rosalind Harlequina, and Mr. Celine Police Constable. During the week the Pantomime has been preceded by "Amy Robsart."

"Harlequin Happy-go-Lucky, Truelove, and Forget-me-not; or, the Jewel Elves of the Magic Dell and the Good Little Fairy Pastorelle," is the title of the Pantomime at the Grecian. It was produced on Christmas Eve, before a house that was crowded in every part, but owing to the lateness of the hour to which the opening was prolonged, the Harlequinade was not performed in public till Boxing Night. Great credit is due to Mr. Clynds, who had the direction of affairs, while the scenic effects, the singing, dancing, and acting leave nothing to be desired. The burden of the interest rests on Happy-go-Lucky Giles, impersonated by Mr. Herbert Campbell, and he fulfilled his part to the delight of the audience, with whom he is a great favourite, and who applanded him to the echo whenever—and that was often enough—he gave them a chance. Mr. George Sennett was very effective as the patriarchal Grindgrain. Mr. H. Monckhouse played Tremolo, his son and heir, and Miss M. A. Victor Gushina, to whom Tremolo is secretly married. The Harlequinade was capital.

Other entertainments of a theatrical or semi-theatrical character, are provided at the Marylebone theatre, the Alexandra and Crystal Palaces, Hengler's Grand Cirque, Sanger's, the Royalty, the Moore and Burgess Minstrels, and last but not least, by our old friends the Mohawks. This highly popular troop, as usual, prepared a special programme, every part of which has been well received by the numerous audiences that attended, on Christmas Eve, Boxing-day, and during the week. Messrs. Francis (James and William), Duriab, Freeman, Ted Snow, the brothers Ray, Little Thomas, Kavanagh, Temple, Hayden, &c., were all in the best possible form. Mr. Harry Hunter exhibited his accustomed geniality as interlocutor. The orchestra played admirably, while Mr. Mowbray (Bro. Percy) spared no pains, as manager, to make the public comfortable.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 223.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, was held at the Masonic Hall, 193 Union-street, Plymouth, on Wednesday, 21st instant. W. Bro. J. Moysey, who was the unanimous choice of the Lodge, was very impressively installed by Brother William Browning P.M. and S. assisted by Bros. J. M. Hiffley and J. W. Cornish, in the presence of one of the largest board of installed masters that has recently assembled. Among those present were Bros. Russell Lord, Westcott Samuel Jew, Michell, Gover, Smith, Cawse, Miller, Pengelly, Baxter Phillips, Welch, Woolf, Goodall, Osborne, Lean, Nicholson, Johns, Thomas, Watson, Patten, Blight, Lewarn, Powell, Annis, Laverr, Harris, and these brethren expressed their gratification at the elevation of Bro. Moysey, and heartily greeted him. Evidently Bro. Moysey is much loved and respected, not only in his own Lodge, but in the sister Lodges. The Officers appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. I avers I.P.M., John Delve S.W., John D. Leno J.W., John W. Cornish P.M. Treasurer, W. Browning P.M. Secretary, F. R. Goodyear S.D., J. Hoyton J.D., W. J. C. Hannaford I.G., J. Williams D.C., P. Hamley A.D.C., W. H. Frost Organist, P. H. Bridgman S.S., W. Stanlake J.S., J. Bartlett Tyler. Bro. W. Browning was, at a former meeting of the Lodge, unanimously elected as the representative of the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions of the Provincial Grand Lodge. It was resolved that the banquet be held at Bro. C. Walter's, Farley Hotel, on Thursday, 10th January. The Secretary reported that the meeting to the committee appointed to carry out the memorial to the late Prov. G.M. the Rev. and R.W. Bro. John Huyshe, M.A., was to be held at Exeter on Tuesday, 3rd January 1882. Bro. John Treeby was unanimously appointed the Steward for the Charities of the Order, and it was generally expressed that he was the right man.

THE THEATRES, &c.

DRURY LANE.—At 7, ROBINSON CRUSOE. On Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 1.30 also.

COVENT GARDEN.—At 7, LITTLE BO PEEP, LITTLE BOY BLUE, AND THE LITTLE OLD WOMAN THAT LIVED IN A SHOE. On Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 2 also.

LYCEUM.—At 7.30, THE CAPTAIN OF THE WATCH. At 8.30, THE TWO ROSES.

ADELPHI.—At 7.15, MY TURN NEXT. At 8, TAKEN FROM LIFE.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7, A PHOTOGRAPHIC FRIGHT. At 7.45, THE LIGHTS OF LONDON.

GLOBE.—At 7.30, BLIGHTED BEING. At 8, SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER.

GAIETY.—At 7.5, OPERETTA. At 7.20, FARCE. At 8.30, ALADDIN.

STRAND.—At 7.15, PARADISE VILLA. At 8, OLIVETTE.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, MARRIAGE BELLS. At 8.15, THE HALF-WAY HOUSE, &c.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, PLOT AND PASSION. At 10, A LESSON.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, A HAPPY PAIR. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.

ROYALTY.—At 8, THE FISHERMAN'S DAUGHTER. At 9.30, PLUTO.

COMEDY.—At 7.30, SEEING FROU-FROU. At 8, THE MASCOTTE.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES, and PATIENCE.

ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, COUSIN DICK. At 8.30, THE SQUIRE.

CRITERION.—At 8, WITHERED LEAVES. At 8.45, FOGGERTY'S FAIRY.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, BLACK CROOK.

COURT.—At 8, AWAKING. At 8.45, ENGAGED.

HENGLER'S CIRQUE.—Daily at 2.30 and 7.30.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—This day, PANTOMIME, &c. HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS. Open Daily. Aquarium, Picture Gallery, &c.

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EGYPT, THE ANCIENT MYSTERIES AND FREEMASONRY.

(BY BROTHER T. B. WHYTEHEAD).

A COUNTRY whose history is bound up with allegorical teachings, and much of whose story has been decyphered from the hieroglyphs of its stone monuments, must naturally have a deep interest for a society of Masons whose system is based on allegory and illustrated by symbols. It has occasionally been thrown at our Society that our ceremonies are childish, that we are like overgrown children with toys, and that our teachings are beneath the notice of men of reason and education. But if this be so, what is to be regarded as worthy of the attention of rational men? I know of no system of morality, religion or history that is not a system of symbolical teaching. Certainly there is no religion that is not from beginning to end a series of symbols, and the more we analyse them the more we shall find that this is the case. Why, even our very language, our every day conversation, embraces a mass of symbols. We talk symbolically, and our speech is full of unconscious metaphor. Hence comes one reason, I think, why Freemasonry is so widely popular. It commends itself to the human mind from the very fact that in its symbolic language and teaching we find a chord of sympathy which draws us into closer union on common ground. Dr. Oliver, in one of his many learned works, "The Book of the Lodge," has well explained the system of Masonic symbolism, and shows the valuable uses to which it is put. The cowan would reject all symbolism, and call it childish and ridiculous. Then the Bible is ridiculous, our churches are ridiculous, our prayers are ridiculous, for in the Bible, in our churches, in our prayers, is to be found such a maze

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of symbolism as can be discovered nowhere else. And in ancient Egypt we take a special interest, because we find that in that country, in the early ages, a system of morality and religion was taught by means of a ritual, and in a secret manner, in many important respects resembling our own legends. It was in Egypt that the great Jewish leader, whom our Masonic legends tell us was one of the Grand Masters who presided over the First, or Holy Lodge, obtained his knowledge. The Sacred Writings tell us that Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, which no doubt means that he was initiated into the priestly mysteries, by which medium the *wisdom* was preserved, and these mysteries he doubtless communicated subsequently to his brother, to Joshua, and to the chosen of the Jewish chieftains. The Egyptian religion was of a *spurious* kind, and was not the true religion as revealed originally to man. It had engrafted on it a mass of human lying tradition, but still, as far as we know anything of it, we can see that in its mazes of error was to be found much truth, and the germs of education and light. It was for the purpose of concealing their treasures of knowledge from all but the initiated few that the Egyptian priests made use of their hieroglyphs and huge stone figures. These became objects of adoration to the ignorant multitude, who worshipped them as Photh, the God of Learning. Hence this spurious system of symbolic Masonry was held in high reputation amongst the ancients, for they knew that by its means had been preserved the learning and wisdom which had made Egypt the most civilized country in existence. From Egypt these mysteries spread to Greece, and thence to Rome. Hence Cicero says: "These are the mysteries which have drawn us from the barbarous and savage life our ancestors led. It is the greatest good that has come to us from the city of Athens among so many that she has conferred upon mankind. It is she that has taught us not only to live with joy, but still more to die with tranquillity, in the hope of becoming more happy." The Eleusinian, the Orphic, the Bacchic, the Samothracian, and all the other numerous systems practised by the ancient heathen in every age, were instituted to preserve a knowledge of a future existence; but they added to the truths they taught many pernicious errors. They taught that the initiated should be happier than all other mortals in a future state, and that whilst the souls of the profane, on leaving the body stuck fast in mire and filth, and remained in darkness, the souls of the initiated winged their flight directly to the happy islands, and the habitations of the gods. True Symbolic Masonry was founded for the purpose of keeping in our remembrance the most sublime truths, even in the midst of our innocent and social pleasures, just as the Egyptians were accustomed to carry round their festive tables a coffin, to remind the guests of their mortality.

The Egyptian mysteries were, no doubt, far more free from error than those subsequently worked in Greece and Rome, and one reason for this is to be found in the fact that women were admitted to a participation in the last named countries. Hence, very soon they became contaminated by all kinds of licentiousness, permitted under a cloak of ceremonial. Doubtless one reason for the exclusion of women from pure Masonry is to be found in this circumstance.

To obtain initiation into the Egyptian mysteries it was necessary for the applicant to pass through a course of preparation which included the most terrible trials of courage and fortitude. It was at Memphis that the principal series of mysteries was worked. There were the greater and the lesser mysteries, the former being those of Osiris and Serapis, the latter those of Isis.

Several ancient authors, whose works are now in existence, were initiated into these mysteries, and, have left short accounts of them, but these are necessarily very shadowy, since initiates were bound by the most solemn vows not to reveal what was communicated to them, vows kept with the utmost caution—a lesson to some Masons of the present day.

Referring to the mysteries of Isis—the *First Degree* of the Egyptian system—Apuleius writes, "The priest, all the profane being removed to a distance, taking hold of me by the hand, brought me into the inner recesses of the Sanctuary itself, clothed in a new linen garment. Perhaps, curious reader, you may be eager to know what was then said and done. I would tell you, were it lawful for me to tell you; you should know, were it lawful for you to hear. But both the ears that heard those things and the tongue that told them would reap the evil results of their rashness. Still, however, kept in suspense as you probably are with religious longing, I will not torment you with long protracted anxiety. Hear, therefore, but believe what is the truth. I approached the borders of death, and having trod on the confines of Proserpine (Goddess of Hell), I returned therefrom, being borne through all the elements. At midnight I saw the sun shining, with its brilliant light, and I approached the presence of the Gods beneath and the Gods above, and stood near and worshipped them. Behold, I have related to you things of which, though heard by you, you must necessarily remain ignorant."

Isis, in Egyptian mythology, was the sister and wife of Osiris, and was worshipped by the Egyptians as the Goddess of Nature, and it is probable that the mysteries taught—as our first degree—the principles of moral Truth and Virtue, as well as the physical laws of Nature. The Mysteries of Serapis constituted the *Second Degree* of the Egyptian system, and of these we know next to nothing, save that they formed an intermediate step for the initiates. In the mysteries of Osiris the *Third Degree* lesson was taught and amplified, and the doctrine of resurrection after death was specially inculcated. The legend of Osiris was this: Osiris, a wise king of Egypt, left the care of his kingdom to his wife Isis, and travelled for three years to communicate to other nations the arts of civilization. During his absence his brother Typhon formed a secret conspiracy to destroy him and to usurp his throne. On his return Osiris was invited by Typhon to an entertainment, in the month of November, at which all the conspirators were present. Typhon produced a chest inlaid with gold, and promised to give it to any person present whose body would most exactly fit it. Osiris was tempted to try the experiment, but he had no sooner laid down in the chest than the lid was closed and nailed down, and the chest thrown into the River Nile. The chest containing the body of Osiris was, after being a long time tossed about by the waves, finally cast up at Byblos in Phœnicia, and left at the foot of a tamarisk tree. Isis, overwhelmed with grief for the loss of her husband, set out on a journey, and traversed the earth in search of the body. After many adventures, she at length discovered the spot where it had been thrown up by the waves, and returned with it in triumph to Egypt. It was then proclaimed, with the most extravagant demonstrations of joy, that Osiris had risen from the dead, and was become a god. The close resemblance to the Masonic legend will be at once detected by all. Osiris and Typhon represent the two antagonistic principles of light and darkness, of good and evil, of life and death, showing the struggle between the two, and the ultimate triumph of life and light.

It was to these rites that the Prophet Ezekiel probably refers as the "Abomination of Desolation," for very soon after their establishment women were admitted to a partial participation in them, and then followed the adoration of the phallus, and the partial deification of the male and female organs of generation, the κτεις and φαλλος being actually exposed in models, and carried about in public processions. Hence, say some, the origin of the Egyptian obelisks, and, as others think, though without sufficient warrant, the round towers of Ireland. In the 8th chapter of Ezekiel you will find this sentence:—"Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the Lord's House, which was towards the north, and behold there sat women weeping for Tammuz. Then said he to me, hast thou seen this, O son of man? Turn thee yet again, and thou shall see greater abominations than these. And he brought me into the inner court of the Lord's House, and behold, at the door of the Temple of the Lord, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men with their backs toward the Temple of the Lord, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun towards the east." Tammuz, amongst the Jews, signified the summer solstice; the women weeping towards the north, because that was the dark side of the Temple where the sun was never seen; the men worshipping towards the east, because there the sun rose.

It is a more than curious fact that in the ancient Egyptian paintings on mummy cases Osiris is represented as laid out on a couch, whilst a lion attempts to raise him, signifying that by the aid of Leo (the lion) the sun had cleared the tropic of Cancer. I need hardly point out the curious resemblance here visible to some portions of our Craft ceremonies.

Bishop Warburton describes the ceremonies of initiation

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in such a lucid manner that I cannot do better than quote from him. He says, the aspirants were required to be men of the strictest morality and virtue, of spotless reputation, and eminent for their piety and devotion to the gods. As a preparation for some of these mysteries, a probation of seven years was enjoined, the last fifty days of which period were employed in acts of austerity, in fasting and prayer, amidst the most rigorous extremes of heat and cold, hunger and nakedness, and not unfrequently the severe use of whips and scourges. Previous to initiation they were habited in new garments, and after some trifling ceremonies they were admitted into the hallowed precincts of the cavern where the ceremonies were celebrated at dead of night. The hierophant, habited like the Creator, then pronounced the tremendous sentence of exclusion to the uninitiated, εκας εκας εστε βεβηλοι, synonymous with the Horatian *procul o procul este profani*, on which the doors were closed, and the rites commenced. A sacred hymn was chanted, and the wanderings of Isis, with her lamentations for the loss of Osiris, were represented in mimic show. Burning brands were waved round the candidate, whilst the representation of a corpse, laid in an ark hollowed out of a log, was placed in view, and the death was lamented with loud wailings. An awful pause succeeded this clamour, during which the Mystagogue, or Conductor, gave a lecture on the origin and symbols of idolatry, after which the pageants of their gods, surrounded by beams of light, were exhibited in the style of our modern magic lantern. All this was performed in the utmost gloom, in allusion to the darkness of the Ark, which had but one small window, and also emblematical of the darkness of the grave in the intermediate state between death and the resurrection. Tremendous thunderings and vibrations occasionally broke the solemn silence, and every object was introduced which could possibly inspire terror and dismay. Their gods were represented as living in Elysium, enjoying eternal youth and never-ending pleasures, whilst the wicked offspring of Typhon were exhibited in Tartarus, tormented by fire. These scenes were relieved and diversified with plaintive music, and the burning of rich perfumes to soothe the senses. The candidate was not long, however, allowed to enjoy these agreeable sensations. The apparatus of terror was again unfolded in all its appalling forms. Hideous spectres flitted before him, rending the air with dreadful screams. The Furies, their heads covered with coils of hissing serpents, rushed forward in wild disorder, followed by Cerberus with his three heads, whose fearful barkings and howlings struck the candidate's heart cold with astonishment and horror. Scenes of Elysium and Tartarus were rapidly exhibited. Darkness was succeeded by the most brilliant glare of light, which was as suddenly extinguished to make room for the blackest darkness. Pompous processions, accompanied by the elevation of the Phallus, passed in review before the eyes of the aspirant, who was invested with an olive branch as a mark of protection amidst the dangers. Beautiful and enchanting views were now introduced, enlivened by exquisite strains of music at a distance, and finally, the body being restored, grief was turned to joy, and the return of Osiris to life was celebrated with every demonstration of pleasure.

In the lesser mysteries the secrets consisted chiefly in abstruse disquisitions on the origin of the universe and theories of religion, but after the long probation the mystics were admitted to a participation in the απορρητα, which consisted of the Noachic legend, the explanation of the symbolism of the system of Polytheism, the true doctrine of the Unity of the Godhead, and the plan of future rewards and punishments. Then the candidates were called Epoptœ, and termed Regenerate, and the words κογξ and ομπαξ were entrusted to them.

The influence which these mysteries obtained and retained over the earlier societies of nations, was most remarkable, and from that day to this they have been represented by every imaginable variety of mysterious ceremonial, all however agreeing in the chief points of instruction—Unity of God—purity of life—and a future existence, and thus resembling in the most material points our system of Freemasonry. There is a school of Freemasons now existing who would teach that we are the lineal descendants of the mystagogues of old, and that our ceremonies are merely a modification of the ancient mysteries. To this theory I am not prepared to concede, but it may be quite possible, and is even probable, that portions of ancient ceremonials and legends have been transmitted by our ancestors, and embalmed by our founders, in our ceremonies. However this may be, the investigation of the history of the ancient mysteries must, at all times, be of the greatest interest to members of a society which stands alone to represent the various systems of symbolic teaching which have from time to time attracted the minds of the most learned sections of the various races of mankind.

MASONRY BENEFICENT WITHOUT OSTENTATION.

WHOEVER becomes a Mason with a view to the material benefit he will directly derive from the Craft, reckons without his host. Freemasonry is not a benefit society. The gift seeker should avoid it. The purchaser of life insurance will not find it dispensed by the Fraternity— it has no loaves and fishes for sale. There are mammoth corporations, and more modest, but no less efficient, mutual aid societies, and Odd Fellowships, and like organizations, which will *trade* with you, but *Freemasonry* is *not in trade*. There is nothing mercenary about it. The initiate gives so much for *itself*, not for any moneyed perquisites to be derived from it. As a man who marries a woman for her money deserves to get none, so he who "joins the Masons" with an eye single to "benefits" finds himself wofully mistaken. And he deserves to be. Our Mysteries are not "for sale, or to let"—they are conferred as a boon, not as a bargain for merit, not for money. The money-changers have no place in our Temple.

There is sometimes found, in certain circles in the world, an exuberance of philanthropy, a bacchanalia of benevolence. Everything is lovely in speech; they are all brothers in seeming; but very often the extended right hand of fellowship is a very left-handed compliment. Men are often benevolent, but rarely beneficent—it is so easy to *wish* well, and so hard to *do* well. Cicero was right—"men resembled the gods in nothing so much as in *doing* good to their fellow-creatures;" and St. Chrysostom voiced a kindred thought when he said, "Charity is the scope of all God's commands"—charity, mark you, not benevolence, not simply even gifts to the poor, but words of love and deeds of love combined. The asperities of existence need to be smoothed by pouring upon them the oil of joy.

Freemasonry is the foe of false sentimentality. It has no sham philanthropy, no sympathy with Mrs. Jellyby, in *Bleak House*, who neglected her own home, and had a habit of looking a long way off; who was overwhelmed with correspondence concerning the distresses of Borrioboola Gha, but could see nothing to her nearer than Africa. Nor is the Craft like those who need to be stimulated to deeds of charity by the romance of the situation—to whom a thief in fustian is a vulgar character, while a brigand in velvet and high-crowned hat is a marvel of poetry and renown. The Craft is no respecter of persons, provided they are Masons. The only question it asks is, is he a worthy Brother, in distress?

Some years ago there was discovered in Germany an alleged Masonic document, which excited much interest and inquiry, and has been commonly styled the "Charter of Cologne." It is, we believe, still preserved in one of the Lodges at Namur, but is termed by Bro. Woodford, a "pious fraud." To this we agree. We set no store by it as a Masonic document, but believe it to have been a deliberate forgery. But while it has no force as a unit, and by authority, it recites some undoubted facts, and one of these is a principle which has ever actuated the Fraternity. As Oliver paraphrases it, "the design of Freemasonry is no other than to be benevolent without ostentation;" or, as Bro. D. Murray Lyon, in his edition of Findel, more fully and literally renders it, "The secrets and mysteries which conceal our purposes, are only with this one view—to do good unostentatiously, and to carry out our resolutions to the very minutest detail." Granted that the Charter of Cologne is a forgery and a fraud, still this *principle* that it enunciates must stand true for ever of Freemasonry. Masonic charity is genuine love—gently to hear, kindly to judge, freely and unostentatiously to give. In enjoying the luxury of doing good, Freemasonry, in the language of Beaumont and Fletcher, in one of their old plays, "ever finds in the act reward, and needs no trumpet in the receiver."

Many are the recitals we have heard, in the Lodge Room, of the fruitful deeds of Masonry. These recitals do not get in the public prints, are not proclaimed in the streets, are not boasted of anywhere, —and herein consists their glory to the Craft. Freemasonry is not a benefit society, promises no measured aid to an initiate, and in the eyes of the world receives more than it gives; but to the Craft universal it is known as the most tender and loving of guardians and friends. We have heard brethren tell how, in the face of prejudice, they were won to the Fraternity by their accidental discovery of the *good* it was *doing*. The naked are clothed, the hungry fed, the homeless sheltered, and often none but the brotherhood know whose beneficent hand has been employed. Freemasonry is beneficent without ostentation. It blushes to have its charities known. Its office is not that of a dispenser of gifts, and yet it scatters them more freely than "professionals." Ever may it be so. Ever may our time-honoured Fraternity—

"Do good by stealth, and blush to find it fame."

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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 DECEMBER.

1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 2nd JANUARY.

25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-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)
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)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1621—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley.
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
M.M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
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
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., 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
261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
493—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
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, Town Hall, 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)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1542—Legionum, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl
1678—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 3rd JANUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—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)
166—Union, Criterion, W.
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
733—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
809—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powell-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cane of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1365—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington,
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
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)

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
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
154—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
384—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
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.
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1241—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
1473—Bootle, 148 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
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, 4th JANUARY.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
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
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
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.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
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, Monmouthsh
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bonon.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
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
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 Kirby-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1361—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
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R.A. 380—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashn-under-Lyone
R.A. 394—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
M.M. 56—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M.M. 95—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 5th JANUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, Lockwood-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Horseshoe Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Fitzwilliam, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
241—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney

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754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
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.)

34—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
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
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.
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
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
537—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
1013—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
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
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
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
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
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
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. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 6th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
706—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 Inst.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., 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)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8.30

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
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
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
607—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
852—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
860—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
869—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1031—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1162—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1238—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hanner, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1581—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1618—Prince of Wales, Free masons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1684—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

SATURDAY, 7th JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

DORIC LODGE, No. 81.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at Woodbridge, on Tuesday, 27th inst., on which occasion Bro. W. P. Phillips was installed into the chair by Bro. W. Clarke Grand Pursuivant of England. The Lodge of which Bro. Phillips now assumes the rule is the second in point of age in the Province, that of Lowestoft—the Unity, No. 71—being its senior by 15 years, it having been warranted in the year 1747, while No. 81 dates from 1762. It did not, however, meet at Woodbridge, but at the New Commercial Inn, at Aldborough, the warrant being originally granted to Cornelius Leggatt W.M., Robert Melles Senior Warden, and Joseph Revitt Junior Warden; it was transferred "by permission of the Right Worshipful Sir William Fowle Middleton, Bart., P.G M. for the county, to the Bull Inn, Woodbridge, January 1st 1824." The warrant at that time was entrusted to Brothers Benj. Gall W.M. . . . . Jas. Hibbett J.W., William Baxter P.M., Thomas Sherning, James Smyth, Richard Fisher, Mark Luke . . . . . George Cross, and Henry Carter." Since that time the Lodge, like most others, has passed through some amount of vicissitude, but at the present time it bears every appearance of continuing the very successful career which has characterised it during the past few years. A matter of ten years since it was in danger of dying out, but some new members being then introduced, a revival took place, and its present position is the result. The brother with whom the revival may in a measure be said to have been associated—Bro. W. P. T. Phillips—is now one of the Past Masters of the Lodge, while the Master installed on Tuesday is one of his sons, another being invested on the same occasion with the collar of Steward. As the enthusiasm of the father appears to be shared by his sons, and there are several other energetic Masons in the Lodge, an extension during the more immediate future is probable; indeed, on the occasion of the installation it was announced that already two gentlemen had offered themselves as candidates for initiation, and others were expected to come forward. The town of Woodbridge has in years gone by warmly supported the Masonic Order, there having at one time been two Lodges, a Royal Arch Chapter, and a Knight Templar Encampment working there; at the present time there is but one Lodge and a Chapter. One advantage these two bodies boast of, is the possession of a Masonic Hall, in which to hold their meetings—an arrangement which, we think, adds greatly to the comfort of the brethren and the impressiveness of the various ceremonies, as so much more appropriate surroundings are possible in such cases than can be secured where a Lodge room is simply an ordinary apartment laid out for the occasion. The ceremony on Tuesday was carried out most efficiently, the officiating Officer being noted for his knowledge of and rendering of the ritual, and on this occasion really excelled himself. In due course the Officers for the year were appointed, the following brethren being invested with the respective collars:—Bros. E. St. George Cobbold I.P.M., F. A. Kent S.W., W. H. Hessey J.W., Rev. R. C. M. Rouse Chaplain, B. D. Gall (by proxy) Treasurer, E. Smith S.D., J. Collins J.D., C. F. Browne P.M. Director of Ceremonies, J. Stidolph Organist, F. J. Horsey I.G., H. W. P. Phillips Steward, G. Hall Tyler. At the conclusion of the usual formal business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the Bull Hotel to banquet, which was served by mine host, Bro. John Grout, in really first-rate style. At the conclusion of the repast, and after grace had been said, the Worshipful Master proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, followed by that of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Grand Master, each of which was well received. With the toast of the Grand Officers of England was coupled the name of Bro. Clarke, and that brother, in the course of his reply, thanked the Worshipful Master and the brethren generally for the reception they had given to the toast. There was one point in connection with the Grand Officers which he—and he thought Masons generally—would be pleased to have altered. It was subject of regret that the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon was not able to be more frequently among them. He had done good service in the past, and won for himself the respect of the whole English Brotherhood, who could but regret the cause which led to his absence; it was ill health alone, Bro. Clarke felt, that detained his Lordship. The Worshipful Master, in giving the health of the Prov. Grand Officers, stated he had received a letter from Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn Deputy Prov. Grand Master, regretting his inability to attend, while a telegram was received from the same brother tendering the heartiest good wishes to the Lodge. Two brethren of Prov. Grand Lodge having replied, Bro. Cobbold I.P.M. assumed the gavel, and gave the toast of the Worshipful Master. He believed it was the custom among Freemasons that the Immediate Past Master should give this toast, and on the present occasion he felt it a great privilege to do so, as it afforded him the pleasure of welcoming to the chair of the Doric Lodge Bro. Phillips. Although his other avocations had sometimes prevented his attendance at the Lodge during the past year, it was well known among the brethren that they had secured a very good Master for the coming year, and he begged to offer his personal congratulations to Bro. Phillips. He felt from what he knew of his successor, that he would maintain, what he hoped he had himself secured, the integrity of Freemasonry in the Doric Lodge. The W.M. desired most cordially to thank the brethren. It was with feelings somewhat of dread that he accepted the responsibilities of his present office, as the Past Masters had acquitted

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themselves so ably in it; the work was really a feat of memory, and if he could only carry it on as well as it had been done by those who had preceded him he should be satisfied. There were many brethren—Past Masters of the Doric Lodge—who could, without any hesitation, work either of the three degrees, and that too in a manner of which any Lodge in the kingdom could be proud, he hoped it might be possible for him to do likewise in years to come. At each of the next two meetings of the Lodge a candidate would offer himself, and he hoped they would be the forerunners of many more. He thought the brethren of the Lodge had no reason to complain of its progress during the past three or four years. The town was but a small one, and was comparatively but little known except perhaps in the case of the Charities, in the advocacy of which he hoped he, the Lodge, and all its members, would take a prominent part. He next gave the health of the Vistors. They all knew with what pleasure Visitors were looked upon in a Masonic Lodge. To the Master it was a great incentive, as he then felt he must do his work to the best of his ability, and endeavour to carry out the duties of his Lodge in such a manner as to cause the guests on their return to refer to the way in which the work had been done, and to hope that their own Lodges might be worked equally well. At no time was it more gratifying to a Master to see Visitors than on his installation, when, with a number of friendly faces around him, in addition to the several members of his own Lodge, he could but feel greater confidence and greater pride at his position. He expressed to each of them the hope, which he felt was shared by every member of the Lodge, that they would be able to attend on many future occasions. Bro. Thomas C. Cobbold, C.B., M.P. for Ipswich, was the first to reply. He regretted that through a mistake he was not present at the installation ceremony, as he considered the performance of the ceremony by so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Clarke could but be interesting and instructive to all who heard it. Freemasonry went on from day to day improving, and not only in doing so did it improve its own members, but it became a power of good for others. They had only to look to the amounts received on behalf of the Charitable Institutions to verify this. On behalf of the Visitors, he felt he might say they were all happy to be present. As one of the oldest Lodges, it was to the Doric that the members of the Province had to look for their pattern, and it was therefore of greater importance that its work should be carried out properly—a result, which he felt, was attained under its present management. Bros. Drysdale and Grimwood followed, the latter referring to the Local Charity Association, and advocating the claims of the Institutions for which, he said, Bro. Clarke and the W.M. had promised to act as Stewards (the former on behalf of the Old People, and the latter on behalf of the Boys' School). The W.M. then gave the toast of the Installing Officer. He felt sure this toast would be heartily received. Any Brother who had been present at a Masonic ceremony in which Bro. Clarke had to take part could but have been impressed at the way in which he had gone through his work. He was a brother who might be taken as a pattern by any Mason, and he felt that he, and every young member of the Doric Lodge, were very much indebted to him for having travelled so far to instal the Master for the ensuing year, and to generally superintend the work of the day. Bro. Clarke thanked the brethren for their reception. The toast which the Master had just proposed reminded him, as he felt it must do many of the members of the Lodge, of the speedy passing of time: for it seemed but a very short time since he had installed their now I.P.M. It afforded him very great pleasure to be present and meet many of his Suffolk friends. The Worshipful Master had been pleased to entrust him with the proposition of the next toast—that of the Charities, but he felt some diffidence in undertaking the task in the presence of so redoubtable a champion as Bro. Binckes. From the fact—as he felt Bro. Binckes would doubtless tell them—that the Craft had so greatly increased of late, the calls of the Charities had also greatly increased, and it required great efforts to secure the amount requisite to carry them on. It was not so much large personal grants which were required, as it was smaller donations from every member, and he urged the brethren of Suffolk each to do whatever they were able, and he felt no doubt that if they did so, they would feel the benefit whenever they had a candidate for either of the funds. Bro. Binckes replied. After twenty-five years, and he supposed about two hundred speeches each year, it was very hard to know what to say in reply to such a toast as that last given which might be acceptable to all present. He believed there were a large number of brethren who did not really know even of the existence of the Institutions to which Bro. Clarke had referred. Take away the Charities, and he believed that Freemasonry would still be the grandest organisation of the world, recognising but the one great design of being happy, and communicating happiness; and if Freemasonry had no other object than that it would still be worthy of all support, but the motto of its members was to do good to others. There are many, who from unforeseen calamity and misfortune, are reduced to the lowest ebb, and he asked, would it be consistent with Masonic practice to disregard them, or leave them to seek assistance from the outer world? No; we endeavour to relieve them ourselves. Bro. Binckes referred at some length to the present position of the three Institutions, their respective resources and expenditure, and urged the brethren to do their utmost in support of their W.M., who had accepted the office of Steward for the Boys' School. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters, to which Bro. Phillips sen. replied. It was with no small amount of pride that he did so. It was very gratifying to any brother to see his son in the chair of a Lodge, especially when he felt he was as strong an advocate for Freemasonry as himself. Ten years since he (the speaker) had been initiated in the Lodge, and at that time the three principal offices seemed to be continually filled by a small body of brethren, but all that had now changed, and the Lodge presented a very prosperous appearance; it had gained some reputation as a supporter of the Charities, and he hoped that good name would always be attached to it. Bro. Greenwood followed, and then the Master proposed respectively the toasts of the Director of Ceremonies, the Wardens, the Host, and the Press. The proceedings of the evening were brought to a conclusion by the Tyler in the usual manner, and the brethren separated after a very successful meeting.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, No. 25.—Held at the North Pole, 115 (late 387) Oxford-street, W., on Friday, 23rd instant. Present—Bros. F. Green W.M., Blum S.W., Kauffman J.W., Cuff J.D., Blundell I.G., Deaton Secretary pro tem; Winn, Hardell, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the two first sections were worked by Bro. Baker. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Winn candidate. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on Friday, by Bro. Cuff, W.M. of the Kilburn Lodge.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.—The Wor. D.P.G.M. for Essex, Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., is making visits to various Lodges in the Province, and, being as genial as he is popular, has everywhere been received with enthusiasm. On Thursday, 22nd inst., he visited the Angel Lodge, No. 51, which works in his native town (Colchester), and of which he has been for some years a member. There were between thirty and forty brethren in attendance, including several present and past Prov. Grand Officers, and the worthy brother was received with the honours due to his exalted rank. A candidate was initiated, and the work of the W.M. and Officers called forth the marked approval of the D.P.G.M. After labour an adjournment was made for refreshment, and the time passed happily in social enjoyment. In responding for the toast of the Provincial Grand Master and present and past Officers of the Province, Bro. Philbrick took occasion to congratulate the brethren upon the possession of so good a ruler as Lord Tenterden, than whom no one had more at heart the welfare of the Lodges committed to his care. For himself, Bro. Philbrick expressed the great pleasure he felt at being able to come amongst his brethren in his native town, and to find there such excellent working and good fellowship existing. Remarking upon the initiation of a candidate, the D.P.G.M. enforced the necessity of great caution in the admission of new members. The other Masonic toasts usual on such occasions were duly honoured, and some vocal music enhanced the pleasures of a most enjoyable evening. The Officers of the Lodge present on the occasion were Bros. W. Richey W.M., J. J. C. Turner I.P.M., W. P. Lewis P.M. Treas., T. J. Balling P.M. Sec., Sowman S.W., E. Hennemeyer P.M. as J.W., C. Osmond S.D., R. H. Ives J.D., Joseph Grimes I.G. There were also present P.M.'s S. Chaplin (Deputy Mayor), F. A. Cole, Chas. Cobb, A. Welch, R. Grigson, T. Rix; Bros. Browne, Mumford, Sparling, Bootes, &c. Visitors—Bros. the Rev. P. W. Sparling (Royal Gloucestershire Lodge), R. Clowes S.W. 650, W. Chapman 697, and F. Wright 1005.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall Reading. Present—Bros. C. Stephens W.M., S. Bradley I.P.M., R. C. Mount P.M. S.W., F. J. Ferguson J.W., S. A. Pocock P.M. Treasurer, M. J. Withers Secretary, S. Wheeler S.D., A. W. Parry J.D., Butler and Martin Stewards, D. H. Witherington I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Yetts, C. Smith, R. Bradley; Bros. G. Webb, Sherwood, Moffatt, Higgs, Brocher, Sydenham, Hart, Rayner, Hawkes, D. Webb, Armstrong, McDowell, Dodd; Visitors—Bros. Weatherhead, Coates, and Hawkes 1101. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. A joining member was balloted for, also a candidate for initiation. Bro. R. C. Mount P.M. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Pocock P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Hemmings re-elected Tyler. Bro. S. Bradley P.M. was appointed Almoner. A P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. C. Stephens, for his valuable services and admirable working during his year of office, for which he appropriately responded. The W.M. called the attention of the Lodge to a case of deep distress, in which a Brother from Hants and the Isle of Wight had been victimised by unscrupulous parties in Reading, resulting in the loss of all his property. He proposed a vote of two guineas from the funds of the Lodge, and that a subscription list be opened to assist this Brother in his present calamity. The vote was passed, and a subscription at once opened, amounting to about £17. The report of the Permanent Committee respecting the purchase of an organ or harmonium for the Lodge-room was received and adopted. All business being ended, Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the George Hotel for refreshment. We congratulate Bro. Stephens on his successful year of office. The thanks of the Freemasons of Reading are specially due to him for his liberal conduct in renovating the Lodge-room, and redecorating it at his own expense.

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MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1881.

DURING the year 1881, which closed on Saturday last, the three great Masonic Charitable Institutions, viz. the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, received from all sources a total sum of £43,294 14s. The term "all sources" includes donations and subscriptions from Lodges, Chapters and individuals, dividends and interest, and donations by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. In the case of the Boys' and Girls' Schools it also includes the sale of old stores, fees for musical instruction, and some other small items; and in the case of the Benevolent Institution, the rent of £18 received for a meadow attached to the Asylum at Croydon. For the year 1881, the Benevolent Institution, the youngest of the three Institutions, heads the list with the sum of £17,738 19s 6d, the Boys' School, the second in age, is second on the list with the sum of £12,998 9s 11d, and the Girls' School, the earliest founded of the Institutions, is third on the list with £12,557 4s 7d. The total amount is less than that of 1880 by £6,467 17s 5d, and less than that of 1879 by £1,288 17s 9d, but the amounts for those years were so exceptionally large that it was not expected they would be equalled, when the depression in trade was taken into consideration. The position of the three Institutions varies from year to year. In 1880 the Girls' School headed the list with the sum of £17,787 10s 11d, the Benevolent Institution was second with £16,301 4s 10d, and the Boys' School was third with £15,673 15s 8d, while in the year 1879 the Benevolent Institution was first with £17,781 12s 10d, the Boys' School second with £13,923 4s 4d, and the Girls' School third with £13,025 12s 1d. From these figures it will be seen that the receipts of the Benevolent Institution for the last three years have varied in amount less than those of the other two Institutions; but as the Boys' School has less invested funds than the Benevolent and the Girls' Institutions, and thus receives only £510 in dividends and interest to the Benevolent Institution's £1,824 14s 6d and the Girls' Schools £1,365 1s 8d from the same source, and the Benevolent Institution's annual grant of £800 from the Fund of Benevolence, the difference is not so marked. On the funds of the Benevolent Institution there are more than 300 male and female annuitants, the males receiving £40 a year each, and the females £32 a-year, besides some widows of deceased annuitants who, according to the Rules of the Institution, each receive £20 a-year, or half their late husbands' annuities, for three years after their husbands' death. These widows are even then eligible for the Widows' Annuity of £32. For the next election in May there are 112 candidates, viz.—46 men and 66 widows, but there will be vacancies for only 14 men and 7 widows, unless the subscriptions at the next Festival, on the 21st of February, should be large enough to justify the Committee in adding to the number. In the Boys' School there are 215 boys, who are housed, boarded, clothed, and educated, from eight to fifteen years of age. The list of candidates for the next election in April will not be closed till Saturday, but the probable number of candidates will be 72, and the vacancies only 15. In the Girls' School there are 233 girls, who are housed, boarded, clothed, and educated, from eight to sixteen years of age, and the candidates for next April election are in number 28, and the vacancies 21. In addition to the large sums named above as subscribed to the Institutions, the Lodge of Benevolence, which meets on the last Wednesday but one in every month to relieve cases of distress, has in the year 1881 voted £9,813 to 328 cases. The largest sum given at one sitting was in November, when £1,630 was voted to 55 cases. The smallest was in September, when £365 was given to 16 cases. The votes in 1881 were larger than in any previous year. The next largest were in 1880, when £9,223 was voted to 308 cases. It is a remarkable coincidence that without any design the proportion of cases to the amount of money in the two years is the same within a fraction of one, the extra £590 in 1881 being the fair grant, according to the former year's gifts, to the additional twenty cases. This, however, is not a rule which is followed, as every individual case is considered entirely on its own merits. In its grants the Lodge of Benevolence, in 1881, exceeded the annual income of the Fund of Benevolence, and on the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, Grand Lodge at its Quarterly meeting, on the 7th of December, ordered the sale of £3,000 out of an invested sum of £50,000, the accumulated surplus of former years.

The following are the accounts of the receipts of the respective Institutions from 1st January to 31st December 1881:—

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

	£	s	d
Donations and subscriptions	14,946	5	0
Dividends and interest	1,824	14	6
Grand Lodge	800	0	0
Grand Chapter	150	0	0
Rent of meadow	18	0	0
	£17,738	19	6

Number of Candidates—46 men and 66 widows. In all, 112.
Vacancies—14 men and 7 widows. In all, 21.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Gross receipts for year ending 31st December 1881, including

	£	s	d	
Grand Lodge	150	0	0	
Grand Chapter	10	10	0	
Dividends and interest	510	0	0	
				£12,998 9 11

Boys in School, 215.

Candidates to 31st December 1881 for April Election 1882	60
Probable addition by 7th January 1882, when list closes	12
Candidates	72

Probable vacancies, 15.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Donations and subscriptions	10,838	18	11
Paid direct to bankers	19	9	0
	10,858	7	11
Dividends	1,365	1	8
Grand Lodge Donation	150	0	0
Grand Chapter	10	10	0
Sale of Old Stores	3	3	0
Musical Instruction, &c.	169	1	0
Gift to Prize Fund	1	1	0
	£12,557	4	7

Number of Girls in School, 233.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

Month of Meeting	No. of cases relieved	Total sum granted
January	19	£520
February	35	813
March	44	1,435
April	20	535
May	30	760
June	23	960
July	19	735
August	16	500
September	16	365
October	24	810
November	55	1,630
December	27	890
	328	9,953
Less the balance of grant of £150 revoked on reconsideration of case, ordered by Grand Lodge of 7th Dec.		140
		£9,813

FREEMASONRY IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY.

WARRINGTON 1646.

AN article bearing the above title, from the pen of Bro. Rylands, appeared in the December number of the *Masonic Magazine*.* It is one of the most interesting and valuable contributions to Masonic literature which it has been our privilege to read for many a long day, and as such, it is impossible to give it too much publicity in the columns of the Masonic press. Our readers will remember that it was at Warrington that, on the 16th October 1646, the Antiquarian Elias Ashmole and his cousin Colonel Henry Mainwaring of Karincham or Kermincham were made Masons, Mr. Richard Penket being the Warden of the Lodge. The question has often been discussed as to the character of the Lodge into which these brethren were admitted. Was it a Lodge of Operative Masons, in which case it would follow of necessity that Ashmole and Colonel Mainwaring were the first gentlemen in England who were received into the Fraternity. On the other hand, many have inclined to the belief there were Speculative Masons, as it is the custom to describe them, already in such Lodges as existed at the time. With the evidence now furnished by Bro. Rylands it would seem as though the Warrington Lodge contained no Operative Masons at all, or, at least, that none were present at the initiation of Ashmole and Mainwaring. If this can be shown to be the case, it will go a long way towards proving that Speculative Masonry existed in this country for very many years anterior to the date usually ascribed to its birth, namely, 1717. It is of course a most reasonable argument to adduce in favour of this view that, as the Warden and brethren of the Warrington Lodge who were present when Ashmole and Mainwaring were received by them into the Fraternity were not Operative Masons, the old limits of the Mason Guild must have been extended some time previously to the year 1646. How long previously, however, they had been so extended, it will be difficult to ascertain, having regard to the present sources of information that are open to investigation, with anything like an approach to certainty. Further inquiries may possibly result in the acquisition of further knowledge on this interesting question, and some day we may wake up to the pleasing fact that the Speculative system of Freemasonry is, in truth, much older than it is generally supposed to have been. For the present we must be content to remain as we are; but, in the meantime, it will be worth while to give some idea of Bro. Rylands's article, for the reason we have stated, viz. that it throws so much light on the great Masonic event of 1646, and the individuals who took part in it.

Bro. Rylands's researches have been most ample. The sources of information to which he has had access, and which includes Ashmole's own Diary, have been ransacked with a will, and in a manner which testify to his great ability as a student of antiquarian lore. He shows in this article that he possesses great tact in formulating his opinions; and consequently his judgment, whenever he feels justified in giving one, may be accepted as trustworthy, at least to the extent of its having been most carefully weighed and considered. He begins, in the article which forms the text of this paper, by noting the records of the two events referred to in Ashmole's Diary, as signalising that gentleman's connection with the Craft. They are probably well known to our readers, but as they are given in fuller detail than usual, they will bear to be reproduced here. They are as follow:—

(*a*) "1646. Oct. 16, 3.30 P.M.—I was made a Free Mason at Warrington in Lancashire, with Coll. Henry Mainwaring, of Karincham in Cheshire. The names of those that were then of the Lodge [were] Mr. Rich. Penket: Warden, Mr. James Collier, Mr. Rich. Sankey, Henry Littler, John Ellam, Richard Ellam, and Hugh Brewer.

(*b*) "March 1682.—10: About 5 P.M. I rec^{d} a Sumons to app^{r} at a Lodge to be held the next day, at Masons' Hall London.

"11: Accordingly I went and about Noone were admitted into the Fellowship of Free Masons.

"Sir William Wilson Knight, Capt. Rich: Borthwick, Mr. Will: Woodman, Mr. Wm. Grey, Mr. Samuel Taylour, & Mr. William Wise.

"I was the Senior Fellow among them (it being 35 years since I was admitted). There were p^{r}sent besides myselfe the Fellowes after named.

"Mr. Tho: Wise, Mr: of the Masons Company this p^{r}sent year, Mr. Thomas: Shorthose, Mr. Thomas: Shadbolt, Wainwright Esq^{r}, Mr. Nich: Young, Mr. John Shorthose, Mr. William Hamon, Mr. John Thompson, & Mr. Will: Stanton.

"Wee all dyned at the halfe Moone Taverne in Cheapside, at a noble dinner prepaired at the charge of the New-accepted Masons."

Bro. Rylands, taking the statement in Bro. Kenning's Cyclopædia to the effect that "recent researches have proved that Ashmole was not a member of the Masons' Company, though almost all the persons he named were," and consequently that it is "clear that the 'Fellowship of Freemasons' was a Lodge of separate Freemasons more or less speculative," goes on to argue that, under these circumstances, "the meeting, although held in 'Masons' Hall,' could not be 'a meeting of the Masons' Company.'" Otherwise, he very pertinently remarks, "Why was Ashmole, the 'Senior Fellow' present, 'summoned' to, and present at, what must have been a private meeting where a number of *gentlemen* were admitted Fellows?" He also is careful to point out that, although Ashmole "was first admitted to the 'Fellowship' at Warrington, he was summoned thirty-five years afterwards to a Lodge held in London, is particular to specify that Mr. Thomas Wise was the Master of the Masons' Company, and is equally particular to call the 'Fellowship' that of the 'Freemasons,' except where he writes 'New-accepted Masons.'" Taking these and other circumstances into account, Bro. Rylands says: "If I were asked to express an opinion on the Warrington Lodge of 1646, I should feel obliged to say that,

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so far as I am able to judge, there is not a scrap of evidence that there was a single *operative* Mason present on the afternoon of the 16th of October 1646; in fact, the whole of the evidence seems to point quite in the opposite direction."

We pass over the details of Ashmole's life which are given by Bro. Rylands, as not directly helping to elucidate the principal point, except so far as to note that Ashmole was on terms of intimate acquaintance with the astrologer William Lilly, and also that he notes in his Diary the following facts in connection with the Antiquaries and Astrologers, to wit:

1647, Feb. 14.—The Mathematical Feast was at the WHITE HART in the OLD BAILY, where I dined.
1649, Aug. 1.—The Astrologers Feast at PAINTERS-HALL, where I Dined.
1649, Octob. 31st.—The Astrologers Feast.
1650, Aug. 8.—I being at the Astrologers Feast, two *Hor. Post Merid.*, I was Chosen Steward for the following Year.
1654, Aug. 22.—Astrologers Feast.
1656, Aug. 29.—This Day the Astrologers Feast was held.
1659, July 2.—Was the Antiquaries Feast.
1659, Nov. 2.—Was the Astrologers Feast.
1682, July 13.—The Astrologers Feast was restored by Mr. MOXON.
1683, Jan. 29.—The Astrologers Feast was held at the THREE CRANES, in CHANCERY-LANE. Sir EDWARD DERRING and the TOWN-CLERK of LONDON were Stewards.

Nor need we dwell on the particulars he gives, interesting as they undoubtedly are, of Colonel Henry Mainwaring's family and career. We pass, therefore, to the personages mentioned as having been present at Ashmole and Mainwaring's reception into the Warrington Lodge. It appears that "from the Heralds' visitation of Lancashire, made by St. George in 1613," a "Richard Penketh, of Penketh, who died circa 1570, married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Sonkey, of Sonkey (gent.), and had a son, Thomas Penketh of Penketh, county Lancashire, who married Cecilye, daughter of Roger Charnock, of Wellenborough, county Northampton, Esq., whose son Richard (dead in 1652), married Jane, daughter of Thomas Patrick, of Bispham, in the county of Lancaster." This, no doubt, was the R. Penketh who was a Freemason at Warrington in 1646. There is much else respecting the family of the Penketths, but we need only note that Mr. Beamont writes to Bro. Rylands that "when the list of seats in Warrington Church was made in 1628, Richard Penketh's name does not appear among the Parishioners; but, in January 1642, when the protestation was signed to maintain the Protestant religion, &c., &c., Richard Penketh was one of them who subscribed to it, and we hear of him again in the entry in Ashmole's Diary," &c. This confirms Bro. Rylands in his opinion already referred to, that the Richard Penketh who was dead in 1652, was the Warden of the Warrington Lodge in 1646.

Of Mr James Collier who is next mentioned, Brother Rylands has been able to discover little. He conjectures he was the James Collyer of Newton-le-Willows, county Lancaster, who married Ellen, the eighth daughter of William Bretherton, of Hey, the then (he died about 1640) representative of that well-known ancient Lancashire family, by Margaret, daughter of Richard Winston, of Lostock, co. Lanc." Moreover, in "the register of the old church of Winwick, situated only a mile and a half from Newton-le-Willows," it is recorded thus—

1673-4, Jan. 17.—Mr. James Colliar buried.
1678-9, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Ellen Collier, aff. [idavit that she was not buried in Linen, according to the Act of Parliament.]

He also in the appendix to the article gives the will of a "James Colliar," endorsed "Captin James Colliers," dated April the 18th 1868," and proved 21 March 1673[4]," which is as follows:

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, This is my last will and testament, My body to the earth to be decently buried there, To MY WIFE ELLEN COLLIAR my house &c. and land in the township of Newton. All that is remaining at her death, to MY BROTHER WILLIAM POWELL, and his issue male, in default, then to the next kinsman I have of the Colliars. [He appoints his wife sole executrix.] "I charge you not to trust YOUR BROTHER BRETHERTON nor any of his, for you and I have found them bad, God forgive them, so with my dear love to you I rest yours.

Signed JAMES COLLIAR [good signature].

[Small red seal. A cross croslet fitchée, a martlet in dexter chief. *Crest*: A cross croslet fitchée between two wings.]

WITNESSES
Peter Leigh,
John Wilson.

Bro. Rylands says:—"Of course it is impossible to state positively that these entries, or the will given in the Appendix, refer to the Mr. James Collier, Freemason, mentioned by Ashmole; but there seems to be every probability that such is the case. Mr. James Collier, or Captain James Collier, as he is called in the endorsement of his will, must be the same as the one entered in the pedigree. He holds lands in Newton-le-Willows; his wife is named Ellen, and 'her brother Brotherton' is mentioned," and further, "although the will is endorsed as being made 18th April 1668, it was not proved until 21st March 1673-4, which agrees with the entry of his death from the parish registers of Winwick."

Respecting Mr. Richard Sankey, he appears to have belonged to an old family of landowners near Warrington, that held Little Sankey and Great Sankey, the former in the parish of Warrington, and the latter in that of Prescot. The following, from the parish register of Warrington, relate to the Sankey family:—

1621-2, Feb. 3.—Edward, son to Richard Sankey, Gent.
1628, Aug. 10.—Margaret, dau. to Richard Sankey, Gent.
1631, Sep. 4.—Eleanor, dau. to Richard Sankey, Gent.
1636, April 19.—Alice, dau. to Richard Sonkey, Gent.
1639, May 27.—Sen John [St. John], son to Richard Sankey, Gent.

And also

1635, June 11.—Ellen, dau. to Richard Sankey, Gent., Buried.

At a later period of the same registers there appears:—

1634, Mar. 25.—Chas., son to Richard Sankey, baptised.
1635, Ap. 30.—Chas., son to Richard Sankey, buried.

And finally:—

1667, Sep. 28.—Buried, Mr. Richard Sankie.

Of the four others named in Ashmole's Diary—Henry Littler, John Ellam, Richard Ellam, and Hugh Brewer—we have some particulars of the Ellams, a good yeoman family bearing that name having been long resident in the parish of Winwick and the neighbourhood, and Bro. Rylands says they "were doubtless members of this family, a probable branch of which had apparently settled at Lymm, a village in Cheshire, about four miles from Warrington. The wills of "Richard Ellam, Freemason," and "John Ellam, husbandman," are given in the aforesaid Appendix, but Bro. Rylands very properly guards himself against asserting that the latter refers to the person mentioned by Ashmole. They are as follow:—

The 7th day of September. Ano. Dom 1667.

IN THE NAME of God Amen, I RICHARD ELLOM of LYME [LYMME] co CHESTER FREEMASON. being sick and weak of body. My body to the earth to be buried in Christian Burial at my Parish Church of Lyme, or otherwise it shall please God to appoint the same. Whereas I have an estate of the messuage and tenement wherein I now dwell by force of one Indenture of Lease heretofore made by Richard and Maria Domvill late of Lyme aforesaid Esq. deceased, bearing date 16 Feb. 16. Charles II. [1664] for the term of 99 years, if the said RICHARD ELLOM and WILLIAM ELLOM HIS SON or either of them, so long live. I assign all my said messuage &c, immediately after my decease, unto MY BROTHERS JOHN ELLOM and PETER ELLOM for the use, education &c of ALL MY CHILDREN until the youngest is 18 years of age. My will is that MY ELDEST SON WILLIAM shall have all my said messuages &c for his life, paying unto MY SAID BROTHERS JOHN ELLOM and PETER ELLOM or their Executors £10 within 2 years after he shall enter the said messuage &c, and the said £10 to be employed to the use of the youngest child or children of the said Richard Ellom then living, All my goods, cattle, &c, I give unto MY SAID BROTHERS JOHN ELLOM and PETER ELLOM, for the bringing up of my said children And I ordain MY WELL BELOVED BROTHERS JOHN ELLOM and PETER ELLOM Executors, and desire my well beloved friend William Leigh of Rushgreen and MY LOVING BROTHER IN LAW RICHARD RATLIFE to assist my said Executors. Dated 7 Sep. 19. Charles II. 1667.

(Signed) RICHARD ELLOM [in a shaky hand].

Before the sealing of the within written deed THE SAID RICHARD ELLOM DID GIVE TO HIS SON WILLIAM the dishboard in the house to stand as an heirloom, and then signed and sealed in the presence of

Margaret Moose her A
William Leigh.

PROVED 17 Jan. 1669-[70]

The Inventory was taken on 10 Oct. 1667 by John Leigh and Peter Martin. Total 77li 16s. 00d.

IN THE NAME of God. Amen. 7th June I. William [1689] I JOHN ELLAMS of BURTON co. Chester husbandman, being of perfect memory.

First. My body to be buried in Christian burial, at the discretion

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of my Executors hereafter mentioned. Item. I leave one half of my tenement in Burton, now in the possession of MY SON IN LAW SAMUELL LIGHTFOOT, with half the housing thereunto belonging TO MY WIFE ALSE [OR ALICE] ELLAMS after my decease, so long as she liveth, if the lease so long last.

Item, All the rest of my household goods, husbandry ware, cattle, &c I leave to MY DAUGHTER ELIZABETH INCE, and MY DAUGHTER ANN ELLAMS, and MY DAUGHTER ALSE ELLAMS after my decease, to be equally divided amongst them, paying my funeral expenses, debts &c, only I leave to MY DAUGHTER ANN ELLAMS, one colt that is 2 years old, and also one other colt that is 2 years old, I leave to MY DAUGHTER ALSE ELLAMS. Leaving MY WIFE ALSE ELLAMS, and MY DAUGHTER ANN ELLAMS my sole Executors, revoking all other wills by me made.

(Signed) JOHN ELLAMS, his mark [in a very shaky hand].

Witnesses.

John Cawley, Robert Moulsdale.

PROVED, 27. July. 1689.

A True and perfect Inventory of JOHN ELLAMS of Burton late dead. both of goods and cattle made the 6th day of July, 1689. by Thomas Bruen, Richard Ince, and Robert Moulsdale. Total 165li 02s. 08d.

We will simply add that Bro. Rylands has stated his case lucidly, and that, as far as we can judge, his facts justify the position he has taken up.

THE WORLD'S TEMPLE.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

ARISTIDES styled the edifice at Eleusis, Greece, where the Eleusinian Mysteries were celebrated, "the common Temple of the whole world." This Temple, like that of King Solomon at Jerusalem, has long since been destroyed, so that not one stone remains upon another, but it has had its place supplied by a worthy successor, that completely fulfils the purpose of its being. Freemasonry now furnishes "the common Temple of the whole world," a Temple open to all "good men and true," of every religion that acknowledges the one ever living God, of every shade of political belief, of every nation under heaven Nowhere, except "upon the square," can the whole world, or representatives therefrom, meet without heartburnings, without bickerings, without jealousies. Freemasonry is "a centre of union;" it has in its Temple the loadstone of truth, and attracts to it the lovers of truth, no matter what may be their sectarian creed, or political shibboleth, or social rank. The President meets on the level with the private citizen, the King with the subject, the Bishop with the layman, and the Christian with the Jew. The home of the Freemason is wherever there is a Lodge of Freemasons, and where, in the civilized world, is there not one? Even in time of war, and in the midst of moving armies, we find travelling Lodges. Everywhere the Lodge follows Masons, everywhere there is a Masonic home for the members of the universal Craft.

The world does not value, as it should, this *binding* effect of Freemasonry. Kingdoms and republics have not been able to long include a single people, speaking one language, under one government; nor have different governments been able to live at peace with each other; but Freemasonry unites all peoples, and all languages, and war is a thing unknown in Masonry. The only places where the millennium is now exemplified is in the Lodges of Freemasons. If Anti-Masons would take knowledge of us that we have been diligent students of the holy mysteries of the Grand Architect of the Universe, and learned of Him, they would lose their venom, and instead of vainly persecuting us as peacebreakers, they would respect and love us as peacemakers. When the scales drop from the eyes of anti-Masons (for they are very scaly fellows), they will first see Freemasons as trees walking, and then as good Samaritans, and finally they will petition us to receive them into our fraternal fold. After we have seen them do works meet for repentance, we may report upon their applications favourably.

In no single particular is the power of Freemasonry more wonderfully displayed than in its language. The languages and dialects now spoken in the world are numbered by thousands. True, they have been developed from a few, if not from a single source, but they are now distressingly diversified. Not so with the language of Freemasonry—it is an universal language. The Englishman, Frenchman, Italian, and Arab, the Swede, Russian, Spaniard and Turk, provided they are Freemasons, all can understand each other. Neither appeals in the presence of the other in vain. French to the Turk is gibberish, Russian to the Arab is verbal insanity, but let a Freemason of any nationality speak Masonically in the presence of another Freemason, and he is instantly understood.

Does any one ask, why it is that there is this wonderful unity in the Craft; that while mountains, oceans, and even rivers, separate nations, nothing can separate Freemasons from each other? The answer is contained in the one word, Love. Freemasons love each other. They are a fraternity, and the only genuine fraternity in the world. It has been badly copied, but never reproduced. There is but one Freemasonry, and every other secret society, of kindred purpose, is but a poor imitation.

What is to be the outcome of the unity of Freemasonry? Who can tell? We discern a magnificent possibility. We peer into the ages beyond, and see an united people, war abolished, sectional strife a curiosity of antiquity, and men everywhere clasping hands in fraternal grip, opening their hearts in fraternal sympathy, and practising deeds of fraternal affection. We see no fratricidal conflicts, no irreligious persecutions, even no hard or harsh words spoken in envy or anger. And why? Because everywhere there is "the common Temple of the whole world," and the whole world going up thereto! This may be a phantasy, but it is a lovely one. It inspires hope of humanity; it betokens the triumph of civilization, humanity and the gospel of love; it promises the realization of millennial bliss. If it come to pass, the world will not have been created in vain, the divine will have prevailed over the animal in man. We believe, with Milton, that Truth came into the world perfect; and although her lovely form has been hewn into a thousand pieces, and scattered to the winds, that the friends of Truth will again restore it to its pristine beauty. FREEMASONS ARE THE FRIENDS OF TRUTH. They speak the truth in love, and to them, if to any, is committed the trust of restoring unity among the nations of the earth.

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OCCASIONAL PAPERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me, as one who may claim to have taken some interest in the reading in Lodges of Instruction of these Occasional Papers, to express my satisfaction at the result that has followed the discussion of the question in your columns. Still I had hoped that more would have been done by this time, and that what a little while ago was an innovation would now have become a pretty regular custom. No doubt the preparation of the Papers must occupy some time, but as to reading them, only a small amount of moral courage is necessary, and once the feeling of diffidence has been overcome, the task is simple enough. As to subjects there is no end to the choice that may be made. For instance, the events that occurred during the Grand Mastership of the Duke of Cumberland, or George Prince of Wales, would alone furnish matter for half a dozen papers.

Some papers might be of a biographical character, others statistical. Those who are fond of generalising will find scope in treating of the principles of Freemasonry, while no great time would be occupied, with Findel's excellent history at hand, in sketching the rise and progress of the Craft in some foreign States. In short, the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE might fill its pages with nothing else than Occasional Papers for the next half dozen years, and still have a wealth of matter to fall back upon for future use.

Yours faithfully,

T. E. I.

VOTING IN GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As you invite the opinions of your readers on the subject of "Voting in Grand Lodge," allow me to make the following suggestion. The question I know is a difficult one, and I do not see how it would be possible to adopt the parliamentary system of voting unless Freemasons' Hall were almost entirely reconstructed. Moreover, as you suggest, the voting in vogue among Masons is that of the ballot, it being rightly thought desirable that brethren should remain in ignorance of the side which each supports. But if the principle of the ballot is to be observed in Grand Lodge, as in our private Lodges, what necessity is there for any disturbance of the brethren in the former? Let the tellers hand round ballot boxes with the necessary supply of black and white beans, care being taken to indicate clearly that into one side of the box marked "For the motion," "Yes," or in some other way, must be put white beans only, while into the other side, marked "Against the Motion," or "No," must be cast the black. Or, simpler still it would be if beans of only one colour were used, there being written over the slits in the ballot boxes "For," over the one, and "Against" over the other. Some such plan as this would determine the results accurately without causing any confusion or disturbance.

Fraternally yours,

London, 28th December 1881. OLD STAGER.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Weak Stomachs.—The distressing symptoms arising from enfeebled digestion are almost numberless, and all of them can be readily dispelled by these admirable Pills. They clean the furred tongue and remove all unpleasant tastes from the mouth, with flatulency, and constipation. Holloway's Pills rouse the stomach, liver, and every other organ, helping digestion to that healthy tone which fully enables it to convert all we eat and drink to the nourishment of our bodies. Hence these Pills are the surest strengtheners and the safest restoratives in nervousness, wasting, and chronic debility. Holloway's Pills are infallible remedies for impaired appetite, eructations, and a multitude of other disagreeable symptoms, which render miserable the lives of thousands of our fellow creatures. These Pills are approved by all classes.

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NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

AMONG the various festivities it is our pleasure to take part in, which are associated with one or other of the Masonic Institutions, there is none more enjoyable than those given at the Old Folks' Home at Croydon. There we look forward to meeting some of the worthiest brethren it has been our good fortune to make the acquaintance of during the time we have been associated with the Craft; and, furthermore, we have the opportunity of seeing a few of the worthy recipients of the annuities the Benevolent Institution is enabled to offer; to have a chat regarding olden times, and to hear from them the expressions of approval they so profusely bestow on all connected with the Institution. The usual New Year's Entertainment took place on Wednesday last, and it was made the occasion of inaugurating the newly enlarged Hall. This enlargement may really be said to be the the outcome of these festivities, which were inaugurated some years since by Brother Terry, the worthy Secretary of the Institution; it was in consequence of the number of subscribers to the Entertainments—which are provided out of the funds given specially for the purpose—so greatly increasing, and the number of those who desired to be present also increasing, that the enlargement was first thought of. Since then other claims for better accommodation have arisen, and we can now point to a Hall in every way worthy of the noble Institution at Croydon we are proud to refer to as the outcome of Masonic Benevolence. The alteration is in itself a very great improvement. The Hall is upwards of double its former size, while retiring rooms, a lavatory, &c., have been erected outside. A new staircase has also been provided, and some additional rooms on the ground floor. The appearance, on entering the main door, will at once strike the visitor, who has been accustomed to the form in which the Institution had previously existed, and must impress him with the wisdom which has been displayed in the enlargement. We only hope that the Old People, for whose benefit the additions have really been made, will live to enjoy the comforts of the new Hall for many years to come, and that Bro. Terry and those more intimately concerned in the work will have frequent opportunities of witnessing that their efforts are appreciated, and that the alteration may prove a benefit to the Institution, as well as to its inmates.

The banquet was provided at two o'clock, at which time the residents and lady friends were seated, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. Strong, the honorary surgeon of the Institution, Bros. J. Terry, Raynham Stewart and T. Cubitt occupying the Vice-chairs. Bro. Stewart, in the name of the House Committee, then stated that the Hall had been enlarged for the comfort and convenience of the residents and supporters of the Institution, and duly proclaimed it open, at the same time removing a curtain, which concealed a tablet, placed over the doors, which records the date, &c. of the enlargement. The viands provided were then served to the Old Folks and lady visitors, brethren assisting in the work of providing all with whatever they might desire, and general enjoyment was the result. At the conclusion of the repast, Bro. Dr. Strong gave the toast of the Queen and Craft, followed by that of the Founders of the Feast, with which the name of Bro. Edgar Bowyer was coupled. After a reply from that Brother, the Chairman gave the health of the Warden and Matron of the Institution, Bro. and Miss Morris. Only those who had visited the Institution frequently could have any idea of the high estimation in which their Warden and Matron were held. Their services to the Institution had been most advantageous, as they had contributed greatly to the comfort and happiness of the annuitants who were residents there. The thanks of all were due to the Matron for what she had done at all times; the banquet that day was a fair specimen of her ability, it was under her superintendence alone that it was prepared, and considering the nature of the appliances at her command, it was wonderful how well she had succeeded with it. Bro. Norris replied, and speaking especially on behalf of his daughter said, she deserved every kind thing that could be said of her. Perhaps he might look at her through a coloured medium, but still he could not help saying she had been a treasure. Respecting himself, it was scarcely necessary to say he had been a resident at the Institution for twenty years, and having attained the position of Warden, he endeavoured all he could to promote the welfare and happiness of his co-inhabitants. He believed he had, in some measure, succeeded; at least, the proposition of his health in such kind words made him believe it. All the residents had but one common feeling—of gratitude, and affection, and respect for the Committee, and the kind friends who looked after them so tenderly. They were really like children there, for there was scarcely a thing they could ask for that they did not get. Bro. Raynham Stewart proposed "The Health of Dr. Strong," who he said was really at the beck and call of the old people of the Institution. He took a great interest in it, and the Committee and the subscribers of the Institution were proud of him. His services were invaluable. He received nothing for those services, which were given entirely for the love of Masonry and of the Institution. Dr. Strong said it was one of the most pleasing duties he had to perform to look after the inmates of this Institution. He trusted he had studied their welfare and happiness. In fact, he knew he had done so, by the kind expressions which had fallen from the brethren in time past and on the present occasion. He only trusted he might have health and strength to follow in the same course he had hitherto pursued. The old people and the several lady visitors then retired, the ladies spending the afternoon in visiting the old folks and taking tea with them, while the brethren, who had devoted their attention to the comfort of the annuitants, partook of a repast, Bro. Raynham Stewart on this occasion taking the head of the table, faced by Bro. Terry. The toast of the Queen was dispensed with at this second gathering, the Chairman first proposing "Success to the Masonic Charities:" in doing so, he said it must have been gratifying to everybody to have perused the reports which had just been published in the daily papers relative to the various Institutions in connection with the Craft. During the past year they had endeavoured to do the best they could for each of the Charities, and he trusted that in the future those exertions would not only be continued but increased. He must say that considering what the Institution was now doing, and what it had done in the past, it was most gratifying to him, as Chairman of the House Committee, to watch the progress which the Charity had made. They had been favoured to-day with the presence of the Secretaries of the two other Institutions, but as they were assembled especially to celebrate the anniversary gathering of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he could only express the hope that Bro. Terry might be spared many years to continue his powerful advocacy of that Charity, and that he might be well supported. There was only this feeling of rivalry between the three Institutions, that each vied with the other in its endeavours to benefit the class for whom it was designed, and it would be admitted that there was always a cordial and friendly feeling between them, based upon the five points of fellowship. He associated with the toast the name of Bro. James Terry. Bro. Terry, who as usual was received with the heartiest demonstrations of welcome, after acknowledging the cordiality with which the toast had been accepted, said they met that day under somewhat exceptional circumstances, inasmuch as they were assembled for the first time in a room in connection with the Benevolent Institution which he ventured to think was worthy of its guests. They had had ample evidence of its capacity by the numbers who had partaken of the hospitality of the various donors to the fund for the day's entertainment. But when they came to speak of the success that had attended the Masonic Institutions, he ventured to say they had touched a chord which was very dear to him and the hearts of all around that table. Allusion had been made to the report which had just been issued, and he could not speak but with a certain amount of pride upon the fact that the Benevolent Institutions occupied the premier place, so far as the donations and subscriptions was concerned, during the past twelve months. That was to have been looked for at the commencement of the year, because they owed much to the chairman who presided over their Festival, and the number of Lodges under his supervision. They anticipated he would bring an amount of money worthy his reputation, and they were not deceived. West Yorkshire came nobly forward with its £3,500, and the total of their donations and subscriptions during the past year had been £14,900. He only announced £14,100, so that they were £800 in excess of the grand total published. The aggregate amount received on behalf of the Institution, during the year, had been £17,738. Bro. Binckes, representing the Boys' School, had hard work to do to follow two successful Festivals, but no doubt when 1882 was ended, a very grand result would have taken place in connection with that Institution. He (the speaker) fully anticipated he should have to change places with Bro. Binckes (not for the first time, and he hoped not the last by many) in regard to this position of honour. He confessed he looked upon the year 1882 with some amount of misgiving, for he saw there must be a drop of £3,000. Last year, as he had said, the Benevolent Institution received £3,500 from the Province of West Yorkshire, whereas from the Province whence their next President hailed they could not expect more than £300. He could only say, none the less was he grateful for the vote which took place in Grand Lodge, which gave a permanent additional £800 to their coffers, which should enable them to extend their scope very materially. He reminded them that there were 112 applicants for the benefits of the Institution, whereas they had only 21 vacancies, and he believed such a list had never been presented to the Masonic world. The claims upon the Boys' and Girls' Schools together could not touch this. The Boy's had 72, and the Girls' 28 applicants, whereas the Benevolent had 112. That being so, he ventured to assert there was no Charity connected with the Craft so worthy of support as was the Benevolent Institution. He took the opportunity of saying this, as they were met together under the roof of that Institution, and the toast wished success to it in particular. What were they to do in the future? Only to urge upon the increased generosity of the Craft. The Boys and Girls could take care of themselves, and the brethren ought to look to the Old People who in former years had kept the young folks going. Let them render homage and honour to whom it was due. Whatever might be the varying fortunes of the three great Charities, he hoped that, by the generosity of the Craft, the Benevolent Institution might prosper in the year of grace 1882, and he had no fear but that it would do so. They had the promise of 210 Stewards, who were working energetically in the cause; and however much he might have to deplore being lower on the poll than the Sister Institutions, he thought the Benevolent would not be a very bad second. In conclusion, he hoped he might have health and strength for many years to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the committee, and for the advantage of the Institution.

The toast, "Success to the Boys' School," having been given from the chair, and most heartily received,

Bro. Frederick Binckes observed that during the 25 years he had advocated the support of that Institution, he had endeavoured to place them all on a common platform. Looking back over the last quarter of a century, the Boys' School had not lacked support, or a place in the estimation of the brethren of the Craft. The Girls' School was always the object of the very sentiment which attached to the weaker sex would always maintain for it a prominent place in the affection and sympathies of the Craft. However, he had great confidence that the Institution he represented would always receive a large share of support, and so long as the brethren were convinced that their Institutions were managed with efficiency, so long would they continue to receive the cordial and substantial support of the Craft generally.

Bro. John Constable, in proposing the House Committee, referred in laudatory terms, to the grand and necessary alterations which had been effected in the great Hall, in which they were then assembled. They all knew how arduously the Committee always worked for the benefit of the Institution. He associated with the

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toast the names of Bros. Raynham Stewart, T. Cubitt, C. J. Perceval, and Farnfield.

The Chairman, acknowledging the toast, said that the work which had been accomplished during the year was a source of the greatest gratification to himself and his colleagues. Starting from the proposition of their excellent Treasurer Colonel Creaton, they had carried the building back to the last inch of their ground, and by enlarging the Hall, and providing all the requisite accessories, they had done all they could for the comfort and convenience of everybody connected with the Institution. If the brethren were satisfied, and sanctioned what had been done, the Committee were amply rewarded.

The toasts having been purposely cut short, the visitors were afforded ample time to pay their customary complimentary visits to the residents in their quarters, which are fitted up in the most comfortable—not to say, in many instances, artistic—fashion. Relics of bygone and better days adorn the walls of many of the apartments, and family heirlooms appear amongst the darkling holly and evergreen, which have been set up in honour of the festive season. With graceful courtesy the "Old Folks" invite their visitors to inspect their cosy domiciles, and allude, with just pride and gratitude, to the happiness which has been secured to them in their declining years through the agency of this beneficent Institution. Thus an hour or so was wiled pleasantly away, until the bell sounded for the re-assembling of the company in the great Hall, where a pleasing entertainment had been provided. The Royal Criterion Handbell Ringers and Glee Singers, under the direction of Bro. Tipper, gave a capital selection of pieces, which were much admired, and in the intervals volunteers were not needed to maintain the interest of the proceedings. Notable amongst these were Miss Constable, who gave an excellent pianoforte solo; Miss Strong, a neatly executed solo on the violin; Bro. C. J. Perceval a humorous reading in broken Dutch; and Bro. Frederick Binckes, who recited the "Apology" from "Othello."

In the course of the evening Bro. Terry announced he had received a telegram from Manchester, to the effect that the Old Folks of East Lancashire were at that moment enjoying a similar treat, and had just drank to the health of their "Fellow-annuitants at the Croydon Institution." This intimation, which was in response to a telegram sent by Bro. Terry, recording the meeting at Croydon, was received with great acclamation.

THE LIFEBOAT SERVICE IN 1881.

THE frequency, determination, and gallantry of the Lifeboat Service during the storms of the year that has just closed have been unparalleled in the annals of the National Lifeboat Institution; and no one, surely, can peruse the record of rescues without instinctively experiencing feelings of gratitude and of satisfaction at the great amount of success which continues to accompany, day and night, the operations of the Lifeboat Institution. The number of services rendered by the boats of the Institution are more in number than in any previous year, while each one of them has a history of its own, the Lifeboat-men having, on more than one occasion, sacrificed their own lives in the performance of their duty. The actual result of the year shews a total of 965 lives and 33 vessels saved by the Lifeboats. Besides these services, the Institution granted rewards last year for saving 155 shipwrecked persons by fishing boats and other means, making a grand total of *One thousand one hundred and twenty-one* lives saved during the year. Since its establishment in 1824, the Lifeboat Institution has contributed to the saving of 28,724 lives from various shipwrecks, a number equal to one-half of what is required to man the British fleet. It is therefore manifest that a Society like the Lifeboat Institution, possessing so national a character, and dependent entirely on the support of the public for the maintenance of its life-saving fleet of 270 boats, must necessarily have a large annual income, if its beneficent work is to be carried out with the same amount of success which has hitherto fortunately characterised the services of its Lifeboats. We will only add that contributions are received for the Lifeboat Institution by all the London and Country Bankers, and by the Secretary, Richard Lewis, Esq., 14 John Street, Adelphi, London.

The Prince of Wales presided on Tuesday at the meeting of the General Committee of the Dean Stanley Memorial Fund, when it was announced that a sum of £3,350 had already been subscribed.

We understand that Messrs. Meitzler and Co., of Great Marlborough Street, are, by command of Her Majesty, preparing for publication a complete collection of the Musical Compositions, Sacred and Secular, of H.R.H. the Prince Consort, the whole being produced under the able supervision of Mr. W. G. Cusins, Her Majesty's "Master of Musicke." The first idea was that this collection should be printed for private circulation only, but on its having been represented to Her Majesty that such a work, if publicly issued, would command universal interest, both at home and abroad, assent to such publication was at once accorded, and the collection will shortly be issued, at the moderate price of One Guinea.

DEATH.

HITCH.—On the 31st ult., at Swiss Cottage, Loughton, Bro. ALEXANDER HENRY HITCH, aged 41, of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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PRIORY LODGE, No. 1000.

CONTINUING his visits to the Essex Lodges, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., attended at Southend, on Thursday, 29th ult., for the purpose of installing Bro. J. F. Barrett W.M. elect of the Priory Lodge, No. 1000. Lodge was opened at 2.30 by the retiring W.M. Bro. Berry. Bros. J. Barrett and Merrett occupying the Wardens' chairs. The W.D.G.P.M. was escorted into the Lodge room by a goodly array of present and past Prov. G. Officers, and on assuming the gavel, Bros. F. Wood P.M. P.P.G.S.W. and G. F. Jones P.M. P.G.S.W. were appointed acting Wardens, and Bro. A. Lucking P.M. P.G.D.C. as D.C. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and performed in Bro. Philbrick's usual impressive manner. The Officers for the year were invested as follows:—Bros. George Berry I.P.M., Merrett S.W., Grayson J.W., Rev. H. Hayes Chaplain, F. Wood P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Treasurer, J. A. Wardell P.M. P.P.A.D.C. Secretary, Brighten S.D., Dawson J.D., Norman I.G., Marten Tyler, Brightwell and Beechey Stewards. At the close of the ceremony a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Philbrick, for the able manner in which he had performed it, and for his kindness in attending that day, which the D.P.G.M. briefly acknowledged. The W.M. then, in the name of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Berry a P.M.'s jewel, as a token of esteem on his leaving the chair, an honour for which the I.P.M. duly thanked the brethren. About forty brethren afterwards dined together at the Terminus Hotel, a sumptuous repast being provided by the host. After dinner the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the D.P.G.M. and present and past Prov. G. Officers being especially so. The D.P.G.M. responded in his usual genial way, expressing his pleasure at being present on so interesting an occasion, and wishing the W.M. a happy and prosperous New Year.

WINDRUSH LODGE, No. 1703.

THE Anniversary Festival of this Lodge was held at the Marlborough Arms Hotel, Witney, on Wednesday, the 4th instant. In addition to the members of the Lodge, who attended in good numbers, there were present Bros. W. P. Ellis W.M. 599 P.G.S.D., G. Salter W.M. 1399 P.G.J.D., R. Pocock W.M. 1770, G. Tarrant 1770, J. H. Whadcoat 448, &c. Bro. W. Whadcoat Past Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, the Senior Warden of the Lodge, was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very ably and impressively performed by Bro. J. S. Palmer Past Prov. Grand Pursuivant, Immediate Past Master of the Marlborough Lodge 1399, and Senior Warden of the Cherwell Lodge 599. The Worshipful Master then invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Coles Past Prov. Grand Superintendent Works I.P.M., W. Atkins Past Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works S.W., A. T. Matthews J.W., J. M. Clinch Treasurer, H. Robins P.M. Past Prov. Grand Pursuivant Secretary, F. H. Clappen S.D., Dumbledon J.D., J. Bartlett D.C., G. Owens Organist, J. H. North I.G., S. Smith Tyler. The Officers and brethren afterwards sat down to a dinner, which was supplied in the excellent manner for which the Marlborough Arms is noted. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to.

St. John's Lodge, No. 70.—The annual meeting of this Lodge was holden at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Wednesday, 28th ult. There was a very large attendance to welcome and do honour to the unanimously-elected Master, Bro. James Griffen, who was installed. The ceremony was very impressively performed by Bros. E. Tout the retiring Master, E. A. Lean P.M., S. Jew P.M. P.P.G.T., R. Pengelly P.M., L. D. Westcott P.M. P.P.G.S. Works, and J. B. Gover P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., in a Board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were upwards of thirty-three other brethren. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. E. Tout I.P.M., Francis B. Westlake S.W., John D. Barker J.W., L. D. Westcott Treasurer, J. B. Gover Secretary, Thomas King sen. S.D., Thomas King jun. J.D., W. H. Symons I.G., George Sercombe D.C., W. T. Dennaford A.D.C., Matthias Watts O., T. W. Hoppin S.S., T. Cook J.S., Phillips Tyler The Secretary read letters from many distinguished brethren who were prevented from attending; also a communication from the P.G. Secretary, asking that the Lodges would send particulars of their donations to the Huyshe Memorial Fund before the meeting of the committee in Exeter on the first Tuesday in January. The meeting of the Committee of Petitions will also be held in Exeter on the 24th Jan. Regret was expressed that it had not been arranged to have the two meetings on the same day. Bro. J. D. Barker was unanimously elected as the Charity Steward. Other business, consequent on the close of the year, having been satisfactorily transacted, the brethren adjourned to the Globe Hotel for the annual banquet. This was admirably served, and gave unqualified satisfaction. Bro. J. Griffen W.M. presided, and proposed the usual toasts. The V.W. Bro. J. Hughan, replying for the Grand Lodge, expressed his satisfaction at the progress of Freemasonry under H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. He asked the brethren to remember that, in proportion as they were faithful or faithless to the principles of the Order, so they would reflect honour or dishonour on the Institution. He was glad to know that in Lodge 70, of which he was proud to be a member, the landmarks of the Order were well preserved. In the name of the Lodge, and by request, Bro. Gover presented a very handsome gold jewel to the I.P.M., engraved as follows:—"Presented to Bro. Edwin Tout, on his vacating the chair of St. John's Lodge, No. 70. December, 1881." A very pleasant evening finished an instructive day.

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Fortitude Lodge, No. 105.—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 21st December, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, when Bro. H. J. Kitt was installed as W.M., the very interesting ceremony being efficiently performed by Bro. C. H. Cooper P.M. and S., in a large board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were Bros. S. Jew, Twose, Bignell, Aitken-Davies, Clemens, Browning, Russell Lord, Michell, Miller, Wescott, Baxter, Box, Cawse, James, Browning, Embden, Hearder, Moysey, Nicholson, Pearce, Harris, Lean, Osborne, Crossley, Elliott, Cornish, Thomas, Johns, Gidley. The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. Hearder I.P.M., Lyons S.W., Gifford J.W., Bignell Treasurer, Cooper Secretary, Pillar S.D., Horsewill J.D., Hayes I.G., Gray D.C., Harris Organist, Parsons S. Steward, Sloggett J. Steward, W. H. Phillips Tyler. The W. Master was appointed to represent the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions P.G. Lodge, and Bros. S. Jew, G. Bignell, C. H. Cooper, J. Browning, and H. J. Kitt the members of the Associated Lodges' Committee. The banquet will be held on Thursday, 19th proximo, at Bro. Walter's Farley Hotel.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 3rd inst, at Bro. Smyth's, Sister's Tavern, Pownall-road Dalston. Present:—Bros. S. Clark W.M., Dignam S.W., Edwards J.W., F. Carr Secretary, Wardell S.D., Smyth J.D., Goslin I.G., Wallington P.M. Preceptor. Also Bros. Brasted, Baker, Darnell, Christian, Robinson, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form and minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Robinson acting as candidate. Bro. Christian gave the lecture on the tracing board, and the W.M. worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Dignam was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

St. Anne Lodge, No. 970.—The annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, East Looe. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. Olver, was installed by Bro. G. Roseveare P.P.G.S. Works, who was assisted by the following P.M.'s:—Bros. J. Hill, J. Crossman, J. Dawe, G. Kerswill, J. Henwood, J. Johns, and T. Harding. The W.M. then invested as his Officers Bros. J. H. Dawe I.P.M., T. Cook S.W., A. Hunter J.W., G. Kerswill Treasurer, G. W. Martin Secretary, J. Marshall S.D., W. Lawry J.D., S. White I.G., and R. Edgecumb and S. Pearce Stewards. The brethren afterwards reassembled at Bro. T. Cook's, Ship Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—A meeting was held at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John Street Road, on Wednesday the 3rd instant. Present Bros. Osborn jun. W.M., Williams S.W., Glass J.W., Dearing acting Sec., Weeden S.D., Oppenheim J.D., Gyer I.G., Pearcy Preceptor; Isaac, J. Greenfield, Ditton, Hirst, Gibbs and others. Lodge having been opened in due form and minutes read, Bro. P.M. Payne proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of installation, which he did in a satisfactory manner. Bro. Osborn jun. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hirst acting as candidate. After which Bro. Dearing very promptly answered the questions for the third degree. An animated discussion took place upon the subject of Bye Laws, it being the unanimous opinion of the brethren that some ought to be framed, but at the suggestion of Bro. Hirst, it was agreed that the matter should stand over until the Secretary, Bro. Osborn, was present. Votes of thanks to Bros. Payne and Osborn, and of condolence to the representatives of Bro. Fysh deceased, having been passed, Bro. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on the 5th inst. Present—Bros. T. Smith W.M., Alex. Jones S.W., Green J.W., E. C. Porter S.D., Botley J.D., Charles Bellerby I.G; Hewlings, Owen, Clark, Stephens, Pitt, &c. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hewlings candidate; after which the S.W. delivered the charge of the degree. This being the first occasion on which Bro. Smith had occupied the chair of K.S. A vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, for the excellent and able manner in which he had discharged the duties of that position. Bro. C. W. Pitt of the Zetland Lodge was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction.

The Southgate Lodge, No. 1950, will be consecrated on the 19th inst., at the Railway Hotel, New Southgate. The proceedings will commence at three o'clock. Bro. R. P. Forge, of the Beadon 619, Kingsland 1693, and the Selwyn 1901, will be installed as the first Master.

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ROYALTY.—At 8, THE FISHERMAN'S DAUGHTER. At 9.30, PLUTO.

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GIBRALTAR.

Lodge of Friendship, No. 278 (E.C.)—The annual installation meeting of this popular and prosperous Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Horse Barrack-lane, on Tuesday, 27th December, and was, as usual, attended by a very large number of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened at 8 p.m. by the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. F. Cottrell, supported by Bros. C. Johnson I.P.M., P.M.'s T. J. Haynes, J. H. Haynes, and A. Gomez. There were also present Bros. W. D. Kennedy P.M. acting S.W. and Worshipful Master elect, J. A. Speed Treasurer, W. F. Roberts Secretary, Rev. W. H. Bullock Chaplain, H. Schott D.C., Dr. J. H. Bryant I.G., James King Organist; H. W. Carden, G. D. Twigg, R. M. Eden, A. Morrison, W. Stevens, James Melrose, B. Culatto, F. R. Hemphell, E. Thornton, G. B. Paton, J. Pim, F. Griffin, W. T. Monkhouse, and W. Thornton. Visitors—Bros. J. Franceri District Grand Secretary, Rev. R. S. Patterson District Grand Master for Morocco, P. Lyons W.M. 153; P.M.'s J. Cunningham 153, W. Glassford 278, E. Barker 153, F. Ashton 376 (S.C.), R. Jackson 325, J. J. R. Morgan 576 (S.C.), H. Cavanna 115, E. Valerino 115, and Alexander Ross 325 (I.C.); J. Button P.J.W. 153, E. Silva W.M. elect 576 (S.C.), C. E. Dawson 1768, A. Patterson 278, R. C. Healy 620 (I.C.), S. Worth 77, J. Ghio 153, H. Pereyea 576, and J. Morrilla 115. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings, the ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year was proceeded with, Bro. William Fowlkes Cottrell I.P.M. and District Grand Senior Warden performing the duties of Installing Officer most ably. During the whole of the ceremony his manner was so impressive, earnest, and sincere, and his adherence to the beautiful ritual so perfect, that, after he had given the addresses to the Worshipful Master and Wardens, and the final charge to the brethren, he was greeted with genuine and well merited marks of approval from all present. The new Worshipful Master, Bro. W. D. Kennedy, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him in electing him to the chair of such an old and influential Lodge as the Friendship, No. 278. The Officers were invested as follows:—Bros. Rev. W. H. Bullock S.W., W. F. Roberts J.W., J. A. Speed Treasurer, W. F. Cottrell I.P.M. Secretary, J. King Organist, J. H. Bryant S.D., J. Melrose J.D., B. Culatto D.C., T. Haynes P.M. Steward, F. B. R. Hemphill I.G., Peterkin Tyler. Bro. Cottrell I.P.M. proposed, and Bro. Kennedy W.M. seconded—That a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge to the Past Masters who had so kindly graced the Lodge with their presence that evening. He (Bro. Cottrell) had never seen so large a number (eighteen) on any former occasion, it was a great compliment to the W.M. and the Lodge. Carried by acclamation. Bro. Dr. Bryant S.D. proposed, and Bro. Roberts J.W. seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge to Bro. Cottrell P.M., for the very able and impressive manner he had performed the ceremony of installation. Carried by acclamation. Several propositions for candidates for initiation, and joining members were then made, and the Lodge was closed. After a short interval, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided in capital style by Bro. J. Canevas, in the large hall, which was, as usual, artistically decorated for the occasion, a life size transparency of the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being affixed in the East above the canopy of the W.M. The Queen and the Craft having been proposed and duly honoured, the health of the three Grand Masters followed, and was received with the usual enthusiasm. The W.M. then proposed the District Grand Master and District Grand Officers. Bro. Cottrell P.M. D.G.S.W. said, that he rose with much pleasure at the call of the W.M. to return thanks for the District Grand Officers. There was a fair number present that evening, but he very much regretted the absence of the R.W.D.G.M., through indisposition, and his Deputy, as he thought that the beautiful ceremony of installation was not the least important item of the Institution. The I.P.M. then asked permission to propose the next toast, which was that of the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. D. Kennedy. He congratulated the brethren on electing such a worthy brother to the chair of the Friendship Lodge. They had seen his ability in the little work he had to do during the past two years, and he had no doubt that during the year their good opinion would be confirmed. The W.M. in reply said, that there were few events in a Mason's life which impressed him more than being again elected to fill the chair of W.M.; it had been his good fortune to have occupied the same position in the Royal Standard Lodge at Halifax, Nova Scotia, when, during his year of office, he had passed nearly three score candidates into the Craft, of course he did not expect to be so successful in numbers, but he would do his best, and endeavour to rule with firmness and moderation, which he thought was the only way to win the approbation of one's fellow men. The W.M. then proposed the Past Masters of No. 278, which was suitably responded to by P.M.'s Bros. Cottrell, Jones, and Glassford. Bro. Johnson P.M. then proposed the Past and Wor. Masters of other Lodges in Gibraltar. Bro. Thos. Haynes, as the oldest P.M. of No. 115, replied on behalf of that Lodge, Bro. Lyons W.M. on behalf of No. 153; both spoke in high terms of the cordiality and good fellowship that existed between the different Lodges, and paid a well deserved compliment to the installing Officer. Bro. Lyons said he had been present at many an installation, but he never attended one with greater pleasure than the present; the ceremony he had rarely seen approached, certainly never excelled. It had been done faultlessly, and with an amount of energy and feeling which made it deeply impressive, and all must admit, that the closing act of Bro. Cottrell's official career as a ruler of the Friendship Lodge, had been maintained with that marked ability which has characterised his past two years of Office as W.M. P.M.'s Bros. Ross and Ashton then replied for their respective Lodges, No. 325 I.C., and No. 576 S.C. The Toast of the Visitors was then proposed by Bro. Rev. W. H. Bullock S.W., who said they were always most welcome to the Lodge of Friendship; he was pleased to see such a good muster, which was an evidence to him that a good feeling existed between the Lodges in the city, and that they were going on the rule of brotherly love, which was one of the guiding principles of the Order. Bros. Stewart Patterson, Andrew Patterson and Capt. Healy suitably replied on behalf of the visiting brethren. Several other toasts were proposed, that of the Tyler bringing a most thoroughly enjoyable evening to a close. A selection of music was given by the string band of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, under the direction of Bro. J. Campbell, Bandmaster, and some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. Cottrell, Dr. Bryant, Roberts, and the W.M.

The Empress of Austria is expected to arrive at Combermere Abbey, the seat of Viscount Combermere, on the 20th instant, for the hunting season.

To-day will be held, at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, under the patronage of the Prince of Wales, the great concert in aid of the fund that is being raised in aid of the sufferers by the terrible destruction by fire of the Ring Theatre, Vienna.

The Prince of Wales inspected the Smoke Abatement Exhibition, at South Kensington, on Wednesday, after which His Royal Highness went by rail to Cumberland Lodge, Windsor, on a visit to the Prince and Princess Christian. On Monday next, he will visit the Earl of Stamford, at his seat, Bradgate House, near Leicester.

The Earl of Dalhousie was present at the banquet given by the Liberal Reform Club to the Earl of Derby.

It is said the Prince and Princess of Wales will shortly open a new wing and chapel which have been added to the Sea-bathing Infirmary, Margate, by Sir Erasmus Wilson P.G.D., at a cost of close upon £30,000.

The Duke of Abercorn, K.G., Grand Master of Ireland, presided at the great meeting of nearly 4000 noblemen and gentlemen connected with the landed interests in Ireland, which was held on Tuesday, in the large Concert Hall of the Exhibition Palace, Dublin. Among those present on the platform were the Marquiss Headfort G.S.W. Ireland, and the Earl of Donoughmore; while among those from whom letters of apology were received for their inability to attend were the Marquess of Londonderry, K.P., P.G.M. Durham, the Earl of Meath, and Viscount Lifford.

The foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall, at Durban, South Africa, was laid with great ceremony on Wednesday, the 7th December ult.

The Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M. Nottinghamshire, has sustained a loss by the death of his father-in-law, Mr. R. Bernal Osborne, formerly representative in Parliament at different times of the different constituencies. The sad event occurred on Wednesday, at the residence, at the Duke's seat, Bestwood Lodge, near Nottingham, there the honourable gentleman had been staying during the recent Christmas festivities.

Viscount Holmesdale, Prov. G. Master Kent, has been entertaining a number of distinguished guests at Riddlesworth Hall, Thetford, during the present festive season.

The Earl of Jersey, P.G. Warden England, returned thanks for the House of Lords at the Annual Dinner of the Druids, which was held at the Corn Exchange, Oxford, on Monday evening.

The Bishop of Winchester has conferred an honorary Canonry in Winchester Cathedral on Bro. Rev. George Raymond Portal, Past Grand Chaplain England, and Past Grand Master of the Mark Grand Lodge of England and Wales.

Bro. E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., addressed his constituents at Plymouth on Monday evening.

The Earl of Kimberley was expected to arrive in town from Kimberley Hall, Norfolk, in the course of yesterday (Friday).

The Earl and Countess of Carnarvon have left Biarritz, for Pau, where they propose spending about two months.

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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 JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 9th JANUARY.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
29—St. Albans, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
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,
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
1603—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, 148 Bow-road, Bromley
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (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
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at 8.30. (Instruction)
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
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
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
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
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. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 10th JANUARY.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
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)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
890—Dalhousie Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
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, Duke of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, Crown and Anchor, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W
1695—New Finsbury Park, Horse Shoe Tavern, Finsbury Park at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 8.30 (Inst.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 8.

93—Crucial, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham and Pembroke, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, K.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Bridge, 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
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 (Instruction)
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—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
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 11th JANUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
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 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

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, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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.
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
1388—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
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.
1562—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcas
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
M.M. 115—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 12th JANUARY.

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)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
234—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
754—High Cross, Couch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
859—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1076—Canonbury, Gunhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Greenhurst, Stamgate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1159—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1594—Stanley Spring, Red Lion, Leyton-stone
1769—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1811—Covent Garden, Nag's Head Inne, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
R.A. 754—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)
R.A. 813—New Concord, Gunhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
C. 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

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139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
205—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
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.
782—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.
1065—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Trelegar, 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
1540—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
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.
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 13th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
607—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 Inst.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
458—Asre 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, Stretford-road, Hulme
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
1047—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at7
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street'

SATURDAY, 14th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1824—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1686—Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1869—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE, No. 72.

THE brethren of this ancient and deservedly popular Lodge assembled on Monday afternoon, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, and also to transact other and important duties associated with the Lodge, which was opened in due form at three o'clock prompt by the W.M., Bro. A. Darch. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. T. G. Craddock, T. S. E. Townsend, and Bros. Morris and Vidal Portman, Mozart Lodge, 1920, were then raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. The latter brother is now on his voyage to the Continent, where he has been appointed to hold a Consular office of great responsibility under the Government. Then followed the passing of Bro. J. W. Hartley to the degree of Fellow Craft which was supplemented by the initiation of Messrs. John Horton, W. Haswell, and John Robert Cottrell. The entire working was performed by the W.M. Bro. Darch with neatness and impressiveness. The solemn ceremony of the installation of Bro. F. Thurston as W.M. thereupon commenced; it was conducted by Bro. J. Nunn P.M. When we mention that for thirty-five consecutive years Bro. Nunn has installed the Masters of this Lodge, and that during that period he has filled the chair thrice, we need add no more as to the manner in which this crowning ceremony was performed. Bro. Past Master Nunn was initiated in 1847, and as his pen is that of a ready writer, we should be pleased to peruse a history of this Lodge, which he well can furnish, inasmuch as he has materials at hand in abundance for that purpose. We trust he will act on this hint. After the installation the Worshipful Master, Bro. Thurston, proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. A. Darch I.P.M., J. M. Bate S.W., L. Walker J.W., H. Salter S.D., N. Turner J.D., G. F. Jenkins I.G., L. Dodson P.M. D.C., H. Webb P.M. W.S., W. J. Morgan A.W.S., Fox Organist, H. Webb Treasurer, J. Nunn P.M. Secretary. We should not omit to mention that, as Director of the Ceremonies, Bro. Dodson P.M. proved himself equal to the occasion, as he has, indeed, at very many similar celebrations in past years. The following Past Masters of the Lodge were present, namely:—Bros. Dunn, Hines, Carr, Dann, and Roads; also the annexed members:—Bros. Fox, Hartley, Richardson, Simmonds, Russell, Lloyd, Abrahams, Cox, Gifperd, Burgis, Baund, Whiffen, Stokes, Craddock, Williams, Morris, Boyton, Hiscock, Rooney, Tear, Haswell, Williams, Murrell, Lewcock, Brown, Yardley, Horton, Read, and Tear. Among the visitors were Bros. Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Lett P.P.J.W. 245 1766 and 1929, Frances P.D.C. Surrey 857, Farthing P.M. 55, Woodward P.M. Wellington 543, Enock P.M. 11, Voisey Crichton P.M. 1641, Dixon Temple Bar, P.M. 1728, Bellis Selwyn P.M. 1902, Foster Worshipful Master 1441, Nicholl Past Master 1714, Ayton 10 P.M., Hayne 27 Egyptian, Davey J.D. Harmony 1512, C. Wise and J. Turnbull Southern Star 1275, H. Allen J.D. 261, H. W. Wright S.W. Alliance 1327, A. Reed Great Northern 1287, W. Bennett S.W. Domatic, F. Tovey United Pilgrims, W. J. Bernard 1815, J. Carrington Paxton, J. J. Brinton J.D. Sphinx 1329, T. Biddle Confidence, and J. Rand Friends in Council 720. Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, in which a sumptuous repast awaited their arrival. The W.M. Bro. Thurston, who presided, said grace both before and after refreshment. On removal of the cloth, the Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present, were given from the chair as Loyal and Masonic toasts, and duly honoured with all fealty. The Immediate Past Master Bro. Darch then proposed the health of the Master elect. He remarked that it afforded him much gratification in discharging that duty. They were all acquainted with their Master, who had been among them holding offices in their Lodge which he had filled with great ability. They all knew that he would fill the chair during the ensuing year with credit to himself and with great advantage to the Lodge also. A Master of a Lodge should possess an intimate knowledge, not only of the duties appertaining to his own position, but relatively those allied to every office therein. It had been a source of much pleasure to him to know that their Master had been unanimously elected. That fact deserved special mention, having reference as it did to such a Lodge as the Royal Jubilee, indeed, it was a very significant fact. He hoped that his successor would have a successful year of office, and in addition, that no untoward circumstances would cast a gloom over any of them during that period. Their Master had taken office with all the best wishes of the members, all of whom respected him for his many excellent qualities and abilities. The toast, he was assured, would be pledged in the manner peculiar to the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the compliment, said that it was very gratifying to him to know that he had the respect and entire confidence of the brethren. He was initiated in this Lodge six years since. At that time he was asked, "Do you intend to go forward?" His answer was in the affirmative; and as they were all aware, he had "gone forward." The result was patent to them at that moment. Perhaps some might deem what he was stating somewhat egotistical. He did not intend that what he stated should convey such a meaning. Why he so spoke was, because there were many young brethren present, and he wished to incite them to action, so that they, by care, attention, and earnest endeavour, might also reach the goal, become Masters, and then pass to dignified ease. He could not too strongly impress on their minds the necessity of possessing an intimate and practical knowledge of all that appertained to their Order. It would be a source of pleasure and comfort to them if they did so, and why should they not become conversant with duties which every Freemason should know perfectly? A short time since he was visiting a Lodge which had continued in a state of stagnation for several years. In fact, nothing had been done; the even tenour of their way had been undisturbed, when it was resolved to receive an initiate. But the members had so forgotten themselves and their duty to the Order, that they were unable to admit him themselves for that very cause! He had no fear that the Royal Jubilee Lodge would suffer such a lapse for a single moment. He merely adduced an instance, in passing, to show what would ensue when duties were omitted. He thanked them with all sincerity for having placed him in the chair, and in order to prove that he fully appreciated the honour conferred on him, he would strive to do his duty. He was conscious of the fact that he should be supported by efficient and diligent Officers, who would on all occasions render him ready aid and co-operation. The past year had been one of uninterrupted success, a success, he hoped, that would continue. He was succeeding a Master, who had—he did not speak invidiously—filled the chair with more ability than his predecessors, and therefore he (the W.M.) would strive to maintain the *prestige* thereof. He thought he possessed the ability, in addition to the will, to do so, and he would endeavour to exercise it with due diligence and caution. It would cause him unfeigned sorrow if, through his unworthiness, the Lodge should, under his direction, lose its good name. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. A. Darch, who had filled the chair with so much ability and success during the past year. He (the W.M.) felt that if he himself imitated their Past Master he could not fail to succeed. As the Lodge had unanimously voted him a jewel, the fitting moment had arrived when he should be invested therewith, and in affixing it on Bro. Darch's breast, he was confident that no Bro. under any circumstances had more merited such a "token of esteem and appreciation of valuable services," than had Bro. Past Master Darch. All present would endorse that assertion. He hoped that he would be spared to wear that jewel among them for a long series of years to come, and that every possible blessing might accompany him through the remaining portion of his pilgrimage. Bro. Past Master Darch, in responding to the toast, was deeply affected. He said that his tongue failed to give expression to his manifold

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thoughts, so many reminiscences rushed through his mind. He had on all sides received so much kindness and sympathy that he was overpowered; he quitted the chair with regret, on that account. Perhaps they would say it savoured somewhat of selfishness, but it was so, for that reason. He was thankful that the Great Architect of the Universe had been pleased to allow his year of office to be unclouded. They all felt their indebtedness to Him for such prosperity. The jewel he had been invested with he should esteem as the most valuable of his earthly possessions, because of its associations. He should hand it down as an heirloom to his son, whom he hoped at no distant day to initiate in this Lodge, for of all the pleasant and gratifying sights possible to behold he considered that of a father and son being in one Lodge as the most pleasing imaginable. They had elected him to serve as Steward for them at the Festival of the Girls' School, to be held in April next, which would soon be approaching. What were they prepared to give him? Last year Past Master F. Dunn collected £100, and he worked hard and also successfully, and they thanked him for it. He merited thanks, but he (the speaker) would not be content with that sum; far from it. He intended to call on each brother for a contribution, and that not a small one. There must be a good list from the Royal Jubilee Lodge, for what would be said of them if they failed to do their duty? If he possessed health, it would afford him the greatest amount of pleasure to contribute towards such a noble institution. During the past week he had seen the orphan child of one who had been among them. That interesting child was delighted to tell him about the care, attention, and kindness she daily received from the mistress, and all associated with the institution on Clapham Common, and therefore, in order to extend the usefulness thereof, he should expect a response to his appeal far exceeding that of previous years. There was no reservation in what he expected, and what he must have. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Initiates most gracefully, which compliment was acknowledged in the same manner. The Worshipful Master said that on all occasions when they met, for some reason or other, they were honoured with the presence of visitors, and those who were then present would come again. There was such a long list, containing nearly forty names, that they would pardon him if he did not read over the whole of them. He need not call on the brethren to greet the toast with a Royal Jubilee fire. Bro. Wildey Wright responded. He observed that if the Visitors had to remain in the Temple, as they had that afternoon from three to eight, and could not glean information, it would be an ordeal. But they had obtained a vast amount of knowledge, and could adopt the language of a poet with whom they were all familiar:—

"We have been there, and still would go,
'Tis like a little heaven below."

On the part of the Visitors he expressed cordial thanks for the attention they had received on that occasion. No doubt the Lodge, with such Officers, would go on and prosper. The Masonic Charities, the Past Masters, the Officers of the Lodge, were then given and acknowledged, the Tyler's toast concluding the proceedings of the evening. The excellent vocalisation of Bros. J. Tear, Ford, A. J. Cox, and others contributed to the pleasures of the evening. Bro. Fox presided at the pianoforte with his usual ability.

BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 151.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 28th December, at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Hobart-street, Stonehouse. Bro. Charles D. Stentiford was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by the retiring Worshipful Master (Bro. O. Knowles), who was assisted by Past Masters W. Bros. R. Lose, G. E. Stentiford, H. J. Trethewy, and the following Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. E. Aitken-Davies 1099, H. Millar, J. H. Stephens 159 and 1847, W. D. Thomas 159, W. Amery 159, W. Trevena 159, J. C. Stephens 159, B. S. Johns 159, A. Lethbridge 159 and 1847, H. Welch 202, J. B. Gover 70, J. Gidley 156. The Worshipful Master invested the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. Owen Knowles I.P.M., J. T. Hardy S.W., J. T. Trevan J.W., J. H. Stephens P.M. Treasurer, H. J. Trethewy P.M. Secretary, R. H. Carter S.D., J. Ellery J.D., H. Mortimore I.G., R. Selman Organist, S. Chubb Director of Ceremonies, C. Marshall Senior Steward, C. F. Williams Junior Steward, James Bartlett P.M. Tyler. W. J. Trethewy the Secretary was unanimously elected the representative of the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions. In the evening the members and visitors dined together at the Lodge Hall. W. Bro. C. D. Stentiford presided. On the toasting of the I.P.M., a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to him. It bore the following inscription:—

Presented to the
W. Bro. Owen Knowles P.M.,
By the Brethren of Lodge Brunswick, No. 159,
In appreciation of his Masonic zeal.
December 28, 1881.

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 202.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge (whose warrant is dated September 1771) was held on the 28th ult., the day of St. John the Evangelist, at the Lodge rooms, in St. Stephen-street, Devonport. W. Bro. William Allsford was duly install'ed as the Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. E. March P.M. P.P.G.O., and he had the valuable aid of Bros. J. B. Price, H. Welch, H. J. Trethewy, E. J. Knight, and the retiring Master Bro. R. Grills, in a Board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were W. Bros. W. H. Terrell, R. Marshall, E. Binding, R. Jackman, E. Parnell, all of 202; Bros. Samuel Jew, V. Bird, J. B. Gover, E. Tout, W. H. Gillman; J. C. Stephens, Richard Blight, R. W. Pitcher, A. Rowe, J. R. H. Harris, J. T. Crosley, William Coath, R. Pearce, J. Pearce, Joseph Rawling, R. Lavers, T. E. Peek, H. Cameron, W. Stephens, C. A. Nicholson, M. Emdon, Thomas Gibbons. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Robert Grills I.P.M., S. O. Elliott S.W., Joseph Viggers J.W., Henry Welch P.M. Treasurer, John D. Sandy Secretary, Charles Organ S.D., Charles Price J.D., J. F. Burns D.C., J. N. Taylor A.D.C., Richard Carter Organist, Eli Langmead I.G., John Leonard and George Bray Stewards, Joseph Benny Tyler. The Worshipful Master read the report of the Building Committee. The tenders for the new Masonic Hall in Granby-street varied considerably, the highest amount being £675, but it was unanimously resolved that the tender of Mr. Harley, of Hoegate-street, Plymouth, for £447, be accepted. It was also unanimously resolved that the thanks of the Lodge be recorded in favour of Bro. J. F. Burns, who had gratuitously prepared the plans of the new building. The brethren and visitors, numbering about eighty, then adjourned to the Royal Hotel, Devonport, for the banquet. This was well served by Bro. Parker, and having been thoroughly enjoyed, the Worshipful Master, Bro. Allsford, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. His own health was especially well received, and he was warmly complimented on his elevation in this prosperous Lodge—one of the largest, if not the largest, in the Province. The toasts were interspersed with some very good vocal and instrumental music, the latter by Bro. Gibbons, who also accompanied.

TRUE AND FAITHFUL LODGE, No. 318.

THE brethren of this Lodge met at the Masonic Rooms, Helston, on Friday, 30th December, for the purpose of installing Wor. Brother A. T. Grant P.M. P.P.G.P. the W.M. elect for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Josiah Rowe, assisted by Bros. H. Trembath, T. J. Joyce, and R. Sedgman James. The following Board of Installed Masters were present:—Bros J. Q. James, H. Trembath, T. J. Joyce, John Jeffery jun., R. Sedgman James, Walter Wearne, besides the Installing Master and Bro. Richard Carter, Organist of Lodge Love and Honour, No. 75. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. Josiah Rowe I.P.M., J. M. Pascoe S.W., William Ellis J.W., Rev. W. Hammerton Chaplain, W. Trevenen Treasurer, J. Q. James Secretary, John Willey S.D., R. Dunstan J.D., G.W. Roskruge Organist, J. M. Richards D.C., W. H. Eddy A.D.C., S. H. Stephens, John Ellis, W. J. Winn, and F. J. Culley Stewards, Charles Hudson I.G., and Richard James Tyler. Bro. H. Trembath was re-elected Steward of Cornwall Masonic Annuitant and Benevolent Fund. After the close of the Lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the Globe Hotel, where an excellent banquet was prepared by Bro. John Ellis. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Appropriate references were made to the loss sustained by the Lodge during the year by the death of Bros. T. N. Curry P.P.G.P. and P. G. Hill P.P.G.Reg. Besides Bro. Carter, the newly-elected W.M. of Lodge Love and Honour, No. 75, the brethren were honoured by the presence of Bros. J. P. Polglaze and Price Carter Wardens No. 75, and T. C. Mack Secretary Fortitude Lodge, No. 131, and Bro. W. E. Lukies No. 131. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the prospects of the new year were declared to be encouraging.

HUNDRED OF ELLOE LODGE, No. 469.

THERE are times when the mind will wonder, and seek for parallels as new scenes flit before the eye, and the imagination is called upon to sit in judgment, and to decide upon the merits of those objects which have again produced emotion, and called forth, it may be, our deepest feelings of admiration. As we stood and gazed upon this fairy scene the other evening, our thoughts instinctively wandered back to that time of all times, when

There was a sound of revelry by night,
And Belgium's capital had gathered then
Her beauty and her chivalry, and bright
The lamps shone o'er fair women and brave men;
A thousand hearts beat happily, and when
Music arose with its voluptuous swell,
Soft eyes looked love to eyes that spake again,
And all went marry as a marriage bell.
But Hush! Hark! a deep sound strikes like a rising knell.
Did ye not hear it? No; 'twas but the wind,
Or the car rattling o'er the stony street.
On with the dance! Let joy be unconfin'd;
No sleep till morn, when youth and pleasure meet,
To chase the glowing hours with flying feet.

How soon all was changed, and the bitter truth had once more forced itself with terrible earnestness into the very midst of that joyous throng, that pleasure and pain live far too near, and when one is invoked, the other may as often rudely intrude, as the most "unwelcome guest," to disturb the glowing interchange between loving hearts and speaking eyes. We learn that

There was hurrying to and fro,
And gathering tears, and tremblings of distress,
And cheeks all pale, which but an hour ago
Blushed at the tale of their own loveliness;
And there were sudden partings, such as press
The life from out young hearts.
* * * * who could guess
If ever more should meet those mutual eyes,
Since upon night so sweet such awful morn could rise."

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Such were the reflections that pressed upon our imagination to decide how far the contrast might range between the scene before us, and "that other scene," which Lord Byron has so grandly and yet so vividly portrayed. We felt that no cloud was likely to bring its shadow over so bright a scene as that upon which we fain would love to dwell.

> For Spalding's citizens had gathered there,
> With beauty and with gallantry, and bright
> The lamps shone on fair women and brave men.

And by the happy blending of those choice productions, which skilful hands and willing hearts had brought to bear upon the whole. In the magnificent ferns, flowers, and all that decorative design could else devise, had been done to add to the effectiveness of this "other time and scene." The imposing display of Japanese lanterns so tastefully arranged, and the draping of the walls; the pleasing effect gained from the roof, with the profuse display of bunting; the rustic work upon the gallery erected for the band, with the comfort and convenience afforded to the visitors, all combined to render the Masonic Ball a happy success. It seemed impossible that other than happy beginnings should accompany the ample programme set down for the evening. As nine o'clock had sounded and gone, smiling faces and skilled feet had mustered in good earnest, and awaited the word of command from the equally skilled M.C. Bro. H. Stanley Maples. On the word being given, the band struck up, and "on went the dance," and judging by the vigour and zest with which the response was made, plainly showed that all were pleased, and had endorsed the welcome so heartily prepared. Not only heartiness, but precision appeared to pervade both band and performers, as the former discoursed, yet once again, music with a "voluptuous swell;" and to behold the care and attention paid by the performers to its strains greatly heightened the effect. Amongst the company present there was a goodly admixture of Masonic brethren, as well as a military sprinkling, who joined freely in the festivities, representing various Lodges and corps in this and the surrounding Provinces and districts. The ample display of purple and gold, and the brilliancy of Masonic decorations, fully explained to those versed in the mysteries of the Craft that very high positions had been gained in the ancient art of Freemasonry by those worthy sons of the Order. The general arrangements appeared to meet the approval of the visitors, and the decorations were of a very striking and appropriate character. The span of the roof was festooned with vari-coloured bunting, arranged in a most artistic manner. The walls were decorated with flags in great profusion, whilst hanging Japanese umbrellas and lanterns gave a character to the scene that, we need scarcely say, was bright and cheerful. The walls were enlightened with flags and various other brightly-coloured bunting, Japanese lanterns being carried across in all possible ways to make the room appear attractive. Possibly the end walls, however, were more successfully set out than any other part of the building, for here floral decorations came in. Large masses of bunting were draped over the clock in graceful folds, and the brilliant emblazonment of the Hundred of Elloe and other Lodge banners added to the glare of the lighted room and brilliant assembly. A bank of flowers and tropical plants from the greenhouses of Bro. G. F. Barrell added to the general effect, whilst in all the corners large palms from the same place took off the bareness of the walls. At the other end of the building a stand was erected over the entrance doors, on which the band was located. This was concealed by virgin cork lent, by Mr. Augs. Maples, and a large supply of plants and flowers lent by Bro. Barrell. The supper tables were very tastefully arranged and amply stored with every requisite, and no less than 170 persons during the evening sat down to enjoy the rich bill of fare. Noted in the commissariat department as Bro. J. W. Harrison undoubtedly is, it must be admitted that he and his good wife on this occasion eclipsed all previous efforts. The supply was abundant, the quality first-rate, and the attention to visitors everything that could be desired.

Dancing commenced to the strains of Mr. Ashton's band shortly after nine o'clock, and continued without intermission until supper, which took place about midnight. Shortly afterwards business was resumed, and carried on with uninterrupted vigour until after four o'clock, when the company gradually dispersed, delighted with the exquisite enjoyment that had been afforded. The floor of the Exchange Hall being too rough for dancing, the Committee had to hire at considerable expense a large cloth, and this being fringed all round with crimson baize, made the visitors exceedingly comfortable, the latter adding not a little to the effect. Comfortable lounges were distributed round the room, and here those looking on made themselves comfortable. We are sorry to hear of the serious indisposition of the conductor of the band (Mr. Ashton) which came on during the festivities, and whose energies were considerably depressed in consequence. We hope, however, that he may soon be restored to his usual health and musical activity.

In conclusion, we ought to express the thanks of the dancing public to the Hundred of Elloe Lodge for their enterprise in providing a ball at the present juncture, and especially to the Stewards and Committee for the manner in which the arrangements were made and carried out. It will not be out of place, we are quite sure, if we add that much of the success is undoubtedly due to Bro. G. F. Barrell, whose untiring energy and intelligent assistance gave life and vigour to what some people predicted would be a serious loss. It must be gratifying to him, as well as to the Lodge, to know that it is possible, after all, to carry out a Grand Ball successfully, and so as to leave a balance in hand for the object in view.

The following gentlemen officiated as Stewards:—Bros. Benner, Perry, Mossop, Robinson, Barrell, Cammack, Captain Walter, Abbott, Carter, Bonner, Caparn (Holbeach), Dr. England (Moulton), Harper (Holbeach), Kingston, Leeds, Augustus Maples, H. S. Maples, Pennington. The committee for making the arrangements were:—Bros. Bennett, Barrell, Symes, Fountain, Robinson, Cammack, Crust, and Bremmitt (hon. sec.)—*Lincolnshire Press.*

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 28th ultimo, at the Masonic Rooms, Air-street, Regent-street, Bro. L. J. Solomon P.M. acting as W.M., in the absence of the W.M., owing to domestic affliction; Bros. M. Levy S.W., J. Syer J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, G. T. Mann S.D., Benjamin J.D., Lindsay Sloper I.G., D. M. Davis Organist, N. P. Vallentine Steward; Past Masters J. De Solla, J. Lazarus, Chevalier S. Pollitzer. Visitors—Bros. P. Moore, L. Solomon J.W. 1732, J. Levy 188, H. J. Phillips W.M. 205, M. D. W. Levin 1768, Latreille W.M. 1260, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After the Worshipful Master had opened the Lodge, the minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. L. W. Walter, who was duly initiated into the Order. Bro. N. S. Myers was passed to the second degree, and Brother J. Walter was raised to the third degree. All these ceremonies were perfectly and impressively performed by the acting Worshipful Master. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. J. Syer J.W. was unanimously chosen. Bro. L. Jacobs was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Goddard Tyler. Marks of approval followed the election of these officers. Three Brethren were elected to serve on the Benevolent Fund Committee. The resignation of a Brother was accepted, with regret. Bro. Chevalier Pollitzer in eloquent terms proposed that the usual sum be given to the retiring W.M. for his excellent working, and the able and courteous manner he had discharged the duties of the chair; this sum to form a nucleus to present him with a testimonial worthy of his acceptance. The Lodge was then closed until fourth Wednesday in January. The Brethren sat down to a very excellent supper, provided by Bro. Nicols. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. responded for the Grand Officers. Bro. J. De Solla had great pleasure in proposing the health of the Brother who so ably occupied the chair that evening. He had watched Bro. Solomon's progress in Freemasonry, from the office of I.G. to that of P.M., and the members had seen his able working that evening; he was sure all would do full honour to the toast. Bro. L. J. Solomon with his usual ability and eloquence responded. The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of the W.M. elect Bro. Syer, who had always done his duty in every office he had held. He (the W.M.) was sure he would ably fill the chair. Bro. J. Syer, in response, said the honour he had received was a very pleasing one; he had aspired to the chair; he had belonged to other Lodges, and had filled several offices; but he preferred this, his mother Lodge, where he hoped to fill the chair for the welfare of the members; he hoped at the end of the year he might have to acknowledge the same good and kind expressions. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. Bro. Latreille ably responded. The toast of the Past Masters was then given, the W.M. expatiating on their well-known qualifications. Chevalier Politzer replied. The Junior Warden and the rest of the Officers in due course were complimented, then the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. During the evening Bros. Dr. Chandler, Phillips, Lindsay Sloper, &c., exerted themselves to entertain the company, and each was deservedly applauded. Bro. Frikell exhibited some wonderful tricks of sleight of hand.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, Reading.—On Wednesday, 14th ultimo, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Blackwell W.M., W. Ferguson I.P.M., R. Dowsett S.W., W. G. Flanagan P.M. acting J.W., J. T. Stransom Treas., W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, J. H. Hawkes S.D., R. C. Prickett J.D., W. Hickie Org., W. Hemming Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Welch and Margrett; Bros. Weatherhead, Sands, Greenaway, Coates, Voles, Goff. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. Brothers Beeton, Collins and Weatherhead were appointed on the Permanent Committee. There being no further business on the agenda paper, the W.M. gave the lecture, or explanation of the tracing board of the degree. This interesting address occupied about half an hour in delivery, and was listened to by the brethren with marked attention—it was given with great precision and correctness, and was concluded amid the acclamations of those present; Brother Blackwell was also complimented by the Past Masters on his retentive memory. We doubt not this may be taken as a prelude to some admirable working during the incoming Master's year of office. The W.M. called the attention of the Lodge to a case of distress, which had been taken up by the Lodge of Union, No. 414, as will be seen by reference to a report elsewhere in our columns. The sum of three guineas was unanimously voted from the funds of the Lodge, and a subscription list opened. A joining member was proposed by P.M. Flanagan, seconded by the W.M. This completing the business, Lodge was closed according to ancient form.

Yarborough Lodge, No. 551, Ventnor.—The annual meeting was held on Tuesday, 20th Dec., when the W.M. (Bro. Alfred Scott) installed Bro. T. H. I. Petherick W.M. for the following year. The new W.M. then invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. A. Scott I.P.M., T. Saunders S.W., Rev. James Jones J.W., Captain G. M. Burt Treasurer, F. H. Darwin, Secretary, J. Webber S.D., L. Merriman J.D., Dr. Woodford D.C., Rev. A. J. Alloway Organist, T. Jones I.G., Clough and Houston P.M. Stewards. Subsequently, the W.M., on behalf of the brethren, presented to his predecessor a Past Master's jewel.

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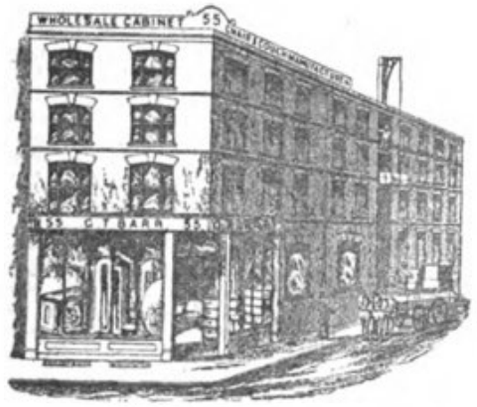

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OUR INSTITUTIONS.

THE official particulars respecting our Institutions which we published last week deserve something more than a passing comment. There is no doubt as to the liberal—we may say, rather, the munificent—support they meet with from the Craft all round. Yet the record for last year, handsome as it undoubtedly is, shows a very formidable decrease as compared with the year 1880, while it figures unfavourably to the extent of not far short of £1,300 as compared with 1879. Fluctuations are of course to be expected, but a falling off of, in round figures, £6,500 as between one year and its immediate successor cannot be treated lightly, and will go far towards convincing the Fraternity generally that the policy we have more than once advocated in these columns of strengthening the permanent resources of our Charities is a wise one, and should be followed, for some time at least, in preference to the policy of extension, or, in other words, of committing ourselves to an annually-increasing expenditure on their behalf. The munificence of the Craft is indubitable, but there is such a thing as over-taxing the powers of a willing horse, and it strikes us as being only reasonable that the marked decrease we have just noted should be made the text of a brief homily on the advantages of consolidation.

We cannot too seriously regret the increasing demands that are being made on the resources of our Charities, but there is a limit even to Masonic Benevolence, especially when it seems that the demands on our breeches pocket more than keep pace with the amounts that are paid out of it annually. We speak subject to correction, but we believe we are correct in stating that, for all the additions that have been made during the last few years to the number of beneficiaries, the number of candidates is larger than ever it was. Thus, there are forty-six old men candidates for the fourteen vacancies in May next, and 66 old women candidates for the then seven vacancies. It is intimated there will be fifteen vacancies in April for the Boys' School, and the number of candidates is set down at a possible seventy-two. The Girls' School is better circumstanced, as there are only twenty-eight candidates for the twenty-one vacancies that will occur in the spring. Now there are 155 old men, and 160 widows on the Benevolent Fund, 215 pupils in the Boys' School, and 233 in the Girls' School; or, to put the case moderately, quite fifty per cent. more than there were in 1875, and yet the cry as regards the candidates is "Still they come," in ever-increasing numbers.

There are those who think the candidates will become more numerous as the number of recipients is increased, and the experience of the past few years would appear to bear out this view. At all events, with a drop of £6,500 from 1880 to 1881 it seems to be reasonable that, for the present, and in spite of the overwhelming number of candidates, steps should be taken to increase the invested moneys of the three Institutions. In the case of the Boys' School this policy would seem to be most imperative, the amount received in respect of "dividends and interest" being only £510, while the grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter are only £160 10s, together, and the permanent expenditure is, in round figures, not less than £9,500 per annum. The same, but to a less conspicuous degree, is the case with the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution, and hence we commend these remarks especially to our readers. However, we trust the support to our Charities during the current year will be worthy of the Craft, as well as commensurate with the demands that are being made on their resources.

MASONIC PRESENTATION TO H.R.H. THE DUKE OF ALBANY.

ON the 9th instant, Prince Leopold, accompanied by the Hon. A. Yorke, crossed from Osborne to Portsmouth in the Alberta royal yacht, and on landing at the Dockyard was received by His Royal Highness Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, K.C.B., commanding the southern military district, who was attended by Lord Albert Seymour and Major Brunker. His Royal Highness at once drove to the Government House, Portsmouth, to receive a deputation from the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, which was formed a few months since, Commander Lord Charles Beresford being its first Master. The Officers attended, and were introduced to his Royal Highness by Brother A. Leon Emanuel, the Secretary of the Lodge. The acting Master presented the following resolution, which had been handsomely illuminated and enclosed in a gilt frame:—

At a meeting of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, held on the 7th December 1881, it was unanimously resolved that the brethren of the Lodge, having learned of the approaching nuptials of R.W. Brother H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, with H.R.H. the Princess Helena of Waldeck, beg to offer to his Royal Highness the expression of their most respectful congratulations on the happy event, and they pray that the Most High may grant to his Royal Highness and his august bride many years of domestic felicity and happiness.

Prince Leopold made the following reply:—Acting Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge,—From my heart I thank you for your address of congratulation and for the sentiments expressed therein towards me and my future bride. Being now on my way to visit her in her German home, I shall bear with me that expression of your goodwill. I can wish for no greater happiness than that on her coming to this country she may find a new home in the hearts of the English people. His Royal Highness, who consented to become an honorary member of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, afterwards left for London.

We regret to hear that Dr. Bedford, the founder of the Bedfordian system of Astronomy, has met with a severe accident. Our talented brother was crossing the Strand on Monday week, when he was knocked down by a reckless driver, and had his left arm dislocated, his left leg crushed, and was otherwise fearfully injured. Dr. Bedford is seventy-two years of age, but he can boast of an excellent constitution, and it is to be hoped it will not be long before he recovers. Meanwhile, his many friends will be gratified to learn he is going on favourably.

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OUR SCHOOLS—NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENTS.

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PART I.

Introduction: Treatment of the Subject; an anecdote of Real Life.
Descriptive Song: "The Main Truck"—Bro. George Buckland.
Duet: the "Keel Row"—Miss Blanche Paige and Master Frank Tebbutt.
Solo Pianoforte: "Le Reveil du Lion"—Miss Agnes Binckes.
Ballads of the Nursery: "Spare the Rod and Spoil the Child;" "The Naughty Little Boy"—Bro. George Buckland.
Song: "Should he upbraid"—Miss Blanche Paige.
Historical Romance: "William Tell"—Bro. George Buckland.

Selections—By the Band of the Boys' School.

PART II.

Instruction and Amusement—Humour and Harmony.
Duet: "The Singing Lesson"—Miss Blanche Paige and Bro. George Buckland.
Song: "Cherry Ripe"—Master Frank Tebbutt.
Solo Pianoforte: Selections from "Les Cloches de Corneville"—Miss Agnes Binckes.
Extravaganza: "Mrs. Somebody Swallowed a Fly"—Bro. George Buckland.
River Ditty: "Twickenham Ferry"—Miss Blanche Paige.
Characteristic Song: "Sofo, sofeta, Kianka"—Bro. George Buckland.
Duet: "I know a Bank"—Miss Blanche Paige and Master Frank Tebbutt.
Domestic Scene: "Little Bincks;" "Matrimony;" "Let's Haste to the Wedding"—Bro. George Buckland.

National Anthem.

This was supplemented by recitations given by Bros. Binckes (from "Macbeth" and "Othello)", and Morgan ("Brought to Light," and "William Tell"), whose efforts to add to the general pleasure of the gathering were as warmly appreciated as they were worthy of appreciation. As for Bro. Buckland, the applause that was showered upon him was of the most hearty character. A pleasant little cold collation followed, at which every one reciprocated to every one else hearty good wishes for the new year.

The annual Twelfthnight Entertainment to the children in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was given on Thursday. The House Committee, who provided the entertainment, were present, and with the assistance of a select party of visitors rendered the evening a perfect success. Punch and Judy, from Messrs Cremer, of Regent-street, and a skilful wizard from the same establishment, added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

The annual supper of the Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, will take place on Thursday, 26th instant, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C., under the presidency of Brother Charles Taylor, Worshipful Master of the mother Lodge. Brethren attending are requested to appear in Masonic clothing. Tickets for the supper, price three and sixpence each, may be had of Brother C. F. Goodenough, the Honorary Secretary.

MARRIAGE.

PONSFORD-EVERETT.—On the 12th instant, at St. Marks, Kennington, by the Rev. H. H. Montgomery, Vicar, JAMES BAZLEY PONSFORD to MADELINE MARY, eldest daughter of GEORGE EVERETT, of Clapham-road. No Cards.

OCCASIONAL PAPERS.—No. V.

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OUR EARLIEST NOBLE G. MASTERS.

Read in the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, in 1876.

THE brethren present are, doubtless, well aware of the circumstances attending the installation, in 1721, of John Duke of Montagu, who heads the long list of noble and princely Grand Masters who have presided uninterruptedly from that year over the interests of the Craft in England. They may not, however, be so well posted in the services he rendered to the Fraternity. Be it, therefore, the object of this paper to describe them, as well as those of his immediate successor, the eccentric Duke of Wharton. To the Duke of Montagu we are indebted for the establishment of the Deputy Grand Mastership, for no sooner had he been placed in the chair of Grand Lodge than he appointed, without apparent premeditation, Dr. James Beal to be his Deputy. This, however, is but a trifle by the side of the interest which he exhibited in the compilation of our Laws. Bro. Payne, during his two years of office, had already exerted himself with laudable assiduity in securing the collection of all the old Masonic documents that were procurable; and when the Duke of Montagu was Grand Master orders were issued for the compilation of what are known as our Constitutions. This important task was assigned to Drs. Anderson and Desaguliers, who had the further advantage of being assisted in their labours by Past Grand Master Payne. So energetically did these brethren pursue their task that, at the Grand Lodge held at the Queen's Arms, St. Paul's Churchyard, on the 27th December in the same year, the new Constitutions were handed in in manuscript, and entrusted to a Council of fourteen Brethren to examine and report upon. Within three months this Committee delivered their report, to the effect that they had carefully examined the digest submitted for their inspection, containing the Laws, History, Charges, and Regulations, and having made sundry amendments, expressed their approval. Orders were then issued, with the sanction of the Grand Master (the Duke of Wharton), for their immediate publication, when they were re-submitted to the consideration of the representatives of twenty Lodges connected with Grand Lodge, and on their acceptance and approval were finally issued to the Craft in the year 1723, as the Book of Constitutions of the Freemasons. This, which is the first, and of course the rarest edition of our Constitutions, contained a succinct history of Freemasonry from the earliest ages, as derived from the various legends of the old Operative Guilds; what are known as the Ancient Charges, and the regulations compiled by Bro. Payne, together with the approval of Grand Lodge, and four Masonic Songs. As to the genuineness of these laws and regulations, there is no question whatever. We have, in the first place, the solemn assurance of the learned Desaguliers and Anderson that they embodied all that was really valuable and authentic in the old Constitutions, and the more recent examination of equally learned experts, and notably of Kloss, is confirmatory of this. It should likewise be added, that these Constitutions, with such amendments and modifications as the wisdom of different Grand Masters has from time to time suggested, are the same Constitutions which now govern our Fraternity. If not unalterable as the laws of the Medes and Persians in the letter, they have been, and are so, in the spirit. Moreover, they form the basis on which rest the laws and regulations of all other Masonic bodies in the world. There is no doubt then of the wisdom of the eminent brethren to whom was in the first instance entrusted, by the Duke of Montagu, the duty of compiling them, and the names of Anderson and Desaguliers will be remembered by successive generations of Craftsmen with respect and veneration. Their task was a difficult one, and they discharged it faithfully and with marked ability.

The initiatory steps in the compilation of our laws constitutes the chief glory of the Duke of Montagu's Grand Mastership. His Grace was highly popular with the Craft, as, indeed, he was with all classes of the community. So beloved and respected was he by the former, that when the appointed time came for the choice of his successor, he was re-elected for another term of office. This, however, gave umbrage to the eccentric Duke of Wharton and his friends, who had conceived the idea of putting him in nomination

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for the Grand Mastership, and so far did these brethren carry their opposition to Montagu's re-election, that a most irregular meeting was convened at Stationers' Hall, at which the Duke of Wharton was proclaimed Grand Master. Thus, at the very outset of its career as a speculative body, Freemasonry saw its house divided against itself, and ran the risk of perishing through internal dissensions. But though this irregular meeting gave great offence to the majority of Craftsmen, the Duke of Montagu, with a rare self-denial, which must commend itself to the admiration of all lovers of our Society, publicly resigned office in favour of his rival, in order to summarily stamp out a quarrel, which he foresaw must involve the ruin of the Craft. Thus it came about that in 1722 our Grand Mastership passed to the Duke of Wharton. Before, however, we enter upon a fresh reign, it will doubtless interest you to have some few particulars as to the public career and general character of the first nobleman who presided over Grand Lodge. You must bear in mind that his Grace of Montagu was not only one of the highest official dignitaries in the kingdom, but he was also one of the kindest and best of men. He was singular perhaps in what he did at times, but the motives which prompted his actions were the purest and noblest that can animate and direct our erring nature. He was not only by birth and titularly a nobleman; he was a nobleman at heart, and the memory of certain of the many and great kindnesses he rendered to others, as well as of frolicsome humour, has been in some instances preserved to us. The following is a brief sketch of his career.

He was born in 1688 or 1689, and in 1705 married Mary, the fourth and youngest daughter and co-heir of the illustrious John Duke of Marlborough. He succeeded to the title in March 1708-9. At the coronation of George I., on 11th October 1715, he acted as Constable of England. Subsequently he became Colonel of the 1st Regiment of Foot Guards. In 1718 he was made a Knight of the Garter, and on the revival of the Order of the Bath in 1725, the King constituted him Grand Master. He likewise held the office of Master of the Great Wardrobe, an office in the Royal household which had been settled on his father, by patent, with remainder to himself. He was further distinguished as Lord Proprietor and Capt.-General of the Islands of St. Lucia and St. Vincent in America"—probably, says Lodge, by virtue of grants which reverted to the Crown at his death. In August 1733 he was appointed Governor of the Isle of Wight, and in June of the following year, Captain of the band of Gentlemen pensioners. In 1736 he was summoned to the Privy Council. Though in his lifetime he held many military appointments, the Duke never saw any active service. He received his Commission of Major-General in 1735, and became Lieut.-General in 1739. In May 1740, he was appointed Master of the Ordnance, and Colonel of the Queen's Regiment of Horse. He was also in this year, and again in 1745 and 1748, one of the Lords Justices appointed to administer the Government during the King's absence in Hanover. On the outbreak of the Jacobite Rebellion in 1745, his Grace raised a regiment in the counties of Northampton and Warwick, of both which he was Lord Lieutenant; and in acknowledgment of his loyalty was appointed General of Horse. Sir Charles Hanbury Williams says of him—

> "Three Regiments one Duke contents
> With two more places you know;
> Since his Bath Knights
> His Grace delights
> 'In tria junct' in 'uno.'"

He died of a fever at his house in Privy Gardens, Whitehall, on 16th July 1749, without male issue, but leaving two daughters, his co-heirs. One of these—Isabella—married (1) William Montagu Duke of Manchester, and (2) Edward Hussey; the other—Eleanor—married George Brudenell, fourth Earl of Cardigan, who, in 1766, assumed the family name, and in whom the titles of Marquis of Monthermer and Duke of Montagu were revived, only again to become extinct on his death, without male issue, in 1790. Lodge speaks of Montagu as an eccentric humourist, but with a heart overflowing with kindness and generosity; and his irresistible affection for the surprising and the ridiculous seldom failed to insinuate itself even in those noble acts of beneficence which ought to immortalise his name. The neighbourhood of Boughton, his favourite seat in Northamptonshire, still cherishes abundant traditionary anecdotes of his singular disposition; for it is chiefly to the perhaps safe evidence of tradition that we owe our knowledge of it. His tenderness was extended to (possibly the truest test of its genuineness) every class of animated nature. His tenants and dependents were strictly charged neither to work nor to kill the old and disabled cattle, but to bring them to his park, a portion of which was set apart for their reception, which he called the "reservoir," and on which they remained till their natural death. We gather from the Memoirs of the Kit-Kat Club that "he was constantly seeking for objects whereon to exercise his benevolent propensities, and was remarkable for performing acts of charity and kindness with a singularity and dexterity of achievement which at once astonished and confounded the persons on whom his favours were lavished; and he used to declare it was this very surprise in the party which afforded him so much delight and amusement; and that the pleasure with which he bestowed a benefit on a deserving individual was precisely in proportion to the opportunities he had of making the reverse so much the more extraordinary and unlooked for. He is elsewhere described as "a fellow of infinite mirth," somewhat eccentric, but withal possessed of an excellent heart. We are also told that he kept a dog, the ugliest creature ever beheld, and that he used to say he was kind to the animal because it was too hideous to have claims upon the kindness of any one else. As regards his personal appearance, he is described as having been of middle stature, but inclining to be tall, with a dark complexion and very expressive eye.

I pass now to the Grand Mastership of the Duke of Wharton, who having obtained his position in a manner that was most irregular, nevertheless so far did homage to the high sense of decorum entertained by the Craft generally as to admit and apologise for the irregularity of his election, and the impropriety of which he and his partizans had been guilty. He was formally installed by Montagu in the presence of five and twenty Lodges, and by his zeal and attention to the duties of his new office, very quickly effaced all recollection of his irregular conduct. He appointed Dr. Desaguliers as his Deputy, and under his patronage the Craft made considerable progress, his Grace constituting no less than eleven new Lodges during his Grand Mastership. It was during his reign that the office of Grand Secretary was constituted. In 1723 the Earl of Dalkeith, afterwards Duke of Buccleugh, was installed Grand Master by proxy, in presence of some four hundred brethren. Dalkeith was succeeded by Charles Duke of Richmond, in whose reign the Committee of Charity, now known as the Lodge of Benevolence, was suggested, by his predecessor, supported by several other distinguished brethren.

We learn also that this year a rule was passed to the effect that no brother, except he were a member of a foreign Lodge, could belong to more than one Lodge in London, though he was eligible to visit all. It was further laid down that no visitor, however experienced he might be, should be admitted into a Lodge unless he were personally known, approved, and recommended; and also that a Lodge which discontinued working for a period of twelve months should be struck off the roll, with accompanying loss of rank in the event of its reopening its labours. In this year also was published an authorised list of Lodges constituted since the Grand Mastership of Payne. It was also, we believe, during this Grand Mastership that, owing to certain brethren having been guilty of excesses, a rule was established to the effect that the Stewards should supply no wine before dinner, or after eight of the clock.

In 1725, Lord Paisley subsequently the Earl of Abercorn, became Grand Master. He, too, was installed by proxy, and appointed Desaguliers as his Deputy. During Lord Paisley's Grand Mastership a new and important regulation was passed, by which it was ordained that "the Master of a Lodge, together with his Wardens and the requisite number of Brethren, assembled in due form, can create Masters and Fellow-Crafts," the conference of these degrees having been previously reserved to Grand Lodge itself.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—The members met on the 11th instant, for the first time since the recess. Bro. Musto acted as W.M., Stewart S.W., Anderson J.W., Hand I.G., D'Ardenne Treasurer. There was little business done, but the W.M. expressed a hope that the brethren would muster in good numbers next Wednesday, the 18th instant, when Bro. Stewart will preside.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ROBERT BURNS LODGE, No. 25.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, and was numerously attended. The Lodge was honoured by the presence of the Grand Secretary and Bro. J. Lewis Thomas P.A.G.D.C., and many other visiting Brethren. The retiring W.M. Bro. J. S. Hodson stated that before leaving the chair it was his pleasing duty to announce that Bro. Lindner P.M. had presented to the Lodge a very elegant set of silver jewels, and he proposed that the thanks of the Lodge to Bro. Lindner for his handsome present be recorded on the minutes. Bro. J. S. Hodson the retiring W.M. then performed the ceremony of installation upon his successor, Bro. Marcus D. Loewenstark, in a most impressive manner. The following brethren were appointed to office, namely—Bros. C. Wynne S.W., G. J. Moorcroft J.W., J. W. Harvey S.D., T. Hawkins J.D., J. J. Wilson Treas., J. Dyte P.M. Secretary, H. G. Batson I.G. The W.M. then in felicitous terms presented Bro. J. S. Hodson I.P.M. with a jewel, previously voted by the Lodge, for his very efficient services during the past year, which gift Bro. Hodson acknowledged in a most eloquent speech. The brethren adjourned to a récherché banquet provided for them in the Crown room of the Freemasons' Tavern. After the usual loyal toasts had been given, Miss Edith Samuel favoured the brethren with a brilliant pianoforte solo, entitled "Robert Burns' Selections," which had been specially composed for the occasion, and which was most enthusiastically received. The W.M. in proposing the health of the Grand Officers, remarked that it was not only an honour but a pleasure to be entitled to attend the meetings of Grand Lodge, because the Grand Officers, in addition to being most competent in the exercise of their duties, were most affable and courteous in manner; he believed that the G.M. was thoroughly well supported by his Officers, and particularly by the Grand Secretary Bro. Shadwell Clerke, who had honoured the Lodge by his presence that evening. The Grand Secretary not only had the confidence of the G.M. in his Masonic capacity, but also enjoyed H.R.H.'s personal friendship, and this he considered must tend to enhance the prospects of Freemasonry. He was delighted to find that two Grand Officers had been able to spare time from their numerous duties to attend that evening, and in the name of the Lodge he begged to thank them for so doing, and trusted that the Lodge might be honoured by their presence on many future occasions. Brother Lieut. Colonel Shadwell Clerke responding observed that the W.M. had set them a good example in the brevity of his speeches, and he would lose no time in thanking them for the very cordial reception that had been accorded to himself. The toast just given was undoubtedly a very important one, comprising as it did so many brethren who had done good suit and service to the Craft. On behalf of the Grand Officers he might say, that they were at all times pleased to visit various Lodges, not only to watch the progress of Freemasonry, but because they invariably met with a similarly cordial reception to that which he had experienced that evening. It was not the first time he had visited the Robert Burns, and he trusted to be present at many future meetings. Of course the brethren must be well aware that from the numerous calls upon the M.W.G.M.'s time it was impossible that he could give much attention to Freemasonry, but he could answer for it that His Royal Highness took the greatest possible interest in the Craft, and inquired closely into all matters connected with it. In conclusion, he thanked the brethren for the hearty welcome accorded to himself and Bro. Lewis Thomas, and said that he should carry away with him a most pleasant recollection of the hospitality of the Robert Burns Lodge, and heartily congratulated Bro. Loewenstark upon the proud position to which he had that day arrived as W.M. Mrs. Loewenstark then sang, "Come buy my flowers," in which she was accompanied by her sister, Miss Eugenie Samuel. Bro. Hodson I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M. in very complimentary terms, and Bro. Loewenstark in responding thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which they had received the toast, and Bro. Hodson for the flattering terms in which he had proposed it; if he deserved all the kind things that had been said of him he felt that it was because he had endeavoured to do his duty conscientiously; of course he had looked forward to the reward that had that day been given to him, and he felt that it was a great distinction to be the W.M. of such an ancient and honourable Lodge, and it would be his earnest study to prove, during his year of office, that in electing him to be their W.M. the confidence of the brethren had not been misplaced. The W. Master favoured the brethren with a violin solo, "Selections from Der Freischutz," accompanied on the piano by Miss Ida Samuel. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors, which toast was responded to by Bro. J. Lewis Thomas and Bro. F. G. Baker, the able instructor of the Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction. Miss Eugenie Samuel then sang, "Some day," accompanied by Miss Ida Samuel—this song was most enthusiastically received. The W. Master proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Hodson, and observed that it was gratifying to him to have been installed by so able a Mason; the work in the Robert Burns Lodge was always well performed, but never in his recollection had the beautiful ceremony of installation been more ably rendered; he should never forget the impressive manner in which Bro. Hodson had delivered the addresses to the brethren. Bro. Hodson, in returning thanks, said that as brevity had been described as the soul of wit, so he felt it to be the essence of discretion, more particularly as on the present occasion he was far from well, and, indeed, had had some difficulty (for that reason) in performing his duties that evening; he was gratified to think that his efforts had met with the approval of the brethren, and he should at all times be most happy to assist the Lodge in any capacity; he thanked the W.M. for his flattering remarks, and the brethren for their warm reception of the toast. Miss Ida Samuel then played a pianoforte solo, "Mendelssohn's Capriciosa." The W.M. next proposed the health of the P.M.'s, and particularly referred to Bro. Lindner, who had that day bestowed upon the Lodge the handsome gift of a set of silver jewels, the value of which was still more enhanced by the fact that they were his own workmanship, and he hoped that the brethren having this in mind would give a specially warm reception to the toast. Mrs. Loewenstark sang, "Across the Ferry," accompanied by Miss Ida Samuel. Bro. Lindner responded on behalf of the Past Masters, and said that with regard to the jewels referred to by the Worshipful Master, he was pleased to find that they met with approval. He did not require any thanks, for the gift was far too trifling; he had found that during his term of office there was no jewel for the I.P.M., so it came into his head to make one, and having made it, he thought he might as well make jewels for the other Officers also; he was more gratified by the Lodge accepting the present than the brethren could be by the gift itself, and he thanked them cordially for the way in which the toast of the P.M.'s had been received. Song, by Miss Eugenie Samuel, "The Better Land." The health of the Officers of the Lodge was then proposed, and ably responded to by the S.W. and J.W. Mrs. Loewenstark then played a pianoforte solo, "Selections from Tambour Major." The Tyler's toast having been given, Bro. Hodson proposed a special vote of thanks to the ladies, for the beautiful music with which they had favoured the brethren that evening. He observed it was but seldom that Masonic Lodge meetings were honoured by the presence of ladies, and the Lodge ought to be specially grateful on this occasion, when they bore in mind that the W.M.'s wife and her two sisters had taken the trouble to visit the Robert Burns Lodge for the musical entertainment of the brethren. The toast was eloquently responded to by Bro. Dyte P.M. and Secretary.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday, the 2nd instant, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, and proved one of the largest meetings ever held in connection with this celebrated Lodge. Bro. Richard Baker, the Worshipful Master, presided, and was supported by Bros. L. M. Myers S.W., J. Benjamin J.W., E. P. Albert P.M. Past Grand Pursuivant Secretary, J. S. Lyon Treasurer, P. E. Van Noorden Organist, and the following Past Masters:—Bros. L. Alexander, M. Alexander, H. M. Levy, Israel Abrahams, A. G. Dodson, H. Hymans, L. Lazarus, S. Hickman, Obed Roberts, and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for the admission of Messrs. B. Blaiberg and I. Isaac, both of whom were unanimously elected. The first-named gentleman being in attendance, he was duly initiated into the Order. Bro. I. Myers, No. 205, was unanimously elected as a joining member. The reports of the Audit Committee and of the Benevolent Fund having been read and approved, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, Bros. Lieutenant-Colonel Somerville H. Burney Past Grand Deacon and A. J. Duff-Filer Past Grand Sword Bearer occupying the Wardens' chairs, and in due form Bro. L. M. Myers, the Worshipful Master elect, was duly installed into the chair, there being upwards of thirty brethren present during the ceremony. Bro. Baker, the retiring Master, performed the ceremony in a very perfect and impressive manner. In due course the following brethren were appointed the Officers, and invested with the respective collars:—Bros. J. Benjamin S.W., Martin J.W., Albert Secretary, Lyon Treasurer, Bean S.D., Hunt J.D., L. Wall I.G., Van Noorden Organist, L. Lazarus P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Dewsnap Assistant Director of Ceremonies, S. B. Alexander and J. Wynman Stewards, Woodstock Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Baker for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. H. M. Levy proposed, and Bro. Hickman seconded, that the sum of five guineas be voted from the Lodge to be placed on the list of the Worshipful Master, who is a Steward at the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Two propositions for initiation were handed in, and letters of apology for non-attendance recorded from Bro. Colonel F. Burdett Prov. Grand Master Middlesex, Lord Headley, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Denzil Onslow, M.P., Rev. C. J. Martyn Prov. Grand Chaplain, Baron Henry De Worms, H. G. Buss, and several others. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the large Hall, where a most enjoyable banquet was provided. The newly installed Master occupied the chair, and at the conclusion of the repast proceeded with the customary toasts. In response to the toast of the Grand Officers, Brother Lieutenant-Colonel Somerville H. Burney, whose name was associated with it, returned his most sincere thanks for the honour done the Grand Officers that evening. He considered very little need be said on the subject of the toast, as the Earl of Carnarvon was too well known to need any commendation from him, while as regarded the Grand Officers generally, the reception at all times accorded to them was the best evidence of their popularity. There was a little anecdote which he might relate to show the universality of Masonry. It might be in the recollection of the brethren that last year a young man, employed by the Government in New South Wales, on the Geometrical Survey, disappeared, and the boat in which he sailed, with two assistants, was found on the beach, but no bodies were discovered. The parents of this young man, whom he (Brother Colonel Burney) had initiated in Masonry in the Bayard Lodge, wrote to him to inquire if he could suggest any means of ascertaining his fate by instituting inquiries among the Craft. He considered the matter, and he wrote a letter, which was forwarded to all parts of the world, asking the W.M.'s and Secretaries of Lodges to do their utmost to endeavour to throw some light on this poor young man's fate, as the idea was that he had been kidnapped, and perhaps carried away to slavery, to work in mines, or undergo some dreadful existence. These letters were sent out, and as a result, there was hardly a post arrived without he (Col. Burney)

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received a newspaper from some foreign country publishing the whole correspondence. This showed that Masons did not neglect their duty, and would tend to show the world the advantages of Masonry. Bro. L. Alexander P.M. replied to the toast of the Joppa Benevolent Fund, reviewing its progress from the time of its foundation. In 1849, some two or three years before he (Bro. Alexander) had the honour of being a member of the Lodge, the late Bro. Dr. Canstaett, had some idea that it was not so well always for poor brethren to go to the Lodge of Benevolence for relief. He, therefore, proposed and carried into effect, a Benevolent Fund of their own, and Dr. Canstaett for many years was the President. Since that time, as the brethren saw by the figures, they had progressed; but he must tell the brethren who were not aware of it, that within the last three or four years they had given a large amount away—some £300 or £100 in one year. Fortunately this last year they had not had so many calls, nor were the circumstances of the cases which came before them such as to justify them in giving beyond a certain amount. The committee had never been sparing when applications were made, but they had always been cautious, and considered the cases well before they awarded an amount. They had in very many instances given as much as £100 to an applicant, and he was happy to say that in some cases it had done a great deal of good. The number of years he had had the honour of being President he had always found the Committee and Vice-President ready and willing to give him all the assistance that lay in their power; and, while they were cautious in doling out sums to applicants, they were at the same time, when circumstances rendered it necessary, very liberal indeed. Notwithstanding the many calls they had had on the fund, they still—thank God—had nearly £1000 in the funds, and he hoped and trusted that that amount would remain, and collect and amass to an almost unmentionable sum before they had another application; but, at the same time, however frequent the applications might be, the Committee would always—however melancholy—be pleased to assist where it was necessary. Having said this, he would for a moment digress and speak of himself. The brethren had heard from the worthy Secretary that he (Bro. Alexander) had resigned the Presidentship of the Fund. He had had every reason to believe that so long as God spared his life and he was able to attend he might be President of that Fund; but it was once suggested to him that there would be something dignified in the Master of the Lodge presiding at the meetings of the Fund. He took up the idea, and at the very first opportunity he made the proposition in Lodge that the Master for the time being should be President of the Benevolent Fund. He was now pleased that that proposition was carried, and he was glad to say the present W.M. would succeed him in the President's chair. He hoped that he (Bro. Alexander) might have the opportunity on very many occasions of being among the Vice-Presidents or Past Presidents, whichever it might be—where he might have the pleasure of addressing the brethren. Bro. Baker I.P.M. felt great pleasure in being once more entrusted with the gavel of the Lodge, more especially as it was to propose what he deemed the toast of the evening. They had all known Bro. Myers for a long time, and they all admired and esteemed him; he felt assured that in placing him in the chair they had put the right man in the right place, and that he would carry out the duties and uphold the dignity of the chair to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. He felt that from the manner in which Bro. Myers had already discharged the duties that had been alloted to him in the various offices he had filled, that if he performed the duties of W.M. in the same manner the brethren would be amply rewarded. The W.M., in replying, said it was very kind of the I.P.M. to speak of him as he had spoken. Ever since he had had the honour of being a member of the Lodge, and held office, he had striven to do his utmost, and it was a cause of gratitude in him to know that unless he had done his duty he should not have been elected to the chair by the unanimous vote of the Lodge. It was no sinecure to be Master of a Lodge, more particularly the Joppa Lodge: There were many P.M.'s who had done so much in the service of the Craft that it made a man a little nervous in climbing up the ladder; he hoped the brethren would have no cause to regret placing him in the W.M.'s chair. All he required was that they should assist him during his year of office, and he hoped that time twelvemonths they would say he had done well, and that he might be proud of having been Master of the Joppa Lodge. In proposing the health of the Initiate, the W.M. said he hoped Bro. Blaiberg would be an ornament to the Lodge. He had commenced well, by being very attentive to the ceremony, and he had already shown that great ornament of a Freemason—Charity—by presenting a donation to the Benevolent Fund. He hoped he would strive to be a good Mason, and in some few years he might be elected W.M. He would tell him he might do it by attention, and by visiting Lodges of Instruction, one of which was attached to their Lodge. Bro. Blaiberg responding said, that from his boyhood he had wished to be a member of the Order, and to-night his wishes had been fully realised. In time he hoped to attain to the dignity which the W.M. had now arrived at. The W.M. proposed the Immediate Past Master, complimenting him and congratulating the Lodge on the fact of his so far finishing his work for the year in installing his successor with such faultless precision. He also presented him with a magnificent gold P.M.'s jewel, bearing the following endorsement:—"Presented to Bro. Richard Baker, by the members of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 188, in appreciation of his services during his year of office as W.M., January 1882." He hoped Bro. Baker might be spared many years to wear the jewel, which was not to be looked at for its intrinsic value, but for the hearty feelings with which it was presented by the brethren. There was no brother who had passed through the ordeal of Master of the Lodge with greater credit than Bro. Baker, and the Past Masters were very pleased to receive him into their ranks. Bro. Baker I.P.M., in replying, said there were times in a man's life which one could never forget, and that evening would be one of his. If he failed in words to thank the brethren sufficiently, he hoped they would take the will for the deed, but as some of the brethren present had passed through the same ordeal, he had no doubt they would understand his feelings. Referring to the jewel which they had presented him, he said it showed they appreciated his humble services during the time he had been a member of the Lodge. To the best of his ability he had tried faithfully to perform the duties allotted him, and it was the consciousness of that that made him set the higher value on their testimonial. The brethren of the Lodge had also done their duty, and done it nobly; for a Lodge might have the best Worshipful Master in the world, and without the support of the brethren his efforts would be barren of fruit. As it was, the brethren might congratulate themselves on having had a most successful year. Whenever he should look on that jewel it would remind him of very, very many happy hours he had spent among the brethren of the Lodge of Joppa, and when it should please the Almighty Architect to take him over to the majority, he hoped it would go down as an heirloom in his family, and stimulate them to a course which would merit the same esteem as that in which he was held by the brethren of the Joppa Lodge. Bro. Cohen, P.M. 205, and several other brethren replied to the toast of the Visitors. Bro. L. Alexander, in responding to the toast of the Past Masters, said it was usually considered that when a Brother became Master of a Lodge he became wedded to the Lodge. That being so, this day was his silver wedding, for it was twenty-five years that night that he was installed Master of the Joppa Lodge. He was truly thankful to the brethren for honouring the toast, and also truly thankful to the Great Architect of the Universe for having spared him for so many years, in good health, to attend regularly at the meetings of the Lodge. Bro. Lyon, in responding to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, said he hoped both of them would be spared to do their best for the Lodge. The office of Treasurer he had found hitherto to be a rather difficult one, but he hoped, with the aid of the brethren, it would not be so hereafter. He had tried to make things smoothe and easy. As to taking care of the Lodge funds, he thought it was the duty of every man who undertook office to perform the duties of that office to the best of his ability. He should strive to do so, and he hoped that at the end of his year the brethren would have the same pleasure in honouring him with re-election as they had this time, and that he would be able to give them the same satisfaction. Bro. Benjamin S.W. and the other Officers responded to the toast of the Officers, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. The banquet, provided by Bro. Jennings, was superintended by Bro. M. Silver. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. H. Shead 1366, W. H. Baker 180, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, C. Greenwood P.G.S.B., W. H. Gardiner I.G. 1000, J. Becket, B. S. Woolf 185, A. J. Duff Filer P.G.S.B., A. Clifford Eskell 117, Geo. P. Nightingale 193, G. Penn P.M. 1612, W. S. Lyon 185, B. Kauffman 1732, Henry Mask 205, F. Croaker 185, J. E. Ryan 422, A. E. Myers 185, H. Massey P.M. 619, W.M. 1928, C. W. Meither 1671, G. A. Fletcher W.M. 180, J. Baker W.M. 1471, Thomas Cubitt P.G.P., J. S. Salomons I.P.M. 1017, W. H. Welshman 599, H. S. Somerville Burney P.G.D., F. R. Hales 34, H. J. Phillips W.M. 205, F. H. Schweiser 185, Edgar Bowyer P.P.S.G.W. Herts, W. Oldey 1642, John Measor 315, P. E. Vanderpump 1507, Louis Bamberger P.M. 1366, G. J. Vanderpump 1507, I. P. Cohen I.P.M. 205, H. J. Tallentin 1330, F. Hallows 1662, John H. Dodson 55, J. B. Edwards 861, S. Jewell 1559, &c. During the evening a charming selection of vocal and instrumental music was performed, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden Organist of the Lodge, by Madame Liebhart, Madame Osborne Williams, Bro. Arthur Thomas, and Herr Max Gonzava (cornet).

ST. JAMES'S UNION LODGE, No. 180.

THE installation meeting of this ancient Lodge, celebrated for its excellent working, was held on the 10th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and was numerously attended by the brethren and Visitors. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. J. Wade; Bros. G. B. Fletcher S.W., J. Wood J.W., W. C. Parsons P.M. Sec., Baker S.D., Maxted J.D., Chester I.G.; P.M.'s Stonor, E. Farwig, Pillin, Robinson. Visitors—Bros. Lord Headley, R. Baker P.M. 188, F. J. Baker J.W. 1608, S. Brooks P.M. 1608, W. Hammond 569, J. F. Lathom 1714, C. W. Hobson P.M. 700, W. Bolton, J. Piercey 172, S. Dicketts 193, H. Dicketts P.G.S., Skinner S.W. 538, Langton 1, C. W. Duke P.P.G.D. Sussex, E. B. Hobson W.M. 700, F. Brewer S.W. 1603, Wallis Mackay 1319, J. I. Cantle P.M. 1257, E. Coleman 192, C. Townley 201, Farley 1470, Bellamy 25, Hodgkinson 1196, Way 55, R. Hovenden 21, Capes 190, R. Mason 203, Treacher 96, E. R. Terry, W. S. Ogle W.M. 256, Honeyball S.W. 1681, C. Barker P.M. 831, F. Leigh, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Hartley 1608. After the confirmation of the minutes, Messrs. R. Westrop, G. F. Moresley, White, and J. J. Shout, for whom ballots had previously been taken, were duly initiated into the Order, the W.M. ably conducting the ceremony. Bro. J. Vicary, Joppa Lodge 188, was elected a joining member. The Auditors' report was read and adopted; it showed a balance of £18 12s in favour, while the Benevolent Fund, after disbursements of £50 5s, showed a balance of £142 10s 6d. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. G. B. Fletcher S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. Wade, whose perfect and impressive rendering of the ceremony was most creditable to him for so young a Mason. There were sixteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M., in appropriate terms, appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. C. J. Wade I.P.M., J. Wood P.M. S.W., Baker J.W., Miles Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Secretary, Maxted S.D., Chester J.D., Dennis I.G., Staden W.S., E. Farwig P.M. D.C., Gilbert Prov. G.T. Millbeser Tyler. Bro. E. Farwig P.M. efficiently acted as D.C. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Wade was deservedly commended by all present. The resignation of two brethren was accepted with regret. Bro. Staden W.S. proposed, and Bro. J. Hay seconded, that the annual ball of the Lodge take place. This was carried

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unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, seventy-five in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. Grace having been sung, the W.M., in eloquent and appropriate terms, proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing the toast of the Most Worshipful the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, he spoke of those distinguished brethren in high terms of praise. At this stage of the evening, the W.M. referred to the fact that in the Lodge, Bro. Past Master Pillin had requested him to urge the brethren to give their votes for the Boys' School in favour of a son of an old member of the Lodge, Bro. Francatelli. The child had not yet been nominated, but he (the W.M.) in the midst of this pleasant gathering, had to announce the sad fact that the widow of the late Bro. Francatelli had died the previous night, and he would ask their sympathy for the poor orphan. Bro. Wade I.P.M. proposed the toast of their highly esteemed W.M. He said they could not have a better one to preside over them; Bro. Fletcher had worked his way from the junior offices with such ability that the brethren unanimously voted him to the chair; he was sure they would drink to his health, and wish him prosperity to carry out the duties of the chair he was so eminently qualified to fill. The W.M., on rising, was loudly cheered; he thanked Bro. Wade for his kind expressions, and for speaking of him in such eloquent terms. He felt it an honour to be W.M. of this influential Lodge. True, he had worked his way through every office, but to-night he had received his reward in being installed W.M. of the St. James's Union. He hoped at the expiration of his year of office the Lodge would be in every way as prosperous, and also that he might hear a repetition of such kind expressions. The W.M., on again rising said, a most pleasant portion of his duty was to propose the toast of the Initiates, who now were not only their brethren, but their friends. He felt assured they would prove true, honest, and good hearted brother Masons. Bro. Westrop, in a very sensible and appropriate speech, returned thanks, and he was followed by Bro. Shout, whose remarks proved the Lodge had reason to be proud of so desirable an acquaintance in its initiates. The W.M. then said he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of I.P.M. and Installing Master. Bro. Wade had worked hard in the Craft, while in his social position he was well known. In presenting him with the jewel voted him, he trusted he might live many years to wear it, with honour to himself and credit to the Lodge. The Past Masters would be proud to receive him into their ranks. The I.P.M. in reply, thanked the W.M. It gratified him to say he had rarely heard this toast so enthusiastically received; when told the jewel would be presented him he felt proud, but still more so now he was wearing it. He hoped to be among them, to assist in the future as he had done in the past. He should always think of the words of the installation ceremony. He hoped to be among them for many years to come. He would now say a word or two on another theme. This Lodge had supported the Charities; the members had done their duty. He (Bro. Wade) had consented to serve a Stewardship for the Girls' School at the next Anniversary Festival. He hoped the brethren would support that noble Institution. Again he thanked them for the manner the toast had been received. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors, who were nearly as numerous as the members. He extended to them the right hand of friendship, in which sentiment he was sure every brother of the Lodge would reciprocate; he would call on Bros. Smith, F. Brewer, Hobson, and Lord Headley to respond. The several brethren named paid just compliments to the I.P.M. for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, and to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had presided over them. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters. The brethren knew it was only by their hearty co-operation the Lodge could hope to prosper. No Lodge could boast of better Past Masters. He would call on Bro. Robinson to respond. Bro. Robinson said it was twenty-five years since he was initiated into Freemasonry, by the late Bro. Gurton. He regretted the absence of many of their P.M.'s, but he saw around him many that in future would make good P.M.'s. Any service required of him that would be for the prosperity of the Lodge would readily be granted. Bro. Robinson was followed by Bro. Stonor. Bro. Wade I.P.M. rose and said he had to thank the brethren for their response on behalf of his list for the Girls' School, as no less than twenty guineas had been handed to him. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Secretary and Treasurer; those brethren would be a credit to any Lodge. To the Secretary all praise was due, while the Treasurer was one who always looked after the interests of the Lodge. He would ask them to give both a hearty greeting. Bro. Miles Treasurer, in a very humorous speech, responded; he was proud to wear the collar of Treasurer. Although not a Past Master, he had been with them twenty-three years, and his heart and soul were for the interests of the Lodge. He could not have had a more congenial and business-like coadjutor than their worthy Secretary. Bro. Parsons also responded; this was his fifth year of office as Secretary; the honour of being selected for this post was duly appreciated by him. He would do all in his power for their interests. The health of Bros. Wood P.M. S.W., Baker J.W., Mayfield, Chester, Staden, &c., came next. The W.M. said the proficiency shown by them in their several offices would qualify them to fill the chair in due course. Bros. Wood, Baker, and Staden severally responded, and then the Tyler gave the parting toast. The W.M. provided a capital musical melange, under the direction of Bro. E. R. Terry, Miss Amy Romayne, Bros. Walter Bolton, Faulkner Leigh, Wallace Mackay, and Townley, rendering good service.

The Upton Lodge of Instruction has removed to Bro. Gray's, the Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch. The first meeting in the new quarters will take place on Wednesday the 18th instant.

ROYAL NAVAL LODGE, No. 58.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall. The chair was taken punctually at 4.30 p.m., by Bro. W. George Hanson W.M.; among the Officers present being Bros. S. B. Wilson P.M. Treasurer and W.M. elect, John Healey P.M. Secretary, H. W. Homanns S.D., J. Hart J.D., G. R. Ousey I.G., J. Nicholson P.M., with Bros. Titl, Thomas Jennings, &c., &c., and among the visitors Bros. A. Woods 1153, D. M. Dewar P.M. 1415, George Britton W.M. 22, C. Fitzgerald Matier P. Grand Warden Greece, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, and E. Soppet P.M. 1627. Lodge having opened with the usual formalities, and minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Hanson in a most able and impressive manner raised Bro. Heinrich Titl to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. James Macintosh having been balotted for, and elected a joining member, the W.M. elect Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson was, for the third time, installed into the chair of K.S. The ceremony was to have been performed by Bro. Healey, but illness intervened, and his place was taken by Bro. C. F. Matier, who, it is needless to say, fulfilled his duty most admirably. The following brethren were then appointed and invested as Officers for the year, namely, Bros. W. Homanns jun. S.W., J. Hart J.W., Healey P.M. Sec., G. R. Ousey S.D., W. Winnett J.D., Russell I.G., T. Barnden M.C., and J. Beckett (for the thirty-second time) Tyler. One proposition for a joining member, and one for initiation having been handed in, a vote of thanks was passed unanimously and with acclamation to Bro. Matier for his services as Installing Master. Bro. Matier in acknowledging the compliment, stated that Bro. Wilson was the 204th brother he had had the honour of inducting into the Master's chair, and he trusted, if he lived long enough, he might have Bro. Wilson as a witness at his 408th fulfilment of the same ceremony. An excellent banquet followed, after which the usual toasts were given and duly honoured, many just and well-deserved compliments being paid to Bro. Wilson, while the Visitors severally returned thanks for the toast with which their names were associated.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 309.

THE Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), with his Officers, attended the annual meeting of this Lodge, at the Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, on Thursday, the 5th instant, when the Rev. A. A. Headley Prov. Grand Chaplain installed Bro. J. R. Hayman (I.P.M. of the Phœnix Lodge 257) as his successor in the Worshipful Master's chair. There was an unusually large attendance of the members of the Craft. The ceremony of installation was performed in a most impressive and efficient manner by Bro. Headley, to whom a vote of thanks was awarded. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers in the following order:—Bros. Rev. A. A. Headley I.P.M., E. Goldsmith S.W., W. G. Heath J.W., Rev. A. A. Headley Chaplain, J. B. Goldsmith P.M. Treasurer, J. Tayler P.M. Secretary, Rev. A. C. Hervey S.D., J. W. Gieve J.D., J. Hooper I.G., D. G. Gilmour Director of Ceremonies, W. A. Hill and H. Cook Stewards, R. Eames Tyler. The Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the spacious dining hall adjoining the Lodge room, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The banquet was furnished by Bro. George Bond P.M., whose catering gave universal satisfaction. Bro. J. R. Hayman presided, and was supported by the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Wardens, and other Prov. Grand Officers, the Worshipful Masters of the neighbouring Lodges, and about fifty Past Masters and members of the Craft. Bro. E. Goldsmith S.W. was in the vice chair. The usual list of toasts was honoured, the health of the Prov. Grand Master being received with great enthusiasm. The Worshipful Master, in proposing this toast, referred to the services rendered to Freemasonry by Bro. Beach, and mentioned the fact that the present Pro Grand Master (the Earl of Carnarvon) had been initiated by Brother Beach, whose great ability in performing the ceremonies of the Craft was highly eulogised. The P.G.M., in response, congratulated the W.M. on his appointment, and the Lodge on the fact of their having elected so zealous a Mason to fill the chair. He spoke in terms of high praise of the good working of the Lodge; all the Officers were well versed in their duties. The toast of the Masonic Charities was proposed by Bro. William Edmonds, and responded to by Bro. J. Mason, an old member of the Lodge of Harmony, and Collector for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. the Rev. A. A. Headley, in eulogistic terms, gave the health of the Worshipful Master, who briefly acknowledged the compliment. The W.M. and representatives of neighbouring Lodges was proposed by Bro. E. Goble P.M. P.G.B., and acknowledged by Bro. Com. W. H. C. St. Clair, R.N., W.M. 257, Phœnix, and Bro. George Mason W.M. 1334, Duke of Connaught. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Installing Master, referred to Bro. Headley's estimable qualities, and in the name of the Lodge presented him with an exquisite P.M.'s jewel, in acknowledgment of the zeal and ability shown by him in his year of office. Several other toasts were honoured. A pleasing incident was referred to in the course of the evening. Bro. W. Gilbert Heath, who has for many years ably carried on the secretarial work of the Lodge, having consented to accept the office of J.W., the appointment of Secretary was accepted by Bro. J. Taylor P.M., who held the same office in the Lodge thirty-one years ago.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—A frequent cause of gout and rheumatism is the inflammatory state of the blood, attended with bad digestion and general debility. A few doses of the Pills taken in time are an effectual preventive against gout and rheumatism. Any one who has an attack of either should use Holloway's Ointment also, the powerful action of which, combined with the operation of the Pills, must infallibly effect a cure. These Pills act directly on the blood, which they purify and improve. Having once subdued the severity of these diseases, perseverance with the Ointment, after fomenting the affected joints with warm brine, will speedily relax all stiffness and prevent any permanent contraction.

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LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 5th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. E. Child W.M., E. Humphreys S.W., C. Skinner J.W., J. Kench P.G.P. Treasurer, J. B. Sly Secretary, T. Palmer J.D., Langdon I.G., J. Elvin D.C., Q. Quitman; Past Masters J. Quitman, T. W. Cooper, W. Walters, C. Burmeister, Willson, and a numerous attendance of members and Visitors, amongst whom were Bros. R. Pierpoint J.D. 177, F. G. Baker P.M. 753, H. J. Bell 404, S. A. Cooper P.M. 1637, W. J. Crump J.W. G.S. 58, W. B. Date P.M. 34, J. C. Smith 1744, A. Price 1608, Hine 1677, P. J. George 957, E. Farwig P.M. 180, Crump G.S., A. J. Altman P.M. 1657 C.C., T. Prieday 907, H. Venn P.M. 23, O. Latreille W.M. 1260, Verity, C. Wentworth I.G. 101, J. Speller 1677, Liddall W.M. Bedford Lodge, J. T. Wimperis G.S. P.M. 91, J. Hurdell J.W. 1348, Rogers 1670, G. A. Barclay J.D. 1608, Arnold 1670, A. S. Harrison 1269, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After due observance of preliminaries, ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. C. J. Bishenden and W. S. Vorley, who were unanimously accepted and duly initiated into the Order in a very efficient and perfect manner. A Board of Installed Masters was in due course opened, and Bro. E. Humphreys S.W. and W.M. elect was presented and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. Bro. Child. On the re-admission of the brethren the customary salutations were given. The W.M. in eloquent and appropriate terms appointed and invested his Officers: E. Child I.P.M., Skinner S.W., Bauman J.W., J. Kench P.G.P. Treas., J. B. Sly Secretary, Palmer S.D., Langdon J.D., J. Elvin I.G., Schott D.C., C. Quitman W.S., P. Bale Organist, Church Tyler. Bro. James Kench P.G.P. acted efficiently as D.C., applause following each investiture. The report of the audit committee was accepted. Hearty good wishes were given and Lodge was closed. The brethren then sat down to a sumptuous and récherché banquet and dessert that gave great satisfaction. The W.M., who ably presided, proposed the Loyal toasts. Proposing that of the R.W. the Earl of Lathom and the rest of the Grand Officers, he would associate with it the name of a brother, a member of this Lodge, Bro. James Kench P.G.P., who had received Grand honours. Bro. James Kench P.G. Pursuivant was pleased and proud to respond. This was his mother Lodge, and he felt great pride that he had won the Grand honours conferred on him. Bro. Child I.P.M. then said, when the I.P.M. takes the gavel the brethren know that it is to propose the health of the W.M., who in this case was in every way qualified to fill the chair. The Visitors had not seen his working; he however had, and knew it was perfect; a more worthy Master they could not have. Strict he might be in the duties of the chair, but a more urbane ruler they could not meet. He would ask them to give the toast a hearty reception. Bro. Child's remarks were heard with loud applause. Bro. Oswald sang the Toredar song, so successfully that the last verse was repeated. The W.M. in reply said he felt at a loss for words. Having been elected the W.M., it was a pleasure to him to follow such worthy Masters. He had been but a few years in Freemasonry, but he could say his efforts would be for the welfare of the Lodge, and he hoped to have their assistance in carrying out the duty required of him. The W.M. then said, what he had next to propose was the toast of the evening,—the newly initiated brethren. He was sure they had been impressed with the ceremony, and felt respect for the noble Order they had entered. He hoped Bros. Vorley and Bishenden would eventually become lights in Freemasonry. Bro. J. Kench P.G.P. sang the E.A. song. Bro. Vorley thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the enthusiastic manner they had responded to them; he was sure he should never regret his introduction into Freemasonry. Bro. Bishenden followed, in a brief but appropriate speech. The W.M. next complimented the Visitors, the Lodge was always proud to see them; he would call on Bros. Crump, Latreille, Liddall, Wimperis, Venn, and Hurdell, who severally replied. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master Bro. Child, who had in every way upheld the dignity of the Lodge. He had pleasure in presenting him with something in a tangible form, and that was a jewel. No brother who had passed the chair had better earned it. It was by a unanimous vote it had been given him, and while placing it on his breast, he (the W.M.) hoped he might live long to exhibit it. The jewel is of elegant design, beautifully mounted, and bears the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. R. Child P.M. by the members of La Tolerance Lodge 538, in recognition of his services as W.M. 1881-1882."

Bro. Child thanked the Worshipful Master for presenting him with the jewel; he should wear it with pride. The toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge followed, coupled with the name of the oldest member of that body, Bro. Wilson. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary came next, and to these a hearty response was given. The Officers were not overlooked, and the W.M. trusted the selection he had made had given satisfaction. The Tyler's toast followed, and the brethren departed, after expressing to the W.M. the great gratification they had experienced. Bro. Powis Bale, P. Foster, Schott, Arthur Oswald, A. R. Rogers, and Bishenden contributed to the harmony.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, on Saturday, the 7th inst. Present—Bros. R. P. Forge W.M., A. Ferrar S.W., H. Hall J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, F. W. Jones S.D., A. W. Marks J.D., Osborn I.G., Bros. I. P. Cohen, D. Moss, Catling, C. Lorkin, &c. Lodge opened and minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Catling candidate. Bro. Ferrar was duly elected to preside at the next meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded the W.M. for the excellent manner he had discharged the duties for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to the family of the late Bro. Fysh. All business being ended, Lodge was closed.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street, on Tuesday the 10th instant. Bro. W. Radcliffe I.P.M. occupied the chair in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Dr. Waters W.M. Amongst the Officers present being Bros. Usher Back S.W., W. E. Young J.W., Chas. Greenwood P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. W. Morgan Secretary, F. J. Hentsch S.D., T. H. Peirce J.D., A. Withers P.M. as I.G., C. T. Speight Tyler. T. H. Lavers P.M., A. Green P.M., Crapper, Nash, and Martin Organist. Lodge having been opened and minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Croft was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The bye-laws of the Lodge having been read, Bro. Usher Back S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and suitably acknowledged the honour conferred upon him. Bro. Greenwood was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Speight re-appointed Tyler. A vote of condolence with the family of Bro. Hitch, who was present at last meeting, but had died in the interval, was passed, and the other business having been disposed of, Lodge was closed. It should be remarked that Bro. Hitch was a promising young Mason. He took a leading part in connection with the recent vote of condolence to the family of the late Bro. Douglas Drysdale P.M., and these circumstances make his death the more conspicuous as well as the more regrettable.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road Dalston. Present:—Bros. Dignam W.M., Edwards S.W., Wardell J.W., Smyth S.D., Christian J.D., Thos. Clark I.G., F. Carr Hon. Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Brasted, Baker, Glass, Floyd, Darnell, Robinson, Allen, Jones, C. Lorkin, Bunker. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Baker, a candidate for passing, was interrogated and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Baker was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and then resumed to the second. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wardell, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation in a most excellent manner, placing Bro. Dignam in the chair of K.S. This brother invested the Officers. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties. Bro. Edwards was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Wardell was ordered to be entered on the minutes for the satisfactory manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, for the first time. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—The weekly meeting was held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 12th instant. Bros. Jones W.M., Green S.W., Bellerby J.W., Coop S.D., Smith J.D., Owen I.G., Tucker Preceptor; also Bros. Pitt, Hewlings, Walter, Millsom, and Woolmer. Lodge was opened in due form. The W.M. rehearsed, in his usual effective manner, the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Walter candidate. The W.M. delivered the Ancient Charge of the degree. The Lodge was opened in the second, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Pitt candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Coop, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the first section of the lecture. Bro. Green was unanimously chosen W.M. for the following Thursday. Lodge was then closed in ancient form.

THE THEATRES, &c.

DRURY LANE.—At 7.15, ROBINSON CRUSOE. On Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 1.30 also.

COVENT GARDEN.—At 7, LITTLE BO PEEP, LITTLE BOY BLUE, AND THE LITTLE OLD WOMAN THAT LIVED IN A SHOE. On Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 2 also.

HER MAJESTY'S.—CARL ROSA OPERA COMPANY.

LYCEUM.—At 7.30, THE CAPTAIN OF THE WATCH. At 8.30, THE TWO ROSES.

ADELPHI.—At 7.15, MY TURN NEXT. At 8, TAKEN FROM LIFE.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7, A PHOTOGRAPHIC FRIGHT. At 7.45, THE LIGHTS OF LONDON.

GLOBE.—At 7.30, ADVICE GRATIS. At 8.15, THE CYNIC.

GAIETY.—At 7.5, OPERETTA. At 7.20, FARCE. At 8.30, ALADDIN.

STRAND.—At 7.15, PARADISE VILLA. At 8, OLIVETTE.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, MARRIAGE BELLS. At 8.15, THE HALF-WAY HOUSE, &c.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, PLOT AND PASSION. At 10, A LESSON.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, A HAPPY PAIR. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.

ROYALTY.—At 8, THE FISHERMAN'S DAUGHTER. At 8.30, PLUTO.

COMEDY.—At 7.30, SEEING FROU-FROU. At 8, THE MASCOTTE.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES, and PATIENCE.

ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, COUSIN DICK. At 8.30, THE SQUIRE.

CRITERION.—At 8, WITHERED LEAVES. At 8.45, THE GREAT DIVORCE CASE.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, BLACK CROOK.

COURT.—At 8, AWAKING. At 8.45, ENGAGED.

OLYMPIC.—At 7.45, THE RUSTIC MAIDEN, and THE MEMBER FOR SLOCUM.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.45, LOVERS' KNOTS. At 9, MOTHER-IN-LAW.

HENGLER'S CIRQUE.—Daily at 2.30 and 7.30.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—This day, PANTOMIME, &c. HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS. Open Daily. Aquarium, Picture Gallery, &c.

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Lieut.-Colonel J. A. LLOYD-PHILIPPS,
R.W. PROV. G.M. FOR SOUTH WALES (Western Division),
Has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding.

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

JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.S.W. Northts and Hunts, Secretary.

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SOME LUNAR PHASES.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

I NEVER neglect to read everything between the two covers of the Proceedings—or as they are officially termed, The Annals—of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and I have never found anything that was unnecessary, for Brother Parvin has the good judgment of publishing what is staple information. In the Annals for 1881 is a synopsis of the Returns of Lodges, and I was somewhat surprised to observe the uniformity of sentiment existing among the Iowa Craftsmen with respect to the time of their stated communications—all but 24 of the 369 Lodges mentioned in the synopsis having their meetings fixed by the lunar changes.

Freemasons are frequently asked by profanes why Lodges in many localities assemble on or near the full moon? and appear to experience much disappointment when informed that no Masonic significance attaches to the custom, and that it grew out of the convenience of having moonlight in which to attend the Lodge.

In the history of the creation as given in Genesis, the moon is mentioned simultaneously with the sun, and they are said to have been created "for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years." Superstitious people appear to have given these words a literal interpretation, and we have, in consequence, innumerable fancies connected with the moon, which, it is believed, exercises great influence upon both material and immaterial things.

In the countries of the Orient the moon shines with greater brilliancy than we are accustomed to, and exposure to its rays and the heavy dews occasions much suffering at times. Thus, in Psalm cxxi. 6, we read, "The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night." Brother Rob Morris mentions the dews in his *Freemasonry in the Holy Land*, page 500, in this manner: "The frequent and copious dews and fogs of Palestine—much more abundant than one would suppose in such an arid climate—have furnished the inspired writers with many of their beautiful and expressive figures. Our readers will of course recall the beautiful extract from Psalm cxxxi., introduced into our ceremony of Entered Apprentice: 'As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion,' &c. In the summer the dew of Palestine is so copious as to supply to a considerable extent the absence of rain, and becomes important to the farmer. * * * Every traveller remarks upon this subject of dew. Coming to Shunem on Saturday night, my coat was nearly wet through with dew. Like the person in Canticles v. 2, 'My head was filled with the dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.' * * * I observed at the mouth of Dog River how the dampness of the dew on the rocks brings out the remarkable figures and inscriptions delineated there. At Tiberias I noticed the tents of a party encamped there, drenched with dew. They looked as if they had been exposed to a fall of rain during the night. This is the same effusion so often referred to in Scripture, that 'descended upon the mountains of Zion,' recalling the expressions in Psalm cxxxiii., and others."

That so brilliant and comfortable a satellite should have been honoured by the early nations is no matter of surprise to us, in view of the fact that superstition still exists among us, and in Egypt the moon was reverenced, under the form of Isis, as one of the deities of that nation; the Syrians adored it as Ashtoreth, and the Greeks as Diana. Brother Dr. George Oliver sums the subject up in his fifth lecture on signs and symbols, as follows:—"All these legends owe their origin to Noah and the Ark; for the foundation of every known system of idolatry was the worship of the Great Father and the Great Mother, symbolised by the sun and moon."

Among the Hebrews, the first day of the lunar month was regarded as a holy day, and offerings, in addition to the usual daily sacrifices, were made; it was respected with all the sanctity of a Sabbath, all trades and handicrafts were suspended, public services were held in the Temple, and trumpets were blown for the special sacrifices of the day, the same as on special solemn festivals. The civil year began with the seventh new moon of the religious year, at which time the Feast of Trumpets was celebrated as it is to this day by the chosen people.

No information is now possessed of the method practiced by the Jews at the time of Moses for determining the beginning of the lunar month, and the earliest system of which we have any knowledge is that employed by the Sanhedrim, which was to establish watchmen on the eminences around Jerusalem, on the last day of the month, to observe the heavens. As soon as one of these observers detected the new moon, he hastened to the place in the city which was provided for the purpose, and was interrogated by the President of the Sanhedrim; these reports and examinations were continued until the President was satisfied that the new moon had indeed appeared, when he arose and proclaimed it by saying: "It is consecrated." It is obvious that much uncertainty existed in this Rabbinical practice, especially when the heavens were clouded, and when the appearance was manifested late in the day. It is well known that the Jewish day begins at six o'clock in the afternoon; if, therefore, the important utterance of the President of the Sanhedrim was not made until after dark, the following day was the first of the month; if before dark, the day it was pronounced. When the day was determined, the information was at once sent throughout the country, from the Mount of Olives, by lighting fires on the tops of the hills.

The potency of the moon in all sorts of divination, sorcery, &c., such as casting magic bullets, manufacturing divining rods, &c., is well established—in the minds of the superstitious. Seed planting, weaning children, and innumerable actions are all regulated by the moon's changes. It is said that crabs caught during the full of the moon, burned alive and ground to powder, will cure hydrophobia, yet this dread disease prevails—and no one ever tries the remedy.

Savage nations invariably greeted the new moon with reverence and fear, mingled with joy and adoration, but such manifestations were not confined to barbarians. An old English custom was for women to sit astride a gate or stile, on the appearance of a new moon, and interrogate her:—

> "All hail, new moon, all hail to thee!
> I prythee, good moon, declare to me
> This night, who my husband must be."

It was considered unlucky to kill a pig in the wane of the moon, as the flesh would waste in boiling, and the slaughter of the hogs was delayed or hastened to accomplish it during the increase. Seeing the new moon over the left shoulder or *through glass* was unfortunate for the seer, an opinion that is yet held by many, and these same persons cultivate the moon's favour by courtesying to her, and turn the silver in their pocket for luck. The prevalence of greenbacks for so many years has certainly accomplished some good in having caused this senseless belief to become obsolete.

In Westphalia a superstitious method of avenging oneself upon enemies has a wide-spread belief, and were it successful nothing but "dwelling together in unity" would save the entire population from periodical disability. This spell can be practised only when the moon falls on Tuesday. Having previously selected a club or stick for the castigation, the avenger must go to it before daybreak and address it, "Stick, I grasp thee in the name of the Trinity;" a knife is then produced, with the words, "Stick, I cut thee in the name of the Trinity, that thou mayst obey me and chastise any one whose name I mention." Two places are then made in the stick by removing the bark or skin, to cut these words upon it, *abia, obia, sabia*. It is then ready for its work, which is done by placing a garment on the threshold of the house, and striking it hard with the stick, at the same time speaking the name of the person who is to be beaten. It is believed that although he may be at a great distance, he will suffer as much as if he were receiving the blows from the hands of the operator.

A charm for toothache in Suabia is, when the crescent moon is first seen, to look at it steadily, while these words are thrice repeated: "I see the moon with two points; my tooth shall neither shoot nor ache until I see the moon with three points."

In the Alpine districts of Europe, especially in Switzerland, Savoy, and Tyrol, as well as in certain regions of the Andes and Himalayas, the inhabitants are afflicted with a swelling of the throat known as goitre, and it is believed that if the sufferer will face the moon, when on the increase, for three consecutive evenings, and touch the swelling with a stone, and then cast the stone over the left shoulder, that the goitre will disappear, but the virtue of the remedy is destroyed if a word is spoken.

Persons with freckles may, if they desire, try the Tyrolese method of removing them, which is to wash them in water in which the moon is shining. In antagonism to this recipe, in some parts of Europe it is thought dangerous to bathe or drink water in which the moon's rays fall, or to sleep in moonlight. Agricultural implements left out of doors in moonshine will have the timbers broken, and linen must not be left hanging in the moonlight. It is also dangerous to dance in the moonlight because the surface of the earth is then as thin as a cobweb, and the spirits from the lower regions are lured upwards by the music.

The Suabians consider it a great crime to spin or knit by moonlight, for the reason that it does not give sufficient light for any work, and any one who ventures to spin weaves a rope for the neck of a relative, and many stories are related illustrating the danger of doing so; I venture the remark that the idea may have arisen from a desire to shelter relatives from justice. One of their stories is, that a poor woman who supported herself by spinning, spent whole nights at her distaff, and, when the moon was full, saved the expense of oil by working in the moonlight. As she was thus employed one night, the clock struck twelve, when the door opened and a stranger entered. He had his arms full of distaffs, and said, "If thou dost not spin all these full this night, it will all be over with thee;" he then vanished, leaving the poor woman in a terrible fright. Fortunately she bethought herself of spinning the distaffs one over, and in this way accomplished her task before daybreak. The stranger, who was the Evil One himself, reappeared at the appointed time, and silently took the spindles away with him, but never again did the old lady encourage his visits.

The new moon is also supposed to indicate, by her horns, the state of the weather during its continuance; unfortunately, the signs do not harmonize, and respect for them is weakened in the minds of sceptics. Some contend that if the horns are upright, so that the moon has the appearance of holding water, it will be a dry moon; but the Indian, whose weather observations are entitled to as much respect, invariably accepted such a crescent as indicating a wet moon, as it invited him to hang up his implements of hunting.

Another weather sign is—

> A Saturday moon,
> If it comes once in seven years
> Comes once too soon.

And yet there is at least one Saturday moon in each year; indeed, in 1879 and 1879, there were *three* Saturday moons; in 1875 and 1880, *two*: and in 1882 there will be two, while in this year, 1881, there is one, and, up to the present writing, *three comets*.

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Among the ancient Greeks and Romans the crescent was regarded as a protection against the wiles of the Evil One, and small metal crescents were worn around the neck of man and beast as amulets. This custom has not yet entirely disappeared in Italy and the East, and some years ago the Neapolitan ladies wore silver crescents on their arms as preservations against epilepsy. The talismanic crescent has ever been the badge of Islam, and Masons are familiar with the distinction between the Believer and the Infidel. How the crescent became the Turkoman's standard is not well established—indeed, like many Masonic observances, its history is legendary. The Koran says that Mahomet broke the disc of the moon, and as the crescent fell from heaven, he caught it in his sleeve, and made it the symbol of his divine authority. It is related that Othman, the Conqueror, founder of the Turkish Empire, had a dream, in wich he saw the crescent moon waxing in splendour, until it illumined the whole world, when he adopted it as his standard, with the legend, "until it fills the world." Still another account is that when Philip of Macedon was engaged one dark night, in undermining the walls of Byzantium, a new moon suddenly made its appearance and discovered his operations to the besieged, who in gratitude for its timely light erected a temple to Diana, and adopted her crescent as a symbol of the state. The crescent was a religious symbol, however, long before the Turkish empire began; old statues of Diana represent her with the crescent over her brow, attesting that it was a familiar symbol to the worshippers of that deity.

All nations seem to have had a desire to account for the spots on the moon, and as they were unable to do so in scientific manner, their lively imaginations soon fashioned an accepted theory. Among the heathen nations the hare is said to inhabit the moon and to be the cause of the spots. In Ceylon it is related that when Buddha was a hermit on earth, he one day lost his way in a forest, and after long wanderings met a hare, who proffered his services as guide out of the wilderness. Buddha thanked him for his kindness, and stated his inability to requite him for the service, as he was poor and starving. The hare replied to light a fire, kill and eat him, whereupon Buddha lit the fire and the hare immediatly leaped in: here Buddha displayed his power and magnanimity by taking the hare from the flame and placing it in the moon. A French traveller mentions this story, and says his telescope was frequently borrowed by the natives in order that they might inspect the hare in the moon. The Hottentots have a hare legend somewhat different; they say that the moon once sent the hare to man to inform him that as she died and rose again, so should man die and rise again. But the hare forgot the purport of the message, and said to man that as the moon died and did not rise again, so should man die and not rise to life again. When the hare made report to the moon, the latter became so angry that she struck at him with a hatchet and slit his lip, whereupon the hare fled, and is still fleeing; others assert that the hare flew at the moon and almost scratched her eyes out.

The most popular and harmless fancy connected with our satellite is the man in the moon, and very few persons have any idea of the meaning or origin of the phrase. In response to an inquiry what it means, the answer would doubtless be given that it refers to that faint appearance of a face that the moon presents when full. An acquaintance with folk-lore, however, invests the object with much interest; and it is known to be the resemblance to a human figure which appears in the side of the moon when eight days old, being something like a man carrying a thorn-bush on his back and climbing an elevation, while a detached object in front seems to be his dog going on before him.

In Numbers xv. 32—36, we read: "And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the Sabbath day. And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation. And they put him inward, because it was not declared what should be done to him. And the Lord said unto Moses, 'The man shall be surely put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.' And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones and he died as the Lord commanded Moses." This circumstance is supposed to have given rise to the fancy, among the nations worshipping the true God, of the man in the moon, where the unhappy Sabbath-breaker is in perpetual purgatory, bearing his bundle of sticks upon his back, ever climbing without advancing, ever fearing a fall, and shivering as the frosty air bites his back through his thorn-rent clothing.

In Germany the legend is that an old man cut some sticks on a Sunday morning, and having gathered all he could carry, slung them in a bundle upon his back, and started homeward. He had not proceeded far when he met an elegantly dressed stranger—none other than the Almighty—who reproved him for not keeping the day holy, and asked if he was not aware it was Sunday on earth. "Sunday on earth or Monday in heaven, it is all the same to me," was the irreverent reply. "So be it," said the stranger, "bear then your faggot for ever; and since you do not value Sunday on earth, you shall have an everlasting moon-day in heaven—standing for eternity in the moon as a warning to Sabbath-breakers." As he pronounced the sentence the stranger vanished, and before the poor wood-chopper could apologize for his rudeness, he was seized by invisible hands and borne to the moon, pole, faggot and all. Another version stated that he was given the choice of burning in the sun or freezing in the moon, and chose the later. The story has various other renditions: that he was pruning his vineyard on Sunday, or had stolen a parcel of cuttings from a neighbour, and when questioned about it protested his innocence by saying, "If I have committed such a crime, may I go to the moon," which fate befel him at his death. In some localities, the man had stolen wood on Easter Day, and in others was fencing his field on Good Friday; in another, he had robbed a neighbour's garden of cabbages on Christmas eve, and this story says he turns once around with his plunder on the anniversary of his crime and detection.

The Suabians say that a man and woman are in the moon; the former for spreading thorns and brambles on the road to church, one Sunday morning, and the woman for churning butter the same day, while some traveller in countries bordering on Eastern seas reports an idea held by the inhabitants that the man in the moon is a giant who bends down to scoop up the water to pour on the earth to cause a flood tide, and who stands upright, at rest, when the tide ebbs.

Shakespeare refers to the man in the moon in *Midsummer Night's Dream*, when Mr. Quince, the carpenter, gives description how *moonshine* is to be represented, and in Act V. Scene I. Moonshine says, "All I have to say is to tell you that the lantern is the man; I, the man in the moon; this thornbush, my thorn-bush; and this dog, my dog."

Some years ago an Irish acquaintance explained to me a rule for determining the age of the moon, which I have in mind as to method, but am not quite sure I can recall the doggrel verse in which the rule was told to me. It is of interest to Masons, and I do not think it has ever been in print. With these verses in mind, no one need ever consult an almanac for the moon's age:

When fifteen hundred years are past
Of Jesus' age, sure nineteen cast,
And what remains, I pray remember,
You'll surely find the golden number.
Minus one the Golden Number,
Multiply by eleven placed under,
And cast it into thirties first,
And what remains is Epact just.
Count the months, with March begin,
Unto the month that you are in,
Add to it as on you go
The Epact and the day of month;
All over thirty leave behind,
And the moon's age you'll surely find.

Now to explain the process; I am writing 22nd August 1881; deduct 1500 from 1881 and there remains 381; cast (divide) 19 in this and it goes twenty times with one remaining, which is the Golden Number, and by refering to the almanac it is found that the Golden Number for 1881 is 1. "Minus one the Golden Number multiply by eleven placed under." This gives zero, or nothing, and eleven times nothing is nothing, but we must have the Epact, and the rule is where we have nothing, to make it 30; consequently 30 must be the Epact, and the almanac says it is 30. Commencing with March and including August makes six months; add to this the Epact, 30, and the day of the month, 22, and the sum is 58; "all over thirty leave behind," and we have 28 as the moon's age. The August moon was new 26th July, so that the six days of July and 22 days of August make the twenty-eight days. Of course, being twenty-eight days old we are so near another new moon that we can look for it in two days, and the almanac says there is a new moon on 24th August. It is unnecessary for astronomers to smile and announce that the rule will not always work; the instances when it will not are so very, very rare, that it serves all practical purposes, and I gladly give it for the good of the Craft.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. BARNARD.

WE regret to have to record the death of an old and esteemed Craftsman, Bro. J. A. L. Barnard, who died at No. 20 Navarino-road, on the last day of the old year, at the ripe age of seventy-three. The deceased was a lineal descendant of the celebrated Lord Mayor Barnard, who was one of the members for the City of London and Lord Mayor in the year 1737, and also known as one of the most popular members for the City of London for over forty years. His statue, executed in marble, was erected in the old Royal Exchange. The deceased gentleman was educated in the Bluecoat School, and, early brought up to commercial pursuits, was for many years a clerk and cashier in the Bank of England, which establishment he left to join the disastrous British Bank. He took a lively interest in literary pursuits, and was for many years one of the Committee of the celebrated Literary Institution in Aldersgate-street; he was also an active Director of the entertainments connected with that Institution. He was for many years an active and useful Freemason, having been twice W. Master, and for a long time *Father* of the Ionic Lodge, wherein he for years appeared as Master of Ceremonies. He took a deep interest in all matters pertaining to the Craft, and was ever ready to assist in acts of charity. For many years he acted as Honorary Secretary to the Benevolent Society of Old Blues. Members of the Craft who have been accustomed to see him, not only in his own, but also in Grand Lodge, will long miss his cheery and genial countenance and kindly expressions. We regret to say that he has left a widow and two aged sisters in somewhat straitened circumstances. We are assured when this is known to the Craft there will be no lack of generous assistance brought to bear—the brethren are ever mindful of those left dependent, and especially so where those who fulfilled the duty of bread winners were the first to lend aid on behalf of the necessitous.

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CLIQUSM IN LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—You will be conferring a great favour by inserting the following letter in your columns, having reference to the very unsatisfactory manner in which the whole internal working of my Lodge is being carried out.

I have been a member for ten years, and during that period, and up to last year, have filled the various offices below the Wardens' chairs.

It is most unfortunate for the Lodge that a formidable clique system has developed itself, and favoured members alone are appointed to fill the vacant offices. Only a few months has elapsed since a brother who happened to belong to the clique party was placed in a position that I in all fairness ought to have occupied; this office was held by him for about eight or nine months, when he left the neighbourhood. Ere I proceed further, I would ask the following questions. Is it in accordance with the strict rules of Masonry, prior to the installation of Officers for a seeker of office to presume intimating to the W.M. that in the event of his being elected W.M. at the ensuing election, he would appoint the late W.M. his S.W.? Also, whether it is consistent for a P.M. to interrogate a brother as to his views with regard to the then coming installation, and expressing a hope he would not fail to be present at the election. Can such proceedings be looked upon by Craftsmen in any other light than that of canvassing for office?

Yet the W.M. stated at his installation that he had not himself, or had he sanctioned any brother, canvassing on his behalf.

Both chairs being vacant, the W.M. appointed the Secretary Senior Warden, and the Senior Deacon as Junior Warden. Here I would state that the Senior Warden has only been a Mason for three, and the Junior Warden for four years; in addition, both these are much younger Masons than a great many of those comprising the Lodge. Moreover, they are in no sense to be considered better qualified to fill the offices, and were only so appointed by the clique who were desirous of having the absolute control of the Lodge.

Some years since a clique (similar in all respects to the one now existing) sprang up in the Lodge, and so objectionable were its effects that at that time it was mooted to establish another Lodge, but "Masonic spirit" came with force to the front, and the result was, might conquered right. However, it is most unfortunate that the Lodge should again be in a similar dilemma. Does not an opportunity present itself for memorialising the P.G.M. with a view to the establishment of a new Lodge? I think sufficient reasons can be shown why the prayer should be responded to. The Lodge, as now conducted, cannot be faithfully worked, especially when it is considered that the clique party claims to be superior to their poorer brethren; while a fearless and outspoken brother is, so to speak, "spotted," and looked upon in the most suspicious manner.

I am pleased to know that many staunch Masons are ready to rally round their aggrieved brethren, and have promised to stand shoulder to shoulder with them in the determination neither to unbuckle their armour nor sheath the sword until justice be done.

Apologising for taking up so much of your valuable space,

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,

H. J.

We learn that the resolution, moved by Bro. Charles Godtschalk, and carried in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire, on the 6th of August last, at Plymouth—"That five hundred guineas be raised to purchase a Life Presentation, in the name of Lord Ebrington, Prov. Grand Master for Devonshire, to be called the 'John Huyshe Presentation'—the immediate outcome of which was the nomination of a Committee—has already borne fruit. A meeting of this Committee took place on the 3rd instant, at the Masonic Hall, Gandy-street, Exeter, presided over by the Prov. Grand Master Lord Ebrington, M.P., when Bro. Charles Godtschalk was empowered to negociate the immediate purchase of a Scholarship and Presentation into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. We understand also the selected candidate of the Province, the lad Sidney Snowden, will receive the first presentation, and, as a consequence, his name will be erased from the present list of candidates for the coming April election.

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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday, 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present—Bros. S. Rosenthal in the chair, Donald Dewar, Frederick Adlard, Alfred Williams, William Roebuck, Leopold Ruf, Robert Berridge, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D., Head Master, C. F. Matier, H. Massey, George Read, C. E. Soppet, W. H. Saunders, W. H. Perryman, A. J. Duff Filer, Edward Baxter, and F. Binckes Secretary. Bro. Binckes reported that £1000 had been invested in Three and a Half per Cent. Stock of the Metropolitan Board of Works, as agreed to at the December meeting. Nine candidates were added to the 59 already placed on the list for the April election. There were sixty, but one of these had only been conditionally accepted, and he was now removed, his father not having subscribed five years to a Lodge when he resigned and subsequently died. Application having been made for maximum grants for the advancement in life of two former pupils of the Institution, the Committee refused the applications, but granted £20 each on condition only that the friends of the applicants provided the remaining sum which was required. The Committee recommended that the Quarterly Committee should declare sixty-eight candidates for the April election, and fifteen candidates. After which the brethren 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, when there were present Bros. Edgar Bowyer, in the chair, W. March, James Brett, C. H. Webb, Thomas Cubitt, J. A. Farnfield, F. Adlard, W. Hilton, W. Hale, Raynham W. Stewart, A. H. Tattersall, John Charles Perceval, James Willing jun., Dr. Jabez Hogg, and James Terry, Secretary. Bro. Terry reported the death of two annuitants, and one female candidate. In the Warden's report, which was read, the Warden (Bro. Norris) expressed, on behalf of himself and the other annuitants at Croydon, their gratitude for the New Year's Entertainment on the 4th inst. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Bowyer, Dr. Strong, Bro. and Mrs. Terry, and others, for their presents towards the Entertainment, and to Bro. Cutbush for a present of bulbs to the Institution. The Financial Committee's Report was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. This showed a balance of £1,144 7s 5d in favour of the Male Fund, and an over draft of £389 7s 8d against the Widows' Fund. Bro. Terry informed the Committee that the receipts of 1881 were £800 in excess of the announcement at the Festival—the announcement being £14,100, and the receipts nearly £14,900. Fifteen petitions were examined, and the candidates placed on the list for election in May next. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction will meet every Friday evening, on and after the 20th instant, at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, (instead of the Mitre, Goldborne-road, North Kensington. We believe that the removal will be an advantage to the Lodge, which has been under the Preceptorship of Bro. G. Davis for the last three years, and no doubt the numbers will greatly increase when the Lodge is established in its new quarters. The brethren have arranged to commemorate the opening night with a plain supper after the Lodge is closed. Lodge will be opened on the 20th at 7 o'clock.

The Earl of Carnarvon Chapter of Improvement will also remove to the Ladbroke Hall, and meet every alternate Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, commencing on Tuesday next, the 17th instant.

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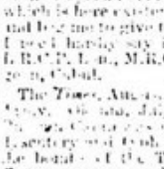

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The Times, August 13th, 1877. The following Correspondence with the Russian Consul, who died, duly proves, &c. [illegible] I was requested to give a few weeks longer, Laundry and Cabul. I very well have effected more lasting cures than the Indian Doctors. I myself am convinced an incurable case can be as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of CHLORODYNE, with which I effected miraculous cures.

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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 JANUARY.

Metropolitan Council (T.I.) Allied Masonic Degrees, Masonic Hall, 8A Red Lion Square, at 3 p.m.
Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1686—Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

MONDAY, 16th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
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.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst).
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate. (CONSECRATION, at 3.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
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 Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
623—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.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—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, 17th JANUARY.

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)
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. (Instruction)
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
191—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
880—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, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1429—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 8.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.30. (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—Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
969—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1068—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
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, 18th JANUARY.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
140—St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Moriand's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
909—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

30—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
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-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.)
683—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
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, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
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 (Instruction)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
R.A. 254—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

THURSDAY, 19th JANUARY.

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)
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
61—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
749—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1321—Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill
1338—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1305—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
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 (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1674—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1961—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
R.A. 754—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
49—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead

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56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
208—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
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, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—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
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 349—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raigan Tavern, Plumstead
R.A. 1216—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonian-road, Batley

FRIDAY, 20th JANUARY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 Inst.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., 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, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
188—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
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)
1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at7
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
K.T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 21st JANUARY.

186—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney, (Instruction)
1634—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1733—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

PECKHAM LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1475.

THE brethren of the above Lodge assembled at the Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, on Wednesday evening, Bro. Cowly having been voted to the chair as W.M. Bros. T. D. Hilton S.W., Stone J.W., Page S.D., J. J. Brinton I.G. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, after which the sections of the second lecture were worked by Bro. Preceptor Rose P.M. and Bro. F. Hilton, who were ably assisted therein by the brethren. Lodge was then closed in due form. Afterwards some business appertaining to the Masonic Charities was transacted. Bro. J. T. Scotts, the esteemed host, intimated that as he had reached the fifty-sixth anniversary of his natal day, if the brethren consented it would afford him much pleasure to take wine with them. This was assented to by Bro. Preceptor Rose P.M., who in feeling and graceful terms proposed the health of Bro. Scotts, who for a long series of years had been associated with the Lodge, and who had, moreover, striven to do all in his power to render them comfortable. In proof of this, the room which they then occupied was an instance. Without being accused of flattery, he could assert that Bro. Scotts was respected by all who knew him, for his excellencies and sterling worth. They, one and all, wished him many happy returns of the day, and expressed a hope that the great Architect of the Universe would shed His benign influence around him, and all those near and dear to him likewise. He having been heartily pledged, Bro. Scotts acknowledged the compliment in concise but appropriate terms. He assured the brethren that he reciprocated their kindness, and would on all occasions endeavour to promote the interests of the Lodge and the comfort of the brethren. Bro. Rose Preceptor stated that Bro. Bracegirdle was about sailing once more for China, and therefore he would call on the brethren to drink to his good health, coupling therewith their hearty good wishes. Many years would elapse ere he could hope to return to his native country, and therefore, in the midst of those who knew but little or nothing about their Order, he hoped that he might prove to them in all his dealings that Freemasonry was something more than a mere name. The toast was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Bracegirdle made a feeling speech in reply. Bro. W. C. Page sang "Many happy returns of the day," and other brethren also favoured with some excellent songs. The harmony was maintained for some considerable time, fraternisation not being allowed to flag for a single moment.

The Earl of Kimberley, accompanied by the Countess and Lady Constance Wodehouse, returned to town, for the season, on Wednesday.

The Earl and Countess of Bective have returned to Westmoreland from a visit to Headfort House, Meath.

The Prince of Wales was represented at the funeral of the late General Macdonald by Mr. A. Pepys Cockerell, one of his grooms of the bedchamber.

Sir R. Bateson Harvey's harriers met at Guy's House, Holyport, on Tuesday, and had fair sport in the neighbourhood of Bray, Fifield, and Dedworth.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have accepted an invitation to be present at a Ball, to be given on or about the 15th of February, by the Honourable Artillery Company, of which His Royal Highness is Colonel and Captain-General.

The Right Hon. J. G. Dodson left town on Wednesday for Cowborough, near Lewes.

The Marquis of Hartington, M.P., who attended the Cabinet Council on Saturday, left town on Tuesday evening for his seat at Holker.

Earl Granville has been staying at Walmer Castle since Tuesday.

The Countess of Rosebery and her infant son are both progressing most favourably.

Lord Leigh presided at a special meeting, on Wednesday, of the supporters of the North Warwickshire hounds, when it was agreed to continue the practice of advertising the fixtures for the various meets.

The accouchement of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, who is residing at Bagshot House, may shortly be expected.

The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs attended Divine service in State, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate-street, on Sunday last, on the occasion of the unveiling of two new windows representing the "Last Supper," and "St. Paul preaching to the Athenians on Mars' Hill."

On Wednesday the Lord Mayor visited the Marquis of Exeter, at Burghley House, Stamford, returning to the Mansion House the day following.

Monday being Plough Monday, the Lord Mayor held a court of Wardmote, in the Aldermen's Chamber, Guildhall, when the Town Clerk, Sir J. B. Monckton, reported the returns from the different Wardmotes for the election of Common Councillors. The City Marshal, the Guildhall and Mansion House Officers, the Ward Beadles, and the Constables of the different markets were subsequently sworn, in as usual.

At a meeting, on Monday, of the Nottingham Town Council, a letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to the Duke and Duchess of St. Albans, on the occasion of the death of Mr. Bernal Osborne, the Duke's father-in-law. A suitable address to the Duke of Albany on his approaching marriage was also agreed to.

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FREEMASONRY IN PENNSYLVANIA.

FROM the intelligence received from the medium of the Philadelphia *Keystone* it would seem that the Craft is in a highly flourishing state. The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on St. John's Day (27th December), under the presidency of M.W. Bro. Samuel B. Dick G.M., there being a numerous attendance of Grand Officers, and the representatives of the subordinate Lodges. The Almoners of Grand Lodge Charity Fund reported that they had distributed the sum of 3,130 dollars among 271 applicants, and the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund reported they had granted relief to 215 "poor and respectable Brethren," in sums amounting in the aggregate to 3,240 dollars. The death of Past Grand Master A. R. Potter having been reported, and a resolution of condolence unanimously passed, the Grand Master read his customary address, in which he reviewed the principal events of the year then closing, noting as an especial subject of congratulation that the balance to the credit of Grand Lodge amounted to 29,956 dollars 50 cents (not very far short of £6,000). He further stated that the sum subscribed and transmitted towards the relief of the sufferers by the Michigan fire was 4,097 dollars, 7 cents (= about £819 16s). The following are the principal Grand Officers for the current year, namely:—Bros. Samuel B. Dick Most Worshipful Grand Master, Conrad B. Day Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, E. Coppée Mitchell, R.W. Senior Grand Warden, Joseph Eichbaum R.W. Junior Grand Warden, Thomas R. Patton R.W. Grand Treasurer P.G.M., Michael Nisbet R.W. Grand Secretary, George S. Graham Senior Grand Deacon, Oscar R. Meyers Junior Grand Deacon, S. W. Broadbent and Spencer C. Gilbert Grand Stewards, George W. Wood Grand Marshal, Louis M. Chastean Grand Sword Bearer, Henry H. Haynes Grand Pursuivant, Harrison G. Clark G. Tyler.

The Annual Communication of the Grand R.A. Chapter of Pennsylvania was held the evening of the same day, at the Temple, M.E. Comp. Hibbert P. John Grand High Priest presiding. In his review of the past year Comp. John expressed his satisfaction at the progress made by capitular Masonry, and referred in terms of warm sympathy and sorrow to the death of Past Grand High Priest Potter, as well as to that of their late Comp. Pres. Garfield, to whose virtues and eminent qualities he paid a just eulogium. The following are the principal Officers for the year, namely:—Comps. Hibbert P. John M.E. Grand High Priest, Augustus R. Hall M.E.Grand King, George W. Kendrick jun. M. Excellent Grand Scribe, Thos. R. Patton M.E. Grand Treasurer, Chas. E. Meyer M.E. Grand Secretary, Arthur Thatcher Grand Captain of the Host, John Kellar jun. Grand Principal Sojourner, James S. Barber Grand R.A. Captain, Chas. W. Nolen Grand Master of Third Vail, William A. Sinn Grand Master of Second Vail, Samuel W. Broadbent Grand Master of First Vail, Edward Masson Grand Marshal, Isaac Vandusen Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies, Charles E. Pike Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies, Frank C. Headman Grand Pursuivant, Harrison G. Clark Grand Tyler.

We have briefly alluded to the lamented death of Brother Alfred R. Potter, P.M.W.G.M. and M.E.G.H. Priest. Bro. Potter, it seems belonged to one of the ablest and best known families in New York and Pennsylvania, among its most prominent members being the present Bishop Horatio Potter of New York, the Hon. Clarkson N. Potter the able lawyer and Member of Congress, and the late Bishop Alonzo Potter of Pennsylvania. Bro. Potter, who, at the time of his decease, was sixty years of age, was made a Mason in Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, in December 1851, and afterwards was elected its W.M. He was also a member and P.H.P. of Jerusalem R.A. Chapter, No. 3; a member of Philadelphia Council, No. 11, R.S.E. and Select Masters, and of St. John's Commandery, No. 4, K.T. After having previously been elected J.G. Warden, S.G. Warden, and D.G. Master, in December 1873 he was elected R.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and during his term of office, on 4th July 1874, he laid the corner-stone of the New Public Buildings of the City of Philadelphia. In 1875 Bro. Potter was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and served with distinction in that station.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Joshua Nunn President, James Brett Junior Vice-President as Senior Vice-President, and Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford Past G. Chaplain as Junior Vice-President; Brothers J. M. Case P.G.D., G. P. Britten, John Constable, Richard Hervé Giraud P.G.D., J. H. Matthews, W. Mann, Charles Dairy, J. Lewis Thomas P.G.A.D.C., Thomas Cull, Charles Atkins, J. D. Collier, F. Binckes P.G.S., John Denton, F. R. Spaull, W. Gibson Bott, N. Gluckstein, Arthur E. Gladwell, Frederic Davison, W. Groves, George Everett, W. Pitt, Henry P. Speedy, E. J. Moore, J. H. Sillitoe, L. F. Littell, W. H. Perryman, John Skirving, Charles Hudson, G. D. Hughes, F. Thurston, Charles McDowall, F. W. Koch, R. Forster, W. H. Dean, George Powell, E. Squirrell, Robert J. Cook, Joseph Thorp, A. Runderes, Charles E. Power, and Griffiths Smith P.G.S., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, H. G. Buss A.G.S., A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, and H. Sadler G. Tyler, also attended. The brethren confirmed grants to the amount of £295, recommended at the December meeting. There were twenty cases on the new list. During a sitting of three hours, the Lodge relieved these cases with a total of £682.

We are pleased to see the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, again to the fore on the subject of Masonic charity. At the last meeting of the Lodge, held on Thursday, the 12th instant, under the presidency of Rev. Darby Reade W.M., the sum of fifty guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the amount to be placed on the list of Bro. Smout the I.P.M., who has undertaken the office of Steward for the next Anniversary Festival. We are also informed that he has a large sum promised by individual members of the Lodge and their friends, and that he will be able to render a very good account of his Lodge at the time of the Festival in June next.

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL COMFORTING) COCOA.

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A MEMORABLE YEAR IN ENGLISH MASONRY.

FROM THE MASONIC MAGAZINE.*

THERE are few institutions, as there are few nations, in whose history there are no bright particular epochs at which there occurred events that have exercised a beneficial and enduring influence over their subsequent fortunes, and certainly our Freemasonry is no exception to the rule. Just as for instance the Englishman looks back with pride to the year 1215, when Magna Charta was signed by John, as marking the inauguration of his boasted liberties; to 1603 as strengthening British interests by the union of the English and Scottish crowns; and to 1757 as the commencement of our supremacy over the vast and densely-populated peninsula of Hindostan; so does the English Freemason call to mind, with the liveliest feelings of satisfaction, the events of the year 1717, when the four old Lodges met together and elected one Anthony Sayer, gentleman, as Grand Master of England; the year 1790, when, for the first time in the annals of our Craft, a Prince, who was heir-apparent to the throne, was chosen to preside over its destinies; or in 1813, when the dissensions which had prevailed in our midst for some three quarters of a century were put an end to, and the Union of the rival Grand Lodges of England was so happily consummated—never, let us hope, again to be disturbed. It is to this last mentioned year, though not alone to the event I have just referred to, to which I am about to draw the attention of my readers.

There is no single year throughout the whole history of Speculative Freemasonry into which are crowded so many events as 1813. Taking these events in the order of their occurrence, I find that on the 27th January, a magnificent fête was held at Freemasons' Hall for the purpose of doing honour to one of the most distinguished men and Masons that ever wore the insignia of our Order. I allude to the Earl of Moira, who had filled the high office of Acting Grand Master during the whole of the Grand Mastership of George Prince of Wales, and who, being on the eve of leaving England, in order to take up the Governor-Generalship of India, was under the necessity of resigning his office. More than thirty years previously his lordship had won distinction as a military commander during the war of American Independence. He had subsequently served in Flanders under H.R.H. the Duke of York, and had likewise rendered important service to his sovereign as an hereditary member of the British Legislature. How admirably he justified his selection for the arduous office of British Viceroy of India is a matter of history that needs no comment here; but it may not be so generally known that Lord Moira, if he did not take the initiative in the fortunately successful attempt to bring about the union of the Regular and Atholl Grand Lodges, was one of its earliest and most ardent promoters. To the Duke of Susex and Kent belongs the chief honour of having contributed to bring about the Union, but the labours in the same direction of the Earl of Moira place him almost on a level with their Royal Highnesses. Be this as it may, it was his lordship's first care to exert all his influence in removing such prejudices as had previously existed; and he it was who, on the 21st July 1810, presided at the first of the united committees of the two Grand Lodges appointed to consider the terms of reconciliation—the Atholl brethren being his lordship's guests on the occasion. No wonder then that, when he was on the point of leaving for India, the opportunity should be taken by the chiefs of his own Grand Lodge to indicate in some especially pronounced way their sense of his eminent services to the cause of Universal Masonry. Hence this banquet, at which, in the absence of the Grand Master the Prince Regent, his brother and Deputy, the Duke of Sussex, presided. The Earl of Moira had the place of honour to the right of the chair, and among those present were their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of York, Clarence, Kent, Cumberland, Gloucester, the Swedish Ambassador, Lord Kinnaird, Sir John Doyle, and all the most distinguished members of the regular Craft. The principal gallery was set apart for ladies, among whom was the Countess of Loudoun and Moira, while in the other was posted the Duke of Kent's band. Even in those days, indeed, it would be difficult to picture to the imagination a more brilliant assembly; while as to the arrangements, which gave to the fête a kind of public character during the first part of the proceedings, so as to admit of the presence of the ladies, the latter being wholly Masonic, nothing could have been in better taste. It is hardly necessary to say that everything passed off most successfully, the meeting being roused to a pitch of enthusiasm when the toast of the evening, the health of "The Earl of Moira, the Friend of his Prince, of his Country, and of Man," was proposed by the illustrious chairman, and drunk with three times three, a song by Bro. Rodwell Wright, Provincial Grand Master of the Ionian Islands, specially written for the occasion, accompanying it. When the noble Earl had returned thanks the ladies withdrew, Grand Lodge was opened and tyled, and the Duke of Sussex, after having given the customary toasts, rose and delivered another speech in honour of Lord Moira, at the close of which he presented to his lordship a magnificent jewel, intrinsically of great value; as a work of art exquisitely beautiful; but, as indicating the warm feelings of the whole Craft towards the noble recipient for his Masonic services, beyond all price. When the gift had been acknowledged in most eloquent terms, other toasts followed, Grand Lodge was closed, and one of the most honourable episodes in the history of our Craft was closed likewise.

At a Quarterly Communication on the 7th April, the Earl of Moira sent in his resignation as Acting Grand Master, and a letter was read from H.R.H. the Prince Regent, in which his Royal Highness resigned the office of Grand Master. The latter resignation was, of course, accepted, but with the acceptance was coupled the unanimously expression of a wish that the Prince would become the Patron of the Order. A suitable address for his great services and the deep interest he had always taken in the Craft was agreed to, while a worthy successor to the Regent as Grand Master was found in the person of his brother, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, who for some time had held the office as Deputy Grand Master, and who, on this occasion, was unanimously elected to occupy the vacant Masonic throne.

The first act of the illustrious Duke in his new capacity was to preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Masonic Girls' School, which was held at the 14th of the same month, or only a few days later, in Freemasons' Hall. His brother, the Duke of Kent, was present, as well as a distinguished muster of guests, among whom were Curran, the famous Irish lawyer, and a Captain Book, an officer in the Russian army, who had arrived in England shortly before, and whose reception was most enthusiastic—as will be readily understood when I point out that Russia and Great Britain were firmly allied together against Napoleon Bonaparte, and that the former had just succeeded in driving back and almost annihilating the invading hosts that would, had not Providence willed it otherwise, have enslaved the empire of the Czar. The occasion is only memorable for the speech of the Duke of Sussex, in which, in proposing the health of the eminent Curran, he said, "a Master of the Rolls might be found every day, but a Curran could not."

On the 12th May, a Grand Lodge was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's. The chair was taken by the Duke of Kent, who, in due course, and according to ancient and solemn form, installed his royal brother the Duke of Sussex, as M.W. Grand Master for the year. Among the brethren appointed Grand Officers were Lord Dundas, Deputy Grand Master; and Bros. W. H. White, Grand Secretary; the Chevalier Ruspini, Grand Sword Bearer; and Samuel Wesley Grand Organist; amongst the Grand Stewards was Bro. Rev. Samuel Hemming, D.D. When this part of the proceedings was over, Grand Lodge took into consideration the services rendered by Bro. W. H. White, who, during the thirty years he had held the office of Grand Secretary, had fulfilled his important duties "with honour and credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the brethren at large," and it was unanimously agreed that a handsome vote of thanks should be recorded to Bro. White, and that a piece of plate of the value of one hundred guineas, and bearing an appropriate inscription, should accompany the vote.

On the 17th of the same month, the Duke of Sussex was re-elected "Grand Master" of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, with Comps. John Dent and John Aldridge as his assistants in place of the Earl of Moira and Comp. W. Rodwell Wright, who had resigned in consequence of having received official appointments in the public service abroad. The business of the Chapter was concluded by "a unanimous vote of thanks to their highly respected Bro. and Comp. W. R. Wright, Esq., accompanied with a request that he would accept a present of plate, of not less than three hundred guineas' value, in token of their regard and esteem, and as a humble tribute of acknowledgment for the very eminent services he had rendered to the Order during the long series he had assisted in presiding over them." The account concludes: "This being the Annual Festival, the remainder of the day was devoted to social intercourse and conviviality;" so it seems that in those days Grand Chapter as well as Grand Lodge had an Annual Festival.

On the 23rd June, at a Grand Lodge held in Freemasons' Hall, under H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, a letter from Col. McMahon was read, announcing in the most flattering terms that H.R.H. the Prince Regent "had been graciously pleased to continue the Society under his protection, and allow himself to be styled 'Grand Patron of the Craft' and a bust of His Royal Highness, of the value of one hundred guineas, was voted to be placed in the Hall over the chair of the Grand Master."

On the 1st December, H.R.H. the Duke of Kent was formally installed Grand Master, at a special Communication of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, in place of the Duke of Atholl, whose resignation as Grand Master had been accepted at another special meeting held on the 8th November. The installation of the Duke of Kent was witnessed by the Duke of Sussex and a number of his Grand Officers, who, in order that they might be present, had been previously made Ancient Masons in a room adjoining.

Of the act of Union between the two Grand Lodges, which, taking place on the 27th December, brought this "memorable year in English Masonry" to a close, I need say little. To the wisdom which planned, and the ability, tact, and judgment which carried the design of the Union to a successful issue on this eventful day, we owe the present prosperity of our United Grand Lodge of England. But the story of this Union has been too well told by Hughan and others to need repetition in this paper. Suffice it to say that the bright star of Masonic prosperity, which was in the ascendant on the, 27th January 1813, when honour was done to the Earl of Moira reached its zenith on the 27th December, when was accomplished that grand Union, to bring about which he had laboured so well and worthily during so many years.

To conclude with a question. Am I not right in describing the year 1813 as a memorable one in English Masonry? In the first of its twelve months was held a Masonic fête, with six Royal Dukes present, in honour of the Earl of Moira, the soldier, the statesman—"the friend of his Prince, of his Country, and of Man." In the last was consummated the Union. In the interim were installed two royal brothers as Grand Masters respectively of the rival Grand Lodges. The office of Grand Patron was instituted, and two worthy brethren publicy honoured. I say, then, there are few years like it in our history.

And whence think you, reader, I have derived most of my information as the details, at least, of the above story? From Masonic sources? Well, no; from the pages of an ordinary magazine of the year.

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QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair, H. A. Dubois, H. Massey, William Dodd, Henry Lovegrove, A. J. Duff-Filer, A. F. A. Woodford, Frank Richardson, James Terry, F. Binckes, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. Bro. A. J. Duff-Filer, with reference to the proposal at the last Quarterly Court to authorise the House Committee to expend a sum not exceeding £2,000 in building a swimming bath at the School, said it was the opinion of himself, and several other brethren, that £1,500 would be enough, and that that sum would better meet the wishes of the subscribers to the Institution than the £2,000 which was on the minutes. He, therefore, proposed that £1,500 be substituted for £2,000. Bro. H. A. Dubois seconded the amendment. Colonel Creaton, though always loth to say anything on these money motions, was convinced that from £1,000 to £1,500 would defray the cost of an excellent bath. There would be a proposal to place the bath on a part of the kitchen garden, but there was a much nicer spot, 80 feet long and 30 feet wide, near the laundry. Bro. Frank Richardson remarked that if the bath were placed in the kitchen garden it would spoil the buildings, and it would be a pity to have to pull it down again. The minutes were then altered by substituting £1,500 for £2,000 for building a swimming bath, and as altered were carried. The number of candidates for the April election was declared to be 28, and the vacancies 21. The proceedings closed with the usual compliment to the Chairman.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of the supporters of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair, Don. M. Dewar, James Terry, H. Massey, Samuel H. Parkhouse, Arthur E. Gladwell, A. J. Duff-Filer, C. H. Webb, and F. Binckes Secretary. The business was merely formal. Vacancies for the next election, to the number of fifteen, were declared. The number of candidates will be sixty-seven. Bro. Binckes read a letter from Bro. C. Godtschalk, to the effect that Devonshire will present one boy under the John Huyshe presentation.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

THE annual meeting was held on Tuesday last, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. There were present Bros. Stephens W.M., S. Bradley P.M., R. C. Mount S.W. and W.M. elect, F. J. Ferguson J.W., Rev. N. T. Garry Chaplain, S. A. Pocock P.M. Treasurer, M. J. Withers Secretary, S. Wheeler S.D., A. W. Parry J.D., C. G. Butler and J. W. Martin Stewards, D. H. Witherington I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Blowers, Hounslow, Morris, Oades, R. Bradley, Yetts, C. Smith, Weightman, Moxhay, Baker, Eggington, Cockburn; also Bros. G. Webb, H. Higgs, Rayner, Sydenham, Sherwood, Donaldson, Moffatt, Hawkes, Armstrong, Cave. Visitors—Bros. Beale P.M. 1101, Shanks W.M. 1887, Durand 84, Rogers Chaplain 357, Archdall 771, Brookspear 1895, Payne 1328, Cottebrune P.G.P., Nicholson 1566, Hilton 1409, Ridley 1101, Lamb 694, Barker 1174, Toomer 351, 153, Moreland P.P.G.R. Berks and Bucks, J. T. Browne P.M. 1101, F. Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B., Todd 27, Maidwell P.M. 27, Farr 1566, Faulkner 592, R. Dowsett S.W. 1101, W. Ferguson I.P.M. 1101, E. J. Blackwell W.M. 1101, Ivey P.M. Sec. 1101, Cozens 907, Margrett P.M. 1101, Morgan Sec. 211. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge read and confirmed. Mr. John William George, who had been ballotted for at the last meeting, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being effectively conducted by the W.M. After this the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Moxhay, who acted as Installing Master, and introduced as his successor Bro. Reginald C. Mount S.W. of the Lodge and P.M. 1328, who was elected to fill the Office of W.M. at the last regular meeting. The ceremony was admirably conducted by Bro. Moxhay, who was complimented by all for the ability he displayed. The following were the Officers appointed:—Bros. F. J. Ferguson S.W., S. Wheeler J.W., Rev. N. T. Garry Chaplain, S. A. Pocock Treasurer, M. J. Withers Secretary, A. W. Parry S.D., D. H. Witherington J.D., F. Blackwell I.G., Charles Butler Director of Ceremonies, Hayward (named as) Organist, John Martin Steward, Webb and Armstrong Assistant Stewards, Hemmings Tyler. A vote of thanks was then passed to the Installing Master, which having been acknowledged, the W.M. announced it was his intension to go up as Steward at the next Festival of the Boys' School. A proposition for a candidate for initiation was handed in, routine work transacted, and the Lodge was then closed in due form. The banquet was served at the George Hotel, and the efforts of Mrs. Ponton, the hostess met, with the unqualified approval of the numerous assembly that had gathered to do honour to the occasion. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. rose and proposed the first toast, the Queen and the Craft, which was most enthusiastically received. After the National Anthem, the W.M. gave the second toast. Since the present M.W. Grand Master had ruled the Craft, 424 Lodges had been consecrated, this must represent a considerable increase in the power of the Craft to carry out in the true spirit the best interests of the Order. The patriotic song—"God bless the Prince of Wales" was sung. The W.M. next gave the toast of the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, past and present. He referred to the state of health of the Pro Grand Master, and regretted this necessitated his abstaining from taking so active a part as could be desired. With the toast he would couple the name of Bro. Cottebrune, whose eminent qualities as a Preceptor were gracefully alluded to. After the reply of Bro. Cottebrune, the W.M. proposed the fourth toast,—the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P.; the Very Worshipful Deputy Prov. G.M., the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, past and present. Undoubtedly Freemasonry flourishes in Berks and Bucks; Sir Daniel had taken an active part in Craft doings, while the Deputy Grand Master and other Prov. G. Officers ably supported him. Bro. Bradley Prov. G. Secretary responded. He regretted the state of health of Sir Daniel Gooch prevented his attending so often as he could desire, the Deputy G. Master, however, ably supported him. Bro. Bradley then referred to the advance of Freemasonry in the Province; he regretted to learn that a falling off had taken place in the receipts for the Institutions. The Province had been very successful in the past, and had now several deserving cases whose claims would be laid before the members in due course. Bro. Bradley then urged the brethren present to support the Institutions. He spoke of the organisation in the Province, and urged the brethren to forward to him their proxy papers, in all cases unmarked. Bro. Bradley also announced that the next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge would be held in Reading. Bro. Stephens proposed the health of the W.M. He thought he might not only congratulate the Master, but on this occasion the Lodge, inasmuch as Bro. Mount had brought with him the experience he had gained elsewhere. In reply, Bro. Mount thanked Bro. Stephens for the kind way he had spoken of him. When he became a joining member, nine years ago, he did not anticipate this honour; he had, however, worked through the offices, and would now endeavour to do his duty. He trusted he might have plenty of opportunities of conducting the ritual, and that his year of office might be governed by Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. In speaking to the toast of the Past Masters, the W.M. said that no better Master than Bro. Stephens ever presided in a Lodge. What wonder, then, that at the last meeting the members had unanimously voted him a jewel, which he would now call on Bro. Moxhay to present. Bro. Moxhay gave a *résumé* of the many services rendered by Bro. Stephens, and in doing so made some happy allusions. He stated that the amount contributed by the brethren had more than compensated for the outlay on the jewel, and he would therefore hand over the balance, which amounted to nearly £4, to Bro. Stephens, that he might present it for any charitable purpose he thought fit. Bro. Stephens replied, and announced his intention of sending in the amount so gracefully alluded to by Bro. Moxhay to the National Lifeboat Institution, in which it was well known he took a deep interest. At this stage of the proceedings Bro. Morgan gave a descriptive poem—"The Wreck of the Indian Chief." To Bro. Garry was entrusted the toast of the Visitors, and Bro. Moreland replied. The other toasts comprised the Installing Master, the Masonic Charities, the Initiate, the neighbouring Lodges, and the Officers. Bro. Binckes made an earnest and vigorous appeal for the Institutions; he thanked Bro. Bradley for directing attention to the falling off in their receipts during the past year, and urged the brethren to exert themselves not to permit this to be repeated. He anticipated there would be still increased demands for the benefits of the Institution he had the honour to represent, and stated that it was now desirable that the Preparatory School, to which mention had been made, should be at once commenced. Other replies having been made, the Tyler gave the parting toast. Brother F. H. Cozens carried out the musical arrangements of the evening, and ably acquitted himself. Bros. Toomer, Marshall, and others rendered him great assistance.

ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 382.

THE members met at the Chequers Hotel, last Monday, at half-past three o'clock, under the presidency of Bro. C. Russ W.M. There were present Past Masters Bros. Febrenbach, Weedon, Webb, and Jaquin Prov. G.P., J. Lonsdale S.W., W. Coombes P.M. Secretary, E. T. Brown Assistant Secretary, James J. Wilson Organist, Hill Steward; Visitors—Bros. W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, C. E. Botley Director of Ceremonies 780, E. H. Sugg Past Master 492. After the minutes of last Lodge meeting had been confirmed, Bros. Taplin, Lambert, Taylor, and Sansom were passed, and Mr. Henry Belch, who was proposed by Bro. Poole, seconded by Bro. Nicholson J.D., was balloted for and initiated. Bro. Thomas Jamieson St. John's Lodge, No. 216 (Scottish Constitution) was elected a joining member, proposed by Bro. W. C. Hall, seconded by Bro. A. J. Hanson. The election of Worshipful Master resulted in the selection of Bro. Lonsdale the S.W., while Bro. Febrenbach P.M. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Duffin Tyler. An Audit Committe was then appointed, and Lodge was closed. Refreshments were liberally served, and thoroughly enjoyed. The customary toasts followed. We are gratified to be able to state that the eminent services of Bro. Coombes, who for many years has officiated as Secretary, are about to receive substantial recognition. The Lodge has voted a sum from its funds, and we are sure the brethren will liberally respond to honour one who has served them so zealously.

It is gratifying to know that the Lodge of Instruction in connection with Royal Union, No. 382, is making satisfactory progress. At a late meeting a copy of the Volume of the Sacred Law, with handsome cushion, was presented by Bros. Nicholson and H. E. Tucker (the Preceptor). The brethren have a completely appointed room to meet in, and we recommend those Craftsmen who reside in the district to pay a visit to the Chequers Hotel, where the Lodge of Instruction meets every Monday, at 8 o'clock.

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GRAND MASTERS' LODGE.

INSTALLATION OF THE LORD MAYOR AS WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

ON Monday the Lord Mayor was installed as W.M. for the year ensuing of No. 1, Grand Masters' Lodge, an honour which has not unfrequently been conferred upon the Chief Magistrate of the City when, as in the present instance, that gentleman happens to be a member of the Craft. The ceremony took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, and never since Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott was similarly dignified had there been such a goodly muster of the members and friends of the Lodge. Many of the high Officers of the Order were present, and the sight both at the installation ceremony and the subsequent banquet will not soon be forgotten by those who took part in it. The minutes of the previous Lodge being confirmed, the installation ceremony, which was performed by Bro. Fenner, was at once proceeded with, the Lord Mayor being introduced by Alderman Sir F W. Truscott. Bro. H. Bradshaw Brown was appointed by the Lord Mayor as his S.W., Bro. Ralph Morland Bishop J.W., Bro. J. Martin S.D., Bro. J. Fuller J.D., Bro. J. Holah I.G., and the Rev. J. Conder Chaplain, Dr. B. Gooding, who for many years has served the office of Secretary with considerable advantage to the Lodge, was unanimously re-appointed to that position, and Bro. R. Hervé Girand, who for fifty years has filled the office of Treasurer, was heartily congratulated by the Lord Mayor and brethren upon his re-election. Bro. Goddard and Bro. Church were re-elected Tylers, and escorted the Lord Mayor to the banqueting-hall. The retiring Worshipful Master (Bro. J. Marsh Case) presented to the Lodge a very beautiful ivory maul, with silver mountings. On the motion of Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, the gift was accepted, and Bro. J. Marsh Case was warmly thanked for the same. The guests, who dined in Masonic clothing, numbered about 200. A very excellent repast was well served, under the personal direction of Bro. Dawkins. Grace before and after the banquet was said by the Chaplain (the Rev. J. Conder).

The Worshipful Master: Brethren, the toast is "The Queen and the Craft." The Queen has confidence in the brethren who form the Freemasons of England, and I have heard, and believe, that there is no greater pleasure that her Majesty enjoys than to know that her sons rule in the breasts of the Freemasons of England.

The toast was drunk with the usual Masonic honours, and was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The Lord Mayor: I now have to propose "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." Happy the brethren who live in all quarters of the globe that they possess so great, so worthy, so noble, so estimable a G. Master as His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; and happy the Grand Master, and most happy the Prince, who can number so many loyal hearts true to him, and true to the interests of every country in which they reside. I give you the toast of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The Worshipful Master: Brethren, I have now to propose to you "The Right Worshipful the Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past." The Earl of Carnarvon is one of the sons of England who commend themselves to our respect and regard, and there is no greater gratification the Freemasons have than to see the Pro Grand Master in the chair at their Quarterly Communications. The Earl of Lathom, as we all know, is one of those who has advanced the interests of agriculture more perhaps than any man in England. But we have present to-night most worthy Grand Officers, Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, who has discharged so many obligations in Masonry with honour, and who has the distinguished position of a Past Junior Grand Warden. We have also Bro. R. P. Bent Past Grand Chaplain, Bro. Monckton who I need not tell you is President of the Board of General Purposes, and a most efficient Officer, without whom the great and intricate work of Masonry could not proceed. We have also Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke the Grand Secretary, and, as we all know, he was selected by his Royal Highness for that peculiar judgment and ability which he brings to the post, together with the most masterly ability, and those qualities which render him respected and endeared by the whole Craft. Then we have Bro. Rucker Past Grand Deacon, Bro. Fenn a Past Grand Deacon, and ubiquitous in every work where Freemasonry is conducted. Bro. Gould P.G. Deacon, and Bro. Frank Richardson, are also on the roll, and I would continue this list of Grand Officers who have supported Freemasonry with so much ability, but I know you do not wish that all the individual names should be given, but I hope that this time next year we may have the opportunity of naming those who are here to-day. I would couple with this the name I first mentioned, that of Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott Past Grand Warden.

Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott: Worshipful Master,—I cannot conceive a position in which a Mason can find fault with the Master who presides over him, and as a good Mason, as I hope I am, I may perhaps demur to your ruling that I should return thanks for this toast. I am a Past Grand Warden, my work therefore is somewhat of the past, and I see present those who are constantly year by year performing very important duties most satisfactorily. Those gentlemen in my opinion are the brethren who should have been called upon to respond. But having stated this much, I cannot do less than thank you for the kind and courteous manner in which you have alluded, not only to the Deputy Grand Master and the other Grand Officers past and present, but also to myself. As regards myself, I can assure you that occupying as I have a similar position to that which you now occupy, I can only hope that at the end of your year of office you will receive from that position as much pleasure as I have derived, and if together with that pleasure you derive the great satisfaction of knowing you retire with the respect and esteem of every brother in the Lodge, you will not, I believe, think that you have occupied the office in vain. Worshipful Master, on behalf of the present and past Grand Officers I return you our most sincere thanks.

Bro. J. M. Case I.P.M., in introducing the health of the W.M. said, the position of I.P.M., which the W.M. has conferred upon me, gives me the duty and the privilege of introducing a toast which I know well will be received with enthusiasm. It is the Health of the Worshipful Master, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor. At a memorable period in Freemasonry, six years ago, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales stated that Masonry was based upon Loyalty and Charity. My address to you will be upon these sentiments. Our Brother Ellis is a son of the Lodge; he was initiated into it, and at the earliest period of his introduction he expressed his deep interest in the Charities of the Craft, and he has practically carried out the sentiment ever since. He has served as Steward of the Charities, and has besides that intimated his intention of presiding over the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in June next, and I hope the brethren will support him in large numbers. The Loyalty of the Worshipful Master has been evinced upon a recent occasion, and I need not dilate upon that. You will all join with me in acknowledging the interest he has evinced in the Lodge. I ask you to join with me in most cordially drinking his health. The toast was drunk most cordially with Masonic honours.

The Worshipful Master: Brother Case and Brethren,—I am deeply indebted to you for this further mark of your approval. The delight of man is to be honoured amongst those among whom he lives, and if men did not feel a gratification in that sentiment this world would not progress, but must recede. Perhaps that may be the reason that in some parts of our realm there may not be that happiness which exists on this side of the Channel. Perhaps the spirit of Freemasonry has not penetrated into the depths of all portions of Her Majesty's dominions. If that peace and goodwill, that amity and affection, that friendship which one should have to another—that utter disregard of self, and respect for the community, which might be summed up in the term patriotism—if that were more universal we should have less complaint, and should find that every part of this country was flourishing. I thank you heartily for the way in which you have received me. I am deeply indebted to you, brethren of the Lodge, for the position in which you have placed me, and my only trust is that at the termination of my year of office I may be found to have been not unworthy of the position.

The Lord Mayor: I have now to propose the health of the Visitors. This toast is perhaps the most important toast of the evening. We all know that without the guests the feast cannot take place. To-day you have placed me in the chair of King Solomon, and we all know that without the Queen of Sheba even Solomon would have been shorn of half his glory; and to-day No. 1 Lodge would have been shorn of two-thirds of its glory if it had not been for its Visitors. I believe that we have the honour of entertaining over 100 Visitors this evening, and if Charity is one of the great principles of Freemasonry, hospitality, I think, must be its sister virtue. We heartily greet the Visitors this evening, and hope that we may never have a less number.

Bro. Macdougall, in reply, said: I am fully aware of the great responsibility that your Worshipful has placed on my shoulders in asking me to return thanks for so large a body of visitors, but I am sure that the other visitors will bear me out when I thank you most heartily for the handsome reception you have given us this evening. We thank you for the grand working this evening in the Lodge, and the grand working of Bro. Fenner. It has been a great treat to us to see the ceremony done in such a manner as it was by our Bro. Fenner. It is the first time that I had the privilege of visiting No. 1 Lodge. I had often heard the grand treat it was to see the installation in this Lodge, and I am sure my brother visitors will join in saying it was a sight worthy of No. 1 Lodge in the Craft. We in Freemasonry are all on an equality; whether we are Grand Officers or hold no office at all, we are joined in the one great brotherhood of Freemasonry which makes us all equal But we cannot forget that in our Worshipful Master this evening we have the Chief Magistrate of the City of London. I congratulate with my brethren the Grand Masters' Lodge on having such a Master as they have installed to-night. It must be a great honour to any Lodge to have such a Master, and the visitors join with me in thanking you for your hearty reception.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Past Masters." He said: Amongst Past Masters might be named some of the most illustrious in Freemasonry, and foremost among them was Bro. Girand, who had served the office of Grand Master of this Lodge, and who for the fiftieth time had to-day been invested as Treasurer of the Lodge. We all honour Bro. Girand that he should have lived to see so great an age, and is still in the possession of his faculties and powers, and is able to come here and see the prosperity of our Lodge and take part in the prosperity of the Institutions of which Freemasonry is so proud. We have also present Bro. Bennoch, a distinguished P.M., Bro. Case, Sir F. W. Truscott, Bro. Lumley, Bro. Colls, Bro. Gover, Bro. Payne, Bro. Ralph Gooding our Secretary, Bro. T. Smith and Bro. Fenner, to whom I owe a debt of gratitude for the very magnificent manner in which he installed me to-day. To Bro. Case I may say I am indebted, and to all the others whose names I have mentioned. I cannot recount the services they have rendered to Freemasonry. I shall therefore propose "The Health of the Past Masters," coupling with it the name of Bro. Case.

Bro. J. M. Case, the Past Master: I feel I am greatly honoured by being the head of the Past Masters who have been named by the Worshipful Master. They have rendered important services to this Lodge, and I believe they have been actuated by one feeling, that of promoting to the best of their ability the good of the Lodge. But I think I need not remind the brethren of the magnificent entertainment provided twelve months ago by one of the Past Masters (Sir F. W. Truscott), who gave an invitation to every member of the Lodge to be present at the Mansion House when the Prince of Wales attended. It was a magnificent entertainment. As short speeches

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are the order of the day, I will only say that we trust in future years we may have a similar splendid gathering, and the same patronage bestowed by the visitors.

Bro. R. H. Giraud (Treasurer), who was loudly called for, said: I am placed in a very awkward position on account of my advanced age. I happen to be very deaf, and have not heard one single word of what has been said, but I take it for granted that there has been something said very brotherly and very kind on my behalf. I am quite sure of that, because I can speak for a period of 57 years in which I have experienced the greatest kindness and brotherly feeling. I am exceedingly proud of the position I now hold, and having been 53 years a Past Master of this Lodge, I hope you will give me credit when I say I take a deep interest in the Grand Masters' Lodge. I hope that Providence will spare me to enable me to go along for some few years more. We must all have a hobby. One of my bobbies has been the Grand Masters' Lodge, and I have ridden it hard. I thank you most heartily for drinking this toast in so cordial a manner.

The Lord Mayor: I have now to propose to you "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge." This is a toast which is peculiarly interesting to the Master, who feels that upon good officers depends very much the success of his year of office. I may perhaps speak with some degree of confidence of the officers of the past year, as I was one of them, and I may then add that if the officers of the future only equal and endeavour to emulate the officers of the past, I am sure that at the end of my year of office I shall have to congratulate the Lodge upon the very excellent manner in which it has been served.

Bro. Bradshaw Brown, in reponse, said: I think but one spirit actuates the officers of this Lodge, and that when gentlemen in this Lodge accept office we are bound to believe upon evidence which cannot be mistaken that they intend to perform their work in a manner which shall reflect credit upon themselves and the Lodge to which they belong. We shall be guided by the same spirit which has animated you in the various offices that you have filled, and in that spirit which actuates you in taking the high office you now hold.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

During the evening a selection of music was admirably sung by Bros. Lester, Sidney Tower, Montem Smith, and Robert Hilton.—*City Press.*

DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 13th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Harris, the Lodge was opened by Bro. W. J. Ferguson, and the minutes having been read, was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Gardner was passed. Lodge was resumed, and the chair taken by Bro. E. White, who initiated Messrs. Joseph Perry and John Manby Birch into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Ferguson again assumed the gavel, and Bro. James McLean having been presented by Bro. White (who throughout the installation ceremony acted as M. of C.), was obligated, and in due course installed into the chair of the Lodge. Up to this point the Acting Master had been supported by Bros. J. McLean S.W., Herbage J.W., Everett P.M. Treasurer, Thomas Morris Secretary, W. M. Foxcroft S.D., R. Pierpoint J.D., J. Jennings I.G., and the following Past Masters of the Lodge: Bros. H. Bowman Spink, J. E. Walford, Isaac Buscall, and Frederick Kent. On the readmission of the brethren the newly installed Master was saluted in the three degrees, and he appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Herbage S.W., Foxcroft J.W., Everett Treas., Morris Secretary, Pierpoint S.D., Jennings J.D., Bennett I.G., H. Price D.C. Simner Steward, Daly Tyler. Bro. Ferguson then proceeded with the addresses, and in due course completed the ceremony of the day. There were three cases of appeal for assistance before Lodge,—one was postponed for further particulars, another was ordered to lie on the table—but from information gathered later on the Past Masters were enabled to announce that it was a case in which they might act, and it is expected it will be submitted at the next meeting. In the other case a grant of five pounds was made from the Lodge funds, it being deemed advisable to assist the applicant (the widow of a late member) in that way rather than send the case to the Board of Benevolence. A vote of thanks to Bro. Ferguson for conducting the installation ceremony was then passed, and other items of business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed. A first rate banquet followed, the usual hospitality of the Domatic Lodge being particularly noticeable. At the conclusion of the repast the Master proceeded with the toasts, coupling with that of the Grand Officers the name of Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P. That brother acknowledged the compliment, on behalf of the members of Grand Lodge. He was particularly gratified to respond to the toast in the Domatic Lodge, as it was in it that he was initiated, in October 1856. The brethren could imagine that the Lodge had greatly changed since that date, but it was always noted for the true Masonic spirit of its members, and he trusted would ever deserve that reputation. Bro. Ferguson next rose to propose the health of the W.M. The present was the second occasion on which he had occupied the position of Installing Master. The first being many years since, when he was entitled to the office by right, after having fulfilled the duties of the chair. On the present occasion he occupied it by courtesy, and it had afforded him great pleasure to be called upon to have the honour of placing in the chair a brother who had endeared himself to the members of the Lodge. He considered that if a Master did his duty, every officer would do his best; while if the ruler of a Lodge shirked his work, each would think they might neglect their part or not, as they felt disposed. He felt that the present Master of the Lodge would be a pattern worthy of following, and that under his rule the Lodge would go on prosperously. He therefore felt no hesitation in calling upon the members to drink his very good health, feeling sure that all present would do so with the greatest enthusiasm. After a song by Bro. Cleveland Phillips, the W.M. replied. He felt he could not find words to express his thanks to Bro. Ferguson and the brethren generally. It seemed to him but a very short time since he was sitting on the right of Bro. Ferguson as an initiate. Now he occupied a similar position as regarded that brother, but a very different one as regarded the Lodge. He had to thank the members for the honour they had conferred upon him in electing him to fill the chair. The Master next proposed the health of the Installing Master. It was a very pleasing task for him to perform, but one which he thought would need no support from him. The brethren well knew the ability of Bro. Ferguson, and his thorough fitness for any office he might be called upon to fulfil, and for this reason he thought that any words of his would but spoil the feeling they must all entertain towards him. Bro. Ferguson in reply tendered his most sincere thanks. He felt that the remarks of the W.M. as to the way in which he had been able to carry out the duties of Installing Master were a tribute to the late Brother T. Adams—who was a Past Master of the Domatic Lodge—to whom he (Bro. Ferguson) was indebted for most of the knowledge of the ritual he was in possession of. He hoped the coming year in the Lodge would fully equal their most sanguine expectations, that at the corresponding period next year they might find the Lodge still continuing its prosperous career. The Master gave the toast of the Initiates—a very pleasing, and, they must also admit, a very necessary toast in all Masonic Lodges. The gentlemen they had that night admitted were of a class likely to reflect the greatest credit on the Lodge; men who would prove themselves to be good Masons, and men who he had little doubt would ere long make some name for themselves in the Masonic world. Bro. Perry thanked the Master and brethren for the kind reception they had given him. He had that night taken a step he had long wished to take, for it had been his desire to become a Freemason. He hoped the more he saw of it the sooner he might become a worthy member of the Order. He should adopt the advice of the Master and attend Lodges of Instruction for the purpose of acquiring a knowledge of the ritual. Bro. Birch followed. He hoped he might prove himself a worthy member of the Order, and live long to enjoy the good feeling manifested in the Domatic Lodge, in which he hoped some day to occupy one of the prominent offices. The toast of the visitors was the next on the list, and that was given most heartily from the chair. The Master felt there was not a Lodge in England whose members were more ready and pleased to welcome visitors than this. To each of the guests present he tendered the heartiest good wishes of the Domatic Lodge, and he trusted that the entertainment provided had that night been the means of affording a few hours enjoyment to the brethren of other Lodges who had honoured the members with their presence. Several of the visitors having responded, the Master gave the toast of the Past Masters. The Past Masters of the Domatic Lodge were a body of brethren ever ready to do their duty; it would be a hard task for any Master to have to get on without them. They were all ready to perform the work of any office they might be called upon to fill, and were each capable of working any part of the ritual. Bro. Walford, as the senior Past Master present, had the pleasure of responding first to the toast. There was a time when he should perhaps have thought it an honour to be ranked as the Senior Past Master of the Domatic Lodge, but now he sometimes almost wished he was an initiate again. Sitting so near the W.M., and looking at the long array of P.M.'s on his left, made him feel very old. Still he felt it a great honour to rank as a Past Master of the Domatic Lodge, which was one of the oldest, one of the most numerous, and one of the most respected Lodges under the rule of the Grand Lodge of England, or, indeed, anywhere in the Craft. He and his brother Past Masters were always ready to do what they could, and were at all times pleased to meet with such a reception as had just been accorded them. Bro. Ferguson followed, and then Bro. Kent added a few words. The Past Masters, he said, cultivated a thorough good feeling towards the brethren, and towards each other. They were proud of their position, and hoped they might always retain the respect and esteem of the members of the Lodge. Bro. White felt, as a P.M., he could not do better than advise the new Officers to make themselves thoroughly efficient in the working and ritual of the several degrees. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary came next. The Master expressed a hope, which he felt sure was the hope of every brother present, that their worthy Treasurer might live for many, many years and enjoy good health. His services to the Lodge were so well known, and of so gratifying a nature—so far as the way in which they were carried out was concerned—that no better evidence of Bro. Everett's ability was needed. In Bro. Morris they had a worthy and painstaking Secretary, one who fulfilled the duties of the office most efficiently, and was entitled to the respect and esteem of every member of the Lodge. He (the W.M.) had recently had an opportunity of seeing how well Bro. Morris kept the books and other matters appertaining to the Lodge, and could only say that to Bros. Morris and Everett the Lodge was equally indebted. Bro. Everett laboured under a great disadvantage, being called upon to speak at that late hour; as he had before said, he liked to speak to a full audience, not to empty benches. He could but again thank the members of the Lodge for the office they had conferred on him, and express a hope that everything might go on in the future as they might desire. He felt the Lodge had something to boast of, inasmuch as during the past year something like forty guineas of its funds was spent in charity, and even under those circumstances the brethren found themselves at the end of the year in possession of a handsome balance. He hoped they might continue in the future as they always had been in the past—a Lodge held in the highest esteem by all who were acquainted with it. Bro. Morris thanked the brethen. The present was the fourth occasion on which he had the honour of being appointed to the office of Secretary. He hoped he might give as

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much satisfaction to the present as he had to the three Masters who had preceded him, and trusted he might always merit the approval of the members of the Domatic Lodge. The Officers having been honoured, the Tyler was summoned, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion, the brethren having spent a very enjoyable evening. Among the visitors were Bros. Cleveland Phillips W.M. 820, J. Chowters 749, W. J. Lane J.D. 127, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., J. H. Webb J.W. 834, J. T. Goode 1580, C. Wilson 1366, Courtenay M. Grey I.G. 1706, C. Koester P.M. 435, Robert W. Hunter 1685, S. R. Lamble P.M. 27, Phillips P.M. 975, A. Colson 1366, W. Baker 1580, S. Knight 487, Steward 903, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, Edgar Bowyer P.M. 1580 Past Prov. S.G.W. Herts, L. A. Carter J.D. 192, G. H. Pulsford P.M. 1158, G. W. Armstrong P.M. 1593, R. G. Thomas Organist 1602, D. J. Hilliard P.M. 174, J. J. Cooper-Wyld 190.

LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 174.

THE annual meeting took place on Wednesday, 18th instant, at the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham-street. The brethren assembled at four o'clock when Lodge was opened (in the absence of the W.M. Bro. George Jones, through illness) by Bro. Webb, who was supported by the Officers and the following Past Masters of the Lodge:—Bros. John Newton Secretary, C. Lacey, G. J. Hilliard, John Bulmer, W. Barlow, John Appleby, C. H. Webb, G. T. H. Seddon. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Charles Stevens 1793, E. C. Beedell W.M. 1607, G. Brooks P.M. 902, Ernest Bibra 1669, S. W. Timson 781. F. G. Varcoe 781, W. E. Godwin late 188, G. Ward Verry P.M. 554, J. Wright 781 P.G.P., J. Gibbs 1613, E. Soppet P.M. Royal Kensington, C. E. Tinney 1369, J. H. Southwood P.M. 1260, J. D. E. Tarr 1293, H. J. Dutton 1706, J. B. Glenn 3, Jones 1607, W. W. Morgan Sec. 241, E. Moss 1705, James Terry Secretary R.M.B.I., F. R. W. Hedges Sec. R.M.I.G. After minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. H. Magee, of Lodge Unity, No. 531 I.C., who was proposed by the W.M. Bro. Jones, and seconded by Bro. John Newton P.M. and Secretary. The result was unanimously in favour of the candidate, who then took his seat as a member of the Lodge. The report of the Auditors was next presented and adopted, and then the W.M. elect, Bro. F. Brown (P.M. 1607) S.W., was presented for installation. Here again the absence of Bro. Jones, the retiring Master, was greatly to be deplored, as it was known to the members of the Lodge he had expressed a strong desire to complete the work of his year by installing his successor. However, Bro. Webb, though unaware there was any likelihood of his being called on to officiate, was equal to the occasion, and in his rendering of the ceremony was most perfect. The W.M., after having been saluted, invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. J. S. Fraser S.W., A. H. Brown J.W., C. Lacey Treasurer, J. Newton Secretary, T. Harvey S.D., W. Fraser J.D., F. G. Dellow I.G., A. J. Cant D.C., J. Miller W.S., J. Very Tyler. Bro. F. Brown made some very sensible remarks in reference to the duties of the brethren whom he had appointed to office, and Brother Lacey, on receiving his collar, remarked he hardly felt justified in making any lengthy observations as to his election to the office of Treasurer; however, he could but express his appreciation of the honour conferred upon him, and assured the members the best interests of their Lodge should be sustained by him. Bro. Webb then delivered the addresses, and was heartily congratulated, and thanked for his services. Bro. Charles Lacey P.M. and Treasurer then announced he would serve as Steward at the approaching Festival of the Girls' School, to be held in May next, and he was voted £10 10s by the Lodge, to be placed on his List. After routine work, Lodge closed. The banquet was served in the dining saloon of the hotel, and was placed upon the tables in a most satisfactory manner, fully upholding the prestige of this well-known establishment. The W.M. briefly introduced the loyal toast of the Queen and the Craft, and after the National Anthem, gave that of the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which was followed by "God Bless the Prince of Wales" With the toast of the Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, was associated the name of Bro. John Wright, Past Grand Pursuivant, who, in responding, referred to the many pleasant recollections associated with his connection with the Sincerity Lodge. He referred to the zeal displayed by the Masonic rulers, and to the appreciation of their services by the Craft at large. Bro. Wright made reference to the heavy responsibility attaching to the acceptance of office at the present time. Allusion had been made to his having been the first Grand Pursuivant who had been invested by H.R.H. the Grand Master; he might add, that he was the only one who had received that honour, as the Prince of Wales had not since the day of this installation personally invested any one to that office. Bro. C. H. Webb now rose to propose the health of the W.M. In the absence of Bro. Jones the I.P.M.—and all must regret the cause of this absence—the duty had devolved upon him. All knew the zeal displayed by Bro. Brown in the fulfilment of any duties he enters upon. He (Bro. Webb) had been associated with their W.M., both in Lodge and in a joint search for instruction; he knew and appreciated the amount of perseverance Brother Brown brought to bear in the fulfilment of his duties, and anticipated for the Lodge a prosperous year under his Mastership. In reply, the W.M. thanked Brother Webb for the kind way he had introduced the toast. He fully appreciated the kindness of the members in the unanimity they had displayed in electing him to his present exalted position. They might rest assured he would do all in his power to advance their interests; with the assistance of the members of the Lodge he trusted he might, at the end of his year, be able to render a good account of his Stewardship. Bro. Verry, on behalf of the Visitors acknowledged the hearty reception that had been accorded them. He expressed his regret at the absence of the W.M., who, as many present were well aware, had striven most earnestly to qualify himself to fulfil the duties of Installing Master, and he (Bro. Verry) was assured he (Bro. Jones) would have acquitted himself most creditably. The Masonic Institutions were next brought under notice by the W.M. They had present representatives of two of the Institutions. All he could say for them would be much better expressed by those who were their recognised representatives. The brethren had entrusted him with the privilege of officiating for their Lodge as a Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Benevolent Institution; he urged on them to contribute with the liberality which had always characterised the Sincerity Lodge. The demands on the Institution he was about to represent were exceptionally heavy, and he hoped to receive a substantial response from the members. Bro. Terry, in responding, congratulated the Lodge on the consistent and continued support it had accorded the Institution he had the honour to represent. He detailed the heavy claims that would be brought under notice at the next election, and forcibly drew attention to the cruel disappointments that must arise unless the Committee should feel itself justified by the approaching Festival to enlarge upon what at present was laid down for them. Before taking his seat, Bro. Terry announced that it had just been intimated to him that Bro. Brown had already a total of £106 on his list. Bro. Hedges also, in the course of some well-judged remarks, alluded to the consistent support the Sincerity Lodge had always given to the Institution he had the honour to represent. He felt that in Bro. Lacey his Committee had a zealous and indefatigable member, who would render a good account of his Stewardship. In speaking to the next toast, the W.M. remarked that the Lodge had, in its Past Masters, a sincere band, who would always strive to uphold it in the estimation of the Craft. He regretted the absence of the I.P.M.; he had seen Bro. Jones that morning; he had come up from Brighton, with the full determination of being present. However, he (Bro. Brown) regretted that the wishes of Bro. Jones could not be realised. His state of health positively incapacitated him from undergoing the strain the fulfilment of the duties would have demanded. Under these circumstances he would hand to Bro. Webb the P.M.'s jewel which had been voted by the Lodge, with the request that he would hand it over to Bro. Jones. Bro. Webb rose to reply. He had been entrusted to convey to Bro. Jones the jewel which had been so unanimously voted. He could assure him how all regretted the cause that necessitated his absence. After some appropriate observations, Brother Webb concluded by saying the interest the P.M.'s took in the conduct of the Lodge he hoped would continue. On their behalf he sincerely thanked one and all. On rising to propose the health of the Treasurer (Brother Charles Lacey) and Secretary (Brother John Newton), Bro. Brown said this was a most important toast. In their Treasurer they had a very worthy brother; he was an initiate of the Lodge, and although he was associated with other Lodges, he always took a deep interest in the Sincerity. In Bro. Newton they had a most genial Secretary—one who was highly esteemed by all connected with the Lodge. He had great pleasure in offering the toast for the acceptance of the brethren. Bro. Lacey, in replying, also alluded to the enforced absence of the I.P.M. He expressed the appreciation he felt at the kindness displayed by the brethren in conferring on him the custody of their funds. He had been much gratified at the allusion made to his efforts for the advancement of Freemasonry. He urged on the brethren the claims of the Institution he had taken upon himself to represent. He had no desire to divert the flow of their benevolence, but reminded the members that the Festival where he was to act as Steward would not be held till May. Bro. Newton, after referring to the zeal displayed by their worthy Treasurer on behalf of the Institutions, thanked the Worshipful Master for the continued confidence reposed in him. He took a deep interest in the conduct of his duties, which all would agree were of a somewhat arduous character; however, he was hearted in carrying them out. Brother Newton then made some very amusing remarks as to experiences he had lately encountered. In conclusion he assured the brethren that if he could do anything further to advance the interests of their Lodge, he should only be too happy to be shown the way. Other toasts followed, and to these some pertinent replies were made, which were endorsed by those present. The Tyler then gave his toast, and his "song." The musical arrangements of the evening were entrusted to Bro. Charles Stevens, who was assisted by Bros. Dutton, E. Moss, and C. E. Tinney. A capital selection was gone through, and unqualified approval followed the efforts of these brethren.

Camden Lodge, No. 704.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when the Worshipful Master, Bro. William Frederick Rogers, was supported by Bros. A. Goodchild S.W., W. Goodchild J.W., Edward W. Young P.M. Secretary, M. Blank S.D., Frederick True J.D., F. Trender D.C., T. W. Cumper Organist, E. Lister I.G., J. Burdon Steward, W. W. Gray P.M., H. Morrell P.M., J. W. Frost P.M., J. Very Tyler, and a number of other brethren. Among the visitors were—Bros. J. P. Parker 1538, James Crack 860, and J. G. Thompson 1681. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites; the business consisted of the raising of Bros. Byard, Eyers, Sayers, Miller, and Osborn; the passing of Bros. Westby and Turtle, and the initiation of Mr. John Rintoul (ballotted for at the last meeting); Mr. John Marioni, proposed by Bro. Edmund Rayner, and seconded by Bro. W. H. Kehl; and also (by fiat) Mr. John Ivanow, on the nomination of Bro. Henry Horsee, seconded by the Secretary. The whole of the ceremonies were performed in an able manner by the W.M., assisted by his Officers, and at the conclusion of the somewhat formidable agenda, the brethren were joined by a number of Visitors at a banquet, provided in Messrs. Ritter and Clifford's best style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and amidst an abundance of vocal and instrumental music, the evening was passed harmoniously.

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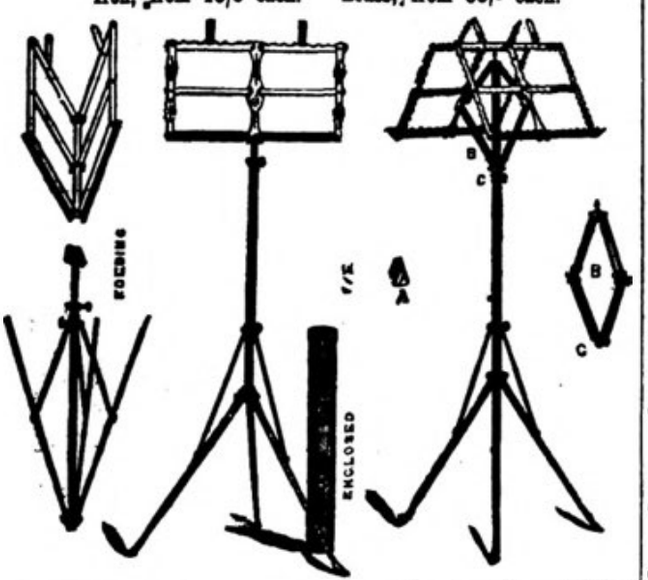

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Brethren,—The consecration of another Lodge to-day reminds us forcibly of the great increase of our Order. It is making rapid strides—some say too rapid—and where will it end? Certainly we should look on with anxiety for their prosperity as Lodge after Lodge springs up around us—with anxiety, but with hope that they will fulfil the purposes of their Creator. I am not one of those who fear for the end, being assured that the Great Architect permits it, because the principles of Freemasonry inculcate those blessed virtues which will ensure His favour to the children of men. And if the cause is good, the more it penetrates to the north, south, east, and west, the more will it carry with it good tidings to the faithful and obedient of the human race. 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To-day, according to ancient custom, I have to address you upon the nature and principles of Freemasonry. The great duties arising out of these you are no doubt fully conversant with; still a few words from me on so important an occasion as the consecration of the Southgate Lodge cannot be out of place, and I will now ask your attention to a brief explanation of the responsibilities they entail upon you. First, for the Nature of Freemasonry. What is it? It is a moral system, illustrated by symbols, bidding us not forget the most sublime truths in the midst of our social pleasures; a system which guides us in the paths of science, and to the practice of virtue, teaching us the most valuable moral lessons incumbent on all men. And now, and in the second place, for a few words upon the three great Principles of our Order. The first, Brotherly Love, is the great bond by which all Masons are united; this must be pure in profession and practice, and it will ennoble your nature, and at last conduct you to the eternal Grand Lodge, where you will find perfect wisdom and perfect happiness. The second great principle is Relief—the glory and foundation of our ancient Institution, nor has this great principle been forgotten by us, witness our noble Charities for those who need our care—the Girls' School, the Boys' School, the Benevolent Asylum for the Aged and Infirm; and these, upon your opening day, I earnestly commend to your notice: in the future of your Lodge do not forget to help them by all means in your power. You are told upon the highest authority, that "Freely ye have received, and freely ye are to give;" you are told, again, that "whosoever shall give a cup of cold water even to one of these little ones, verily he shall in no wise lose his reward." These Charities are bright jewels in our Masonic crown, and the Mason who possesses the virtue of charity in its true sense, may justly be said to have his foot on the second step of the Masonic ladder, and to have fulfilled that precept which says, "He that loveth God should love his brother also." And now a word or two upon our third great principle—Truth. This is a virtue which involves the peace and happiness of us all, and is especially essential in Masons; make, therefore, the principles of truth the guide of all your actions. One of the first lessons that we learn is "to be good men and true;" avoid, therefore, deceit and guile, be plain and straightforward in your dealings, and with heart and tongue unite in rejoicing with those who rejoice, and sympathise with those who mourn. Such, my Brethren, are the three great Principles of our Order; may you, as a Lodge, ever be under their blessed influence, and receive that happiness which their teaching will produce. There was a time, ages and ago, when God said, "Let there be light, and there was light." But upon what did it shine? upon a dark and profound mass which we now call earth. And that light, called forth by the Great Architect, permeated all creation, and the dark mass began to glow, and living things began to move upon it, and then God made man—we are told, beautiful, perfect, and in His own image; and then dark days came again, through man's want of obedience, but through all God never forgot his light, and showered it down from time to time; sometimes more dimly than at others, but always there was light after he had said it, until he himself permitted our Great Prototype, King Solomon, to build the Temple (from which we date our origin). And there he dwelt, the true Shekinah, on the Ark of the Covenant between the Cherubims, in the Holy of Holies, and "the people that walked in darkness saw a great Light." Now, brethren, I do not for one moment mean to say that you have been walking in darkness, for from the time of your birth light has been shining upon you, and from the time of building the Temple Masonic brightness has been ours. Its beams have radiated upon many hundreds of Masonic bodies, and to-day one of them is about to fall upon your new Lodge, and that beam is to be kept in all its brightness by its members; it will become dim if you neglect your duties, and will burn again with splendour if you fulfil them. Be careful therefore always to keep the lamp trimmed, so that whenever the Great Architect may come to reckon with you, you may be ready, like certain virgins of old, who took oil in their lamps, and not like those whose lamps had gone out when the bridegroom came. The Light you have to keep burning are those Christian truths and teachings you received when you were initiated, passed, and raised. The Oil you have to feed it with are the beautiful tenets and principles which it has been my privilege to-day to bring before your notice. May you cherish them, so that your new Lodge as a body may exemplify "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth," and each member of it fulfil his social duties to the credit of your new society and the Great Architect of the Universe. And now, brethren, for your attention receive my thanks. For your future success and happiness receive my hearty good wishes. May the principles of our Order go with you, and your will never be wrong. Choose your joining members carefully, and if difficulties or opposition should spring up, avoid bitter words. Be pitiful, be courteous. Life is far too short for anything but goodwill! If you see faults in any brother seek to hide them. Try to win his heart with gentle words, for by this divided friendship has ofttimes been united!

"Do all the good you can.
Be not severe upon another's faults.
Remember, the Heart's the Man."

The Consecration ceremony was then completed, according to established custom, and Lodge was resumed in the second degree. Bro. R. P. Forge, the W.M. designate, was then introduced, and the Grand Secretary regularly installed him as first Master of the Southgate Lodge. After the W.M. had been saluted, the following brethren were appointed as the Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. Francis H. Tibbitts S.W., Arthur Hancock J.W., A. Lefeber Treasurer, A. H. Trewinnard Secretary, E. Woodman S.D., F. Matthews J.D., R. Butcher I.G., H. Sadler M.C., J. Cooper Steward, J. J. Whitmarsh Steward. Bro. Pattison now rose and gracefully acknowledged the services rendered by the Consecrating and Installing Officer, and highly complimented the Grand Chaplain on the ability displayed by him in delivering the oration. He had great pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to those brethren who had taken so active a part in the day's proceedings, and that Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Hall, Fenn, Buss, and Richardson, be elected honorary members of the Lodge. This proposition having been seconded, was put to the meeting, and carried unanimously. The Grand Secretary, on behalf of his colleagues, thanked the members for the compliment. It had afforded them infinite gratification to officiate on the occasion. They were intensely gratified with the general arrangements of the day, and congratulated the Lodge on its having secured such desirable premises. Propositions for candidates for initiation and joining were then handed in, and after the expression of hearty good wishes, Lodge was closed. After a short interval, the banquet was served. The catering had been entrusted to Bro. C. G. Slawson, of 736 Old Kent road, and right well did he carry out the wishes of the Founders that their guests should be well entertained. The attendance—a most important item to the enjoyment of the good things of this life—was all that could be wished, and all expressed their appreciation of Bro. Slawson's efforts. Bro. Forge, on rising to propose the first toast—the Queen and the Craft—reminded the brethren that they had many distinguished Masons present, and doubtless they would prefer hearing them than listening to any lengthened utterances of his. Undoubtedly by so doing they would have an opportunity of acquiring knowledge and instruction, and he thought it desirable they should avail themselves of the privilege. He would therefore at once call on them to honour the toast. After the National Anthem, the W.M. gave that of the Grand Master, and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was sung. With the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, was associated the name of Bro. Ambrose Hall Grand Chaplain, and on behalf of the Past Grand Officers the W.M. would call on Bro.

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Fenn to make a few remarks. Bro. Hall would have preferred that the duty of responding should have been left entirely to Bro. Fenn. The W.M., in the course of his remarks, had stated that his acquaintance with the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master was rather a slight one. He (Bro. Hall), however, could boast a more intimate acquaintance with these distinguished brethren, and could testify to the interest they took in all matters Masonic. Bro. Hall spoke in high terms of the happy inauguration of the Southgate Lodge, and drew a hopeful picture of the future that was before it. Bro. Fenn remarked that he, though not the highest in rank of the Past Grand Officers present, was undoubtedly the oldest member of Grand Lodge. He was proud of the distinction that had been conferred upon him in being made an honorary member of a Lodge which started under such favourable circumstances. He had some acquaintance with this locality some years back, when he resided in a cottage hereabout. However, many changes had occurred since then, and he feared he should scarcely find a trace of the place he referred to. He wished all prosperity to the members, and again thanked them for the way they had received his name in connection with the toast. In giving the toast of the Consecrating Officer, the W.M. remarked that the brethren must have been so thoroughly gratified with the way in which the ceremony had been performed, that he need not add a word to commend the toast to their notice. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, in replying, felt the brethren had almost heard sufficient of his voice. However, he could only reiterate what he had said in Lodge. The Lodge seemed to be imbued with the true fraternal spirit, and had within it all the elements of success. Bro. Clerke referred to the difficulties that existed in the present day in obtaining a new Warrant for the metropolitan district, and in proposing the health of the W.M., stated that in every way he had been much gratified at the result of the day's proceedings, and felt confidence in the ability the W.M. had already displayed. Bro. Forge had obtained his knowledge in, certainly, two Lodges; moreover, he had been appointed Treasurer of a Lodge he (Bro. Clerke) had had the honour of consecrating a few months back. He had great pleasure in proposing his health. In replying to the toast, the W.M. said he felt he had been much honoured in the kind way the Grand Secretary had spoken of him. With the assistance of several friends they had succeeded in procuring a Warrant. It was now his duty to strive to make theirs one of the best Lodges in the Metropolitan district. Bro. Forge concluded by thanking the brethren for the reception they had given the toast. With the next toast—that of the Visitors—was coupled the names of Bro. Scott D.P.G.M. Sussex, and Bro. Davies, the W.M. of the recommending Lodge. Bro. Scott, after thanking the Lodge for the hospitality it had accorded to the Visitors, referred to what the Consecrating Officer had said in his opening address—that it was very easy to make members, but very difficult to get rid of them, should they turn out discreditable. Bro. Scott then eulogised the abilities of Bro. Sadler, who was one of the best workers amongst the London brethren, and any Lodge might consider itself fortunate in having secured his co-operation. Bro. Davies, in the course of his remarks, called attention to the progress that was being made in the immediate district, and joined with the previous speaker in anticipating a bright future for the Lodge. The other toasts comprised the Officers of the Lodge, the Charities, and the Press. Bro. Morgan responded for the latter, and prefaced his observations by a reference to the many calls made just now on the time of the Secretaries of the several Institutions. On behalf of Bro. Terry, he thanked the W.M. for having tendered his services for the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and urged the brethren generously to support their Master in his Stewardship. For himself, he could but be gratified at the reception given the toast, and thanked the W.M. for the way he had expressed himself as to the way the journal with which he was associated was carried on. A well deserved compliment was now paid to the musical party, who had so largely contributed—both in the Lodge and at the after proceedings—by their vocal efforts, to the enjoyment of the brethren. This was responded to by Bro. E. Seaman P.M. 619, and shortly afterwards the parting toast was given. Bro. Seaman was assisted in the musical arrangements by Bros. E. Moss, T. Tremere, W. A. Frost, and James Kift, the latter of whom presided at the pianoforte.

SUBURBAN LODGE, No. 1702.

THIS thriving Lodge held its usual meeting at the Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, on the 13th inst., and was numerously attended. The M.W. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex being amongst the visitors. Lodge was opened by Bro. W. J. Buck W.M., supported by the following brethren:—Bros. J. F. Hepburn S.W., C. S. Buck J.W., J. Tickle P.M. P.P.G.R. Treasurer, C. Hawksley Secretary, G. H. Carter S.D., W. R. Shutt J.D., C. Winstanley I.G., E. C. Kilsby Steward, A. F. Roberts P.M., Geo. Robinson, J. M. Draper, W. J. C. Rea, A. J. Hone Goldney, F. J. Tyler, A. Hynam, E. Stockdale, A. J. Oliver, and E. W. Gabriel. Visitors—J. B. Lemaitre and W. Porcheron 12, J. Hill 140, A. H. Brown 174, J. Waddington 304, R. H. Cheadle 1196, A. H. St. Ledger 1777, J. Vincent 1861. The business on the summons was unusually heavy—there being not less than three candidates for both the second and third degrees. After Lodge had been duly opened, and the minutes read, the ballot was taken for Mr. C. C. Braithwaite as a candidate for initiation. Lodge was opened in second and third degrees, the respective candidates for passing and raising being entrusted in due course. Bro. Tickle, at the request of the W.M., then occupied the chair and raised Bros. Stockdale, Goldney and Oliver, in a most impressive manner. The W.M. having again assumed the chair, passed Bros. Hynam, Gabriel and Tyler, and then resumed Lodge in the first degree—at which moment it was announced that the M.W. the Prov. Grand Master awaited admission. A deputation was thereupon sent out to escort him into Lodge, where he was most cordially received and saluted. The Worshipful Master then proceeded to initiate Mr. C. C. Braithwaite, according to ancient custom, after which Lodge was closed in the customary manner. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a most excellent repast, provided by Bro. C. Veal, "ye mancipale." The Worshipful Master in proposing the toast of the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, expressed the pleasure both he and the members of the Lodge felt at being honoured, for the first time, with the presence of so distinguished a guest, and trusted Bro. Sir Francis would visit them again at an early date. Bro. Sir F. Burdett in responding expressed, in very eulogistic terms, the gratification which the opportunity of visiting the Lodge had afforded him; he had not only been gratified in meeting the members, but likewise with the work in the Lodge of both the W.M. and everyone of his officers. It was always a great pleasure to find country Lodges working in the manner the Suburban was doing; in a good many instances great difficulty was experienced in getting the work well done, but what he had seen that evening was most satisfactory, and did credit to the province of Middlesex. Although it had been his pleasure to be connected with the province during the last ten years, he could safely say the Suburban Lodge was not one of those that had been "lagging behind." It had only been formed some four or five years, but from what he had heard it was likely to become one of the leading Lodges of the province. The health of the Provincial Grand Officers having been duly honoured, the toast was responded to by Bro. J. Tickle P.M. P.Z. P.G.R. Middlesex, &c. He said that it was most gratifying to him as a P.G.O. to be present, more especially to meet one who was so highly esteemed as their Provincial Grand Master Sir F. Burdett. He felt sure that it was a happy omen for the Suburban Lodge, and trusted that it would stimulate the brethren to make the Lodge even more efficient than it had been. Bro. Tickle concluded a most eloquent speech by proposing the health of their W.M., Bro. W. T. Buck, who he felt convinced was the right man in the right place. The W.M. responded; he thanked the brethren for the warm manner in which the toast of his health had been received, and assured them that it would always be his ambition to fulfil the duties of his office to the best of his ability. The health of the Initiate was next proposed, and most ably responded to. The W.M. in a neat speech then proposed the health of the Visitors, coupling with it the names of Bro. J. B. Lemaitre P.M. No. 12, and Bro. Thomas Vincent P.M. 1861, Past Prov. Grand Steward Surrey. Bro. Lemaitre thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind way in which the health of the Visitors had been proposed and responded to. As time was short, he would leave his esteemed Bro. P.M. Vincent more fully to reply. Bro. T. Vincent said that it was not the first time he had visited the Suburban Lodge, and he hoped it would not be the last. He sincerely thanked the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren for the kind manner in which the toast of the Visitors had been received. They had been entertained in the most hospitable—nay, kingly manner—and this they fully appreciated. He was always pleased to visit Provincial Lodges, as he considered much was learnt by these intercommunications, they saw variety in the working, and by rubbing one against another a decided step towards perfection was gained. Man was, and would always be, a copyist; and it was by good working in other Lodges that we were stimulated to improve and perfect our own. It was most important that the W.M. and the Officers of a Lodge should do their work well, more especially when Initiates were to be made. First impressions were lasting, and if the sublime ceremonies of Freemasonry were always carried out perfectly, the more convincing it would be to the young members "that Freemasonry was more than a name." Before closing his remarks he might say, the work of P.M. Tickle in the raising was a credit to the Lodge, and so long as the Suburban Lodge had such Past Masters it was sure to be successful. Bro. Buck must also be complimented upon his working, especially for the manner in which he had initiated Bro. Braithwaite. He would conclude by again thanking the members for their hospitality. The toast of the Officers of the Lodge was then given by the W.M.; duly honoured and responded to, and with the Tyler's toast a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

THE sameness which of necessity characterises the procedure of a Masonic Lodge was somewhat relieved by two or three incidents which occurred at the meeting of the above Lodge on Monday last, 16th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. The W.M. Bro. F. Croaker having opened proceedings, and disposed of the usual preliminaries, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Webb P.M. 1242, who was desirous of initiating an intimate friend, Mr. Benedict Rosenfeld. In his turn, Bro. Webb retired, to permit of Bro. John Constable P.M. and Treasurer confering the initiatory lessons upon the son of a brother and friend from South Africa, namely Mr. John William Guthrie, of Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope. The W.M. next resumed his position, and proceeded to initiate Messrs. Siegmond Alexander Lehman and Egmont Ehrlech. On the completion of the ceremony, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler was the next business on the agenda. Bro. W. C. Bayley I.P.M. rose and said, that speaking on behalf of the Past Masters they were unanimous in declining the honour of being re-elected. This may appear very generous on the part of the Past Masters, but the value of their magnanimity is considerably modified by the fact that the popularity of Bro. T. W. C. Bush, the highly esteemed S.W., precluded all possibility of any such event happening, the best known and most respected among them not having the ghost of a chance to successfully compete against this candidate. It was a foregone conclusion the selection would prove unanimous. Bro. Constable was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Potter Tyler. An ample repast followed, accompanied by generous fluids, just sufficient to exhilarate, without inflicting discomfort, and next a selection of the most important toasts. The responses of some of the visitors

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were interesting. Bro. Webb, who hails from Douglas, Isle of Man, and is P.M. of 1242, came to London for the sole purpose of enjoying the privilege of initiating his friend. He stated that the passage was extremely rough, and caused him to suffer an unusual amount of tribulation, which was, however, more than compensated by the opportunity afforded him so kindly by the W.M. of presiding during the first ceremony, when his friend, now Bro. Rosenfeld, was presented for admission; the heartiness with which he was received, and the liberal hospitality which he was permitted to enjoy,—in short, entering a stranger, the kindness extended to him made him feel quite at home. Bro. Joseph Benjamin P.M. 658, Melbourne, Australia, caused some hilarity by commencing his speech with Ladies and Gentlemen; thus accounting for the "slip"—When he left Australia to visit this country, from which he had been absent for 29 years, addresses and testimonials of goodwill and friendship were abundantly presented to him, and as a matter of course the speeches which he had to utter, to express his thanks, were prefaced in the manner which caused this merriment. He was pleased to have had the privilege of being present, and found no difference in the conduct and procedure of this Lodge with those at the Antipodes. The initiates severally responded, after which the health of the W.M. elect was enthusiastically received. Bro. Bush expressed his thanks, and hoped to be able during his term of office to preserve the efficiency and prestige of the Lodge. He meant to follow on the lines of his predecessors, whom he held in the most profound esteem. Bro. Constable, who introduced him into the Order; Bro. Bayley, his earliest and best friend; the late lamented Past Master and Treasurer Bro. John Peartree, and others, whose example it would be his duty and pleasure to emulate. He fervently trusted that when his year of office shall have terminated, the brethren will have no cause to regret their confidence. Bros. Constable, Webb, and J. D. Barnett, by their vocal efforts, contributed materially to the enjoyment of the evening, the latter Brother with characteristic ability presided at the pianoforte. The Visitors were Bros. J. Benjamin P.M. 658, Webb P.M. 1242, L. Benjamin 27, Moss Benjamin 133, Conrad H. Lederer late Tranquillity, A. H. French Phœnix, Australia, J. T. Mitchell 490, A. M. Marks 1853, Dr. Mickley P.M. 449, E. Walford 905, Joseph Abbott J.D. 1448, Chas. Graham J.D. 784.

WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 548.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Tuesday evening, 10th January. There was a very large muster of members, and no fewer than fourteen visitors were present, the occasion being the installation of Bro. W. Fieldson. The visitors who favoured the Lodge with their company were Bros. W. Chicken W.M. Prosperity 65, B. Isaac W.M., R. Tilling S.W. Mount Lebanon 73, J. C. Bigg W.M. Freedom 77, G. H. Dowsett Pythagorean 79, G. Baker P.M. Shakespeare 99, P. Loman Cabbell 807 P.G.S. Norfolk, G. Smith City of London 901, C. W. Williams P.M. Star 1275, H. J. Tallantine Blackheath 1320, H. Gloster P.M. and J. R. Behenna J.W. Chislehurst 1531, J. Bartlett Lorne 1347, G. Hardell Royal Savoy 1744. Bro. T. E. Musto having been raised by the retiring W.M., he then proceeded to instal his successor. He performed the solemn duty with great care and due effect, and deservedly obtained very high praise from the Lodge. The new W.M. was supported by fifteen Past Masters, who congratulated him upon the high position he had attained. He subsequently appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. W. G. Batchelor S.W., A. Holmes J.W., J. J. West Treasurer, E. J. B. Bumstead Secretary, Morrison S.D., G. Newall J.D., Stentiford I.G., W. Catterson D.C., Carman A.D.C., G. Kitson W.S. He dwelt particularly upon the value of the services rendered by the Treasurer and Secretary, and expressed himself confident that he should be well supported by his Officers. The banquet was one of Bro. Morgan's (the host) best efforts, and elicited the highest praise from visitors and members. Owing to the number of good things that were provided, and the somewhat late hour of sitting down to the banquet, there was little time left for speeches, but the W.M. got through the toasts without omitting those courteous and respectful references which are indispensable in all well regulated Lodges. Towards the close of the evening, Bro. P. J. Shelley, who first introduced the W.M. into Freemasonry, spoke highly of his protege, in whom he took much pride and pleasure. The Lodge broke up at the usual time, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

ROYAL BRUNSWICK LODGE, NO. 732.

THE installation meeting and banquet of this Lodge took place on Thursday, 12th inst., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. Among those present were Bros. H. F. Hauxwell W.M., F. Daniel S.W., and the following Past Masters, viz:—Bros. E. Martain, V. P. Freeman, C. G. Reed, G. Smith, J. M. Reed, W. Smith, J. M. Kidd, S. Solomon, H. Davey, B. Bennett, G. H. Day, R. Legg, E. Carpenter, and J. F. Capon. The Visitors included Bros. J. R. Hollond, M.P., John Henderson Scott Deputy Prov. G.M. P.G.D., W. R. Wood A.G.P., Kuhe P.G.O., F. Noakes Prov. J.G.W., C. J. Smith, T. S. Beaks, W. Hudson, W. T. Nell, W. Roe, G. Wise, P. Capon, J. Bradford, Seymour Barrows, A. Du Pont, W. W. Collier, Frape, Tillstone, Nash, J. B. Hannay 1821, A. J. Shaker 315, and the following W.M.'s of other Lodges, viz.:—Bros. G. Nash, L. Lewis, H. A. Dowell, E. A. Head, A. J. Hawkes, G. S. Godfree, R. Sargent, T. Packham, and W. Skindle. Bro. Francis Daniel was duly installed in the chair, the ceremony being conducted by Bro. H. F. Hauxwell, the retiring W.M. The following Officers were appointed by Bro. Daniel, viz.:—Bros. S. H. Soper S.W., E. Histed J.W., T. M. Fowler Secretary, W. Nell S.D., E. Nye J.D., W. Botting I.G., S. Denman D.C., and G. Smith P.M. Steward. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where dinner was served. After the loyal and other toasts had been given by the W.M., Bro. V. P. Freeman proposed the Visitors, a toast regarded as an important one at all Royal Brunswick meetings. Responses were made by Bros. J. R. Hollond, M.P., G. Nash, and G. Wise. Several of the brethren contributed songs, the pianoforte accompaniments being rendered by Bro. W. Roe Prov. G. Organist. The banquet was served by the well know Brighton firm of caterers, Messrs. Taylor and Marks, and was most creditable to their enterprise.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780—A meeting was held on Friday 13th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present:—Bros. C. E. Botley Hon. Sec. W.M., F. Botley S.W., Gomm P.M. J.W., J. J. Gunner S.D., C. Matou J.D., Geo. Thomas I.G., Past Masters Bros. Goss and Blasby. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, after which the Lodge was opened in the 2nd, and the ritual of that degree practised. The Lodge was advanced to the 3rd, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Bro. F. Botley was elected to fill the chair on 20th inst.

In consequence of the heavy demands on our space we are compelled to hold over several interesting items.

The West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction will in future meet at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street. The next gathering will take place on Monday, the 23rd inst., when a notice of motion as to the propriety of altering the time of meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. will be discussed.

The annual supper of the Great City Lodge of Instruction will be held on the 26th inst., at the Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue.

We learn that the Royal York Lodge of Instruction, No. 315, intend issuing invitations for their Annual Ball, to be held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on 15th February. We anticipate that this will be one of the most enjoyable balls of the season.

PRESENT YOUR WORK.—Every Master Mason should always, upon occasion, be ready to present a specimen of his work. It should be good work—square work. If the work is neither oblong nor square, it will subject him to the suspicion of being an idler—too indolent to produce work of his own, and an impostor, endeavouring to pass off some stray piece, which he has hurriedly picked up, as his own. The Master Mason who will do such a thing will be sure to get into trouble before he goes much farther; and it will be trouble, accompanied with pain, sorrow and shame, such as he will remember as long as he lives. I am not speaking in any mystic language, whatever may be its hidden meanings. Every act, every word of a Master Mason—one who has been duly furnished with the implements of labour, and who has access to the plans drawn upon the Trestle Board—is a specimen of his work; and he may be called upon to present it, at any time, to the inspection of the Overseer. The square will be applied to it, in the presence of the Master and of the Craftsmen. Let every Mason be scrupulously careful of his words and deeds, in every place, that his life-work may be approved, and he be honoured with the rewards of a good and faithful servant. In the Lodge no word or act of a Mason is trivial or unimportant. If he should have occasion to travel to or from the East, West, or South, his manner will be a specimen of his work. His late coming to or early retiring from the Lodge room will be a specimen of his work. His habit in greeting the Craft, or of saluting the Master, will be a specimen of his work. His intelligence or otherwise, in debate and council, will be a specimen of his work. His temper and tone will be a specimen of his work. Nothing is trivial or unimportant. Relatively and by comparison words and deeds may be small, but, in most cases, they determine character. Faithfulness in the things that are less will give assurance of faithfulness in things that are greater, and a good and true Mason is faithful in small things, and being faithful in the small and commoner things, he will always be ready to present a specimen of his work, with humble confidence and cheerful hope—*Masonic Review.*

Prince Albert Victor, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, completed his eighteenth year on Sunday, having been born on the 8th January 1864.

The Prince of Wales, with the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Christian, the Duke of Westminster, Sir Richard Wallace, and Lord Charles Bruce, have been constituted a trust for the receipt of subscriptions towards the proposed Royal College of Music till such time as a Charter has been granted and a Corporation formed.

It has been arranged that His Royal Highness's marriage shall be solemnised in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, but the ceremony is not expected to take place till after Easter.

The Prince of Wales has given a donation of £25 to the fund now being raised towards erecting a memorial in Plymouth Harbour, to the grand old navigator of the reign of Elizabeth, Sir Francis Drake, a further sum being promised in the event of the memorial taking a national form.

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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 JANUARY.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney, (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1733—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

MONDAY, 23rd JANUARY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
42—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Ship Tavern, Hart-street, Mark Lane, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruc.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
846—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1490—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (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 8.30 (Instruction)
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.
R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
383—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge (Instruction)
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1489—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 941—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 24th 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, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
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.
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
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.)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (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.)
1696—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, 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)
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.30. (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K.T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 25th JANUARY.

2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
1830—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood

33—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
973—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1063—Townley Parker, Moseley 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
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
M.M. Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester

THURSDAY, 26th 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)
23—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
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.
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 8. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst.)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
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.)

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
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. (Instruction)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
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
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
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
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
M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T.—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale
K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 27th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 Inst.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., 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)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)

453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
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. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 28th JANUARY.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
17 6—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

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Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, 12th inst., under the presidency of Dr. Jackson W.M., who was supported by Bros. Lancaster S.W., Smith J.W., Rantz S.D., Bieling J.D., Tongue D.C. and Davis Tyler. Lodge being opened, Dr. W. H. Pardoe was examined in the usual manner, and so accurately answered the questions as to elicit the remark from Bro. Pass, Secretary, that he, as the oldest Past Master of the Lodge, had never before known the questions to be so well answered. Bro. Pardoe was then entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was performed. All business being ended, Lodge closed in due form. The brethren had decided to do without their usual banquet, and devote the funds to the purpose of paying for the new furniture of the Lodge.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 11th January, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Blackwell W.M., W. Ferguson I.P.M., R. Dowsett S.W., E. Margrett P.M. as J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, Hawkes S.D., Prickett J.D., Hickie Organist, Ravenscroft I.G., Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Danks, Pulley, Welch; Members—Bros. Parkes, Collins, Weatherhead, Greenaway, H. Ferguson, W. Ridley, Bailey, Knight. Visitor—Bro. A. L. Cooper 1556. After preliminaries, the ballot was taken for a joining member, who was declared elected. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, the W.M. giving the lecture on the tracing board. This was given with great correctness, and called forth the hearty acclamations of the brethren. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, when Bro. P.M. Margrett gave notice, "That the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge be voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that the same be added to the list of the W.M., who will represent the Lodge at the approaching Festival;" this was seconded by Bro. Welch. The Secretary called the attention of the Lodge to the Provincial Grand Lodge vote of ten guineas, which might be added to the list of the W.M. Bro. Margrett said that such a notice was not required. The business being ended, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form, after which Bro. Margrett gave an interesting address on the "History of Freemasonry," which was listened to with much attention, and greatly applauded.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening last, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. Charles Taylor W.M., Kibble S.W., Keeble J.W., Headon P.M. Treasurer, Blackie P.M. Secretary. The other Past Masters present were Bros. Hamer, Stevens, Seex, Freeman, and Stanway. There were several visitors:—Bros. Moore P.M. 907, Crotchie 1507, Tiddeman J.W. 813, Southcott 733, Randall 145, Storr 22, Eastgate 1563, Davis 63, Bromwell 1633. In consequence of the Worshipful Master's engagements, the Lodge was opened by Bro. James Stevens P.M., and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bros. John Williams, Benn, and Paul Johannes Metz were interrogated as to their proficiency in the science. Lodge was then opened in the third, and they were raised to the degree of Master Mason. Soon after the conclusion of this ceremony, the Worshipful Master arrived, and amidst the congratulations of the members took the chair. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Mr. Robert Brookman, a candidate, was introduced and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. On the proposition of Bro. Blackie, twenty-five guineas were voted from the Lodge funds to be placed on the Worshipful Master's list, he representing the Lodge as Steward at the Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Two appeals from distressed Masons were relieved from the Samaritan Fund. Before the Lodge was closed Bro. Headon P.M. and Treasurer drew the attention of the members to the very beautiful banner which was raised over the Master's chair, and said it was the gift of Bro. Headley, one of their members. It was beautifully executed on silk, and he was sure that the brethren would give a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Headley for his valuable present. This was voted by acclamation, and ordered to be inserted on the minutes. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Dining Hall for refreshment, the Worshipful Master presiding. On the removal of the cloth, he gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Hamer I.P.M. gave the health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Charles Taylor, which was a toast he had had the pleasure of proposing before. They all knew that he was a most indefatigable worker, but he might say that in consequence of his (Bro. Taylor's) numerous business engagements it rendered it exceedingly difficult for him to attend to his duties in the Lodge. He asked them to drink his health as their Worshipful Master, and he hoped that every one of them would endeavour to obtain the same exalted position he now occupied, and maintain the honour and dignity of The Great City Lodge. The Worshipful Master, in response to the toast of his health, said he could assure them that it gave him great pleasure to acknowledge the toast, which had been so cordially received by the brethren; he thanked their Immediate Past Master, Bro. Hamer, for the kindly words in which he had spoken of him. He excused his absence on account of duties which occupied him from an early hour in the morning until a late hour at night, but as they had elected him their Worshipful Master he had endeavoured to fill that office to the best of his ability, and, therefore, they must take the will for the deed. He had been also afflicted with domestic trouble, and it was only a chance that he was there that night, as he had been forbidden to go out by his medical attendant. He must, therefore, ask them to excuse any shortcomings on his part. He thanked them most heartily for the undeserved applause they had given him, and wished that every one of them might enjoy prosperity and happiness during the year, and that the prosperity they enjoyed might enable them to advance the interests of The Great City Lodge. The Worshipful Master next gave the health of their initiate, Bro. Brookman; he said that they were always glad to receive initiates, but they must be of the right sort, and in Bro. Brookman he knew that they had a good one. He asked them to drink his health, and give him a hearty welcome into The Great City Lodge. Bro. Brookman, in reply, said it was impossible for him to make a speech, but he was obliged to them for drinking his health, and he hoped he should always prove himself worthy of their esteem. The health of the Visitors was then given, and Bro. Tiddeman, after returning thanks for his reception, alluded to his attendance at the Lodge of Instruction which was held under the authority of this Lodge; he said that at the present time it had fifty-five paying members, who, by small weekly subscriptions, in four years became Life Governors of all Masonic Charities. Since the establishment of this fund a total of about £600 had been subscribed, and but for it those Life Governorships could never have existed or been enjoyed. Several other toasts were given, and the evening was spent in complete harmony.

Paxton Lodge, No. 1686.—What potent factors harmony and brotherly love, combined with excellence in working the ritual of the Order, are in contributing to the happiness of the members of a Lodge, and the thorough enjoyment of a Masonic evening, may be exemplified in the gatherings of the above Lodge. On the 12th inst. a meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell, there being present Bros. W. H. Boswell W.M., J. M. Klenck P.M. Treasurer, H. E. Frances P.P.G.D. Surrey Secretary, Walker S.D., F. Goddard J.D., Partridge I.G., F. J. Sawyer P.M., Damant, F. Pincote, Harrington, Garland, &c. Visitor—Bro. Sir F. C. Knowles, Bart. 1726. The business was the passing of Bro. Garland. After the closing, a very excellent supper was partaken of by the brethren, and cordial responses given to the various toasts. Sir Francis Knowles testified to the pleasure he felt in being the guest of the Lodge on the kind invitation of Bro. Klenck, and the deep interest he took in all Masonic matters.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 14th inst. Present—Bros. A. Ferrar W.M., Wolf S.W., Gribble J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, G. Ferrar S.D., Parkes J.D., Robinson I.G.; also Bros. R. Defries, A. M. Marks, Crawley, Lardner, W. Williams, Richardson, Galer, Bird, &c. Lodge opened in regular form, and minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. A. M. Marks answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture were worked. Bro. Wolf was appointed to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—The weekly meeting of the above was held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on 19th inst. Bros. Green W.M., C. Bellerby S.W., G. Coop J.W., C. W. Cunningham S.D., J. W. Fisher J.D., T. Smith I.G., H. Tucker Preceptor; also Bros. Porter, Seward, Tilley, Pitt, Owen. After preliminaries, the Worshipful Master rehearsed the ceremonies of passing and raising, Bro. Porter candidate in the former, and Bro. Pitt in that of the latter degree. Bro. C. Bellerby was unanimously elected W.M. for Thursday next.

Wellington Lodge, No. 784.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 12th inst., at the Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal, to instal Bro. Solly S.W. the W.M. elect. The following Visitors were present:—Bros. Emmerson P.M. P.P.G.J.W., Harrison P.M. P.G.C., Fenwick P.M. P.P.G.S.D.; also Bros. Baker, Woodruff, Carterfield, Dr. Davey, and many others. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Bird P.M. P.P.G.S.W. After which the Officers were invested as follows:—Bros. J. M. Browning P.M. S.W., E. L. Bridge jun. J.W., T. M. Browning P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Hynam P.M. Secretary, J. A. Foster S.D., J. Elliott J.D., T. W. Paul D.C., F. Barber Steward, J. Hammond I.G., W. J. A. Norris Tyler. Bros. W. H. Hayman P.M. Secretary, and J. M. Browning P.M. Treasurer, were each presented with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel for their assiduous duties for many years in the Wellington Lodge. After Lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Foster's, the Royal Hotel, to the banquet, and the evening was much enlivened by some excellent music and songs from Bros. Plant and Rhodes, of Canterbury, and the worthy host, Bro. Foster.

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BUT little more than three weeks must elapse ere the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is an event of the past, and clearly it is none too soon to remind our brethren of this important fact. Tuesday, the 21st February, is the day appointed by His Royal Highness the Grand Master for holding this Anniversary, and Bro. James Terry has already the satisfaction of having enrolled on his List of Stewards quite 230 brethren, whose labours will no doubt be very profitable to the Charity. At the same time we trust there will be, in the course of the next three weeks, a large addition to this number. South Wales West is a loyal, but by no means a numerically strong Province, as are Yorkshire and the Lancashires, or even as Devonshire and Cheshire. It is desirable, therefore, that the other Provinces and the Metropolitan Lodges should bestir themselves with even greater zeal than usual. Let it be borne in mind that no less than 155 old brethren and 160 old ladies have to be provided for, the outlay in annuities to which the Institution stands committed being, in round figures, £11,500, to say nothing of the expenses of management, which are also considerable. We make early note of these highly important facts because we are anxious to see Colonel Lloyd-Philipps, who has kindly undertaken to preside, as liberally supported as his predecessors.

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EARLY GRAND MASTERS.

Read in the Confidence Lodge of Instruction in 1876.

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LORD Paisley was succeeded in the G. Mastership by the Earl of Inchiquin, by whom the office of Prov. Grand Master was instituted, a deputation, conferring such honour, being granted 10th May 1727, to Bro. Hugh Warburton as Prov. Grand Master for North Wales, and a similar deputation for South Wales to Bro. Sir Edward Mansell, Bart., on the 24th June of the same year. The latter date is further memorable by reason of the fact that the privilege of voting in Grand Lodge was on that day extended to Past Grand Wardens. During Lord Colcraine's presidency over the Craft Grand Stewards were appointed, and a Lodge in Madrid was constituted. Lord Kingston, next on the roll of Grand Masters, and subsequently Grand Master of the Craft in Ireland, presented Grand Lodge with a curious pedestal and cushion, as well as with a jewel for the Grand Secretary; while among the Lodges that were warranted was one that held its meetings in Bengal, presumably at Calcutta. On 29th January the Duke of Norfolk was invested and installed as Grand Master, his Deputy being Bro. Nathaniel Blackerby, who had acted in that capacity to Lord Kingston.

One great event of the Duke of Norfolk's Grand Mastership was mentioned in my last lecture, namely, the issue of a Deputation appointing Bro. Daniel Coxe to be Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, for a period of two years from St. John the Baptist's day (24th June). By this alone would his Grace's services to Freemasonry deserve to be remembered, for it is to this small beginning we are indebted for the magnificent structure which has since been raised to Freemasonry in North America. There are now some forty-eight Grand Lodges, with 600,000 members, in this division of the world, and it must never be forgotten that the first seed of Masonry was implanted there by this Duke of Norfolk. But there is another circumstance in connection with his Grace's reign which deserves notice. It is not to be expected that a Society which had risen so rapidly in public estimation as to have attracted within its folds many of the principal nobility and gentry could exist for any length of time without raising up to itself a number of detractors whose efforts would be directed towards ridiculing its mysteries. Nor is it unreasonable to suppose that more than one person, unconscientious and actuated by the basest motives, would seek admission into our ranks, with the sole object of publishing whatever secrets might be entrusted to them. Thus, since the establishment (or re-establishment) of Grand Lodge, a number of bitter attacks against Freemasonry had appeared at divers times. They did no great harm perhaps, but good rather. Curiosity was aroused, and Masonry received a larger share of public attention than she would have done had she been left unmolested. Be this as it may, when it was found that these scurrilous attacks were continually being repeated, sundry of our more enlightened brethren were induced to publish apologies for the Craft. Foremost amongst these was the celebrated Dr. Anderson, who took upon himself the duty of replying directly to a pamphlet by Samuel Prichard, late member of a constituted Lodge, bearing the title of "Masonry Dissected; being a universal and genuine description of all its branches, from the original to this present time, giving an impartial account of their regular proceeding in initiating their new members in the whole three degrees of Masonry, viz. the Entered Prentice, Fellow Craft, and Master." This reply of Dr. Anderson was intituled "A Defence of Masonry, occasioned by a Pamphlet called 'Masonry Dissected,'" and made its appearance in the year 1730. The only fault, I believe, that was ever laid against Dr. Anderson in respect of the Defence was that he had been at too great pains to repel an insolent attack. His work was too elaborate, too learned. This, though regarded at the time as a fault, is in fact the very highest praise that could have been bestowed on the learned brother. And though the onslaught it was directed against may have been a feeble one, the Defence is one to which successive generations of Craftsmen have pointed, and will continue through all time to point, with a mingled sense of pride and thankfulness that the task was accomplished so thoroughly, and with such consummate ability. Whenever we find ourselves the object of calumny on the part of outsiders, we have but to turn to this apology of

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Dr. Anderson's, and the calumniators will be baffled. Its logic is simply irrefutable, and any here present who may wish to study it, will find it published among "Masonic Institutes by various authors," being Volume I. of the late Dr. Oliver's "Golden Remains of the Masonic Writers," published by the late Bro. Richard Spencer. This defence then of Dr. Anderson is the other important event by which the Grand Mastership of the Duke of Norfolk will ever be distinguished. His year of office, in fact, will always be memorable in our history, America especially having good cause to remember him with gratitude. Preston, indeed, declares that "from this period we may date the commencement of the consequence and reputation of the Society in Europe, as daily applications were made for constituting new Lodges, and the foremost characters of the age desired their names to be enrolled in our records." We shall see this statement borne out as we proceed.

The Duke was succeeded by Lord Lovel, afterwards Earl of Leicester, who was installed at Mercers' Hall, on the 29th March 1731. Owing to severe indisposition, his Lordship was compelled to withdraw almost immediately after the ceremony, but Lord Coleraine acted as his proxy. At the first Grand Lodge after the installation, held at the Rose Tavern, Marylebone, it was determined that Past Grand Masters and their Deputies should be admitted members of the Committee of Charity, and that the Committee should have power to grant relief to distressed Masons to the extent of Five Pounds; for the grant of any larger sum the consent of Grand Lodge, in regular Communication, must first of all be obtained. Later, also in this Mastership, the privilege was granted to Grand Stewards of nominating their successors. This was done on the motion of Colonel Pitt, but it will be found a few years later that this further special privilege was productive of much dissension in the Fraternity. It was during Lord Lovel's term of office that Francis Duke of Lorraine, afterwards Grand Duke of Tuscany and Emperor of Germany, was initiated into Freemasonry. For this purpose a deputation was issued by his Lordship to hold an occasional Lodge at the Hague. The Earl of Chesterfield, our Ambassador in Holland, presided, and Dr. Desaguliers was a member of the Deputation. On this occasion His Royal Highness received the first and second degrees of Masonry. Later in the same year, on visiting England, the Duke was raised to the third degree at an occasional Lodge, held for that purpose, at Houghton Hall, in Norfolk, the seat of Sir Robert Walpole. So important an addition to our ranks had, of course, the effect of causing the extension of the Fraternity to other countries, and with each succeeding year almost we find issues of new Deputations for the establishment of Masonic Lodges in foreign parts, among the countries thus favoured being Russia, a Lodge having been established there, it is said, as early as 1731, though, if this were actually the case, its meetings were probably held with a due regard to secrecy. It was in 1731 that the Grand Lodge of Ireland assembled for the first time in Dublin, when Lord Kingston was elected Grand Master.

Viscount Montagu was installed as Grand Master, at Merchant Taylors' Hall, on the 19th April 1732, in the presence of a distinguished assemblage of brethren, among whom were the Dukes of Richmond and Montagu, the Earl of Strathmore, Lords Coleraine, Teynham, and Carpenter, over 400 brethren in all being present. On this occasion it was agreed to hold a country feast, and cards of invitation were issued for a dinner, to be held at the Spaniards, Hampstead—Preston is my authority for this—on the 24th June. The Grand Master and his Officers, together with the Dukes of Norfolk and Richmond, and other nobility and gentry, to the number of about one hundred, were present. After this, says Preston, Grand Master Montagu did not again preside in person at the meetings of the Society, but great activity was shown by his Deputy, Bro. Thomas Batson, in its government, while a considerable number of Lodges were chartered. In Pine's List for 1734, recently published by Bro. Hughan, there are no less than 21 Lodges which bear date between Lord Montagu's installation and that of his successor, and only a fortnight previous to his formal accession we find a Lodge—ranking No. 90 in this List—established in Paris. But this is far from representing the whole of the work of this reign. A Warrant was issued to constitute a Lodge at Valenciennes, but, above all, we must record the issue, on the 30th of April 1733, of a deputation to Bro. Henry Price, appointing him to be Prov. G. Master in New England, with full power to appoint his Deputy and other Officers, and to constitute Lodges as occasion should require. Under this authority Bro. Price opened a Provincial Grand Lodge at Boston, Massachusetts, on the 30th July, of the same year, and appointed Andrew Belcher to be his Deputy and Thomas Kenelly and John Quenn his Prov. Grand Wardens. This was designated the St. John's Grand Lodge, and on reference to Pine's List, already mentioned, we find that No. 126 was constituted by Bro. Price and met in Boston City. I will add, with reference to this last Deputation, that till within the last few years this was believed to be the first introduction of Freemasonry into North America. There was reason to suppose that previous Deputations had been issued, but no signal trace of any work done thereunder could be found. Latterly, evidence of trustworthy work has been obtained from a Philadelphia newspaper, published by the illustrious Benjamin Franklin, himself a Mason, to the effect that a Lodge existed in that city in the year 1730. From the same source we learn that a Grand Lodge of Masons was held at the Tun (commonly printed Sun) Tavern, Water-street, on St. John's Day, when W. Allen was unanimously chosen G.M. and appointed W. Pringle to be his Deputy. The Wardens for the year were Thomas Boade and Benjamin Franklin. It should be stated further that Bro. Hughan is not without hope that he may be able to establish a connection between a Lodge held at the Hoop, Water-street, with the No. 79 of Pine's List. This latter is left vacant, having neither place of meeting nor date of Constitution assigned to it, but it figures among Lodges bearing 1731 as date of Constitution. I have, perhaps, digressed a little for the purpose of putting this matter more clearly before you, but the subject, though apparently insignificant, is really of great value, considering the extent to which Freemasonry in the United States flourishes.

The Earl of Strathmore was installed as Grand Master by proxy, owing to his absence at the time in Scotland, on 7th June 1733, at the Mercers' Hall. At a Grand Lodge, held on the 13th December, at the Devil Tavern, his Lordship, numerously supported by his Grand Officers and other dignitaries of the Order, presided in person, no less than fifty-three Lodges being represented by their Masters and Wardens. On this occasion a resolution was passed to the effect that all matters hitherto brought under the notice of Grand Lodge itself should in the first instance be examined into and reported upon by the Committee of Charity, and then submitted to Grand Lodge at its next regular Communication. Bro. Findel considers this a surrender on the part of Grand Lodge of such residue of its independence as it yet retained. His words are, "Towards the close of the year (December 1733) the privileges of the Committee of Charity were so materially extended that the Grand Lodge, to a certain extent, voluntarily delivered over to them the residue of that independence which had been left to it, in the passing of resolutions." This innovation, viz. the extension of the Committee for the administration of the Charity Fund into a meeting of Master Masons, on whom power was conferred to make arrangements of the greatest importance, and to prepare new resolutions, not only virtually annulled the authority vested in the Grand Lodge, but likewise greatly endangered the equality of the brethren in the different Lodges. I am inclined to think this is an exaggerated view of the circumstances. The Power that granted this extension of authority to the Committee of Charity could likewise withdraw it again. Moreover, the final reference to Grand Lodge itself must be regarded as a retention of the Supreme Power. It did not necessarily follow that Grand Lodge would confirm the recommendations of its committee. It only remains for me to add that it was under Lord Strathmore's auspices that the first Lodge in Germany was constituted, namely, at Hamburgh in 1733. Preston says, "Eleven German Masons applied for authority to open a new Lodge at Hamburgh, under the patronage of the Grand Lodge of England, for which purpose his lordship was pleased to grant a deputation." This, I imagine, must be Lodge No. 124 of Pine's List, which is located at "Hamburgh, in Lower Saxony." The same writer adds, that "several of the Lodges were constituted in Holland under the English banner; in support of this we have mention of a Lodge meeting at the Hague on 3rd September 1734. It is also noteworthy that in 1733 a Lodge was founded at Florence, by Charles Sackville, Duke of Middlesex, a medal still preserved in the Numismatic Cabinet of the

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Lodge of the Three Palms, at Leipsic, having been struck in honour of the occasion.

The Earl of Crawford was installed as successor of the Earl of Strathmore on the 30th March 1734, at Mercers' Hall, and during his Grand Mastership Bro. Dr. Anderson was entrusted to prepare a new edition of the Book of Constitutions. This edition made its appearance in 1738. At first, according to Preston, owing to the pressure of public business, his lordship neglected the Communications of Grand Lodge. But if this were the case, he made amends towards the close of his term of office by a greater display of activity than usual. He is said to have held two Communications within a period of six weeks. Moreover, several new regulations were passed during his administration, not all of which, however, can be regarded with satisfaction. Additional privileges, for instance, were granted to the Grand Stewards, and it was resolved that all Grand Officers, the Grand Master alone excepted, should in future be elected only by that body. It was also enacted that if any Lodge within the Bills of Mortality should cease to meet during twelve calendar months, it should be erased from the list; and, if reinstated, should lose its foremost rank. A regulation was likewise passed against the illegal Conventions of Masons "who have lately met secretly, and to the discredit of the society have initiated persons into Masonry for small and inadequate fees." These provided that all who took part in such irregular initiations would not be permitted to hold office or participate in the Charity Fund. Three Deputations were also issued, appointing Grand Masters for Lancashire, Durham, and Northumberland, and this Preston regards as an encroachment on the jurisdiction of the York Grand Lodge. "This circumstance," he says, "the Grand Lodge in York highly resented, and ever after seems to have viewed the proceedings of the brethren in the south with a jealous eye, as all friendly intercourse ceased, and the York Masons from that moment considered their interests distinct from the Masons under the Grand Lodge in London." Thory adopts this view, but Findel points out that there were already sundry Lodges in Lancashire and Durham, and one at Scarborough, in 1734, that these had been constituted for some time, and that their constitution would certainly have given umbrage to the York Lodge at the time, not some years or months afterwards. It is true that Preston quotes a paragraph from the Constitutions of 1738, in support of his statement, pointing out that Anderson speaks of "the old Lodge at York City" and others, "affecting independency," and being under their own Grand Masters, but four years is a pretty long interval of time, and as we advance, we shall have, I think, still greater reason to support the views of Findel.

On the 17th April 1735, Lord Weymouth was installed Grand Master, having been elected to that office on the 24th December preceding. He appointed as his Deputy Bro. John Ward, to whose services now, and at a later period, the Craft is deeply indebted. On the 24th June, we have the authority of Thory for saying, application was made by sundry Lodges in Paris, soliciting the establishment of a Provincial Grand Lodge for France. Nothing is said as to the result of the application, but on reference to Rebold we find it stated, in 1735, that Lord Harnouester or Derwentwater was invested with the office of Provincial Grand Master, while Findel quotes Lalande's authority as stating that Harnouester was chosen Grand Master in 1736. But to return. In the same June the above application is said to have been made, the Grand Stewards' Lodge received its warrant of Constitution. The functions of these officers were likewise more clearly defined, and at the same time the privilege was granted to the Lodge, of sending a deputation, consisting of twelve of its members, to Grand Lodge, such twelve members being permitted to vote as individuals, and also to wear distinctive aprons and ribands, in consequence of the resolution mentioned above, that all Grand Officers should be elected out of that body. At a Grand Lodge held the 11th December, this Deputation, with Sir Robert Lawley, Master of the Lodge, appeared, wearing their new badges of office. On this occasion they were not permitted to exercise the right of voting as individuals, but when it was proposed that in future they should be allowed this privilege, "many Lodges objected to the measure as an encroachment on the privileges of every other Lodge which had been previously constituted. When the motion was put for confirmation, such a disturbance ensued, that the Grand Lodge was obliged to be closed, before the sentiments of the brethren could be collected on the subject." Findel says, "This unjust preference shown to the Stewards excited loud, but righteous, indignation among the brethren; such a disturbance ensued, that Ward had to get up and make a speech, calling 'for decency and moderation.'" Preston adds, that "years after, the punctilio was waived, and the twelve Stewards permitted to vote as individuals." In a footnote he is more explanatory still, pointing out that it was in the year 1770 that this privilege was strictly warranted, a resolution having been passed at the Grand Lodge held on the 7th February, at the Crown and Anchor Tavern, Strand, to the following effect, "As the right of the members of the Stewards' Lodge in general to attend the Committe of Charity appears doubtful, no mention of such right being made in the laws of the Society, the Grand Lodge are of opinion *That they have no right to attend*; but it is hereby resolved, That the Stewards' Lodge be allowed the privilege of sending a number of brethren, equal to any other four Lodges, to every future Committee of Charity, and that, as a Master of each private Lodge only has a right to attend, to make a proper distinction between the Stewards' Lodge and the other Lodges, that the Master and three other members of that Lodge be permitted to attend at every succeeding Committee on behalf of the said Lodge. Since then, though it was expressly so stated that such resolution was not intended to deprive any older Lodge of its rank and precedence, the Grand Stewards' Lodge has been accorded precedence of all other Lodges, including even the Time Immemorial Lodges. However, the disturbance we have noted above had a serious effect on the progress of the Craft, so far as this, that it gave rise to much internal dissension, and this brought forth bitter fruit in the course of a few years,

Before taking leave of Lord Weymouth as G. Master, we must notice the progress of Freemasonry in Holland, and the difficulties it experienced at the outset of its career in that country. The Lodge held at the Hague for the initiation of the Duke of Lorraine was, no doubt, as I have suggested, an occasional Lodge. At all events, we learn nothing further about Freemasonry in Holland till the year 1734. On the 30th September of that year, according to Findel, a regular meeting of the Lodge of G. Master of the United Provinces of the Netherlands took place at the Golden Lion, under the presidency of Brother Vincent de la Chapelle, who may therefore be regarded as the founder of Freemasonry in the Netherlands. The Baron de Wagenaer was appointed Grand Master, and it was this Lodge which in 1749 took the title of Mother Lodge of the Royal Union. But not to anticipate what properly belongs to a subsequent lecture, and to concern ourselves only about this particular period, Findel points out that several daughter Lodges sprang from this 1734 Hague Lodge, and in 1735, one was constituted at the hotel "Nieue Doelen" in presence of Grand Master J. Corn. Rademaker, G. Treasurer of the Prince of Orange," and D. Grand Master J. Kuenen. This having been announced in the *Zaturdaagsche Courant*, of Amsterdam, for 3rd November, excited the attention of the Government. On the 30th of the same month the States General issued an edict forbidding Masonic assemblies to be held anywhere in the United Provinces. However, the Amsterdam Lodge continued to hold its meetings in secret, and this coming to the ears of the authorities, steps were taken for breaking up the Lodge, and bringing the subject judicially before the Council. There is a story abroad to the effect that the Chairman and Wardens were examined on oath, and declared that Freemasons were peaceful subjects, &c., &c., and that they were willing to initiate any members of the Council into their mysteries in order to convince them of this. Thereupon the brethren had full liberty granted to them, and the Secretary of State was initiated, his report being so satisfactory that not only did the Councillors allow full toleration to the Craft, but they enrolled themselves members of the Fraternity. Findel doubts the truth of this story, and I certainly think it looks like another version of the old story recorded of Elizabeth, that she, hearing of the Freemasons of York and their recent assemblies, gave orders for the Society to be broken up. Bro. Thomas Sackville, however, is said to have had the officers sent to execute the Queen's mandate initiated, and they were so thoroughly convinced then of the perfect innocence of Masonry, that they reported favourably of it to the Queen, who ever afterwards permitted them the free exercise of their rites. In the case of our Dutch brethren, however, it is certain that,

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influenced by one or more reasons, the States General abandoned their aggressive action against it, and when, some years later, the clergy of Holland, who were the enemies of our Order, refused to grant absolution to those who had joined the Society, the States General intervened for the protection of the Craft, directing the priests to reject no Freemason who was otherwise an honest man.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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UNITED MARINERS' LODGE, No. 30.

SELDOM have the brethren of this old and respected Lodge met under more gratifying auspices than on Tuesday, 17th instant, when there was a numerous assemblage to witness the installation of Bro. J. W. Crossley as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. It is well known that this Lodge has for years enjoyed an enviable position amongst the Masonic circles of the metropolis, and that its prestige has not only been maintained, but considerably enhanced, under recent Masters, has been abundantly proved and acknowledged. Alike in the perfection of its working and its active support of the Charities of our Institution, the United Mariners' Lodge has for a long period held a proud and prominent position, and the hearty fraternity pervading its members is an ample evidence of the healthy tone which has all along characterised this section of the Craft. The brethren assembled shortly after half-past four o'clock, when Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Hiram Cosedge, who was supported by Bros. Joseph Clarke I.P.M., J. W. Crossley S W. and W.M. elect, Joshua Shipley J.W., Joseph Harling P.M. Treasurer, Joseph Driscoll P.M. Honorary Secretary, Thomas E. Davey S.D., James Linscott J.D., Louis Steingraber D.C., P.M.'s Charles Davey, Thomas Smith, A. T. Gladwell, A. Lefeaux, G. J. C. Smith, W. Ansell, Lampen, J. Rotheroe, H. Myers, J. Oblein, M. Misch, B. Oldendorff, John Lewis, Alfred Couldrey, C. Bergman, James Hill, W. Sanders, Carl Fasshaber, Edwin Bailey, L. G. Reinhardt Tyler, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. James Terry P.M. 228 (Secretary of the Royal Benevolent Institution), J. Godwin P.M. 1343 P.G.A.D.C. of Essex, Rev. W. H. W. Casely 1580 P.P.G.C. of Herts, T. Painter P.M., K. Bergmann P.M. 238, W. Manger P.M. 1314, R. Senecal P.M. 569, W. J. Murlis P.M. 1642, W. Johnson W.M. 946, R. P. Frewer P.M. 1685, H. Leah P.M. 193, H. Stanley 205, D. P. Holmes 1471, F. Slade 1685, E. H. Page 55, J. Richardson 185, H. Forbes 1329, and many others, who as the Worshipful Master facetiously remarked later in the evening, might have been enumerated had their signatures been more legibly written in the attendance book. Lodge having been advanced, Bro. Crossley was duly presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and, having accepted the responsibilities of the exalted position was installed into the chair, and subsequently received the hearty salutations of the brethren, the ceremonial being conducted by Bro. Hiram Cosedge, in an intelligent and impressive manner, and such as pleased and surprised many who were aware of the retiring Master's recent indisposition. At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly-installed Worshipful Master invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. Hiram Cosedge I.P.M., Joshua Shipley S.W., Thomas E. Davey J.W, Joseph Harling P.M. Treasurer, Joseph Driscoll P.M. Honorary Secretary, James Linscott S.D., Louis Steingraber J.D., Alfred Couldrey Inner Guard, Carl Fasshaber Director of Ceremonies, Charles Davey P.M. Wine Steward, Samuel Lampen Assistant Wine Steward, and L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. During the evening Bro. Sanders was raised to the sublime degree, by the retiring W.M., who in this, as well as in the ceremony of installation, acquitted himself most meritoriously. At the conclusion of the business the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banqueting-hall, where a *récherché* repast was seryed by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, after which the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M., referring to Her Majesty as the mother of Masons, said the brethren of the Craft were by this fact drawn nearer to the throne, even if they were tempted otherwise. They ought also to be proud of the Prince of Wales as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Craft, as well as a Prince, and it afforded them the greatest gratification to see how nobly he supported the Institution of which he was the supreme head. In giving "Our Masonic Rulers" he observed that while they congratulated themselves upon being favoured by Royalty, they were also favoured by the nobility of the country, many of whom held high offices in Grand Lodge. These offices, however, were not confined to the nobility, neither was our Order. Masonry teaches natural equality, and they found many men amongst our commoners who also held exalted offices in the Craft. The toast was enthusiastically received. The I.P.M. then rose, and said the gavel had been returned to him once more, he supposed as the setting sun, although he would not carry the simile too far. But as setting sun he was supposed to look pleasantly out of the cloud, and promised them no end of happy work, as the augury of the morrow. From the respect and affection they entertained towards their new Worshipful Master he felt sure they would support and cheer him, and try to find out what was in him, during his year of office. He had worked well in the various offices through which he had to pass, and they might rely upon it that he would continue to uphold the reputation which this old Lodge so deservedly enjoyed. They would find him a thoroughly sincere Worshipful Master, who loved the tenets of the Craft, and would help the brethren to carry them out faithfully. If they accorded to Bro. Crossley half the kindness they had manifested towards himself, his must be a strong heart, indeed, if he did not reciprocate that kindness by his efforts to sustain the prestige of the old Lodge. The W. Master, after returning thanks for the compliment paid him, said he occupied a proud position in filling the chair of so old and respected a Lodge as this, and he felt the responsibility of following so many P.M.'s of credit and renown, who had preceded him. While craving their indulgence for any shortcomings of which he might be guilty he should endeavour to sustain the position in such a way that the brethren would not regret having exalted him to the dignified place in which he now found himself. In proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master and Installing Officer of the day, he said the way in which Brother Cosedge had done the work must have afforded the utmost gratification to all who witnessed it. He congratulated him, not only upon the way in which he performed the ceremony of installing his successor, but also upon the courage he had shown in undertaking that task. He had now great pleasure in presenting to Bro. Cosedge, on behalf of the Lodge, a jewel, in consideration, not only of the way in which he had conducted the business of the Lodge during the past twelve months, but also for the kind and courteous manner which he had displayed towards the brethren generally. The jewel, which was a very handsome and massive one, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Hiram Cosedge P.M., by the brethren of the United Mariners' Lodge of Freemasons, No. 30, as a token of appreciating his ability and courtesy as W.M. of the above Lodge. 17th January 1882." The Immediate Past Master in returning thanks, hardly knew how to compress into necessarily a few words his gratitude for the kindness displayed towards him. It was not merely for the gift itself, beautiful and valuable as it was, but for the kindly motives which had prompted the brethren in its presentation, and which he should remember as long as he lived. When they installed him as W.M. it was one of the most inclement days experienced for thirty years, and he arrived very late, but he found all the brethren assembled and quietly awaiting him. He had that day to travel six hours in the blinding snow, and had to change his clothing twice, and if he had looked upon it as a forecast, which was common amongst Englishmen, and especially among mariners, he might have looked forward to a not very agreeable year of office. But, as a cloudy morning often precedes a brilliant day, so he might say he had had a sunshiny year of office; things had gone on rosily, and it had all ended in his being presented with this splendid jewel, which must be valued more for the kindly motives which prompted it than for its intrinsic worth. He acknowledged the great assistance he had received from the Officers and Past Masters of the Lodge, especially Bros. Thomas Smith and Driscoll, in the discharge of his duties, and, in conclusion, he wished for the Lodge a long career of future prosperity. Whenever he looked upon that jewel he should have impressed upon his heart the sentiment of Burns—

> Men, good men, the whole world o'er
> May brethren be, and a' that.

The W.M. then gave the health of the Past Masters, whom he was pleased to see rallying round him in such goodly numbers this evening, and who had done their work so well that he thought he was right in calling them veteran victors. To be a P.M. of No. 30 was no very light honour. Bro. Joseph Clarke responded in a few happily chosen sentences, in the course of which he said he appreciated the honour of being a Past Master of this old Lodge, and he was sure the other P.M.'s would share his sehtiments when he said he should ever be ready to extend the right hand of fellowship, and afford all the instruction in his power to those who needed it. He assured them the Past Masters would always strive to assist any member of the Craft wherever he was situated, and that the hearty good fellowship which had always characterised this Lodge would be well maintained. The health of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Karl Bergmann P.M. 231, twice W.M. of the Pilgrim Lodge, the only one in England belonging to our Grand Lodge working in the German language. Bro. the Rev. W. H. Caseley, P.P.G. Chaplain of Herts, also briefly thanked the brethren for the hospitality extended to the Visitors. The W.M. then proposed in felicitous terms the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, acknowledging the valuable service they had rendered to the Lodge. Bro. Herling, in reply, spoke of the satisfactory condition of their finances, which enabled them to accord greater assistance than heretofore to the Charities. Brother Joseph Driscoll P.M. said the duties of Secretary were to him a pleasure and labour of love. He was pleased to say he had received that evening over fifty guineas towards the Benevolent Institution, for which he was a Steward, a result which he thought very gratifying. The W.M. said if there was one virtue above another upon which Masons prided themselves it was Charity. It was one of the great principles upon which the Order was founded—for what was Brotherly Love but the very essence of charity. The uninitiated world, when they looked upon their Institutions, called them charitable, and certainly they ought to be proud of the way in which so many of the old men and women were provided for, and so many of the children educated, and cared for, and fitted for the battle of life. These were legitimate objects of pride, but there was also another kind of charity, which worked out of the sight of men, among the deeper depths—so to speak — among the poor and distressed. This charity they ought not to forget, but try to raise the fallen, stimulate the erring, and point them to paths of honour. He proposed the Masonic Charities, associating with the toast the name of Bro. James Terry, the respected Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Terry, who was received with great applause, was afraid the observations he might make would come with rather poor grace after all they had done to supplement Bro. Driscoll's list that evening. But he could say with all sincerity that in that Lodge the toast of the Masonic Institutions ought to be given by a representative of one of those Institutions rather than from the chair, for this reason: that the first conception of our Boys' School emanated from the members of the United Mariners' Lodge. Therefore the compliment ought to be paid by a representative of those Institutions, whoever might happen to be present, to acknowledge what the forefathers of the Lodge had done in years gone by, and

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to make known what a glorious Institution they had at Wood Green. In connection with the Masonic Institutions, he knew full well what they had been doing during the past nine or ten years. The outer world knew simply nothing of our Charities until they wanted them; they found them out in a moment then. But when they were twitted that Masonry was nothing but an expensive social club, he ventured to deny it altogether; and to say the Masons knew that by this organisation, and without encroaching upon the outer world at all, in the year 1880 they raised within £2,500, £50,000, from their own pockets, and in the year just gone by within an ace of £44,000; so, taking the two years together, £94,000 was raised in England alone for charitable purposes. What had been the result of that? They were enabled to keep over 450 children and over 330 old people in comparative affluence, because when a man had nothing in the world to live upon, to give him coals throughout the winter months, and £40 a year, raised him at once to a condition of comparative affluence. He said, then, that Freemasonry was doing as much as could possibly be expected of it at the present time. While other institutions had to lament that their income had not been sufficient to meet their out-going, the Craft was enabled to say, not only were their expenses met, but they had also been able to put by a certain amount towards the "rainy day." They had raised the number of their recipients and increased the money given to the Old Folks; therefore, in every shape Freemasonry had prospered, and it had also given to its Charities. Bro. Driscoll was about representing for the second time an Institution that must appeal to their common humanity. It was very well to say they had boys and girls who must be educated, but it was quite different with the old men and women. The children would be cared for, and, as he had often said, many persons would even adopt and take care of a child upon the decease of its parents, and bring it up as their own. But there were very few who would adopt an old man or woman, and keep them till the end of their days. There were indeed some who had a perfect horror of having even their mother-in-law in their houses. Therefore, there must be a repugnance to taking in the widow of an old friend, and keeping her till the end of her days. There the Benevolent Institution stepped in, and took the responsibility, by a small payment from the Craft, and was enabled to keep them as he had said. If they went down to Croydon and saw the comforts the old people enjoyed, and the thankfulness with which they received their money quarterly, and heard their thanks that such an Institution as Freemasonry existed, they would be amply repaid, as long as they were Masons. In the coming year they had a great struggle, for there were 112 candidates—46 men and 66 women—while at present they had only fourteen vacancies for men and seven for widows. These were only 21 in all, and unless their Festival on Feb. 21st next was successful, it would be a matter of impossibility, to add to the number now upon the fund; they would be only able to fill vacancies caused by death, and consequently ninety would have to go away disappointed and have to wait another year. All the applicants were over sixty years of age, and would become less and less able to take care of themselves. Therefore, he said, they ought as far as possible, and according to their means, to support the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Terry concluded by an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Charity, and resumed his seat amidst prolonged applause. Several other toasts were honoured, and the proceedings of the evening were agreeably diversified with music, singing, and recitations.

JORDAN LODGE, No. 201.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated their anniversary Festival on Friday, 20th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London. Lodge was opened by the W.M. of the past year. Bro. C. G. Payn, who was supported by Bro. T. Wallis S.W. W.M. elect, several Past Masters, the Officers of the Lodge, and a goodly array of Visitors. Mr. William Sharpe, M.D., and Mr. James Sinclair, two candidates for initiation, were ballotted for, and duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. Price was passed, and some other items of business being transacted, the W.M. elect was presented, and in due course installed. He appointed the new Officers as follow:—Bros. Dobie S.W., Fox J.W., Davage Treasurer and Director of Ceremonies, Elsam Secretary, Simpson S.D., Dunkerley J.D., Sibley I.G., Parkinson Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. Payn, then gave the addresses, and thus completed his part of the ceremony of the day. The newly-installed Master at once rose, and in most gratifying terms presented a Past Master's jewel to his predecessor. It afforded him great pleasure to do so, more especially as it had been voted to Bro. Payn by the unanimous voice of the Lodge. He trusted Bro. Payn might live among them for many years to wear it, and that when it might please the G.A.O.T.U. to remove him from this sphere, it might be transmitted to his children to act as an incentive to them to follow in their father's footsteps. In conclusion, he remarked that Bro. Payn justly deserved the jewel, and he felt particularly proud at being in a position which entitled him to place it on the breast of his worthy friend. Brother Payn did not know in what terms to express his thanks. If he had, during the past year, done anything which met with the approval of the brethren, he was most gratified. He could say that the handsome jewel with which the brethren had been pleased to decorate him amply repaid him for any little services he might have rendered to the Lodge. Bro. Peter Robinson P.M., and for some time past Secretary of Lodge, having expressed his desire to relinquish that post it became necessary for the Master to appoint another brother to that office—which he did in the person of Brother Elsam. In reference to this matter Brother Spencer, Past Master remarked that as their esteemed friend Brother Robinson had felt it desirable to resign his office of Secretary, he thought all would admit the Lodge must be looked upon as incurring a very great loss. He thought they were indebted to that brother for very much of the success which had attended the Lodge during the past few years, and therefore considered some little recognition of his services should be made by the Lodge. He felt he could say that every member wished him many years of enjoyment, and that each hoped the Lodge would not lose his presence for many years to come, but that they might continue to enjoy his advice and Masonic knowledge as well as his genial friendship. He further proposed that a vote of thanks be given to him for his services to the Lodge during his term of office as Secretary, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. The proposition was seconded, and carried with acclamation; after which the Master proceeded to close the Lodge, having first given due attention to some matters brought forward by some of the brethren. A first-rate banquet followed, at which Bro. Davage P.M., in his office of D. of C., used every effort to ensure the comfort of all present, and we think he succeeded. The customary loyal toasts followed. The I.P.M. gave that of the W.M. He rose with very great pleasure to propose the health of Bro. Wallis. The way in which he had fulfilled his duties that night might be accepted as a criterion of what he was capable of in the chair, while their experience of his working during the last two years gave them every reason to believe he would prove himself worthy of the position to which he had attained. The toast was heartily received, and the W.M., in reply, tendered his sincere thanks. He assured the brethren it would afford him the greatest pleasure to fulfil the duties of the high office to which they had been pleased to appoint him. Nothing should be omitted on his part which would prevent his carrying out the duties of the office thoroughly, and, he hoped, to the satisfaction of all the brethren of the Lodge. He next gave the toast of the Initiates, to which Bro. Sharpe replied. He felt he should not be able to thank them as he ought, as on such occasions men's words usually deserted them. He trusted he might prove himself worthy of the Society into which he had that night been admitted. The Visitors were next toasted. The W.M. remarked it was ever the desire of the members of the Jordan Lodge to make their visitors joyful, and send them away with the feeling that the brethren of the Lodge were one in heart and good feeling. Bro. Mason (Collector Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution) replied, availing himself of the opportunity thus afforded him of addressing a few remarks to the brethren on the subject of the Old Folks, and the claims on the Institution with which he is officially connected. Bro. A. W. Fenner followed, and then the Master gave the toast of the I.P.M., a toast that all would drink very heartily. As he (the W.M.) was but young, he should have to look a great deal to the I.P.M. for assistance, and he felt that he could rely on receiving it. Bro. Payn replied. After the high compliments passed upon him by both Master and Visitors, he hardly knew what to say further than tender his heartiest thanks. He should be at all times ready and willing to do what lay in his power to advance the interests of the Lodge. The Master was pleased, he said, in proposing the health of the Past Masters, to see so many rally round him. He felt also very thankful to them, as all the members doubtless did, for their readiness at all times to do anything in the Lodge that might be required of them. Brother Robinson replied, reviewing the progress of the Lodge, and thanking the brethren for their many kindnesses in the past. Brother Elsam followed, and then the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was given, to which Brother Davage suitably responded. The Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toasts concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by some excellent songs from members and others. Among the Visitors were Bros. A. W. Fenner P.M. 1227 W.M. 1693, R. Larchin W.M. 1511, Robert Harris P.M., James Hill D.C. 1658, E. Wallace I.G. 907, G. Gaze 40, G. Leach P.M. 861, W. Side I.P.M. 1507, J. Gibbs 1580, H. G. Gush J.W. 1511, W. Denison S.W. 1511, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, S. R. Speight P.M. 117.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE, No. 901.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Monday, 16th inst., and was well attended. Lodge was opened by Bro. C. Beaumont Worshipful Master of the past year, who was supported by Bros. Alfred Ginger I.P.M., George A. Cundy S.W. W.M. elect, John Hughes J.W., Henry Darcy P.M. Treasurer, Geo. Darcy P.M. Secretary, W. Leaves P.M., T. Lawrence P.M., A. Griffith P.M., H. McClelland J.D., H. Harbord D.C., C. Harris I.G., E. T. C. Hand Organist, J. Woodstock Tyler, and others. The customary formalities having been observed, Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Cundy was presented for installation. Being obligated, he was in due form placed in the chair, and appointed the following brethren as the Officers for the year, viz.:—C. Beaumont I.P.M., John Hughes S.W., David Hughes J.W., Henry Darcy P.M. Treasurer, George Darcy P.M. Secretary, H. McClelland S.D., E. Harris J.D., R. Clinch D.C., H. Harbord I.G., Ernest T. C. Hand Org., J. R. R. Lawrence P.M. Wine Steward, J. Woodstock Tyler. Messrs. James Richardson and James Hosking, two candidates for initiation, were then ballotted for, and the voice of the Lodge being unanimous in their favour, they were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, the newly installed W.M. performing this, his first work in the Lodge, in a most satisfactory manner. It was announced that since the last meeting death had taken from their midst one of the Past Masters of the Lodge, in the person of Bro. Salisbury, who died within a few days of the installation meeting. The W.M. regretted that thus early he should be called upon to perform such a melancholy duty; but he felt the Lodge should record their regret at the loss they had sustained, and should also send to the relatives of their deceased brother a letter of condolence. The proposition was carried. The names of three gentlemen for initiation, and of one brother for joining were handed in. Brother I.P.M. Beaumont thought now that the number of members of the Lodge amounted to one

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hundred, provided the three gentleman proposed that evening were elected, that some steps should be taken to keep it from increasing too rapidly; he thought it was inadvisable to go far beyond the membership they now numbered; he would therefore propose that a sort of sliding scale in the initiation fees should be adopted. Up to one hundred he thought no alteration should be made, but for every five above that number, he proposed an addition of five guineas; he also suggested an increase in the joining fee. The propositions appeared to be well received, and will doubtless be fully discussed at the ensuing meeting. We would however suggest to the members of the City of London Lodge they might adopt some other course to keep their numbers within bounds. We are aware that the plan of increasing the fees is often tried, and though it may be successful in some instances, we know several where it has led to trouble and discontent. We are also of opinion that it is opposed to the true spirit of Freemasonry, as it is nothing more than imposing a monetary qualification. The Lodge in question has proved itself a popular one, and its fees are paid willingly. What will be the result of an increase in the dues? Not that better men will offer themselves, but that only those to whom an additional five guineas is of no consideration will come forward. Men who had hoped some day to welcome their friends into the Lodge will be disappointed, while others who have perhaps expressed a desire to join will have to withdraw, or entail an expense they cannot afford. In such case we think it far better to stop receiving initiates, at any price, unless it be to fill up vacancies which must of necessity occur. But the sliding scale proposed in the City of London Lodge offers further objections; if one increase is bad, several will be worse. What will be the effect of admitting two men on one evening, one at fifteen guineas and the other at twenty? How will the lesson of equality be impressed on the latter? and then, who is to decide as to whose candidate is to be the hundred and fifth, and whose the hundred and sixth? Is there to be a rush as to who shall propose his first, and is the Master's decision to be considered final, as at an auction. Really if such an event occurred it would be nothing less than bidding for the fifteen guines nomination in opposition to the twenty guinea one. The brother who was declared to have lost the former would perhaps feel somewhat aggrieved; he would have to explain the matter to his friend, who would find himself placed in a very awkward position. He must either decline to go on, and risk the chance of being considered mean, or, perhaps worse, he may enter the Institution with a feeling that an advantage was taken of him at the outset, and that his initiation cost him more than he cared to spend on it. As we have said, the matter is to be discussed, and we hope some better means of settling the question will be found; if not, we can but hope that the harmony and good feeling evinced in the Lodge will continue. Other matters of business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed. At the banquet which followed the W.M. presided most genially, and in due course proceeded with the customary toasts. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the Master. One of the chief pleasures of being I.P.M. was that of having to propose the health of the W.M. He was very sorry, for Bro. Cundy, that the task had not fallen into better hands, as he felt he could not do sufficient honour to the toast, although he felt as proud that evening as though Bro. Cundy was verily his own brother. He felt that next year they would have a Master who had never been surpassed in the Lodge, and this was more particularly noticeable when they considered his Masonic age, for it must be remembered that he was but four years old that night. Their new Master had already acquitted himself wonderfully well, and he felt the brethren would, one and all, rally round him, and give him their support during his year of office, which, he ventured to prophesy, would be a most happy and prosperous one. The W.M. tendered his thanks. As the I.P.M. had told them, he was only four years old in Freemasonry; he trusted, therefore, they would pardon any little shortcomings he might be guilty of, either in the ruling of the Lodge or the general working of Freemasonry. He should do his best, as an old man of four years of age, to give them satisfaction, but he could not hope to attain to the perfection of his predecessor. He then proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master. It was not only in that position, but also as their Installing Master, that they toasted him that day. The combination of the two positions was not a regular one, and when it did occur--and the brother who installed his successor did it so ably and impressively—it was a great credit to him. Bro. Beaumont's work that day was certainly a feather in his cap. It had afforded pleasure to all who listened to it, while to him personally it had created a sensation of pleasure which had made an impression on his mind which would never be effaced. He had now the great pleasure of pinning on his breast a Past Master's jewel, and he did so knowing that it had been well earned and thoroughly deserved. Bro. Beaumont expressed his gratitude. He could only say that if the members considered he had done his duty he felt very proud; if he had given them satisfaction, he was proud indeed. He looked upon the jewel they had so kindly voted him, as a mark of the good feeling that had always existed between the members of the City of London Lodge and himself, and more particularly during the year of his Mastership. He could but again thank them. The other toasts usual on such occasions were duly honoured, and the brethren separated. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Chumley S.W. 1556, R. Whitaker 1642, W. Johnson 861, A. Orton 1287, H. R. Fletcher 1604, F. Funston 1695, W. Beauchamp 167, C. Stuart 1191, E. G. Rolls 754, B. J. Woolfe 720, W. G. King 77 P.P.G.O. Kent, S. Pardoe 1585, James Smith P.M. 201, J. Dennc D.C. 1206, J. Magrath W.M. 1306, C. Veal P.M. 1306, James Cooper W.M. 55, T. C. Parker P.M. 1026, A. Short 349, W. Fowles 471, F. Orchard S.W. 198, W. Cubitt S.D. 193, C. Daniel P.M. 65, J. Blundell W.M. 742, H. Cuff, W. W. Cadd 1728, Richard Bruce 957, J. H. Champness 18, W. Curry, W. A. Burrows 1624, W. H. Easey, C. H. Cox 188 and 1839, C. Arkell P.M. 192, T. Wigglesworth 15, E. Knox 554, J. Barber Glenn 3, C. Handley 475, J. Perkins 933, J. E. Pinder I.G. 1707, W. Shepherd 754, C. H. Rawlins 754, H. J. Amphlett 1611, J. C. Whiddington 1827, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107.

MONTEFIORE LODGE, No. 1017.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 25th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Regent-street, under the presidency of Bro. S. V. Abraham W.M. There were present Bros. M. Levy S.W., John Syer J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, W. Mann S.D., W. H. Benjamin J.D., D. M. Davis Organist, Maurice H. Leviton I.G., N. P. Vallentine Steward, L. J. Salomons I.P.M., J. Lazarus P.M., J. Granebaum P.M., S. Pollitzer P.M., A. Blumenthal P.M. and a numerous attendance of members and visitors. Lodge having been opened with the customary formalities, the ballot was brought into requisition. Messrs. J. Manger and Luigi Ricci offering themselves as candidates for initiation. The voting being in their favour, they were duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Myers having answered the necessary questions, was raised to the degree of Master Mason. A proposition was brought forward by the W.M. that the sum of five guineas be voted from the Lodge towards the Fund being raised for the relief of the Russian Jews; this being seconded by Bro. Syer W.M. elect, was put to the Lodge, and carried unanimously. The same brethren also desired that a like amount should be voted to the Jewish Board of Guardians, and this proposition was also carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was then presented to the Lodge, obligated, and installed into the chair; he afterwards appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. Mann S.W., Benjamin J.W., Jacobs Treasurer, Albert Secretary, Vallentine S.D., Davis J.D., Davis Organist, Gulliford I.G., L. J. Salomons Past Master D.C., A. Solomons Steward. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the banquet room, where banquet was served under the direction of Bro. M. Silver. At the conclusion of the repast the Worshipful Master proceeded with the usual toasts. After that of the Queen, the National Anthem was sung; and after that of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, a song by Mr. J. W. Thompson. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Pro Grand Master, &c. referred to the presence that evening of Brothers Martyn, Thomas, and Clarke, all distinguished Officers of G. Lodge, and—so far as the Montefiore Lodge was concerned—of an even more distinguished brother, in Bro. Albert, their Secretary. For the Grand Officers generally, he felt he need say nothing to recommend the toast to the brethren present, as all must know that to attain to an office in Grand Lodge necessitated a great amount of work in the Craft. He had pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Martyn. That brother tendered his sincere thanks. Of the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon it was not necessary for him to say much; his ability in Freemasonry was too well known to need recapitulation on the present occasion. He well and worthily presides over Grand Lodge whenever he is present—as he often is. The name of the Earl of Lathom was also honoured throughout the Craft; was, indeed, a household word in Masonry. With two such noblemen at the head of the Craft, Masons might justly be proud. Speaking personally, Brother Martyn considered it a great compliment to be called upon to respond to this toast, more particularly so as he was present at the installation ceremony last year. Such a compliment convinced him that he did not disgrace himself then. He could but say a word in praise of the manner in which the work that night had been carried out. Personally he was acquainted with every word of the ceremonies the Immediate Past Master had worked that evening, and he felt justified in saying that Brother Abraham had acquitted himself most efficiently. He did not approve of the system adopted by some brethren to praise indiscriminately, but he felt that where praise was due—as it was in the case of their I.P.M.—it should be bestowed. He was pleased to see that the Lodge was in admirable working order, and well manned; and trusted it would ever go on advancing further and further in the course of excellence it had enjoyed in the past. After a song, the I.P.M. assumed the gavel, and in appropriate terms proposed the health of the Master. It had been truly observed that no Master was efficient until he had retired from the chair, as it was hardly to be expected that any one fresh to the office could know the working. He knew that the present Master of the Lodge entered upon his office with the full intention of doing all in his power to advance the interests of the Lodge, and if any one could prove the exception to the rule, it was he. His own ability in the Craft led them to hope that he would retain the Lodge in the position which it had occupied in the past. He sincerely hoped that at the end of his year of office he would feel that he had received as much assistance at the hands of the brethren as he (the speaker) had enjoyed during the past year. The W.M. tendered his sincere thanks. He did not like to make promises, as he always felt, as regarded others, that he should like to see them after they had had an opportunity of fulfilling what they had promised. He concluded by proposing the health of the Initiates. Every Master was only too glad to propose this toast, for when he passed night after night without it, it shewed there must be something wrong, either with the Lodge or with its Master. The Lodge had received, during the past year, more initiates than during any other year since he had been connected with it, and he felt he had a very hard task before him to maintain the Lodge in that respect. To the initiates themselves, he would say that they had joined an Order which could hardly bring aught but good to them. They might have thought that Freemasonry was a mere idle form, but when they came to know more of it they would find it was something to belong to which meant advantage in many ways. It was a well-known maxim that a man could not be a good Mason and at the same time a bad man; indeed, he considered it almost impossible for a man after once becoming a Mason to degenerate into a bad man. Each of the initiates having replied, the Master gave the toast of the Immediate Past Master. He felt the toast was one which would be acceptable to all. It was the custom among Masons to present to the Master some little testimonial—if he might be allowed to use the word—to show the appreciation of the brethren for the way in which their ruler had endeavoured to advance the interests of the Lodge, and he had great pleasure in presenting such

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to Bro. Abraham. To give him a jewel might be considered somewhat out of place, as he was so well provided in that respect already; therefore, the brethren had decided to make him a present which he could use on other than Masonic occasions, and had accordingly selected a biscuit-box, which they hoped would be acceptable. The box, which was very neat, was suitably engraved, the following being the wording of the inscription:—

Presented to
BROTHER SAMUEL VICTOR ABRAHAM P.M.
By the Brethren of
The Montefiore Lodge, 1017.
He was one of its Founders,
And twice served the office of
Worshipful Master.
January 1882.

That inscription expressed, the Master said, better than any words of his could possibly do, the sentiments and feelings of the members. In presenting it they one and all offered it as a very small token of the respect which they all felt for their I.P.M. Although he had ceased to be Master of the Lodge he would never cease to be one of its brightest ornaments. Bro. Abraham replied. He had had the pleasure on many previous occasions to address the Lodge, and without being egotistical, he thought he had been able to speak to the subject, but he now felt that he could not express himself as he should do. That he desired to say much, all would believe; that he was unable to say a small part of what he could wish, he assured them. Briefly, he thanked them most heartily and honestly; he could but refer to their kind expressions of sympathy in the past when he had been unable to be with them; and, feeling that the sympathy was genuine, he considered it his duty to acknowledge it. The Master then proposed the toast of the Visitors, to which several of the guests responded. The other toasts were—the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers, and "All Poor and Distressed Brethren." A good musical selection was provided, under the direction of Bro. Lindsay Sloper; the artistes being Miss Isabella Stone, and Mr. J.W. Thompson; Bro. Chas. Braham also favoured the company with a song. Among the Visitors were Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. Deputy Prov. G.M. Suffolk, J. Lewis Thomas P.A.G.D.C., W. Clarke G.P., Thomas C. Corpe I.P.M. 1839, A. Clifford Eskell P.M., L. Etheridge P.M. 829, F. Croaker W.M. 185, W. Webb P.M. 382, S. Barnett S.D. 185, Alexander Pyke, F. J. Foakes-Jackson P.M. P.P.G.C. Surrey, W. B. Barham 946, L. Norden P.M. 205, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, G. Chivers 901, William Ffennel 829, S. Vallentine P.M. 9, Lewis Solomon J.W. 1732, W. Guyer J.D. 1281, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, W. S. Lover W.M. 1668.

ISRAEL LODGE, No. 205.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge, took place at the Cannon-street Hotel, City, on Tuesday, the 24th instant. On the brethren assembling it was announced that in consequence of the death of his mother, the W.M. Brother H. J. Phillips would be unable to attend. Under these circumstances Bro. L. Norden opened the the Lodge. The Officers were at their posts, and in addition, the acting W.M. was supported by the following Past Masters:—Bros. A. Bassington, H. M. Harris, I. P. Cohen, S. H. Harris, F. Buckland. W. Littau, C. F. Hogard Sec., A. M. Cohen Treasurer. There was a very strong array of Visitors, amongst whom we may mention Bros. J. L. Thomas P.A.G.D.C., W. Clarke G.P., E. P. Albert P.G.P., W. Gibson Bott W.M. 1839, T. C. Corpe I.P.M. 1839, G. H. Dowsett 79, Asher Myers 185, J. Bladen 1839, J. W. Barber W.M. 1767, D. M Davis Organist 1017, S. Barnett S.D. 185, E. Martin 1494, G. L. Moore Past Master 169, J. Benjamin Senior Deacon 188, F. Croaker W.M. 185, S. M. Lazarus P.M. 188, J. L. Hickman P.M. 188, W. Musto 1349, C. H. Webb P.M. 174, G. H. Stephens S.D. 1623, W. Russell P.M. 77, J. Johnson 1541, H. Massey P.M. 619 W.M. 1928, John Moore 548, James Terry P.M. 228 Secretary R.M.B.I., J. A. Kenneth Campbell 1523, Lewis Lazarus Past Master 188, W. Drewett 1638, W. Hunter 382, S. V. Abraham W.M. 1017, W. J. Vallentine W.S. 1017, R. Clowes S.W. 630, Geo. Meads J.D. 1321, Charles Hunt P.M. 194, Robert Callingham 1178, W. T. Lover W.M. 1668, J. Bartlett W.M. 1347, Edgar Bowyer P.P.S.G.W. Herts, E. L. Walford 905, A. A. Marks 185, L. Alexander P.M. 188, J. W. Dewsnap 188, Alfred Stokes J.W. 1839, G. F. Smith I.G. 1839, C. H. Cox 188, L. M. Myer W.M. 188, G. F. Smith jun. S.W. 1839, G. F. Busbrige P.M. 1068, J. Da Silva 1839, W. Musto P.M. 1319, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, &c. Lodge having been opened with the accustomed preliminaries, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The minutes of the Audit Committee and the report of the Committee of the Benevolent Fund having been adopted, Messrs. E. A. Pridden and Geo. Cox were initiated into the mysteries of the first degree, the ceremony being most ably and impressively rendered by the acting W.M. Bro. L. Norden. Bro. Da Silva S.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented in due course to Bro. L. Norden, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, was duly inducted into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most ably carried out by the Installing Master. Having received the customary congratulations Bro. Da Silva appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year, namely:—Bros. H. M. Harris S.W., A. Abrahams J.W., A. M. Cohen P.M. Treasurer, C. F. Hogard P.M. Secretary, L. A. Gartley S.D., A. Ward J.D., E. H. Norden I.G., I. P. Cohen P.M. M.C., R. J. Paxton Organist, S. H. Philcox W.S. and J. Rawles Tyler. A vote of condolence with Bro. Phillips I.P.M. on the bereavement he had lately sustained having been unanimously passed and ordered to be enrolled on the minutes, and the sum of five guineas having been voted, on the motion of Bro. Harris S.W., seconded by Bro. Gartley S.D., to the Mansion House Fund, now in course of being raised for the persecuted Jews and Russia, Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to the banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, Bro. J. Lewis Thomas P.G. Assistant Director of Ceremonies, responding in hearty terms for that of the Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. Bro. Norden proposed the health of the W.M., and expressed his regret that the absence of Bro. Phillips I.P.M. had necessitated the transfer of the task to him. At the same time, he experienced great pleasure in being called upon to fulfil so agreeable a duty, and he felt confident that under the presidency of Bro. Da Silva, the Israel Lodge would enjoy a further year's prosperity. He had well fulfilled the duties of the several offices he had already held, and that was in his (Bro. Norden's) opinion a guarantee that his year of office as W.M. would be a most successful one. The W.M. having acknowledged the compliment in most appropriate terms, the toast of the Masonic Charities and the Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund was given with due *eclat*, special reference being made to the approaching Festival of the Benevolent Institution, which he trusted would meet with that measure of support it so richly deserved, and so greatly needed. Bro. Terry, on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, expressed his thanks for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received, laying especial stress on the fact that the Institution was paying a yearly sum of £11,600 in the shape of annuities, while Bro. Cohen returned thanks for the Lodge Benevolent Fund. The toasts of the I.P.M. and Visitors were likewise honoured, the latter being acknowledged by Bros. Clarke and Croaker. The Masonic Press was responded to by Bros. Stephens and W. W. Morgan, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. It is gratifying to know that the W.M.'s list as Steward for the Benevolent Festival has already reached the sum of £78, and we trust this amount will be increased between now and the 21st February, the day fixed for the Anniversary.

PANMURE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 720.

THERE was a large gathering of members and Visitors to this Lodge on Wednesday, the 25th instant, to hear a reading by Bro. James Stevens, a Past Master of the mother Lodge, explanatory of the entire ceremony of the first degree. The Lodge was opened by Bro. W. S. Dunkley as W.M., Bros. Moody and Graham officiating respectively as Senior and Junior Wardens. Amongst others present were Bros. P.M.'s Poore, Sheadd, Allen, Sawyer; Dr. Goffin (Head Master of the United Westminster Schools), Lilley, Weekes, Hudson, Warren, Standing, Wingfield, Arnold, Everist, Culpin, Mulley, Barton, Lambert, Kerr, Bain, Brand, Tichmans, Laird, Elliott, &c. &c. Bro. Stevens at once commenced his expositions and explanations, and for upwards of two hours kept his listeners thoroughly interested. His work had evidently received much skill and labour in preparing, and his several arguments were fully appreciated and cordially endorsed. At its conclusion Bro. Sawyer P.M. of East Grinstead Lodge, proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens for his able, instructive, and interesting lecture, and expressed the hope that he would continue his labours in like manner in the following degrees. Bro. Dr. Goffin, who said he heartily agreed with the sound and common sense interpretation given in respect of various points of ceremonial, seconded the motion, which was supported by numerous brethren, and unanimously carried. Bro. Stevens was invited to deliver his reading in several other Lodges, and, in replying to the thanks accorded to him, expressed his willingness to repeat his evening's work whenever he might be solicited to do so. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated with a general expression of satisfaction at the information and instruction which the "reading" had afforded them.

Lodge of Fortitude, No. 105.—The meeting of this Lodge, whose Warrant dates from 1759, was held on Thursday, the 19th instant, to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. The banquet was at Bro. C. Walter's, Farley Hotel, Plymouth, and the worthy host surpassed his previous successful catering in honour of the occasion. The W.M., Bro. Henry J. Kitto, presided, and he was supported by a large number of brethren. The usual Loyal, Patriotic, and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. V.W. Bro. S. Jew conducted the musical portion of the programme, and during the evening Bros. Hearder, Rendle, W. H. Pike, R. B. Twose, J. K. Bond, Dyke, and others did good service in the entertainment of the brethren. A special appeal on behalf of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was made by Bro. Jew, and will doubtless be well responded to.

Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 121.—At the usual monthly meeting W. Bro. Boase was called upon by the W.M. (Bro. Small) to present the I.P.M. (W. Bro. James Lovell jun.) with a very valuable Past Master's jewel. It was engraved with an inscription recording the recipient's services for some years as Secretary, and last year as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. W. Bro. Boase, in appropriate terms, dilated upon Bro. Lovell's qualities as a Mason, and, on behalf of the Lodge, asked him to accept the jewel as presented with all the good wishes of the members. Bro. Lovell, in reply, thanked the brethren for the worthy token of their esteem, adding that it gave him particular pleasure to receive the jewel from the hands of Bro. Boase, who was one of the oldest Past Masters of the Lodge, and an excellent Mason.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 1st of February next, at six o'clock in the evening.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation, and the report of the Committee of General Purposes (as follows) will be submitted to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th October 1881, to the 17th January 1882, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter - -	1440	12	7	Disbursements during the quarter -	181	15	5
„ Unappropriated Account -	197	8	5	Balance - -	1620	3	1
Subsequent Receipts -	347	3	11	„ in Unappropriated Account -	183	6	5
	£1985	4	11		£1985	4	11

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 William Henry Maybury as Z., William Lambert as H., Charles Michael Walsh Cropper as J., and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Goulburn Lodge of Australia, No. 1762, Goulburn, N.S.W., to be called "The Goulburn Chapter of Australia," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, Goulburn, New South Wales.

2nd. From Companions George Septimus Phillips as Z., John Collins as H., William Treaddell as J., and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Rectitude, No. 502, Rugby, to be called "The Chapter of Rectitude," and to meet at the Town Hall, Rugby Warwickshire.

3rd. From Companions William Vincent as Z., Henry James Johnson as H., John Galt Fisher as J., and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, London, to be called "The Eccleston Chapter," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

The Committee have also received a petition from the Principals and members of "The Stanhope Chapter," No. 1269, Anerley, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original Charter being lost.

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

The Committee also recommend that the Rules and Regulations relative to Centenary Warrants and Jewels now in force in the United Grand Lodge of England be adopted by the Supreme Grand Chapter; and that Chapters who can prove their uninterrupted existence for one hundred years, be granted Centenary Charters, with permission to wear a distinctive jewel of uniform design, and that the fees payable by Chapters for such Charter be five guineas.

The Grand Lodge having recently resolved that three additional Offices should be created therein:—The Committee recommend that in conformity with this arrangement,—and as the Offices in Grand Chapter have hitherto numbered somewhat less than in Grand Lodge,—four additional Offices be now created in Grand Chapter, to be named:—

Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
2nd. Grand Standard Bearer.
3rd. Do. Do.
4th. Do. Do.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, P.G.Pr. Soj.
Grand Treasurer,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
18th January 1882.

BEDFORD CHAPTER, No. 282.

THE annual convocation was holden at Tavistock, on Wednesday, the 18th instant. After the exaltation of a candidate and transaction of usual business, E. Comp. Samuel D. Nicholls was duly installed as Z., B. B. S. Richards as H., and Thomas Knight as J. The highly interesting ceremony was ably performed by E. Comps. J. Gidley P.Z., and J. Russell Lord Z. of Chapter 70, in a Board of Installed Principals, amongst whom were E. Comps. J. H. Westlake Z, P.Z.'s Captain Joseph Matthews, George Merrifield, J. H. Tonkin, T. B. Richards. The following Companions were appointed and invested as the Officers for the ensuing year:—J. H. Westlake I.P.Z., H. Down S.E., J. J. Dawe S.N., W. R. Northway P.S., Thomas Bennett 1st A.S., Isaac Roskilly 2nd A.S., B. B. S. Richards Treas., N. Coward Reg., W. L. Sampson P.P.S. S.B., R. Bennett D.C., E. Handy Janitor. On the completion of the business, the Companions adjourned to the Bedford Hotel, where they were entertained by Companion Northway, and, as is usual at this famous hostelry, a very enjoyable evening was spent, the Companions separating at an early hour.

THE LATE PRESIDENT GARFIELD.

Cleveland, Ohio.
December 28th, 1881.

Mrs. Garfield has received from the Freemasons of the West Riding of Yorkshire, through their Grand Master, Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., D.L., &c., &c., their letter of sympathy with her in her great bereavement.

The sincere and respectful condolence tendered her by so large a body of sympathising friends in a foreign land, have filled her heart with gratitude and thankfulness, of which this note of acknowledgment must be accepted as an inadequate expression.

Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., D.L., &c.
Pyenest, Halifax, England.

Received 20th January 1882.

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UNION LODGE, No. 414.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Manorside Earley, Reading.

22nd January 1882.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to point out to you that our I.P.M., Bro. Stephens, was presented with two jewels; one by myself, on behalf of the Lodge, for efficiency in Lodge work; and the second—a Prov. Grand Treasurer's jewel—by Bro. Moxbay, our senior P.M.—being a *special* presentation (for which twenty-four guineas were subscribed by the members) to commemorate Brother Stephens' great munificence in refurnishing our Masonic Hall at his own expense.

I am rather sorry this point was missed in your excellent report of the proceedings, as it was *the* incident of the evening.

Yours fraternally,
R. C. MOUNT W.M.

[We equally regret with our correspondent Bro. Mount the omission to which he draws attention in the above letter, and apologise sincerely for the oversight. We can only imagine that it arose from our being somewhat closely occupied in elaborating our notice of what was a more than usually interesting meeting. We offer Bro. Stephens our hearty congratulations on the well deserved testimonials of which he was made the recipient at the meeting on the 17th inst. of the Union Lodge, No. 414, Reading.—ED. F.C.]

CLIQUISM.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—H. J.'s description of the way in which things are managed in his Lodge, is far from satisfactory, but the members, it seems to me, have the remedy in their own hands. If a firm stand is made against the practices complained of, it strikes me they will soon cease, especially if those who indulge in them, are given to understand that, if their "little games" are not stopped, there will be a large secession from the Lodge. He says that similar practices were in force at a former epoch in the Lodge's history, but were put down by the "Masonic spirit" of the members. The exhibition of a like spirit now will, doubtless, have a like effect. At all events, it strikes me as being worth while to make the experiment.

Fraternally and faithfully Yours
SYMPATHISER.

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KILBURN LODGE, No. 1608.

THE installation meeting was held on the 23rd instant, at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn-gate. It was numerously attended by the brethren and visitors. Bros. J. W. Cuff W.M., T. Brewer S.W., T. J. Baker J.W., G. Everett P.M. Treasurer, H. Turner S.D., G. A. Barclay J.D., Walton I.G., Kiallmark Director of Ceremonies, J. Parry P.M. Organist, S. Brooks P.M., &c. Visitors—Bros. W. P. Webb W.M., 1381, Binckes Past Grand Steward Secretary Boys' School, Warner P.G.S., Leigh P.G.O. Herts; Past Masters Baker 753, Brown 65, Jacobs 27, Braun 766, Cooper 538, Levy 188; Bros. Bond 65, Perfect 1695, Jones 65, Dr. Platt 1635, Huish, Russell, Marner 538, Winter 108, Wilfred Morgan, Stedman 1765, Chaplin Henry 20. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was adopted. This proved the Lodge to be in a flourishing condition. Bros. H. Davey, and C. S. Haines, were raised to the third degree very perfectly and impressively by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. F. Brewer S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge in the presence of seventeen W.M.'s and P.M.'s, and was duly installed into the chair in a very excellent manner by the retiring W.M., Bro. Cuff, who at the conclusion of the ceremony was complimented by the brethren and visitors for his able rendering of the ceremony. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to custom, and showed his proficiency and excellent manner in which he appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers.—Bros. J. W. Cuff I.P.M., J. Baker S.W., Haswell Turner J.W., G. Everett P.M. (who received an ovation), Treasurer, S. Brooks P.M. (who was Secretary in 1878) Secretary, G. Barclay S.D., Walton J.D., H. Kiallmark I.G., Parry Cole P.M. Organist, Thomas Tyler. The W.M. said it was the custom to give a jewel to the retiring W.M. for his services and ability. Bro. Cuff the I.P.M., had amply shown that qualification in every respect and the Lodge had unanimously voted him a jewel which he hoped, while placing it on his breast, he (Bro. Cuff) might live long to wear it. The jewel which was of elegant design, in three colours of enamel, with the Kilburn Arms, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. J. W. Cuff. P.M. 1608, as a mark of esteem and in recognition of his services as fifth W.M.. 1880." Bro. Cuff, in very appropriate terms, returned thanks for the valuable gift, so unanimously voted; he said what he did was for the welfare of the Lodge, and hoped to echo the words of the W.M. The Worshipful Master said he had much pleasure in announcing that he stood as Steward for the next Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, in June, and he hoped the brethren would liberally support him. Bro. Everett P.M. and Treas. said the Lodge had been in existence six years, and they had always sent a Steward, and as the W.M. had announced his intention to act, he had much pleasure in proposing that the usual sum of twenty-five guineas be placed on his list, and he hoped the brethren would by their liberality considerably augment the list. This was seconded by Bro. Cuff and carried after sundry propositions. Another candidate was also proposed, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren, fifty-four in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet, supplied by Bro. Hartley, the wines and viands being of excellent quality. The Worshipful Master very genially presided, and grace having been sung, the toast of the Queen and the Craft was given, and the anthem sung, Bro. Stedman taking the solo verses. The W.M. then proposed the toast of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., who, in spite of his multifarious duties, always found time to look after the interests of the Craft. For the Grand Officers, Bro. F. Binckes, in a very exhaustive speech, said he had not visited the Lodge for three years. He was not a Grand Officer, but he gave the meed of praise to the brethren who occupied those posts. Bro. Cuff, with great diffidence, proposed the toast of the W. Master, who so genially presided, and who, he felt sure, would be a credit to the Lodge. The W.M., in reply, said he was initiated in the Lodge, and it had been his ambition to pass the chair. The Warrant had been handed to him pure and unsullied, and he hoped to hand it on in the same state to his successor. In conclusion, he proposed the toast of the Visitors, with which he associated the names of Bros. Jacobs, Brown, and Baker, who said they had been present at the working of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Cuff, whose successful rendering of the ceremonies was sufficient to show what the Lodge was capable of, and reflected credit on that brother. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, there being only three present, but he had received a telegram from Monte Carlo, explaining the absence of Bros. C. Brewer P.M. and Kiallmark P.M. Bro. Cuff responded. The W.M. was a pattern, and he regretted the absence of those P.M.'s, who were unavoidably absent, after which the W.M. gave the Masonic Charities. Bro. F. Binckes P.M. P.G.S. Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, remarking it was some time since he had visited the Lodge, was pleased the Worshipful Master was following in the footsteps of his predecessor. He was proud to say the brethren had equally supported all the Charities in turn, and on behalf of all three he had to thank them. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor had consented to be present at the next Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School in June, and he was sure the Worshipful Master would be able to bring up a good list. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer, who, he said, had been indisposed lately, but was always active in the discharge of his duties. Bro. Everett having acknowledged the compliment, the toast of the Officers of the Lodge was next given, Bros. Baker S.W. and H. Turner J.W. responding. The W.M. having announced that the Steward had collected the sum of 127 guineas and placed it on his list, the toast of the worthy host, Bro. Hartley, was given, and met with a hearty reception. His catering gave satisfaction to all. Bro. Hartley, in a brief but neat speech, acknowledged the compliment, and the brethren separated.

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ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 1823.

THE anniversary of this Lodge, standing No. 1823 on the roll of Grand Lodge, and meeting in the Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk, took place on Wednesday, the 12th instant when Bro. the Rev. Dr. Sedgwick P.G.C. England &c., was installed as W.M. for the year, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk, officiated as Installing Master, and, in addition to the members of the Lodge was supported by the following brethren:—General Cecil Ives P.G.S. 337, J. F. Hills P.P.G.J.W. 1224, F. C. Fitch 1214, F. Wheeler P.P.G.R. 1224, T. Lloyd Kyffin 1848, W. H. Smith W.M. 1224, J. H. Jardine, W. P. Eversley 10, H. D. E. Bull, H. R. S. Callender 859, and H. H. Noble 859. After the installation of the W.M. which was gone through by Bro. Martyn in his usual finished and impressive manner, the new Master presented to his predecessor a handsome Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge as a token of their brotherly regard for one who had so well and faithfully discharged the duties of his office, and then proceeded to invest his officers as follow:—Bros. C. H. Vincent S.W., E. Barnes J.W., B. B. Syer by proxy S.D., E. Ball Junior Deacon, T. Stokoe Secretary, Cooke P.M. Steward, the Rev. S. Klamborouski Chaplain, and F. Glazin Tyler. By special consent, H.R.H the Duke of Albany and Earl of Clarence was balloted for, and was unanimously elected as a joining member of the Lodge. At the close of the business in Lodge the brethren adjourned to the Half Moon Hotel, and sat down to a banquet, provided in first-rate style by the hostess, Mrs. Fysh; after which, time flew all too swiftly as toast, laugh, and song followed each other in rapid succession. So telling was the effect of Bro. Martyn's response to the toast of the Masonic Charities, in which he detailed some of the benefits arising from their judicious distribution, that the sum of five guineas was at once subscribed to be bestowed as Bro. Martyn might think best. We are glad to say that this young Lodge is receiving an accession of members and is making real progress. For the information of our general readers we may mention that, in ancient times, Clare Castle was one of the strongholds of the Crown, and was the residence of the Earls of Clare. The Honour of Clare is still the property and prerogative of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany's second title of Earl of Clarence is derived from this ancient town.

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"Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

THE annual Festival of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 19th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Devonport, and there was a very large attendance of members and visitors. As on former occasions, the wives and sweethearts of the brethren were invited to participate in the evening's enjoyment, and the admirable catering of Mrs. and Bro. Parker were much appreciated by all. The W. Master Bro. R. W. Pitcher, who presided, was well supported by his Officers – V.W. Bro. J. Lyon P.M. P.P.G.S.B as I.P.M. (he being the oldest P.M. of and in the Lodge), R. Cawsey P.M. Secretary, W. Wright S.W., Border J.W., R. H. Butt P.M., J. H. R. Harris P.M., R. P. P.M., W. B. Lynn P.M., A. Rowe P.M., W. M. Rickard Senr. Deacon, E. Littleton Junior Deacon, W. Rattenbury Inner Guard and very much better supported by a large gathering of ladies. It is needless to say that the anniversary was a perfect success. The order of the evening was short speeches, and being short they were sensible—and then came the dancing with a provision in two other rooms, first for the ball for a concert, and there Bros. Rendle, Greenlaw, Orchard, J. Kinton Bonn, by request of Bro. Pitcher (who really seemed to be ubiquitous), entertained those who did not dance, and in another room a few bachelors congregated. All were so well pleased as to wish, as Bro. Gover said, that all other Lodges would copy the Lodge of Fidelity, and invite the ladies at their annual Festivals. Mention must be made of the admirable arrangements of Bro. Watson, of 954, who was M.C. of the ball, and whose band gave universal satisfaction. The almost infant son of the W.M. Master Pitcher very much pleased those present by his musical entertainment.

THE OWL CLUB.

THIS well known Club gave its regular concert at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Monday. An excellent programme was provided, and the audience which had assembled with the intention of being pleased, had their intention gratified and dispersed to their homes after having spent a most enjoyable evening. The opening number Este's trio "How merrily we live" was rendered capitally. Bro. A. Hubbard sang "The King's Ambassador," as usual, most effectively, while Bro. Edwin Moss gave Sullivan's song "From Rock to Rock" with requisite force. Bro. F. H. Cozens, who presided at the pianoforte, played Beethoven's "Andante, Op. 35" in a manner that evoked general applause. Bro. H. Ashton sang "Tell me Mary," well. What we must describe as the gem of the evening was undoubtedly Walmisley's Glee, "I wish to tune," which went admirably, thanks in an especial degree to Mr. James who took the tenor part. We regret to say that owing to indisposition Bro. Arthur Thompson was compelled to be absent, but his place was ably filled at the last moment by Bro. Collins whose readiness to supply his brother's place was fully recognised; indeed, the weather was unfavourable to all the artists, and it is the more gratifying, therefore, to record how successful the evening was as a whole.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction, No. 140, has been removed from the Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, where it has been held for many years past, to the Public Hall at New Cross. The evening, in future, will be Tuesdays at 8 o'clock, instead of Mondays at half-past 7.

The meetings of the Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471, will in future be held at the Crown and Cushion, 73 London Wall, where the Lodge was originally established. The members meet at seven p.m., under the direction of Bro. J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. Herts. The attendance of Craftsmen is particularly requested.

The Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, has been removed to the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green Road, forty yards from Shoreditch. The first meeting in the new quarters took place on Thursday, 26th inst., at eight oclock. Bro. Fenner, P.M. of the mother Lodge, is the Preceptor. The Charities Association in connection with this Lodge of Instruction will meet every fourth Thursday, at Nine o'clock.

Bros. Boord and Baron De Worms addressed their constituents at New Cross, on Tuesday.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft has given £10 towards the erection of a new Primitive Methodist chapel at Worcester.

Bro. Sir John Bennett presided at the annual meeting of the City Waiters' Provident and Pension Society, held on Friday, at the Guildhall Tavern.

Bro. the Right Honourable Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master Gloucestershire, has signified his intention to visit the Zetland Lodge, No. 1005, at the Masonic Hall, Gloucester, on Wednesday, 12th April.

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KILBURN LODGE, No. 1608.

THE installation meeting was held on the 23rd instant, at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn-gate. It was numerously attended by the brethren and visitors. Bros. J. W. Cuff W.M., T. Brewer S.W., T. J. Baker J.W., G. Everett P.M. Treasurer, H. Turner S.D., G. A. Barclay J.D., Walton I.G., Kiallmark Director of Ceremonies, J. Parry P.M. Organist, S. Brooks P.M., &c. Visitors—Bros. W. P. Webb W.M., 1381, Binckes Past Grand Steward Secretary Boys' School, Warner P.G.S., Leigh P.G.O. Herts; Past Masters Baker 753, Brown 65, Jacobs 27, Braun 766, Cooper 538, Levy 188; Bros. Bond 65, Perfect 1695, Jones 65, Dr. Platt 1635, Huish, Russell, Marner 538, Winter 108, Wilfred Morgan, Stedman 1765, Chaplin Henry 20. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was adopted. This proved the Lodge to be in a flourishing condition. Bros. H. Davey, and C. S. Haines, were raised to the third degree very perfectly and impressively by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. F. Brewer S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge in the presence of seventeen W.M.'s and P.M.'s, and was duly installed into the chair in a very excellent manner by the retiring W.M., Bro. Cuff, who at the conclusion of the ceremony was complimented by the brethren and visitors for his able rendering of the ceremony. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to custom, and showed his proficiency and excellent manner in which he appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers.—Bros. J. W. Cuff I.P.M., J. Baker S.W., Haswell Turner J.W., G. Everett P.M. (who received an ovation), Treasurer, S. Brooks P.M. (who was Secretary in 1878) Secretary, G. Barclay S.D., Walton J.D., H. Kiallmark I.G., Parry Cole P.M. Organist, Thomas Tyler. The W.M. said it was the custom to give a jewel to the retiring W.M. for his services and ability. Bro. Cuff the I.P.M., had amply shown that qualification in every respect and the Lodge had unanimously voted him a jewel which he hoped, while placing it on his breast, he (Bro. Cuff) might live long to wear it. The jewel which was of elegant design, in three colours of enamel, with the Kilburn Arms, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. J. W. Cuff. P.M. 1608, as a mark of esteem and in recognition of his services as fifth W.M.. 1880." Bro. Cuff, in very appropriate terms, returned thanks for the valuable gift, so unanimously voted; he said what he did was for the welfare of the Lodge, and hoped to echo the words of the W.M. The Worshipful Master said he had much pleasure in announcing that he stood as Steward for the next Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, in June, and he hoped the brethren would liberally support him. Bro. Everett P.M. and Treas. said the Lodge had been in existence six years, and they had always sent a Steward, and as the W.M. had announced his intention to act, he had much pleasure in proposing that the usual sum of twenty-five guineas be placed on his list, and he hoped the brethren would by their liberality considerably augment the list. This was seconded by Bro. Cuff and carried after sundry propositions. Another candidate was also proposed, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren, fifty-four in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet, supplied by Bro. Hartley, the wines and viands being of excellent quality. The Worshipful Master very genially presided, and grace having been sung, the toast of the Queen and the Craft was given, and the anthem sung, Bro. Stedman taking the solo verses. The W.M. then proposed the toast of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., who, in spite of his multifarious duties, always found time to look after the interests of the Craft. For the Grand Officers, Bro. F. Binckes, in a very exhaustive speech, said he had not visited the Lodge for three years. He was not a Grand Officer, but he gave the meed of praise to the brethren who occupied those posts. Bro. Cuff, with great diffidence, proposed the toast of the W. Master, who so genially presided, and who, he felt sure, would be a credit to the Lodge. The W.M., in reply, said he was initiated in the Lodge, and it had been his ambition to pass the chair. The Warrant had been handed to him pure and unsullied, and he hoped to hand it on in the same state to his successor. In conclusion, he proposed the toast of the Visitors, with which he associated the names of Bros. Jacobs, Brown, and Baker, who said they had been present at the working of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Cuff, whose successful rendering of the ceremonies was sufficient to show what the Lodge was capable of, and reflected credit on that brother. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, there being only three present, but he had received a telegram from Monte Carlo, explaining the absence of Bros. C. Brewer P.M. and Kiallmark P.M. Bro. Cuff responded. The W.M. was a pattern, and he regretted the absence of those P.M.'s, who were unavoidably absent, after which the W.M. gave the Masonic Charities. Bro. F. Binckes P.M. P.G.S. Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, remarking it was some time since he had visited the Lodge, was pleased the Worshipful Master was following in the footsteps of his predecessor. He was proud to say the brethren had equally supported all the Charities in turn, and on behalf of all three he had to thank them. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor had consented to be present at the next Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School in June, and he was sure the Worshipful Master would be able to bring up a good list. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer, who, he said, had been indisposed lately, but was always active in the discharge of his duties. Bro. Everett having acknowledged the compliment, the toast of the Officers of the Lodge was next given, Bros. Baker S.W. and H. Turner J.W. responding. The W.M. having announced that the Steward had collected the sum of 127 guineas and placed it on his list, the toast of the worthy host, Bro. Hartley, was given, and met with a hearty reception. His catering gave satisfaction to all. Bro. Hartley, in a brief but neat speech, acknowledged the compliment, and the brethren separated.

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BRECKNOCK LODGE, No. 651.

THE brethren of the above Lodge assembled on Tuesday, 17th January, at the Freemasons' Hall, Brecon, at 4.30 p.m. for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, and also to transact other duties associated with the Lodge. The chair having been taken by the W.M., Bro. John Alfred Whittle P.G.D., the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Evans was then passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge having been raised to the Third Degree, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Eastern Division of South Wales, was announced and admitted in due form. Bro. John Morgan S.W. and W.M. elect was introduced by Bro. J. A. Whittle W.M. for installation in the customary manner. All brethren below the rank of Installed Master having withdrawn, a board of Installed Masters was formed consisting of P.M.'s H. C. Rich, E. C. Phillips, R. Webb, T. Butcher, F. Grundy, J. A. Whittle, Hunter, William Williams, and the W.M. elect duly placed in the chair of K.S. The brethren on their admittance, saluted the newly installed W.M. in the manner usual amongst Masons. The W.M. then appointed as his Officers for the ensuing year, the following brethren:—Bros. Thomas Lawrence Lewis S.W., Rhys Davis J.W., Morgan Powell Williams Chaplain, H. O. Aveline Maybery Almoner, Ernest Henry Teale Secretary, H. C. Rich jun. S.D., Thomas Howel Price J.D. and Treasurer, Rees Thomas Heins Organist, Adam Orlopp D.C., Edward Thomas Edwards I.G., Robert Owen Sen. Steward, Edwin A. Wright Jun. Steward J. Evans Tyler. The Worshipful I. Past Master, Brother Tennant having delivered the ancient charges to the Wardens and brethren, the Lodge was lowered to the second and first degrees. On the motion of Bro. Whittle, seconded by Bro. Rich, and supported by Bros. Grundy and Webb, it was unanimously agreed that Bro. Tennant be made an honorary member of the Lodge. Bro. Tennant having thanked the brethren, the Lodge was closed in harmony. The brethren then repaired to the Castle Hotel, where a sumptuous repast awaited them. The W.M. Bro. John Morgan presided. On the removal of the cloth, the Queen and Craft, His Royal Highness the Prince o Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master and Officers of Grand Lodge were given from the chair as Loyal and Masonic toasts, and duly honoured with all fealty. The Wor. Master in proposing the health of the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Lodge, said that he felt personally indebted to Bro. Tennant for his presence there that evening, and hoped that the brethren would have the honour of his company on many future occasions. The toast was received with acclamation. Bro. Tennant, in reply, said that he was only too happy to visit the Brecknock Lodge, and he regretted that Sir George Elliot, through pressure of business, was not able to visit the different Lodges, but was certain that, if he did so, he would be even more popular, if possible, than he was now. Bro. Tennant then proposed the toast of the W.M., and trusted that he would have a prosperous year of office. One thing he (Bro. Tennant) must compliment the W.M. upon having such an efficient band of Past Masters. To this toast the brethren responded heartily. Bro. Morgan, in reply, said that he felt great diffidence in following such a talented predecessor, but trusted that his own shortcomings would be overlooked, and thought that, with the assistance of the Immediate Past Master and his own staff of Officers, he would manage to perform the duties of Master during his year of office. Bro. Phillips P.M., in giving the Masonic Charities, said that the Lodge ought to feel grateful to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Tennant, for the successful manner in which he had supported the candidature of their applicant, Millicent Flora Wotton, and that Charity was the backbone of Masonry. With the toast he would couple the name of Bro. Tennant, who was the Charity Commissioner for the Eastern Division of South Wales. Bro. Tennant responded, and impressed upon the brethren the duty of supporting the Charities. The next toast—the I.P.M. and Past Masters—was proposed by Bro. T. L. Lewis S.W., and suitably acknowledged by Bro. J. A. Whittle I.P.M. The toast of the Visiting Brethren was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Hunter W.M. 1578, W. Williams W.M. 1807, David Price, and John Benjamin. The hour being late, the Worshipful Master said that time would not permit him to give the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge. The meeting was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast, and the brethren separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

"Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

THE annual Festival of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 19th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Devonport, and there was a very large attendance of members and visitors. As on former occasions, the wives and sweethearts of the brethren were invited to participate in the evening's enjoyment, and the admirable catering of Mrs. and Bro. Parker were much appreciated by all. The W. Master Bro. R. W. Pitcher, who presided, was well supported by his Officers—V.W. Bro. J. Lyon P.M. P.P.G.S.B as I.P.M. (he being the oldest P.M. of and in the Lodge), R. Cawsey P.M. Secretary, W. Winfield S.W., Border J.W., R. H. Batt P.M., J. H. R. Harris P.M., R. Pitt P.M., W. B. Lynn P.M., A. Rowe P.M., W. M. Rickard Senior Deacon, E. Littleton Junior Deacon, W. Rattenbury Inner Guard and very much better supported by a large gathering of ladies. It is needless to say that the anniversary was a perfect success. The order of the evening was short speeches, and being short they were sensible—and then came the dancing—with a provision in two other rooms, first for the ladies for a concert, and there Bros. Rendle, Greenlaw, Orchard, J. Kinton Bonn, by request of Bro. Pitcher (who really seemed to be ubiquitous), entertained those who did not dance, and in another room a few bachelors congregated. All were so well pleased as to wish, as Bro. Gover said, that all other Lodges would copy the Lodge of Fidelity, and invite the ladies at their annual Festivals. Mention must be made of the admirable arrangements of Bro. Watson, of 954, who was M.C. of the ball, and whose band gave universal satisfaction. The almost infant son of the W.M. Master Pitcher very much pleased those present by his musical entertainment.

THE OWL CLUB.

THIS well known Club gave its regular concert at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Monday. An excellent programme was provided, and the audience which had assembled with the intention of being pleased, had their intention gratified and dispersed to their homes after having spent a most enjoyable evening. The opening number Este's trio "How merrily we live" was rendered capitally. Bro. A. Hubbard sang "The King's Ambassador," as usual, most effectively, while Bro. Edwin Moss gave Sullivan's song "From Rock to Rock" with requisite force. Bro. F. H. Cozens, who presided at the pianoforte, played Beethoven's "Andante, Op. 35" in a manner that evoked general applause. Bro. H. Ashton sang "Tell me Mary," well. What we must describe as the gem of the evening was undoubtedly Walmisley's Glee, "I wish to tune," which went admirably, thanks in an especial degree to Mr. James who took the tenor part. We regret to say that owing to indisposition Bro. Arthur Thompson was compelled to be absent, but his place was ably filled at the last moment by Bro. Collins whose readiness to supply his brother's place was fully recognised; indeed, the weather was unfavourable to all the artists, and it is the more gratifying, therefore, to record how successful the evening was as a whole.

St. George's Lodge of Instruction, No. 140, has been removed from the Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, where it has been held for many years past, to the Public Hall at New Cross. The evening, in future, will be Tuesdays at 8 o'clock, instead of Mondays at half-past 7.

The meetings of the Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471, will in future be held at the Crown and Cushion, 73 London Wall, where the Lodge was originally established. The members meet at seven p.m., under the direction of Bro. J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. Herts. The attendance of Craftsmen is particularly requested.

The Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, has been removed to the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green Road, forty yards from Shoreditch. The first meeting in the new quarters took place on Thursday, 26th inst., at eight oclock. Bro. Fenner, P.M. of the mother Lodge, is the Preceptor. The Charities Association in connection with this Lodge of Instruction will meet every fourth Thursday, at Nine o'clock.

Bros. Boord and Baron De Worms addressed their constituents at New Cross, on Tuesday.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft has given £10 towards the erection of a new Primitive Methodist chapel at Worcester.

Bro. Sir John Bennett presided at the annual meeting of the City Waiters' Provident and Pension Society, held on Friday, at the Guildhall Tavern.

Bro. the Right Honourable Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master Gloucestershire, has signified his intention to visit the Zetland Lodge, No. 1905, at the Masonic Hall, Gloucester, on Wednesday, 12th April.

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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 JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

306—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 30th JANUARY.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Ship Tavern, Hart-street, Mark Lane, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruc.)
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)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst).
1693—Kings'and, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
R.A. 983—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1542—Legiolinm, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 31st JANUARY.

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.
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, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (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.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
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
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.30. (Instruction)
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
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Hulsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1443—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 586 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd, S.W.
1691—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1062—Beacousfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
124—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
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, Monmouthsh
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons'sHall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
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
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
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, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
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, 2nd FEBRUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1351—St. Clement Danes, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
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, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
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. 169—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch
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
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
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.
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecrough, near Manchester
360—Pomert, Abington Street, Northampton.
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
449—Cecil, San Hotel, Hinckin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
492—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
493—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
526—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
537—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
629—Blagdon, Bodley Arms Hotel, Bath
702—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bailding-lane, Great Grimsby.
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Warley, near Rochdale
913—Patterson, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
971—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Derby-street, Bradford
1042—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Undeley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Ednal
1262—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire

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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
147 —Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1638—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecnshire
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
M.M. 83—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 Inst.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)
814—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
860—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W. 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.
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8.30

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
481—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
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
690—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
998—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Free masons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1661—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 8.30
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly.

SATURDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney, (Instruction)
1359—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1459—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 17th instant, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Smyth W.M., Jones S.W., Thomas Clark J.W., Allen S.D., Catling J.D., Baker I.G., F. Carr Hon. Secretary, Past Master Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Robinson, Brasted, Bunker, Darnell, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bunker offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and Bro. Bunker was raised to the degree of Master Mason. Bro. T. Carr gave the traditional history. Bro. Allen worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and Bro. Jones was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

On 24th instant, Bros. Thomas Clark W.M., Darnell S.W., Wardell J.W., Catling S.D., Christian J.D., Larter I.G., F. Carr Hon. Sec., Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Brasted, Robinson, Baker, Smyth, Edwards, Cushing, Coble, Dignam, and C. Lorkin. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bro. Edwards candidate. The W.M. then gave the traditional history. Brother Clark worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was then resumed, and Bro. Carr was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, 21st inst. Bros. Wolf W.M., Gribbell S.W., G. Ferrar J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., W. Williams S.D., Carr J.D., Robinson I.G.; also Bros. R. Defriez, D. Moss, C. Lorkin, A. Ferrar, Parkes, Archer, Darnell, R. M. Jones, Birch, E. Woodman, A. M. Marks, Richardson, Wenborn, &c. After formally opening to the second degree, Bro. Wolf vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Pearcy. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history, Bro. R. Defriez acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren, Lodge being resumed, Bro. Pearcy resigned the chair in favour of Bro. Wolf, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Birch being the candidate. Bro. W. H. Archer, of the St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge, No. 1358, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, On the 16th inst. There were present—Bros. Robinson W.M., Maud S.W., Scheerboom J.W., Pringle S.D., Job J.D., Cook I.G, Barnes P.M. Treasurer, Stewart Hon. Secretary; also Bros. Clark and others. Lodge opened, and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Clark offered himself as a candidate to be raised, answered the usual questions, and was duly entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Brother Job worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren.

On 23rd instant. Bros. Maud W.M., Scheerboom S.W., C. Kendall J.W., Wheately S.D., Clements J.D., Isaacs I.G., Barnes Treasurer, Stewart Hon. Secretary; also Bros. Hubbert and Coote. Lodge opened, and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Coote acting as candidate. The W.M. then practised the formula of investing his Officers, and Bro. Barnes gave the customary addresses to the W.M. and Officers. The Secretary was requested, by the unanimous vote of the Lodge, to write a letter of condolence to Bro. T. Wording the Preceptor of the Lodge, who, we regret to say, is seriously ill. Bro. Stewart announced that the Annual Ball of the Burdett Coutts Lodge would be held at the Cannon Street Hotel, on the 14th February next, the proceeds to be devoted to Masonic Charity.

Crusaders' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677.—The meetings of this Lodge were resumed at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, on Thursday, the 12th instant, at 9 p.m. Present—Bros. F. S. Rothschild W.M., Hunter S.W., J. Rothschild J.W., Tillett S.D., C. J. Payn J.D., R. D. Cummings Preceptor, H. Halliday Hon. Sec., Speller I.G., and other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Halliday candidate. Lodge opened in the second, and Brother Cummings was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was then opened in the third, and Bro. Pingston raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, in the same excellent manner in which the two former degrees were worked by Bro. F. S. Rothschild, who is now Worshipful Master of the mother Lodge, and never loses an opportunity of giving the Lodge of Instruction the benefit of his impressive working, which, to his honour be it said, is always appreciated. The Lodge having been resumed, Bro. Hunter was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned. Immediately after the Lodge closed, a ballot was held for two Life Subscriptions to the Masonic Charities, the fortunate winners being Bros. House and Speller. This Ballot Association has been started among the members of the Lodge to enable each to become a Life Subscriber and Life Governor of either of the Masonic Charities by a subscription of 1s per share each week. As soon as £5 5s is in hand a ballot takes place. The success of this may be gathered from the fact that among the few that have joined since 3rd November last two ballots have taken place, and it is earnestly hoped the members of the Lodge who are not already on the Ballot List will take an early opportunity of joining, and thus avail themselves of this way of becoming Life Subscribers or Governors.

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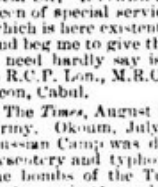

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But against this successful initiation of so important a personage as the young Crown Prince of Prussia, must be set the tremendous blows which were thus dealt out to Freemasonry, and notably by the Romish Church. On 20th April 1738 Pope Clement XII. issued a bull, forbidding all members of the Catholic Church from being Freemasons under the most tremendous penalties. In France but little notice was taken of this measure. In Tuscany the Grand Duke Francis permitted the Craft to enjoy liberty to observe their rites. In Spain and Portugal great cruelties were afterwards practised towards Freemasons, even torture being employed in the hope of extracting their secrets. Even in Protestant Sweden a Royal Decree was issued, interdicting Freemasons from meeting together on pain of death; but this interdict was speedily removed, and now there is no country in Europe in which Freemasonry is more at home than in Sweden. These were the principal events under Lord Carnarvon as Grand Master. In May 1739 he was succeeded by Lord Raymond, and there for the present we must digress from the regular path of our story, in order to treat of a special subject. It will be noted, however, that during the period I have gone through, the progress has been steady. The initiation of Francis of Lorraine in 1731 was a great gain; that of the Prince of Wales in 1737, may be looked upon, at least, as regards this country, as having exercised even greater influence over the Craft while that of the Crown Prince Frederick of Prussia in 1738, must be deemed well-nigh equally fortunate. But against these gains and the advantage of a new Code of Laws, published in 1738, with the government of the society reduced to a better system, we must place as a set-off, increasing internal dissatisfaction with the measures of our Grand Lodge, and the more and more determined hostility of the Romish Church. Our chief consolation in these conflicting fortunes is, that Masonry was making fresh progress throughout the world, and that in Germany, Russia, Poland—perhaps—Sweden, Italy, Switzerland, France, America, and even in Africa, the balance as between gain and loss, inclines most certainly towards the former.

(To be continued).

UNITY! HOW BLESSED ART THOU!

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

As it is well known that the assumed Grand Lodge of New Mexico has manufactured pretexts for presuming to arrest the charter of Silver City Lodge, and for severing fraternal intercourse with Missouri, and has hurled her edict against each with as great nonchalance as a cyclone destroys all in its path, it is merely requisite to state these acts are the text for the subjoined remarks.

Assumption is not fact, dictation is not law, and usurpation is not sovereignty.

New Mexico assumes to be sovereign, but that does not make it so, and its dictums against Silver City Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Missouri really have no greater potency than "the Pope's bull against the comet."

The charter of a legally warranted Lodge is an inalienable title, so long as actual *malfeasance* does not exist. Aye, more, it is a guarantee of the enjoyment of inalienable rights and privileges among which are those of equality, liberty, fraternity, and perfect equity, all of which have been violated by the assumed Grand Lodge of New Mexico in its usurpation of sovereignty over Silver City Lodge.

Exercising inalienable rights and privileges is not *malfeasance*, and, therefore, Silver City Lodge is blameless in this matter, since it simply and only has exercised its free will and accord as to the disposition of its allegiance.

Fiat justitia, ruat cælum, is not less applicable in this case than in others. This will not be disputed, but what justice can there be in striving to deprive a Lodge of its rights, privileges and existence at the mere *ipse dixit* of a man, or a body of men, who originally possessed no superlative prerogatives, and who by combination gained no additional powers or privileges?

Is forming Grand Lodges so necessary that every Masonic right and privilege must be trampled in the dust to accomplish it? Is it so essential that all concurrent rights of Grand Lodges and Lodges must be destroyed to effect it? YEA is the answer of every one who defends the assumed Grand Lodge of New Mexico in her usurpation of supreme power, and NAY is the reply of all who demur to her gross un-Masonic doings.

If the three-Lodge-majority-Lodge theory of forming Grand Lodges is correct, and the New Mexican exemplication of it is its legitimate practical effect, then it is plain that Masonically the re-enactment of *Magna Charta* is a necessity, as without it, minorities have no guarantee of the enjoyment of their rights and privileges, and have but the alternative of submitting to their dictators, or being crushed out of Masonic existence.

FREEMASONRY, the glory of the ages, is it possible that in thy name such wrong as this can be done? Is it possible that in thy behalf two brothers, can assume to absolutely control a third, wholly regardless of his will or wish, and put him out of existence if he dissents? Is it possible that the majority of thy devotees, all of whom theoretically glibly prate of friendship, morality and brotherly love, and peace and harmony, practically sweep those disagreeing with them with a besom of destruction? Verily, it thus appears, else the three-Lodge-majority-Lodge theory of forming Grand Lodges never would have found an advocate, and the UNITY theory would have perfectly prevailed.

UNITY! HOW BLESSED ART THOU! What oneness, what concord, what agreement, what symmetry, and what harmony are thine! How excellent and how desirable is thy supremacy! In all thy realm no discordant voice is heard, and no unbrotherly deed is done! wherever thou art honoured and loved, there peace and harmony prevail, and FREEMASONRY is the synonym of all that is great and good! Wherever thy influences soothe passion and tone conduct there love reigns and man is to his fellow wondrous kind! Ah! well did the sweet singer of Israel exclaim:

Behold! How pleasant and how good it is for BRETHREN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments: as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountain of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Oh, that the spirit of unity had descended into the hearts and ruled the conduct of those over-ambitious and far "too previous" craftsmen in New Mexico, whose assumptions of sovereignty have indelibly stained the Masonic escutcheon, and whose usurpations have trailed the Masonic banners in the dust! Oh, that UNITY, as a precious ointment, had been poured upon their heads and ran down their garments and persons until their every pore was saturated with it, and until not one thought of aught else, Masonic, could penetrate their brains or move their hearts! And, oh, that such DEW had covered all the mountains and filled all the valleys of that region, and thus that the Masonic Institution had been saved from the terrible evil which now rolls upon it from that territory.

The contrast between the two theories is great, and yet we have not too blackly painted the one, nor too sublimely portrayed the other. Which is the better is easily discerned; that let us choose and for ever sustain.

Relative to New Mexico's charge against Missouri of inconsistency we must say, errors in pleading, or mistakes in admission, cannot affect the equities of the case, since they neither rest upon nor are decided by any of the technicalities of law, but are founded on and governed by the eternal principles of righteousness and Freemasonry, as written in the *Great Light*, without which no Lodge or Grand Lodge can exist.

It follows, then, that despite Missouri's errors in handling this case Silver City Lodge's rights and privileges, in equity, are unimpaired, and "the life given it by the Missouri Grand Lodge" has neither been forfeited nor ended. It is still a regularly warranted Lodge, whose jurisdiction is coextensive with the limits of the territory in which it exists, and it may receive petitions and confer degrees precisely as if no action toward the formation of a Grand Lodge had ever been had. This is so because only by assent of all of the Lodges interested can a Grand Lodge be formed, and no such action has ever been had in New Mexico, and, in fact, there is no Grand Lodge there.

The reputed Grand Master admits that originally the territory was "common to all Grand Lodges," but denies that it is so now. That is, he concedes that *concurrent jurisdiction* prevailed there up to the time that *three* of the *seven* Lodges interested assumed to form a Grand Lodge, but contends that it then ceased, because the territory then became occupied. In other words, just so far as it serves his selfish purpose he admits the truth, and, for the remainder, sets up a fallacy.

Missouri having chartered all of the Lodges then existing in New Mexico, had not only the common right there, possessed by all Grand Lodges, but also that of sole occupancy, which certainly entitled her to a voice in the matter of forming a Grand Lodge. The jurisdiction of each of her Lodges was co-extensive with the territorial limits, and their rights and privileges were joint, or concurrent, and hence could not be abridged nor taken away by the action of any THREE, nor even *four* of the *seven*, nor indeed by anything short of THE ASSENT OF ALL. Hence, *only by the concurrence of* ALL *of the Lodges interested could a Grand Lodge be formed*, that is it had to be UNITY, or no Grand Lodge, and the latter it is. Consequently, instead of Silver City Lodge or Missouri transgressing, all of the wrong is on the other side.

The first duty of the aggressors, then, is to recall their un-Masonic edicts, and next to strive Masonically for that UNITY which commands the blessing of the LORD, which is life for evermore.

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GLADSMUIR LODGE, No. 1385.

THE month of January once more brings us to the celebration of the annual meeting of the Gladsmuir Lodge, held at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, which has now completed ten years of its existence, and which can only be characterised as one of the most successful Lodges. Situated within a short distance of the metropolis, it is truly a Provincial Lodge, and unlike many that—though coming under the rule of a Provincial Grand Master—are little else than assemblies of London brethren. We think indeed we may describe it as the nearest "country" Lodge to the great centre of English Freemasonry, and as such it possesses a certain attraction among very many of the members of the Craft—more especially so on the occasion of its annual gathering—which is not to be found in London Lodges, or indeed in those of any large city where the noise and bustle of business life cannot wholly be disassociated from the meeting. Celebrated in the "good old days" as the first stopping place, out of London, of the north country coaches, Barnet possesses many points of interest, the mere name of the Lodge calling to mind the closing struggle of the War of the Roses, it being on Gladsmuir Heath that the deciding battle between the rival forces was fought, and where the famous Earl of Warwick met his death. On the occasion of the eleventh installation of the Lodge, which took place on Friday, the 27th ult., everything was done by the W.M. elect and members to maintain the reputation the Lodge has acquired, and to give to their Visitors the heartiest of receptions, and there can be no question but that success attended these efforts. The Lodge was Officered, at the opening, as follows:—Bros. J. Enerby W.M., J. G. Yolland (W.M. elect) S.W., C. W. Allen J.W., R. Fisher Young P.M. Hon. Sec., James Cutbush P.M., Charles Gray P.M., G. Askew P.M. S.D., J. Brittain J.D., D. Schmidt M.C., F. W. Durham Organist, W. Lewis and Thomas F. Fillary Stewards. Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who is an honorary member of the Lodge, was also present, as were a large assembly of visitors, among them being Bro. C. C. Keyser W.M. 401 J.G.W. Herts, E. Francis J.W. 403, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, C. Miskin J.D. 1479, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, C. W. Reynolds S.W. 1479 Prov. G.A.P., F. Bryant, John Duden 179, R. Biggar 820, W. R. Crawford 172, G. H. Chambers W.M. 176, C. S. Ewen 475, John Lee S.W. 404, J. Cussans W.M. 403, and others. The Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, it was advanced, and Bro. Mitchell was raised by Bro. Enerby, who deserves the greatest praise for the manner in which he carried out the work. Resuming in the second degree, the W.M. elect was presented, and he received at the hands of his predecessor the benefits of installation, Bro. Enerby carrying out this ceremony also in a most commendable manner. Having received the congratulations of the assembled brethren, the appointment of Officers was proceeded with by the new W.M., the following being invested with the respective collars, viz. Bros. Allen S.W., Askew J.W., Young Sec., Brittain S.D., Schmidt I.G., Lewis and Fillary M.C.'s, Durham Steward, R. W. Goddard Tyler. Brother Lewis was also invested with the collar of Organist. Bro. T. S. Carter was elected by the Lodge to serve, on its behalf, on the Provincial Audit Committee, and other business in connection with the Lodge was transacted. The Worshipful Master, in appropriate terms, presented the I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, and in doing so referred to the pleasure he felt in investing Brother Enerby, he having taken an active part in the ceremonies of the Lodge at the time of the initiation of their Immediate Past Master. He considered that Brother Enerby's conduct of the Lodge during the past year was of such a nature as to merit the testimonial the brethren had been pleased to present him with, even if his work that evening had not alone been sufficient cause for some special mark of appreciation. He hoped Bro. Enerby would be present on many occasions in the future to give the Lodge the benefit of his experience, and assist in the mutual enjoyment of the brethren. Bro. Enerby suitably replied, after which the Lodge was closed. We must not omit to refer to the remarks which Bro. Yolland addressed to each of his Officers at the time of their investiture; if not exactly an innovation, it was at least a departure from the regular course, and one which we think might be followed with advantage. It should be an easy matter for any Master who desires to do so to find in the ritual of the Order some points to which he may fairly refer on such occasions, and we think the Officers of a Lodge are more likely to attend to their duties if some few words of encouragement accompany their investiture than otherwise would be the case. Business being concluded, the brethren sat down to banquet, which was served in most excellent style. The new Master presided, and in due course proposed the toasts of the Queen, the Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and the Provincial Grand Master. The W.M. felt it was only stress of business that prevented the attendance of Bro. Halsey, who, it might be said, took particular interest in the Gladsmuir Lodge. He had frequently visited it in the past, and doubtless the brethren would have many opportunities in the future of welcoming him among them. The toast having been honoured, that of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the rest of the P.G. Officers was given. Of the Officers of the past in Hertfordshire Bro. Yolland, the W.M., who was himself a member of that body, felt he need say but little. They had endeavoured to do their duty, and how well they had succeeded remained for the brethren to say. Of the present ones Bro. Keyser, the J.W. of the Province, could perhaps tell them something. He felt it an honour to number among their guests a brother so high in rank, and was pleased to couple his name with the toast. Bro. Keyser first expressed his regret that Bro. Iles, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, was not present. He felt his absence was due to some cause over which he had no control, as it was well known that he always tried to attend the annual meetings of the several Lodges of the district. Speaking on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers generally, he could only say how pleased they were to attend so successful a gathering as that of the Gladsmuir had been. It was, indeed, a privilege to be ranked among the Prov. Grand Officers, if only to have the opportunity of witnessing such work as had that night been performed in the Lodge. Bro. Terry assumed the gavel, and proposed the health of the Founders of the Lodge, of whom he was pleased to see at least two present—the Worshipful Master and Brother Carter. He hoped they might be spared for many years to be present at the various meetings of the Lodge, in which they must of necessity feel particular interest, and that whenever opportunity offered they would avail themselves of their right to take a share in its proceedings. We may remark that the present Master would have been elected to the chair seven years since had he not then expressed a desire to be passed over. Since that time he has a second time served most of the junior offices. Bro. Carter replied, expressing the pleasure he had experienced in being present. It had been some trouble to him to attend, but he felt he could not resist the kind invitation of the W.M., who had particularly desired the support of a brother founder. Looking at the Lodge under its present conditions, he thought he and the others who had been instrumental in starting it could not but feel proud of what had sprung up from the seed they had sown. The Master next gave the toast of the Visitors. He considered it a very important toast, as without guests their meetings would be less interesting than was the case when friends were present from all parts. On the present occasion they were honoured with Visitors from the north, east, south, and west; Hertford, Watford, Luton, and St. Albans being each represented, as was also the Great City, and he felt particular honour in being thus welcomed into the chair of K.S. The Lodge was at all times proud of entertaining guests, and the members hoped they might always be able to afford some entertainment to such as honoured them. Bros. Lee, Chambers, Cussans, Reynolds, and Bryant replied. Bro. Chambers, who felt he had suffered some loss in the past through not having attended the Gladsmuir meetings, referred to the particularly quiet, gentlemanly way in which the ceremonies had that evening been conducted by the I.P.M. Not, he said, with that bluster and feeling of self-importance which sometimes characterised Masters, even when less entitled to claim it than was the I.P.M. of No. 1385, but in a manner which could be appreciated by all who heard it. Bro. Enerby proposed the health of the W.M., which he looked upon as the toast of the evening. The brethren had already had sufficient proof of the way in which their new Master could carry out the work of Freemasonry, and he had little doubt but that in the chair he would be able to fulfil every duty required of him as ably as he had done in the minor offices. The Master tendered his hearty thanks; he felt it a great honour to be placed in the chair of K.S., and assured the brethren it would not be from want of desire on his part if he did not succeed to their satisfaction, but rather from want of ability. Having been present at the birth of the Lodge, he hoped it would prosper, and trusted he might be a member of it and have the pleasure of being present at its meetings for many years to come. He next gave the health of the Installing Master, who he considered that night held a very proud position. Initiated in the Gladsmuir Lodge, he had served every office in it, and was now numbered among its Past Masters. It was indeed a proud thing for so young a man to attain the position he then occupied. If they considered not only how he had that night worked the third degree, but had also admirably installed his successor, they must admit he was worthy of it. The members of the Lodge welcomed him most heartily among the number of the Past Masters, among whom they could not wish to find better men than he who had that night assumed this rank. The I.P.M. heartily thanked the W.M. and brethren. Bro. Keyser assumed the gavel and proposed the health of the Past Masters, who he understood had done their duty well in the past, and had each contributed towards the success of the Lodge. Bros. Cutbush, Young, and Gray responded. Bro. Cutbush then assumed the gavel and gave the toast of the Charities. Knowing how strongly he felt in regard to the Charities, those present might imagine the older members of the Lodge would not require to hear much from him; they had had frequent opportunities in the past, still they would honour the toast, while the younger members might perhaps hear something which would touch them, and induce them to do what lay in their power for the Charitable Institutions of the Order. He might say that the three Institutions stood out in bold relief, a credit to the few who supported them, but a discredit to the many who did not. He had a proposition to make to the members of the Gladsmuir Lodge, and one which some of the visitors might also make a note of, it was this: He would suggest that each of them should put away each Sunday during the current year the sum of one shilling on behalf of the Charities. To any who would promise to thus support them, he should be most happy to present a box, and from the fact that the first day of the year was a Sunday, it would not be a bad thankoffering from those who had lived to see it. The proposal appeared to to be well received, and we think it really rests with Brother Cutbush to prove that no inconsiderable sum may be realised in this way. The speaker referred to his connection with the three Charities, and more particularly acknowledgd the honour paid him by the Committee of the R.M.B.I., which had conferred on him the rank of Honorary Life Governor. This he considered a compliment far in advance of any other he had or could receive in Freemasonry. Bro. Terry replied. He could have wished that his two colleagues—the Secretaries of the other Institutions—had been present to personally acknowledge the kindness displayed by the Gladsmuir Lodge in the past. Ever since its formation it had been a worthy supporter of the Charities, and from the fact that one of its P.M.'s was working as Steward for the Benevolent, and another member of that body had offered himself in a like capacity for the Girls, there was little fear but that its reputation would be maintained, at least in the more immediate future. The brother who proposed the toast was the owner of a name which would ever be remembered in connection with the Benevolent Institution at Croydon, so long as that establish-

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ment existed. The brother of the proposer—himself a Past Master of the Gladsmuir Lodge—when on a visit to the Asylum remarked, there was a something wanting; a shade for the Old People, which they might enjoy, in addition to the other comforts provided for them at Croydon. He accordingly sent a large number of trees, which were planted at the time, and now afforded to the residents the shade which Brother William Cutbush considered they stood in need of. That first gift was not the only one they had received from Brother William Cutbush, and now that he had been called away, his brother James had filled up the gap death had made, and endeavoured to follow in the footsteps of his worthy brother. There was not a season but the old people had to thank Brother Cutbush for either bulbs, flowers, trees, or something, and for all this the Institution had really to thank the Gladsmuir Lodge. Bro. Terry referred to the proposal to set aside one shilling per week, and proposed that the boxes, which Bro. Cutbush had promised to provide, should be placed in front of the room on the night of the installations; they would form one of the grandest ornaments that ever graced an installation banquet, while the small amounts put aside would total up to no inconsiderable sum. Brother Terry hoped that every one present would do something to support Bro. Gray at the Festival of February next. What was required was for every brother to get his name on the books, and if that were done, the work of carrying on the Institution would be a much easier one than it was at present. He referred to the general liberality of the Hertfordshire brethren, mentioning particularly the case of Bro. Keyser, the Junior Warden of the Province, who, as Master of his Lodge, had given one hundred guineas to each, in order to endow the chair of his Lodge as Vice-Patron of the three Institutions. This he considered a grand example, to be followed by Worshipful Masters whenever they were in a position to do so. The Officers of the Lodge having been toasted, the Master proposed the Press, which was replied to by Bros. Morgan, Cussans, and Cowing. Several songs were given during the evening, and the festivities were continued until a late hour.

LANGTHORNE LODGE, No. 1421.

THE installation meeting of the above named Lodge was held on Thursday evening, 26th ult., at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, Bro. J. F. Dix W.M. in the chair. The Officers and brethren of the Lodge present were—Bros. R. W. Biggs S.W. and W.M. elect, J. Hunt J.W., T. S. Taylor Treasurer, G. Ward Verry Secretary, C. Lacey P.M., B. Cundick P.M., H. M. Taylor P.M., J. Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, A. Myers S.D., J. Bullwinkle J.D., C. Mansfield I.G., W. Buckle D.C., T. Loane W.S., C. Hopson Organist, W. March, W. Hope, F. England, S. Y. Waterer, R. Miles, J. G. Stevens, D. R. Hurst, C. H. Bardoleau, S. Darley, J. Wilkes, T. Keith, W. G. Padwick, A. Furness, R. J. Middleton, and J. Simkins. The Visitors who signed the attendance book were as follows:—Bros. E. W. Walter P.M. 554, J. Boulton S.W. 1056, T. J. Barnes P.M. 554, W. Musto P.M. 1349, T. Godwin P.M. 1343, J. W. Freeman S.W. 147, J. Rogers 1508, H. Conolly 1508, A. Symes 554, G. A. Payne S.W. 933, H. Cushen 933, D. R. Bye 1507, K. Smith Organist 1829, J. Everett J.W. 1781, W. Allaway D.C. 1598, G. J. Hilliard P.M. 174, J. K. Job W.M. 1076, J. F. Frazer S.W. 174, E. H. Page 55, J. W. Simpson 907, J. Jones 1085, and H. Tapley P.M. 1076. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary Bro. Verry then read the report and balance sheet, which proved very satisfactory, inasmuch as the Lodge was out of debt, and the arrears but £1 19s. On the motion of the W.M. the balance sheet was accepted. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when the ceremony incident to the occasion was commenced. Lodge was next opened in the third degree, when the ceremony was continued, and all brothers below the rank of W.M. had to leave the room. Bro. Dix then installed Bro. Biggs in the chair of K.S. in a most impressive manner, most of the P.M.'s present remarking they had very seldom seen the ceremony more ably worked. The brethren having been re-admitted into the Lodge, it was resumed to the first degree, when the three charges were impressively delivered by Bro. Dix. After the usual compliment had been paid to the newly installed W.M. Bro. Biggs, he presented to Bro. Dix a splendid 18 carat gold jewel, which bore the following inscription:—

"Presented by the brethren of the Langthorne Lodge, No. 1421, to W. Bro. George Frederick Dix P.M., as a mark of esteem, and for his efficient services as W.M. 1881-82. January 26, 1882."

Bro. Dix acknowledged the gift in suitable terms, and the Lodge was closed in the usual manner. The brethren then sat down to a most excellent dinner, provided in first-class style by Mrs. S. Watkins, the worthy hostess. After the cloth had been removed, the W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft, and in doing so said that no society of men honoured the Queen and Royal Family more than did the society of Freemasons. The toast was most loyally drunk, and the National Anthem sung. The W.M. proposed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, and bore testimony to the many excellent qualities of His Royal Highness. This toast also received musical honours, "God Bless the Prince of Wales" being sung. The following toasts were also proposed and cordially drunk—The Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Present and Past. Bro. G. F. Dix I.P.M. said he had to propose the toast of the W.M., and he did so with a great amount of pleasure, for the duty was a most agreeable one. He was glad that Bro. Biggs had followed so closely in his footsteps. Bro. Biggs had entered upon his term of office when the Lodge was in a very prosperous state; this he hoped would continue for many years to come. He was sure that nothing would be wanting on Bro. Biggs' part to make the Lodge a still greater success. He would ask them to drink to the health of their W.M. in bumpers. The toast was most enthusiastically received. The W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for having placed him in the position of Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and he assured them he would do all he could to carry out the duties of the Lodge in a manner satisfactory to them and to himself. He would not promise too much; he hoped his deeds would speak more eloquently in the future. The W.M. next proposed the Past Masters of the Lodge; he did so with a great amount of pleasure, for the Past Masters who had preceded him in the chair were very good men and had worked hard in the Craft. He was sorry to say they had not a long list of Past Masters, but it arose from the fact that the Langthorne was only a young Lodge. What, however, they lacked in quantity, they gained in quality. When they looked at Past Master Bro. Lacey they ought to be thankful they had such a brother connected with them. No one was more ready and willing to work hard on behalf of Freemasonry than was Bro. Lacey, in that or any other Lodge. He would also thank Bros. Cundick and Taylor for the kind assistance they had always rendered him, as well as for the material help they had given the Lodge. The services that Bro. J. F. Dix had rendered to the Lodge were so fresh in their memory, that he need say very little about him, but would commend him for the very excellent manner in which he had fulfilled his duties during his year of office. Bro. Dix had left the chair with a balance in hand. He thanked him for the able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony that evening, and firmly believed it could not have been possible to have worked it better. The toast was enthusiastically drunk. Bro. Past Master Lacey, in responding, said he did so with a great deal of pleasure, inasmuch as on the present occasion he had a brother standing on his right hand whom he had some years ago initiated into Freemasonry. When he saw him that night occupying the exalted position of Immediate Past Master he felt proud of him. As he had the good fortune to be the first Worshipful Master of this Lodge, he had watched its progress with some amount of anxiety. The early days of the Lodge had been of a rather unfortunate nature, but at the present time, thanks to the brethren who had followed him, it was in a prosperous state. He hoped Bro. Biggs's term of office might prove as prosperous as was Bro. Dix's. These brethren, who were the promoters and founders of the Lodge, began by displaying a great amount of earnestness on its behalf as well as for the welfare of the Craft. That was the great object they had in view when they called it into existence, and he hoped that such a spirit would continue to be fostered by all the brethren connected with the Langthorne Lodge. Bro. G. F. Dix remarked that Bro. Lacey had left little for him to say. When he was initiated, in 1874, he felt great interest in Freemasonry, and had continued to feel it ever since. When Bro. Lacey installed him twelve months previously, he said he hoped that he (Bro. Dix) would be enabled to conduct his duties to the advantage of the Order, the satisfaction of the brethren, and his own lasting credit. He hoped most earnestly that he had fulfilled Brother Lacey's wish to its end, to the satisfaction of the Lodge, and to the welfare of Freemasonry. After thanking the brethren for the support they had rendered him during his term of office, Brother Cundick P.M. acknowledged the compliment, and said that after Bro. Lacey he was the next P.M. of the Lodge, and had helped a little, as had Bro. Lacey, in getting it out of the slough of despond into which it had fallen. Bro. Lacey had helped the Lodge in every way, and had done an amount of good scarcely to be expected from him. Mainly under the direction of Bro. Lacey a Benevolent Association had been formed in connection with the Lodge, and in four years £1,000 had been subscribed to the Masonic Charities. He hoped that during the Mastership of Brother Biggs the Lodge would enjoy a still greater amount of prosperity. Bro. Taylor also responded, thanking the brethren for their kind appreciation of his services. The W.M. next proposed, in a telling speech, the Masonic Institutions, observing how gratified he was at the presence of Bro. Terry, the Secretary to the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Terry said he had much pleasure in responding to the toast. He was exceedingly gratified to hear that in connection with the Association attached to the Lodge they had been enabled to subscribe £1,000 to the three Masonic Institutions. Many of the brethren had consequently been enabled to take up a Life Governorship which otherwise they could not have done. After treating on other matters, Bro. Terry said he had come down to the East-end that night, where he was so well known, to plead the cause of the Benevolent Institutions, which was sadly in need of funds. From 1880 to 1881 the subscriptions to these Institutions had fallen off £7,000. For the elections in May next 112 applications had been sent in, 46 being from men, and 66 from widows, all of them deserving cases. The most lamentable part of the matter was that there were only vacancies for 14 men and 7 widows. He hoped they would do all they could to help the Institutions. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors, whom he was pleased to see numbered over twenty. He would associate with the toast the names of Bros. Barnes, Musto, Godwin, Cushen, and O'Callaghan. Each of the brethren named responded to the toast, thanking the W.M. and the Lodge for the kind welcome they had received. Bro. Barnes additionally remarking that he had seldom been in a Lodge where the general working was so good, or where the installation ceremony had been so well performed. The other toasts were the Officers of the Lodge and the Tyler's toast. The brethren then separated after a most enjoyable evening's profit and pleasure.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382. — On Monday, the 30th ult., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Bro. E Cotton took the chair. Bros. Nicholson S.W., Brooks J.W., Taplin S.D., Gray J.D., Duffin I.G. After the usual formalities, the ceremonies of passing and initiation were rehearsed, Bro. Taylor being the candidate for both. Bro. Nicholson S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the meeting on the 6th February, when a good muster is expected, to hear a lecture which is to be delivered by Bro. W. W. Morgan Sec. No. 211.

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DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1524.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated their seventh anniversary on Thursday, 26th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. where Lodge was opened under the presidency of Bro. Brasted. He was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Neville Green P.M., E. Dignam S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., W. H. Brand P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Lee P.M. Secretary, C. W. Smyth S.D., J. L. Payne J.D., R. Polak M.C., Arthur Ferrar I.G., Robert George Steward, and a large attendance of members and Visitors, among the latter being Bros. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., T. G. Harris 1278, E. J. Spencer 1366, Harry Waynforth 1766, W. S. Darnell 192, Henry Potter 1541, J. W. Wardell W.M. 95, F. M. Wenborn, Fred. Trindler D.C. 704, W. F. Rogers W.M. 704, G. Smith 901, E. A. Farrow 172, Busher 933, H. Tallent 318 (I.C.), W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, A. Eldridge 1585, C. A. White 1777, Jesse Stevens 742, W. H. Wallington P.M. 860, Fred. Carr J.W. 1607, G. Weige P.M. 860, Louis Hoing 1319, John Noble I.P.M. 975, and others. The customary formalities having been observed, the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Hart was passed to the degree of F.C. The Worshipful Master elect was then presented, and, according to ancient custom, installed into the chair of K.S. After receiving the salutations of the brethren, he appointed the following as the Officers for the year:—Bros. C. Lorkin S.W., C. W. Smyth J.W., W. H. Brand P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Lee P.M. Secretary, J. L. Payne S.D., A. Ferrar J.D., R. Polak I. G., F. Bonner M.C., G. Ferrar and W. J. Watkins Stewards, W. Simpson Organist, and J. J. Marsh Tyler. The usual business of the installation was then completed, before doing so five guineas was voted from the funds for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—to be placed on the joint list of the Treasurer and W.M., who are acting as Stewards for the next anniversary Festival of that Institution. At the conclusion of the business of the evening the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where, under the presidency of the newly installed Master, a most enjoyable evening was spent. The customary loyal toasts having been given from the chair, Bro. Brasted I.P.M. proposed that of the Worshipful Master. He considered it the toast of the evening. If there was one thing which could gladden the heart of a Master, after his having been elected unanimously to the chair, it was the prospect of a bright future being before him. The speaker considered he might declare the Lodge as being in a prosperous condition; he did not mean as regarded its financial position alone, although in that respect they were to the front—they had a balance in hand, and had supported the Charities by a donation to the Masonic Benevolent Institution—but also as regarded its social position. There was a good feeling and an amount of good fellowship among the members, which was an essential qualification in every Lodge, he hoped that the Master would enjoy a pleasant year of office, as he had worked hard for some time past to acquire a knowledge of the duties, and had qualified himself for the position. After a song by Bro. Weige, the Worshipful Master replied. He appreciated the kindness of the members. He had been anxious to attain the position of Master for some time past, and he begged to thank the brethren generally for having elected him to the position so unanimously. Soon after his initiation he had felt a desire to attain the rank appertaining to the chair, and was now very pleased to say he had reached that distinction. He had particularly to thank Bro. Brasted for the way in which he had installed him that evening. As long as he was in the chair he should do the best he could for the Lodge, and endeavour in every way to uphold its dignity. He next proposed the toast of the Installing Master. The members of the Lodge had had the opportunity of seeing his working for some time past, and were in a position to judge of the efficiency with which he carried out the duties of the chair. He was one of the worthiest Masters the Lodge had had. The Worshipful Master considered that a very pleasing duty now devolved upon him—the presenting to his predecessor the Past Master's jewel which had been voted by the Lodge. In doing so he hoped Bro. Brasted would live long to wear it. He must not value it for its intrinsic merit only, but for the kind feelings which accompanied the gift. Bro. Brasted tendered his thanks. Twelve months since he first had the opportunity of addressing the Lodge as its Worshipful Master. He then said he should endeavour to carry out the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of all. He had done all that lay in his power to fulfil his promise, and he hoped he had acted in a manner that had won the approval of the members. It had been a very pleasant year of office to him, for two or three particular reasons—the Past Masters had been ready and willing to render assistance at all times, he had been blessed with a good staff of Officers and, more particularly, he had had the cordial co-operation of the brethren. He felt that however good his intentions, they would have been of very little avail without the support of the members. He felt he must have given some satisfaction, or the members would not have presented him with the handsome jewel he had just received at the hands of the W.M. It would ever remind him of the pleasant year he had passed as Master of the Duke of Connaught Lodge. He hoped he might be spared for many years to be among them, and always enjoy the kind feeling that was now evinced towards him. The Master next proposed the health of the Visitors, to which Bros. Wallington and Fieldwick replied, availing themselves of the opportunity thus afforded them of dilating on the merits of the respective Lodges of Instruction with which they were connected. The toast of the Charities, given from the chair, was coupled with the name of Bro. Brand Treas., who is joint Steward with the W.M. for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Master in proposing it referred to the past services of the Lodge in the direction of Masonic benevolence, and urged the brethren to do all in their power to maintain the good name the Lodge had already secured. The Master next gave the toast of the Past Masters, who he designated a most useful body of men. They had each done well while ruling the Lodge, and since that time had given their assistance in every way that lay in their power. He referred more particularly to the working of each, and the part they took in the conduct of the Lodge. Bro. Weige, being called upon for a song, favoured the brethren with "Old Simon the Cellarer." It was remarked by one of the company that the song was particularly applicable to the toast of the Past Masters, as they doubtless "know where many a flask of the best does go." Bro. Chapman replied. He felt that no master of the Lodge would ever ask for assistance from Past Masters—so far as they were able to give it—which would not be given with the greatest cordiality. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given from the chair. The W.M. considered the brethren whose health they were about to drink were really the hardest worked members of the Lodge. The Treasurer had a great task to accomplish in collecting the several amounts due, while the Secretary, whose duties were to keep up the correspondence of the Lodge, had little, if any, less to devote his attention to. They fulfilled the duties of their respective offices most efficiently, and the members could but thank them for their services. Bro. Brand the Treasurer was the first to reply. He thanked the Master and brethren for their reception of the toast. The W.M. had said that the duties of the Treasurer were somewhat onerous. Although there might be some labour attached to the office, he might say he looked upon it as a labour of love, more particularly when it was carried out in connection with the Duke of Connaught Lodge. Bro. Lee followed. He had been associated with the Lodge since its consecration, which took place at Dalston seven years since; there were now but three or four of the founders left, and as one of them he thought the brethren who had established the Lodge could shew by its present position some little proof of care and attention during the earlier years of its existence. Like all other institutions it had experienced some of the drawbacks, and had suffered from some of the ills of infancy, but it was, he thought, now in a most satisfactory condition. He felt it was not so much a monetary balance that was required to prove the efficiency of a Lodge, but rather the existence of a good feeling among the brethren associated with it, who should act in a way towards each other likely to prove them regular practitioners of all that was taught by the ritual of the Order. The toast of the Officers was heartily received, and acknowledged by the two Wardens, after which the Tyler was summoned, and he brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

EUPHRATES LODGE, No. 212.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Wednesday evening, 25th ult., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall Street, E.C., under the presidency of Bro. Peter Henry Becknell the W.M. of the past year. The Lodge having been formally opened, the W.M. initiated Messrs. J. Gobby and G. Walldnch into the mysteries of the Craft. Bro. Stean P.M. then installed Bro. Charles Droscher as W.M. for the ensuing year, and in due course that brother appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Glasse S.W., Martin J.W., May P.M. Treasurer, Coverley P.M. Sec., Cooper S.D., Millett J.D., Sergenberger I.G., Rushton P.M. Steward, Marsh Tyler. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet. The usual toasts were given, and responded to. Some excellent songs, and a really first rate ventriloquial entertainment, by Bro. Sinclair (an old P.M. of the Lodge, but on this occasion a visitor) enlivened the proceedings. Besides those already mentioned there were present, Bros. Bannister P.M., Franks P.M., Cutler P.M., Carter P.M., Halsey P.M., Bassett P.S.W., Bros. Moss, Copson, Levy, Wagstaff, Medcalf, Benabo, &c., and a goodly attendance of Visitors.

LODGE OF REPOSE, No. 802.

THE anniversary of the above Lodge was celebrated on Thursday, 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby, under satisfactory conditions. There was a large and influential gathering, and the proceedings of the occasion were altogether harmonious and profitable in character. The brethren assembled at six o'clock, to transact the business of the Lodge, the principal feature of which was the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. The suffrages of the brethren having fallen upon the S.W. Bro. Wm. L. Ball, the outgoing occupant of the chair of King Solomon, Bro. George Cay, undertook the duty of installing him in ancient and solemn form. The interesting ceremony was most impressively conducted, Bro. Cay receiving the valuable co-operation of Bros. Thomas Cox Past Provincial Senior G.W. and F. Campion Past Provincial Senior G.W., who respectively delivered the charges to the Wardens and Officers. Upon the conclusion of this important work, the W.M. invested his Officers for the ensuing year, in the following order:—Bros. E. Belfield S.W., T. Smith J.W., S. Steele Treasurer, W. J. Piper Secretary, A. J. Waller S.D., T. Owen J.D., W. Butterfield Master of Ceremonies, W. Parker I.G., F. Bryant and E. Smith Stewards. Thereupon, the W.M. presented to Bro. Cay, in the name of the brethren, an exceedingly handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the assiduity and sound judgment with which he conducted the affairs of the Lodge during his year of office. Bro. Cay, who was cordially received, acknowledged the gift suitably, and the proceedings (which had derived a welcome point and emphasis from the efforts of Bro. P. Wallis in the capacity of Master of Ceremonies) soon afterwards closed, and were followed by an admirably-served banquet, Bro. Steele's efforts in catering for which received the unqualified approbation of the brethren. The health of the newly-elected and retiring Worshipful Masters was drunk with enthusiasm, and in connection with these and other toasts testimony was freely borne to the greatly improved position, and highly encouraging prospects of the Lodge. The visiting brethren were numerous, and included the following:—Bros. G. T. Wright P.P.J.G.W., Cox, Campion, Edwards P.P.G.A.D.C. (Yorkshire), J. E. Russell W.M. 1085,

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CECILIA LODGE, No. 1636.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on the 30th ult., in the Masonic Room, Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The Officers and members present were Bros. A. J. Hawkes W.M., W. H. Gibson S.W., E. Broadbridge J.W., H. Payne Treasurer, W. R. Wood jun. Secretary, G. Cole S.D., H. S. Gates J.D., W. Smithers D.C., W. Roe Organist, G. L. Fenner Steward, H. Cox I.G.: I.P.M. W. T. Nell, P.M.'s J. Eborall, F. Harrison, J. Hurst; Hemming, Wolsey, Sir Charles Bright, Walter Harford, J. C. Colborn, J. Jefferies, W. B. Isworth, J. H. Stephens, C. J. Heald, J. Lelen, J. E. Stafford, H. Evans, J. Reynolds, J. Lewis, T. Hughes Tyler, and H. Hughes Assistant Tyler. The visitors included Bros. J. Henderson Scott, L. H. L. R. Burrell, J. T. Francis Howard, W. Skindle, F. Duke, J. Hill, F Robinson, W. Webb Turner, H. B. McCarrick, H. W. J. Abell, W. W. Lord, C. W. Hudson, L. H. A. Dowell, H. Fieldus, G. S. Godfree, T. Packham, J. B. Hannay, J. T. Whatford, R. Willard, M. Kidd, J.W. Staples, R. Turner, J. Large. The Lodge having been opened in solemn form, with a musical service arranged by Bro. E. Broadbridge, the first part of the business comprised the initiation of newly-elected candidates. Next Bro. E. Broadbridge was installed W.M. for the coming year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. A. J. Hawkes. The retiring W.M., Bro. Hawkes, received a P.M.'s jewel. The Officers chosen by Bro. Broadbridge to assist him during his year of office were Bro. W. H. Gibson S.W., W. R. Wood jun. J.W., G. Cole Secretary, H. S. Gates S.D., W. Smithers J.D., F. Marks Master of Ceremonies, W. Roe Organist, J. Lelen Steward, and G. L. Fenner I.G. These with Bros. H. Payne Treasurer, and T. Hughes Tyler, were duly installed into office. Bros. J. C. Colborn, W. Harford, and J. Sayers were elected on the General Purposes Committee, while Bro. J. Eberall was re-elected Charity Steward. The Lodge having been duly closed by Bro. Broadbridge, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet. The newly-installed W.M. presided. The usual loyal toasts, given from the chair, were followed by that of "The Right Worshipful Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master; Right Worshipful Bro. the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master; and the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past," Brothers J. Henderson Scott and W. Kuhe to reply. The Worshipful Master proposed the Right Worshipful Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Baronet, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Sussex, and Officers of Pro Grand Lodge Present and Past. Bro. H. Scott, in acknowledging the toast, expressed the gratification he felt in always being so well received whenever he visited them. He regretted that he could not do so oftener, but there were now so many Lodges in the town that it was impossible for him to be continually visiting. Holding the position he did, it behoved him not to show preference to any one Lodge, but he always made a point of attending meetings of installation. He trusted the custom which now prevailed of inviting the W.M.'s of other Lodges would long continue. The time would come when the Lodges of the Province will become so numerous that this might be out of the question. But time had not yet arrived—at any rate it would be long before there would be so many Lodges in Brighton that any one of the Lodges would risk to invite the W.M.'s of the sister Lodges to their banquet. Next to the carrying out of the three great principles—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth—hospitality was the life and soul of Freemasonry. Bro. A. J. Hawkes gave the next toast, the Worshipful Master, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the manner in which Bro. Broadbridge had performed the work undertaken by him during the past year. He predicted for him a most prosperous term of office. Bro. Broadbridge responded, and then gave the Visitors. Bros. G. Nash and T. Peckham responded. The Worshipful Master proposed the Past Masters. Bros. Kuhe, J. Eberall, W. T. Nell, and A. J. Hawkes responded. Bro. Broadbridge then gave the Officers of the Lodge, to which Bros. W. H. Gibson and W. R. Wood jun. responded. The Worshipful Master gave the toast of the Initiate. Bro. Stafford responded. The Tyler's toast completed the programme. At the request of Bro. J. H. Scott, on behalf of the brethren, Bro. Broadbridge sang, "Thou art so near," to the accompaniment of Bro. W. Kuhe. The various toasts were most agreeably interspersed with songs, duets, and part songs, finely rendered by Miss Bertha Moore and Bros. W. Roe, J. Large, G. Cole, and H. Evans. Miss Bertha Moore, who, though young, is making rapid strides in her profession, made a very favourable impression by her refined vocalisation. Bro. Kuhe, the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, played Liszt's "Rhapsodies Hongroise," and was warmly applauded. Bro. W. Roe Prov. Grand Organist, who superintended the musical arrangements, accompanied with great skill. Bros. Sayers and Marks supplied the banquet, which was capitally served.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—The first dinner took place on the 24th January, at the Champion Hotel, 15 Aldersgate-street, E.C. Lodge was opened as usual, at 7 p.m. Bro. J. Hick W.M. in the presence of a goodly attendance of brethren and visitors, who afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, served in Host Chillingworth's well known style. Brother A. G. Dodson P.M., President of the Lodge, occupied the chair. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Hicks gave The Health of the President, Bro. Dodson P.M., commenting upon his strennous efforts to raise the Lodge to the highest pinnacle, and also on the great efficiency of his working as displayed in the Lodge. Bro. Dodson replied, and afterwards proposed The Mother Lodge, Joppa, No. 188, which was received with great pleasure, and replied to by Bro. Wall. Several other toasts followed, and the evening was further enlivened by some capital songs, very ably rendered by Bros. Dodson, Hughes, McKinley, and others.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—On Thursday, the 19th of January, at Bro. Stephens', the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. J. Green, W.M., C. Bellerby S.W., G. Coop J.W., Cunningham S.D., Fisher J.D., T. Smith I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor; also Bros. Pitt, Porter, Owen, Seward, and Titley, of the Belgrave Lodge 749. The Lodge was opened in due form. On account of the sudden and serious illness of the Secretary, Bro. Wells, the minutes of the two preceding meetings had not been entered. The W.M. opened the Lodge in the first degree, and Bro. Porter having been entrusted, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Pitt having then been entrusted, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The Lodge was then closed in the third and second degrees. The brethren expressed their sympathy with Bro. Wells, and trusted that his illness would prove but temporary.

On the 26th January, present Bros. C. Bellerby W.M., G. Coop S.W., T. Smith J.W., W. Seward jun. S.D., F. Green J.D., J. Owen acting Secretary; also Bros. A. Jones, E. C. Porter, C. W. Pitt, Woolmer, Walker. Visitors—Bros. Nicholson and Cotton, of the Royal Union Lodge 382. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the three preceding meetings were read, confirmed, and signed. The Worshipful Master rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Porter candidate. Bro. Alexander Jones delivered the ancient charge of the degree. Bro. Pitt answered the questions leading to the second degree. The Lodge was opened in the second, and the Worshipful Master rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Pitt candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. In the absence of Bro. Tucker, through illness, Bro. Jones kindly acted as Preceptor. Bro. George Coop was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745.—This Lodge met for the despatch of business on the 30th ult., when there were present, amongst others, Bros. Lardner W.M., Strugnell S.W., Young acting J.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Williams, T. C. Walls I.P.M., W. Ramsey P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Jackson P.M. Secretary, Goodenough S.D., T. Simpson J.D., H. B. Marshall V.P. of the Three Institutions I.G., Richards D.C. The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Almond, Abiett, and Cross were passed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Louis Lardner, and it proving unanimous, he was duly initiated. The ceremonies were performed most excellently by the W.M. Several communications from absent members having been read, Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and the brethren separated.

Bro. James Stevens gave his lecture, explanatory of the First Degree, at The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, at Masons'-avenue, City, on Thursday. There was a large gathering of members and visitors, who expressed unqualified satisfaction with the lecture. We shall report this meeting more fully next week.

The members of the Oakley Lodge, No. 691, Basingstoke, will, by permission of the R.W. P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., hold a Masonic Ball at the Town Hall, Basingstoke, on Wednesday, 15th February. Early application for Tickets—Gentlemen's 12s 6d; Ladies 10s 6d; should be made to Brother E. P. Conran Hon. Secretary, Basingstoke. The following brethren comprise the Board of Stewards:—

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We have great pleasure in announcing that a concert will be given by the City Choral Society, at the Morley Hall, Hackney, on the evening of Tuesday next, the 7th instant, the proceeds to be handed over towards that most useful Institution the German Hospital, Dalston. A very attractive programme is announced—Spohr's "God, Thou art Great," with a choice selection of songs constituting the opening part, and selections from Mozart's Twelfth Mass, with a series of numbers, vocal and instrumental, the second. Bro. Edwin Moss will wield the bâton as conductor, and Bro. Herr Leipold will preside at the organ, with Miss E. Milsted at the pianoforte and Herr Rudersdorff as violoncellist. From the character of the programme, and the recognised merits of the artists, we anticipate the concert will prove a great success, and we doubt not the funds of the German Hospital will be materially benefited.

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Under this head I last week addressed a letter to the *Freemason* as follows:—

"*To the Editor of the Freemason.*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to point out a grave mistake often committed by Masters of Lodges in appointing the M.C., they using the word *Director* instead of the legitimate one of *Master*. Your reporters and correspondents also fall into the same error. In the reports of meetings in last week's *Freemason* is reported several times that the W.M. appointed So-and-so D.C., instead of M.C.; but I have no doubt, after this is pointed out to them, they will cease to do so. A *Director* of Ceremonies is an Officer of *Grand Lodge*. A *Master* of Ceremonies is an Officer of a *private Lodge*. And the sooner Masters conform to this rule the better it will be for the perfect working of the Lodge.

Last year, a W.M. of a Lodge I am connected with appointed an *Assistant* M.C. (I was absent through illness at the time), and at the following meeting I pointed out the clause showing the Officers he *could* appoint, and that he had gone beyond the Book of Constitutions. On being convinced of this error, he at once rescinded the appointment, and had it entered on the minutes that he had done so. I know one or two Lodges that should follow his example."

I find in your reports of this week the following Lodges appointed D.C.'s instead of M.C.'s—namely, Nos. 201, 901, 1017, and 651. Will you kindly therefore allow me, by inserting the above, to call the attention of your readers to this important subject.

Yours fraternally,

MAGNUS OHREN,

P.A.G.D.C. England.

28th Jan. 1882.

LECTURES IN LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is eminently satisfactory to note that a further step in the direction suggested by you, and endorsed by sundry of your correspondents, has been taken by our worthy Brother James Stevens, P.M. P.Z., &c. Your suggestion, which was to the effect that occasionally the routine of working sections and rehearsing ceremonies should be varied by the reading of a lecture or paper on some interesting Masonic subject had borne fruit to a limited extent, and in one direction only. Still it is, in my opinion, and considering the inertness which characterises the ordinary working attendant at Lodges of Instruction, a great achievement that any result at all should have followed; and now that Brother Stevens has shown that he likewise takes an interest in the movement, we may look forward to some permanent departure from the ordinary routine of work may become an established usage.

Bro. W. W. Morgan has read sundry papers, and the reception he has met with has been most encouraging, while Bro. Stevens has already repeated, at the Great City Lodge of Instruction, the lecture on the Ceremonies of the First Degree which he gave a short time previous. From the "Occasional Papers" you have latterly been publishing, at frequent intervals, I gather that other lectures have been delivered a few years since, and I feel confident, if the present innovation is strenuously followed, that the course of study pursued at our Lodges of Instruction will prove to be vastly more attractive than in the old days of ceremony and lecture repeated without variation or change from one year's end to another.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Companions S. Rawson as M.E.Z., J. A. Rucker as H., Colonel Creaton as J., Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., Montague Guest, M.P., as S.N., Robert Grey as P.S., Reverend Ambrose W. Hall 1st A.S., J. Sampson Peirce 2nd A.S., H. C. Levander, Magnus Ohren, James Glaisher, Thomas Fenn, Rev. C. W. Arnold, A. J. Duff-Filer, W. F. Nettleship, Wilhelm Ganz, J. M. Case, A. Bott Cook, C. A. Murton, H. G. Buss, W. H. Perryman P.Z. 1348, Frederick Newton Z. 5, L. P. Catterson J. 548, A. A. Pendlebury P.Z. 1056, W. H. Lee P.Z. 1524, William Dodd P.Z. 1194, Neville Green P.Z. 1524, H. Massey P.Z. 619, E. F. Storr Z. 1044, Thomas Cull J. 1365, H. E. Frances P.Z. 652, J. H. Cussans Z. 1366, B. Lyons H. 1329, Orlando Lell Latreille J. 1260, John Dixon Z. 1489. Charters were granted for the following new Chapters:—The Goulburn Chapter of Australia, No. 1762, Goulburn, New South Wales; the Chapter of Rectitude, No. 502, Rugby; and the Eccleston Chapter, No. 1624, London. A Charter of Confirmation was also granted to the Stanhope Chapter, No. 1269, Anerley, the original having been lost. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E. informed Grand Chapter that during the recent search which had been instituted in the muniment room of Grand Lodge, among various old books and papers they came across an original document which they supposed to be connected with Grand Chapter. On examination it was found to be no less than the original Charter of Compact under which Grand Chapter was constituted, and under which they were assembled this very evening. That Charter of Confirmation bore date 1767, and it appeared to have been the result of an understanding that was come to by various Royal Arch Masons on the Modern side to form themselves into a Body, having regularly constituted government, and therefore they drew up this document. It was signed by Lord Blamey and several other distinguished Masons of the period. Under that Charter of Compact Grand Chapter had ever since existed. He lost not a moment in having this Charter repaired and cleaned, and suitably framed and glazed, and it was now hung on the wall of the room in which they were at present assembled. It was well worthy of the inspection of the Companions.

Grand Chapter then confirmed the following recommendations of the Committee of General Purposes:—

The Committee also recommend that the Rules and Regulations relative to Centenary Warrants and Jewels now in force in the United Grand Lodge of England be adopted by the Supreme Grand Chapter; and that Chapters who can prove their uninterrupted existence for one hundred years, be granted Centenary Charters, with permission to wear a distinctive jewel of uniform design, and that the fees payable by Chapters for such Charter be five guineas.

The Grand Lodge having recently resolved that three additional Offices should be created therein:—The Committee recommend that in conformity with this arrangement,—and as the Offices in Grand Chapter have hitherto numbered somewhat less than in Grand Lodge,—four additional Offices be now created in Grand Chapter, to be named:—

Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
2nd. Grand Standard Bearer.
3rd. Do. Do.
4th. Do. Do.

Grand Chapter was then duly closed.

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE regular Convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 30th ultimo, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C. In the unavoidable absence of Companion Gulliford M.E.Z., who has recently sustained a sad family bereavement, the chair was filled by Comp. L. Lazarus P.Z., he being supported by Companions H. P. Isaac H., S. M. Lazarus P.Z. J., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, M. J. Emanuel P.M. S.E., H. M. Levy P.Z., W. Littaur P.Z., P. Dickinson P.Z. Among the visitors were Companions B. Lyon, Howard, Brall, Dewsnap, Davis, Smith, Hobinstock, McNaughton, Quincey, J. S. Lyon, Botibol, and others. The Chapter having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, sundry matters of business were disposed of. The acting Z., in most feeling terms, proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to the M.E.Z., Companion Gulliford, expressing the sympathy of the Companions with him in the great loss he had just sustained in the death of his wife. This being seconded by Companion Dickinson, the proposition was put to the Chapter, and carried unanimously. The acting Z. stated that he had heard in a Masonic Lodge mention of a fund that was being raised for the relief of the members of the Jewish faith who had suffered by the outrages in Russia, and he thought that the Joppa Chapter might take the subject into consideration. Comp. Dickinson thereupon proposed that the sum of two guineas be voted from the funds of the Chapter to be applied to the object in question, to be forwarded to the Lord Mayor of London as a contribution for the list opened at the Mansion House. This was seconded by Companion Grove Ellis, and carried unanimously. A distressed Companion having been relieved from the funds of the Chapter, it was proposed that a letter be sent to Companion Henochsberg, conveying the sympathy of the Companions with him in his present illness, and wishing him a speedy recovery to health. This being carried, the report of the Audit Committee was brought forward, read, and adopted. Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to banquet, which was served under the superintendence of Companion M. Silver. The usual Loyal and R.A. toasts followed, Companion Littaur giving that of the acting M.E.Z. The Companion who had that night acted as First Principal of the Chapter had, he thought, a great claim to the esteem and regard of the Companions. He had knowledge and ability, which enabled him to perform the work appertaining to every office in the Chapter. He (the speaker) felt the greatest regret at the cause which led to the absence of their M.E.Z., but they must all be gratified to know they had such a Companion in their midst as L. Lazarus, who could fill the vacancy as creditably as he had that evening. The acting Z. tendered his thanks; he trusted the time might be far distant when he should again have occasion to fill the chair under such mournful circumstances as those which had given him the position that day. He then proposed the health of the H. and J., the former of whom was present. The Companions all knew the ability possessed by these two Officers in the work of the Chapter, and he could but hope they would have an opportunity of witnessing a display of it during the coming year. Companion Isaac briefly responded. Companion Lyon returned thanks on behalf of the Visitors, and the acting M.E.Z. proposed the toast of the P.Z.'s. Each had nobly done his duty in the past, and he doubted not was still ready to undertake any work in the Chapter that might be required of them. Companion Dickinson replied. The toast of the Junior Officers concluded the proceedings.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

THIS eminent school of Instruction for Royal Arch Masons, seeking to profit by the teaching here to be obtained, meets regularly every Tuesday evening, at half-past six, at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. Its meetings are attended by some of the most eminent members of Royal Arch Masonry, and under the able Preceptorship of Comp. F. Brown, the pure ritual of this supreme degree can here be obtained. At the meeting on Tuesday evening last, the ceremony of exaltation was most ably rehearsed, Comps. Crowder presiding as Z., J. Payne H., Rowe J., Darcey S.N., Fraser P.S., and Comp. Crump candidate. There were several other Arch Masons present; amongst whom were W. Fraser H., Thompson M.E.Z. 619, Edmonds Metropolitan, and several others. The exalta-

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tion ceremony was well performed, but the particular excellence of the working of Comp. Payne as H. is deserving of special notice. As one of the constant attendants at this Chapter, he has well profited by the instruction which is here to be obtained.

The Earl of Carnarvon Chapter of Improvement, under the able Preceptorship of Companion Davies, J. 185, met at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, on Tuesday evening last. This new Chapter of Improvement should be a great boon to Companions generally, its place of meeting being directly opposite the Ladbroke Grove Station, Metropolitan Railway, where the Companions meet every alternate Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

THE meeting of the Committee of Petitions of this Province was held on Tuesday, 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Gandy-street, Exeter. There was a large attendance. Bro. W. G. Rogers, the chairman, presided. The minutes of the former meeting having been confirmed, the Secretary reported that there had only been two elections since the last meeting of the Committee, and the number of votes sent through them by the Province was in excess of last year by about fifty. This, though a great improvement, was still not quite satisfactory, there being no reason why all the votes should not be sent to the Committee, thus vastly improving their position. The report of Bro. C. Godtschalk showed exhaustively how much had been done with these resources. He regretted to have to announce that there was the largest number of petitions for relief ever presented at any previous meeting. This report having been adopted, Bro. Godtschalk, the representative of the committee in London, presented his report as follows:—

Devon owes to the Province of Worcestershire, 457 boys' and 309 girls', repayable April 1882. To Monmouth, 326 girls', repayable October 1881. To Cheshire, 29 boys'. To Bro. Linzell 33, and Bro. Constable, on behalf of Bro. Hughan, for Cornwall, 200 boys', repayable October 1881; to these 1,354 votes add 850 girls' votes borrowed of Monmouthshire, October 8th last, repayable as circumstances will permit, over a space of three years, and so stated on IOU given for the votes, the use of which will be shown in this report; thus giving a total of 2,204 votes owing by Devon to other Provinces. As a set-off against the foregoing figures I have lent as follows:—The Province of Warwickshire owes Devon 866 boys'. Monmouthshire owes Devon 535 widows'. Bro. John Constable on behalf of Bro. Hughan, Cornwall, owes 444 aged Masons'. Westmoreland and Cumberland owes Devon 104 aged Masons'; giving 1,949 votes due to Devon. Add to this number 300 boys' votes I have to receive under written agreement for the boy Sidney Sowden, and will not be used for him, but made available for other purposes. Thus making a total of votes due to Devon of 2,249, all repayable for the April and May Elections 1882, or in other words there is a balance of votes due to Devon of 45, with the advantage of our having to receive payment for the April and May elections of this year, while a large portion of our debts are spread over three years for repayment. The Committee will observe, that during the time the borrowed votes shown in this report have been used, that Devon has succeeded in electing on the funds and into the Great Masonic Charities no less than seven candidates, viz.:—Two Boys, three Girls, one Aged Mason, and one Widow; a number out of all proportion to the votes possessed by the Province from all sources. I having used for the elections of the seven successful Devon candidates named, 7,523 votes, whilst out of that number Devon has found 4,055, and from sources entirely outside the Province, by advantageous exchanges and gifts of votes, 3,468 votes have been obtained for the benefit of Devon candidates, for which our Province incurs no liability whatever, neither have the 3,468 votes to be returned. I have therefore the gratifying fact to report that our Province is not only out of debt, but with the several IOU's we hold from sister Provinces when the settlement of these votes takes place in April and May next, *pro and con*, Devon has a balance of 45 votes to receive; to this fact I ask special attention of those Lodges and Brethren of the Province who at times are apt to cavil at the organization and the good work of the Committee of Petitions. Without this organization nothing could be done or accomplished, and those who stand aloof from taking part in thus co-operating with the Committee should be reminded, that if their isolated system of using votes individually and without combination were adopted, they would require from the present time to that of eternity (whenever that may be), to Elect Seven Candidates into or upon the funds of the Great Charities. This has been done during the time only the votes shown in this paper have been used. Pointing the moral that sensible men organize for the greatest good to the largest number, and when the outcome of this organization results in the relief and bettering the condition of our aged and distressed brother, the widow and orphan, it becomes almost divine. The only Elections that have taken place since my last Annual Report, of 6th August 1881, were those of the Girls and Boys respectively, 8th and 10th October 1881. For use at these Elections, I received from Bro. Gover 159 Province girls' votes; from the Prov. G. Master, Lord Ebrington, 5 Province girls' votes; and from others in Devon, 10 girls' votes; making a total of 174 girls' votes from Devon. Cornwall sent me for the use of Devon, on loan, 99 girls' votes, and on the day of Election of Girls (October 8th), a Province presented me, as a personal gift, with 300 girls' votes, in return for what they considered a service rendered. This will be explained later on in this Report. I thus held from all sources 73 girls' votes for the October Election 1881. For the Boys' Election, 10th October 1881, I received from Bro. Gover 187 boys votes; from the Prov. G.M., Lord Ebrington, 49 Province Craft boys' votes, and 6 Province Chapter boys' votes, and from others in Province, Lodges and Individuals, 9 boys' votes; making a total of boys' votes for use at this Election (10th October) of 253; to these, add 100 I received in repayment from the Province of Dorset, 100 from Bro. Terry in repayment, and from Bro. Hacker, a friend of the selected Boy Candidate (Sidney Sowden), 364 boys' votes, with 155 from Cornwall on loan to Devon; making a total of boys' votes in my possession for use at this Election of 972. Referring back to the Girls' Election on the 8th, and adding these 972 boys' votes to the 573 girls' votes, giving a total of boys' and girls' votes combined, of 1545; with these I at once commenced paying our debts to other Provinces, with whom we not alone work in unison, but with the mutual knowledge and feeling that we are doing what good is in our power for the various candidates in our respective Provinces. Beginning with Monmouthshire, I repaid that Province 326 Girls' votes,—to Cheshire 29 Boys'—to Bro. Constable 200 Boys', on account of Bro. Hughan for Cornwall. Total votes repaid, Girls' 326, Boys' 229, for which repayments I here hand in the cancelled IOU's, leaving in hand 247 Girls' and 743 Boys', together 990 votes; to these add 123 Boys' votes obtained by me from private friends, giving a total of 1213. In the foregoing report I have given a statement bringing the work up to the actual elections of October 1881. The Committee will remember, at our last meeting in August, the boy Sidney Sowden was selected to receive the votes of the Province until elected; to do this, as will be seen by this report, I held 743 Boys' votes, when the highest candidate at this election polled 2227, and the lowest elected polled 1948; therefore thinking it not *good policy* to incur greater liabilities by borrowing so large a number required (1200) at least, which, in addition to the 743 in hand, would have only elected the boy last on the poll. Seeing no reasonable prospect of repaying so large a number of votes I followed the plan adopted by me since I have been entrusted with the management of the Province votes. That plan is to elect the candidate the first time of asking, or not to poll a vote. I therefore did not poll a vote, but lent them to a sister Province, all to be returned for the April election this year. I here beg to hand in the IOU for 866 Boys' votes, which includes the bonus of 123 votes added to the 743 lent. The next event in connection with the October election is a remarkable one—the Committee will recollect no Girl candidate was selected for election, from the fact, we all thought, with our then liabilities, it was impossible for any Girls' votes to be at our disposal. I have to ask, however, your attention to the election of Girls' 8th October last. Having previously mentioned I held, after payment of debts, 247 Girls' votes, and that a Province had presented me with 300 Girls' votes for a service they considered I had rendered. Adding these 300 to the 247 Girls' votes I held after paying debts, making 547 Girls' votes in hand; what was I to do with them with *no selected Devon Candidate?* Girls' votes at this election were positively unchangeable for Boys', and bore no relative value, Boys' votes being in such demand. All votes being available for use on the actual day of the election only, these 547 Girls' votes then if not used that day would become waste paper. Therefore, I turned to the official list (issued by the Institution) of Girl candidates, of which there were 24, with 15 to be elected that day. Out of this list of 24 girls was one Edith Brown, of Brixham, the case coming from Lodge 248, "True Love and Unity." Here was a Devon Girl who had stood five previous elections, and this her last chance. At this point I took up the case, holding as I did at that moment the 247 Province Girls' votes, after payment of debts. To these I added the 300 Girls' votes that had been presented to me as a personal gift. I then went amongst my friends, while the election was going on, with the intention of obtaining sufficient Girls' votes to carry the girl's election. I fortunately succeeded by obtaining from Monmouthshire 850 Girls' votes, this made a total of Girls' votes polled by me for Edith Brown of 1310. Our present position is, Devon owes a total of 2,204 votes to the several Provinces named in this report, about half of which will have to be repaid in April and May next; the remaining half the repayment of which is spread over three years; this extended repayment is for the Girls' votes borrowed from Monmouthshire by me to elect Edith Brown in October last. For had I not been able to get the votes on such advantageous terms, I should not have taken them for use. Against the foregoing figures, showing our indebtedness, Devon has to receive from various Provinces 2,249 votes; the whole of these votes are to be repaid to Devon in April and May next; our Province will then be not only out of debt, but will have to receive a balance of forty-five votes, with, as I have shown, seven candidates elected into and upon the great Charities during the short time these votes have been used. I therefore have no scruple in asking the members of this Committee to impress upon the brethren of their Lodges, the Masters and Secretaries in particular, the great necessity of a proper organization of votes for our central great Charities, so that all and every one is brought to help the largely increasing number of our candidates, to forward these voting papers for each recurring election at the earliest day after receipt to our worthy and honorary hard-worked secretary of this committee, Bro. Gover. When I mention the fact that for the coming elections to the great Charities in April and May next, we shall have 66 widows competing for seven vacancies, 46 old men to fill fourteen places, 72 orphan boys to compete for fifteen possible admissions into the School, and 28 girls for twenty-one vacancies. These figures mean exceptionally high polling at each recurring future election, and without the system of combining all our Provincial votes is thoroughly worked and fully carried out by means of the organisation of this Committee, who select the most urgent deserving cases to have the combined votes for their election to be carried at first application. To divide votes amongst individual claimants is to waste them, for under that arrangement no one gets elected.

Finally, brethren, never forget the fact that our Province, through its many candidates elected into and upon our great Charities, draw largely, annually, from their resources, and that we are in duty

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bound to reimburse these truly great Institutions of our Order to the best of our ability and means. Be it remembered, these noble Charities and Temples of Benevolence are almost wholly supported and sustained by the voluntary efforts and benevolent sympathies of the Craft of England.

This report was received and adopted. There were nine petitions for relief, and the following sums were voted:—The widow of a brother of Lodge 112 £5, a brother of Lodge 159 £5, the widow of a brother of Lodge 230 £5, a brother of Lodge 248 £5, the widow of a brother of Lodge 328 £5, the widow of a brother of Lodge 1125 £5, the widow of a brother of Lodge 1205 £5, the widow of a brother of Lodge 1247 £2 10s, and the widow of a brother of Lodge 1550 £5. In the latter case the brethren present subscribed among themselves another £5. Other important business was discussed relative to votes, and it was generally thought that a large amount of benefit would accrue if the representatives of some of the Lodges would endeavour to induce their friends to send their votes earlier to the Secretary. Bro. W. G. Rogers D.P.G.M. was unanimously re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year, and was thanked for the invariable courtesy and tact with which he had presided for several years. Bro. J. B. Gover was re-elected Secretary for the thirteenth time. Bro. Charles Godtschalk was re-elected representative of the Committee in London, and he was warmly congratulated on the successful way in which, by his zeal and energy, he had performed the arduous duties entrusted to him.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

FREEMASONRY IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY.

CHESTER, 1650-1700.

WE are glad to see that Bro. Rylands is pursuing his researches into the subject of Freemasonry in the county of Cheshire. He has already done more than many Masonic investigators in elucidating the connection of Ashmole with the Fraternity, and his success in this particular would seem to have whetted his appetite, and with renewed ardour he is carrying his inquiries still further, the results being carefully recorded in a brace of articles which have appeared consecutively in the *Masonic Magazine* for January, and this current month of February. The basis of these articles is a curious heraldic work, entitled "The Academie of Armory, or a Storehouse of Armory and Blazon, &c. By Randle Holme, of the City of Chester, Gentleman Sewer in Extraordinary to his late Majesty King Charles 2. And sometimes Deputy for the Kings of Arms. Printed for the Author, Chester, 1688," folio. This work is thus described, writes Bro. Rylands, by Dr. Ormerod, the historian of Cheshire:—

The author's object appears to have been the formation of a kind of encyclopædia in this awkward heraldic form; and in the rest of the present book he proceeds through all the range of creation, treating the reader with the strangest jumble on Natural History, Mineralogy, and Surgery, occasionally diversified by Palmistry, Hunter's terms, the Cock-pit laws, Diseases, an Essay on Time and on Men punished in Hell. Introducing each subject successively as the fancied bearing of an armorial coat.

Bro. Rylands, from personal examination of the work, confirms this description, while Moule is quoted as writing to the effect that "it is considered to be one of the most scarce of heraldic books, and that not more than fifty copies are to be found in the United Kingdom.

The Holme family, it appears, was one of some antiquity and distinction in Cheshire, this particular Randle Holme, the author of the "Academie of Armory," being great-grandson of Thomas Holme, of Chester, who was living in the "fifth year of King James I. (1607-8) *Smith.*" "Like his father and grandfather before him," he was a herald and deputy to Garter King of Arms for Cheshire, Lancashire, Shropshire, and North Wales." He was "prosecuted at the Stafford Assizes, 20 Charles II. (1668-9) by Sir William Dugdale, then Norroy King of Arms, for his irregularity in marshalling the funeral of Sir Ralph Assheton, and a verdict was obtained against him, with £20 damages. He died 15th March 1699-1700, and was buried at St. Mary's.

Bro. Rylands then goes on to quote from Randle Holme's work the following definition of a Fraternity, namely:—

A Fraternity, or Society, or Brotherhood, or Company; are such in a corporation, that are of one and the same trade, or occupation, who being joyned together by oath and covenant, do follow such orders and rules, as are made, or to be made for the good order, rule, and support of such and every of their occupations. These several Fraternities are generally governed by one or two Masters, and two Wardens, but most Companies with us by two Aldermen, and two Stewards, the later, to receive and pay what concerns them.

and also in respect of the Mechanical Sciences that "the third is Architecture, or the skill in Building, Frameing, and Erecting of Temples, Theaters, Pyramides, Castles, Forts, Bastilions, Pallaces, Houses, and all sorts of Edifices: which is divided into Cementurie, or Masonrie, and Carpentary, the first working in Stone or Brick; the latter in Wood." Later on he gives the following, which he suggests has "never before been noticed," and on the importance of which he very justly lays great stress, the italics being his own:—

"I cannot but Honor the Fellowship of the Masons because of its Antiquity; and the more, *as being a Member of that Society, called Free-Masons.* In being conversant among them I have observed the use of these several Tools following some whereof I have seen born in Coats Armour.",*

Other quotations were made in relation to Masons' Tools and the "Order of Columns and Pillars," and then much that is highly interesting is collected from so much of Randle Holme's second volume in MS. as the author had prepared. From this, which is in the British Museum, after referring to a copy it contains of the Old Constitutions without date, but assignable to 1650, Bro. Rylands quotes the following, written on a small piece of paper:

There is sen'all† words & signes of a free Mason to be revailed to y^{u} w^{ch} as y^{u} will answ: before God at the Great & terrible day of Judgm^{t} y^{u} keep secret & not to revaile‡ the same in the beares of any peon or to any but to the M^{r}. & fellows of the said Society of free Masons so help me God, &c.

And likewise lists of persons made Freemasons, with the initiation Fee, in one of which is the name of Randle Holme himself.

* I shall remark on this interesting sentence of Randle Holme at the end of the extracts from his book.

† The word *signes* erased here.

‡ Here some portion of the text is interlineated.

(To be continued.)

THE DRAMA.

TWO circumstances gave additional interest to the revival at the Haymarket, on the 24th ult., of the comedy of "Ours." In the first place the rights of the Haymarket Management in this and other comedies of the late Mr Tom Robertson will very shortly expire, and this revival series therefore is the last in which the public will have the opportunity of witnessing the performance of Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft and their admirably-trained company in this class of piece. In the next, Mrs. Langtry was to make her first appearance as a professional actress in the character of Blanche Haye. That the revival was a complete success may almost be taken for granted. Mrs. Bancroft never played the part of Mary Netley better, and the Hugh Chalcot of Mr. Bancroft was a finished impersonation without being over-elaborate. Mr. Arthur Cecil, than whom there is no abler representative of old men's characters, played the Russian Prince Perovsky most artistically. Mr. Conway as the impassioned lover, Angus MacAlister, acted to perfection, while the Sir Alexander Shendryn of Mr. Pinero, the Lady Shendryn of Miss De Thiere, Mr. Smedley's Captain Sampsey, and Mr. Stewart Dawson's Houghton harmonised capitally with the other characters. We have said, however, that the chief interest of the evening centred in the appearance of Mrs. Langtry as Blanche Haye. That she has much to learn before she will be entitled to rank as one among our foremost actresses is undeniable; yet has she many qualities that go towards forming one. She has a sympathetic voice that is capable of very delicate modulation; her presence is charming, her style composed, and at times she displays a certain amount of emotion. She certainly succeeded in producing a very favourable impression on the audience of Saturday evening, and though there was nothing phenomenal in her portrayal of Blanche Haye, her delineation of the character was tender and touching, and as a whole sufficiently commendable.

Bro. James Francis, of the Mohawk Minstrels, announces his tenth annual benefit, for the 8th of February, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. A programme of novelties has been prepared for this occasion, and in addition to the numerous company engaged, several talented artistes will appear.

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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, 4th FEBRUARY.

142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney, (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincolns Inn Fields
83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Ship Tavern, Hart-street, Mark Lane, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruc.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
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, College-st., 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
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge (Instruction)
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's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthbergs, 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, Town Hall, 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—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.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
8—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
65—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, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
160—Union, Criterion, W.
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
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1367—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington.
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
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.)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1693—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
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)

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 8.30. (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
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.
695—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.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
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
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
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.
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
1306—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
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. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)
M.M. (T.I.)—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.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
668—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1200—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, 149 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1394—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1401—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llandilos, Trewythen Arms, Llandilos
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 9th 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)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

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306—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
311—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction.)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
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.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
303—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
315—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
316—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
340—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
452—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
723—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
794—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
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.
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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.
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Deans House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
K.T.—Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

FRIDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
167—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
807—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 Inst.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)
814—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
913—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1044—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (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.
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1389—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, 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, 11th FEBRUARY.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1436—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
1613—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Stuart Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
1882—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

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Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, 28th ult. Present—Bros. G. Ferrar W.M., W. Williams jun. S.W., A. Mullord J.W., Pearcy Prec., Fenner Sec., R. M. Jones S.D., Wolf J.D., A. M. Marks I.G.; Bros. Powell, Brasted, Defriez, Moss, Williams sen., Forge, Parkes, Archer, &c. Lodge opened, and minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Forge answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Forge being the candidate. Bro. Powell answered the questions leading to the third degree. Lodge opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history, Bro. Powell acting as candidate. Both ceremonies were rehearsed in an excellent manner. Bro. Pearcy worked the third section of the lecture. Lodge being resumed, Bro. W. Williams jun. was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 27th January, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, S.W. Present—Bros. Gunner W.M., Maton S.W. Thomas J.W., C. E. Botley S.D., F. Botley J.D., E. H. Sugg P.M. I.G.; P.M. Blasby. Visitors—Bros. Rowe 15, Nicholson 382. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremonies of raising, Bro. Nicholson candidate; and initiation, Bro. Rowe candidate. Bro. Maton was elected W.M. for next meeting.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—At the Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal-green Junction, Great Eastern Railway, 1st February. Bros. Sturtevant W.M., Jones S.W., Chitson J.W., Stewart S.D., Bonner J.D., Brittain I.G., Hand Secretary, Musto P.M. Preceptor, Clark, Hubbard, &c. Lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hubbard candidate. The W.M. opened Lodge in the second degree, when Bro. Hubbard answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was further advanced, and Bro. Hubbard was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. Jones was elected W.M. for next week. A sum of £5 5s, to be placed on Bro. Sturtevant's list, for the Festival of the Girls' School was voted by the members. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Hamer Lodge, No. 1393.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 19th January, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Present—Bros. James Pilling W.M., Dr. B. Price S.W., R. J. L. Kynaston J.W., W. H. Jewitt Secretary, M. Callaghan S.D., J. J. Smith J.D., Stockton and Rainbow Stewards, T. Pierrepont I.G., W. Williamson Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. W. C. Erwin I.P.M., McCarthy, Jordon; Hankey, Crauford, Newby, Burne, Dwale, Soldat, Bank, Airy, &c. Visitors—Bros. H. Jones 1264, Wilson 1035, Morrison 182, Hermann Hon. Sec. 1547, Brown 1713, Jones 1713, &c. Mr. E. K. Lisey was initiated, and Bros. Hankey and Crawford passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. After business the brethren adjourned for ample refreshment. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Crusaders' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677.—Held at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell. On 26th January there were present Bros. R. D. Cummings W.M., J. Simpson S.W., J. Rothschild J.W., T. Pingston S.D., J. S. Fletcher I.G., G. H. Gilham acting Preceptor, H. Halliday Secretary, and other brethren. After preliminaries, Bro. Tillett offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the third degree, and having answered the necessary questions, was entrusted, and he retired. The Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising, with traditional history, excellently rehearsed by Bro. Cummings, the Preceptor. Lodge was then called off, and was closed in the second and third degrees, when Bro. Simpson was unanimously chosen to fill the chair of K.S. for the ensuing week. The W.M. elect appointed his Officers in rotation. It was proposed by Bro. Arthur Millward, and seconded by Bro. Cummings, that Bro. Paget become a member of this Lodge of Instruction; this was carried with acclamation. This ending the duties of the evening, the Lodge closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has appointed Wednesday, the 29th March next, at Willis's Rooms, for the Festival Dinner of the The Victoria Hospital for Children, Queens-road, Chelsea, S.W., at which H.R.H. has graciously consented to preside. The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs have kindly promised to support H.R.H. on that occasion.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on Thursday next, 9th February, at the Crusaders' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677, the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, by Bro. G. H. Gilham, P.M. Stuart Lodge, No. 1632. The Lodge will be opened at the usual time, viz., 9 p.m.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, held at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, on Thursday evening next, 9th inst., at 8 p.m. Bro. Alfred Withers, P.M. of the mother Lodge will act as Installing Master.

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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

IT will be seen in our report of the late meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution that there are forty-seven male and sixty-three female candidates for election in May next, and it has been arranged that the actual sixteen and nine vacancies on the respective Funds shall be filled up on the usual day of election, while three annuities on each will be filled up immediately on the occurrence of vacancies after the said election has taken place. We gladly recognise the wisdom of this arrangement. It will be in the recollection of our readers, that within a very short time after the election of candidates in May 1881, several annuitants died, but the vacancies thus caused have had to be left unoccupied ever since, in spite of the distressing fact that a multitude of poor old brethren and brethren's widows had been necessarily left out in the cold through their want of success at the ballot. The arrangement now proposed will meet this difficulty, and vacancies that may occur—to the extent of three on each Fund—will be filled in due course, without waiting for the expiration of a further twelve months. We are pleased to be in a position to note this, and trust the change may be borne in mind on Tuesday week, the day of the Anniversary Festival of the Institution.

A MOST DESERVING CASE.

WE publish elsewhere in our columns a letter from our esteemed Brother Hine, in which he draws the attention of the Craft to a most distressing case, and one which unquestionably calls for the charitable intervention of the Benevolent Freemason. The circumstances are as peculiar as they are distressing. A certain brother was initiated in the year 1864 in a Staffordshire Lodge, the Mastership of which he served in 1870, 1871, and 1873. He was a joining member of two other Lodges, and in 1872 was appointed by the late Earl of Shrewsbury to be S. Grand Warden of the Province of Staffordshire. He had been associated with the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association from its establishment in 1871, and during the years 1875-9 had acted as its Secretary. He was a Life Governor of the R.M. Institution for Boys, and had filled the office of Steward at the Anniversary of the Girls' School in 1874, and the Benevolent Institution in 1875. In 1878 and 1879, owing to unfortunate business speculations, he lost all he possessed, and about sixteen months since he disappeared, leaving his wife and six children in absolute poverty. His family know nothing of his whereabouts, or even if he is still in existence, and are dependent mainly for support on the kind assistance of friends. Here, then, is a lady with five children, two of whom are described as "earning small amounts in situations in Manchester," who knows not whether she is wife or widow; who is reduced, in the short space of less than two years, from comparative affluence to absolute poverty; and who, notwithstanding her misfortunes, is unable to obtain from the Lodge of Benevolence that relief to which she is so justly entitled. Were she actually, as she is virtually, a widow, it would be within the competence of the said Lodge of Benevolence to vote such sum as, in their discretion, seemed justifiable under the circumstances. But the regulations of the Lodge are very properly most clearly defined, and the case, as described by Brother Hine, is one which cannot be entertained. There is, under these circumstances, we are glad to say, one course open to this most unfortunate lady, and that has been considerately adopted by Bro. Hine. The laws which govern the administration of our Benevolent Fund forbid the issue of a grant of money to this distressed lady, and so an appeal to the brethren is unavoidable. Bro. Hine, on her behalf, has made this appeal, and we feel it our duty to endorse it with all the influence we are capable of exerting. Whatever may have become of our unfortunate brother in question, it is clear from the facts, as stated by Brother Hine and verified by others, that he did his duty honourably as a Mason when his circumstances were favourable, and though it may turn out that his disappearance is due to a lack of moral courage, still it occurs to us that his family should not be left unheeded on the shallow ground of informality, want of necessary information, or other cause. Indeed, it occurs to us, there might well be established a small fund for meeting the necessities of cases of this description. They are of rare, but not impossible, occurrence

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The members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, gave their sixth Annual Ball, at the Town Hall, High-street, Kensington, on Thursday, 2nd inst., the greatest success attending them. There was a large attendance, upwards of 400 being present, among whom was Brother the Rev. Charles Darby Reade, M.A., W.M. of the Lodge, Bros. G. Penn Treasurer, W. J. Murlis Secretary, S. H. Parkhouse, E. M. Lander, S. Smout Past Master, S. Smout jun. S.W., most of the minor Officers, and a large proportion of the members. Brother Charles Godfrey conducted the orchestra, which was composed of members of the String Band of the Royal Horse Guards (by permission of Col. Frederick Burnaby), and most efficiently he discharged his duties. He gave for one of the dances his new "Grand Lodge Valse," which was here played for the first time in public. Bro. Godfrey has had the special permission of the Grand Master to dedicate this piece of music to His Royal Highness, and from the fact that one or two well-known Masonic airs are introduced into it, it will doubtless become a favourite at our assemblies. Dancing was kept up with great spirit until four o'clock, all present appearing to thoroughly enjoy the entertainment provided. We can but express a hope that the financial result of this Ball may be as satisfactory as those which have preceded it, and that the Institution which may be fortunate enough to come in for the surplus may have a large amount to receive.

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL COMFORTING) COCOA.

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FREEMASONRY IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY.

CHESTER, 1650—1700.

WE mentioned at the close of our article on this subject last week, that in Randle Holme's MS. in the British Museum was a list, in which were recorded the names of certain persons who had been made Freemasons, together with the amounts paid by each as initiation fee. It may be as well, perhaps, if we reproduce this list as furnished by Bro. Rylands. and which reads thus :—

William Wade wt. gine for to be a free Mason.

	20s.	Robert Morris
	10	Willm Street Aldm
	15	John Hughes
	5	Sam Pikes taylor
	8	Willm Wade
Willm Harvey	20	
Mich Holden	20	
Pet downham	20	
Tho ffoulkes	10	
Will Hughes	8	
Jo ffletcher	10	
Seth Hilton	15	
Ran Holme	10	
Ric Taylor	10	
Ric Ratcliffe	20	
Will Woods	5	
Jo Parry	10	
Tho Morris	10	
Tho May	10	
Will Robinson	20	
James Mort	20	
Jo Lloyd	20	
Geo Harvey	20	
Will Jackson	10	
Robt Harvey	20	
John Madock	10	
for 1 li	9	
for 10s.	9	
for 15s.	1	
for 5s.	1	
for 8s.	1	

As regards the differences in the amounts paid by the several initiates we are equally with Bro. Rylands unable to explain them, but it is some satisfaction to know that our esteemed Brother has, after much careful inquiry, been able—to all appearance—to verify the personages mentioned in this list. That is, he has searched for and found the wills of a great majority of them, and the reprint of the wills forms the Appendix to his article, and is published in the current number of the *Masonic Magazine*. Presuming that the persons whose wills are quoted are the same with those whose names appear in the above list, we gather that William Wade was a *Mason;* Robert Morris, Glazier; John Hughes, Slater or Husbandman; Samuel Pikes, Tailor; W. Wade, Mason; William Harvey, Alderman; Thomas ffoulkes, Carpenter; Will Hughes, Gentleman; Jo ffletcher, Clothworker; Richard Ratcliffe, Gentleman; William Woods, Mason; William Robinson, Labourer; James Mort, Mason; John Lloyd, Mason; William Jackson, Tanner; Robert Harvey, Alderman, and John Madock, Alderman. Bro. Rylands is naturally careful to point out that the wills he gives in his Appendix are not necessarily those of the persons correspondingly named in the list quoted from Randle Holme's MS., but the wills were all proved between 1660 and 1716, and the list must have been written between the former year and March 1699-1700, when Randle Holmes died.

For full particulars of these wills we must refer our readers to the *Masonic Magazine*. We may, however, indulge in one or two general remarks, with a view to supporting the idea held by "Masonic Student," as described on frequent occasions in the pages of the *Freemason*, and as more than once enunciated in these columns. Here we have, thanks to the diligent researches of Bro. Rylands, evidence of a most satisfactory character as to the existence of non-operative Freemasons in Cheshire in the interval between 1646 and 1700. We may even carry this period further back, as Mr. Penket, Warden, and the other brethren present at the initiation of Elias Ashmole and Colonel Mainwaring in October 1646, must have been Accepted Masons for a longer or shorter period anterior to that date. We learn from the records of the Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1 (St. Mary's Chapel), as described in Bro. D. Murray Lyon's valuable History, that there were non-Operative Masons in Scotland in 1634. Dr. Plot, in his History of Staffordshire, mentions the existence of Lodges in that county *circa* 1680, and Ashmole tells us that he was present, as the senior Fellow, in a Lodge of Freemasons, held in London, at Masons' Hall, in the year 1682. All these statements point, in our humble opinion, to the undoubted fact that non-Operative Freemasonry was widespread in Britain for not far short of a century before 1717, which is usually set down as the date of its birth. We shall gladly hear the opinions of other brethren on the subject.

FEMALE FREEMASONS.

SOME of our readers will, doubtless, be amused on reading the following article, which appeared originally in the columns of the *Birmingham Daily Post*. In France, they have long had a system of what is known as "Adoptive Masonry," and in some parts of the United States there is a quasi-Masonic Female Order known as the "Eastern Star." None the less, however, are we of opinion that the ladies are much better placed outside the Lodge portals. There is one well authenticated case of a lady Freemason, but we shall regret exceedingly when the instances of these lady Freemasons may be described in the plural instead of the singular number. Our principles are known and appreciated, but it would be an utter subversion of those principles if ladies were permitted to undergo the rite of initiation. They are most darling creatures in their various capacities of mother, wife, sweetheart, daughter; but what would become of our Lodge work if there were lady members? For instance, could Bro. S. Warden fulfil his duties while engaged in a flirtation with Sister A., or, we will ask, what would become of Bro. Senior Deacon if it should be his fate to assist in the initiation of Sister B.? No, let our fair friends know as little as possible of Masonic Lodge work, and we feel assured they will appreciate the tenets of our Craft the more certainly :—

A French Masonic Lodge has not only decided to admit women as members on equal terms, but has, according to the *Rappel*, already elected one lady, initiated her into the mysteries of the Craft, and entrusted her with a first instalment of those secrets which Mrs. Caudle was so eager to discover, and which her sleepy husband dare not divulge. It is not very likely that the example thus set by the Pecq Lodge will be copied in England. We are much too Conservative for such a startling innovation to find favour among the brethren; and even in these days of "woman's rights" there is not much fear of "the sex" being successful in passing the stern Janitor who stands at the Lodge portal to keep off all intruders, and of their becoming practically familiar with the Eleusinian mysteries of the "hot poker," concerning which the outer world professes to be so wise. The curiosity of the ladies on these grave matters cannot, therefore, be satisfied just yet in England; at any rate not by the legitimate method of membership. Legend has it that one woman did contrive, by secreting herself in a hiding-place in a Lodge, to learn some of the secrets of the Craft; and a mysterious shake of the head on the part of the narrators of the story is meant to imply that "the subsequent proceedings interested her no more." If there had been daily journals in those days, a paragraph would have gone the round of the papers, headed "Mysterious disappearance of a woman."

Why women should be excluded from participation in the benefits of Freemasonry is a bit of a puzzle to those who impartially inquire into the subject. Some people say it is because a lady cannot keep a secret, and that if she were entrusted with the signs and passwords of the Order she would be bound to communicate them to her bosom friend the very first time they met. That is very hard on the fair sex. They *do* impart their little confidences, we all know; and they don't like to be uncommunicative when some particular information has been entrusted to their keeping; but there is no reason why they should not be as "mum" regarding the secrets of Masonry as the most taciturn of men. In some respects, perhaps, the Craft would gain by the introduction of female members. If the principles of Freemasonry are good for men, it is difficult to see how they can be bad for women. But then, we selfish creatures like to have some place of well-fenced seclusion to which our women-kind cannot gain admission. Masonry would probably lose half its charm to a great many men if they knew that they were going to meet their wives at Lodge. Their Masonic engagements constitute a sort of domestic holiday—a temporary escape from the yoke. They know that the "better half" cannot follow them; that they are safe from intrusion and interruption. It is no doubt very bad taste, but this gleeful sense of liberty does undoubtedly exist on the part of some married Masons. If their wives were eligible, these Benedicts would speedily discover that the advantages of Masonry had been greatly overrated, and would become very lax in their attendance. The great principles of Brotherhood and Charity would be found less attractive than they are under existing conditions.

We are by no means sure that the Pecq Lodge means to admit the wives of its brethren. The lady initiated a few days ago was a "mademoiselle." Perhaps, on the whole, much of that sort of thing would be rather worse than a liberal allowance of "madame." These venturesome spinsters, who boldly pry into the dread secrets of,

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Masonry, and make speeches afterwards which excite frantic applause are very much akin to the "strong-minded women" with whom the satirists have made us familiar. A few of them in a Lodge would certainly make it anything but a Paradise. In all likelihood they would very soon have it all to themselves. But then there happen to be loquacious and self-assertive men who are, in every respect, as objectionable; and possibly Masonic Lodges may not be altogether unacquainted with them. We men—it must be admitted with as much candour as circumstances will allow—are not altogether faultless.

Perhaps a judicious blending of the sexes in a Masonic Lodge would have a beneficial effect, when the novelty of innovation had once wore off. Masonesses would be quite as zealous in works of Charity as Masons, and possibly they would tone down the exuberance which sometimes characterises the ceremonial of "the Knife and Fork Degree." Still, the day is no doubt distant when "sisters" will be allowed to take part in English Masonry. There is no more conservative institution in the world, and the very suggestion of the admission of women, put in any serious way, would probably shake the Grand Lodge worse than an earthquake, and upset the equanimity of all the P.P.G.M.'s and P.M.'s, and other alphabetical enigmas of the Order, so that they could not attend banquet for a month. In the days of the millennium, when the lion lies down with the lamb, such a thing may be possible, but hardly before.

FREEMASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE following are the principal Officers of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for the current year, namely:—Bros. H. F. Grainger Grand Master, James W. Reid Deputy Grand Master, Robert Bingham Senior Grand Warden, C. H. Robinson Junior Grand Warden, William E. Anderson Grand Treasurer, Donald W Bain Grand Secretary, Rev. P. T. Penick Grand Chaplain, William T. Kennedy Senior Grand Deacon, Samuel H. Smith Junior Grand Deacon, A. H. A. Williams Grand Marshal, H. W. Reinhart Grand Sword Bearer, D. A. Sugg Grand Pursuivant, Miles Goodwin Grand Tyler.

The present Officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Massachusetts are as follow, namely:—Grand Lodge: Bros. S. Crocker Lawrence Grand Master, Edwin Wright Deputy Grand Master, W. Babson Grand Senior Warden, C. C. Spellman Grand Junior Warden, S. Wells Grand Treasurer, S. D. Nickerson Recording G. Secretary, Rev. Charles H. Leonard, D.D., Rev. Fielder Israel Grand Chaplains, Frederick D. Ely Grand Marshal, Charles M. Avery, J. Francis Lotts, Samuel B. Spooner Grand Lecturers, Charles W. Stack Senior Grand Deacon, Charles Harris Junior Grand Deacon, William T. R. Marvin Senior Grand Steward, George H. Rhodes, James Mills, Ashley B. Wright Junior Grand Stewards, John L. Stevenson Grand Sword-Bearer, Z. L. Bicknell Grand Standard-Bearer, Darius A. Green, James M. Gleason Grand Pursuivants, William H. Gerrish Grand Organist, Henry J. Parker Grand Tyler. Grand Chapter: Companions Albert C. Smith Grand High Priest, Joseph S. Barney Deputy Grand High Priest, Charles Harris Grand King, William Humphrey Grand Scribe, Richard Briggs Grand Treasurer, Zeph. H. Thomas Grand Secretary, Richard Briggs *ex off*, Daniel W. Lawrence and Henry Endicott Trustees of the Funds, Albert L. Richardson Grand Captain of the Host, Erastus Chase Grand Principal Sojourner, Nathan J. Simonds Grand Royal Arch Captain, Robert R. Fears Grand Master Third Vail, Henry F. Smith Grand Master Second Vail, Othello A. Fay Grand Master First Vail, Rev. John P. Bland Grand Chaplain, Rev. William H. Ryder Grand Chaplain, Rev. John Wright Grand Chaplain, William H. Young Grand Steward, James Donaghy Grand Steward, Eugene A. Holton Grand Lecturer, Benjamin F. Nourse Grand Tyler.

The annual ball of the Burdett Coutts Lodge will take place on Tuesday next, at the Cannon-street Hotel, under the management of the W.M. of the Lodge and an efficient body of Stewards. The proceeds of the ball will be devoted exclusively to the Masonic Charities. The Committee, therefore, solicit the kind support of Lodges and members of the Craft. Dancing will commence at nine o'clock. The price of tickets, including supper and light refreshments during the evening, are—20s double, or 10s 6d single.

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PRESENTATION TO BRO. HENRY E. TUCKER.

A FEW evenings since a number of gentlemen and tradesmen of Ealing assembled at the Feathers' Hotel, for the purpose of giving practical demonstration of their esteem and regard for Bro. Henry E. Tucker, who has for the past seven years successfully managed the affairs of the Ealing Branch of the London and South Western Bank. The proceedings were of a semi-private character, but we have no doubt that our readers will be glad to learn that the assiduous labours of Bro. Tucker, both in his public and private capacities, have been thus befittingly recognised. Those who assembled to witness the ceremony of presentation, were first of all entertained at an excellent dinner providedby Bro. Stephens. The loyal toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. H. Kasner (chairman), in proposing the toast of the evening, could say of Bro. Tucker—and what he said would be cordially endorsed—whether in his official position, or connected with the numerous institutions in the town with which his name was identified, was essentially the right man in the right place. He had been amongst them now between seven and eight years, and during that period he had associated his name, and lent his valuable assistance to whatever had been brought forward for the benefit of the town and neighbourhood. It mattered not whether the matter was a small one or a large one, if it were for the interest of the town and its inhabitants Bro. Tucker at once threw his heart and soul into the movement. The same remarks would apply to his official position, as those who had dealings with him could testifiy; if he could assist any one of them he would willingly do so. He was sure the astute and clever body of men at the head of the South Western Bank were aware of the value of Bro. Tucker, and the esteem in which he was held in Ealing. The testimonial, which it was his privilege to hand to Bro. Tucker, certainly proved the esteem in which he was held by those who more immediately knew him. As regarded the town generally, what was there ever got up for the happiness or welfare of the people, that Bro. Tucker, since his residence there, had not been identified with? It would be difficult to find any one to take his place, and impossible to find any one to excel him. He could say a great deal more respecting their friend, but he would only add, that in getting up this little testimonial the promoters, being his more immediate friends, had not made any public appeal to the inhabitants; and the success of the testimonial was entirely owing to those good qualities which Bro. Tucker was well known to possess. Without saying more, he would at once proceed, in the name of the subscribers, to make the presentations. The first thing he had to present was a handsome marble clock, which bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
H. E. TUCKER, Esq.
with a
Gold Watch and Purse of 65 Guineas,
by his
Friends in Ealing and District,
January 1882.

The maker assured the Committee that this had something to do with that venerable old clock which went ninety years without slumbering, and it was hoped that the recipient would live many years to hear it tick, and that it would be handed down to his children to show the esteem in which their father was held, and to lead them in his footsteps. He next had to present a gold watch for Mrs. Tucker, who was esteemed equally with her husband, by those who knew her. He was not going into the question of the little ones—but feeling that a father knew what was best for his children, he also had the pleasure of presenting Bro. Tucker with a purse containing sixty-five guineas. In conclusion, Bro. Kasner said Bro. Tucker's great aim of life had been to impart happiness to others, and the sincere wish of the subscribers to this testimonial was that he might live many years in Ealing, and enjoy happiness and prosperity. Bro. H. E. Tucker rose, with feelings of great emotion. It was rarely that a man who had been only seven years in a place was called upon to receive such a recognition from his friends. He was very proud indeed to be called upon to receive so handsome a testimonial, especially as it came from the hands of one who was the first to show his friendship on his coming to take charge of the bank. He also saw around him gentlemen whom he had to meet in daily life; he was proud to say the same feeling was exhibited in public as in private relations. Ever since he came out in public he had been actuated by one desire, and that was to steer a straight course, and as long as he continued to hold his present, or any other office, he should strive not to deviate either to the right or to the left. It was particularly gratifying to him to receive the testimonial at the present juncture, when, acting on medical advice, he had been obliged to give up several appointments he held in connection with the town. The fact was, he had been trying to do too much—attending two or three meetings almost every evening—but he found his health would not permit of this great strain upon his constitution, hence he had been obliged to relinquish several offices. It was with much regret that he had been compelled to do so, as when he set his hand to the plough he did not like to turn back. If, however, he remained in Ealing, as he hoped he might do—for that appeared to him his home—he should continue to do his duty, trusting to retain the many friendships which it had been his happiness to form; he had endeavoured as far as possible to promote the welfare of those by whom he was surrounded.—*Middlesex County Times.*

Bro. D. M. Robinson, a very old and highly respected Craftsman, was on Wednesday unanimously elected W.M. of the Vitruvian Lodge. At the same time a valuable Past Master's jewel was voted to the retiring Master, Bro. John Skirving, who has performed the duties of the office with honour to himself and credit to the Lodge.

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LEBANON.—ITS MEMORIES AND LESSONS.

From the Voice of Masonry.

IT was night—dark, quiet, silent night. The intense heat of the day that had closed was being modified by the cooler hours of approaching midnight, yet sleep came not to my wearied and exhausted frame. It was long ago, when I was younger and fresher and stronger than now; yet, worn with the labours of the day, and with deep anxiety about the future—the privations and labours of, perhaps, years to come—I laid down near the door of my tented home beneath the spreading boughs of a fragrant and grand old cedar which had grown for centuries on the side of Lebanon. There I sought and waited for rest and slumber. The craft, known as the Tyrian Workmen, whom the King of Tyre had sent to Solomon to perform the special service of preparing timber for the contemplated building on Moriah, were, like myself, seeking rest from the exhausting labours of the day. They were gathered in groups or singly, some sleeping, some conversing on matters pertaining to the plans and purposes of the great enterprise, the object, the manner and duration of their labours, and, the work completed, their return to home and friends and rest, to enjoy a well-earned reward. It was a night and a scene such as Syrian landscapes and Syrian skies and Syrian mountain-airs alone could furnish two thousand and more years ago. The skies were clear and bright, the stars shone with a brilliancy known to no other clime, the old forest trees waved their branches gently, as though stirred by the wings of disporting spirits—prophets and kings and saints of the still elder days, while the airs were scarcely equalled by those exhaled from the "groves and gardens of Araby the blest."

Away down along the mountain sides, and around about up to higher zones, from which a plateau overlooked the lower lands bending toward the coast-range, where the toiling thousands were wooing rest, there came occasionally a tumult of voices, now rising almost to confusion, and now sinking to an occasional expression—murmuring or earnest or vehement, and at last quietly subsiding until there seemed to be only a faint whisper, as though night were folding its wings, and then—silence like the sleep of the grave.

I listened and waited and wondered; what could all this mean; by whom were all these babbling midnight noises made, and for what purpose or object? Suddenly the sounds came again, voices were uttered, discussions ensued, and opinions advanced, some of which seemed to meet the general approval, but into which there was occasionally interjected a different or discordant note. Occasionally I could catch something about the wonderful enterprise, the great Temple to be erected in Jerusalem, and to be devoted to the exclusive worship of the God of Israel. Now and then a reference was made to the subordinate part the speakers were acting in the great enterprise, their promise of ample rewards and their hopes of final return to homes and friends in Tyre—to be toilers and wanderers no more.

And then all was quiet again. Sleep came at last to all, as it came to me, and nature claimed its séance, and the wearied frames rested, and the vesper hymns of a quiet world were chanted by the spirits that waited and worshipped amid the forests and mountain ranges of grand old Lebanon. And then came the whispering of a waking world, the first faint auroral glow along the distant orient, the departure of dreams and visions, the hush of angel-wings, and the advance courier of another day; and then came once more the stern realities of life, the preparations for active exertion, and toil and tears again. Such was life on the summit and declivities of Lebanon, while work preliminary to the great achievement was going forward. Mighty and beautiful Lebanon, shall I ever forget thee or the lessons learned in thy green and golden retreats? Never, while memory remains, or the heart clings to lessons of wisdom taught and treasured there.

Days and months and years passed away, while the work went steadily forward. It was a cold, dark, gloomy morning; the chill winds from the surrounding hill-tops came with shivering on their wings, and told of their birthplace among the snow banks of the higher mountain regions. Three or four of the operative craftsmen met, as was their custom, either to consult about the coming labours of the day, or to receive or give instructions in relation to the character and designs of the work now approaching its completion. The giant cedars that had taken root and grown and flourished in Lebanon for a thousand years, had fallen before the blows of the sturdy Tyrians, and now they were taking shape and form, under the direction of the architect, for their appropriate places in the building. The plans had been drawn and the work accomplished by one specially appointed and fitted for the task, by these very workmen who often met in the dim, hazy atmosphere of the morning, or in the gloaming of the eventide. It was an ordinary occasion, an event of every-day life amid the activities of the upper Lebanon.

"We part to-day," said one who had been a co-labourer for years in preparing material for the construction of that Temple which was to be, not only the crowning glory of Israel, but "the joy of the whole earth." "We are Tyrians, and the peculiarities of our religion have been imbedded in our natures for centuries; they have grown with our growth and mingled with our natures until we could see nothing beyond the dim outlines of our idol-worship, and yet may we not be in error, in whole or in part? May not our deities be but a dark reflection of the God of Israel, and our forms of worship but a mockery of that higher and purer worship outlined and prefigured by the preparations of such a house of worship as are indicated by the wonderful designs after which we have been labouring for years? I await a reply."

"You surprise me, brother," said the person addressed, "and yet it is not surprising, if all things are considered. The circumstances surrounding us from childhood, the limited culture we received in early life, and the strong influences by which belief and character were formed, all attest the powerful influences of early education. We believed in our Tyrian Deities and in our national habits of idolatry. We *may* have been right, but, somehow, I begin to doubt it after working so long in the preparation of material for the projected Temple at Jerusalem. And believe me, my brother, I am not alone in these doubts about the substantial, or what we have supposed to be the substantial truths of our Tyrian religion. We are born to live and die as the wild animals of the mountains, the forests, or the sea; is there nothing further, nothing beyond?"

"I am equally surprised with yourself," said the other. "When I came up here to aid in preparing materials for the wonderful Temple, it was in obedience to the commands of our King Hiram, and with all my inborn and life-cultured sentiments about religion; they were seeds planted centuries ago, and fostered by example and culture from generation to generation. But the horizon of my thoughts has been enlarged, and in the opening dawn of what I begin to imagine a brighter day, induces me to think I *may* have been mistaken, and have failed to comprehend the great truths that were hitherto concealed and shrouded by the sleep and prejudices of centuries of heathenism. I have lived and wandered and worked amid these grey old mountains, now covered with the snow of winter, and now fragrant with aroma shaken from the boughs of these old cedars, which for thousands of years have been the glory of Lebanon. I have stood in early morning on these hill-sides, and wondered to see the sun rising from the verge of yon eastern sky, and followed his path of glory to mid-day, and down to even-tide, and waited in confidence for his appearance again in the morning, and I have said: "That is God!" But I was mistaken. I have looked around upon these craggy, grey, and grand old mountains, covered about their summits with snows and frosts of centuries, and asked how were they formed, by what mighty hand were they upheaved, and how and when? I have sat at the door of my tent of boughs and looked away over the quiet sea, and around on the low-lands of sea-girt Palestine, and the Tyrian vessels that lay in the harbour, loaded or loading, with the produce of nations, I said: 'Whence all this?' Tyrian deities sink into nothingness in view of these wondrous scenes of beauty and grandeur. There *must* be a higher Power, a greater wisdom, a more abundant goodness, though at present partly concealed from our half-opened vision. And these, my brother, are the awakening sentiments pervading the thoughts of many of our associate Tyrian workmen, for I am frequently a deeply interested and attentive listener to their conversations."

Such was the tenour of the half free and half confidential conversation frequently indulged in by those men of mountains during the hours of rest, at morning noon or night. The sentiment was growing and spreading and the old Tyrian idolatry was rapidly being undermined by the anxious inquiries and discussions among the thousands of Tyrian workmen scattered around among the forests of Lebanon. It was the auroral of a brighter day and a higher and purer sentiment—the rupture of the first link in that chain which had fettered the Tyrian in ignorance for a thousand years. A beam of light seemed to be breaking upon their mountain homes, and a brighter star shone from the clear glowing heavens above them. There was the bright, sparkling, limitless western sea, spreading out apparently into unmeasured space, with its wavelets dancing and laughing in the bright rays of the morning sunlight, and reflecting back the glow of the sky which circled above it. Nearer were the bending shores of the coast, glowing and golden with the abundant harvests which waited for the reapers. Over the higher grounds and meadowy plateaus feasted or rested the herds which added to the wealth of the nation and made Tyre the home of plenty, and its King second in wealth and power only to Solomon.

After a day of toil came the evening shadows, and the workmen rested from their labours, while they enjoyed the refreshment their honest toil of the day had merited, and for which the healthful and bracing air of the mountains gave them a zest. After their temperate repast was finished, during which the labours of the past day were discussed, and the future with its hopes and prospects contemplated, other workmen from neighbouring points called for pleasant conversation and mutual exchange of opinions. There were different characters among this pleasant circle of gathered workmen; some were growing aged and almost venerable with years, though still active and vigorous—the result of temperance and industry, the outdoor life and the health-giving airs of the spreading forest, mingled occasionally with the tincture of sea breezes that now and then came to modify the perfume of the cedars and impart strength and buoyancy to the dwellers and toilers amid the mountains. But before I wait to take note of the evening's interview, let me remind the reader of a few descriptive and historic facts.

Mount Lebanon is one of the world's landmarks. It belongs to a mountain chain in Syria, running parallel with and not far back from the coast of Levant. At the time of which I write it was a portion of the frontiers of Tyre, a small city and nation on the coast. Its main posts were those of Tyre and Sidon, built in close proximity to each other, and the latter was afterwards absorbed by the former, until Sidon fell into decay and ruin. Hiram was the reigning King, and though a heathen, was the particular friend of King David, and his son and successor Solomon as well. Out of this friendship grew the contract between the two monarchs, by which, for a consideration, Hiram furnished the "men of Tyre" to prepare timber from the cedars of Lebanon for the new temple to be erected in Jerusalem for the worship of the God of Israel, and which work occupied a period of several years duration for its completion.

The cedars of Lebanon were known and appreciated from the earliest times, at least a thousand years before the advent of the promised Shiloh. They grew to a gigantic size in girth, while the branches spread to an immense circumference, but the trees rarely exceeded fifty feet in height. A small grove only of these trees remain, and they are of comparatively modern growth, yet some of them are estimated to be from ten to forty feet in girth, and may be from two to four hundred years old; and there is one old gnarled and

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knotty fellow sixty-three feet in circumference, following the sinuosities of the bark, and whose age cannot even be guessed at. These trees grow near the base of the higher mountain peaks, where there is abundance of free air, a pure atmosphere, and plenty of water. The wood of the trunk is of a reddish colour, and when the bark is broken, emits a resin, fragrant and pungent. The timber in the modern growth of the trees is soft and easily cracks. It was formerly used in embalming and for other purposes, when preservative qualities and fragrance were especially desirable. But the forests are now nearly extinct, and the wood is rarely obtained or used for anything but small fancy articles. Indeed, it is difficult to procure, for the Druses and other tribes that now dwell in Lebanon regard the trees with such veneration that they protect them with great care, and will not permit strangers to destroy them.

These trees have been planted in many of the countries of Europe, and thrive well in parts of Great Britain. Twenty odd years ago I saw a fine specimen growing in the Jardin Des Plants, at Paris, France. It was twelve or fifteen inches in diameter near the ground, and rose to an elevation of forty or fifty feet—straight, with a smooth bark; it was young yet, and vigorous, while the limbs branched in circles from the main stem, at from ten to fifteen inches apart. It was a beautiful tree, and doubtless much improved by culture. We wonder that this historic tree has not been transplanted to the United States, as any number of the young plants can be obtained in the gardens and nurseries near Liverpool, England, grown from the seed. Its aspects and form would be greatly changed by the transfer into a new climate and better soil, and it would become the beauty of American Parks. But the grand, rough, gnarled old trees that once grew on the sides of Lebanon, fresh and fragrant after a thousand years of growth, will be seen no more; they will be but myths in almost forgotten ages, and associated chiefly with the first Temple at Jerusalem. Farewell, old tree, with all thy beautiful memories, and all thy grand and historical associations, farewell for ever.

The conversation was continued as follows:

We had gathered, as I said, beneath the boughs of a majestic old monarch of the mountains, which had rooted and grown and branched in the soil, sun and winds of Lebanon for a thousand years. The earth was covered with a *debris* of twigs and smaller limbs gathered from younger trees, and fragrant with an aroma found nowhere else. In the foreground were logs fitted for and occupied as seats, and in that inner recess, on some smaller boughs, prepared with extra care, and near which bubbled, cold and clear from the mountain side, a small but life-giving and perpetual fountain, was my place for rest and slumber when the labours of the day were ended. Seated around in a semi-circle, after the usual evening salutations, one of the most observant and far-seeing Tyrians observed:

"There is something in this new religion prevailing at Jerusalem, and everywhere among the men of Israel and servants of Solomon, that awakens in me new thoughts and new and singular emotions. It has been pressing upon my mind for days and weeks, and I feel like unburdening my thoughts to my fellow countrymen of a different religion. Only to-day a learned and bearded Israelite, who is charged with the supervision of certain work we are now engaged on, called upon me during our mid-day rest, and indulged in a long and free conversation upon this very subject. He tells me that the Jewish religion is, to a large extent, one of symbols and ceremonies. He declares their Deity is so great in His power and glorious in His perfections that they can comprehend Him but partially, and that only through symbolic representations. But he expects that, when this new and gorgeous Temple shall be completed, to get nearer to Him and realize His wonderful attributes. That the new worship shall be by offering sacrifices to Him—the blood of animals, the fire and incense upon an altar, music and ceremony, song and invocation; and that in response to all this He will hear and answer the prayers of His people. That the Jews, under His fostering and fatherly care, shall be His peculiar people, great and mighty and prosperous. Is not all this a wondrous story, and are the statements and predictions true? What think you, men of Tyre?"

The gathered workmen sat in profound silence, and listened with intense anxiety to this new, and to them mysterious and wonderful revelation. And when, after a pause, he went on to say that all the virtues and excellencies required from men and in obedience to this new and glorious system of religion were represented and taught by signs and symbols, and that our knowledge was to be obtained and our characters formed by this system of symbolism, astonishment grew to a higher pitch, and the audience waited in deepest silence for further revelations.

But the evening was passing away, and it was time for rest and meditation. The moon was mounting above the waves of the distant sea, the stars bespangling the heavens, the softly breathing zephyrs were chanting their vesper hymns, and nature sank to rest, and so did the teacher and his audience, all hoping for further instructions in the future.

But my story is growing too long, and I shall have to reserve many of these lessons and memories for the hereafter; but my visitors came again on an evening in the near future, and conversation showed that light was increasing and knowledge growing among the workmen as the end of their labour approached. The simple tools and instruments they had been using in their daily tasks voiced new thoughts, and constantly added to their new conceptions of higher duties and the practice of the great moral virtues.

"Why," said the teacher of the former evening, "we are learning the true system of living—of the true character of every-day duties, and how we should perform them. The Square, an instrument used by us every day, teaches us to be moral and upright in our behaviour, and faithful in our obedience to the Deity. The Compasses indicate that we should so circumscribe our actions that in all things we may be faultless, while we wait and wonder and worship." The speaker paused and pondered, as though burdened with revelations of the new, and to the Tyrians, strange and mysterious light,—about the revealments of the present, and the dream-like foreshadowings of what was coming in the near future—a greater Deity, a purer worship, and a hereafter full of the sunlight of a better and higher life.

And here I shall, for the present at least, bid adieu to dear old Lebanon, its glorious forests, its fragrance and perfumes, its pure air and its life of honest toil, and health and happiness. Never can those days return again, but life goes on, and immortality will soon dawn upon humanity, revealing nobler mountains, purer airs, and a more glorious existence.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present—Bros. S. Rosenthal (in the chair), William Roebuck, G. P. Britten, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), Leopold Ruf, W. H. Perryman, H. Massey, Donald M. Dewar, Alfred Williams, W. Maple, F. Adlard, W. H. Saunders, Edward Baxter, A. F. Godson, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The Report of the Audit Committee was read by the Secretary, and received and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques in payment of the accounts recommended thereby. An outfit of £5 was granted to a former pupil, now in a situation, on a testimonial of a flattering character from his employers: and a grant of £20, made at the January meeting to an ex-pupil, on condition that his friends made up the remaining sum required to article him to an architect and surveyor, was confirmed, the Secretary reporting that the friends had contributed the balance necessary. The Committee then adjourned.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Colonel J. Creaton (Chairman), J. H. Leggott, James Brett, J. Newton, J. Bulmer, G. Bolton, W. March, W. Clarke, C. J. Perceval, A. J. Duff-Filer, Raynham W. Stewart, A. F. A. Woodford, C. A. Cottebrune, J. R. Gallant, Charles Daniel, Charles Lacey, C. G. Dilley, William Hilton, C. G. Rushworth, Charles Atkins, J. A. Farnfield, Edgar Bowyer, Frederick Adlard, and James Terry (Secretary). The minutes of the 11th January were read and verified. The death of three annuitants and an approved candidate were reported. The Warden's Report was read, and the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for the annuitants, and the current quarter's accounts. Applications were made by two widows for half their late husband's annuity, which were granted. The Secretary submitted a statement of receipts and disbursements, also a statement of the number of candidates for the May election. Of the males there were forty-seven candidates for sixteen vacancies, and it was resolved that nineteen should be elected. Of the female candidates there were sixty-three with nine vacancies, and it was resolved that twelve should be elected. Of the approved, sixteen men and nine widows will be elected immediate candidates, leaving three of each class to be deferred until vacancies occur after the 19th of May. A proof of the balloting papers was laid on the table. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart was appointed Solicitor to watch the interests of the Institution in the two Railway Bills of the Brighton Co. now before Parliament.

Dr. Eberle (now of Thirsk), for the past seven years Principal of the Medical College, Easingwold, has been presented by the inhabitants with a massive black marble timepiece, beautifully decorated in the Egyptian style, and being on a silver tablet the following inscription:—

"Presented to J. J. Eberle, Physician, in recognition of the high esteem in which he was held during his residence in Easingwold."

The Installation Meeting of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, will take place on Tuesday next, the 14th inst. Bro. Usher Back is the incoming Master, and Bro. A. Withers will officiate as Installing Officer.

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A MOST DESERVING CASE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

41 and 43 Princess-street, Manchester.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—May I ask you to kindly insert in your next issue the following statement of facts and appeal on behalf of a most deserving case of distress which has come under my notice, as Chairman of the Charity Committee of East Lancashire, the particulars of which were embodied in a Petition to the Grand Lodge of Benevolence, and forwarded to the Grand Secretary by me on the 16th day of December last.

The Petition sets forth :—

1. That your petitioner's husband was initiated into Freemasonry in the Sutherland Lodge of Unity, No. 460, at Newcastle-under-Lyme, in the year 1864, and continued a subscribing member thereto for 15 years, served the various offices therein, and was elected Worshipful Master in the years 1870, 1871, and 1873; he also joined the Sutherland Lodge, No. 451, at Burslem, in the year 1871, and also the Portland Lodge, 637, at Stoke-on-Trent, and was appointed Senior Grand Warden of Staffordshire in the year 1872 by the then Provincial Grand Master, the Right Honourable the Earl of Shrewsbury.
2. That he was also associated with the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association from its establishment in 1871, as one of the Committee during the years 1871 and 1872, and elected Vice-President during the same year, and afterwards Secretary from 1875 to 1879.
3. That he was a Life Governor on the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and served Stewardships for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in the year 1874, with a list of £63; and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons in 1875, with a list of £102 10s.
4. That your petitioner's husband was in affluent circumstances, but in the years 1878 and 1879, from speculations, he lost everything he possessed, and about sixteen months ago left your petitioner, and she has had no tidings of him since, leaving your petitioner with six children, viz. :—

Eunice,	aged	19	years, who is in a situation.
James	„	14	These two are earning small amounts
Henry	„	11	in situations in Manchester.
Sidney	„	8	
Edward	„	6	
Stanley	„	3	

5. That your Petitioner has been located in Manchester some time, and has no means of existence but by the casual help of a few friends.
6. That your Petitioner has not the slightest idea whether her husband is living or dead.

Under these circumstances she prays that the sympathy showed by her husband towards the distressed, when he was in affluent circumstances, will be reciprocated towards her."

By the next post the petition was returned to me, accompanied by a letter, of which the following is a copy :—

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
Grand Secretary's Office,
17th December 1881.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 16th instant, and regret I cannot put the Petition on the list, as the Lodge of Benevolence has no power to deal with a case of this kind.

I am, Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE G.S.

Bro. J. L. Hine P.P.S.G.W. E.L.,
Chairman of the Charity Committee E. Lancashire.

I forbear from making any comment, but I cannot refrain from bringing this case before the notice of the Craft generally (inasmuch as the portals of organised Masonic Charity are closed to this worse than "widow," who by no act of her own is, with a large family, reduced from affluence to the lowest ebb of poverty and distress) in the hope that an appeal to the Benevolent Mason for assistance will not be in vain.

Her husband, as the Petition states, held high office in his Province, and in his time was energetic and charitable. All the allegations contained therein are verified, and I together with Bro. Huet, W.M. of the Shakespere Lodge, 1009, who well knew her husband and family in their affluent circumstances, visited her personally, and can corroborate the statement as to her present position.

It is not my wish to take up more of your valuable space than is absolutely necessary, nor to enlarge upon the merits. The Petition speaks for itself.

Under the circumstances I therefore appeal to the Craft generally. I can conscientiously state that in my experience with cases of Charity, extending over a period of more than a quarter of a century, I never met with one more deserving of sympathy, nor one that calls more loudly for help.

It is hoped that by this means sufficient may be raised to place her in some position wherein, with her own exertion, she may be enabled to provide for herself and family.

The undermentioned Brethren have kindly undertaken to receive subscriptions, which will be thankfully received and acknowledged.

I am,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully,

J. L. HINE, P. Prov. S.G.W. E.L.
Chairman of the Charity Committee of East Lancashire.

Bro. Thos. Taylor, P. Prov. S.G.W. Staffordshire, Havelock-place, Hanley, Staffordshire.
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„ Henry Thomas, Prov. G. Sup. of Works E.L., Hamilton-street, Oldham.

CLIQUISM.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I quite endorse what your correspondent "SYMPATHISER" has written on the subject of "Cliquism." If a Lodge desires to go on prosperously, it must be clear to every member that there should be a minimum of meddling on the part of the authorities in the election and appointment of Officers. There should be no canvassing, no undue solicitation in favour of this or that brother. While merit above the average may properly be rewarded out of the regular course, it is also desirable, and, indeed, will be found most conducive to the interests of the Craft, that brethren who are worthy should be advanced from office to office. It requires unusual strength of mind to acquiesce, without remonstrance, in being passed over even by a brother who is admittedly one's superior. How much more difficult, then, must it be when the claims of one brother to promotion are advanced over those of another who is in little or no respect superior? Let it be remembered—and it cannot be too widely or too generally made public in our Lodges—that "Cliquism" is the deadly foe of harmony, and without harmony it is impossible for a Lodge to prosper.

Fraternally yours,

T. E. A.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 2nd inst., under the presidency of the Earl of Mar and Kellie G. Master. The S.W.'s chair being filled by the Earl of Breadalbane J.G.W., while Major Crombie acted as J.G. Warden. The other Grand Office-bearers in attendance were Bros. R. F. Shaw Stewart Sub. G.M., D. Murray Lyon G. Sec., David Kinnear G. Cashier, Rev. W. W. Tulloch G. Chaplain, Andrew Kerr G. Architect, John S. Matheson G. Jeweller, George Fisher G. Bible Bearer, Major Hills G. Director of Ceremonies, Sir Molyneux H. Nepean G. Bard, J. T. S. Elliott jun. of Wolfelee, G. Sword Bearer, James Turner President, and James Crichton Vice-President of the Board of G. Stewards, Pearce Prov. G.M. Glasgow, Martin Prov. G.M. Dumbartonshire, W. Mann Proxy Prov. G.M. of all India, W. Officer Representative of the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and Egypt, W. Maclean Representative of the Grand Lodge of the Bahamas, James Dalrymple Duncan Proxy Prov. G.M. Newfoundland, Col. James T. Stewart Proxy Prov. G.M. Peru, F. A. Barrow Glasgow Proxy Prov. G.M. Bermuda, Sheriff Thoms, W Hay Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. The Earl of Breadalbane and Sir Molyneux Nepean, Bart., who had been elected as Junior Grand Warden and Grand Bard respectively, were formally installed into office and took the usual obligation. The Finance Committee reported that for the month ending 21st ult., the income amounted to £374, and the expenditure to £290, whilst in the corresponding month last year the income was £343, and the expenditure £219. A report of the Fund of Masonic Benevolence showed that during the three months ending 26th January £133 had been voted for Charity. A statement of the accounts of Grand Lodge was submitted for the year from 30th November 1880, which showed that the income had been £3535, including £863 of rents and £45 of interest; and the expenditure, including £429 of interest, £2253—the excess of income being £1282. The funds and estate at the end of the year amounted to £19,387, and on 30th November 1880 to £18,105. During the year there had been 3865 entrants to the Order, and 49 applications. There had been 16 charters issued to new Lodges. Regarding the Masonic Fund of Benevolence, a statement for the same period showed an income of £661, and expenditure to the amount of £501, of which £182 had been devoted to Charity. The funds and estate amounted at the beginning of the year to £5712, and at the end to £5872. It was reported by the Grand Committee that a recommendation by a special Committee had been approved, to the effect that the office of Grand Tyler, whose proper place was on the outside of the door of the Grand Lodge, should be conjoined with that of the Hallkeeper; that Grand Lodge should create the honorary

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office of Grand Pursuivant, whose duty should be to guard the door of Grand Lodge on the inside, and that the resident housekeeper be dispensed with, and the duties of that office be undertaken by the Hallkeeper, who, with his wife, should be resident on the premises. It was further reported that from a list of sixty-seven candidates they had appointed Bro. Joseph Paterson, Alloa, as Hallkeeper, at a yearly salary of £85, with free house, coal and gas. This was approved of by Grand Lodge. Bro. Frederick Ernest Villiers, of Closeburn, was, on the petition of the Prov. G. Lodge and several Lodges, appointed to the office of Prov. G. Master of Dumfriesshire, in room of Bro. Lauderdale Maitland, deceased. Grand Lodge, on the recommendation of Brother Robert Beveridge, M.D., the Prov. Grand Master of Aberdeen City, resolved that a charter should be issued to Lodge Bon Accord, Aberdeen. Satisfactory reports of the condition of the Lodges and of the state of Masonry within their Provinces were submitted from the Prov. Grand Masters of the Middle Ward of Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire by Bros. J. Clark Forrest and Colonel Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Bart., who had already received the thanks of the Grand Committee. A copy was submitted of the annual report of Proceedings of the P.G.L. of Peebles and Selkirkshires, in which a favourable view of the present state of Masonry in that Province was given; and thanks were voted to the Provincial Grand Lodge for its diligence. Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of thirteen members of Grand Committee, when the following were chosen, namely, Bros. Dr. J. Falconer Proxy District Grand Master New South Wales, Dr. J. Middleton, Colonel J. T. Stewart Proxy Provincial Grand Master Peru, J. D. Duncan Proxy Provincial Grand Master Newfoundland, James Crichton Master of Lodge 1, David Hume Master of Lodge 520, George Fisher Grand Bible Bearer, J. Guthrie Smith, Andrew Kerr, John Morgan Master 219, Councillor Alexander Henry, Peter Sinclair, and Francis S. Melville. Brother MacFarlane, Dumbarton, proposed, and Bro. M'Nidder seconded the following motion: "That Grand Lodge expresses disapproval of the custom which prevails in some places of using Masonic emblems for business purposes (other than those properly pertaining to the Craft), and direct daughter Lodges to exhort any of their members, who may be guilty of this un-Masonic and mercenary practice, to discontinue the same." In supporting this resolution, Bro. MacFarlane said the main object was to get at the principal offenders with regard to Masonic emblems—he referred to the brethren in connection with the public house interest. He did not desire to give a teetotal lecture—he was not a teetotaller himself—but he did not see why those brethren should use Masonic emblems for the purpose of promoting their trade. He had seen them in Aberdeen and in his own town, and doubtless they were to be seen in almost every town of any size. After some discussion as to the exact terms of the resolution, Bro. W. Officer moved the previous question. He held that Grand Lodge should not deal with this matter, as it involved delicate questions. The practice, he said, was universal, and Masons were taught to give a preference in their dealings to Masonic brethren. The amendment was seconded by Bro. A. W. Rennie, and carried by a majority. The remaining business having been disposed of, Grand Lodge was closed with the accustomed formalities.

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VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, ON AN ISLAND. At 8, THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, OURS.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, THE MARBLE ARCH. At 9.40, THE COLONEL.

STRAND.—At 8, MANOLA.

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FORTITUDE AND OLD CUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 12.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on the 6th instant, at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, and was numerously attended. The chair was occupied by Bro. R. Coombs W.M., he being supported by Bros. E. E. Barratt Kidder S.W., J. Bedell J.W., Dudley Rolls P.M. Treasurer, A. Snelgrove P.M. Secretary, D. Matthews S.D., G. Pigache J.D., W. Jones I.G.; Bros. Angold, Lemaitre, W. B. Kidder, L. Ruf (the father of the Lodge), Lilley, Capes, S. Rolls, Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., Past Masters; and the following, among other Visitors:—T. Vincent P.M. 1863, Valeriani J.D. 1687, A. H. Carr, Lebmeyer 1196, Dr. Ramsay P.P.G.D. Middlesex, W. Scales P.M., Cook J.W. 1744, W. R. Berkeley, William M. Stiles Worshipful Master 1507, Tate Immediate P.M. 862, Brown W.M. 862, E. Storr J.D. 167, J. J. Goode 1580, Pearson 1319, W. Marston P.M. 55, Millward 179, Rev. J. Rose 1677, Paget 228, Scott 78, Paul Storr 811, Frederick Binckes P.G.S., Christie P.M. 1287, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge having been formally opened, Brother O. F. Peall was passed to the second degree, after which Bro. E. E. Barratt Kidder the W.M. elect having been obligated, a board of Installed Masters was opened, and he was duly placed in the chair of K.S. Bro. W. B. Kidder performed the ceremony in a most perfect manner. After receiving the salutations of the brethren, the W.M. appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. Bedell S.W., Matthews J.W., Rolls Treasurer, Snelgrove Secretary, Pigache S.D., Jones J.D., H. Rolls I.G., and Marsh Tyler. The ceremony of installation was then completed, and the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge. Before doing so he invested the I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, which he did in most appropriate terms. The brethren proceeded, after the close of the Lodge, to banquet, which was provided by Messrs. Painter in first rate style. At the conclusion of the repast, grace was said by Bro. the Rev. J. Rose and then the W.M. proceeded with the toasts of the evening. With the toast of the G. Officers the name of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart was coupled, and he duly responded. The toast of the Visitors followed from the chair; the W.M. expressed the pleasure the members of the Lodge felt in seeing so many present. Nothing added more to the good feeling which existed amongst Freemasons than the frequent interchange of visits among the members of the Craft. Bro. Ramsay replied. He expressed, what he felt must be the opinion of every Visitor, the pleasure he had experienced in witnessing the perfect working of Bro. Kidder senior, and the able presidency of Bro. Kidder junior, and begged to tender to them and the other members of the Lodge the heartiest of good wishes for their future prosperity. Bro. Coombs I.P.M. then gave the health of the Master, referring to the work undertaken by Bro. Kidder to render himself fit for the office to which he had just been installed. He felt that the new Master of the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge would be able to discharge the duties of his office in such a manner as to maintain for the Lodge the high reputation which it had secured in the past. Bro. Kidder, in reply, thanked Bro. Coombs and the brethren generally for the reception they had accorded to the toast. He felt it was a very great honour for any man to occupy the position of W.M. in a Lodge which dated back as far as 1772. For himself, he fully appreciated the honour that had been paid him. Between six and seven years since he had sat in the chair as an initiate of the Lodge, and on that occasion it was remarked to him that he would never sit in it again. He then replied, no; but expressed a hope that one day he might occupy the chair next to it, and now his great ambition had been attained. He trusted he might be able to fulfil the duties appertaining to the position during the ensuing twelve months. He then proposed the health of the Past Masters, expressing the pleasure he felt in seeing so many present. Bro. Coombs replied; he felt proud at being now classed among so worthy a body of Masons as the Past Masters of No. 12. He referred particularly to the working of Bro. Kidder, who had that night installed his son into the chair of the Lodge in such a manner as to create envy in the hearts of all who heard him. He trusted it might be many years before either of the Past Masters should be missed from their seats, but that each might live for many years to take part in the working of the Lodge. He concluded by proposing the health of Bro. Kidder, the Installing Master, referring to the pride which must naturally be felt by a father when placing his son in the chair, and expressing a hope that Bro. Kidder might live to place his grandson in a similar position. Bro. Kidder responded. It had, indeed, been a great pleasure to him to have the opportunity of installing his son, more particularly as it was in his mother Lodge, as well as his son's, that the ceremony had been carried out. The Master then gave the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. They were two brethren who so ably performed their duties that he felt the Lodge must prosper so long as it had them to assist in its management. Bro. Dudley Rolls replied. He remembered how, some fifteen years since, the Lodge had met some seven or eight members strong; now they assembled in such large numbers as to severely tax the accommodation of the Old Ship and Turtle Tavern. They had that night witnessed a most pleasing ceremony—that of an esteemed Past Master of the Lodge installing his son, and when they bore in mind what an excellent Master the father had made, they could but hope the son would follow in the same course. He regretted that his colleague, the Secretary of the Lodge had been obliged to leave in consequence of a domestic affliction, but he felt justified in thanking the brethren on his behalf for the kind reception they had accorded to the toast. The toast of the Charities followed, from the chair, the W.M. referring to the presence of Bro. Fred Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School, for which Institution he (the W.M.) had undertaken the office of Steward. He trusted the brethren would do their utmost to make his list a good one, and that in due course they would not forget the other Institutions. Bro. Binckes having replied, the Master gave the toast of the Officers, impressing on them the necessity there was for studying the ritual in order that the work of the Lodge might be conducted properly. The Wardens having replied, the Tyler's toast was given, and thus finished an evening which was described as one of the most enjoyable ever remembered in this old and influential lodge. During the evening several songs and recitations were given by the brethren, which added considerably to the enjoyment of those present.

TO E. E. BARRATT KIDDER,

ON HIS INSTALLATION.

It is said, my dear Brother, you cannot well err,
While wearing the implement known as a Square,
Attached to your collar, whilst in Solomon's Chair,
As Master of Twelve Lodge for the space of a year.

The Brethren around you join in one hearty wish,
That health, peace, and friendship may ever exist;
They'll steadfastly aid you, to work with good grace,
Whilst discharging the duties of such a high place.

May the mem'ries throughout the term of your reign
Be such as you will with pleasure retain;
In feeling the P.M.'s have always sustained
An exalted position so worthily gained!

At the end of the year, with loud acclamation,
May the Brethren all, without single exception,
Vote a Past Master's jewel, in full approbation,
That the work has been done to their satisfaction!

And more we will do, Sir; as a final reward,
We'll regard your example as worthy record,
And emblazon your name, with affection's regard,
Among the old worthies whose names we applaud.

W. B. K.

EGYPTIAN LODGE, No. 27.

THE brethren of this Lodge celebrated their annual meeting on the 2nd inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Lodge was opened under the presidency of Bro. J. H. Coulson the W.M. of the past year, he being supported by the following Officers:—Bros. C. Cuthbertson S.W., Grammer J.W., H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary Treasurer, J. B. Poole P.M. Secretary, J. Murch S.D., J. King J.D., B. Haynes I.G., Chapman I.P.M., D. H. Jacobs P.M., W. H. Libbis P.M., C. Atkins P.M., T. J. Maidwell P.M., Green P.M., Hoare P.M., Harrison P.M., Lamble P.M., Walker P.M., and others. The customary routine business having been transacted the Lodge was advanced, the W.M. elect presented and duly obligated, after which a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and in the presence of twenty-three brethren, Bro. Cuthbertson was installed into the chair by his predecessor, who performed the work in a very creditable manner. Bro. Buss officiated as M.C., and Bro. Hastings Miller P.G.O. Middlesex as Organist. The Officers for the coming year were appointed as follow:—Grammer S.W., March J.W., Buss Treasurer, Poole Secretary, King S.D., Haynes J.D., Jones I.G., Hall M.C., D. H. Jacobs P.M. Steward, Hoare jun. Assistant Steward, Potter Tyler. The resignation of two members was accepted with regret, and then the Lodge was closed. Banquet followed, and at its conclusion the customary toasts were given. In proposing that of the Grand Officers, the W.M. expressed the pleasure the members of the Lodge must feel in being so intimately associated with that body. They had in one of their members a Grand Officer of England, who was respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He referred to Bro. Buss, an old P.M. of the Lodge, and its Treasurer for many years past. He felt it was indeed an honour to number such a brother among the Officers of any Lodge. On the present occasion they also had the presence of other Grand Officers—Bros. T. Cubitt and E. P. Albert. Bro. Buss, in the course of his reply, briefly referred to the work carried on by the noblemen at the head of the Craft, not only in Grand Lodge, but also in the Provinces of which they were the heads; he felt that they had proved themselves worthy of the respect in which they were held. Bro. Cubitt referred to the loss the Lodge had sustained in the death of Bro. John Savage, who had for a space of thirty years officiated as Installing Master of the Lodge; and in the decease of Bro. Coutts, who was also a worthy member of the Craft. He paid a just compliment to the Installing Master, and also to the W.M. for his able presidency, and wished the Lodge every success in the future. Bro. Albert also replied. Bro. Coulson I.P.M. said he now claimed the attention of the brethren; the toast he had to propose was that of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Their present W.M. had most satisfactorily filled every junior office, and now that he was a ruler and governor of the Craft he would doubtless do all that lay in his power to maintain the good reputation he had already acquired. The Past Masters would do all they could to assist him, and he felt assured that under the rul-

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of Brother Cuthbertson, the Egyptian Lodge would continue its prosperity. The Worshipful Master said he fully appreciated the reception that had been accorded to the toast. Every Master who had preceded him had so efficiently performed his duty that he felt rather diffident in taking the office; however, he would do his best, and hoped he might carry out the work to their satisfaction. Before resuming his seat, he had much pleasure in proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master. Bro. Coulson had performed the work of the past year exceedingly well, and on the occasion of the installation had worked the ceremony so ably, that he felt much pleasure in now presenting him with the Past Master's jewel, which had been voted by the members. He could only say that it was the sincere wish of every one that their I.P.M. might live long to wear it among them. With the toast the Worshipful Master coupled the health of the Past Masters generally, referring to the creditable way in which each in turn had fulfilled the duties of the chair. Bro. Coulson returned thanks. He felt it a great pleasure to be now associated with the Past Masters of the Lodge. He was glad his services, as Installing Master, had been appreciated, and gratified beyond measure at the handsome testimonial the brethren had been pleased to vote him. The toast of the Visitors followed from the chair, Bros. Lovegrove, Croaker, and Whelan replying. The Officers were duly honoured, the Worshipful Master feeling confident that the brethren he had that day appointed to assist in the ruling of the Lodge were capable of discharging the duties required of them, and that, too, in a manner which could but add to the great reputation of the Egyptian Lodge. Each of the Officers having replied, the Master proposed the Charities, to which Bro. Mason (Collector R.M.B.I.) responded, urging on the brethren the necessity of supporting the I.P.M. in his Stewardship to the best of their ability. Among the Visitors present were Bros. T. Cubitt P.G.P., E. P. Albert P.G.P., J. Weston P.M. 1602, J. Hastings Miller P.P.G.O. Middlesex, C. Parsons 1657, H. M. Levy P.M., 188, Franks P.M. 753, Lovegrove P.P.S.G.W. Middlesex, Mason P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Kennard 145, Palmer P.M. 11, Hubbard W.M. 22, B. Roberts P.M. 209, F. Croaker W.M. 185, Tubbs 749, W. Rudderforth P.M. 1668, Price 1744, Roberts S.W. 65, J. Wheaton 1185, H. Jay 174, G. Bashford 1604, J. Pigott 753, and others.

LODGE OF ECONOMY, No. 76.

THE installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. G. J. Nixon) of this Lodge took place on Monday afternoon, 30th ult., at the hall, Parchment-street, Winchester, in the presence of a full Lodge, amongst the visitors being the R.W. Prov. G. Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), and Bro. T. P. Payne, of Southampton. The beautiful ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. James Harris, P.M., who, at its conclusion, received deserved commendation for his good work. Having placed the W.M. in the chair, he proceeded, on his behalf, to invest the Officers, as under, adding to the pleasurable honour of the investment by the few well-chosen words of brotherly encouragement he addressed to each:—Bros. J. Murray P.G.S. I.P.M., Captain Hall S.W., W. H. Jacob J.W., T. Stopher P.M. Treasurer, W. Gamon P.M. Secretary, W. Sealey S.D., J. Marks J.D., J. T. Clifton and W. Stopher Stewards, E. D. Godwin P.M. Master of Ceremonies, W. Lumsden Assistant Master of Ceremonies, T. Dodd Organist, G. T. Cox I.G., Sims Tyler. An excellent banquet was served by Mr. Spriggs, of the Royal Hotel, and about thirty sat down.

ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 271.

THE annual installation meeting of the brethren of this Lodge took place on Friday afternoon, 20th ult., in the Pavilion. Among the members of the Lodge present were Bros. F. Sundius Smith W.M., T. C. Woodman S.W., A. King J.W., C. J. Corder P.M. Secretary, J. Dennant S.D., F. Cecil Parsons J.D., J. W. Campbell Master of Ceremonies, Herbert Langton I.G., T. Hughes Tyler, H. H. Hughes Assistant Tyler; J. P. M. Smith P.M., G. C. D'Albiac, H. J. Infield, George de Paris, W. H. Stuckie P.M., J. P. King, L. Dowdall, and R. J. Rogers. Among the Visitors were Bros. J. R. Holland, M.P., Hova Ecclesia 1466, W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., P.G.S. Lodge of Friendship 6, F. Graves P.M. Fitzroy 569, Lewis Lewis W.M. Yarborough 811, G. Nash W.M. Royal York 315, W. R. Wood A.G.P. England P.M. Royal York 315, J. Large Windsor Castle 771, G. Cole S.D. St. Cecilia 1636, T. Billing Royal Brunswick 732. Bro. J. C. Woodman, the newly-elected W.M., was installed into his office, and the retiring W.M., Bro. Sundius Smith, was presented with a Past Master's jewel. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where a sumptuous repast was served, the newly-elected W.M. presiding. Vocal selections were given by Bros. J. Large, J. Dennant, F. Sundius Smith, A. King, G. Cole, and T. Billing. Bro. J. R. Holland, M.P., gave a pianoforte solo, which was received with considerable applause.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1247.

THE annual banquet of this Lodge was held at Bro. C. Walter's, Farley Hotel, Plymouth, on Wednesday, 1st inst. W. Bro. J. Kinton Bond, B.A., B.Sc., &c., the Master, presided, supported by his Officers and a large number of brethren. Letters, regretting inability to attend, were read from Lord Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. of Devon, and from the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe P.G.M. of Cornwall. The Lodge, long celebrated for the musical attainments of its members, fully sustained its reputation. The songs, glees, and selections, rendered by Bros. Rendle, Gibbons, Barter, Goodall, Firks, Lancaster, Dyke, and Tracey were much admired, and the readings of Bros. Wose, Pike, and Greenlaw were simply perfect. In the course of the evening a very handsome Past Master's jewel was given to the I.P.M., engraved as follows:—"Presented to W. Bro. P. G. L. Pearce, by the brethren of Lodge 1247, as a token of their esteem and fraternal regards, 1st February A.L. 5882." The usual loyal, patriotic and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W. Master was much congratulated on his position and the prosperity of his Lodge, and the thanks of the Visitors were tendered to those who had so successfully catered for the enjoyment of all. Thanks were also given to Mrs. and Bro. C. Walter for their excellent entertainment.

St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306.—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 8th February, at Bro. Kingston's, the Moorgate Tavern, 15 Finsbury-pavement, when there was a good attendance of the brethren. The W.M., Bro. J. Magrath, occupied the chair, and was ably supported by the indefatigable I.P.M., Bro. Veal, in addition to the other Officers and brethren, as follow:—Bros. T. Wooding S.W., J. Horsley J.W., Beck P.M. Treasurer, A. G. Clements Hon. Sec., T. J. Tyer S.D., J. Couture J.D., J. G. Twinn D.C., J. Sommers Wine Steward, G. T. Holdom I.G., J. Loftus Steward; also Bros. J. W. Dawson P.M., T. J. Tarling, G. Wise, J. Carrociero, C. Hansmann, C. Whybrow, T. Morris, J. Oxley, J. M. Stevens, F. Crawley, H. T. Hardy, T. J. Barnes jun., C. Rayner. Visitors—Bros. T. Hammond P.M. Euphrates 212 and 1310, W. J. Bassett Euphrates 212, F. Honeyman Gooch 1288, T. Loane D.C. Langthorne 1421, Sherwin Organist Capper 1076. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the Lodge proceeded to ballot for Bro. Samuel Matthew Pipe, and as it proved unanimous in his favour, he was duly received and initiated into the ancient and honourable Order. The W.M. brought forward a proposition for a candidate, which was seconded and carried subject to ballot, and the Secretary having announced a letter received from Bro. P.M. Poore, acknowledging the honour conferred upon him by the Lodge in electing him an honorary member, the Lodge closed in due form with solemn prayer, and adjourned till the second Wednesday in the ensuing month. The brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast provided by the proprietor, and if quantity had anything to do with the enjoyment of those assembled, then it certainly presented itself in ample form. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured during the evening. The W.M. in proposing the health of the Initiate, spoke of him in a very praiseworthy manner, and sincerely hoped, and there was apparently no cause to doubt, that he would prove himself a worthy brother. After the usual hearty Wapping fires, the Initiate replied in a few, but well chosen, words. The Visitors' toast having been responded to. Bro. Veal I.P.M. took possession of the gavel, and said he had a pleasing duty to perform; namely, to propose the health of the Worshipful Master, and in doing so he felt compelled to tell the brethren, and he knew from experience, that not only a deal of responsibility, but a considerable amount of labour, was attached to that office, both in and out of the Lodge. He doubted whether many of the brethren present (excepting the Secretary) knew what that labour comprised. For his part he could speak feelingly on such matters, as he had already passed the position which Brother Magrath held. When he himself passed out of the chair he was proud to say that the Lodge was left in a much better position than he found it, and he was really glad to see how the present W.M., whose year of office was fast dying out, had striven, and to all appearances with success, to leave the chair with the same result as he had. As the time was quickly passing he would not detain them longer, but would ask them to be upstanding and make a good hot fire for their Worshipful Master. The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren for the unanimous way in which they had responded to the toast; if what he had done in the affairs of the Lodge met with their approbation, he was only too pleased. It was all very well to speak of the prosperous way in which the Lodge was moving, but he could not take all the credit to himself, as it of course mainly depended upon the support he received from the brethren. He could honestly say that he was favoured with a capital staff of Officers, who knew not only their particular duties, but were capable of undertaking anything they might be called upon to discharge. It mattered not, so to speak, if any Officer was absent; he had only to say, Brother So-and-So, do this or do that, and the business proceeded. There was one thing in respect to financial matters that might be referred to, and that was to tell the brethren that, when they appointed him their W.M., he found the balance of accounts on the wrong side, although Bro. Veal their I.P.M. had succeeded in reducing it during his year of office. They would be pleased to hear that the balance was now on the right side, however small it might be, and he would endeavour to keep it so, and trusted his successor would assume the office he now held with the same determination. He had not many more meetings to preside over, but he hoped, with their assistance, to retire from the chair and leave the Lodge with a more favourable balance in hand than it then had. The Officers' toast was acknowledged by the S.W. and J.W. Many of the brethren exercised their musical abilities during the evening, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

A fund is being raised in the Province of Oxfordshire to present the Prov. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, with a wedding present. Subscriptions are limited to £1 1s, and about £100 has been already raised, but further subscriptions from any former members of the Province will be gladly received at the Old Bank, Oxford.

ANSWER TO A CORRESPONDENT.

M.S. (South Africa).—We do not think the publication of either of your communications would be desirable.

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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, 11th FEBRUARY.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1338—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1634—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall. W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

MONDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
29—St. Albans, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
60—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Ship Tavern, Hart-street, Mark Lane, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruc.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
198—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel,
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
987—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1436—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1633—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1635—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1663—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1806—Bromley St. Leonard, 148 Bow-road, Bromley
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (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.
340—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
363—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
392—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
396—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
397—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge (Instruction)
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
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
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
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
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1593—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. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.

TUESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
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
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
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)
1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30)
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, 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 Bridge, 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, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Millburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—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, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 153—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
140—St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1283—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1349—Friars
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (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
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Bursiem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-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, 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, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
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 (Instruction)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 16th 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)
49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St John's Wood
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction.)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)

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1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
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
96—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
308—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
533—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1209—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
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
R.A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonian-road, Bailey
R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts

FRIDAY, 17th FEBRUARY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 Inst.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., 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)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
R.C.—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
963—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.
R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1384—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Robert Burns' Lodge of Instruction, No. 25.—North Pole, Oxford-street, 27th ult. Present—Bros. Marx W.M., Dickenson S.W., Blum J.W., Blundell S.D., Batson J.D., Harvey I.G.; Bros. Cuff, Candy, Latreille, Richardson, Green, Baker Preceptor. Lodge was opened to the second degree, and the first section of this lecture was worked by Bro. Baker. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Latreille. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed to the first. Bro. Dickenson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, 4th inst. Present—Bros. C. Lorkin W.M., Wolf S.W., R. M. Jones J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, A. Ferrar S.D., Glass J.D., Gribbell I.G., also Bros. Archer, G. Ferrar, A. M. Marks, Houghton, Hirst, Weeden, E. Woodman, Dignam, and others. Lodge opened in regular form, and minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. G. Ferrar candidate. The W.M. worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Wolf was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211.—At The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., on Thursday, 9th inst. Present—Bros. Back W.M., Payne S.W., Young J.W., Hentsch S.D., Peirce J.D., King Preceptor, Radcliffe Secretary; also Martin, Morgan, Perry, Steingraber, Rohrs, Crapper, Dignam. Visitor—Bro. Alex. Martin. Lodge was opened, and after preliminaries had been fully observed, Bro. Alfred Withers, P.M. of the Mother Lodge, ably rehearsed the ceremony of Installation, Brother Usher Back acting as W.M. elect. The usual compliment was readily paid the I.P.M. for his services, and in acknowledging the same, Bro. Withers said he hardly felt equal to the task that evening, as he had had sundry arduous duties to perform during the week. However, on Tuesday next he trusted he should be in better form, and should certainly strive to do better.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—At the meeting held at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on Monday last, there were present Bros. Nicholson, Phillips, Taplin, Fleming, Cotton, Brown, Rowles, and Brooks; Bros. Weedon P.M., W. W. Morgan, Duffin, and Tucker Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Burdett 1293, and E. Woodbridge 1612. Bro. Nicholson took the chair as W.M., and appointed the following to office:—Bros. Brooks S.W., Taplin J.W., Rowles S.D., Cotton J.D., Duffin I.G. and Tyler. The Lodge was opened with the usual ceremony, and the minutes of the previous meeting read, confirmed, and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fleming being the candidate. Bro. W. W. Morgan (honorary member of the Lodge) read a very interesting paper on "the History and Progress of the three Institutions," for which, on the proposition of Bro. Tucker (Preceptor), seconded by Bro. Brown, a unanimous vote of thanks was passed. Bro. Morgan, in acknowledging the compliment paid him, remarked that he could not but be intensely gratified at the success that attended his efforts in delivering these lectures. He had received invitations from members of several Lodges, not only in London, but in the country. So far as his engagements would permit, he should be ever ready to comply with these requests; at the same time he had a desire to see more Craftsmen following his example; he felt assured that when once it had been resolved on converting what till now was certainly an innovation into a regular function of Lodges of Instruction, the brethren generally would feel the benefit of the change. The study of the ceremonies and lectures was imperative on all Masons, but they need not be studied to the entire exclusion of other legitimate subjects of Masonic interest. From the cordial reception he had invariably met with when delivering these lectures, he felt the day was not far distant when such Papers as he had read that evening would form part of the regular proceedings of such Lodges. Of course, he did not mean to say they should be read at every meeting—once a month, perhaps, would be amply sufficient, and probably it would be to the general benefit, if, as he would respectfully suggest, the reading of the paper that might be chosen should occupy not more than from fifteen to five and twenty minutes. He again thanked them for their kindness, and should be happy on any future occasion, when they were so disposed, to read a Paper on some other equally interesting branch of Freemasonry. Bro. Brooks S.W. was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting, on the 13th. This finished the business of a very successful evening.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 3rd inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bros. C. E. Botley Hon. Sec. W.M., C. Maton S.W., F. Botley J.W., Beckett S.D., Goss P.M. J.D., Blasby P.M. I.G., Andrews P.M. Preceptor. In consequence of the foggy and unfavourable night, very few of the brethren attended. Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of the first degree having been rehearsed, the brethren were called off and on. Bro. Maton was elected W.M. for February 11th. Bro. Bailey expressed the hope that when the weather improved they might see larger attendances of the members.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Glass W.M., Edwards S.W., Dignam J.W., T. Clark S.D., Corbie J.D., Cushing I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor also Bros. Brasted, Darnell, Jones, Robinson, Christian, Smyth, Nash, Forss, Baker, Greenwood, Goslin, and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Baker candidate. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and then resumed in the second, when Bro. Glass vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wardell, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, placing Bro. Glass in the chair of K.S. Bro. Forss worked the first and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Edwards was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on the 28th of February, Bro. G. H. Stephens will preside.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro. Grey's, The Swan, Bethnal Green-road (near Shoreditch), on Thursday, 2nd inst. Present—Bros. Horley W.M., Stroud S.W., Robinson J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Free Secretary, Gieseke Treasurer, Benjamin S.D., Wolf I.D., Pearcy I.G.; also Bros. Cleverley, D. Moss, A. M. Marks, G. H. Clark, Morris, Leoffler, Grey, J. Andrews, Simmonds, &c. Lodge being opened in usual form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Cleverley answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cleverley being the candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge closed in the second degree. Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the first lecture, assisted by Bro. Pearcy; and the fourth section, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Andrews worked the fifth, assisted by Bro. D. Moss. Brother Strond was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The sum of £2 2s was voted out of the funds of the Lodge for the R.M.B.I.,

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the same to be placed on Bro. Robinson's Stewardship list, after which Lodge was closed.

On Thursday, 9th February, Bros. J. Green W.M., E. C. Porter S.W., S. Dyer J.W., J. Wells Sec., W. Seward S.D., C. Andrews P.M. J.D., T. Smith I.G.; Bros. Cunningham, J. W. Woolmer P.M. After preliminaries, Bro. Hall answered the questions leading to second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. C. Andrews P.M. candidate. The Lodge was closed to first degree. The sum of £2 2s, from the Benevolent Fund, was unanimously voted for the benefit of the wife and family of a deceased brother. Lodge was then closed in due form.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—Held at the Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal-green Junction, Great Eastern Railway, Wednesday, 8th instant. Bros. Jones W.M., Chitson S.W., Clark J.W., Bonner S.D., Sturtevant J.D., Brittain I.G., Moss Acting Preceptor, Hand Secretary, Hammond, &c. After preliminaries the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Brother Hammond candidate. Brother Hammond answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. The W.M. opened the Lodge in the second degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Brother Chitson the S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and nothing further offering, Lodge was closed.

Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 26th January, where there was a goodly muster of brethren. Among those present were Bros. Blackie P.M. 1426 as W.M., Room S.W., White J.W., Saul P.M. Preceptor, Goodenough Hon. Sec.; also Bros. T. Hamer P.M. 1426, Keeble J.W. 1426, E. A. Baber P.M., Fendick, J. Lawrence, F. T. Davis, Rob. Greening, and several others. The Lodge was opened in due form at 6.30 p.m., and the ceremony of initiation ably rehearsed by Bro. Blackie, Bro. Lodge acting as candidate. The Lodge was then called off for refreshment; during the interval a ballot was taken for a Life Governorship of one of the Charities, which fell to the lot of Bro. Keeble J.W. 1426, after which the brethren adjourned to a room below, where the tables were laid for supper, which was very nicely served by the host, Bro. Wood. After supper the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with songs, and the brethren separated about 10.30, having spent a very pleasant evening. The Supper was presided over by Bro. C. Taylor W.M. 1426.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—On Thursday, the 2nd instant, at Bro. Stephens', the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. G. Coop W.M., E. C. Porter S.W., A. Jones J.W., Cunningham S.D., T. Smith J.D., C. P. Bellerby I.G., J. Owen acting Secretary; also Bros. Beasley P.M. 1612, J. C. Roe P.M., J. Green W.M. 1612, H. J. Hewlings, Lamb, Parker, J. Clark, and C. W. Pitt. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Pitt candidate. On the motion of Bro. G. Coop, seconded by Bro. Cunningham, Bro. E. C. Porter was unanimously elected W.M. for the meeting on Thursday, the 16th instant. Officers were appointed in rotation, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned to Thursday, the 9th instant, when the W.M. and Officers of the Mother Lodge will occupy their respective positions. It is to be hoped there will be a large attendance of the brethren.

On Thursday 9th inst. Present—Bros. Stroud W.M., R. W. Pearcy S.W., R. Defries J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Free Secretary, Horley S.D., Perl J.D., Legg I.G., also Bros. Simmonds, A. M. Marks, Cleverley, Grey, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Simmons acting as candidate. Bro. Pearcy, by the courtesy of the W.M. (Bro. Stroud), rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Marks acting as candidate. Lodge closed in the second degree. Bro. Pearcy was duly elected to fill the chair of K.S. at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed.

Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677.—There was a very good attendance at the headquarters of this Lodge, the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Square, on Thursday evening, when Bro. G. H. Gilham, P.M. 1632, rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Lodge was opened at the usual hour (rather a late one), nine o'clock, when the following Officers were present—Bros. G. H. Gilham W.M., T. Pingston J.W., J. Rothschild S.W., G. W. Tillett J.D., J. S. Fletcher I.G., R. D. Cummings Preceptor, G. H. Calderwood Treasurer, Harold Halliday Secretary. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the ceremony was performed in a very careful and impressing way, Bro. S. Rothschild acting as the W.M. elect. The customary vote of thanks was cordially given to Bro. Gilham for his services, and after other business Lodge was closed.

China Lodge, No. 1884.—Bro. Francis Newman P.M. of the East Medina Lodge, No. 175, P.P.G S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, was, on Thursday, 22nd ult., installed as Worshipful Master of the China Lodge, in succession to Dr. G. H. R. Dabbs. The ceremony of installation was most impressively carried out by Bro. the Rev. J. N. Palmer of Bembridge, P.M. 698 P.P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight. After the ceremony, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Dr. Dabbs I.P.M., George Humby S.W., Stephen Shilling J.W., F. Cooper Treasurer, A. Greenham Secretary, W. Quickfall S.D., J. Bailey J.D., A. H. Brown D.C., W. Judd I.G., F. Grant Tyler. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to the dining-hall, where a récherché banquet was provided by Bro. Thompson, of the Madeira Hotel. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The toast of the Visitors was acknowledged by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Coleman (32 degree), 242, United States, and Bro. H. Seymour Blaydes W.M. 877 and P.G.S.D. Jersey, both of whom spoke in the highest terms of the Lodge. The musical efforts of the brethren were greatly assisted by Bro. T. H. Petherick W.M. of the Yarborough Lodge, 551.

Southgate Lodge No. 1950.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge (which was consecrated by the Grand Secretary on the 19th January) was held Thursday, 2nd February, when Messrs Ward, Dickson, Clevely and Clark (residents of Southgate) were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by Bro. R. P. Forge the W.M.; all the Officers were present. The initiates were very much impressed by the manner in which the W.M. performed the ceremony. Among the Visitors we noticed Bros. Gilham P.M. Stewart Lodge, Osborn W.M. Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, Macpherson Royal Caledonian, Dunsford Industry Lodge, and others.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524, at the Royal Edward, Triangle, Mare-street, Hackney, on Wednesday evening, 15th instant, at 7 o'clock precisely. Bros. C. Lorkin W.M., D. Moss S.W., F. Brasted J.W., W. Fieldwick I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. C. Diamond, E. Dignam, A. R. Olley, Lee, Christian, D. Moss, and H. Forss. Second Lecture—Bros. J. Williams, J. Lawrence, F. Brasted, G. H. Stephens, and E. J. Allen. Third Lecture—Bros. J. Catling, W. Fieldwick, and Wallington. Bro. Charles Diamond Hon. Sec.

Bro. Morgan, Secretary of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, will read a paper, on Monday evening, in the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, at the Moorgate, Moorgate-street. Lodge will be opened at 7.30.

PRESENTATION TO THE CHIEF CONSTABLE OF LEICESTER.

ON Wednesday, the 1st instant, there was an unusually large gathering of the brethren of "the mystic tie" at the St. John's Lodge, No. 279, held at the Leicester Masonic Hall, drawn together largely out of respect to Bro. J. Farndale I.P.M., and to congratulate him upon his appointment to the office of Chief Constable of Birmingham. Bro. Orlando Law, the newly installed Worshipful Master, occupied the chair, supported on the dais by Bros. Toller Deputy Prov. Grand Master, S. S. Partridge (Past Prov. S.G.W.) Prov. Grand Secretary, Clement Stretton, J. M. M'Allister, and S. Clearer, Past Masters. After the disposal of the ordinary business, the Worshipful Master, in a very complimentary speech, presented to Bro. Farndale, in the name of the Lodge, a very handsome Past Master's jewel, as a mark of the great esteem in which he was held by the brethren, and of appreciation of the very satisfactory manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during the past year. Bro. Law took occasion to congratulate Bro. Farndale, both on his own behalf and on behalf of the brethren generally, upon his appointment to the office of Chief Constable at Birmingham, and to wish him every possible happiness and success in his new sphere of labour. Bro. Farndale suitably acknowledged the compliment, expressing his grateful sense of the kindness which had always been shown to him by the brethren, and a hope that, though he was resigning his office in the Lodge, he might yet, especially on the occasion of any great festivals, have an opportunity of renewing and continuing the acquaintanceship. The jewel, which was a very neat and elegant one, bore a suitable inscription, and was generally admired.

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ONCE more, in the natural course of things, we find ourselves within appreciable distance of the first in order of the Anniversary Festivals of our several Masonic Institutions, and it becomes our duty to draw the attention of our readers to the circumstances more immediately associated with this particular celebration. Our friends will already have gathered from our advertisement columns that Tuesday next, the 21st instant, is the day approved by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Grand Master for holding the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that the chair will be taken by Lieut.-Colonel J. A. Lloyd-Philipps R.W. Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division of South Wales. This much in general outline; but there are almost invariably some distinguishing points about different anniversaries, and it is to these points we now propose drawing brief attention.

A short sketch of the origin and progress of the Institution will not be out of place. It is the outcome, in reality, of two Charities, the earlier of these being the Asylum for Aged Freemasons at Croydon, which was established by a number of brethren, of whom the late Dr. Crucefix was the most distinguished. The other was founded by the Grand Lodge of England, which, at the March Communication, 1842, voted an annual grant of £400 towards the very benevolent purpose of paying annuities to aged and distressed brethren. In 1849 the scheme was further enlarged by the erection of a Fund for bestowing annuities on the Widows of Freemasons, and in the course of the same year an amalgamation between the Grand Lodge Institution and the Asylum at Croydon was happily effected, since when, by degrees more or less slow but sure, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has gone on enlarging its sphere of usefulness, and doing its best towards meeting the almost annually increasing demands on its resources.

So far historically. Let us now see how the Institution stands financially. The recipients on the books of the Male Fund are 155, whose annuities at the rate of £40 each necessitate the provision of £6,200; those on the Female Fund are 160, and as they are paid annually £32 each, it will be obvious, without indulging in any frantic exercise of the arithmetical powers, that a further sum of £5,120 is needed in order to meet these demands. Lastly, there is a small body of widows—the number is a fluctuating one—who are paid each a half of her late husband's annuity. To meet this a sum of between £300 and £400 is necessary. Thus the Institution is bound to provide £6,200 for the men, £5,120 for the widows, and say £380 for widows receiving only one-half, making a total together of £11,700, which must be forthcoming annually in order that the Institution may fulfil the obligations it has contracted. If we add to this the expenses of management, we shall certainly not be exaggerating if we set down the annual outlay which is absolutely necessary to maintain the Benevolent Institution in its present state of efficiency, as £13,000.

Let us now see how the finances of the Institution stand so as to meet these formidable liabilities. Grand Lodge now contributes £1,600 per annum, namely, £1,000 to the Male, and £600 to the Female Fund. Grand Chapter gives £150 per annum, while the interest on the invested moneys of the Charity brings up the total permanent income in round figures to some £4,400. This, however, as against a fixed outlay of £13,000 is but a small proportion, and hence the necessity for renewed and active exertions on behalf of the Funds in order to maintain them in their present standard of usefulness. Two points in connection with this portion of our subject have to be considered. Under the most favourable circumstances—and we trust our Bro. Terry will forgive us if we suggest that his estimate of the working expenses is somewhat modest—we say, under the most favourable circumstances, close on £9,000 must be provided annually in order to keep the Institution in working order under its present obligations, while there is no doubt whatever that a far larger amount should be found every year, so that in time the permanent income may be more nearly on a level with the outlay. These are overwhelming reasons why the appeal, which is on the eve of being made to the Craft in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, should be a successful one.

Of the usefulness of the Institution no doubt can be entertained. Its services to Masonic distress stand out prominently. Already 556 brethren and 319 widows of brethren have been elected on the respective Funds since the date of their establishment. In other words, close on 900 poor people, directly or indirectly connected with the Craft, have had their closing years made comfortable through the instrumentality of this noble Charity. There is another point to be considered. The pressure on our Fund of Benevolence is very serious. It disburses some £9,000 a year, and, were it not for the relief afforded by the Benevolent Institution, there can be no doubt whatever that the demands on this Fund would be vastly increased—to how considerable an extent it is almost impossible to estimate. Further, in spite of the great additions that have been made during the past few years to the number of annuitants, the demands on the resources of the Institution grow apace. There are now not less than forty-six male and sixty-six female candidates on the list for election in May next, yet the vacancies to be filled are FEW INDEED.

Let us now glance at the circumstances of the present Festival. Last year Bro. Terry had the good fortune to secure the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire as his Chairman. Now, West Yorkshire is a large and influential Province. It has over sixty Lodges, and its contributions to all three Charities are on a grand and most liberal scale. Thus, last year it raised no less than £3,500, and as London and the other Provinces worked in a corresponding spirit of liberality, Bro. Terry was in a position to announce the largest total ever contributed at any of our Masonic celebrations, namely, over £14,300. The Western Division of S. Wales, however, is not—numerically speaking, of course—to be compared with the Western Division of Yorkshire. The latter, as we have said, has over sixty Lodges; the former has only nine. It would be ridiculous, therefore, to expect

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South Wales West to do more than emulate, in good will, the great deeds of West Yorkshire. We have no kind of doubt that Lieutenant-Colonel Lloyd-Phillips will be loyally supported by the Lodges and members of his Province, but we cannot expect they will achieve the triumph of a Province six times its numerical strength. Hence, then, a grand reason why the rest of the Craft should be to the fore on this particular occasion.

We think we have said well-nigh all that is possible in the hope of securing a great success for Tuesday next. Lieut.-Colonel Lloyd-Philipps is a popular and energetic Mason and deserves support. He has a loyal, but a numerically weak Province, which, however, has ably fulfilled its duties at former Festivals, and we feel assured will do so with a will on this occasion. The Benevolent Institution is sorely in need of help in order to maintain it at its present strength, while Brother Terry's energy is such as to enlist the sympathies of all Craftsmen. We rejoice to say he already has some 250 Stewards working for him, and we trust it will be in our power to announce next week a result which will be not a little gratifying to the Right Wor. Brother who has so kindly undertaken to preside, to Bro.Terry himself, and to the well-wishers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—that is, to the whole of the English Craft.

THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN ON "JURISDICTION."

WE find in the last number of this worthy contemporary of ours that we are somewhat sharply taken to task for having lately used the following language:—"The self-styled Grand Lodge of New South Wales has had the assurance to apply to our United Grand Lodge for recognition as an Independent Masonic Body." Our contemporary, no doubt, considers this is harsh, if not contemptuous language, and remarks that "we recollect the time when the Masonic journals of England and the United States spoke of the Grand Lodge of Canada (Ontario) and the Grand Lodge of Quebec in similar terms." We do not for one moment doubt the accuracy of the *Canadian Craftsman's* recollection. We are simply desirous of pointing out that whatever may have been the circumstances which led to the establishment of the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec, they have nothing in common with that of this "self-styled Grand Lodge of New South Wales." With all due deference we must point out that, albeit thirteen Lodges are said to have taken part in the establishment of this so-called Grand Lodge, there are at this present time no fewer than eighty and six, or thereabouts, Lodges on the rolls of the District Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland respectively. Forty-six of these belong to the English, some thirty-two to the Scotch, and the remainder to the Irish Constitution. We shall be glad to hear what our contemporary has to say on the, in this instance, absolutely necessary question of unoccupied territory. It is or ought to be perfectly well known that the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom have concurrent jurisdiction in our Colonies, and very justly so, seeing the inhabitants are recruited from the three kingdoms. No difficulty has ever yet been experienced in discovering a plan of harmonious existence among the Lodges of the three systems, and there is no earthly reason, therefore, why the harmonious feeling of those bodies should, under these circumstances, be disturbed. Yet, what has happened? For no other reason than that, so far as we are enabled to make out, some Craftsmen are dissatisfied with the existing order of things, a number of the brethren have joined together and established an Independent Grand Lodge of their own. There can be no question of unoccupied territory—speaking Masonically; there are already three District Grand Lodges, working under England, Ireland, and Scotland respectively. These, together, muster some *eighty* and odd Lodges, as against the *thirteen* of the "self-styled" Grand Lodge. The former have never felt or expressed dissatisfaction with the rule under which they live; and yet we are invited by those who do not understand or appreciate the circumstances to allow an insignificant minority of Lodges to override the wishes of the majority. In all seriousness we ask our contemporary, if there can well be a more preposterous suggestion?

A LODGE OF PERFECTION.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

THE Brother who seeks a Lodge of Perfection does well; the Brother who finds it does better; the Brother who is admitted a member of it does best of all. Chesterfield said, "Aim at perfection in everything—though in most things it is unattainable." What if it is? That is something every one should discover for himself. The quest for perfection is valuable, even if it be unsuccessful, for it is its own reward. But is perfection impossible of attainment?

The first question an applicant for the degrees of Masonry should propound to a brother whom he intends to ask to propose him should be:—"Is this a Lodge of Perfection? Let me see the printed list of your members, if you have one, for that is the only means I have of determining this question in advance." In like manner every brother dimitting, before connecting himself with another Lodge should start a similar inquiry. But suppose there be no Lodge of Perfection, at least some one is preferable to all others; some may have more Masonry in them than others, and this is one manner of determining the fact.

The reader has discovered, ere this, that when we use the term, "Lodge of Perfection," we use it in no technical sense—we mean precisely what it unconventionally means. We have no reference to a secret vault, or the Ineffable Word, or the rite of Perfection, that originated on the Continent, and was perfected in Great Britain. The French have a saying, Les Français inventent, mais les Anglais perfectionnent—"the French invent things, but the English bring them to perfection"—and the rite referred to may be an example.

The great oracle of the English law, Sir Edward Coke, claims, in his First Institute, that law is the perfection of human reason. From our observation of the administration of law, we may well doubt whether there is any more perfection in law than there is in a hundred less vaunted subjects, and whether there is not more in Masonry. Goldsmith, in "She Stoops to Conquer," styles one of his characters "the very pink of perfection;" but that was out of compliment. We are inclined to think that there is nothing exactly perfect. "Lodge of Perfection" is an excellent name—none better, or so good, but all the facts scarcely justify it. Let us look into this matter a little.

Humanity is essentially imperfect. The First Great Light in Masonry teaches this, and human experience corroborates it. St. Paul antagonized Lord Coke and Bishop Hooker, when he wrote, "The law made nothing perfect." Chateaubriand was in error when he taught the perfectibility of man, that is, in this life. Here he can be improved, but not perfected. The foundation reason is that humanity is finite, and therefore necessarily imperfect. We cannot understand or discern perfection, much less attain unto it. Three thousand years ago Job asked, "Canst thou find out the Almighty to perfection?" The finite cannot comprehend that which it cannot apprehend, and hence the futility of endeavouring to bring the Grand Architect of the Universe down to the compass of our understanding, or to measure His infinite work with the yardstick of our reason.

There is one excellent feature about man's imperfect mental and moral power, and that is, that he conceives of a state of perfection far beyond his ability here to attain. Imperfection is, in itself, a prophecy of change, and in connection with the revelations of the First Great Light, prophetic of a progressive change. The Grand Lodge above will be a Lodge of Perfection. There, no impostor will ever successfully seek relief, nor any unworthy applicant find entrance, nor any worthy applicant be turned away. Here we may be deceived, there never. Here we may have unaffiliated, suspended, and expelled Masons; there all will be good men and true." Here the bars are occasionally let down, the Landmarks are sometimes covered out of sight, but there we shall know even as we are known. No one can be deceived, or will deceive others. In other words, if there, we shall have attained perfection, and all be members of a Lodge of Perfection.

If we cannot be perfect here, we can at least be on the road to perfection; we can make a point which was invisible yesterday, our goal to-day, and in turn our starting point to-morrow. And we can always have charity for the imperfection of others. Just as no one will say, let me be

"Sent to my account
With all my imperfections on my head,"

so he will not desire that his brother should meet with such a fate. The more earnestly we seek to act out the lessons of the Plumb, the Level, and the Square, the Twenty-four-inch Gauge, and the common Gavel, the more surely will we truly enjoy life here, and prepare ourselves for admission to the Lodge of Perfection hereafter.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

HILDA CHAPTER No. 23.

THE installation meeting of this Chapter was held at York on the 3rd inst. Bro. J. S. Cumberland presided, and performed the ceremony of reception on Bro. J. H. Thompson, of Leicester. Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, the Sovereign elect, was then installed in the chair by Bro. Cumberland, by permission of Bro. Banister 33rd degree, S.G.I.G. for the Northern District, who was present. The M.W.S. appointed his Officers as follow: Bros. S. Middleton H.P., M. Millington 1st G., A. T. B. Turner 2nd G., G. Simpson G.M., E. J. de Salis R., T. B. Whytehead P.S. Rec. and Treasurer, J. S. Cumberland P.S. D.C., and W. Lawton Herald. Letters of apology for absence were received from Bro. J. W. Woodhall 32nd degree, and several others. The members afterwards met at supper, and spent a pleasant evening, Bro. Cumberland being highly complimented for his excellent working.

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AMERICA ON AMERICAN FREEMASONRY,

IN one of the earliest numbers we published an article in which we questioned the genuineness of American Freemasonry. We said there was a good deal of make-believe about it, and that our transatlantic brethren were more partial to display in connection with the Craft than seemed desirable, in our estimation at all events. At the time, and more than once since, we have been taken to task for the severity of these remarks, but, it seems to us, on insufficient grounds. At all events nothing we have ever said as to the character of American Freemasonry exceeds in force the following for which we are indebted to the columns of the *Canadian Craftsman*. It seems that a Bro. B., recently deceased, had been for twenty years and upwards member of a Lodge, and for more than half that time its Worshipful Master. Subsequently "he dimitted and moved into the jurisdiction of Jefferson Lodge, and affiliated with it, but was suspended by it for non-payment of dues, and was thus under suspension." When it was found that this brother's death was approaching, application was made to the G. Master of the G. Lodge for a dispensation to bury him with Masonic honours, but the request was refused on the ground that he had been suspended as aforesaid. Our contemporary, in reference to this and another case of a somewhat similar character remarks—"We hire bands of music to bury the opulent profligate, if his dues are paid; we refuse to grant the prayer of a dying, honest, faithful servant, if he is poor and has not paid his dues. It would be wrong—a sin, we presume—to drop a tear upon, or cast a sprig of acacia into the grave of a pauper. No! publish his name to the world, and brand him as suspended. Fie upon such Masonry." Has the severest of our remarks ever approached in severity the damning justice of this?

The Lord Mayor honoured the sixth installation meeting of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, on Monday, with his presence; among the other visitors being Bros. R. H. H. Giddy District Grand Master Griqualand, D. Sandeman Past District Grand Master Bengal, Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott Past Grand Junior Warden, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, J. M. Case, Captain N. G. Philips, and J. M. P. Montague, Past Grand Deacons; J. Lewis Thomas Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, Edgar Bowyer, C. F. Hogard, &c., &c., &c. Bro. George Kenning, Worshipful Master for the second consecutive year, occupied the chair at the outset, while the ceremony of installi g Bro. Brookman, C.C., as his successor, was most impressively carried out by the Grand Secretary. In the course of the evening Bro. Kenning was presented by the members with a handsome gold jewel, in recognition of his services as twice Master of the Lodge, the compliment being further enhanced by the gift of £30 wherewith to purchase some memento to Mrs. Kenning of the esteem and respect in which her husband was held by the members of the Aldersgate. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. Kenning expressed a wish, on behalf of Mrs. Kenning and himself, that the money testimonial, increased by themselves to fifty guineas, should be appropriated to the endowment of the Chair of the Lodge with a Vice-Presidency of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Lord Mayor's presence was especially and most cordially recognised, while Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott also received a most hearty welcome. Indeed, the proceedings throughout appear to have been of the most interesting and harmonious character.

The popular Mohawk Minstrels will give two grand Sacred Concerts (with white faces) on Ash Wednesday, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. Afternoon at three o'clock; evening at eight o'clock

Bro. James Stevens, P.M. P.Z., has undertaken to deliver his lecture explanatory of the entire ceremonials of the first degree, at the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction, No. 1540, held at the Grapes Tavern, St. Thomas's-street, Borough, S.E., on Tuesday evening, the 28th inst. The Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock.

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LECTURES AT LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was one of those present at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction on Monday evening last, whither I repaired especially to hear the paper which it was announced in your last was to be read therein. I was much gratified with the way the business was conducted throughout. Doubtless you will be furnished with a report of the proceedings; I shall, therefore, content myself by saying, that though I have visited some dozens of so-called Lodges of Instruction, I never was more impressed than on this occasion. The work of the evening was conducted on well fixed lines, and the way in which the Preceptor conducted the business throughout was satisfactory in the highest degree. One and all could but agree with the vote of thanks which was so cordially passed to the Lecturer, and most, if not all, will join in the hope he expressed that other Craftsmen will enter upon this field, and take such interest in its cultivation as will redound to their credit, and advantage to the Craft at large.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours fraternally,
AN OLD P.M.

A MOST DESERVING CASE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I cordially support the appeal which Bro. Hine directly, and you inferentially, advance on behalf of "A Most Deserving Case," as described in Bro. Hine's letter published last week. What may have happened to the unfortunate brother referred to it is, of course, impossible to say. He may, as you suggest, have disappeared owing to a lack of "moral courage," but there is no doubt of the two facts of his having loyally done his duty as a Mason when he was in the possession of means, and of his family being now in sore distress. The laws which govern the administration of our Fund of Benevolence forbid assistance being given to the wife and family, but I see no just cause or impediment why the Craft should not step forward and help them. I will give my mite in the good cause.

Yours fraternally,
L. L. A.

FREEMASONRY IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Rylands stands in no need of commendation from me, his articles on the above subject being so lucid and exhaustive; but I think I may express to you the gratification which, in common with all other students of early Masonic history, I experience on finding you almost as interested in the publication of his researches as the *Masonic Magazine* in which they originally appeared. It is clear from what Bro. Rylands has written thus far that we have got a great deal to learn about Seventeenth Century Freemasonry. It must also be clear to the most indifferent reader that such papers as you have been criticising, and which, I rejoice to say, I have had the opportunity of reading, will do more than can well be determined roughly towards elucidating that history. I hope, therefore, Bro. Rylands will, if he has the leisure time, continue his researches, and that you, Dear Sir and Brother, will give them all the publicity you can.

I subscribe myself,
Faithfully and fraternally yours,
Q.

MAN TO MAN.

STAND up, man! Stand!
God's over all.
Why do you cringe to me,
Why do you bend the knee,
And creep, and fawn, and crawl?
Stand up, man! Stand!
If I thought our English land
Had no true-hearted poor,
To suffer and endure—
And hold themselves erect,
In the light of their own respect,
I'd blush that I was English born,
And run away to the wilderness to free myself from scorn.

Stand up, man! Stand!
God made us all!
The wine transcends the froth,
The living skin the cloth,
Both rich and poor and small.
Stand up, man! Stand!
Free heart, free tongue, free hand,
Firm foot upon the sod,
And eyes that fear but God,—
Whate'er your state or name,
Let these make good your claim!
If there be anything you want,
Speak up! we may respect a churl, we hate a sycophant.

—*Liberal Freemason.*

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A FEW OF OUR OPINIONS.

From the Voice of Masonry.

PERFECTION cannot be attained this side of the shores of immortality, and hence here there can be no end or limit to queries. The mind is ever on the alert for new discoveries, and the problems it develops are as varied as the orders, powers and properties of Nature, and the infinity of objects it presents to view. Indeed, inquisitiveness is an essential of human being, and Freemasons are quite as apt at "asking questions" as any of the race. Therefore it is not to be wondered at that they burden Grand Masters and others with all sorts of queries.

PRAYER.—A Brother, puzzling himself with the expression FOR CHRIST'S SAKE, wrote to the Grand Master of Masons of Alabama, desiring to know if there was any Masonic regulation prohibiting a Chaplain from using it in closing his prayers, and was informed that there was not. Also that the propriety of its use was to be determined by each Lodge for itself, but that no Brother should use in a Lodge a form of prayer to which another Brother has conscientious objections.

We hold that prayer is a work of devotion and conscience, and not properly a subject of legislation, and the Chaplain should be left free to use language which his heart and conscience may dictate as appropriate to the time, and place, and feelings of the audience, or his prayer must be deemed the mere utterance of words and sheer mockery. His conscience certainly is to be respected quite as much as that of any one of his auditors, and no dictation concerning his petitions is admissible, save in the prayers of the degrees, where, of course, generally the prescribed form should be followed. But, really and truly, any question as to the phrase, "FOR CHRIST'S SAKE," is out of place, and only exposes the ignorance and intolerance of the person propounding it. The fact is, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and the Word, are none other than the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and an acknowledgment of either of the former is an acknowledgment of the latter. To get away from this is impossible, without repudiating Freemasonry *in toto*, not a step in which can be made without practically demonstrating that the Institution is a *Trinity in Unity*.

SEAL.—Any document issued from a Lodge, without its seal, is unofficial, and may be disregarded with impunity. To make it legal and binding the seal must be attached, as that alone is the evidence of its official character. Anything short of this can only be regarded, at best, as a semi-official notice.

INSTALLATION.—The installation of the Officers of a Lodge in public is permissible and beneficial. Excepting the investiture of the Master elect with the secrets of the Oriental Chair, there is nothing in the ceremony which is *esoteric*, and which may not just as appropriately be performed publicly as privately.

REVIEW.—The Grand Master can review the proceedings of a Lodge, and can set aside its judgment and sentence, subject finally to the judgment of the Grand Lodge.

RELIEF.—Primarily it is the duty of the brethren to contribute to the relief of widows and orphans of deceased Master Masons; secondly, it *is* the duty of the Lodges, and lastly the duty of the Grand Lodge. We seriously doubt the propriety and feasibility of any plan that will place the responsibility wholly upon the Grand Lodge.

ARE DUES EVERYTHING?—The Grand Master of Masons of Colorado having granted a dispensation to confer burial rites, *at private expense*, upon a brother who had been *dropped from the roll* for non-payment of dues, and subsequently repented thereat, we reflected over the matter in this wise: Dropping from the roll and suspension are very unlike. The first leaves the brother in good standing in the Fraternity—that is, simply non-affiliates him, while suspension deprives him of all rights and privileges. Thus viewing the matter, we hold that the burial of the brother mentioned, at private expense, was an eminently Masonic act. A little thought as to what makes a man a Mason will convince any reasonable brother that the dispensation was proper, and that the act may well be considered a precedent. Not affiliation, but the solemn and irrevocable ties entered into at the altar of Freemasonry are what unite us into one society of friends and brethren, whose Faith, Hope, and Charity are a unity. Right here it may be asked, What would be thought of the Church if it would accord Christian burial solely to those who were in full communion with it, and constant contributors to its funds? Would it not be condemned as wanting in Charity? On the same principle, is it not the height of selfishness in Freemasonry to deny Masonic burial to a brother simply because he is non-affiliated? It may be truly said, He ought to belong to a Lodge, but is that the whole duty of a Mason? Are his faith in GOD, his mystic tie, his moral life, and his Masonic work, nothing, that they must be subordinated to mere Lodge membership? If so, then paying dues is everything, and all heart and soul relations and work are but sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. Less grasping after filthy lucre, and greater practice of real Freemasonry, would be like an oasis in a desert, when compared with the present state of Masonic affairs. It would win back the army of non-affiliates, and make the Institution flourish like the Green Bay tree.

PREROGATIVES.—We are now the subjects of *constitutions and laws*, and by them we must stand or fall. All talk about prerogatives, outside of them, is fallacious. Besides, if Masters or Grand Masters can violate *constitutions and laws*, with impunity, how can they, with any degree of consistency, hold brethren amenable to them.

"ONLY THIS."—Bro. W. R. Singleton, of the District of Columbia, commenting on Silver City Lodge's adherence to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, in preference to yielding allegiance to the *assumed* Grand Lodge of New Mexico, has recorded himself as follows:

While it seems to be hard for Missouri to surrender one of her children, on account of the unwillingness to leave, yet to carry out our *American* doctrine it must be done, and the refusal of that Lodge is simply childishness, and should not prevent a proper settlement of the difficulty. Is it not strange that in the formation of every Grand Body on this continent, some such stubborn body or bodies have been found to interrupt the harmony of our Institution, and cause trouble and the spilling of fraternal—ink?—and at last all comes right in the end. Only this, and nothing more! These dissentient "bodies get their names in the papers," which was a satisfactory reflection to the man who was condemned to be hung.

We answer that in our opinion Silver City Lodge has but justly defended her indefeasible right to choose whom she will serve. If that is childishness then the more of it we have the better it will be for Freemasonry. Now, to us, the fact, that in the formation of many of the Grand Lodges on this continent some such body has been found, is conclusive evidence that the action taken was not Masonic, but the exercise of the self-assumed autocratic authority to which Brother Singleton affirms Brother Robbins would cheerfully subject us all. It has been the defying of right, and the overriding of every fraternal equity and comity, to hasten ambitious and often reckless brethren into dignities, which most likely they could, under no other circumstances, have reached. It is they, and their defenders, who have sacrificed the peace and harmony of the Institution, and made it lasting enemies, all for the distinguished honour of being first Grand Officers of the jurisdiction. Now, we think this unfraternal work has gone on entirely too long, and we esteem it our solemn and unavoidable duty to demand a *halt*, and an *about*, or, at least a *right-face* concerning it. We want no more of such autocracy as that of putting to death Lodges that have simply acted out their own free-will and accord concerning the formation of a Grand Lodge. We want no more twitting of them as dissenting merely to "get their names in the papers," nor classing of them with criminals who are to be hung. Nay, we want no more un-Masonic dealing with them, no more Popish-bull throwing at them, no more blottings of them out of existence. On the contrary, we do not want them to be treated Masonically, and by unity principles and real cement of brotherly love to be won into assent to the formation of genuine Grand Lodges, vested with real sovereignty and actual exclusiveness of jurisdiction. Such a body does not exist in New Mexico, and Silver City Lodge is legally vested with all the rights and privileges she ever had, one of which is jurisdiction co-extensive with the limits of the territory.

The strange part is that Brother Singleton plays hot and cold on autocracy, in some instances opposing it and in others defending it; rebuking it when attempted by Masters and Grand Masters, and defending it when exercised by assumed Grand Lodges. We dissent to it *in toto*, and will continue that dissent so long as we have a voice to speak, a right hand and arm to move and a pen to wield. The eternal power of truth, of right, of equity, and of *Freemasonry*, are on the side of UNITY and it will fully triumph.

ACTING MASTER'S WORK.—If the legality of any regular work of an acting Worshipful Master may be disputed, then the legality of all the proceedings had may be denied, and it must be held that only the Worshipful Master, or the Grand Master, or his Deputy, can lawfully preside over a Lodge. Nothing, however, is better settled than, that in the absence of the Worshipful Master the Senior Warden is to preside, or, that in the absence of the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden, the Junior Warden is to preside. And further, that in either case the proceedings are regular, provided always that by inadvertence or design no bye-laws or regulations have been violated.

FREEMEN.—Is not the method of forming Grand Lodges in this country one of the most potent means of driving "from us all who will not be enslaved by the unrighteous government of arbitrary force?" Was ever a more unrighteous dogma promulgated than this, that a majority of Lodges in a territory unoccupied by a Grand Lodge may form a Grand Lodge to which ALL MUST SUBMIT, or be deemed *recusant* and declared *clandestine*, or *Masonically dead? Freemasons are freemen*, and they will not meekly submit to *coercion, sequestration and annihilation*. They "will not be enslaved to the unrighteous government of arbitrary force," and will not be identified with an Institution that says they shall. They want, and will have, a voice in forming and conducting their government, and he who says nay had better remember what the Constitution of the United States guarantees to all who are loyal thereto.

GRAND MASTER'S POWER.—If a Grand Master can set aside the Constitution of the Grand Lodge at will, or violate it with impunity, with what propriety can he punish others for following his example? May not a Worshipful Master, with as much propriety, claim the prerogative of setting aside the bye-laws of his Lodge, and of trampling under his feet the Regulations of his Grand Lodge? Now, the fact is that Grand Masters' prerogatives are not near so great as some of them would fain have us believe. They are not imperial autocrats, but limited potentates. They are bound by obligation and law precisely as their brethren are, and have only those official rights and privileges which are defined by the Landmarks and Constitutions of the Fraternity.

Anent this topic, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky holds that the Code of the Jurisdiction sets forth all the constitutional provisions and decisions on the subject, and is sufficient. Eminently so, we would say, and we just hope that all Grand Lodges will as promptly and decisively squelch all pretensions to power not bestowed by the Constitution and law.

NON-AFFILIATES.—Bro. Rob. Morris says the lash applied to non-affiliates is music to his ears. Wherefore? May there not be many just causes for non-affiliation? And is a man any the less a Mason because circumstances debar his membership in a Lodge? If he wilfully is a non-affiliate, and avoids all performance of a Masonic duty, there may be reason in lashing him, but of what use is one to the Fraternity whose heart is not in his work, and what benefit can there be in lashing him into the ranks?

NO INTEREST.—There are plenty of people who might be placed in a diamond field with perfect assurance that they never would dis-

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cover any of its treasures, and just so there are hundreds of men who have passed through the degrees who never beheld any of the beauties of Freemasonry. Wherever they abound "nobody cares 'to join the Lodge.'"

GRAND LODGE v. GRAND ORIENTS AND SUPREME COUNCILS.—We cannot blow hot and cold on this subject. We cannot to-day hold that only regular Lodge and Grand Lodge government is correct, and to-morrow admit that Grand Orient and Supreme Council organisations are equally valid. As with one in days gone by, so with us now, it must be all the one way or all the other, and "all the other" it shall never be, with our consent. We are unqualifiedly in favour of *Freemasonry*, and opposed to autocracy. We are invincibly allied to *true blue* Ancient Craft Masonry, and unalterably opposed to its antipode. We believe a Master Mason is a FREEMAN, possessing the indefeasible right to exercise his free-will and accord as to how and by whom he will be governed, and hence cannot admit that a body, owing its origin to a self-constituted and imperial power, is a *Lodge of Freemasons*. Maine may like such bodies, and desire their amalgamation with *real Blue* Lodges, but Illinois says NAY, and is prepared to fight it out on that line, no matter how long the battle may last.

A DISTINCTION WITH A DIFFERENCE.—The true position is for Ancient Craft Masonry to stand on its own foundation and be judged by its own merits. It has real worth and dignity, and should disdain all "entangling alliances," all subservience to Orders and *hautes grades*, and all perversions of its principles, aims and purposes. It has the *only Masonic* burial service, and it should defend it against all encroachments and abuses. If a Mason prefers to be buried by the Templars, let it be so, and call the service by its right name, to *wit Templar*. In such case, let Master Masons, who are not Templars, honour the occasion by attendance as citizens only.

What we mean by these affirmations is, that there are lines between Ancient Craft Masonry, and Knight Templarism, and the *hautes grades*, which, *officially*, cannot be crossed, however friendly the individuals composing each may be. We are a Knight Templar, and a 32 degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and as friendly to both as we can be, under the circumstances, but we do not believe in uniting them *officially* with Ancient Craft Masonry, as they need no such bolstering, but can and should exist independently, courting and receiving favours solely upon their own inherent virtues.

To the autocracy of the *hautes grades* we always have objected, and intend to object. We believe in FREE government, and on that basis, if on no other, must oppose all official connection of them with Symbolic Masonry. They are entirely dissimilar, have no affinity for each other, and cannot be amalgamated nor blended.

REIMBURSEMENT.—Unless consent is first obtained, a Lodge has no right to expend money for another, and demand reimbursement. If the assistance rendered is not intended as an out and out charity, immediate application for consent to the expense should be made, and only so much as is authorised should be bestowed. Now, the telegraphic and postal facilities are such that there really is no excuse for extending relief in behalf of another Lodge before obtaining its authority so to do, and if such precaution is neglected, then no reimbursement should be expected or allowed.

INTERDICTION.—Interdiction of Fraternal intercourse remedies no wrong, and is of itself a great crime, because by mere *ipse dixit* it deprives thousands of innocent brethren of sacred rights and privileges. Indeed, these Grand Lodge quarrels have been the worst curse the Masonic Institution has ever suffered from. They have done it far greater injury than all the anti-Masonic attacks that have been made upon it, because to the world, they are incontrovertible proofs that our much-boasted cement of brotherly love and unity is only a sham.

GRAND LODGE QUARRELS.—If that "noble emulation of who can best work and best agree" had ever been faithfully adhered to none of the shameful and disgraceful Grand Lodge quarrels which have so deeply defaced the American Masonic escutcheon ever would have existed, but, instead, UNITY would have prevailed, and the Masonic banners, unstained, proudly would have floated from thousands of points where now they are never seen, and tens of thousands of the Fraternity who have died non-affiliate never would have dimitted. Nay more, if Grand Lodges had never set the example of deliberately violating Masonic obligations, and trespassing upon every Masonic right and privilege, not one-half of the un-Masonic conduct that has been recorded ever would have occurred. In brief, if Masonic principle, instead of ambition and passion, had constantly prevailed in the formation of Grand Lodges, to-day Freemasonry would have been the arbiter of the world, and without a foe, instead of being distracted with dissensions within and endangered by assaults from without. From this time onward let us have peace and harmony with all.

SOVEREIGNTY AND UNIVERSALITY.—In one sense each Grand Lodge is sovereign, but in a higher and nobler sense it is but a link in the chain of Fraternity, or but an integrant part of a great brotherhood, and hence while we guard well the local, we should never lose sight of the universal.

MOLASSES *vs.* VINEGAR.—As a bait for catching flies, molasses is an article far superior to vinegar, and as a mean of perpetuating Freemasonry, and establishing Grand Lodges, the *cement of brotherly love* is superior to coercion, sequestration, interdiction, and decrees of expulsion.

EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.—The American dogma of exclusive Grand Lodge jurisdiction is good *after sovereignty is legally obtained*, but can have no force prior to that event. And all the snarls have come from aplying it hastily and un-Masonically. Now, we propose the true remedy, which is, *first unity of all the Lodges interested*, and then exclusive jurisdiction, or, in other words, first unanimity in forming the Grand Lodge, and then the sovereignty as long thereafter as the Grand Lodge maintains its independence.

We propose this, because, by it we have a definite Masonic rule for the formation of Grand Lodges; by it unanimity is a prerequisite, and, unity prevailing, no snarl can exist; by it concurrent jurisdiction is sustained, and all rights are preserved and protected up to the moment that the Grand Lodge comes into existence, and by it, then, territorial jurisdiction comes into being, and the sovereignty, so warmly advocated by so many of our distinguished brethren, is acquired. We advocate this, because thus all occasions for discord and confusion, and for edicts of non-intercourse and non-recognition, are averted, and because thus FREEMASONRY will rise to and prosper on the plain which it is eminently fitted to and ever should occupy.

FREEMASONRY means a great deal, and we ought to study it thoroughly and exemplify it fully. It means TRUE FREEDOM of soul, of mind, of heart, of will, of body, as proclaimed in the *First Great Light—the Holly Bible*. It adopts fully the *Golden Rule*, and gives no man a divine right to think, or to act, for his brother, without his assent. It studies ever the real rights of man, and permits no thought of coercion or sequestration save as a penalty for actual crime, and hence can never sanction any assumption method of forming a Grand Lodge, and can only approve the unity rule. That is the true Masonic rule, and by it let us all firmly stand.

UNDER AGE.—Freemasonry is under no necessity of accommodating itself to the caprice of individuals. It is not honoured by the accession of even an emperor, much less a person UNDER AGE, or any one who waits until he is ready for a voyage and then applies for its dignities. Better far never make such persons Masons than to degrade the Institution so low as to make it subservient to their convenience and caprices, for they never will appreciate the honour conferred.

TRUE BLUE.—We hold that officially we cannot recognize anything as Blue Lodge Masonry which does not derive its authority from a regular Grand Lodge, and which does not conform to the Constitutions and Landmarks of Ancient Craft Masonry. We firmly believe in the government of the Fraternity by a representative authority, which all Master Masons have an equal voice in establishing and sustaining, and are decidely opposed to all *assumed* government, whether it be by Grand Orients or Supreme Councils "Practically," or rather officially, "this does confine Masonry to English speaking countries," and it ought to, as principle is dearer than mere association, and also as Lodge and Grand Lodge government is by free-will and accord, while Grand Orient and Supreme Council rule is self-imposed and arbitrary, and subversive of freedom. Indeed the two are as opposite as the antipodes, and cannot, with any degree of consistency whatever, be officially conjoined.

PHYSICAL DEFECTS.—Where and when will these anomalies cease? Now it is the loss of a left hand that does not debar a candidate for the degrees, who is otherwise well qualified; to-morrow it will be the loss of an eye; next day it will be the loss of a foot, and soon the point will be reached where no physical defect will be an obstacle in the way of Mason-making. Well, if principle is nothing, and mere membership is everything, then perhaps this degrading process might as well go until Freemasonry becomes as common as dirt and as cheap as pinchbeck jewelry.

THE LATE PRESIDENT GARFIELD.

Legation of the United States, London,
10th February 1882.

Frederick Binckes, Esq., Grand Secretary, &c., &c., &c.
8A Red Lion-square, W.C.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to my letter of the 2nd ultimo, I have to say that I communicated to the Department of State at Washington the vote of condolence on the part of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, on occasion of the death of President Garfield, and that I have just received from Mr. Frelinghuysen, the Secretary of State, a despatch dated on the 27th ultimo, in which he states that, having transmitted to Mrs. Garfield a copy of the vote, he desires me to convey to the Grand Lodge an expression of her deep appreciation of its touching message of sympathy to herself and her family.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. R. LOWELL.

In future the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, will meet at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., where, to suit the convenience of many brethren, the Lodge will be opened at eight o'clock, instead of seven as heretofore.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, at the White Swan Hotel High-street, Deptford, on Monday, the 20th inst. Bro. David Rose P.M. will preside. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m.

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Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—The first meeting since the installation was held on the 6th instant, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. L. M. Myers; Bros. J. Benjamin S.W., Martin J.W., J. S. Lyon Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, Bean S.D., A. Botibol J.D., L. Lazarus P.M. M.C., Wall I.G., Dewsnap and Wynman Stewards, Woodstock P.M. Tyler. Baker I.P.M., P.M.'s L. Alexander, A. G. Dodson, L. Lazarus. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed; ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Isaiah Hyman and Gustav Salinger, which being unanimous in their favour; the candidates were duly initiated into the Order. Mr. I. Isaac also, who had previously been accepted, was initiated by the W.M., who in a perfect manner rendered the ceremonies. The sum of five guineas was proposed, and unanimously agreed to, to be given to the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the persecuted Jews in Russia. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to alight refreshments. The W.M. ably presided. The usual toasts were given. There were several visitors.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when there was a good attendance of the brethren. Dr. Corrie Jackson W.M. occupied the chair, and was supported by Dr. V. A. Jagielski I.P.M.; in addition the other Officers and brethren, viz.—Bros. Lancaster S.W., Aspinall P.M. J.W. (in place of Bro. Smith, absent through illness), J. J. Runtz S.D., Birling J.D., Oliver Bryant I.G., Tongue M.C., Davis Tyler, and the following P.M.'s—Bro. Jagielski, Aspinall, Rath, Ebner, Nowakowski Treasurer, and Paas Secretary. After reading and confirmation of the minutes, the Lodge proceeded to ballot for Mr. Eugene John Fauser, Diamond Merchant, 14 Hatton-garden, proposed by Bro. I. F. Ebner P.M., seconded by Bro. M. Diosy P.M., and as it proved to be unanimously in his favour he was duly received and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Previously the ceremony of raising Bro. Dr. W. H. Pardoe had been performed by the W.M. in his usual fluent manner. Bro. Pardoe was then invested with the Silver Eagle, the badge of the Polish National Lodge. On Lodge being resumed in the first degree a most animated discussion followed upon the important subject of the notice of motion which had been given by Bro. Paas Secretary, by which the subscription and visiting fees should be raised. This motion was not carried. The sum of two guineas was voted to a brother in distress. The W.M. brought forward the proposition of a new candidate. A letter was read from Bro. George R. Foster, stating that as he was to sail for Calcutta the next day, he wished to be placed upon the list of country members. This was unanimously agreed to, and the W. M. was requested to forward a telegram wishing him *bon voyage*, and a safe return to his mother Lodge. All the business being completed, Lodge was closed in due form at 9 p.m., and the brethren retired to the banquet-room, where they passed a pleasant hour or so. The following visitors were present—Bros. Venning Temple Lodge, Draper 1702, Saegert P.M. Wellington 548, Eastman Manchester 179, Loos P.M. Era 1423.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 8th February, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. E. J. Blackwell W.M., W. Ferguson I.P.M., Richard Dowsett S.W., E. Margrett P.M. acting J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, J. H. Hawkes S.D., R. C. Prickett J.D., W. Ravenscroft I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Bros. Collins, Greenaway, Bailey, Creed, Weatherhead, Sands. Visitors—Bros. Tarrant 1158, Withers Sec. 414, Davies 1332, Hawkes, and F. Blackwell 414. Lodge was opened in the first degree. The W.M. read a letter he had received from the J.W., Bro. the Rev. C. R. Honey, announcing his return from Italy, in restored health, and expressing his regret at not being able to attend that evening; also thanking the W.M. for his appointment. He hoped for the future to be able to attend regularly to discharge his duties. The minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Walter Blackwell as an initiate, and he was declared to be elected. The Tyler having prepared the candidate, he was admitted and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W.M. performed the ceremony in a masterly manner, and afterwards gave the charge with great erudition, realising our prognostication that good working would take place this year in the Grey Friars Lodge. Two notices of motion that were on the agenda were carried unanimously, securing the sum of twenty guineas on the list of the W.M., who will attend the Festival of the R.M.B.I. next week. Bro. Creed, who had recently joined the Lodge, desired to add five guineas for the same Institution, in recognition of his having rejoined his mother Lodge. The W.M. expressed his gratitude for the valuable addition made to his list, which he hoped would equal those of his predecessor. After the proposal of a member for joining, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 11th instant. Present—Bros. Wolf W.M., G. Ferrar S.W., Gribbell J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., A. Ferrar S.D., Weeden J.D., Houghton I.G., also Bros. Brasted, C. Lorkin, Cattling, D. Moss, Robinson, Richardson, Marks, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Preceptor. Bro. Cattling then proved himself an efficient E.A., and was duly entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Cattling acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren, and the third, assisted by Bro. Brasted. Bro. Wolf resumed the chair, and opened the Lodge in the third degree. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Cattling. Lodge being resumed to the first, Bro. G. Ferrar was duly elected to preside at the next meeting.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—On Monday, 13th instant, at The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C. Present—Bros. A. Hubbard W.M., Knight S.W., Hawtrey J.W., Pierdon S.D., Perl J.D., Bryce I.G., Edwin Storr Sec., Scales Treas., W. M. Stiles Preceptor; also Bros. Barratt-Kidder, Gilham, Money, Edmonds, Ashton, Harrison, Carter, Tubbey, Fraser, Jones, Grant, Richardson, Rogers, Emblin, &c. Lodge was opened to the third degree, and after the ceremony of raising had been rehearsed, Lodge was closed to the first degree. A most interesting paper was then read by Bro. W. W. Morgan, for which service honorary membership of the Lodge was conferred upon him. Five new members were elected, and the S.W. was appointed W.M. for the 27th instant. The sum of £5 5s was voted from the Funds of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and after having spent a pleasant and instructive evening, the brethren separated.

The Annual Banquet of the members will take place on Monday next. Bro. W.M. Stiles (W. M. 1507, &c.), the Preceptor, will take the chair at 7 o'clock precisely.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 13th inst., at York. Bro. G. Simpson W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M. C. G. Padel P.M., G. Balmford P.M., and the whole of the Officers, with a number of brethren. The business consisted of the passing to the second degree of Bros. the Rev. S. Edge and J. Menuell. Bro. Whytehead presented to the Lodge, on behalf of the Pentalpha Lodge, Washington, an "In Memoriam," Masonic biography and portrait of the late President of the United States, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Pentalpha Lodge for its fraternal gift. Two candidates were proposed, and Lodge was closed harmoniously, the brethren afterwards meeting at refreshment.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At Bro. Grey's, the Swan, Bethnal Green-road, on Thursday, 16th instant. Present—Bros. R. W. Pearcy W.M., Defries S.W., Horley J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Free Secretary, A. Clark S.D., Ford J.D., Sneth I.G.; also Bros. *D. Moss, Morris*, Robinson, Wilson, Hambach, Grey, Marks, C. Lorkin, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Robinson answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge resumed to the first degree, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hambach being the candidate. The W.M. displayed great ability in both ceremonies. Bro. Defries was elected W.M. for the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

LUTHER NOT A FREEMASON.

JUNE last, the *Voice* contained a letter of the Grand Master of Masons of Illinois, claiming that the great German Reformer, Martin Luther, was a Freemason, and as such had been initiated by a Lodge at Wittenberg, 25th December 1510. This statement was given by a reverend Slater, and received as truth. In a private letter, then, I questioned the correctness of the assertion, but requested delay in its public contradiction until I could get the facts from Germany. In response to my inquiries there, I have three letters, and they disprove Rev. Slater's statement.

There were no Freemasons in Germany before 1738, combined into a Lodge. There may have been single members, who were made in England or France, and who were sent as apostles to the continent to carry on the good work of the then new re-organisation of Freemasonry. For that purpose they may have formed Emergent Lodges, as in the case of Frederick the Great, of Prussia, in 1738, at Brannschweig, but no Lodges existed before 1717.

If Rev. Slater intended to state that Martin Luther had been initiated into a Guild of Steinmetzen at Wittenberg, then that is an error, as the letter written by the present Mayor of that city says:

No Guild of Steinmetzen was in existence at that time; the first Guild of Steinmitzen at Wittenberg was chartered 1563. It was impossible for Luther to be initiated, as there was none to initiate him, besides it was against the law of these Guilds to initiate any person who had not learned the trade and regularly practised it. The German Steinmetzen, in this regard, differed from their English brethren. The old Constitution of Strasburg 1549, Article "N," reads: "No workman, nor Master, nor Pallirer, nor Fellow Craft shall instruct any one whomsoever who is not of our Craft, in any part if he has not in his day practiced Masonry." When we examine the history of the Guilds of the German Steinmetzer as to their usage we find, 1st. Classification of their members into Masters, Fellow Crafts and Apprentices. 2nd. Government by a certain number of Officers. 3rd. The exclusion of all persons not having served regularly and practically for five years as Apprentices to a regularly acknowledged Master. 4th. The privileges of a Master's son. 5th. The peculiar requisites or qualifications for membership, and so on. These requirements, especially the most important, the great Reformer, Luther, did not possess, and consequently he was ineligible.

Luther, in his own Biography says, he left Wittenberg, December 21st, 1520, and returned January 5th, 1521. Luther was escorted to Worms by the Herald of the Emperor Charles the V., also entirely safe. A few of his personal friends and legal advisers were permitted with the escort. Among the guilds which hailed Luther along the line of his travel, and at Worms, not one Guild of Steinmetzen is mentioned.

"It is astonishing," the latter adds, "that we Germans receive the knowledge that Luther was a Freemason from a foreign country, and that we have been for 300 years ignorant of such fact, but unhappily it must be denied in toto. The capture of Luther on his return from Worms, near Eisenbach, by disguised soldiers and by order of his friend the Elector of Saxonia, Frederick the Wise, for

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Luther's own safety, and his incarceration at the Wartburg are historical facts, and so well known to every scholar that it would be a waste of time to go into the details."

A letter from Berlin, at which place there are very good archives in the hands of the Society of Steinmetzen still in existence, written to me in regard to the "Brotherhood of the Mark," mentioned in Rev. Slater's statement, says:

"Such a Brotherhood has never been in existence. Our Guilds of the Steinmetzen were never combined into a Brotherhood over a country; they were, up to the fourteenth century, chartered by the Emperor himself, and after that time by the cities where they were organised. At Torgau, the nearest city to Wittenberg then, the Guild was organised in 1486, and made its law. In this law mention is only made of Guilds at Maydeburgk (Madgeburg), Halberstadt, Hildesheim, Mullburgk (Muhlenburg), Merseburg, Meissen, Voitlandt, Thuringen and Harzland. The articles are nearly such in the Strasburg Document, but in regard to initiation more strict. From whatever source Rev. Slater received his information it nevertheless is a mere fiction. Luther never was a Freemason; as there were none of the Craft in Germany, then, he could not have become one."

So much for the letters. Now, Rev. Slater may have been mistaken in a name, for among the signers of the old Document of Cologne, 24th June 1535, appears "Philippus Melanthon." This name was for a long time supposed to be that of Luther's friend and co-operator, Philip Melancthon, and Rev. Slater may have mixed it up. But as this document has, a long time since, been proven spurious by many Masonic writers, even if Rev. Slater was mistaken in regard to the name, there can be little or no value placed upon it.

The other statement in regard to Luther's finding the Bible at the Lodge room and receiving the Mark degree is nonsense. The high degrees were instituted in modern Freemasonry after 1740, and were never known before. The Bible then was only printed in the Latin language, and surely was not readable by the common workmen of a Guild. The Bible was not used or even known as the First Great Light before 1760. No Guild of Steinmetzen used at their Lodges other symbols than the compasses, square, stone-hammer, or gavel, and the foot rule, which all had their very well known significance. The great and lesser lights and all other symbols of the present Masonry are of the new time. We may now publish; "Luther never was a Freemason."—*Voice of Masonry.*

The sixth annual ball of the New Concord Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Upwards of seventy couples were present to enjoy the festivities, which included a supper of a very récherché character. The Terpsichorean exercises were carried on with much zest to the strains of Bro. H. J. Dean's string band, Bro. R. Johnson efficiently acting as M.C. The toasts after the supper included the Queen and Royal Family, followed by the President, appropriately responded to by Bro. Pierpoint; the Ladies, acknowledged by Bro. F. Perl; and the Stewards, for whom Bro. Haslip S.W. replied. The arrangements were admirably carried out by a competent staff of Stewards, consisting of Bros. Pierpoint, Haslip, Tiddeman, George, Harper, Stead, Bartlett, Cusworth, A. and W. Potter, Harnett, Mustoe, Stilwell, Boulton, Sinclair, Tiddeman, and F. and A. Perl.

The fourth Annual "United" Masonic Ball, given in connection with the Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1288, the Crusaders' Lodge, No. 1677, and the New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695, was held on Tuesday, the 14th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. There was a very large attendance, upwards of three hundred ladies and brethren being present. The arrangements for the Ball were left in the hands of an efficient body of Stewards, who, with Bro. A. F. Speller as Secretary, appear to have done everything that was possible to ensure success. Their efforts were amply rewarded, for a more enjoyable evening could hardly have been spent. Dancing commenced shortly after nine, and was continued until 5 a.m. About midnight an adjournment was made for supper, which was laid in two of the largest rooms at the disposal of the Tavern. In the Crown Room, Bro. F. S. Rothschild, the W.M. of the Crusaders, presided, and at the conclusion of the repast, proposed the few toasts customary on such occasions. Dancing was then resumed, and carried on with great spirit till the hour we have stated.

The Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn President, Bro. James Brett Junior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.S. occupied the three chairs. There were about fifty brethren present. The agenda paper for Grand Lodge of next Wednesday week was submitted to the Board of Masters. The Lodge of Benevolence first confirmed the grants recommended at last meeting, to the amount of £265. There were 37 cases on the new list, and in the course of a sitting which lasted four hours 35 of these were relieved, with a total of £1,065. Two cases were deferred.

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MASONIC GATHERINGS AT SOUTHAMPTON.

THERE were two largely attended and important gatherings of Freemasons at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Friday, 3rd inst., the first being that of the Grand Chapter of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and the second that of the Grand Lodge of Craft Masons of the same province. The Arch Grand Lodge was presided over by the M.E.C. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Supt. Z., with M.E.C. W. Hickman as H., and M.E.C. T. P. Payne J., Comp. G. A. Green filling the P.S.'s Chair. The following Companions signed the attendance book, viz.—M. E. Frost P.E. 257 487 P.G. Treasurer, R. Sharpe Z. 130, R. Osborne Z. 487 P.P.G.R., R. W. Downing P.G. Organist, V. Brown Z. 903 P.P.G.A.S., F. Powell 903 S.E. P.P.G.D.C., A. Portsmouth 694 and 414 P.Z., J. H. Askham J. 723, G. Pearman Organist 487, C. B. Whitcombe P.Z. 903 P.P.D.C., J. Cole H. 394, W. Waters J. 130, C. W. Bemister A.S. 130, G. F. Lancaster Z. 342 P.P.G.S., R. Dampier-Child 175, R. Rood 130, F. S. Wright P.Z. 546, G. M. Passenger jun. P.Z. 130, S. Myer N. 130, T. Lashmore A.S. 130, G. Douglas J. 1331, R. Croisdale H. 1331, E. C. Kemp 394, J. Beer 359, T. S. Futcher P.Z. 586 P.G.H. (Wilts), J. C. Stroud 359, Henry Lashmore 130, A. Scott 175, G. Davies 394, J. H. Davey 359, W. Short 130, W. Brunwin P.S. 903, J. Hart 394, A. Algar A.S. 359, G. Silverthorn 359, D. Hobbs P.S. 359, G. Pack J. 175, J. Robertson N. 394, L. H. Saunders 175, C. A. Dyer P.Z. 359 394, H. P. Arthur 359, W. Berry N. 359, H. Dusautoy H. 359 P.P.G.S., W. Bowyer P.Z. 359 P.P.G.S B., H. P. Paris (United States), G. J. Tilling Z. 359, G. A. Hursell A.S. 175, J. S. Pearce 359, J. Dew P.Z. 694 P.P.G.J., C. W. A. Jellicoe Z. 394, Rev. A. A. Headley A.S. 309, E. Goble N. 309, F. H. de Rheims P.S. 487, W. Jenvey 130. G. Cross J. 359, J. W. Lamb Z. 694, G. Bond P.Z. 487 P.G.A.S., J. Harvey A.S. 694, J. N. Palmer Z. 175, S. R. Ellis P.Z. 342, J. Naish P.Z. J. 76, M. Emanuel 180, H. P. Aslatt P.S. 130, J. Brown 394, J. B. Thomas P.Z. 394 P.P.J., J. Clark P.S. 359, J. Wallingford P.Z. 903 P.P.G.A., J. O'Connor H. 257, J. R. Hayman N. 257, G. Mason 342, J. Brickwood 342, J. Gieve 407, J. Howell 903, F. Meredith 437, R. Barnes P.J. 342, W. M. Outridge E. 437, G. P. Arnold E. 342 P.G.P.S., G. R. Strick N. 1423, T. Francis H. 804 P.P.G.A.S., W. Smith 903, C. Travers M.C. 1428, T. H. Williams 342, J. R. Weston E. 130 P.P.G.E., G. Drake 342, W. A. Marshallsay 1428, T. Craven P.Z. 342, J. W. Wilmott H. 342 P.P.G.S.B., A. H. Hancox 903, W. Miles 342, E. Groves 487 803 P.P.G.D.C., J. Biggs and J. Exell P.G. Jans., and L. Cauvin 903, E. Carter 257, W. Vare 359 Jans. and Ass. do. The P.G. Treasurer's accounts showed a balance in hand of £46 4s 11d, and these were adopted. The P.G. Treasurer having been re-elected by the Grand Chapter, the P.G. Superintendent invested the Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—M.E.C.'s Hickman, H. Lamb 624 J., J. E. Le Feuvre (re-appointed) S.E., M. E. Frost P.G. Treasurer, C. W. A. Jellicoe S.N., Croisdale 1331 P.S., G. J. Tilling 1st A.S., G. H. Pack 175 2nd do., and Comps. Dr. O'Connor 237 Reg., Taylor 309 Sw. B., Barnes 342 St. B., Strick 1428 M.C., Pearman Organist, and Biggs and Exell Jans. The M.E.C.Z. congratulated the Grand Chapter on the progress Royal Arch Masonry was making. A new Chapter was about to be inaugurated, and there was a very good number of Chapter in the province in proportion to the number of Lodges existing in it, and these Chapters, he believed, were all in good working, and were, he hoped, tending to the spread of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the Province. After the transaction of formal business, the Grand Chapter was closed in ancient form.

An emergency meeting of the Prov. Grand Craft Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was then held, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the P.G.M. There was a large attendance, including the following:—Bros. W. Hickman D.P.G.M., J. E. Le Feuvre P.G.S.W., Dr. O'Connor P.G.J.W., Frost P.G. Treasurer, A. J. Miller P.G. Secretary, G. J. Tilling P.M. 1461 P.G. Superintendent of Works, C. B. Whitcomb P.M. 1,705 P.G.J.D., T. Lashmore P.M. 359 P.G.D.C., V. Brown P.M. and Treasurer 903 P.G. Purs., W. Bowyer P.M. 1461 P.P.G.A.D.C., F. Meredith 487, J. Wallingford P.M. 903, S. Myer P.M. 130, J. Robinson S.W. 130, E. A. Mursell I.P.M. 35, R. W. Mitchell P.M. 903, W. Furber P.M. 394, J. Bunt J.W. 1389, R. W. Downing I.P.M. 903, C. J. Phillips P.M. 130 P.P.G.S.D., R. R. L. Rosoman P.M. 1461, G. Davis Worshipful Master 130, J. Cole Past Master 130, J. T. Craven P.M. 342, W. Berry W.M. 1780, D. O. Hobbs S.D. 1461, A. Algar Sec. 1710, L. H. Saunders S. 1869, Rev. A. C. Hervey S.D. 309, R. Dampier-Child S.D. 1869, Waite P.M. 257, H. Cawte P.M. 342 P.G.R., E. Goble P.M. 309, E. T. Howell P.M. and Sec. 394, F. S. Wright 551, Clayton W.M. 698, R. Child 389, H. P. Aslatt P.M. 394 P.P.S.G.D., J. Laverty S.W. 1428, A. H. Hancox I.G. 1776, W. Miles Organist 1776, W. Cole 359, J. E. Aldis J.D. 359, G. Brooks W.M. 1112, J. R. Sharp 1112, G. F. W. Mortimer S.D. 1112, J. Daw P.M. 699, Longlands J.W. 359, T. B. Hill 1359, J. R. Hayman W.M. 309, A. J. Blackman 359, T. P. Payne W.M. 394, Henry Lashmore J.W. 394, J. Brickwood W.M. 342, I. Harle P.M. 1730 P.P.G.P., G. A. Green P.M. 309 P.P.G.D., J. Short 559, H. Webb J.D. 359, J. K. Linstead 130, H. Cook Sec. 1062, E. B. Tanner 1730, J. Hart J.D. 130, J. Adams P.M. and Sec. 359 P.P.D.C., W. Jenvey 359, A. Barfield P.M. 35 G.J.D., A. P. Young Steward 359, E. C. Kemp 130, V. Brown P.M. and Treasurer 903, W. A. Marshallsay 923, R. Croisdale 1331 P.G.S.B., Douglas P.M. 133, Groves W.M. 175, W. Daniell I.G. 903, A. Wheaver W.M. 1075, B. E. Hore 903, W. Smith 903, J. Howell Secretary 1705, G. W. Strick P.M. 1428, J. Crook 1730, J. C. Stroud 359, G. Pearce 359, J. Clark P.M. 359, J. R. Weston P.M. 130 359 P.P.G.R., J. T. Gidden 359, Williams W.M. 309, W. Short 359, Rev. A. A. Headley 309 P.G. Chaplain, M. S. Futcher W.M. 1712 P.D C. Wilts, C. Travers D.C. 1428, S. R. Ellis P.M. 342, C. W. A. Jellicoe P.M. 130, F. Powell W.M. 903, G. Pack P.M. 175, T. E. Rodwell 359, G. Wareham 359, G. Haysom 359, W. T. Dupree J.D. 1069, W. G. Clarke 359, S. Johnson 1236, W. M. Outridge J.W. 487, J. Brickwood W.M. 342, H. Wheeler P.M. 35, G. Pearman Organist 437, W. Footner W.M. 1372, W. Brunwin S.W. 903, T. Wood 1069, J. S. Pearce P.M. 1780, A. Wendover W.M. 1069, John Beer 359, E. S. Main 1776 P.P.G.D.C., T. Good 1834 P.G.S., J. N. Palmer 698 P.P.G.W., Alfred Scott 551 P.G.S., J. Gieve P.M. 1049 P.G.S., J. Biggs and J. Exell P.G. Tylers, Harrington 359, W. Ware 359, R. Eames 309, G. Carter 257 and Val Vennicombe 1428 Tylers. The chief business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was to receive and consider the report of the Provincial Bye-Laws Committee, who brought up a code of Bye-Laws which gave rise to a brief discussion, and ultimately, on the motion of Bro. J. R. Hayman, it was remitted to the Committee, whose number was strengthened by the addition of the Provincial Grand Registrar, Bro. Lancaster, and the Master or other representative of each Lodge in the Province, such representative being a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge. A large number of the brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Dartnall, the P.G.M. presiding. At the recent Grand Lodge festival the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight was shown to stand seventh in financial rank, as contributors to the total of £45,774 given to the Schools and benevolence in the past seven years. The seven Provinces standing first are West Lancashire, £3,486; West York, £3,461; Kent, £3,315; Warwickshire, £3,215; Middlesex, £2,034; Lincolnshire, £2,034; Hampshire and Isle of Wight, £1,971. There are now thirty-five Lodges in the Province, and five of these were represented by seven Stewards, whose lists reached a sum of £300 at the late Festival for the Boys. The Province has contributed in all £1,672, and to this must be added £583 for the Girls' School, and £1,276 for the Benevolent Fund, the aggregate contributions to the three funds being £2,829.—*Portsmouth Times.*

ROYAL ARCH.

PANMURE CHAPTER, No. 720.

THE election meeting of this Chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday, the 13th inst. Amongst the Companions present were Excellent Companions R. N. Field M.E.Z., R. H. Harvey P.Z. as H. (in the unavoidable absence of Excellent Companion Samuel Poynter), B. R. Bryant J., James Stevens P.Z. and Scribe E., Henry Smith P.Z. and Treasurer; Companions J. W. Watts Scribe N., J. S. Terry P.S., H. Baldwin P.S., William Wilkins, G. Harrison and others; and visiting Companions R. H. Vaisey Sphinx 1329, Robert E. H. Goffin Carnarvon 1572, and George Wale Burgoyne 902. Bro. Thos. Spearing, of the Southern Star Lodge, 1158, was a candidate for exaltation, and the ballot proving unanimous in his favour, he was duly exalted into the supreme degree, with full ceremony, most ably rendered by the Principals and Officers. The election of Officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows, viz.:—Excellent Companions Samuel Poynter M.E.Z., B. R. Bryant H., J. S. Terry (on whose behalf Companion J. W. Watts requested permission to retire from candidature) J., J. Stevens P.Z. S.E. (fourteenth re-election), Henry Smith P.Z. Treasurer, J. W. Watts Scribe N., H. Baldwin P.S., G. Harrison Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel, of customary pattern and value, was voted for presentation to the retiring M.E.Z., Companion R. N. Field. After the despatch of other Masonic business, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to supper. The remainder of the evening was enlivened by songs and recitations, the few toasts given being introduced briefly, but nevertheless receiving due response. The Visitors were very earnest in their several expressions of satisfaction with both work in Chapter and subsequent conviviality. A most enjoyable evening, quite in accord with the old traditions of the Panmure Chapter, the unity and harmony of which has ever been maintained since its institution, terminated at a reasonable hour, and the Companions separated. The installation meeting will take place on the 8th of May (Excellent Companion James Stevens P.Z. to officiate as Installing Principal). A large gathering of members and visitors may be anticipated.

EBORACUM CHAPTER, No. 1611.

THE installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst. The installation of principals took place at six o'clock. Comp. J. S. Cumberland was re-installed in the chair of Z. by Comp. T. B. Whytehead P.Z., who also installed Comp. C. G. Padel in the chair of H. Comp. Cumberland then installed Comp. J. T. Seller in the chair of J. The Companions were then admitted, and Bro. J. R. Jackson was duly exalted to the supreme degree. The following Officers were installed in their respective chairs:—Comps. M. Millington S.N., J. Kay S.E., A. T. B. Turner P.S., T. Humphries and R. Walker Assistant Stewards, G. Simpson Treasurer, P. Pearson Janitor. The Companions afterwards supped together.

Bro. Pearcy, Preceptor of the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, will rehearse the ceremony of Installation at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Wednesday next, 22nd February, at 8.30 p.m.

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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, 18th FEBRUARY.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1634—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1941—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1733—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1506—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

MONDAY, 20th FEBRUARY.

1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Ship Tavern, Hart-street, Mark Lane, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruc.)
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.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
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 Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge (Instruction)
434—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
830—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
964—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
965—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.
1235—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Tavern, at 5.30. for 6 o'clock.
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. (Instruction)
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hal, W.C.
554—Wartborough, 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.)
1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1367—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1443—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (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.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
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)

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (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.
469—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
980—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
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
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.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY.

2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Belham, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1276—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1446—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R.A. 43—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, 23rd 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)
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
37—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart College street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction.)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Aire Street, W.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst.)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)
R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
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. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
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
1313—Formor, 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
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 481—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 1088—Walton, Skelmersdale MasonicHall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 Inst.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)

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1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)

463—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1503—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1631—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. 249—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1634—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
St'nal 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.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—Held at the Feathers' Tavern, Upper George-street, W., on 10th inst. Bros. G. J. R. Tribbel P.M. 1287 (in the chair), G. W. West P.M. 1287 S.W., A. Braun P.M. P.Z. 766 J.W. In the absence of the usual Officers Bro. H. Moore was appointed Secretary pro tem. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the W.M., addressing the brethren, and referring to the minutes of the last Lodge meeting, said it was with extreme regret he had to inform them, and more especially those who were not (from various causes) present on the last meeting night, that it had been proposed and carried by a majority of the brethren present on that occasion, "That the Lodge should be discontinued, the furniture, working tools, jewels, &c., of the Lodge sold by public auction, and the proceeds of the sale added to the list of Bro. J. Hayes, the Worthy Preceptor, who was fulfilling the office of Steward this year; also that the Lodge funds in the hands of the Treasurer be paid over to Bro. W. Webster, who was stated to be in reduced circumstances, and greatly in need of assistance." The W.M. also said, he had applied for the books of the Lodge, but was unable to get them. Under the circumstances, he was therefore only quoting from memory as to what actually did take place, but had no doubt that what he had stated was absolutely correct. He should not express any opinion as to the course adopted, but leave the matter in the hands of the brethren present. Bro. G. W. West, in proposing that the minutes of last Lodge meeting be *not* confirmed, said that in doing so he was merely entering his protest against the manner in which the proceedings of that meeting were carried out. He was informed that the Lodge furniture was already in the hands of the auctioneer, and would be sold next day. He certainly must protest against such a proceeding;—he might say indecent haste had been displayed in this matter, without the bulk of the members of the Lodge having had warning as to the steps that were evidently in contemplation before the meeting was called. He considered it totally against the best interests of the Craft, both as regards Mother Lodges and Lodges of Instruction, that such undue haste and precipitancy should be displayed; it was applying the cloture with a vengeance, and he believed it to be perfectly illegal and unconstitutional that the resolution of some ten or twelve of the brethren present on the last occasion should be acted on without being confirmed by a subsequent meeting of the body of the Lodge. Under these circumstances, he should move that the minutes of the last Lodge meeting be *not* confirmed. Bro. Braun, in seconding the proposition, said he quite agreed with the remarks of the S.W. in respect to this matter. He never, in all his experience, knew of a case in which a Lodge of Instruction had been closed, in consequence of the resignation of the Secretary, in such an off-hand and peremptory manner. He protested against it, as being totally unconstitutional, and holding these opinions on the subject, he felt it is duty to second the proposition of the S.W. Bro. Moore, in supporting the motion, said: He was surprised when he heard that the William Preston Lodge of Instruction was closed, without the members having received any notice. However, such action was intended when the meeting was called last Friday. He had received a notice from the Secretary, but he was creditably informed that many of the brethren had not had notice. That was doubtless no fault of the Secretary, if he had sent notices to all whose addresses he knew. What he (Bro. Moore) complained of was, that the notice contained no intimation whatever that it was contemplated to close the Lodge entirely. The notice merely said:

Dear Sir and Bro.—At the next meeting of the above Lodge, on Friday, February 3rd, the following business will be brought forward. Report of Audit Committee, election of Officers, and other important business connected with the Lodge. And I request the favour of your presence in the same, as it may affect the fortune of the Lodge. I am, &c.

Bro. Moore having read the notice as above, contended that "had the notice stated the action that was contemplated on the next meeting night, and more time been given for consideration, no doubt a larger number of the members of the Lodge would have been present, and an altogether different conclusion arrived at. There was not one word said in the notice about breaking up the Lodge, and it certainly was a matter of surprise to him that it could be done in the hasty manner in which it had been. He must say he desired to express his gratitude to the members of the William Preston Lodge for the instruction, the courtesy, and kindness with which he had always been received, and he might say what he knew of Freemasonry was principally acquired amongst them. At the same time, he must oppose their action in the present instance. If it is legal and constitutional, it is high time the Constitutions were amended. He had studied the bye-laws, but could see no law which gave the Officers or brethren of the Lodge authority to act as they had done. On the contrary, the fourth bye-law distinctly stated that the minutes of the Lodge should be presented by the Secretary for confirmation on the following meeting night. Had that course been adopted, there would have been an end to the matter. But if the course taken by the meeting last Friday is proper and constitutional, what, he should like to ask, is to prevent, say any dozen members of a Lodge of Instruction, or even a mother Lodge, agreeing to call a meeting, and without fully stating the object of such meeting, "resolve to break up the Lodge, and dispose of the funds as they thought proper." He had no personal objection to the closing of the Lodge; it was only to the manner in which it had been done. No doubt the Lodge had not been in a satisfactory state for some time past. On some occasions the Officers were present, and the brethren conspicuous by their absence; on others, the brethren were present, and the Officers failed to put in an appearance; altogether he had no objection to the cloture in reference to the Lodge, but only to the manner in which it had been applied. After some further remarks by the W.M., the motion was carried nem con. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned to Friday evening, the 17th instant, at the hour of eight o'clock, as usual.

We are requested to state that the Lodge furniture of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766, was sold by public auction on Saturday last. It was bought by Bro. William Dunham, Seymour Arms, Seymour-place, Bryanston-square, W. At an emergency meeting held on the 13th instant of the members of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, it was unanimously resolved that the meetings of the Lodge be held at the Seymour Arms, Seymour-place, Bryanston-square, W., for the future, at the usual hour of eight o'clock p.m., on Fridays.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—On Monday, the 13th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Present—Bros. Taplin, Fleming, Cotton, Nicholson, Rowles, Phillips, Brooks, Weedon P.M., Duffin, &c. Bro. Brooks took the chair as W.M., and appointed the following his Officers—Bros. Taplin S.W., Rowles J.W., Cotton S.D., Nicholson J.D., Duffin I.G. and Tyler. After the usual preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fleming being the candidate. Bro. Weedon P.M. assisted as Preceptor, in the absence of Bro. Tucker. Bro. Cotton P.M. answered the questions leading from the first to the second degree. Bro. Taplin S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed with the usual formalities.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 10th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. F. Botley W.M., Goss P.M. S.W., Gomm P.M. J.W., Gunner S.D., C. E. Botley (Hon. Secretary) J.D., Andrews P.M. Preceptor, E. H. Sugg P.M. I.G., Maton and others. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and resumed to the second, when the questions leading to the third, were answered. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed. Bro. C. E. Botley candidate. Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Goss was elected W.M. for 17th February, when several members of the Lily of Richmond Lodge of Instruction, No. 820, are expected.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 14th February, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Edwards W.M., Dignam S.W., Christian J.W., Corble S.D., Baker J.D., Smyth I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor, also Bros. Wardell, Little, Gosling, Brasted, and C. Lorkin. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wardell offered himself as candidate for passing, and was interrogated and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree. Bro. Wardell was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Christian worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren, and then gave the lecture on the tracing board. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and regularly closed to the 1st. The W.M. worked the 1st, and Bro. C. Lorkin the 4th section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Dignam was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction No. 1612.—On Thursday, 16th February, at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, W. Present.—Bros. E. C. Porter W.M., A. Jones S.W., T. Smith J.W., J. Wells Secretary, C. Bellerby S.D., C. Andrews P.M. J.D., J. W. Woolmer I.G.; Bros. J. Green, Acworth, J. J. Clarke, W. Seward, Pitt. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. J. Green candidate. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. J. J. Clarke candidate. Bro. C. Andrews P.M. delivered the lecture on the tracing board. Lodge was resumed to 1st degree, and Bro. A. Jones was unanimously elected W.M. for the meeting on 23rd inst.

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ANALYSIS OF THE R.M.B.I. SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

BEFORE entering upon our accustomed task of analysing the Subscription List, it will be as well, perhaps, if we offer a few words of congratulation to those more immediately connected with the celebration of Tuesday. We have invariably made it our business to point out that the distinguished brother who consents to occupy the chair at one of our Festivals incurs a certain amount of responsibility. Not only has he to preside at the dinner, but he must also bestir himself very actively with a view to securing as large an amount of support as possible for the Institution he is for the moment more immediately interested in. Now, as we remarked last week, the Province of South Wales, Western Division, of which Right Worshipful Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Lloyd-Philipps is the respected chief, is but a small one, having only nine Lodges on its roll. No matter then how loyally the brethren of this province might support their Prov. G. Master, it was out of all reason to suppose they could emulate the triumphs of stronger and more influential Provinces. The will was as great, but the field was circumscribed. Yet we venture to say that, merely having regard to the support given him by his own Province, Lieutenant-Colonel Lloyd-Philipps cannot be otherwise than gratified at the result of Tuesday's proceedings, while if he takes note of the grand total subscribed from all quarters, he must be still more delighted when, taking the returns in round figures, at £12,500—a sum of over £103 was received the very morning after the Festival—he finds the average of the Stewards' lists was within a fraction of the very considerable sum of £50.

And if the Chairman is to be congratulated, so assuredly are the Stewards, individually and collectively, who exerted themselves so strenuously and so successfully in helping our Benevolent Institution, and enabling it to continue with undiminished ability the good work to which it is devoted. The officials, too, are to be congratulated on the result. Bro. Terry and his staff have laboured during the past twelve months unremittingly in order that the Festival now past might bear good fruit. They knew it was well nigh impossible to expect a West Yorkshire would be able to preside this year as well as last, and that a total of over £14,300 was out of the question. They also knew—none better, indeed—how necessary it was a good harvest should be gathered in, if the Institution were to continue at its present strength; and with this knowledge ever before them, they set about the task of enlisting the services of Stewards with a zeal and energy beyond all praise. They have their reward in the consciousness of having done their part towards the result of Tuesday. Lastly, we must congratulate the Institution and its well-wishers that, thanks to the contributions of the day in question, it will be possible to maintain the number of annuitants at its present strength.

Let us now turn to the more especial task of the moment. The Anniversary of 1882, if it cannot quite be compared with its immediate predecessor, is undeniably a fruitful one, in excess rather than in defect of the average of the last few years. The Board of Stewards also was an average one, and consisted of 254 brethren, of whom 138 represented Lodges or Chapters in the Metropolitan District, while 116 acted for sundry of the Provinces. The amount, as announced in the course of the evening, was, omitting fractions, £12,337, of which London contributed £6,884, and the Provinces £5,452, eleven lists being at the time outstanding. Of these eleven, one, as we have already stated, reached Bro. Terry the morning after the Festival, so that the amount thus far contributed by London is £6,998—the total of the newly received list, that of Burlington Lodge, No 96, by the hands of Bro. J. Anstey Wild jun., being £103 19s. Of the 138 London Stewards, six appear to have been unattached, while the remaining 132 acted on behalf of 120 Lodges, six Royal Arch Chapters, and one Sanctuary Ancient and Primitive Rite. As regards order of priority, Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, heads the list with £187 19s, the result of the joint exertions of Bros. R. A. Morgan and J. Bergman, Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, being close up with £180 5s, thanks to its Steward, Bro. James Boulton. Next comes Prosperity, No. 65, with £142 16s, and then, in the order stated, Yarborough, No. 554—always a liberally-contributing Lodge—with £128 6s, per Bro. J. J. Berry; Sincerity, No. 174, with £117 17s; Merchant Navy, No. 781, £115 18s; Friends in Council, No. 1383—Friends indeed and Friends in need—£112 7s; Sovereign Sanctuary Ancient and Primitive Rite, £110 18s 6d; Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, per Bro. Festa, its Senior Warden, £105, and No. 1949 with a similar sum—both these being new Lodges, and less than a year old; Burlington, No. 96, and Temple Bar, No. 1728, each with £103 19s; United Strength, No. 228, with £103 11s 6d; Antiquity, No. 2, £101 16s; Tranquillity, No. 185, per Bro. Croaker P.M., £103 3s; and Temperance, No. 169, £100. Thus, though there is no specially large amount given by a single Lodge, there is a goodly array of three-figure contributions.

One or two remarks, supplementary to the foregoing, may reasonably be made. While the old Lodges are, as usual, very strongly represented, Grand Stewards' Lodge, and Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 18, 19, 21, 22, 27, 29, 30, 33, &c., &c., sending up Stewards, the junior Lodges are also well to the fore, no less than five Lodges of last year's creation being in the list, to two of which we have already paid the just compliment of noticing their contributions. It is also worthy of remark that—writing subject to correction—this is the largest proportion of London Lodges at any of the Festivals it has been our privilege to record. There are in round figures some 310 Lodges in the Metropolitan district, so that over one-third are represented.

We now turn to the Provinces, which, so far as they sent up representatives, contributed the handsome total of £5,452. On glancing at the list, it will be found that thirty of them sent up Stewards, and as there are only forty-one, with three districts having no Provincial organisation, the representation is distributed over three-fourths of the whole country, London being, of course, excepted. The absentees are as follow:—Bedfordshire (5 Lodges) and Cambridgeshire (4 Lodges), as usual; Bristol (8 Lodges), which, however, has been fairly well represented

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on sundry occasions; Herefordshire (4 Lodges)—a very frequent absentee, we regret to say; Lincolnshire (21 Lodges), present at fifteen out of the last twenty-two Festivals; Northamptonshire and Hunts (10 Lodges), Northumberland (21 Lodges), a liberal contributor to the Boys' School; Notts (13 Lodges); Somersetshire (22 Lodges), present, however, at nineteen out of twenty-two Festivals, and possessing a strong voting power in consequence; Warwickshire (30 Lodges), also represented at nineteen out of the said twenty-two Festivals, with subscriptions amounting to over £5,000; Channel Islands (5 Lodges), no Provincial organisation; Jersey (7 Lodges); and the Isle of Man (3 Lodges). One District abroad, namely, Malta including North Africa, also sent up a Steward, Bro. Broadley, of the Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, Tunis. Thus, of the thousand Lodges—there or thereabouts—in the Provinces, only 153 were unrepresented, and the majority of these have done their duty satisfactorily on other occasions.

Let us run through the contributing Provinces, which are as follow:—Berks and Bucks (21 Lodges, of which 11 meet in Berks, and 10 in Bucks). The former county sent up nine Stewards, representing five Lodges and a Chapter, and the latter one Steward for No. 591, Abingdon. The total sum given is £243 14s, of which all but £2 16s is derived from Berks, two of whose Stewards' lists are apparently outstanding. It has only once been an absentee since 1st January 1875, the aggregate of its contributions being now £4,266. One Lodge does duty for the Province of Cheshire with a roll of thirty-eight Lodges, the amount of the list being £45. This Province also has only missed one Festival in the period already noted, and though its subscriptions may not appear to be on a scale commensurate with the number of its Lodges, it must be borne in mind that it has an Educational Institute of its own, which for many years past has been doing admirable service in assisting the children of deceased and indigent brethren. Cornwall with twenty-eight Lodges is represented by the Cornubian, No. 450, Hayle, the amount being £178 10s. This is a very fair list, especially when we note that in 1876 it gave over £453 to the Boys' School; in 1878 £570 to the Benevolent; and in 1879 £378 to the Girls' School. Cumberland and Westmoreland (19 Lodges) has a most active worker in the person of its Prov. G. Secretary, Brother G. J. McKay, whose list this time is £105, which with an addition of £10 10s from Brother Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Lodge No. 1073, Keswick, makes up a total of £115 10s. In 1878 it gave £150 to the Boys' School, and last year to the same Institution £210, while in 1880 it raised over £375 for the R.M.I.G. Thus the brethren in the Lake country are to be congratulated on the sufficiency of their charitable labours.

Derbyshire, which has the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., for its chief, and nineteen Lodges on its roll, figured at the Festival of Tuesday to the extent of £53 11s, the senior of the two Buxton Lodges—No. 1235—contributing that amount by the hands of two Stewards. It has been regularly represented at the Boys' Festivals since 1875, having given to that Institution over £1,000, while it has only missed one of the preceding seven Festivals of the Benevolent, and three of those held in aid of our Girls. A solitary Devon Lodge, the junior Torquay Lodge, No. 1402, gives £5 5s. It has, however, quite recently started a Charitable organisation of its own, and moreover has missed but three of the twenty-one Festivals of 1875-81, its contributions in that period exceeding £2,660. Dorsetshire (13 Lodges) contributes as a Province £36 15s, but though this may appear to be a small amount, our tables, published last year, show subscriptions to the Boys' School to the extent of £1,810, to the Benevolent £1,054, and to the Girls' £515, or together £3,379, a very satisfactory picture, having regard to its limited number of Lodges. Durham (27 Lodges) is entered for £63, and last year it gave £174. But it bestows the bulk of its favour on the Schools, the Boys' having been presented with £1,956, of which £728 was contributed last year, when its Provincial Grand Master, the Marquis of Londonderry, took the chair at Brighton; and the Girls' with over £814. A brief respite after last year's exertions will be readily conceded, therefore, to a Province which has done so well.

We next transfer our attentions from the North to the Home County of Essex with its nineteen Lodges, two of which by the medium of three Stewards send up between them the neat little sum of £93 10s. This is the seventh consecutive year it has figured at the Festivals of the Benevolent. It has had Stewards at all seven of the Boys' School since 1875, and has been only twice an absentee in the same period at the Girls' Anniversaries. The aggregate of its subscriptions as published by us is now only a little short of £2,100. Gloucestershire, with its modest array of fourteen Lodges, contributed so largely to the Festivals of last year, having raised £1,000 for the Girls' in support of its newly-installed chief, Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., to say nothing of £283 10s to the Boys' School and £263 11s to the Benevolent, or together £1,547, so that our readers will exhibit no surprise that at this Festival it should have been represented only by two Lodges and a Chapter, whose joint lists, including a sum of twenty guineas for Bro. Baron De Ferrières, M.P., amount to £110 5s. However, this helps to raise the total of its contributions since 1875 to the three Institutions to over £4,800, being an average of little short of £343 per Lodge, which, all will allow, is a goodly record, of which the Province may well be proud.

Hants and the Isle of Wight, with thirty-six Lodges, contributes £272 10s, being the total of the lists sent up by five of its Lodges. During 1875-81 it gave to the Boys £1,971, to the Girls £583, and to the Benevolent £1,276, making together £3,830; so that it figures now for £4,100. It has only missed two out of the last twenty-two Festivals, nor is this to be wondered at, having regard to the fact that its worthy Chief, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., is one of the most zealous as well as popular members of the Craft.

To "Little" Herts, with a muster of only eleven Lodges all told, belongs the honour of having raised the largest total in the Provinces, even the Lancashires and West Yorkshire having to yield to it on this occasion. No less than eight of its Lodges sent up Stewards, the Cecil, No. 449, Hitchin, having two representatives, while the Gladsmuir Chapter is represented, as well as the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, Barnet. The Watford Lodge, No. 104, heads the list with a handsome contribution, per Bro. J. E. Dawson, of £157 10s. Bro. Terry, acting as the representative of the Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580, Hatfield, is entered for a solid £115 10s. The Cecil, No. 449, Hitchin, gives in all £74 8s, of which £16 1s is on Bro. Silcock's list, and £58 7s on Bro. Dr. George Mickley's. Gladsmuir Lodge, per Bro. C. Grey P.M., figures for £30, and the Gladsmuir Chapter, per Comp. W. J. Crutch, for £40 3s. The Halsey, No. 1479, St. Albans, contributes, per Bro. W. Masters, £42; the Hertford, per Bro. W. Warrener, M.D., £30 9s; King Harold, No. 1327, Waltham New Town, £28 11s; and the youngest Lodge in the Province, the King Henry the 8th, No. 1757, Hemel Hempstead, a modest £15 3s. These together amount to £533 14s, which, as we have said, is the largest total contributed by any single Province. This raises its subscriptions to the Institution, of which our respected Bro. Terry is the Secretary, to the sum of £2,494 6s 6d, while, in addition, it has given over £720 to the Boys' School, and over £552 to the Girls' School, making together £3,766 as the result of its labours at twenty-one out of twenty-two Festivals. Again we say, as on former occasions, "Bravo! little Herts," to which we will take upon ourselves to add the expression of a hope that other similarly small Provinces—which, however, shall be nameless—will do what in them lies to emulate our little friend and staunch supporter of all our Institutions.

Pass we now to the county of Hops and Cherries—with its forty-six Lodges. This is not only a very strong Province, but it makes a point of being represented at every one of our Festivals. During 1875-81, it gave to the Girls' School £1,860 14s; to the Boys' School £3,315 10s; and to the Benevolent Institution £2,547 6s 6d, making together £7,723 10s 6d, which, by its present contribution of £370 9s 6d is carried to £8,094 exactly. Folkestone, Tunbridge Wells, Plumstead, Swanley, and Chislehurst, do duty for the Province in this instance, and none will deny but they have done admirably, the Cornwallis, No. 1107, Swanley, heading the list with £110 15s 6d, and the Pattison, No. 913, the senior Plumstead Lodge, being close up with £105 10s 6d.

The two Lancashires are numerically our strongest Provinces, and though, under such circumstances, it might have been expected they would take the lead of the others, yet there is no doubt they have shown a most praiseworthy liberality in their support of our Institutions. They are

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both fortunate in possessing extremely worthy and popular chiefs, West Lancashire being presided over by the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master of England, and East Lancashire by Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie Past Grand Warden of England. Both these R.W. Provincial Grand Masters have presided, the Earl of Lathom at the Festivals of the R.M.B.I. in 1876, and the Boys' School in 1880, and Col. Starkie at the Benevolent in 1879. East Lancashire is the stronger of the two Masonic Divisions of the county, having no less than ninety-one Lodges. It is entered in our tables for the years 1875-81 as having contributed £762 0s 6d to the Girls' School, £1,338 to the Boys' School, and £4,179 1s to the Benevolent—in all £6,279 1s 6d. Seven of its Lodges, by the hands of nine Stewards, jointly contribute £412 15s, one list, however, being apparently outstanding. This brings its total up to the present time to £6,691 16s 6d, and, what is equally satisfactory, it has figured at every one of the last twenty-two Festivals. Its greatest effort was in 1879, when its Chief presided at the Anniversary of the Benevolent, and was supported to the extent of £3,542. West Lancashire has eighty-one Lodges, and during 1875-81 gave to the Girls' School £1,389 6s; to the Boys' School £3,486 16s 6d, and to the Benevolent £2,431 17s: total £7,307 19s 6d. Its present subscription is £237 19s, of which £105 stands to the credit of Bro. Wylie, unattached, the rest being composed of amounts contributed by two Lodges and two Chapters. This makes up its total now to £7,545 18s 6d, the result of contributions to all the Festivals we have been privileged to chronicle.

Leicestershire and Rutland, with ten Lodges, all things considered, does extremely well. Brother Dr. W. C. Crofts, as representative of the whole Province, has handed in £152 15s. At five of the last seven Festivals, Boys' School, it gave £831 6s 6d, of which £400 18s 6d was raised in 1877; at three of the seven Girls' School Festivals it figures for an aggregate of £535 12s; while at the same number of Benevolent Anniversaries it has given £250 18s. Thus, at twelve out of the last twenty-two gatherings Leicestershire and Rutland, albeit but a weak Province, speaking numerically, has shown itself a tower of strength in Charity by contributing a total slightly in excess of £1,770.

Another Home County, in the shape of Middlesex, of which the genial Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., is the respected chief, next engages our attention. It has a compact array of thirty-two Lodges, and is invariably well represented at all the Festivals, distributing its favours among our three Institutions with a praiseworthy impartiality. In the septennial period so constantly alluded to, it has given to the Girls' School £3,293 3s 9d, its largest totals being in the years 1876 and 1877, when it raised £711 12s, and £744 4s 6d respectively; to the Boys' School £2,034 8s, its subscription of last year, £467 5s, being the largest of the seven items; and to the Benevolent £2,063 5s, the highest amount for any one year being the £440 7s of 1879. Now, by the hands of nine Stewards, of whom Bro. George Kenning is unattached, while the others represent among them six Lodges and two Chapters, it contributes £408 2s. This, added to the sum of £7,390 16s 9d for the seven years, makes a grand total of £7,798 18s 9d, a return that must be in all respects most flattering to the worthy chief, his Lodges, and the brethren.

Monmouthshire, with eight Lodges, as the immediate neighbour of South Wales, and being, as in fact it is, even more Welsh than it is English, might naturally have been expected to contribute freely of its means, and we rejoice to say it has amply realised this very natural expectation, the sum given by the Province, per Bro. J. A. Rolls, M.P., acting as its representative, being £257 7s. At the four Anniversaries of this Institution to which it has sent up Stewards it has given £445 15s; the Boys' School, at a like number, has benefited to the extent of £388 10s, and the Girls, at the five Festivals, to that of £721 15s, though, as in the return for 1875, the two Welsh Provinces and Monmouthshire are grouped together, we shall be probably more near the mark if, after deducting two-thirds of the particular amount for the Welsh Provinces, we set down the contributions of Monmouthshire at £412 Under any circumstances, we can credit Monmouthshire with the very capital contribution of over £1,500—not a bad amount for a Province with only eight Lodges.

Norfolk (16 Lodges) has a single Lodge represented, whose list is given as £36 15s. It has been entered at twelve of the Festivals during 1875-81, having raised for the Boys' School £632 18s; for the Girls' ditto £129 8s, and for the Benevolent £448 10s, together £1,510 16s, or with the contribution of Tuesday £1,547 11s. Its largest aggregate for a single year was in 1879, when it raised over £306 for the Benevolent Institution.

North Wales and Salop has twenty-seven Lodges, and from a feeling of sympathy with its sister Province in South Wales, has fairly well exerted itself on this occasion, five Lodges sending up, by as many Stewards, £149 17s 6d, its Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Spaull, heading the array as representative of the St. Oswald, No. 1124, Oswestry, with Fifty Guineas. Its only contributions to this Institution previously have been two sums of £10 10s each; but for the Boys' it has raised over £1,106, and for the Girl's over £459. We take the excellent subscription of last Tuesday as an omen of good for the year 1882.

Next in order is Oxfordshire, with ten Lodges. It enjoys the honour of being under the rule of a most illustrious chief, Prince Leopold Duke of Albany. That it deeply appreciates this honour must be judged from the liberal and impartial support it extends to all our Institutions. It has missed not a single one of the Festivals we have reported, having given to "Our Boys'" £565 9s, to "Our Girls'" £742 4s, and to the Benevolent, exclusive of the current year, £867 9s 6d—in all £2,176 2s 6d. To this must now be added £176 18s, of which £105 is the subscription of Apollo University, No. 357, making a grand total now of £2,353 and a fraction. Its most successful year was for the Girls' in 1880, when His Royal Highness took the chair, and over £309 12s was announced.

We now come to the Chairman's Province, namely, the Western Division of South Wales with its modest array of nine Lodges. It was represented by four Stewards, including Lord Kensington, M.P., its Deputy Prov. Grand Master, one of the four acting as representative of the Province. The sum total is £360 3s, which, as we stated at the outset, is in all respects worthy of so small a Province. During 1875-81 it raised £608 14s for the Boys, £536 5s—with a sum not stated in 1875—for the Girls, and £235 10s for the Benevolent. Consequently, it has till now given altogether over £1,740 to our three Institutions since 1st January 1875.

Staffordshire (26 Lodges) is down for a small twenty-five guineas, sent up by a Wolverhampton Lodge, St. Peter's, No. 419. In 1875-81 it raised for the Boys' School £985 8s; for the Girls' School £1,346 17s—its greatest effort being in 1880, when it contributed £536 11s; and for the Benevolent £751 2s. Thus, including the £26 5s of last Tuesday, it has contributed altogether, during the period included in our inquiries, slightly over £3,109.

An Ipswich Lodge—the British Union, No. 114—worthily upholds the fame of the East Anglian county of Suffolk, Bro. Clarke G.P. England, as its representative, contributing a list of £130 3s. There are twenty Lodges in the Province, and irrespective of this sum, it has raised for "Our Boys" £746 5s; for the Sister Institution at Battersea Rise £493 19s 6d, and for the Benevolent £751 5s, in all £1,991 9s 6d, or with Bro. Clarke's list over £2,121. It has figured at all the Anniversaries we have noted.

Surrey, with twenty-four Lodges, is down for £162 1s 6d, the aggregate of seven lists from six Lodges and a Chapter. If we add this to its former contributions of £812 8s 6d to the Boys', £437 6s to the Girls', and £533 8s to the Benevolent, we arrive at the very satisfactory total of £1,945 4s. It has not missed a Festival since 1875. Its neighbour of Sussex, with exactly the same number of Lodges, has contributed almost an identical sum, namely, £162 9s, but there would seem to be another list yet due. "Our Boys" appear to be the favoured Institution, having received from it £1,691 19s 6d, though this in great measure may be attributable to last year's Festival having been held at Brighton, when it raised no less than £771 15s. To the Girls' it has given £807 2s 6d, and to the Benevolent £1,250 4s, of which £600 belongs to 1880. Thus the three have received in all, including Tuesday's list, just £3,911 15s. Very well done, Sussex!

Wilts (ten Lodges) sends up a neat £89 5s, which added to its previous subscriptions during 1875-81, of £299 5s to the Boys', £729 19s 6d to the Girls', and £971 17s 6d to the Benevolent, makes an aggregate of a few shillings over £2,090. This, it must be admitted, indicates a strong regard for our Institutions, giving, as it does, an average per Lodge of £209.

Worcestershire, with its eleven Lodges, under the healthy

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and active rule of Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., is making excellent play, and now freely supports our Charities. It has given £638 8s to the Boys—of which the sum of £580 13s was raised in the year 1880—and £574 7s to the Girls, £364 7s being its contribution in the same year; but the only subscription to the R.M.B.I. it has hitherto been our privilege to record is £42 in 1879. The present sum of £176 8s is the more welcome, and it proves the Province to be as increasingly impartial in dispensing its good things as it has latterly become liberal.

Of the two Yorkshire Provinces, that of the North and East Ridings, with its twenty-seven Lodges, is entered in the present list for £42, the joint subscription of a Hull Lodge and Chapter (No. 1010 in both cases) and Eboracum, No. 1611, the junior York Lodge. Two years ago, when its Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, took the chair at the Anniversary of the Benevolent, it loyally supported him with a total of contributions amounting to £855 4s, while, including Tuesday's £42, it has now given to this Institution £1,117 17s. The Boys' School has secured aid to the extent of £397 19s, while the Girls have received £239 8s, what it gave in 1878 not being stated. West Yorkshire contributes £350, the number of its Stewards being eight, of whom Captain Wordsworth appears to be unattached. Last year, when its Prov. G. Master, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., presided as Chairman at the Benevolent Festival, it had a most formidable Board of Stewards, who raised among them £3,560, while its contributions during 1875-81 amount to the magnificent total of £14,636 17s, namely, to "Our Boys" £3,461 9s, to "Our Girls" £4,748 13s, and to the Benevolent £6,426 15s. With this year's £350 the sum for the last twenty-two Festivals is £14,986 17s. Comment on this is unnecessary.

Since the above Analysis was written, we have been informed that another list—that of the Phœnix Lodge, No. 173, London—for £81 18s has been received, as well as the following additions to sundry other lists, namely:

	W. Lake	London	- - -	5	5 0
619	James C. Hayes	„	- - -	3	16 0
715	E. Zwinger	„	- - -	1	10 0
1259	E. H. Rolfe	„	- - -	1	1 0
1615	Charles P. Kempe, M.D.	„	- - -	6	6 0
1853	Thomas M. Meredith	„	- - -	0	15 0
Gloucestershire	Henry Godfrey, J.P.		- - -	5	5 0
Hants & I. of W.	Rev. F. W. Thoyts, M.A.		- - -	18	0 0
Kent	Joseph Storey		- - -	10	10 0
East Lancashire	W. J. Cunliffe		- - -	2	4 6
North Wales & Salop	Thomas Coxhead		- - -	10	10 0
	Total		- - -	£65	2 6

These amounts have been added to the list we publish elsewhere, but it may be as well to note the effect which the two fresh lists—both London ones—namely, for Lodge No. 96, £103 19s, which has been taken into account by us, and for No. 173, £81 18s, which has not, together with the above additions, has had on the general total as announced on Tuesday.

London, as announced - -		£6,884 10 0	
Add, Lodge No. 96	£103 19 0		
„ „ 173 -	81 18 0		
Small amounts, as detailed above -	18 13 0		
		204 10 0	
			£7,089 0 0
Provinces, as announced - -		£5,452 13 6	
Additions since received, as noted above - - -		46 9 6	
			£5,499 3 0
Present Total - - -			**12,588 3 0**

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Much watchfulness must be exercised at the present time, and the earliest evidences of ill health must be immediately checked, or a slight illness may result in a serious malady. Relaxed and sore throat, quinsey, coughs, chronic cough, bronchitis, and most other pulmonary affections will be relieved by rubbing this cooling Ointment into the skin as near as practicable to the seat of mischief. This treatment, so simple and effective, is admirably adapted for the removal of these diseases during infancy and youth. Old asthmatic invalids will derive marvellous relief from the use of Holloway's remedies, which have brought round many such sufferers, and re-established health after every other means had signally failed.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Lieut.-Col. J. A. Lloyd-Philipps, Provincial Grand Master South Wales (Western Division), who was well supported by Officers of Grand Lodge and brethren generally, there being close on 400 present at the banquet. The dinner was well served, and at its conclusion the usual toasts were given. In proposing that of Her Majesty the Queen, the Chairman referred to the notices which had lately appeared in the public press of Her Majesty's intention to reside for a time in the sunny south for the benefit of her health, and expressed a hope that the change might prove beneficial. He called upon the brethren to drink to her safe return to her native soil in renewed health and strength. The toast of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales K.G., M.W.G.M., the Patron and President of the Institution; The Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family, followed. The Chairman considered the example set by the Grand Master worthy of being copied, not only by each Provincial Grand Master, but also by the Master of every private Lodge. He referred to the approaching marriage of the Duke of Albany, and felt assured that Freemasons generally, would give a hearty welcome to the wife of the respected Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire. The toasts of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master followed. With the latter was coupled the Present and Past Grand Officers. The Chairman felt that the present Officers of Grand Lodge would follow the example set them by Past Officers, and work in such a manner as to uphold the dignity of the Grand Lodge of England as it had been upheld in the past. With the toast was coupled the name of the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Grand Chaplain. In reply, that brother expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be called upon to reply to that toast. On no occasion had he risen with more pride than on the present, when he saw before him so noble an assemblage of brethren met together for an object of benevolence—the ruling feature of Freemasonry. He felt that all present had but one desire—to hear a large amount announced on behalf of the Masonic Benevolent Institution. An old man himself, blessed with all he could desire, he could yet sympathise with those who were similarly circumstanced as regarded age, but who were unfortunately in want, and on their behalf he and the Grand Officers generally could but express the hope that a large list of subscriptions would be announced to-night.

The Chairman, on rising to propose the toast of the evening, was received with prolonged cheering. He said:—Brethren, it is with much diffidence that I rise to propose this toast. It is one that I feel could have been placed in much better hands than my own, for, being a soldier, I prefer action rather than words. But I must pray your attention for a short time on behalf of this toast, the principal toast at the Annual Festival of the Benevolent Institution for 1882. This Institution was suggested by the late Duke of Sussex, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, and since its establishment 556 brethren have been elected on its funds. After the last election there were 155 male annuitants receiving £40 a year. That makes up a sum of £6200, towards which we have a permanent income of £1800. The residue of the income, including the working expenses, has to be made up by donations and subscriptions. I only trust that when Bro. Terry, the Secretary, presently announces the sums collected by the different Stewards, we shall find that a very handsome sum has been placed to the credit of this Institution. The Freemasons' Widows' Fund was established under the Grand Mastership of the late Earl of Zetland in 1849. Since that time 319 widows have been elected, and after the last election there were 160 widows receiving £32 per annum each. Now, last Friday I had the pleasure of going over the Benevolent Institution at Croydon, and I made what, as a soldier, I may call a very minute barrack inspection. I went there as a stranger, to satisfy myself, and also to satisfy a great number of my brethren who have not an opportunity of visiting the Institution, and I must say I was very much struck with its cleanliness, with the air of comfort that pervaded the whole place, especially the rooms; and likewise with the gratitude expressed by the old men and women there. I had the honour of shaking hands with the oldest Freemason in England, the Warden of this Institution, who is now ninety-three years of age. I talked with some of the inmates, and, with gratitude in their hearts, and tears in their eyes, they said, "Oh, sir, what should we do if it was not for this Institution, and for the kindness of the Freemasons at large." I will not detain you longer, brethren, but I will just say this, that the Benevolent Institution is one that commends itself to your generous support. I come from a small province in the very westernmost of Wales, and I felt it my duty, on receiving an invitation to preside here, to come with a true Freemason's heart, to do what I could for you. I assure you it has given me great pleasure to preside here to-night, and I now ask you to drink right heartily, "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart replied to the toast. They were assembled that night to help the aged, and to get others to help also. He had been a Mason thirty-five years, during which time he had acted as Steward for the Charities on many occasions. The first Stewardship he had undertaken was for the Old People, and he was ready to act again in case of need. He might tell the brethren that on the occasion of his first Stewardship they thought £500 a great success; but such had been the growth of the Institution, that now they hoped for £500 with £14,000 in addition. He advised the brethren to pay a visit to the Institution, feeling assured that the more members of the Craft saw of it, the more they would appreciate it. He was very proud to hear the statements of the Chairman in regard to his visit to Croydon, more especially as he had had the pleasure of conducting Bro. Philipps over the Institution, and introducing him to the inmates. What would the annuitants have done without the Institution? he asked. They must have gone to the Lodge of Benevolence. He considered that the Institution was far better than the Lodge of Benevolence; for at the one brethren received permanent,

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while at the other only temporary aid was afforded. He felt sure that the brethren would be highly gratified on hearing the result of the various Stewards' efforts. Bro. J. Terry then read the list of donations, giving the total amount as £6,884 10s for London, and £5,452 13s 6d for the Provinces (total £12,337 3s 6d), with eleven lists to come in. (The various amounts, with additions made since, are given elsewhere). The total, Bro. Terry said, must be most gratifying to all concerned, it was the largest, with two exceptions, ever received on behalf of the Institution. This result had been attained with 143 Stewards less than were secured last year, when £14,300 was announced. Without casting any reflection on the brethren who had acted then, he felt this year's result showed that the Stewards of 1882 had each and all worked more zealously, if possible, than Stewards had ever worked before. Bro. Col. Lyne gave the toast of the Chairman, asking the brethren to join him in giving a hearty welcome to their President, and thereby showing their thanks for what he had done. He was sure the Principality would equally appreciate the compliment the brethren had paid them in having selected one of its Prov. Grand Masters to preside over the Festival as the brethren did the honour paid them by their Chairman in undertaking the office. He congratulated the Chairman on the grand assemblage surrounding him, and still further on the happy result of the efforts made by the Stewards, which had placed him in the proud position of third on the list of chairmen as regarded results. Colonel Lyne felt that the kind way in which the gifts of the Provinces were received, was an inducement for the brethren thereof to go on, and do all that lay in their power for the advantage of the Institutions. There was an old saying, "Good wine needs no bush," and as he felt that the Chairman's toast needed no remarks from him to ensure a hearty welcome, he would at once call on the brethren to honour it. The toast having been received most enthusiastically, the Chairman replied. He hardly knew how to respond after the kind way in which his health had been proposed and received. At the solicitation of the Secretary of the Institution he had consented, subject to the approval of the Grand Master, to preside. He did so with great diffidence. He could assure the brethren that the Masonic heart beat as warmly in his, the western part of the country, as it did in the great city of London. He had experienced great pleasure in presiding that day, and personally thanked all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn was entrusted with the proposition of the next toast—Success to the other Masonic Institutions—which he proposed in a few words. He reminded the brethren that Masonry was a progressive science. He should like to see the results of the other two Festivals exceed in amount the total announced that night. If every one would determine to outdo what had been done, he was sure the results of the coming Festivals might be made unparalleled successes. Bro. Hedges replied, congratulating the Benevolent Institution and its officials on the success that had attended the Festival. He reminded the brethren that the Festival of the Girls' School would take place in May next, under the presidency of the Duke of Connaught, and hoped for as great a success. Bro. Binckes followed, expressing his thanks for the way in which he had also been referred to in connection with the toast. He only hoped that the splendid success which had attended the Festival of the Benevolent Institution might attend that of the Boys' School, which would take place in June next, under the presidency of the first magistrate of the first city of the world. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., proposed the health of the Stewards, to which Bro. W. Clarke G.P., the President of the Board, responded. The Chairman gave The Ladies, which concluded the programme in the banqueting hall. The brethren then repaired to the Temple, where the usual Concert was provided. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Madame Thaddeus Wells, she being supported by Miss Jessie Royd, Miss Carrie Blackwell, Miss S. M. Salmon, Madame Osborne Williams, Bro. Faulkner Leigh, Bro. Arthur Thomas, Bro. Bantock Pierpoint, and Bro. Henry Pyatt. The Conductors were Bros. Henry Parker and P. E. Van Noorden. The Festival of 1882 may be pronounced a great success in every way, and we have much pleasure in tendering our congratulations.

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					
	Br. Edgar Bowyer		85	0	0
	John Henry Leggott		10	10	0
	William March		50	18	6
	Abner Torkington		27	6	0
	F A White		10	10	0
	W Lake		10	10	0
Grand Stewards					
Lodge	W Smithett		38	16	6
1	Ralph M Bishop		15	15	0
2	Edmund A Pontifex		101	16	0
3	W H Perryman		67	4	0
4	Rev. H Lansdell, F.R.G.S.		21	0	0
5	Capt. H G Matthews		28	7	0
7	John Marnham		9	5	0
8	E Walter Rushworth		17	15	0
9	Alfred Endean		47	5	6
10	Rev. J N Palmer		29	5	0
11	Felix Curlier		42	9	6
Chapter					
12	Comp. Joseph Clever		36	15	0
Lodge					
14	Br. W Bedford Liddiard		10	10	0
15	E A Wells		49	6	6
18	John Abbott		15	15	0
19	William M Bywater		23	2	0
21	Robert Berridge		43	0	0
22	E Francis Storr		59	12	0
27	J H Coulson		61	17	0
29	John H Bott		17	17	0
30	Joseph Driscoll		56	12	0
38	M Ohren (Lodge 1601)		55	5	0
			26	5	0
46	James R Cassell		49	16	6
49	James Moon		73	10	0
49	Alfred Williams		10	10	0
55	James Cooper		63	14	0
63	John Henry Watts		42	10	6
65	Wm Chicken		142	16	0
Chapter					
73	Comp. John Mason		90	10	0
Lodge					
73	Br. Thos Palmer		75	14	6
79	H W Partridge		10	10	0
87	Richard Lambourn		58	14	0
96	Jas A Wild jun. (since announcement)		103	19	0
101	Thos E Taylor		48	16	6
108	J Monico		20	0	0
141	Edward Bye		32	1	0
Chapter					
142	Comp. R Martin		15	14	0
Lodge					
144	Br. Richard Barham		74	4	6
147	J J Hutchings		66	15	0
165	Chas Belton		10	10	0
167	J G Humphreys		56	3	6
169	Geo Bolton		100	0	0
171	W H Bateman		31	10	0
172	Geo Hockey		40	0	0
173	John Finch		81	18	0
174	Fred Brown		117	17	0
181	Wm Heseltine		35	14	0
185	Fred Croaker		100	3	0
188	Richard Baker		11	11	0
193	Bedford Lemere		86	1	0
194	Geo N Watts		53	1	0
197	Hy Luke Hansard, M.A.		18	15	0
198	J C Carr		50	0	0
205	Joseph Da Silva		76	8	0
228	George H Patmore		103	11	6
256	John A Farnfield		51	7	0
259	Rev A W Hall, M.A.		47	5	0
435	A Allhausen		25	3	6
511	Carter Millbourn		60	10	0
548	Henry Carman		44	11	6
554	J J Berry		128	6	0
619	Jas C Hayes		50	0	0
657	Geo P Gillard		28	7	0
704	W Fredk Rogers				
715	E Zwinger		20	8	0
749	W Groves		34	14	0
754	Wm M Tegg		26	14	6
781	F Robinson		115	18	0
813	R R Harper		52	10	0
822	Fredk Abbott		44	2	0
860	T B Dodson		22	0	0
862	R P Tate		71	17	0
871	G Harvey		21	0	0
890	T G Smith		105	0	0
907	G T Barr		49	4	0
917	J F Van Raalte		22	11	0
1017	John Syers				
1056	James Boulton		180	5	0
1076	Francis Brien		68	15	0
1178	R Challoner		53	13	0
1259	E H Rolfe		55	3	6
Chapter					
1260	Comp. J Pigot				
1275	Govan Macdonald		12	1	0
Lodge					
1278	Br. Wm H Making		38	17	0
1288	Alex Mullord		52	10	0
1305	J J Pope		52	10	0
1319	Edward Swanborough		23	3	0
Chapter					
1319	Comp F R W Hedges		11	11	0
Lodge					
1321	Br. F T Edgington		74	9	0
1328	Benjamin Turner		84	0	0
1329	G T Bickerton		30	0	0
1339	H E Frances		63	0	0
Chapter					
1348	Comp. Peter Parsons		31	10	0
1366	Br. Edward L Shelton		95	5	6
1381	H M Appleton		50	0	0
1383	William R G Farmer		112	7	0
1420	James S Sinclair		46	19	0
1421	R W Biggs		84	0	0
1426	Chas Taylor				
1489	T Hastings Miller		63	0	0
1538	George Gregory		35	17	0
1540	Henry Faija		53	11	0
1584	T Drew Bear		36	15	0
1607	E Conchman Beedell		63	0	0
1614	S Jacobs				
1615	Charles P Kempe, M.D.		29	6	0
1641	Robert J Foisey		50	0	0
1657	E Anderton		44	2	0
1668	W T Lover		42	10	0
1671	Richard A Morgan / J Benjamin		187	19	0
1677	R D Cummings		45	14	6
1681	R Burleton		50	5	0
1706	M Maybrick		44	2	0
1716	W C Young		64	4	6
1719	Thomas A Greene		29	18	0
1719	Joseph Manwaring		10	10	0
1719	M Mildred		10	10	0
1728	Charles Butcher		103	19	0
1732	L Solomon		79	4	0
1766	A A Clements Joint / J A Jones List		100	0	0
1769	Charles Thompson		49	7	0
1804	W H Farnfield		47	15	6
1804	John Roberts		10	10	0
1839	G F Smith jun		21	8	6
1853	Thomas M Meredith		90	15	0
1900	G P Festa		105	0	0
1922	Robert J Taylor		42	0	0
1928	Henry Massey		22	10	0
1949	H B Marshall, C.C.		105	0	0
1950	R P Forge		86	0	0
Sovereign Sanctuary A & P Rite	J H Southwood		110	18	6

PROVINCES.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

209	Br. Andrew Pears		27	5	0
574	Walter B Wilson		32	11	0
591	Gustav A Charuben		2	16	0
915	Frederick Blake		44	2	0
915	E Morland		10	10	0
Chapter					
945	Comp. John Tomkins, J.P.		42	0	0
Lodge					
1101	Br. Edward J Blackwell		72	0	0
	James Botting				
1566	Ephraim Davey				
	Chas M Foottit		12	10	0
			243	14	0

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CHESHIRE.

Lodge 1565	Eustace G Parker	45	0	0

CORNWALL.

450	John Coombe	178	10	0

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

129	G J McKay	105	0	0
1073	Rev. A F A Woodford	10	10	0
		115	10	0

DERBYSHIRE.

1235	Philp Le Gros	43	1	0
1235	John Stanley	10	10	0
		53	11	0

DEVONSHIRE.

1402	Thomas Perry	5	5	0

DORSETSHIRE.

Province	W. Douglas Dugdale	36	15	0

DURHAM.

764	Charles S Lane	63	0	0

ESSEX.

	A C Veley	21	0	0
433	William R Crozier	43	10	0
1543	E Shedd	29	0	0
		93	10	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Chapter 82	Comp. J Brook-Smith, M.A.			
Lodge 82	Br. Henry Godfrey, J.P.	15	15	0
82	Baron de Ferrieres, J.P.	21	0	0
592	John Mullings	78	15	0
		115	10	0

HANTS & ISLE OF WIGHT.

35	A Barfield	32	10	0
342	Joseph T Craven	73	10	0
694	Rev F W Thoyts, M.A.	48	0	0
723	Richard Eve	31	10	0
1776	Edward S Main	105	0	0
		290	10	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

403	William Warrener, M.D.	30	9	0
404	Jno E Dawson	157	10	0
449	James Shilcock	16	1	0
449	Dr Geo Mickley	58	7	0
1327	W A Sproat	28	11	0
Chapter 1385	Comp W J Crutch	40	3	0
Lodge 1385	Br Charles Grey	30	0	0
1479	W Masters	42	0	0
1580	James Terry Secretary	115	10	0
1757	Henry Balderson	15	3	0
		533	14	0

KENT.

Lodge 558	James Kennett	31	10	0
874	Charles Graham	63	0	0
913	W B Lloyd	105	10	6
1107	Joseph Storey	110	15	6
	E Kipps	59	13	6
		370	9	6

EAST LANCASHIRE.

44	W Francis Parkinson			
221	Thomas Entwisle	10	10	0
277	Rev. J Harrison, M.A.	42	0	0
317	James Wilson	10	10	0
	J W Edwards	10	10	0
	W J Cunliffe	12	14	6
467	Walter Potts	26	5	0
645	E P Stubbs	52	10	0
1009	Frank A Huet (L.D.S.)	250	0	0
		414	19	6

WEST LANCASHIRE.

	Robert Wylie	105	0	0
Chapter 613	Comp P M Hunter	21	0	0
Lodge 1182	Br John Williams	81	18	0
Chapter 1387	Comp J H Sillitoe	10	10	0
Lodge 1502	Br S Schönstadt	19	11	0
		237	19	0

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

Province	Bro. Dr. W Carrick Crofts	152	15	0

MIDDLESEX.

	Br. G Kenning	10	10	0
708	James Inglis	15	15	0
1194	William Vincent	110	17	0
1237	A G Fiddler	52	10	0
1326	J W Baldwin	28	6	0
Chapter 1503	Comp. D P Cama	15	15	0
1549	William Stephens	10	10	0
Lodge 1567	Br. W H Goodall	61	11	6
1637	John Burrows King	102	7	6
		408	2	0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Province	J A Rolls, M.P.	257	7	0

NORFOLK.

85	Dr C D Hill Drury	36	15	0

NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

597	John Peters	31	15	0
755	John R L Hazeldine	44	0	0
1124	F R Spaull	52	10	0
1674	Thomas Coxhead	13	2	6
1849	Henry Platt	19	0	0
		160	7	6

OXFORDSHIRE.

Lodge 340	F W Ansell	38	12	0
357	H R Cooper Smith, M.A.	105	0	0
478	R E Baynes	15	5	0
1895	A Brakspear	18	1	0
		176	18	0

S. WALES (Western Division).

464	Br. Rt Hon Lord Kensington, M.P.			
Province	Edwin Thomas	360	3	0
378	Dr H D Reynolds			
	John James			

STAFFORDSHIRE.

Lodge 419	James Walker	26	5	0

SUFFOLK.

114	William Clarke	130	3	0

SURREY.

416	J D Thomson	17	17	0
452	F A Manning, C.E.	5	15	0
889	Alfred Nuthall	25	3	0
1046	C R Anderson	21	0	0
Chapter 1395	Comp. S G Kirchhoffer	18	18	0
Lodge 1638	Br. W Youldon	46	9	0
1714	T J Pulley	26	19	0
		162	1	6

SUSSEX.

732	John M Reed	163	9	0
1619	William Hale			
		162	9	0

WILTSHIRE.

Province	Joseph Martin	89	5	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

280	William Barkley	42	0	0
280	Harry F Dale	10	10	0
377	G W Grosvenor	59	17	0
529	G H Williamson	64	1	0
		176	8	0

YORKSHIRE (N & E Riding).

1010	Br. George Bohn	10	10	0
Chapter 1010	Comp. Henry Logan	10	10	0
Lodge 1611	Br. G C Padel	21	0	0
		42	0	0

WEST YORKSHIRE.

	Br. Captain Wordsworth			
139	William G Roper			
290	William Harrop			
302	Thomas Hill	350	0	0
910	Robert Fisher			
1019	Alf. W Stanfield, J.P.			
1301	John T Goodall			
1301	Sunderland C Sykes			

NORTH AFRICA.

1717	A M Broadley	10	10	0

MARK MASONRY.

THE WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE OF MARK MASTERS, No. 223.

THIS Lodge met at the Masonic Lodge room, 8A Red Lion-square, Holborn, on Friday, the 17th inst., the W.M. Bro. H. J. Lardner being well supported by Officers and members, and a good working evening resulted. Amongst those present were the following, viz., Bros. T. Booth S.W., G. S. Elliott as J.W., R. Greenwood M.O., C. F. Goodenough S.O., Appleton J.O., W. Pennefather Sec., E. Gilbert P.M. and Treasurer, Brickdale, Brasher, Smyth, and others. The V.W. Brothers Donald M. Dewar P.G.M.O. Assistant Grand Mark Secretary and James Stevens P.G.J.O., &c. &c., were also present, and assisted in the work of advancement. The minutes having been read, several brethren were balloted for as candidates, and of these Bros. H. J. Ewins of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, and J. H. Rumball, C. J. Smith, H. K. Clisby, and P. H. Clisby, all of the West Smithfield Lodge 1623, being in attendance, were severally introduced and duly advanced to the honourable degree. The W.M. announced his intention to represent the Lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the brethren generally promised to support him. The Lodge was closed after some small matters of business detail had received attention, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, at the invite of the W.M., who is well redeeming a former promise that his year of office should greatly advantage and materially increase the prosperity of the Lodge.

Bro. R. C. Harrison, Junior Warden of the Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540, will preside at the meeting to be held at the Grapes Tavern, St. Thomas-street, Borough, on Tuesday next, 28th inst., when Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has undertaken to deliver his lecture on the Ceremonials of the First Degree. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. precisely.

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Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 21st February, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Dignam W.M., Christian S.W., Smyth J.W., Corble S.D., T. Clark J.D., Edwards I.G., F. Carr Hon. Sec.; also Bros. Darnell, Jones, Lamb, Gosling, Baker, Little, T. Jones, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Baker offered himself as a candidate for raising, was interrogated, and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the same brother was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the Worshipful Master giving the traditional history. Bro. Edwards assisted Bro. F. Carr to work the first section of the lecture. Lodge was regularly closed to first degree, and Bro. Jones, of Lodge 1607, was elected a member. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and adjourned.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At Bro. Grey's, the Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green-road, on Thursday, the 23rd inst. Present—Bros. Defriez W.M., Horley S.W., A. Clark J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Free Secretary, Gieseke Treasurer, Serjeant S.D., Stroud J.D., F. Perl I.G.; also Bros. Grey, Moss, Klein, Ford, Rowe, &c. After preliminaries Bro. Stroud answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge resumed to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Stroud being the candidate. Lodge closed in the second degree. Bro. Horley was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned. A ballot in connection with the Charity Association was then proceeded with, when the same proved in favour of Bro. Perkins.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—On Thursday, 23rd instant, at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. Alexander Jones W.M., T. Smith S.W., C. Bellerby J.W., J. Wells Secretary, J. Woolmer S.D., J. Green J.D.; Andrews P.M., E. C. Porter, Lamb, Hewlings, J. Owen, Pitt, H. Stephens. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. Hewlings answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the Worshipful Master rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Lamb candidate. Bro. T. Smith was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

Wallington Lodge, No. 1892.—A regular meeting of this very successful Lodge took place at the Public Hall, Carshalton, on Thursday, the 16th inst. Present—Bros. Charles Sawyer W.M., John G. Horsey S.W., W. Pile J.W., W. Russell Crowe Treasurer, Leon A. Mesrouze Secretary, E. Dickman S.D., J. W. Baldwin J.D., W. P. Catterson I.G., W. Harwood W.S., also Bros. Captain R. Crowe, R. R. Davis, G. W. Filmer, G. C. Burry, J. Edwards, G. Maspero, T. Carter, and W. W. Weal. Visitors—W. Sheadd P.M. Panmure 720, E. W. L. Gillemand 720, W. G. Frost Lorne 1347, R. Davis Langton 1673, and W. J. Ogden 1817. The Lodge having been opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Weal was examined and entrusted; Lodge was then opened in the second degre, and Brother Weal passed. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and an unanimous ballot taken for Messrs. S. W. Wilcox and Alfred Bishop, and these gentlemen were then regularly initiated. Bro. G. Horsey S.W. was next elected W.M. for the ensuing year, the ballot proving unanimous in his favour, as also for Bro. W. R. Crowe as Treasurer. The election of the Tyler and the appointment of Auditors brought the business to a close. The brethren reassembled at the King's Arms Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

The Right Worshipful Sir Francis Burdett has kindly promised to visit the Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382, on Monday next. The members meet at the Chequers, Uxbridge, and on this occasion Lodge will be opened at 6.30.

BRO. DR. JOHN BOWES.

IT is with deep regret we record the death of Bro. Dr. Bowes Master of the Warrington Blue Coat School, which took place at that Institution, on Saturday, the 11th instant. The deceased, who was 59 years of age, suffered from congestion of the lungs. He was well known and deservedly respected, as well in literary and social as in Masonic circles. Our deceased brother's literary attainments were of a very high order, and in addition to his various publications in the form of books, he was a contribntor to the local newspaper press as well as to our columns. Dr. Bowles was connected with the Lodge of Lights, 148, Warrington, and it may be said there were few members of the Craft equal to him in knowledge of the ritual, in the deep impressiveness with which he rendered it, and in the brotherly readiness with which he would communicate his store of knowledge. He was a Past Master of the Lodge of Lights, Prov. G. Treasurer of the Western Division of the county of Lancaster, and had filled the offices of Prov. G.D.C., Prov. Grand Reg., Prov. G.J.W., &c. He was also P.Z. of the Royal Arch Chapter "Elias Ashmole," and a Provincial Grand Officer of Cumberland and Westmoreland. The funeral took place on Thursday, the 16th inst., the brethren who attended wearing white ties, white kid gloves, and sprigs of acacia in their coats. We offer our respectful sympathy to his family and friends.

THE THEATRES, &c.

DRURY LANE.—At 7.15, ROBINSON CRUSOE. On Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, at 1.30 also.

HER MAJESTY'S.—CARL ROSA OPERA COMPANY.

LYCEUM.—At 7.30, THE CAPTAIN OF THE WATCH. At 8.30, THE TWO ROSES.

ADELPHI.—At 7.15, MY TURN NEXT. At 8, TAKEN FROM LIFE.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7, A PHOTOGRAPHIC FRIGHT. At 7.45, THE LIGHTS OF LONDON.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, ON AN ISLAND. At 8, THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, OURS.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, THE MARBLE ARCH. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.

STRAND.—At 7.30, PARADISE VILLA. At 8, MANOLA.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES, and PATIENCE.

ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, COUSIN DICK. At 8.30, THE SQUIRE.

SANGER'S AMPHITHEATRE.—Daily at 2 and 7.

COURT.—At 8, MY LITTLE GIRL. At 8.45, THE MANAGER.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, THE BLACK CROOK.

COMEDY.—At 7.30, SEEING FROU-FROU. At 8, THE MASCOTTE.

GAIETY.—At 7.5, OPERETTA. At 7.30, FARCE. At 8.30, ALADDIN.

TOOLE'S.—At 7.30, WAITING CONSENT. At 8.15, PAUL PRY.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.45, LOVERS' KNOTS. At 9, MOTHER-IN-LAW.

GLOBE.—At 7.40, MANKIND.

CRITERION.—At 8, RUTH'S ROMANCE. At 8.45, THE GREAT DIVORCE CASE.

ROYALTY.—At 7.30, TEN MINUTES FOR REFRESHMENT. At 8.15, THE FAST COACH.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 1st March 1882:—

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 7th December 1881 will be read and put for confirmation.

3. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.

4. Election of a Grand Treasurer.

5. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:—

A Brother of the Ionic Lodge, No. 227, London - -	£50 0 0
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6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Grand Lodge having at the Quarterly Communication of the 7th December last directed the Board to consider and report on a motion submitted by Brother Charles John Perceval, P.M. of Lodge No. 1607, to the following effect, viz.,—"That in all cases when a question is brought before Grand Lodge, for which a division is demanded, the telling of the same shall be conducted in a similar method to that pursued in the House of Commons, viz.,—Two tellers from each side of the question be appointed to record the votes as the members pass out, and make their report accordingly."

The Board have carefully considered the subject, and beg to report thereon—

1st. That the proposal of Brother Perceval to conduct the counting of votes in a manner similar to that in use in the House of Commons would be impracticable, inasmuch as printed lists of members would be required, and it would be likewise necessary that the tellers should be able to name the Brethren passing them.

2nd. That some other course might be adopted which would meet the complaint at present made of confusion, and possible inaccuracy, in obtaining the numbers voting; but the Board consider that in order to carry the matter out in a thorough and satisfactory manner, a rule should be laid down that all Brethren remaining in Grand Lodge, after a division is ordered, should be required to vote on one side or the other, after due opportunity of withdrawing has been given to those Brethren who desire not to take part in the division.

3rd. That temporary turnstiles be erected just outside the portals of Grand Lodge, to be in charge of the Grand Director of Ceremonies and his assistants, through one of which all the Brethren (except the presiding officer) remaining for the division should be required to pass on divisions being called for. And the Board believe that sufficient accommodation for the moment would be found for the Brethren in the corridor and in the "Sussex" room in the Freemasons' Tavern (directly opposite the door of Grand Lodge), which they have ascertained can be reserved for the Quarterly Communications at an annual charge of five guineas.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

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17*th January* 1882.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of January last, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £3,812 8s 5d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £100.

7. Report of Brother R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1881.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION.

(1) By Brother JOSHUA NUNN P.G.S.B. President of the Lodge of Benevolence:

In the Book of Constitutions, page 96, Article 3, after the word "*Month*" in third line, to add the words "*at 4 o'clock.*"

(2) By Brother GEORGE P. BRITTEN P.M. No. 183:—

Book of Constitutions, "Fund of Benevolence," Article 12, page 103:—

To erase the word "Three" and insert the word "Seven."

To add, "Grand Secretary shall prepare a list of all petitions for relief, stating the name and address of each petitioner, with the number or numbers of any Lodge or Lodges of which he may have been a member, and the number of the recommending Lodge; and such list shall be printed and forwarded on the Saturday preceding each meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence to all members of the Lodge of Benevolence, as defined by Article 3, page 96."

(3) By Brother FREDERIC DAVISON W.M. No. 10:—

"That the Lodge of Benevolence meet twice a month at 6 p.m."

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 1954.—The Molesworth Lodge, Wadebridge, Cornwall.
1955.—The Freetown Lodge, Freetown, Sierra Leone, Africa.
1956.—The Reunion Lodge, Blenheim, New Zealand.
1957.—The Grove Lodge, Hazel Grove, Cheshire.
1958.—The Hundred of Bosmere Lodge, Havant, Hants.
1959.—The Phœnix Lodge, Akaroa, New Zealand.
1960.—The Stewart Lodge, Rawul Pindee, East Indies.
1961.—The Punjab Northern Lodge, Jhelum, East Indies.

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CONSECRATION OF A MASONIC LODGE AT FENTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

A NEW Lodge of Freemasons was consecrated at the Public Hall, Fenton, on Wednesday, a Provincial Grand Lodge of emergency being convened for that purpose. Many of the members of the Portland Lodge (No. 637), held at Stoke, and Etruscan Lodge (546), held at Longton, reside at Fenton, and have for many years contemplated the formation of a Lodge of their own, not only as a matter of convenience to themselves, but with the belief that by so doing they would bring within the Craft many who have not been initiated, and thus promote the cause in which they are interested. Both the Etruscan and the Portland brethren supported the application for the charter, which was granted by M.W.G.M. of England, the Prince of Wales. The promoters of the new Lodge adopted for its name "Minerva," a Roman goddess, whom Varro, an ancient Latin scholar and critic, regarded as the impersonation of divine thought, having under her care all that constitutes the development of human destiny. The consecration of a new Lodge is an event which excites considerable interest amongst the fraternity, not only on account of the fact that even in these days of the rapid growth of Masonry the opening of a new Lodge is of comparatively rare occurrence, but also owing to the imposing nature of the ceremony itself. Hence there was a large gathering of Freemasons at Fenton on Wednesday. The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Major G. S. Tudor attended to perform the ceremony. The Lodge was opened at one o'clock by the P.G.M., the Wardens' chair being occupied by Bros. Gothard and Bickley. The P.G.M. stated that he had been commanded to perform the ceremony of consecrating the Minerva Lodge, and Bro. Cartwright, as P.G.S., stated the steps which had been taken for the formation of the Lodge. He said the M.W.G.M. of England had been pleased to grant a charter which was dated the 25th of October 1881, authorizing the opening of a Lodge in the Public Hall, Fenton, in the Province of Staffordshire, and the members were desirous that it should be properly constituted and the Officers installed and invested. In the warrant Bros. F. Wedgewood Grove P.M. 637 P.G.J.D. was designated the W.M., W. T. M'Neal P.M. 546 the S.W., and Thomas Ashworth P.M. 418 the J.W. The Lodge was named the Minerva, and numbered 1,942 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, and the ordinary meetings were fixed to be held the last Tuesday in each month. It was signed on behalf of the M.W.G.M. by the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and also by Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary. The brethren of the Minerva signified their approval of the Officers named in the warrant. Bro. the Rev. J. Westbury, in the absence of Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Iles, acted as Chaplain, and delivered an oration. He said it had been customary amongst Masons from time immemorial that on special occasions particular reference should be made to the duties, privileges, and responsibilities belonging to those who were worthy members of their Order; and on that occasion, without making any formal address, it would be well for him first to bring back their minds, so far as he could, to the early teaching of Freemasonry as a system. There were three things which it seemed to him they should consider with respect to each of their Lodges and each individual member. The first was to mind propriety in the appointments of the Lodge, and he thought the members of the Minerva might be congratulated upon the appointments they had prepared, in each of which some deep moral truth was symbolized. They ought to learn from that propriety that what they had to do, if done at all, was worth doing well, and that if it was not worth doing well it was not worth doing at all. As Masons they should be thorough men—thorough in their devotion to their Lodges, desiring to see that all their ceremonies were so performed and that everything in conducting the business of the Lodges was so gone through as to impress by the outward sign what was the inward and spiritual power. Another thing which came to his mind was that in their Lodges there was a certain—they might might say a perfect—equality. They gave honour to whom honour was due, and that was only right. To the Officers of the Lodge they promised obedience, and by the fidelity of

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the Officers to their obligations the members generally were enabled to fulfil their own duties more perfectly than they otherwise would. But, official duties set aside, they were all upon an equality—all brethren; and, then, as brethren, let them remember if one brother suffered they all suffered with him, for they were all members of one body. Those words were used in another sense, in connection with a brotherhood with which he was associated, of perhaps even a more sacred character than Masonry; but if they were to learn the real mission true Masonry taught they would be better husbands, better employers, better citizens than they were. Still the secret and cement of their Masonic Order was in this feeling that one man was not different to another—that each Mason, equally with any of his brethren, was a child and servant of the Great Architect of the Universe. The last thought which suggested itself was the need of consistency. If a member was a good Mason he was a good man; he could not be anything else. He might be a Mason and a bad man, but he could not be a good Mason and a bad man. Let their conduct be consistent outside the Lodge with what they did within it; let it not be thought from their outside conduct that there was anything improper in their assemblies; but let it be said when Masons were noticed by the outside world that their conduct was in the highest degree commendable, and give the glory not to themselves, but to the Supreme Ruler of the world. The musical portion of the ceremony was then commenced. After the usual prayers, the invocation was given by the P.G.M., and the Chaplain read the 1st to the 16th verses of the second chapter of the 2nd Book of Chronicles. The Lodge board was then uncovered. The P.G.M., the .D.PG.M., and the Wardens carried the cornucopia, wine, and oil round the Lodge, appropriate verses being sung, and the consecrating Officer strewed corn as an emblem of plenty, poured wine as the emblem of joy and happiness, and oil as the emblem of unity. The formal dedication and constitution of the Lodge followed, more solemn music being introduced, concluding with the National Anthem. The ceremony of installing Bro. Grove as W.M. was then proceeded with, this duty being performed by Bro. E. Roberts P.M. 637, assisted by Bro. S. Smith P.M. 637. In addition to the Wardens previously mentioned, the following Officers were duly invested;—Bros. G. Hallam Treasurer, E. Peake Secretary, J. Marfleet S.D., T. W. Gimson J.D., S. Smith D.C., Lindop I.G., T. Barker Organist, J. Shenton Steward. At the close of the Lodge a special tramway train conveyed the brethren from Fenton to Stoke, and a banquet was prepared in excellent style by Bro. Patzer, at the North Staffordshire Hotel. About sixty attended the banquet, and the W.M. presided. At the conclusion of the repast, the loyal toasts, proposed by the W.M., were very heartily drunk. Bro. F. James proposed the health of the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M. of England, the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and other Officers of Grand Lodge. He (Bro. James) said there was no man in England who could better give expression to the feelings which animated English Freemasons than the Earl of Carnarvon. Not long ago the Grand Orient of France made a proposition to eliminate from the Masonic ritual the name of the Great Architect of the Universe. They suggested to the Grand Lodge of England that they should alter their ritual to the same extent. Lord Carnarvon, in a few brief sentences, expressed the unanimous feeling of every English Mason that it was a matter that was utterly impossible even for them to consider for a moment. Members of the Grand Lodge decided that they did not wish to dictate to the Grand Orient what they should do, but while they were willing to exchange fraternal sentiments with every Lodge of France, they could not consent to admit any Mason who had been initiated under any rules the Grand Orient proposed. The toast was very cordially received. The W.M. proposed the toast of the P.G.M., referring to the long illness which Bro. Tudor had suffered, and expressing a hope that he would be completely restored to health. The toast was warmly honoured. Bro. Tudor responded, and expressed a sincere wish that the newly-consecrated Lodge at Fenton might prosper. Bro. E. V. Greatbatch proposed the health of Bro. Col. Foster Gough D.P.G.M., and other officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, past and present, for whom Bro. F. James and Bro. T. Bickley responded. Bro. A. G. Prince, in proposing the health of the W.M., said Bro. Grove throughout his Masonic career had been a credit to the Craft, and there was no doubt that under his direction everything would be well managed at the Minerva. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Grove, in acknowledging the compliment, said he considered it a great honour to be Master of any Lodge, but it was an extremely high honour to be the first Master. Numbering amongst his Officers several Past Masters, he had every reason to expect a successful year of office. It had long been an idea of himself and others that they should have in Fenton a Masonic Lodge, and it was gratifying to know that their wish had been consummated. They had no intention of being at enmity with anybody. They knew that they might draw some members from other Lodges, and at the same time attract Masons who did not belong to either as well as initiate many who were not Masons. They felt that if they did take a few away from neighbouring Lodges the Craft in general would be benefited. He was glad that during his term of office as Chairman of the Fenton Local Board another institution had been added to those of the town, and that it was an institution which, while it could not do any harm, was calculated to effect much good. He hoped the members of the Minerva would act with that wisdom which the name indicated. He had been twitted with having named the Lodge after a heathen goddess, but tradition put her down as a wise woman, and if they could act up to the tradition of Minerva nobody would have cause to repent it. Bro. S. Smith proposed "The Visiting Brethren," on whose behalf Bro. W. Cartwright P.G.S., Brough P.M. 516 and D. Smith W.M. 637, responded. Bro. J. G. Bakewell P.M. 516, proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," for whom Bros. Ashworth J.W., and Gimson J.D., responded. Bro. Crapper P.P.G.A.D.C. submitted the toast of "The Masonic Charities," speaking of the vast amount of good effected by the money subscribed by Freemasons for their noble Charities, and observing that while the Craft was increasing numerically they might expect their Charities to go on and be still more prosperous and useful than they had been in the past. Bro. J. Webberley P.P.G.P. made an appropriate acknowledgment, and observed that whereas the Etruscan Lodge formerly had only eight votes for the Charities in London, they had now about fifty, owing to a great extent to the formation of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association—an institution of whose usefulness he spoke in high terms of praise. The Tyler's toast concluded the list. Several brethren favoured the company with vocal music, and the evening was spent very harmoniously and pleasantly.

Panmure Lodge, No. 720.—Met at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday last. Amongst the members present were Bros. Wm. Gunner W.M., G. Lambert S.W., G. Allen P.M. as J.W., James Stevens P.M., C. P. McKay P.M., H. Payne P.M., Thos. Poore P.M. and Secretary, C. Everist S.D., A. J. Barton J.D., S. Ash D.C., G. Trewes Steward, Charles Thomas Tyler, J. Laird as I.G., J. A. B. Ball, G. R. Smith, G. Lilley, G. Mulley, and others. Visitor—W. S. Dunkley Royal Hanover 1777. Minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Smith was then passed to the second degree. The following notice of motion by Bro. Lambert S.W. was carried:—"That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the Lodge Funds as a donation to the Masonic School for Boys." Bro. D. Trusler P.M. having offered to represent the Lodge at the ensuing Festival, that sum was directed to be placed on his list. Refreshments followed labour, and in the course of the evening, amidst many songs and recitations, a very pleasing reference was made to an absent Past Master, Bro. N. W. Hodges, whose recognition of the meetings of the Lodge are always made at each successive meeting. On this occasion the Secretary, Bro. Poore, interested the brethren with an account of a very handsome presentation of numerous valuable articles of utility, and engrossed testimonials of respect, to Bro. Hodges on his leaving Dundee for Aberdeen, to assume the joint acting management of the Dundee and Aberdeen Theatres. The spontaneous testimony of his many associates, including kind communications from Bro. J. L. Toole and other distinguished professionals, gave very great pleasure to the brethren; and on the suggestion of Bro. Stevens, the Secretary was requested to convey to Bro. Hodges their congratulations on his successful endeavours having been so favourably recognised. The brethren separated, after a very enjoyable evening.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—On Monday, 20th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Present—Bros. Taplin W.M., Cotton S.W., Nicholson J.W., Brooks S.D., Gray J.D., Duffin I.G. and Tyler. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read, confirmed and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Tucker Preceptor being the candidate. The W.M. gave the charge. Lodge was called from, and to labour, and then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Tucker rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. W. Burdett being the candidate. Bro. Cotton was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. It being understood that Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, would be in Uxbridge on Monday next, it was resolved to request him to honour the Lodge by a visit on that occasion. The Lodge was closed, and duly adjourned until Monday next, at 6p.m., when, according to information we have since received, Sir Francis Burdett has kindly promised to attend.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 17th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Goss (P.M.) W.M., C. E. Botley (Hon. Sec.) S.W., Costelow (W.M. 780) J.W., F. Botley acting Secretary, E. Monson S.D., George Thomas J.D., A. Jones I.G., Andrews (P.M.) Preceptor; Past Masters Bros. E. H. Sugg and J. C. Roe; Bros. Maton, Lees, Cordingley, Sperring, Metcalfe, S. Blasby. Visitor—Bro. Pitt, Zetland 511. Lodge was opened in usual form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge was in due course advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. F. Botley candidate. Bro. Preceptor gave the lecture of the third degree, including the traditional history. Lodge resumed to first degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Past Master Sugg candidate. Bro. C. E. Botley Hon. Sec. then informed the brethren that Bro. Morgan had consented to give one of his Lectures; this announcement was received with pleasure, and Friday, the 10th of March, was mentioned as a suitable day, subject to Bro. Morgan's convenience. Bro. Costelow (W.M. 780) was then unanimously elected W.M. for 24th February. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—This most successful of the North London Lodges of Instruction, held its 94th meeting at the Canonbury Tavern, on Monday, 20th inst.; the Lodge was opened at 8.30 to the minute, the Preceptor and Secretary being very strict on this point. Bro. R. M. Jones, the W.M. for the evening, rehearsed the first ceremony, after which he vacated the chair in favour of Bro. R. P. Forge W.M. of 1950. Bro. Lyn having proved himself an efficient E.A., was entrusted, and the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. After this the Lodge was closed in the second, and Bro. Jones resumed the chair. This being the first occasion he had occupied that position, the brethren passed a cordial vote of thanks, to be recorded upon the minutes, for the able manner he had discharged the duties. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony. Bro. P.M. Pearcy will rehearse the ceremony of installation next Monday.

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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, 25th FEBRUARY.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (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.
1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Ship Tavern, Hart-street, Mark Lane, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruc.)
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)
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1633—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)

49—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
63—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
254—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge (Instruction)
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
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
1543—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, 28th FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
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, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
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.)
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (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.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, 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)
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (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
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
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
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool,

WEDNESDAY, 1st MARCH.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
234—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)
74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
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, Monmouthsh
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
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 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons'sHall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
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
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
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, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
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.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 2nd MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1351—St. Clement Danes, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
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, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, 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
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
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, Farcham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Ratcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
360—Pomert, Abington Street, Northampton.
368—Lime-stone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Burgreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.

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the Officers to their obligations the members generally were enabled to fulfil their own duties more perfectly than they otherwise would. But, official duties set aside, they were all upon an equality—all brethren; and, then, as brethren, let them remember if one brother suffered they all suffered with him, for they were all members of one body. Those words were used in another sense, in connection with a brotherhood with which he was associated, of perhaps even a more sacred character than Masonry; but if they were to learn the real mission true Masonry taught they would be better husbands, better employers, better citizens than they were. Still the secret and cement of their Masonic Order was in this feeling that one man was not different to another—that each Mason, equally with any of his brethren, was a child and servant of the Great Architect of the Universe. The last thought which suggested itself was the need of consistency. If a member was a good Mason he was a good man; he could not be anything else. He might be a Mason and a bad man, but he could not be a good Mason and a bad man. Let their conduct be consistent outside the Lodge with what they did within it; let it not be thought from their outside conduct that there was anything improper in their assemblies; but let it be said when Masons were noticed by the outside world that their conduct was in the highest degree commendable, and give the glory not to themselves, but to the Supreme Ruler of the world. The musical portion of the ceremony was then commenced. After the usual prayers, the invocation was given by the P.G.M., and the Chaplain read the 1st to the 16th verses of the second chapter of the 2nd Book of Chronicles. The Lodge board was then uncovered. The P.G.M., the .D.PG.M., and the Wardens carried the cornucopia, wine, and oil round the Lodge, appropriate verses being sung, and the consecrating Officer strewed corn as an emblem of plenty, poured wine as the emblem of joy and happiness, and oil as the emblem of unity. The formal dedication and constitution of the Lodge followed, more solemn music being introduced, concluding with the National Anthem. The ceremony of installing Bro. Grove as W.M. was then proceeded with, this duty being performed by Bro. E. Roberts P.M. 637, assisted by Bro. S. Smith P.M. 637. In addition to the Wardens previously mentioned, the following Officers were duly invested;—Bros. G. Hallam Treasurer, E. Peake Secretary, J. Marfleet S.D., T. W. Gimson J.D., S. Smith D.C., Lindop I.G., T. Barker Organist, J. Shenton Steward. At the close of the Lodge a special tramway train conveyed the brethren from Fenton to Stoke, and a banquet was prepared in excellent style by Bro. Patzer, at the North Staffordshire Hotel. About sixty attended the banquet, and the W.M. presided. At the conclusion of the repast, the loyal toasts, proposed by the W.M., were very heartily drunk. Bro. F. James proposed the health of the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M. of England, the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and other Officers of Grand Lodge. He (Bro. James) said there was no man in England who could better give expression to the feelings which animated English Freemasons than the Earl of Carnarvon. Not long ago the Grand Orient of France made a proposition to eliminate from the Masonic ritual the name of the Great Architect of the Universe. They suggested to the Grand Lodge of England that they should alter their ritual to the same extent. Lord Carnarvon, in a few brief sentences, expressed the unanimous feeling of every English Mason that it was a matter that was utterly impossible even for them to consider for a moment. Members of the Grand Lodge decided that they did not wish to dictate to the Grand Orient what they should do, but while they were willing to exchange fraternal sentiments with every Lodge of France, they could not consent to admit any Mason who had been initiated under any rules the Grand Orient proposed. The toast was very cordially received. The W.M. proposed the toast of the P.G.M., referring to the long illness which Bro. Tudor had suffered, and expressing a hope that he would be completely restored to health. The toast was warmly honoured. Bro. Tudor responded, and expressed a sincere wish that the newly-consecrated Lodge at Fenton might prosper. Bro. E. V. Greatbatch proposed the health of Bro. Col. Foster Gough D.P.G.M., and other officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, past and present, for whom Bro. F. James and Bro. T. Bickley responded. Bro. A. G. Prince, in proposing the health of the W.M., said Bro. Grove throughout his Masonic career had been a credit to the Craft, and there was no doubt that under his direction everything would be well managed at the Minerva. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Grove, in acknowledging the compliment, said he considered it a great honour to be Master of any Lodge, but it was an extremely high honour to be the first Master. Numbering amongst his Officers several Past Masters, he had every reason to expect a successful year of office. It had long been an idea of himself and others that they should have in Fenton a Masonic Lodge, and it was gratifying to know that their wish had been consummated. They had no intention of being at enmity with anybody. They knew that they might draw some members from other Lodges, and at the same time attract Masons who did not belong to either as well as initiate many who were not Masons. They felt that if they did take a few away from neighbouring Lodges the Craft in general would be benefited. He was glad that during his term of office as Chairman of the Fenton Local Board another institution had been added to those of the town, and that it was an institution which, while it could not do any harm, was calculated to effect much good. He hoped the members of the Minerva would act with that wisdom which the name indicated. He had been twitted with having named the Lodge after a heathen goddess, but tradition put her down as a wise woman, and if they could act up to the tradition of Minerva nobody would have cause to repent it. Bro. S. Smith proposed "The Visiting Brethren," on whose behalf Bro. W. Cartwright P.G.S., Brough P.M. 516 and D. Smith W.M. 637, responded. Bro. J. G. Bakewell P.M. 516, proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," for whom Bros. Ashworth J.W., and Gimson J.D., responded. Bro. Crapper P.P.G.A.D.C. submitted the toast of "The Masonic Charities," speaking of the vast amount of good effected by the money subscribed by Freemasons for their noble Charities, and observing that while the Craft was increasing numerically they might expect their Charities to go on and be still more prosperous and useful than they had been in the past. Bro. J. Webberley P.P.G.P. made an appropriate acknowledgment, and observed that whereas the Etruscan Lodge formerly had only eight votes for the Charities in London, they had now about fifty, owing to a great extent to the formation of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association—an institution of whose usefulness he spoke in high terms of praise. The Tyler's toast concluded the list. Several brethren favoured the company with vocal music, and the evening was spent very harmoniously and pleasantly.

Panmure Lodge, No. 720.—Met at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday last. Amongst the members present were Bros. Wm. Gunner W.M., G. Lambert S.W., G. Allen P.M. as J.W., James Stevens P.M., C. P. McKay P.M., H. Payne P.M., Thos. Poore P.M. and Secretary, C. Everist S.D., A. J. Barton J.D., S. Ash D.C., G. Trewes Steward, Charles Thomas Tyler, J. Laird as I.G., J. A. B. Ball, G. R. Smith, G. Lilley, G. Mulley, and others. Visitor—W. S. Dunkley Royal Hanover 1777. Minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Smith was then passed to the second degree. The following notice of motion by Bro. Lambert S.W. was carried:—"That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the Lodge Funds as a donation to the Masonic School for Boys." Bro. D. Trusler P.M. having offered to represent the Lodge at the ensuing Festival, that sum was directed to be placed on his list. Refreshments followed labour, and in the course of the evening, amidst many songs and recitations, a very pleasing reference was made to an absent Past Master, Bro. N. W. Hodges, whose recognition of the meetings of the Lodge are always made at each successive meeting. On this occasion the Secretary, Bro. Poore, interested the brethren with an account of a very handsome presentation of numerous valuable articles of utility, and engrossed testimonials of respect, to Bro. Hodges on his leaving Dundee for Aberdeen, to assume the joint acting management of the Dundee and Aberdeen Theatres. The spontaneous testimony of his many associates, including kind communications from Bro. J. L. Toole and other distinguished professionals, gave very great pleasure to the brethren; and on the suggestion of Bro. Stevens, the Secretary was requested to convey to Bro. Hodges their congratulations on his successful endeavours having been so favourably recognised. The brethren separated, after a very enjoyable evening.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—On Monday, 20th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Present—Bros. Taplin W.M., Cotton S.W., Nicholson J.W., Brooks S.D., Gray J.D., Duffin I.G. and Tyler. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read, confirmed and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Tucker Preceptor being the candidate. The W.M. gave the charge. Lodge was called from, and to labour, and then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Tucker rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. W. Burdett being the candidate. Bro. Cotton was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. It being understood that Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, would be in Uxbridge on Monday next, it was resolved to request him to honour the Lodge by a visit on that occasion. The Lodge was closed, and duly adjourned until Monday next, at 6p.m., when, according to information we have since received, Sir Francis Burdett has kindly promised to attend.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 17th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Goss (P.M.) W.M., C. E. Botley (Hon. Sec.) S.W., Costelow (W.M. 780) J.W., F. Botley acting Secretary, E. Monson S.D., George Thomas J.D., A. Jones I.G., Andrews (P.M.) Preceptor; Past Masters Bros. E. H. Sugg and J. C. Roe; Bros. Maton, Lees, Cordingley, Sperring, Metcalfe, S. Blasby. Visitor—Bro. Pitt, Zetland 511. Lodge was opened in usual form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge was in due course advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. F. Botley candidate. Bro. Preceptor gave the lecture of the third degree, including the traditional history. Lodge resumed to first degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Past Master Sugg candidate. Bro. C. E. Botley Hon. Sec. then informed the brethren that Bro. Morgan had consented to give one of his Lectures; this announcement was received with pleasure, and Friday, the 10th of March, was mentioned as a suitable day, subject to Bro. Morgan's convenience. Bro. Costelow (W.M. 780) was then unanimously elected W.M. for 24th February. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—This most successful of the North London Lodges of Instruction, held its 91th meeting at the Canonbury Tavern, on Monday, 20th inst.; the Lodge was opened at 8.30 to the minute, the Preceptor and Secretary being very strict on this point. Bro. R. M. Jones, the W.M. for the evening, rehearsed the first ceremony, after which he vacated the chair in favour of Bro. R. P. Forge W.M. of 1950. Bro. Lyn having proved himself an efficient E.A., was entrusted, and the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. After this the Lodge was closed in the second, and Bro. Jones resumed the chair. This being the first occasion he had occupied that position, the brethren passed a cordial vote of thanks, to be recorded upon the minutes, for the able manner he had discharged the duties. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony. Bro. P.M. Pearcy will rehearse the ceremony of installation next Monday.

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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, 25th FEBRUARY.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (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, 27th FEBRUARY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Ship Tavern, Hart-street, Mark Lane, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruc.)
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)
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1683—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)

49—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
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge (Instruction)
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
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
1543—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, 28th FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
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—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (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.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1744—Royal Savoy, 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)
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (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
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
966—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
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool,

WEDNESDAY, 1st MARCH.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
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, Monmouthsh
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
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 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons'sHall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
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
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
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, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
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.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 2nd MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stamgate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1351—St. Clement Danes, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
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, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, 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
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
305—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Farcham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecough, near Manchester
360—Pomert, Abington Street, Northampton.
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.

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509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1013—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eliand
1283—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
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 3rd MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd (8) Inst.)
780—R yal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
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.
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8.30

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
531—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
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Free masons' 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

SATURDAY, 4th MARCH.

142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
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-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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EASTERN STAR LODGE, No. 95.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge took place at the Ship and Turtle, on Tuesday, 21st inst. Bros. J. Wardell Worshipful Master, R. J. Collyer S.W., H. Ruff J.W., P. Edinger P.M. Secretary, A. J. Machlin S D., Swan I.G.; P.M.'s J. Marriott, J. S. Barnett, H. W. Ruff, Good, Bonner, Ducas, E. Bonner, Allen. Visitors—J. Brander P.M. 157, R. Wilkinson late 95 P.M., C. Lacey P.P.G.D. Herts, Wayland 1227, Bromley P.M. 228, T. Walton P.M. 157, J. Grove 1227, Sharp 49, H. Johnson Allen 733, Buck 1702, S. Brooks P.M. 1608, Deller 174, J. M. White 180, Fish P.M. 1366, Ralph 1018, Blaiberg 188, Cunningham, Simmons, J. Corbett 22, Hollington P.M. 933, B. Norrington, Fitzgerald 1364, Wardell P.P.G.D. Essex, Allen P.M., Levy P.M. 188. After Lodge had been opened and the minutes confirmed, ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. J. C. B. Richardson and John Lewis Holmes, and being unanimous in their favour, these gentlemen were duly initiated into the Order in a very able and perfect manner. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Collyer S.W. and W.M. elect was presented and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., who conducted the ceremony in a perfect and impressive manner, and was warmly congratulated by the brethren and visitors. There were twenty-four Installed Masters present. On the readmission of the brethren, the Worshipful Master was saluted according to ancient custom, and he, in appropriate terms, appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Wardell I.P.M., B. H. Ruff S.W., Machlin J.W., Edinger P.M. (re-appointed) Secretary, Swan S.D., Knight J.D., Jutsum I.G., Manning M.C., Speight P.M. Tyler. This selection seemed to give general satisfaction. The Worshipful Master regretted the absence, through illness, of Bro. Davis P.M., who had been elected Treasurer; however, he hoped to see him among them shortly. It was then proposed that a letter be sent to the worthy Treasurer, who had recently met with an accident, expressing a hope for his speedy recovery; this was carried unanimously. Hearty good wishes were given by the numerous visitors, and Lodge was closed. The brethren, fifty in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. C. and A. Painter. The Worshipful Master, in genial and eloquent terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Wardell I.P.M. rose; he had a toast to propose which was always received with pleasure—the health of the Worshipful Master, who he (Bro. Wardell) had known for twenty years. Bro. Collyer was well known to the Officers of the Masonic Charities, and he had brought good and intelligent brethren into the Lodge. The members had recognised his worth, and had unanimously elected him. At the expiration of his year of office he was sure they would see they had selected one worthy to rule over them. The Worshipful Master, in response, thanked Bro. Wardell for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received. He hoped to merit the kind expressions elicited; his only aim would be for their benefit. In proposing the toast of the Immediate Past Master, the W.M. thanked him for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiating the newly-made brethren; he also expressed the great pleasure he had received in being installed in so satisfactory a way. He had now great pleasure in presenting him with the jewel of the Lodge; every member and visitor must agree that Bro. Wardell well deserved it, and he (the W.M.) hoped he might be spared for many years to carry out the duties of the Lodge. Bro. Wardell thanked them for the elegant jewel just presented to him; he thought he had done but very little during his year of office, but he was pleased to know his efforts were appreciated by them. With the toast of the Visitors, to whom the Worshipful Master gave a cordial welcome, was associated the names of Bros. Wardell P.P.G.D. Essex and Charles Lacey P.P.G.D. Herts, the latter of whom spoke of the excellent manner in which the W.M. had presided, and also how admirably the ceremony of installation had been performed; in fact, he might say he had never seen it more perfectly rendered. He hoped the Worshipful Master would have a happy year of office. In speaking to the toast of the Initiates, the W.M. said they had the good fortune of being initiated in a Lodge where he felt, from what had been said by their visitors, the ceremonies were perfectly performed; and he was sure, by the attention each had given to the working, that they were deeply impressed. Bro. Richardson, in an excellent speech, responded, and Bro. Holmes followed, the latter remarking that this had been one of the most pleasant evenings of his life; he felt honoured in being proposed by Bro. Swan, and seconded by Bro. Ruff, and he was gratified that he had gone through the ordeal of initiation. He hoped to qualify himself to do all required of him. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, who, on the present occasion, were present in goodly numbers. However, they had one regret, and that was the absence of their esteemed Treasurer. He would call on Brother Marriott to respond. After an able response from Brother Marriott, the W.M. proposed Prosperity to the Masonic Charities. That night was being held the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; he wished that Institution every success, and hoped that Brother Knight, who will act as a Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, would be well supported by the members. The Treasurer and Secretary of the Lodge were next complimented, and Bro. Edinger P.M. and Secretary replied. Bros. Knight, Swan, and Jutsum responded for the Officers, and then the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated after passing a very agreeable and harmonious evening.

ROYAL YORK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 315.

THE annual invitation ball and supper was held in the rooms of the Royal Pavilion, on Wednesday evening, the 15th instant. Although at this season there are a great many balls being held, it was the general opinion of those present that this ball was the most enjoyable, every one present being highly delighted with the arrangements made. The company numbered over 200. The committee appointed for carrying out the necessary duties were Bros. J. W. Stride P.M., A. J. Hawkes P.M., G. S. Godfree, H. Kent, R. Paige, A. H. Thacker, with J. B. Hannay acting as Hon. Secretary, and through whom everything was carried out in such order that it conduced materially to the enjoyment of all. The floral decorations were of profuse description, and were displayed by Bro. W. Balchin with his usual good taste and skill. Messrs. Pike and Co., of East-street, distinguished themselves by hanging oriental and lace curtains at intervals in the long corridor, and, as it were, dividing it into rooms, in which were placed lounges, easy chairs, and handsome cabinets, with pier-glasses with plants at each end, whilst Messrs. Green and Co., of Pavilion-buildings, added to the general

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effect by contributing several of their special gas brackets, which were decorated with artificial flowers and leaves. Refreshments were supplied the whole time, and during an interval in the dancing the company adjourned to the banqueting room, where they partook of supper, all present being seated. Great credit is due to the caterers, Bros. Sayers and Marks, who carried out their work in the best form. Dancing was kept up with very great spirit until 5 a.m., the music being under the directorship of Bro. W. Devine.

FESTIVAL OF THE METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THE members of this Lodge of Instruction (No. 1507) held their annual festival on Monday, 20th inst., at the regular quarters of the Lodge—The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, City—under the presidency of the Preceptor, Bro. W. M. Stiles, who is also Worshipful Master of the mother Lodge. There was a good attendance of brethren, among whom were Bros. Past Masters W. Side, C. J. Scales, H. Stiles, F. Clemow, G. Tribbell; E. E. Barratt Kidder W.M. 12 (who acted as Senior Warden), Edwin Storr (Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction), and others. The repast was very well served by Brother Kingston, the proprietor of the establishment, and at its conclusion Brother Stiles proposed the first toast of the evening—Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft. This having been honoured, and the National Anthem sung, Brother Side proposed the health of the acting Master—Brother W. Mason Stiles, the W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge. Had he been called upon to propose this toast in the Metropolitan Lodge itself, he should have known somewhat better what to say in introducing it, but in the Lodge of Instruction he felt there were many members who really knew Bro. Stiles better than he did. However, he knew him sufficiently well to rest assured that the toast of his health would be well received, and he also felt that the knowledge possessed by those present of Brother Stiles's ability was sufficient to induce them to honour the toast without any further remarks from him. He accordingly gave the health of Brother Stiles, the Worshipful Master of the evening. The toast having been honoured, Brother Stiles replied. He thanked those present for the hearty manner in which the brethren had received him, not only then, but on many previous occasions. His name being associated with the toast of Prosperity to the Lodge of Instruction, which occurred later on the list, he would then have better opportunity of expressing himself in reference to the affairs of the Lodge; at present he would content himself with returning his hearty thanks, and expressing, as W.M. of the mother Lodge, how much the brethren thereof were indebted to the Lodge of Instruction for the efficiency displayed by the Officers. He next proposed the health of the Visitors. Had they been present on an ordinary night, they would have had an opportunity of seeing how the members could work; as it was, the members had had the opportunity of seeing how the guests could work. He only hoped that the work they had provided for them had given each of their number as much gratification as their presence had afforded the members of the Lodge of Instruction, and that they would have frequent opportunities in the future of attending again. Each of the guests having replied, Bro. Barratt Kidder rose to propose the next toast. He considered it a great honour to be entrusted with the toast of Prosperity to the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, which he now offered to the brethren for their acceptance, more especially as with it was associated the name of Bro. W. Mason Stiles, its Preceptor. It was a lucky day for Freemasonry when Bro. Stiles received that name, for, in the truest sense, he had acted up to it; indeed, Bro. Kidder felt there was no man who better acted up to the true principles of Freemasonry than did the W.M. of that evening. He was honoured and respected by all who knew him, and was as worthy a Brother as ever lived. The toast was received most enthusiastically, and Bro. Stiles suitably responded. He should be wanting in gratitude and pride if he did not first refer to his positions of W.M. of the mother Lodge and Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction—the highest honours the brethren of each could confer on any of their number. Speaking of the Lodge of Instruction, he felt they could but be gratified at the progress it had made. When, seven years ago, it was started, those who had interested themselves in the matter could have little idea of the extent to which the Lodge would go. Under the tutorship of their late Preceptor, Bro. Adams, some of the best Masons of the present day learnt in it the whole of their knowledge of the ritual, and that alone, he thought, reflected some credit on the Lodge. As regarded the Charities of the Order, in that respect also they had something to boast of. During the time the Lodge had been in existence three Charity Associations had been formed in connection with it, and up to the present time upwards of 290 guineas had been subscribed, through their instrumentality, from members of the Lodge of Instruction and its friends. He felt he might say that at least three-fourths of this money would never have found its way to the Masonic Institutions but for the existence of their Lodge. For himself, he could but again express the pride he felt in being Preceptor of the Lodge. He next proposed the Past Masters and Officers of the Parent Lodge. They had that night the company of two of the Past Masters, the Senior Warden, and the Master of Ceremonies of the Metropolitan Lodge, to each of whom he referred in a few well-chosen words, and concluded by calling on the brethren to drink their health. A reply to this toast, and the proposal of a few others brought the proceedings to a termination. Bro. W. M. Stiles brought forward the tankard presented to him at the last annual banquet, and he and the brethren present passed it round as "the loving cup" of the evening. The various toasts were interspersed with songs, recitations, &c., which added greatly to the enjoyment of those present.

Robert Burns' Lodge of Instruction, No. 25.—Held at the North Pole, Oxford Street, 18th February.—Bros. Blundell W.M., Blum S.W., Vine J.W., Green S.D., Harvey J.D., Wynn I.G.; Bro. Baker P.M. Lodge was opened in the first and second degrees, and the first section of the second lecture was worked by P.M. Baker. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Harvey candidate. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees, and Bro. Blum was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, on Saturday, the 18th inst. Present—Bros. G. Ferrar W.M., A. Ferrar S.W., Weeden J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Parkes S.D., Dignam J.D., Snook I.G.; also Bros. Marks, R. M. Jones, Archer, C. Lorkin, Robinson, Darnell, Gribbell, Douglass, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Jones answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Jones being the candidate. Bro. Pearcy gave the traditional history. Lodge resumed, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Robinson acting as candidate. Bro. Douglas answered the questions leading to the second degree, and Bro. Pearcy worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Douglass, of the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1766, was elected a member. Bros. C. Lorkin, Gribbell, and R. M. Jones were elected Auditors, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—On Friday, the 17th, at the Seymour Arms, Seymour-place, W. Bros. W. G. West P.M., W. Heath, G. J. K. Tribbel P.M., T. Saunders, W. Dunham, A. Braun, H. Moore. After the usual formal business of the meeting had been disposed of, Bro. Dunham (who had given the use of his drawing-room for the meeting), said he regretted very much that he had not a room suitable for a Lodge in his house to offer them, or he would have done so with pleasure. He might be permitted to say the brethren of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction were quite welcome to the use of the room they were in as long as it would suit them. It was hardly fit for a Lodge room, but such as it was they were heartily welcome to the use of. His public room was occupied every evening, and he did not think he could make arrangements by which it could be made available. If they could find a more suitable habitation, he would be very happy to let them have the furniture which he bought at the sale room on Saturday last, as long as they felt disposed to make use of it. It was proposed and carried that Bro. Moore, who had kindly undertaken the duties of Secretary *pro tem*, be instructed to write to the late Secretary for the books belonging to the Lodge. Bro. Tribbel, in supporting the proposition, said he thought the books were the property of the Lodge, and certainly did not belong to any individual member, and, therefore, as the Lodge was still in existence (notwithstanding the action taken by the Officers and some of the brethren on a late occasion) he thought the Lodge was justly entitled to have the books, and should therefore vote that Bro. Moore be requested to write for them. Bro. Weston proposed that the brethren then present should form themselves into a Committee, with power to add to their number, for the purpose of finding a room suitable for Lodge meetings. Bro. Heath seconded the proposition, which was carried. Bro. Braun proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Dunham, for his kindness in granting them the use of his room for their meeting that evening, and also for his very kind offer respecting the Lodge furniture. Bro. Saunders seconded the proposition, which was put and carried. The meeting was then closed, and adjourned till Friday, the 24th inst., at eight o'clock p.m.

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At the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, the 28th instant, at 7 o'clock p.m. precisely. Bros. G. H. Stephens W.M., C. H. Webb S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Wallington I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Glass, Smyth, Greenwood, T. Clark, D. Moss, Christian, and H. Forss. Second Lecture—Bros. Wardell, Webb, Brasted, C. Lorkin, and E. J. Allen. Third Lecture—Bros. Edwards, E. Dignam, and Wallington. Bro. F. Carr Hon. Sec.

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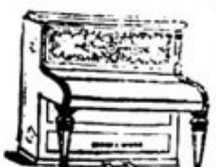

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THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION AND GRAND LODGE.

IT will be remembered that some three months since a proposition was submitted to Grand Lodge, by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., to increase the grant made to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons by an addition of £800 per annum. At the time this proposal was before the Craft we took occasion to refer to what the R.M.B.I. had done in the past, and what it was doing in the present; how that it was really the means of considerably lessening the claims made on the Fund of Benevolence, and how, in return for votes sent to every Lodge in the kingdom (now far in excess of the number at the time the last grant was made), it was fairly entitled to some addition being made to the grant it receives from Grand Lodge. These and similar considerations had their weight with the brethren present at the December Communication of Grand Lodge, at which the proposal was submitted, and the vote was agreed to, not by a small majority at a thinly-attended meeting, but by the unmistakable voice of a fairly representative assembly of brethren. In due course the proposition came on for confirmation at the Communication on Wednesday last, and with the result that so much of the minutes as referred to it were rejected, it being then decided, we may say unanimously, that a Committee should prepare a statement of the income and expenditure of Grand Lodge, in order that the Craft might be able to decide, before it became too late, whether it had acted judiciously or otherwise in passing a vote entailing so heavy an additional outlay as £800 per annum. For our part we think the inquiry can have but one result, and that will be favourable to the Benevolent Institution. We do not approve of Grand Lodge rushing headlong into expenses beyond its means, but to say that it cannot afford this additional vote of £800 per annum is simply absurd. Had the brethren present on Wednesday heard the accounts of Grand Lodge more fully detailed, we do not think there would have been found many to vote on behalf of Bro. Philbrick's motion for non-confirmation.

It may be as well to review what actually took place. Brother Philbrick, immediately on the reading of the minutes of the December meeting, asked permission to inquire of Grand Secretary the amount of the funds at the command of Grand Lodge, and being answered to the effect that the sum referred to amounted to about £15,000, he proceeded formally to move the non-confirmation of that portion of the minutes relating to the grant in question. He could but think that before Grand Lodge made an addition to its expenditure of £800 per annum the brethren should know what was the income of Grand Lodge, what its funds, how those funds were invested, and what was the permanent source of revenue, so that they might know whether, in the present position of the Craft, it was a matter of prudence and propriety to make such a large grant. All very well so far; and had Bro. Philbrick contented himself with arguments of this character, we think he would have served his purpose equally well; but he proceeded to explain to the brethren how the finances of Grand Lodge really stood—or rather he referred to just so much of them as served to support his view of the question, entirely ignoring, as Bro. Stewart remarked later on, several items with which he must have been fully acquainted. The income derived, he said, from the invested funds of £15,000 or £16,000 would amount to something like £500 a year; but we would remind Bro. Philbrick that Grand Lodge has other sources of income, a fact which he could hardly have been ignorant of, although his after remarks were calculated to imply such was the case. He felt persuaded that many of those who voted for the proposition at the December meeting believed that the state of the funds was very different from what the Grand Secretary had just stated. How, he asked, could they, a body of Masons who charged every initiate entering the body to let prudence direct his steps, not only give away more than the actual income of the property of the fund, but also pledge and mortgage future income, drawing as it were a bill upon the future? On the old principle that all is fair in love or war, we imagine Bro. Philbrick felt himself justified in representing the case as he did; but we would ask our readers, and particularly those who are interested in the question of Grand Lodge support to our Institutions, to examine for themselves, and judge how far they have been led away on the present occasion. As it may be difficult even for those who desire to do so to refer to the accounts of the Fund of General Purposes of Grand Lodge, we have prepared a summary of the last eight quarterly statements, from which it will be seen that Grand Lodge, so far from being anything like poor, has accumulated no less a sum than £8,383 18s 6d on this account during the past two years, and yet brethren are scared by the assertion that the invested capital of the Fund of General Purposes of Grand Lodge produces but £500 a year. The actual amount, according to these accounts, invested in Government Stock is £11,150, besides which there has been invested, during the last two years, £8,750 in the purchase of freehold property, and £2,300 in the erection of additional premises, all of which should yield as large a rate of interest as money invested in the Funds. But we think it is of little use to say much now in reference to the summary we give; we simply ask our readers to study it, assuring them that at no very distant date we shall take the opportunity of again referring to the question.

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Application has been made to the Secretary of State for War, for a site for a building for the accommodation of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903. A memorial, containing the grounds on which Mr. Childers is appealed to, has been signed by Commander Lord Charles Beresford, who, although the requirements of his profession have compelled him to leave England, takes a lively interest in the progress of this young but flourishing Lodge, which, though only a few months old, has a hundred members on its role. The site applied for is at the Edinburgh-road end of Alfred-road, opposite the Roman Catholic Church. The memorial has been forwarded through H.S.H. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar. At the next monthly meeting, Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold Duke of Albany (who was recently presented by the members of this Lodge with an address of congratulation on his approaching marriage) is to be balloted for as an honorary member. H.R.H. having been proposed by Bro. H. W. Townsend the acting W.M., and seconded by Bro. F. Page S.W. —*Portsmouth Times.*

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RECEIPTS—Quarter ending	Dec. 1879.	March 1880.	June 1880.	Sept. 1880.	Dec. 1880.	March 1881.	June 1881.	Sept. 1881.	Total for the years 1879-80.	Total for the years 1880-81.	Total for the two years.
Contributions of Lodges	1557 14 6	2100 1 8	1917 18 0	1520 5 0	1555 19 6	2243 8 0	1769 15 6	1601 14 0	7095 19 2	7170 17 0	14266 16 2
Rents (less property tax) for premises and use of Lodge rooms	573 13 11	867 1 11	585 4 1	526 17 2	637 19 6	1003 4 7	605 5 6	570 14 1	2552 17 1	2817 3 8	5370 0 9
Dividends on Stock	235 0 0	...	163 15 4	...	163 1 5	...	163 1 5	...	398 15 4	326 2 10	724 18 2
Grand Chapter (one-fifth of salaries)	113 0 0	113 0 0	97 15 7	100 5 0	100 15 0	100 15 0	105 5 0	105 5 0	424 0 7	412 0 0	836 0 7
Fees of honour, Warrants for Centenary jewels, Dispensations, &c.	27 5 6	4 8 6	24 8 0	6 16 0	12 5 6	16 9 0	14 3 0	12 16 0	62 18 0	55 13 6	118 11 6
Sale of Reports of Proceedings of Grand Lodge	5 12 6	...	...	7 0 0	0 15 0	4 10 0	3 15 0	0 10 0	12 12 6	9 10 0	22 2 6
„ Charity Medals	50 8 0	...	...	...	64 1 0	...	...	...	50 8 0	64 1 0	114 9 0
„ Books of Constitutions	39 3 10	118 18 8	110 15 1	34 8 1	86 11 11	121 8 3	41 11 0	81 0 0	303 5 8	330 11 2	633 16 10
„ Stock	...	6730 2 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	6730 2 6	...	6730 2 6
Insurance on Tavern	...	30 0 0	...	...	...	30 0 0	...	...	30 0 0	30 0 0	60 0 0
Total per quarter	2601 18 3	9963 13 3	2899 16 1	2195 11 3	2621 8 10	3519 14 10	2702 16 5	2371 19 1	17660 18 10	11215 19 2	28876 18 0

PAYMENTS.											
General (includes rates, taxes, insurance, printing, postages, repairs, &c. &c.)	750 7 11	855 1 2	706 5 8	393 15 9	956 14 2	1271 4 0	863 7 5	629 12 9	2705 10 6	3720 18 4	6426 8 10
Salaries and wages	656 11 0	580 9 0	592 16 0	596 16 0	597 7 0	618 9 0	618 9 0	620 19 0	2426 12 0	2455 4 0	4881 16 0
Girls' and Boys' Schools	75 0 0	75 0 0	75 0 0	75 0 0	75 0 0	75 0 0	75 0 0	75 0 0	300 0 0	300 0 0	600 0 0
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (to supply the residents at Croydon with coal)	...	...	...	70 0 0	...	...	...	70 0 0	70 0 0	70 0 0	140 0 0
Gratuity and Annuity to late Grand Secretary	...	425 0 0	125 0 0	...	3 0 0	...	...	...	550 0 0	3 0 0	553 0 0
Fund for the Relief of Distress in Ireland (per vote of Grand Lodge)	...	...	500 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	500 0 0	...	500 0 0
Gratuity to Assistant Grand Secretary per do.	...	...	157 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	157 10 0	...	157 10 0
Casual Relief	8 9 0	9 7 6	6 13 6	8 2 0	9 14 6	8 1 6	5 0 0	8 10 0	32 12 0	31 6 0	63 18 0
Investments	975 0 0	6725 0 0	100 0 0	...	950 0 0	...	3010 0 0	1300 0 0	7800 0 0	5260 0 0	13060 0 0
Law Charges, &c., in connection with do.	...	...	171 11 10	136 16 10	58 15 0	...	31 10 0	31 10 0	308 8 8	121 15 0	430 3 8
Error (in casting total in Grand Lodge Statement)	...	...	...	...	...	10 0 6	...	...	...	10 0 6	10 0 6
	2465 7 11	8669 17 8	2434 17 0	1280 10 7	2650 10 8	1982 15 0	4603 6 5	2735 11 9	14850 13 2	11972 3 10	26822 17 0

SUMMARY.

Balance in hand 1st October 1879		2033 15 8
Receipts:—		
General	22146 15 6	
Sale of Stock	6730 2 6	
		28876 18 0
		£30910 13 8

Payments:—		
General	13332 13 4	
Investments	13060 0 0	
Expenses on do.	430 3 8	
		26822 17 0
Balance in hand 30th September 1881		4087 16 8
		£30910 13 8

Improvement on the two years.—Investments		13060 0 0	
Sale of Stock		6730 2 6	
			6329 17 6
Balance 1881		4087 16 8	
„ 1879		2033 15 8	
			2054 1 0
			£8383 18 6

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THE WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 766.

ELSEWHERE a correspondent draws attention to certain extraordinary occurrences which took place in the William Preston Lodge of Instruction at the beginning of last month, occurrences which, as he very pointedly remarks, are such as it is rarely the lot of a Masonic Journal to chronicle. A full report, not of the meeting itself at which they happened, but of that which was held on Friday, the 10th ult., appeared in our columns a fortnight since, and it is on the facts as therein narrated that "Q." bases his observations, facts which, we think, our readers will agree with us are worthy of being noted most carefully, and, should it be thought wise or expedient, of being brought under the notice of the authorities. The story is soon told. A meeting for the 3rd ult. was called by the following letter, addressed, in due course, to some, if not all, of the members :—

"Dear Sir and Brother,—At the next meeting of the above Lodge, on Friday, 3rd February, the following business will be brought forward :—Report of Audit Committee, election of Officers, and other important business of the Lodge. And I request the favour of your presence in the same, as it may affect the fortune of the Lodge. I am, &c."

It is evident from the wording of this letter that something of an unusual character was in contemplation, but our readers will no doubt be surprised at what actually took place, or at least at what, in the absence of the official record, Bro. Tribbel, who presided as W.M. at the meeting held the week following, stated, as best he could from memory, was the "important business" that was transacted. It seems that in the course of the proceedings on the eventful evening a resolution was passed, "by a majority of the brethren present," to the effect, "That the Lodge should be discontinued, the furniture, working tools, jewels, &c., of the Lodge sold by public auction, and the proceeds of the sale added to the list of Bro. J. Hayes, the Worthy Preceptor, who was fulfilling the office of Steward this year; also that the Lodge funds in the hands of the Treasurer be paid over to Bro. W. Webster, who was stated to be in reduced circumstances, and greatly in need of assistance." This done, the brethren separated, the Lodge furniture was placed forthwith in the hands of an auctioneer, and disposed of by public sale on the 11th ult.—the purchaser being Brother William Dunham, of the Seymour Arms, Seymour-place, Bryanstone-square—and in the opinion of the sapient "majority" there was an end of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, if not for all time, at least for a period of time more or less considerable. It is probable, however, that the brethren who passed the foregoing resolution are not a little surprised and chagrined at their failure to bring about the discontinuance of the Lodge. There is evidently a good deal more vitality in it than those who tried to do it to death, and, it may be, rejoiced in the consummation of their wishes, expected to find. At all events, on the 10th ultimo, several members who were not of the same mind as to the advisability of prematurely determining the existence of the Lodge assembled at the appointed hour, Bro. Tribbel, P.M. 1287, presiding as Worshipful Master, with Bro. G. W. West, P.M. of the same Lodge, and Bro. A. Braun, P.M. of the parent Lodge, respectively occupying the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs. Bro. H. Moore having been appointed to act *pro tem* as Secretary, Bro. Tribbel detailed the events of the previous Lodge to the best of his ability, when Bro. West proposed, Bro. Braun seconded, and Bro. Moore supported, a resolution, which was carried without a dissentient voice, to the effect that the minutes of the 3rd ult. be not confirmed. An Emergency meeting was held at the Seymour Arms, on Monday the 13th ult., when it was arranged that for the future the Lodge should hold its meetings at that hostelry. On the 17th ult., the brethren accordingly assembled in Bro. Dunham's drawing room, there being no other room available, and that worthy and zealous Craftsman having pointed out that it is not in his power to afford them the requisite accommodation, a Committee was formed, with power to add to their number, for the purpose of finding a room suitable for Lodge meetings, while Bro. Dunham very kindly promised to let them have the furniture, as long as they felt disposed to make use of it, Bro. Moore, acting Secretary, being entrusted to write in the meantime to the late Secretary, and request of him that the books of the Lodge, being its property, should be delivered up. A vote of thanks to Bro. Dunham closed the proceedings, and the Lodge adjourned to the 24th ult.

Having completed our narrative of the circumstances, let us consider the several points raised by our correspondent "Q." Taking the notice issued for the meeting of the 3rd ult. first, he argues, not without reason, that it was either through ignorance or intentionally misleading, at least to those members who were not in the secret as to the character of that "other important business" which, it was stated, was such as might "affect the fortune of the Lodge." He notes that the agenda include "the election of Officers," and that such "election" is set down before the "other important business." Clearly, therefore, the unprivileged members who had not been taken into the confidence of the more favoured lights of the Lodge could not possibly have anticipated that a motion for the discontinuance of the Lodge was in contemplation, or why should "the election of Officers" be set down in the programme of business to be transacted? What possible object was there to be gained by electing them, if it was proposed to close the Lodge once and for ever? Such a view must necessarily present itself to the mind of the unbiassed reader, and were we asked to offer our opinion on the subject, we should not hesitate to express our belief that the wording of the notice was not the result of accident. Is there a single brother possessing ordinary intelligence who, if he had received a notice so worded as regards the business to be done on a particular evening—"Report of Audit Committee, election of Officers, and other important business"—would think that it was proposed to bring the Lodge to an untimely end?

"Q." then notes what one of the speakers at the meeting of the 10th ult. defined as "the undue haste and precipitancy" with which effect was given to the resolution "of a majority of the brethren present on the occasion" referred to. The Lodge furniture, &c., must have been placed in the hands of the auctioneer almost immediately after the motion was carried. So indecently hurried were the whole proceedings that this wonderful majority would not even wait till the next meeting—that is, for a short week only—that the minutes might be read for confirmation by the Secretary, as required by the fourth of the Lodge Bye-laws. It might reasonably have been expected in taking so important a step as the summary discontinuance of the Lodge, that the utmost care would be taken to observe strictly—literally as well as in the spirit—the requirements of at least the Lodge regulations, if not of the Book of Constitutions, especially as, so far as we can see, it could not make any possible difference whether the chattels were sold a little sooner or a little later. But, no; the one great object to be achieved was the immediate dissolution, and it may have occurred "to a majority of the brethren present on the occasion" that, if time were given for compliance with the aforesaid fourth Bye-law, there was some chance that, after all, that object might not be attained. We do not wish to say or suggest anything uncharitable, but what can we or any other reasonable brother think in the face of all this "undue haste and precipitancy?"

Having noticed this feature of the case, "Q." passes on to discuss the illegality of the proceedings from another point of view. He draws attention to the enactment at page 71 of the Book of Constitutions, by which, if a portion only of the members of a Lodge retire from it, the Warrant still remains in force, and the Lodge may be continued by those who remain; but if all of them retire, then the Warrant determines. As our correspondent observes, this law applies to regular Lodges, and may not necessarily be operative in the case of Lodges of Instruction: but reason suggests that it should, and indeed, is intended to apply to all classes of Lodges. The members of a Lodge of Instruction, though working under a Warrant granted either by a regular Lodge, which is responsible for its proceedings, or by the Grand Master, is composed of members gathered together from all parts of the Masonic community within easy access of the place of meeting. It is most probable, therefore—we might almost venture to say certain—that however many of them may be desirous of withdrawing from the Lodge, there will always be some desirous of retaining their connection with it. Consequently, this

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high act of the majority present on this particular occasion of the members of the William Preston Lodge reminds us somewhat of the fabled conduct of the "dog in the manger." They would have nothing more to do with the Lodge, and they were determined that none of their fellow members should. Can anything be more—we will not say unconstitutional, for it is not clearly established that the law quoted by "Q." does in fact or intention apply to Lodges of Instruction, but un-Masonic, than a course of proceeding such as we have described?

A further question of a still more delicate nature is raised in our correspondent's letter. He suggests that this majority, which, be it remembered, is not necessarily the majority of the members, had no right to dispose of the Lodge property, in which the whole body had a vested interest. They were, of course, at perfect liberty to withdraw from membership, but they were exceeding the limits of their power when they took upon themselves to sell what belonged to the Lodge in its corporate capacity; and what, consequently, after their withdrawal, was not theirs to sell. This, as we have stated, is a delicate and certainly a novel point, yet like all the others which "Q." has raised, it commends itself to our reason; and if, on closer consideration, it should turn out to be correct, then it follows, naturally, that the William Preston Lodge of Instruction has been improperly dispossessed of the goods and chattels purchased for its use out of its funds.

In conclusion, we will merely add that the story, as told in the report we published a fortnight since, is a most unpleasant one, from whatever point or points of view it may be regarded, and though we are far from wishing to stir up the muddy waters of discord in this ill-used Lodge, it strikes us as being the first, and, for the present at all events, the best course, to bring the whole matter officially under the notice of the parent Lodge, which is constitutionally responsible for the proceedings of its Lodge of Instruction, and may legally be called upon, therefore, to express its opinions on the subject.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 23 Great Queen Street, W.C.

Through Siberia. By H. Lansdell. Illustrated with forty-three engravings, two maps, and a photograph of the author in a Salmon skin dress. Sampson Low & Co., London.

THIS is a deeply interesting work of travel, replete with well digested and carefully arranged information, about one of the most hospitable countries on the face of the earth. Though with a population compounded of about 30 different tribes, theirs is altogether an exceptional history, singularly devoid of intertribal rapine and bloodshed. The Czar of Russia is styled "Lord of Siberia," and is absolutely the lord of more than he ever surveyed, seeing that the area of Siberia is 7,500,000 square miles. The Russian element is recruited annually by the addition of more than 17,000 convicts, political and criminal, who are distributed amongst the various penal settlements. Capital punishment in Russia being exclusively an infliction for military or treasonable crime, all other offenders, who are considered incorrigible, are deported to Siberia, where a chance of reformation is afforded them. And if immunity from very hard work, such as our English convicts are acquainted with, be one method of repairing criminal characters, it may be truthfully said that the Russian scoundrel ought to become a Russian saint at least. But as he spends a great deal of his time basking in the sun, smoking, card playing, and other diversions, the system he is ruled by is a gigantic failure in that respect. The author, Bro. Lansdell (Grand Steward, and recently installed W.M. of the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4), had visited many European prisons and penitentiaries before he was prompted to attempt a similar project in Siberia. This of course was no trifle, but the readiness of the Russian government to second him in his endeavours to distribute portions of the Sacred Law and other works amongst the convicts, smoothed the path, and the result was that 55,812 copies were apportioned amongst the prisons, hospitals, schools and other establishments. To the unprecedented facilities thus afforded to an Englishman of becoming acquainted with all sides of Siberian existence, we are indebted for two very handsome volumes, in which the transit of the convicts, their crimes and punishments, their miseries on the road and in prison, are all faithfully depicted. Yet we venture to say that many readers will be agreeably surprised at the differences between the report of an eye-witness and the Siberianesque imaginations of stay-at-home travellers. It is fact against fiction. Midway across Siberia, Bro. Lansdell diverted his course over the Chinese frontier at Mainiatchim. At this town, which means "buy and sell," everything, is very quaint. There are no women in the town. Desperate husbands would find a temporary Paradise in Mainiatchim. Even the much-abused Mr. Caudle would hold up his head again "as a man," and feel at home once more if he would banish himself to that earthly oasis of happiness. And as for bachelors, perfect isolation is guaranteed. "Not that the men, however, are all bachelors"—we quote from Vol. I, p 338—"for some have wives and families in China Proper. Nor are they all women-haters or henpecked husbands." Nor are they all like the "British subject who fled from his own island home and retired to a housetop in Siberia, where he is living in prosperity, and where his spouse has not pursued him," but the inhabitants of Mainiatchim are subject to a treaty which excludes females. The town consists of four or five mud-paved streets, the houses being of one story, and built of unburnt bricks, and is given over to tea merchants and their *employés*. The chief clerk of one establishment visited, "cultivated a straggling moustache, which is the privilege of all Chinese men after they arrive at thirty years of age. He had also very long nails protruding, perhaps, half an inch, which evidently were considered beautiful." "To eat a dinner at Mainiatchim had been one of the curious treats I had promised myself, a feast which most Europeans would rather undergo the incipient stages of starvation than come within the smell of it. By tasting first, and then asking what it was, all prejudice was taken away till it was too late to have any. We discovered that among the dishes we had eaten were beans, garlic, a kind of sea-weed cooked like sea-kale, and a green kind also; likewise radishes cut in slices, swallows' eggs boiled, and rissoles of meat; various sorts of marine vegetables, and I think birds' nests. Further east I met a man who told me that when he dined at Mainiatchim they gave him sixty-four dishes!" On the present occasion there were only thirty. We are enabled to deduce from this quaint chapter of Benedict innocence that if men are bereft (voluntary or otherwise) of one blessing, there is a wonderful compensating reward for them in adapting themselves to the more primitive state of bliss. For full particulars about Mainiatchim and all other matters affecting Siberia, an elaborate index will direct the reader to the exact page of the volumes.

Synopsis of the Chess Openings. A Tabulated Analysis. By William Cook, a Member of the Birmingham Chess Club. Third Edition, with Additions and Emendations. London: W. W. Morgan, 23 Great Queen-street, W.C. 1882.

THERE are, doubtless, many of our readers to whom the game of Chess is familiar, and many perhaps by whom it is ardently pursued as an intellectual study rather than as a pastime. To both these classes—those who study it, and those who merely play it—we can strongly recommend Bro. Cook's "Synopsis of the Chess Openings." The fact of its having reached a third edition within the short space of seven years speaks well for the estimation in which it is held by the Chess World. But this is by no means the only ground on which we draw attention to this new issue. It has, in the first place, been very considerably enlarged, and contains 140 pages of matter as against the 82 pages of the second edition, published in 1876. But mere increase in quantity does not necessarily imply improvement in quality. This, however, is, in the present instance, the case. Not only has the old matter been most carefully emended, but much valuable new matter has been inserted, and what is still more noteworthy, "variations that have occurred *in actual play*," especially in the Irregular Openings, are presented by Bro. Cook, chiefly with a view of meeting the objections of those "who assume that but few of the positions given in theory occur in practice." As to the sources to which the author is indebted for the basis of his tables, they are far too numerous to mention; but, as they include many of the most important Chess works and periodicals extant, it is unnecessary we should name them: they will be found enumerated in the Preface, in which also Bro. Cook loyally acknowledges much valuable assistance from well-known Chess players. In conclusion, the recommendations that can be urged in favour of the book are many, the objections to its matter, its methodical arrangement, and the footnotes are none.

Irish Freemasons' Calendar for the year 1882. Published under the sanction of the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Dublin: Printed by S. Underwood, for the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and to be had at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street.

THE manner in which this necessary guide to the different Masonic bodies in Ireland, their distribution in Lodges and Chapters, Preceptories, &c., with their dates and places of meeting, has been compiled, reflects great credit on the executive of Grand Lodge. Bearing in mind that the amount of information contained in a Calendar is necessarily limited, we do not see how space could have been found for more, and even had this been possible that more than is furnished was required. Moreover, the arrangement is excellent, and, as far as it is possible for non-Irish Masons to judge, accurate. We may add that the needful Masonic information is supplemented by much else of a general character, so that the Calendar may be used for ordinary as well as for Masonic purposes.

Report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence, Grand Lodge of Illinois. Dated Chicago, 28th September 1881.

ILLINOIS is one of the great strongholds in the United States of America. It has, if we remember rightly, a subscribing membership of some 40,000 brethren, and it labours zealously in support of the Craft principles, as is evidenced by the intelligence we gather from time to time of the doings of its Grand and subordinate Lodges. This Correspondence, which extends over little short of five hundred closely printed pages, is of a most elaborate and exhaustive character. It deals with almost every subject which a brother could dream of in his philosophy, and many which, in the estimation of English brethren, are hardly worthy of being noticed in official correspondence. However, in the midst of this vast accumulation of matter will be found much that is valuable, as illustrating the strength and doings of

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Masonry in other States of the North American Union, as well as in British North America, and the Committee, on which has devolved the labour of compiling this Report, deserves all possible credit for the admirable manner in which it has fulfilled its very arduous task.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. List of Officers, Governors, and Subscribers: total amounts contributed by individual Donors, Lodges, &c., and the number of Votes possessed by each, to 31st December 1881. Office, 6 Freemasons' Hall, London. February 1882.

THIS List, which has happily grown to very formidable dimensions as compared with corresponding lists issued only a few years since, represents an amount of labour in the work of compilation which must have sorely taxed even the powers of Bro. Binckes and his limited staff. Yet, bulky as it is, the arrangement is admirable, the matter is presented as it were tabularly and therefore clearly and concisely, while, as regards accuracy and sufficiency, so far as we have tested the list, we need say no more than that they appear to have attained the maximum possible.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. List of the Patrons, Officers, Governors, and Subscribers; together with the Laws and Balance Sheets, to 31st December 1881. Offices: 5 Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

This list, like that of the Boys' School, has grown considerably in bulk, and, like it, shows a great amount of care, as well as accuracy, in its compilation. It has also full particulars of the means and expenditure for the past year, so that our friends, being all interested in the welfare of this admirable Institution, should lose no time in procuring a copy. Indeed, a copy of this, and the list of the other Institution, ought to find a place in the library or offices of every English Mason.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

York College.—The regular quarterly meeting of this active body was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, having courteously placed its rooms in the Queen's Hotel at the disposal of the fratres. The College was opened at 3 p.m. by the celebrant Frater T. W. Holmes VI., and his officers; there being also present Fratres T. B. Whytehead Hon. IX. Chief Adept, Rev. W. C. Lukis VII. Suffragan, T. J. Wilkinson V. Prov. Sec., J. W. Woodall IV. Prov. Treas., J. S. Cumberland Hon. VIII. Sec. and Treas., J. Maffey IV., A. T. B. Turner II., J. Oates I., P. Trevor I., J. F. Atkinson I., and others. A number of letters, explanatory of absence, were read, this being the annual and obligatory meeting. Successful ballots were taken for Bro. Chas. Fendelow P.M., &c., Wolverhampton, and Bro. J. L. Atherton P.M. 439, Bradford. Bros. T. M. Barron, Darlington, and Sam. Wilson, Darlington, being in attendance, were received into the M.C., and took their seats as members of the College in the grade of Zelator, the lecture in that grade being given by Frater J. Maffey Conductor of Novices. The Suffragan read a most interesting paper on an old French work on Masonry, in the library of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611. The book was presented to the library by Bro. A. M. Broadley, of Tunis, who found it in the town of Sfax, after its bombardment by the French. Frater the Rev. W. C. Lukis translated it, and finding some of its contents of considerable value, wrote a short sketch of it and this he read before the College, as also extracts from the work itself. The book is an elaborate defence of Freemasonry against the Papal Bull of Benedict XIV., and was published at the Hague in 1752. The defence is comprised in a series of supposititious letters, purporting to have been written by a Jesuit, each containing an argument logically worked out, and Frater Lukis announced that several leading Masons had offered to subscribe towards its publication. It was resolved that the College should contribute towards the expense, and receive copies for distribution amongst the members, and the Suffragan received the thanks of the College for his interesting communication. The scroll for Officers of the College for the year then took place with the following result:—Fratres J. Maffey IV. Celebrant, J. S. Cumberland Hon. VIII. Treasurer, E. P. Paterson V. P.A., C. L. Mason V. S.A., T. J. Wilkinson VI. T.A., E. Linck I. Q.A., R. W. Moore I. C. of N., A. T. B. Turner II. and J. Oates I. Heralds, C. R. Fry I. G. of the T., T. Trevor I. Torch Bearer., E. T. Clark I. Med., and T. W. Holmes VI. Org. The C.A. announced the death of the late Acolyte, Frater Redfare, and Frater Pearson was elected to the office Frater Holmes having thanked the fratres for their kindness during his year of office, then installed his successor, Fra. Maffey, and the Officers elect who were present assumed their respective chairs. The Treasurer's balance-sheet was audited and found satisfactory; and the Chief Adept announced that, according to instructions received from the High Council, he had conferred the grade of Honorary VIII. upon Frater J. S. Cumberland, in recognition of his valuable services to the Order. The names of four brethren were proposed as aspirants, and the College was closed at six o'clock p.m., the fratres subsequently partaking of high tea together, under the presidency of the Celebrant.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The Hour of Danger.—Disease commonly comes on with slight symptoms, which, if neglected, increase in severity, and thus become dangerous—a condition which betrays the grossest remissness. These Pills, taken in accordance with their accompanying directions, would not only have checked, but conquered the incipient disorder. Patients daily forward details of the most remarkable and instructive cases in which timely attention to Holloway's advice has undoubtedly saved them from severe illness. These Pills act primarily on the digestive organs, which they stimulate when slow and imperfect: and, secondly, upon the blood, which is thoroughly purified by them, whence is derived the general tone they impart, and their power of subjugating hypochondriacism, dyspepsia, and nervous complaints.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

28th February 1882.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I have the honour to inform you that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., has been pleased to appoint Wednesday the 10th May (the usual day) as the date on which he will preside at the Ninety-fourth Anniversary Festival of this Institution.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. R. W. HEDGES,

Secretary.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

2 Wood-street-square, London, E.C.

28th February 1882.

DEAR SIR,—I notice in your Analysis of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Subscription List, in your last issue, that you attribute the amount of the list of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, as the joint exertions of Bro. Morgan and myself. In justice to Bro. Morgan, allow me therefore to explain that I have no share whatever in the list of Lodge 1671, except contributing part of my qualification as Steward to it, which, if taken off, would still leave the list at the head of all the London Lodges. I would suggest the same disclaimer for Bro. J. Bejanmin, whom you couple with Bro. Morgan in giving particulars of the lists, and who no doubt is meant for me.

I trust, in fairness to Bro. Morgan, to whom the entire credit is due for the success achieved by Lodge 1671, you will kindly insert this letter in your next issue, and remain,

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

J. BERGMANN P.M. 1671.

"LITTLE HERTS."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think this compact little Province owes you thanks for the kindly manner in which you have spoken of its exertions on behalf of our Charitable Institutions, and the encouragement you have held out towards it to increase, if possible, its support of those Charities. I am no longer a Herts Mason, and cannot therefore presume to speak in the name of the members of that Province, but all the same I consider your kindly notice should not be allowed to pass unrecognised.

By the way, a "happy thought" has just occurred to me. Why does not Bro. Terry try and get R.W. Bro. Halsey, M.P., the Grand Master of the Province, to act as Chairman at the next Festival of the R.M.B.I.? Bro. Halsey is popular, and if what has been done at the Festivals of the last eight years may be taken as a guide, might reckon with certainty on a still larger measure of support than has been accorded to other Provinces.

Fraternally yours,

A FORMER HERTS M.M.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been waiting, in the hope that some notice would ere this have been taken of the extraordinary circumstances mentioned in the report in your issue of the 18th ultimo of the meeting on the 10th ult. of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766; and I consider it high time, and indeed essential to the future discipline of the Craft, that some steps should be adopted with a view to calling the attention of the authorities to flagrant misconduct, such as I firmly believe it has rarely, if ever before, been the duty of a Masonic journal to record. The circumcumstances, though most extraordinary, lie in a nutshell, and may be briefly described, so far at least as, in the absence of the Minute Books at the said meeting they could be given from memory by Bro. G. J. R. Tribbel P.M. 1287, who occupied the chair.

It appears that towards the end of January the Secretary of this Lodge of Instruction sent out to some, though, as the speaker (Bro. Tribbel) had been credibly informed, not all, the members the following notice:—

"Dear Sir and Brother,—At the next meeting of the above Lodge, on Friday, 3rd February, the following business will be brought forward:—Report of the Audit Committee, election of Officers, and other important business connected with the Lodge. And I request the

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favour of your presence in the same, as it may affect the fortune of the Lodge.—I am, &c."

The meeting on the 3rd ultimo was held accordingly, and a resolution submitted and "carried by a majority of the brethren present" to the effect—"That the Lodge should be discontinued, the furniture, working tools, jewels, &c., of the Lodge sold by public auction, and the proceeds of the sale added to the list of Brother J. Hayes, the Worthy Preceptor, who was fulfilling the office of Steward this year; also that the Lodge funds in the hands of the Treasurer be paid over to Bro. W. Webster, who was stated to be in reduced circumstances, and greatly in need of assistance." These facts having been laid before the meeting of the 10th ult., together with the announcement that the furniture was in the hands of the auctioneer, and was to be—as indeed it was—sold the very next day—Saturday, the 11th ult., Bros. G. W. West P.M. 1287 S.W. and A. Braun P.M. P.Z. 766 J.W. severally proposed and seconded that the minutes of the 3rd ult. be *not* confirmed. Protest was made against the "undue haste and precipitancy" with which effect had been given to the resolution, as being "perfectly illegal and unconstitutional," and after some remarks from Bro. H. Moore, appointed Secretary *pro tem*, who pointed out that there was nothing in the Bye-Laws to warrant such proceedings, the minutes were unanimously *not* confirmed, and the meeting stood adjourned till Friday, the 17th ult., it being resolved, at an emergency meeting held in the interim, that the meetings should take place at the Seymour Arms, Seymour-place, Bryanston-square, on Friday evenings as usual. The brethren met, as arranged, on the 17th ult., and therefore the William Preston Lodge of Instruction exists still, if it does not flourish.

Now, Sir, let me at the outset call attention to the fact that the notice, as issued by the late Secretary for the meeting of 3rd of February, when it was agreed by a majority to discontinue the Lodge, is characterised by two very ugly features, which can only be set down in plain English as (1) a suppression of the truth, (2) a suggestion of the untruth. It says nothing about the "discontinuance" of the Lodge, but hints that the presence of members is requested, as the business to be transacted "may affect the fortune of the Lodge." So much for the "suppression of the truth;" the "suggestion of the untruth" will be found in that part of the notice describing the business that will be brought forward, where it is distinctly stated that after "the Report of the Audit Committee" had been taken, the "election of Officers" would be proceeded with, and that, before the "other important business connected with the Lodge" which, it was suggested, might "affect the fortune of the Lodge." Now, in my opinion, it is impossible not to arrive at one or other of two conclusions. Either the notice was written, through ignorance, in so bungling a fashion as not to convey the meaning of what was intended; or, the adoption of the "*suppressio veri, suggestio falsi*" was deliberate.

Now as to the unconstitutionality of the whole proceedings. I will not trouble you with any reference to the Book of Constitutions, but will content myself with pointing out that, according to Bro. H. Moore, acting temporarily as Secretary, "the fourth Bye-law" of the Lodge distinctly sets forth "that the minutes of the Lodge should be presented by the Secretary for confirmation on the following meeting night." Thus, in defiance of this very Bye-law, the resolution of the majority was carried into effect instantly, without waiting for the confirmation, and the Lodge chattels, despatched forthwith to the auctioneer, have been disposed of with an "undue haste and precipitancy" which cannot be too strongly condemned.

Whether, even if I overlook the confirmation of the minutes, as required by the Lodge Regulation specified by Bro. Moore, it is legally competent for any member, short of the *whole* number of members of any Lodge of Instruction, on withdrawing from it, as they have a perfect right to do, to dispose of the property of the Lodge in question, I shall leave for others better versed in Masonic law than I am to determine. But if the same rule applies to Lodges of Instruction as to regular Lodges, then I submit, with all deference, that a majority, no matter how large it may be, has no such right. At p 71 of the Book of Constitutions it is clearly enough laid down that—

"Should the majority of any Lodge determine to retire from it, the power of assembling remains with the rest of the members who adhere to their allegiance: but if all the members of a Lodge withdraw, the warrant becomes extinct."

Now, in the absence of the minutes, and so far as can be gathered from the record, it was only "a majority of the brethren present" at the meeting in question—which was not necessarily a majority of the members—which passed the resolution for discontinuing the Lodge and disposing of its property, and it is manifestly this mere "majority" which is responsible for the action that was taken immediately afterwards. If, however, according to the above Constitution, any number of members elect to remain in the Lodge, the warrant remains in force, and, *ipso facto*, it seems to me, the Lodge retains its interest in its property, which does not belong to any section of the members, however superior in numbers, but to the Lodge in its corporate capacity. In that case, the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, being still in existence, and meeting constitutionally under the warrant granted by its parent Lodge, has the right to demand from the seceding majority, which has acted unconstitutionally, the restoration of its furniture and jewels, or their equivalent in money.

There are other points to which I should wish to call the attention of your readers, but I fear I have already trespassed too far upon their patience and your valuable space. So I subscribe myself,

Fraternally yours,

Q.

J. E. Shand & Co., Wine Merchant (Experts and Valuers). Well fermented old Wines and matured Spirits. 2 Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, London, S.W.

THE LATE GRAND SECRETARY CHEEVER.

Read in Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, at its last Annual Convocation, by Comp. Alfred F. Chapman.

FOR twenty-five years the figure of Tracy Patch Cheever remained a central one among Freemasons of all grades in Chelsea, and for a large proportion of that time was quite as conspicuous in Masonic circles throughout the Commonwealth. Coming from an old family, he was well-born, of manly character, and cultivated intellect, so that it may be said of him truthfully, he was "first among his equals," without in any whit detracting from the graces of those with whom he was peer.

His father was Ira, son of Ezekiel Cheever, author of a Latin grammar, and who lived at a period extending from about 1660 to 1724. His mother was Martha Safford, of Hamilton, widow of Capt. Henry Patch, of Salem, a granddaughter of Capt. John Whipple, an officer in the Revolution, and at one time an aide of Washington, and to this latter town his parents removed when Tracy was about six weeks old, he being born in Marblehead, the home of the Cheevers, on 28th March 1824.

Tracy graduated from the Salem High and Latin Schools, in Salem, and from Brown University, in Providence, R.I., in 1843; he soon after commenced the study of the law, was admitted to the bar, and to practice in the county and town where his parents resided. His family removed to Chelsea, in 1846, thither Tracy followed them, where his subsequent life became as familiar to his neighbours as an open book.

In 1852-3, he was the private secretary of the Hon. F. B. Fay, Representative in Congress from Massachusetts. In 1862, and again in 1865, he was a member of the Legislature of the Commonwealth, and of the Senate in 1868. His interest in the social and civil affairs of Chelsea was active and enduring. For a number of years he was chairman of the School Committee, and in 1865 was elected City Solicitor; he was also at one period a member of the Board of Aldermen. In each of these places he was scholarly and systematic, and had his will coincided, his fellow-citizens would gladly have bestowed on him their highest local gifts.

During the summer of 1862, he recruited Company C, of the Thirty-fifth Regiment, and was mustered into service in Chelsea, 13th August of that year, with the rank of Captain. He served with his Regiment at South Mountain, and at Antietam in September following, and at the latter place was so seriously injured by concussion from the explosion of a shell near him, that he was discharged for disability on the 23rd day of June 1863. From the effects of this shock he never fully recovered, nor can there be any doubt that it was a contributing agency to his final sudden dissolution.

He received Masonic light in Star of Bethlehem Lodge, in Chelsea, first, on 22nd November 1854; second, 27th December 1854; third, 24th January 1855. Of this Lodge he was Master in 1860, dimitted therefrom 18th December 1867, to become a charter member of Robert Lash Lodge, and was complimented by his mother Lodge, which elected him an Honorary Member, 15th January 1868.

The Grand Lodge elected him Junior Grand Warden in 1871.

He was made a Royal Arch Mason in the Royal Arch Chapter of Shekinah, on 15th February 1856, while that body was working U.D.; was its first High Priest under the Charter; served for 1857-8-9, and was elected an Honorary Member, 28th March 1860. His ability was promptly recognised in the Grand R.A. Chapter of the Commonwealth, which elected him Deputy Grand High Priest in 1857.

The degrees in Cryptic Masonry were confered upon him in East Boston Council of R. and S. Masters, and he became a petitioner and charter member of Naphtaly Council, in Chelsea, 1st May 1869, and was its first Thrice Illustrious Master. Of this body he was made an Honorary Member, 26th May 1871.

The Orders of Knighthood were conferred upon him in De Molay Commandery, of Boston, but he at once engaged, with others, to organise Palestine Commandery of Knights Templar, in Chelsea, was its Eminent Commander in 1865-6, and was made an Honorary Member 7th April 1869.

In 1878, the death of the then Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts caused a vacancy in that office, which Brother Cheever was admirably qualified to fill; this the sagacity of M.W. Grand Master Welch at once perceived, and from then to the time of his death, he more fully demonstrated how well he was equipped to be what he really was, a courteous, intelligent, and able Grand Secretary. The last Masonic act of his life was in the discharge of his duty in office. He had accompanied the M.W. Grand Master, and other Officers of the Grand Lodge, to North Easton, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of November last, to assist in dedicating new Masonic apartments, erected for the use of Paul Dean Lodge. The assemblage of ladies and brethren was a brilliant one; the elegance of the apartments, the display of flowers, the banquet, and the speeches which followed, all contributed to make the occasion one long to be remembered in the society annals of the town. The Grand Secretary had completed his record of the official ceremonies, and retired to one of the ante-rooms, when it soon became apparent that he was really ill. The attack was preceded by some premonition, its severity was manifest at about 10 o'clock, and soon he lay without any faculty or power to help himself, until on the next day, at ten minutes past three o'clock, the gate of death was opened, and an immortal passed beyond. Medical skill, brotherly and affectionate care, faith, hope, love, these and more were alike in vain; his hour of dissolution had come.

A messenger was despatched for Mrs. Cheever, and she was conveyed by special train on Wednesday morning, to her stricken husband; by his side, and under the shadow of death, the scene was a sad one; but if consciousness of anything to him remained, it

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must have touched his parting thoughts with a strain of sweetness to have her see how faithfully his brethren cared for him, how much they loved him, and that their wishes and their prayers followed him on the wings of love to the Lodge Celestial.

The body was conveyed to his home in Chelsea, on the day of his death, and on Saturday following, after a touching eulogy by his former associate, as Chaplain in the Star of Bethlehem Lodge, the Rev. Dr. Leonard, Professor in Tufts College, the Burial Service was performed in the Church of the Redeemer, by the Grand Lodge, Grand Master Lawrence and Bro. Leonard leading as Master and Chaplain.

The loss of Bro. Cheever is a positive one to Freemasonry in Massachusetts; to its aid he brought sound learning, a clear intellect, and an honest purpose. As a student and scholar, he was always painstaking, diligent in research, and elaborate in presenting his subject; as a writer, he was copious, versatile, and pleasant; as a speaker, he was fluent, and when occasion prompted, impressive; whatever subject he discussed, he also adorned, and the products of his mind bore the imprint of the Master. In his intercourse with the world, and with his brethren, he was kind beyond the average, truthful beyond question, guided by knowledge, controlled by good judgment, and possessed of the courage of his convictions, and now that his tongue is mute, and his pen lies motionless, we gaze after our Brother in contemplation of his virtues. Loving him for what he was, we turn toward his vacant chair, and see that it will be long before those who knew him can look upon it without a sigh of regret.—*Liberal Freemason.*

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AT the meeting held at the Temple, Plymouth, Bro. Admiral F. H. H. Glasse, C.B., P.P.G.S.W. of Devon, was unanimously elected as Master, and V.W. Bro. S. Jew P.M. P.P.G.M.O. as Treasurer. The installation meeting is appointed to be held on Friday, 10th inst., at the Temple, after which the annual dinner will be held at Bro. Symon's (Harvey's) Hotel.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, will deliver his reading, explanatory of the entire ceremony of the First Degree, at the United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507, at the Meeting to be held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, on Friday evening, 10th March 1882. Bro. J. W. Watts P.M. of the mother Lodge will occupy the chair. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock p.m., and the attendance of brethren is earnestly solicited.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE March Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master.

Grand Lodge having been opened, the Grand Secretary read the minutes of last Grand Lodge.

Bro. Philbrick said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, before the minutes are confirmed may I ask Grand Secretary, with regard to the grant to the Benevolent Institution, what are the funds at the command of this Grand Lodge?

The Grand Secretary replied that the sum referred to amounted to about £15,000.

Bro. Philbrick: Then I rise to move that so much of the minutes as relate to the grant for the Benevolent Institution be not confirmed. I cannot but think that before this Grand Lodge makes an additional grant of £800 a year to the Benevolent Institution, brethren ought to be in a position to know what is the income of Grand Lodge, what are its funds, how those funds are invested, what is the permanent source of revenue; whether or not, in the position of the Craft, it is a matter of prudence and propriety to make such a large grant at the present time. Lately the funds of Grand Lodge have been directed to be placed in Government Stock, and if the amount is £15,000 or £16,000 that would make an income of something like £500 a year. Grand Lodge has already subscribed £300 to the Boys' School—(No, no)—£150 to the Boys' School, and a like sum to the Girls' School, and a sum of £800 to the Benevolent Institution. The purport of the original motion was that, the Funds of Grand Lodge and the Fund of Benevolence should pay an additional £800 a year, and I venture to say that no one was more surprised than the proposer that this motion was carried. I feel quite persuaded that many of the brethren who voted for the motion believed that the funds were very different from the statement of the Grand Secretary to-night. It is quite true that no one would desire more than this Grand Lodge that the Institution should be well supported, and that it should not be deprived of a single penny, that we could with propriety and prudence grant, but how can we, a body of Masons who charge every initiate entering our body to let prudence direct his steps, not only give away more than the actual income of the property of the fund, but also pledge and mortgage future income, which is, as it were, to draw a bill upon the future? Is it not right and fair before we do so, before we commit this Grand Lodge to an annual expenditure—to such an expenditure as £800, besides the £800 already granted—that we should have a statement laid before us. I shall not be one to oppose it if it can be done prudently; not

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merely to gratify the benevolent ideas of a brother who has moved or seconded it, but acting as business people with prudence in managing our concerns. I have already detained you too long. (No, no.) Before I had opened my mouth I was convinced that my words would be unpopular. Charity is one of our great and essential principles, and brotherly love is one of our principles, too; so is relief. We must remember that Masonry does not consist in charity only; and, therefore, I ask you not to confirm so much of the minutes as relates to this grant, and not to commit us to it until we know exactly what we have, what the claims upon it are, so that we may be in a position to judge before we commit ourselves to the grant.

Bro. J. M. Clabon seconded the motion. When the original motion was voted he had confined his attention to the Fund of Benevolence. He doubted whether the General Purposes Fund could afford it. He thought that the Grand Lodge was taken by surprise; he did not think that they had sufficient materials before them, and it was desirable that these should be furnished.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. defended the vote, and said there was plenty of money to meet it.

Bro. Sir John Monckton said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, I shall say but a very few words. I do not think G. Lodge should be led away with the idea that the votes themselves are of any special value. Bro. Stewart says that we get so many votes from the Institution, and he would have us infer that candidates came in in response to those votes, but whether they give you two votes for a Lodge or ten votes for a Lodge it makes no difference. There are twenty-five old men and twenty-five old ladies to be elected, and it makes no difference what is the number of votes by which they are elected. There can be no possible harm in the brethren knowing precisely what they have got. If Bro. Philbrick is wrong, the proposed Committee will put the matter right. I believe I know pretty well, being the Chairman of the Board of General Purposes, what we have got, but I could not say exactly—I should have to look and search. It seems to me most fairly suggested that there should be a Committee. Let that be done; there will be no harm done between this and June, but a fair and honest and business-like result will be come to.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, it has been moved and seconded that so much of the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication as refer to this question be omitted for the purpose, as I understand, of appointing a Committee to take the whole matter into consideration, and report to the next Quarterly Communication. Before proceeding to the nomination of the Committee I shall now put the rest of the minutes for confirmation.

This having been done, Bro. Philbrick said: The matter being referred to a Committee, I propose Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, General Brownrigg, the President of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Treasurer, to report to next Quarterly Communication what is the whole income of this Grand Lodge, what are the demands we have at present to meet with it, so that we may see how far the money will go. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart seconded the motion. The Earl of Carnarvon said: The brethren would perceive that the motion, now submitted to Grand Lodge is upon the understanding that a report is to be submitted to Grand Lodge at next Quarterly Meeting. The motion is that the Committee, whose names you have heard, be appointed.

The motion was put and carried by a large majority.

Dr. Alfred Meadows P.G.S. proposed the re-election of the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master, and in the course of his speech compared the state of Freemasonry, with regard to the number of Lodges for which warrants had been granted, and the contributions to the Charitable Institutions of the Order, five years preceding His Royal Highness's reign, with the same events five years succeeding his Grand Mastership. Of Lodge warrants, they were 228 as against 327; and of subscriptions to the Institutions, they were £130,000 as against £200,000. This result he attributed to the moral worth and influence which His Royal Highness had exercised on the Order. The motion was seconded by Under-Sheriff Bavlis, and carried amidst loud applause. Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) then proclaimed His Royal Highness, by all his titles, Grand Master of Freemasons.

Bro. E. A. Pontifex, P.M. No. 2, proposed Colonel Creaton as Grand Treasurer, and regretted not only his absence, but more especially the cause of that absence—the death of his wife the day before.

Bro. F. Binckes seconded the motion, which was carried amidst great cheering.

The Grand Secretary read the correspondence which had passed between himself and the American Minister, in relation to the vote of condolence with the United States and Mrs. Garfield, passed at last Grand Lodge. On the motion of the Earl of Carnarvon, seconded by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, it was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The next business was the confirmation of the grants by the Lodge of Benevolence, and Bro. Clabon, in seconding the first grant, which was proposed by Bro. Joshua Nunn, drew the attention of the brethren to the fact that the Lodge had exceeded its income last year by £2,000. Not opposing, but rather supporting generous gifts, he reminded Grand Lodge that, as this necessitated drawing on the capital of the Fund of Benevolence, some £15,000, if they proceeded in that way the capital must necessarily be at some time exhausted, and he suggested, as a way out of the difficulty that the quarterages of the London brethren should be increased from 4s to 6s a year, and of the country brethren from 2s to 3s. Grants to the amount of some £1,400 were then confirmed. A long discussion arose on the report of the Board of General Purposes with regard to the suggested new mode of taking the votes of Grand Lodge on a division, but in the end, after various other suggestions had been made, the matter was referred back to the Board, and the consideration postponed till June. Bro. Joshua Nunn's motion for altering the hour of meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence from six o'clock in the evening to four in the afternoon was almost unanimously rejected, and a similar result was arrived at with respect to Bro. G. P. Britten's proposals to have every petition for relief in Grand Secretary's office seven days instead of three before the meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence, and to have a list of all petitioners sent to every Lodge on the Saturday preceding such meeting. The motion was not only opposed, but strongly condemned by Bro. J. M. Clabon, who maintained that the strictest secrecy should be observed with respect to applicants for relief. Bro. Frederick Davison, W.M. No. 10, proposed that the Lodge of Benevolence should meet twice, instead of once a month, at six in the evening, but this motion was also lost. Grand Lodge was then closed.

The great meeting to promote the establishment of a Royal College of Music for the British Empire, was held on Tuesday, in the banqueting Hall of St. James's Palace. The chair was taken by the Prince of Wales, who was supported by, among others, the Dukes of Edinburgh and Albany P.G.W. England, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Duke of Westminster, the Earl of Lathom D.G.M. England, Earl Spencer, K.G., Earl of Rosebery, Cardinal Manning, Bro. the Lord Mayor, Sir Richard Wallace, M.P., Bro. Carl Rosa. His Royal Highness made an eloquent speech, setting forth at considerable length the objects of the proposed College, and the amount of support already promised. A resolution to take the necessary steps to promote the establishment of a national school of music was proposed by the Duke of Edinburgh, seconded by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and carried by acclamation. A vote of thanks to the Prince of Wales, for presiding, having been proposed by Mr. W. E. Gladstone, M.P., seconded by Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., was similarly carried, and the proceedings then terminated. Among the sums already promised are, the Queen £500, the Prince of Wales £250, the Duke of Edinburgh £250, the Duke of Connaught £100, the Duke of Albany £100, H.M.'s Commissioners of the Great Exhibition £500 per annum, Sir Richard Wallace, M.P., £1,000, Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P., £1,000, Messrs. Robert Cocks & Co. £,1000, Messrs Collard and Collard £1,000, the Duke of Westminster £500, Sir Donald Currie, M.P., £500, Bro. Rosa £100. The building erected by Mr. Freake has also been presented to the Prince of Wales for the use of the College, and the Commission of 1851 have promised the ground on which to erect the College.

The William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766, has removed to the Jacob's Well, George street, Manchester Square. The first meeting will be held there on Friday, the 10th March, at 8 p.m.

CARNARVON CHAPTER, No. 804.

THE installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult. Present—Comps. E. E. Street Z., T. Francis H., J. N. Hillman P.Z. as J.; P.Z.'s H. M. Green, H. R. Trigg, J. Harrison; Comps. W. Dart E., J. J. Field N., J. Collings, W. Blackmore Janitor. Visitors—Comps. H. Tuohy P.Z. 257, R. J. Tierney P.Z. 342, J. C. Arlidge 548, Comp. Tierney Installing Principal. Comp. T. Francis H. was installed in ancient form as Z., Comp. H. M. Green P.Z. as H., and W. Dart as J. The M.E.Z. then invested the Officers, as follow: Comps. Elverston (unavoidably absent) S.E., J. J. Field S.N., J. N. Hilman P.Z. P.S. and Treas., Wm. Blackmore Janitor. A vote of thanks was unanimously awarded to Comp. P.Z. Tierney for the very able manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Principal. The Comps. afterwards adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were honoured. They passed a pleasant evening.

Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507.—A convocation of this Chapter was being held on Thursday evening, at Anderton's Hotel, when the news of the attempted assassination of her Majesty was received. Companion W. M. Stiles M.E.Z., at the banquet which followed, in proposing the health of Her Majesty, said he felt he was speaking the sentiments of the Freemasons of England, and particularly of the Royal Arch Masons, when he stated how much they all deplored the dastardly attempt which had that day been made upon the life of the Queen. It was a matter of the greatest national satisfaction that that attempt had been unsuccessful. They were all glad to find that the villain—which, he thought, was far too mild a term to apply to the would-be assassin—had been arrested upon the spot. Her Majesty had so endeared herself to the hearts of her people that such an attempt upon her life was held in universal detestation. He trusted that she might long be spared in health and happiness to reign over a free and united people. Companions Hudson H., and Henry Stiles J., with other Principals of the Chapter, concurred heartily in these sentiments, as did the Companions generally, and Her Majesty's health was drunk with more than the customary enthusiasm.—*Daily Telegraph.*

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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, 4th MARCH.

142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
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-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1233—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 6th MARCH.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Ship Tavern, Hart-street, Mark Lane, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruc.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction)
M.M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

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, College-st., 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
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge (Instruction)
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's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, 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, Town Hall, 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)
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. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells

TUESDAY, 7th MARCH.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
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, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
166—Union, Criterion, W.
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.
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
840—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.
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington.
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
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, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1693—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
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)

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
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
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 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
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.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
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 8. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
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, 8th MARCH.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
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 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
820—Lily, Greyhound, Richmond
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1601—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1602—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
383—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
668—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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.
1041—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1080—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1084—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1200—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.
1352—De Grey and Ripon, 199 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1402—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Horncastle, Hall (Instruction)
1529—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llandilo, Trewythen Arms, Llandilo
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R.A. 21—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcas
R.A. 109—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.

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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, 9th MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
18—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)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
234—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1218—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction.)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leyton-stone
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, 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.
303—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
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
796—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
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.
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1569—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
R.A. 1303—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 10th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
167—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
903—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1091—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
1097—Beaumesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, 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, Levensulme
K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street

SATURDAY, 11th MARCH.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1324—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1696—Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

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ROYAL SOMERSET HOUSE AND INVERNESS LODGE, No. 4.

AT Freemasons' Hall, on Monday evening, 27th ult., the annual meeting of this Lodge was held, when Bro. the Rev. Henry Lansdell Grand Steward, and Past Prov. Grand Chaplain Devon, (author of "Through Siberia") was installed Worshipful Master. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Dr. Alfred Meadows P.M. P.G.S. Among those who sat down to banquet, at which there was a numerous attendance of guests, as well as of members of the Lodge, were the following Grand Officers:—Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, J. A. Rucker, P. de Lande Long, and R. F. Gould Past Grand Deacons, J. L. Thomas Past Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, and W. Ganz Past Grand Organist. A large number of Grand Stewards and Past Grand Stewards were also present, and visitors from the Grand Stewards' Lodge, Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, Antiquity, Prince of Wales, Britannic, and other Lodges. During the evening a pianoforte solo was given by Bro. W. Ganz Past Organist of the Lodge, and glees, &c., were sung by Bro. Stedman's choir boys and others. The Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge ante-dates the Grand Lodge of England, and its early records show that in the last, and at the commencement of the present century, many of the nobility belonged to this Lodge, while, with the Antiquity, it is still peculiar, inasmuch as it acts without a warrant from Grand Lodge, doing so "by immemorial constitution."

ROYAL UNION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 382.

IN accordance with an announcement we made last week, the members of this Lodge of Instruction assembled on Monday evening, at six o'clock, at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, when the Rt. Wor. the Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, Sir Francis Burdett, honoured the brethren with a visit. The chair was taken by Bro. H. E. Tucker, Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction; he was supported by Bros. E. Cotton S.W., E. J. Acworth 1612 J.W., Garard S.D., Rowles J.D., Andrews P.M. I.G., Duffin Tyler. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Fleming being the candidate. At this stage of the proceedings the Prov. Grand Master arrived; he was accompanied by Bro. J. Sampson Peirce Junior Grand Deacon of England, Bro. W. Burdett 1293, and others, and was formally received and saluted according to his rank. Bro. Tucker tendered the Master's gavel, but Sir Francis directed him to proceed with the business. Bro. Tucker then announced that Bro. Morgan would read a short Paper on "Women in Freemasonry," which was immediately done, much to the gratification of all present. Sir Francis expressed his appreciation of Bro. Morgan's efforts, and said he could personally testify to the accuracy of the statements made in reference to his relative the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and the Lodge (No. 1278) which bore her name. He then addressed the brethren, and referred to the fact that their Lodge being situate in an extreme part of the Province, where access was somewhat difficult for him—unless he came through the metropolis—had doubtless in some measure prevented him being with them so frequently as he could have desired. However, he had a lively and pleasant recollection that the members of the Royal Union Lodge had taken a very active part at the time when he was nominated to preside over the Province of Middlesex. He was intensely gratified with the way in which the duties of Freemasonry were being conducted here, and looked forward to increased facilities for lessening at no very distant date the time the journey would take. Sir Francis expressed his regret that his other engagements would not permit of a long stay on the present, but he should be much gratified in meeting the members on a future occasion. The R.W. Prov. G. Master soon after left the Lodge amid the applause of all present. The brethren were then called off for refreshment. On resuming their Masonic duties, on the motion of Bro. Tucker, it was unanimously agreed that a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, be sent to the Prov. Grand Master, thanking him for attending. The case of a distressed Brother was then brought before the Lodge, and a subscription was made by the brethren for the relief of immediate necessities. Bro. E. J. Acworth, of Ealing, who on several occasions has rendered signal service to the brethren, was then elected an honorary member of the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Past Master Andrews rose, he said that all present could but have been edified and instructed by the interesting Paper read on this occasion by their esteemed honorary member, Bro. Morgan. He (Bro. Andrews) had not hitherto had an opportunity of listening to any of Brother Morgan's lectures, but he was much struck with the ability they displayed. He had great pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks for the service rendered. In acknowledging this compliment Bro. Morgan explained that he was indebted in the main to Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York, for the material from which he had prepared this paper. Bro. Whytehead and many other distinguished Craftsmen with whom he was acquainted would be ready to assist any brother who felt inclined to prepare similar papers, which he was convinced would be equally

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appreciated. Bro. Catlin was appointed to preside at the next meeting, and after the reading, by the Secretary, of some letters and telegrams, Lodge was closed. In addition to those already named there were present—Bros. H. L. Duke 227, E. H. Sugg P.M. 454, Weeden P.M., Stephens 1612, H. Woodbridge 1612, Nye 1612, C. E. Botley 780, Phillips, Lambert, Nicholson, Taplin, Brooks (Sec.), &c.

BURGOYNE LODGE, No. 902.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ultimo, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. There was a very large attendance, nearly eighty brethren being present, among them being Bros. George Wale W.M., F. J. C. Taylor I.P.M., George Gabb S.W., W. Wilkins J.W., Samuel Poynter Treasurer, H. C. Jefferys Secretary, G. D. Bundy S.D.; Past Masters H. A. Pocock, S. J. Byng, R. H. Harvey, R. A. Field, G. Brooks, Henry Smith, and the following Visitors:—Bros. R. P. Forge W.M. 1950, T. F. Harvey S.D. 174, C. Salter 1743, J. J. Berry P.M. 954, G. T. Clayton J.W. 1872, H. Perks I.G. 209, T. S. Watts P.M. 916, W. Williams S.D. 1791, James Stevens P.M. 1426, John L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. Herts, T. Crapper 211, W. H. Richards 476, T. Drewett 20, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, J. Fidler M.C. 1550, R. W. Watson 1702, C. Walser 538, J. Phillips 256, A. J. Berry Secretary 1695, F. G. Longley P.M. 1261, J. B. Poole P.M. and Secretary 27, H. J. Gabb P.M. 813, J. Drewett 1638, J. J. Pike 73, R. Baverstock 177, J. Edwards J.D. 1662, A. F. Inman Steward 1662. Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, it was advanced, and Bros. Bradley and Oliver were raised. Bro. Bean was next passed, and then the ballot was taken for four candidates for initiation and one for joining. All were accepted, and in due course Messrs. James Phillips, Henry Moss, Richard Aubrey, Bonner, and William Ashby were admitted to a participation in the mysteries of the Craft. Lodge was called off, and on the resumption of business Bro. George Gabb, the W.M. elect, was presented and duly obligated. He was then regularly installed, and appointed the following brethren as his Officers, viz., Bros. Wilkins S.W., Bundy J.W., Poynter P.M. Treasurer, Jefferys P.M. Secretary, Battie S.D., Williams J.D., Groom I.G., Norrington and Castell Stewards, Field P.M. M.C. A notice of motion for next meeting was given, and then the Master closed the Lodge. Banquet, served in really first-rate style, in the Pillar Hall, followed, Bro. F. Clemow personally superintending. At the conclusion of the repast, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was followed by that of the Grand Master and the Grand Officers. Bro. Wale I.P.M. then assumed the gavel. He considered it a very pleasing duty to be called upon to propose the health of the W.M. All he could wish was that he might pass as happy a year as that he just gone through. The toast was well received, and after a song the W.M. replied. He tendered his thanks. As he said last month, when the brethren were kind enough to elect him to the office of Master, he hoped their confidence would not be misplaced. He should do his utmost to perform the work of the office creditably, and in a manner that should meet the approval of the brethren. The working of the Burgoyne Lodge had for many years past been performed creditably, and he hoped to be able to maintain the reputation the Lodge had acquired. When he was initiated, by Bro. P.M. Field, he made up his mind to try for the office of Worshipful Master. Nothing would be left undone on his part to render the brethren happy, not only in Lodge but afterwards. He hoped he might be as successful as his predecessors in the office of W.M. He then proposed the health of the I.P.M. He felt this was a toast that would be gratifying to every brother in the room. If one man more than another deserved his health proposed, it was their I.P.M. The way in which he had performed his work was highly creditable. He had worked throughout the past year, without needing any aid from his Past Masters. Before putting this toast to the meeting, the W.M. had a very pleasing duty, one of the most pleasing he had had to perform since he had been a member of this Lodge, and that was to present to his predecessor the Past Master's jewel that had been voted by the brethen. He must not accept it for its intrinsic value alone, but rather receive it as a memento of the good feeling that was felt by each brother towards their I.P.M. The W.M. hoped his predecessor might be among them for many years, to add lustre to the Burgoyne Lodge. The I.P.M. tendered his thanks, both for the way in which the toast had been received, and also for the jewel which the brethren had presented him, he should always wear the gift with pride. He felt the brethren all knew how much he had the interests of the Burgoyne Lodge at heart; he could assure them he should never fail to further its interests whenever he had the opportunity. The Master then gave the toast of the Initiates. This toast was one always well received in a Masonic Lodge, but particularly so when they had to welcome four such brethren as those admitted to the Burgoyne Lodge that night. The Master felt the Lodge had every reason to be proud of them, and he trusted they would each become worthy members of the Lodge, and at the same time good Masons, for he was always of opinion that it was impossible for any one to be a good Mason and at the same time a bad man. In conclusion he could but express a hope that the brethren admitted that night might reap advantage from the step they had taken. Each of the initiates replied. Bro. Phillips hoped he and his brother initiates might do all that was expected of them. Bro. Moss said he had always believed in the brotherhood of mankind, but never before had he seen it so fully amplified as he had done that night. It would be his endeavour to make such progress in Freemasonry as one day to attain the office the W.M. then occupied. Bro. Bonner followed. Bro. Ashby felt that nothing would give him greater pleasure than to rise to the position of Master of the Lodge, a post he hoped one day to attain. The health of the Visitors was next given from the Chair. The W.M. assured the guests, in the name of the Lodge, that nothing gave them greater pleasure than to welcome the brethren present that night. They hoped the Visitors were pleased with what they had seen in Lodge, and satisfied with what had followed. Bros. Mather, Stevens, Drewett, Morgan, Gabb, and Longley replied, after which the W.M. proposed the Past Masters. The P.M.'s, one and all, were pleased to do all they could for the Lodge. It was not in many Lodges such a number of brethren who had passed the chair were present as was the case that night; the Master felt pleased to see them. They had been a credit to the Lodge in the past, and he hoped they might long continue so. Bro. Harvey, the oldest P.M., replied. He referred to the presence at the opening of the Lodge that day of some half dozen of the Past Masters—a fact which he considered reflected great credit on the body. He and his brother P.M.'s were very pleased to see the Lodge in so prosperous a state, and hoped it would ever continue the same successful career. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers of the Lodge, and that by the Tyler brought the proceedings to a close. Some excellent songs, and a recitation by Bro. P.M. Field, added greatly to the enjoyment of the brethren.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 23rd ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. J. Waugh W.M., J. Hammond S.W., Eastgate J.W., J. E. Shand P.M. Treasurer, E. J. Scott P.M. Secretary, G. Jones S.D., H. Lee J.D., W. C. Smith I.G., Hill Steward, Hoare Organist, B. H. Swallow P.M., White P.M. Lodge having been opened and advanced, Bros. Hofman and Radcliffe were raised to the third degree, Bro. J. Barney, No. 1567, was elected as a joining member, and the ballot was taken for the admission of Messrs. W. F. Gourlie, R. D. Armstrong and T. Bates; this proving unanimous in their favour, they were initiated into the Order. The widow of a deceased brother was relieved from the Benevolent Fund with the sum of £10. The W.M. having announced that it was his intention to act as Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge to be placed on his list. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of banquet, after which the customary toasts were given. Bro. Shand gave that of the W.M. He felt sure the health of their Master would be drunk with all honour. They had that evening had the opportunity of witnessing his fitness for the office, he having been called upon to work both the first and third degrees. He had accomplished the task in a very gratifying manner. He was sure the W.M. would do all that might be required of him. The W.M. tendered his thanks; he should do his best for the benefit of the Lodge, and hoped that at the termination of his year of office the brethren would be able to express satisfaction with him. He next proposed the health of the Initiates. Bro. Gourlie, in reply, was sorry his two brother Initiates had been obliged to leave early in the evening, in consequence of their residing in the country. On his, and on their behalf, he returned sincere thanks for the honour that had been done them by the City of Westminster Lodge. He hoped they would each become a credit to the Order. The toast of the Visitors followed, from the chair, and to this the several guests replied. Speaking of the Past Masters, the W.M. expressed the pleasure he felt in following such esteemed brethren as those who had preceded him in the chair of the City of Westminster Lodge. Bros. Swallow, White, and Shand replied, expressing the pleasure they each felt in the prosperous state of the Lodge, and paying a just compliment to the present occupant of the chair. The brethren might rely on the Past Masters at all times doing what lay in their power to advance the interests of the Lodge. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was next on the list. The W.M. felt the funds of the Lodge could not be entrusted to a more worthy Mason than Bro. Shand, while as regarded the Secretary, he considered the brethren owed Bro. Scott a debt of gratitude for the way in which he had always discharged the duties of his office. The Officers' health was duly honoured, and then the Tyler's toast was given, bringing to an end the day's proceedings. Among the Visitors were Bros. J. McLean W.M. 177, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Reckley W.M. 507, R. Knight 733, J. W. Curtis 733, G. Woods P.M. 755, H. Tinney 1319, J. Green 1365, W. Carrington S.W. 1791.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 25th February. Present—Bros. A. Ferrar W.M., Weeden S.W., Dignam J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, G. Ferrar S.D., Taylor J.D., Gribbell I.G.; also Bros. Houghton, Selig, R. Defriez, A. M. Marks, Robinson, W. Williams, Money, Spencer, R. M. Jones, Archer, Forge, A. Reason, T. Reason, Richardson, C. Lorkin, Trewinnard, Gilham, J. A. Powell, &c. Lodge opened with the usual formalities, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second degree, when Bro. Houghton answered the questions and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history. Lodge resumed to the first. Bro. Ferrar vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Gilham. Bro. Forge having proved his efficiency as an E.A., was duly entrusted. Lodge being resumed to the second degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Forge acting as candidate. Brother Ferrar again took the chair. Bro. G. Taylor of the Humphrey Chetham (Manchester) Lodge, No. 615, was elected a member. Brother Weeden was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The annual statement was read by the Secretary, and unanimously adopted. Bro. Fenner was re elected Secretary, and Bro. C. Lorkin Treasurer. A vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Preceptor, and this was gracefully acknowledged. Bro. Secretary was requested to send a letter to the late Treasurer (Bro. Halford), thanking him for his past services. A vote of thanks was ordered to be entered on the minutes to Bro. Halford, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

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Lodge of Union, No. 414.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 21st February, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. R. C. Mount P.M. 1328 W.M., Charles Stephens Prov. G. Treasurer Berks and Bucks I.P.M., F. J. Ferguson S.W., S. Wheeler J.W., M. J. Withers Secretary, A. W. Parry S.D., C. J. Butler M.C., J. W. Martin Steward, F. Blackwell I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. S. Bradley, A. M. Yotts, R. Bradley Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, and J. W. Hounslow; Members, Bros. Sherwood, Higgs, Rayner, Armstrong, George, G. W. Webb, C. G. Hawkes, Tench, and Dodd. Visitors—Bros. Weatherhead 1101, W. Ferguson I.P.M. No. 1101, Hawkes S.D. No. 1101. After due observance of preliminaries, the ballot was taken for Mr. James Hopkins Walters, who was declared to be elected. The Tyler having prepared and announced the candidate, Mr. Walters was admitted and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Antient Freemasonry. Bro. Mount, having passed the chair of the Granite Lodge, No. 1328, has had the advantage of past experience in the working of the Craft, and this enables him to go through the ceremonies with ease to himself and to the satisfaction of his Officers. Bro. J. W. George, a candidate for passing, gave proof of his efficiency, was entrusted, and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. George was admitted and passed to the degree of F.C. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, when the following non-officials were appointed on the permanent committee:—Bros. Higgs, Hawkes, and Sherwood. A letter was read from Bro. Pocock P.M. and Treas., resigning the Treasurership, in consequence of leaving Reading for Horsham. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Pocock for his efficient services as Treasurer. The award of five guineas from the Prov. G. Lodge of Berks and Bucks, to the Union 414, was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and to be placed on the List of the W.M., who would act as Steward at the next Festival. A notice of motion was given, "that the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge, be applied to Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and that the same be added to the list of the W.M. The W.M. returned thanks, and gave notice that at the next Lodge he would propose an alteration in the subscription to be paid by members. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—Held at the Seymour Arms, Seymour-place, W., on the 24th ultimo. Present—Bros. G. W. West, W. Heath, Bellerby, Jones, Coop, Tribbel, Fromholz, Hart, Little, Smith, Moore, Dunham, &c. The Secretary pro tem reported that he had received apologies from several brethren who were unable to attend on this occasion; also that, in accordance with their instructions, he had written to the late Secretary of the Lodge for the Lodge books, but up to the present time he had received no reply. Surprise was expressed that the late Secretary had shown such want of courtesy as not to acknowledge Bro. Moore's application. It was suggested that Bro. Moore be directed to make personal application for the books. The Committee then reported as to the result of their inquiries for a suitable place in which to hold future meetings, and after several brethren had expressed their views, Brother Coop proposed, and Brother Fromholz seconded, that the William Preston Lodge of Instruction be held for the future at the Jacob's Well, George street, Manchester square, W. This was carried, and a committee of five—namely, Bros. Coop, Moore, West, Tribbel and Bellerby—were appointed to make the necessary arrangements. Bro. Coop was appointed Preceptor pro tem. Bro. Coop said he would do his best to make the Lodge successful. After several brethren had expressed their opinions as to the action of the meeting that was held on the 3rd February, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. West for presiding over their meeting in the able manner he had done. Bro. West returned thanks. He had to congratulate the brethren that the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766, still existed. They had to thank Bro. Dunham for that. He hoped the Lodge would go on and prosper, he would do his best to assist it in every possible way. The meeting then adjourned until Friday evening, the 3rd March, at 8 o'clock.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday.—Bros. G. H. Stephens W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., Christian J.W., Edwards S.D., Baker J.D., T. Jones I.G., F. Carr Hon. Sec., Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Brasted, Glass, Cushing, A. Clark, Smyth, Robinson, Allen, Catling, Lamb, Dignam, Marsh, Boyce, Wardell, Carble, Wright, Greenwood, Bown, Polak, Darnell, Young, Nash, Moss, Olly, &c. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and resumed to the first. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The following brethren assisted the W.M. to work the Fifteen Sections. First lecture—Bros. Glass, Smyth, F. Carr, T. Clark, Allen, C. Lorkin, G. H. Stephens. Second lecture—Bros. Wardell, Moss, Brasted, C. Lorkin, Allen. Third lecture—Bros. Edwards, Dignam, Wallington. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. G. H. Stephens, for the efficient manner in which he had worked the Fifteen Sections. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—The above Lodge met on the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Air-street, Regent-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. J. Syer. Bros. G. T. Mann S.W., M. Benjamin J.W., L. Jacobs Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Asst. Sec., N. Vallentine S.D., Davis J.D., W. H. B. Gulliford I.G., Lindsay Sloper Organist. P.M.'s Bros. J. Lazarus, De Solla, Chevalier, Pollitzer. Visitors—A. Levy late 1017, S. Webb P.M. 933, and Leon. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Walter and Ricci were passed to the second degree, and Bro. Keisor was raised to the third. Both ceremonies were perfectly rendered by the W.M. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a capital supper, provided by Bro. Marks. Bro. Pollitzer, in a very excellent speech, proposed the toast of the W.M., and complimented him on the able manner in which he had performed the ceremonies. The toast of the Wardens and Officers was responded to by Bro. G. T. Mann. The brethren separated early. Bro. Webb contributed to the harmony. Bro. Lindsay Sloper accompanied on the pianoforte.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At the Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green-road, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Present—Bros. Horley W.M., Pearcy S.W., Sergeant J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Free Secretary, Gieseke Treasurer, Defriez S.D., Legg J.D., Gray I.G.; also Bros. Moss, Chitson, Patrick, Wilson, Simmons, Newbury, &c. The ceremonial work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of raising, Bro. Chitson acting as candidate. The work being ably done by the W.M. Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the first section was worked by Bro. Fenner. Bros. Chitson, of the Burdett-Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, and Newbury, of the Finsbury, 861, were elected members. Bro. R. Pearcy was elected to preside at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed.

Chaucer Lodge of Instruction, No. 1540.—At the regular meeting of the above successful Lodge, held at the Grapes, St. Thomas-street, Borough, on Tuesday last, there were present Bros. R. C. Harrison J.W. 1540 as W.M., H. Blackwell S.W., W J. C. Rea J.W., A. Newhouse J.D., C. M. Tate I.G., Charles Graham Secretary, F. Croaker Treasurer, H. C. Ball, W. Klingenstein, G. Edwards, H. Fowler, H. Chapman, Emblyn, Blitz, Isaacs, Wingham, Martin, Renaut Annean 1326, Austin 1900, D. Goffin 1572, W. Smith Rose of Denmark, Blackwell Grey Friars, Reading, H. J. Lardner W.M. 1745, T. McButt 1623, T. Butt 907, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Worshipful Master introduced Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. to the brethren, for the purpose of giving his reading explanatory of the entire ceremony of the First Degree. From the course of his introductory remarks it was apparent that Bro. Stevens had a very interesting lecture to deliver, and as he passed through the various points of the ceremonial, his views were endorsed by the numerous brethren. There is no doubt both Officers and members of Lodges would do well to hear this Lecture, to which Bro. Stevens must have devoted a great deal of time in preparing. At its conclusion the Worshipful Master proposed a cordial vote of thanks for the excellent way Bro. Stevens had delivered his lecture, and expressed the satisfaction of the brethren at his coming among them. The Senior Warden endorsed all the Worshipful Master had said, and hoped that Bro. Stevens would continue his labours in the other degrees. The vote was unanimously carried. Bro. Stevens returned thanks; he should be only too pleased to repeat his evening's work at any time he was asked. Other matters disposed of, Lodge was closed and adjourned, a memorable and highly instructive evening been enjoyed by all present.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End Road, on 27th February, there were present, Bros. Maud W.M., Clements S.W., Moss J.W., Forss S.D., Robinson J.D., M. Isaacs I.G., Barnes Treasurer, T. Wooding Preceptor, B. Stewart Hon. Secretary, also Bro. Hubbert, H. C. Clark, &c. Lodge opened in due form, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. C. Clark candidate. Bro. Forss worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. H. Clements was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Moss then brought forward his motion, that a sum of money be voted from the Lodge funds for the relief of the persecuted Jews in Russia. Bro. H. C. Clark proposed, and Bro. Wooding seconded, that one guinea be voted for this object. This was supported by Bro. Barnes, and carried unanimously. The brethren present also subscribed. The report of the Audit Committee was then read and confirmed, showing that after subscribing five guineas to the Aged Freemasons' Fund, the balance in hands of Treasurer was £6 6s. Bro. T. J. Barnes was invited to work the ceremony of installation on Monday, 27th March, when we hope there will be a good attendance. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed.

ROYAL VETERANS' ENCAMPMENT.

AT the meeting held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Friday, 24th ult., under the presidency of E. Sir Knight Sydney L. R. Templer, the Fraters unanimously elected Sir Knight Francis B. Westlake as E. Commander, and E. Sir Knight Josiah Austin P.E.C. P.P.G.E. as Treasurer. The installation and dinner, at the Globe Hotel, are appointed for Friday, 17th inst.

HOLY CROSS PRECEPTORY AND PRIORY.

THE annual meeting was held at the Huyshe Temple, on Friday, 24th ult., when Sir Knight James Griffen P.G.C. was installed as Ex. Preceptor. The ceremony was performed by E. Sir Knight J. B. Gover P.E.C. P.P.G.T., assisted by E. Sir Knight R. Pengelly E.P. P.P.G. 1st S.B., L. D. Westcott P.E.C. P.P.G.M., I. Watts P.E.C. P.P.G.T., S. L. R. Templer E.C. P.P.G.S.M., P. B. Clemens P.E.C. P.P.G.C. of E., J. H. Keats P.E.C. In the Priory of Malta, Sir Knight Griffen was installed as Ex. Prior, the same E. Fraters officiating. The Officers who were appointed for the Preceptory were E. Sir Knight Richard Pengelly P.E.C., Sir Knight Rev. Wm. Whittley 1st Captain and Prelate, and Richard Lavers 2nd Captain, E. Sir Knights L. D. Westcott Treasurer, R. Pengelly Registrar; Sir Knights Harris-Square Executor, J. Gidley C. of L., and W. H. Phillips Equerry. The Fraters retired to simple refreshment in the refectory.

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appreciated. Bro. Catlin was appointed to preside at the next meeting, and after the reading, by the Secretary, of some letters and telegrams, Lodge was closed. In addition to those already named there were present—Bros. H. L. Duke 227, E. H. Sugg P.M. 454, Weeden P.M., Stephens 1612, H. Woodbridge 1612, Nye 1612, C. E. Botley 780, Phillips, Lambert, Nicholson, Taplin, Brooks (Sec.), &c.

BURGOYNE LODGE, No. 902.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ultimo, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. There was a very large attendance, nearly eighty brethren being present, among them being Bros. George Wale W.M., F. J. C. Taylor I.P.M., George Gabb S.W., W. Wilkins J.W., Samuel Poynter Treasurer, H. C. Jefferys Secretary, G. D. Bundy S.D.; Past Masters H. A. Pocock, S. J. Byng, R. H. Harvey, R. A. Field, G. Brooks, Henry Smith, and the following Visitors:—Bros. R. P. Forge W.M. 1950, T. F. Harvey S.D. 174, C. Salter 1743, J. J. Berry P.M. 954, G. T. Clayton J.W. 1872, H. Perks I.G. 209, T. S. Watts P.M. 916, W. Williams S.D. 1791, James Stevens P.M. 1426, John L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. Herts, T. Crapper 211, W. H. Richards 476, T. Drewett 20, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, J. Fidler M.C. 1550, R. W. Watson 1702, C. Walser 538, J. Phillips 256, A. J. Berry Secretary 1695, F. G. Longley P.M. 1261, J. B. Poole P.M. and Secretary 27, H. J. Gabb P.M. 813, J. Drewett 1638, J. J. Pike 73, R. Baverstock 177, J. Edwards J.D. 1662, A. F. Inman Steward 1662. Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, it was advanced, and Bros. Bradley and Oliver were raised. Bro. Bean was next passed, and then the ballot was taken for four candidates for initiation and one for joining. All were accepted, and in due course Messrs. James Phillips, Henry Moss, Richard Aubrey, Bonner, and William Ashby were admitted to a participation in the mysteries of the Craft. Lodge was called off, and on the resumption of business Bro. George Gabb, the W.M. elect, was presented and duly obligated. He was then regularly installed, and appointed the following brethren as his Officers, viz., Bros. Wilkins S.W., Bundy J.W., Poynter P.M. Treasurer, Jefferys P.M. Secretary, Battie S.D., Williams J.D., Groom I.G., Norrington and Castell Stewards, Field P.M. M.C. A notice of motion for next meeting was given, and then the Master closed the Lodge. Banquet, served in really first-rate style, in the Pillar Hall, followed, Bro. F. Clemow personally superintending. At the conclusion of the repast, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was followed by that of the Grand Master and the Grand Officers. Bro. Wale I.P.M. then assumed the gavel. He considered it a very pleasing duty to be called upon to propose the health of the W.M. All he could wish was that he might pass as happy a year as that he just gone through. The toast was well received, and after a song the W.M. replied. He tendered his thanks. As he said last month, when the brethren were kind enough to elect him to the office of Master, he hoped their confidence would not be misplaced. He should do his utmost to perform the work of the office creditably, and in a manner that should meet the approval of the brethren. The working of the Burgoyne Lodge had for many years past been performed creditably, and he hoped to be able to maintain the reputation the Lodge had acquired. When he was initiated, by Bro. P.M. Field, he made up his mind to try for the office of Worshipful Master. Nothing would be left undone on his part to render the brethren happy, not only in Lodge but afterwards. He hoped he might be as successful as his predecessors in the office of W.M. He then proposed the health of the I.P.M. He felt this was a toast that would be gratifying to every brother in the room. If one man more than another deserved his health proposed, it was their I.P.M. The way in which he had performed his work was highly creditable. He had worked throughout the past year, without needing any aid from his Past Masters. Before putting this toast to the meeting, the W.M. had a very pleasing duty, one of the most pleasing he had had to perform since he had been a member of this Lodge, and that was to present to his predecessor the Past Master's jewel that had been voted by the brethen. He must not accept it for its intrinsic value alone, but rather receive it as a memento of the good feeling that was felt by each brother towards their I.P.M. The W.M. hoped his predecessor might be among them for many years, to add lustre to the Burgoyne Lodge. The I.P.M. tendered his thanks, both for the way in which the toast had been received, and also for the jewel which the brethren had presented him, he should always wear the gift with pride. He felt the brethren all knew how much he had the interests of the Burgoyne Lodge at heart; he could assure them he should never fail to further its interests whenever he had the opportunity. The Master then gave the toast of the Initiates. This toast was one always well received in a Masonic Lodge, but particularly so when they had to welcome four such brethren as those admitted to the Burgoyne Lodge that night. The Master felt the Lodge had every reason to be proud of them, and he trusted they would each become worthy members of the Lodge, and at the same time good Masons, for he was always of opinion that it was impossible for any one to be a good Mason and at the same time a bad man. In conclusion he could but express a hope that the brethren admitted that night might reap advantage from the step they had taken. Each of the initiates replied. Bro. Phillips hoped he and his brother initiates might do all that was expected of them. Bro. Moss said he had always believed in the brotherhood of mankind, but never before had he seen it so fully amplified as he had done that night. It would be his endeavour to make such progress in Freemasonry as one day to attain the office the W.M. then occupied. Bro. Bonner followed. Bro. Ashby felt that nothing would give him greater pleasure than to rise to the position of Master of the Lodge, a post he hoped one day to attain. The health of the Visitors was next given from the Chair. The W.M. assured the guests, in the name of the Lodge, that nothing gave them greater pleasure than to welcome the brethren present that night. They hoped the Visitors were pleased with what they had seen in Lodge, and satisfied with what had followed. Bros. Mather, Stevens, Drewett, Morgan, Gabb, and Longley replied, after which the W.M. proposed the Past Masters. The P.M.'s, one and all, were pleased to do all they could for the Lodge. It was not in many Lodges such a number of brethren who had passed the chair were present as was the case that night; the Master felt pleased to see them. They had been a credit to the Lodge in the past, and he hoped they might long continue so. Bro. Harvey, the oldest P.M., replied. He referred to the presence at the opening of the Lodge that day of some half dozen of the Past Masters—a fact which he considered reflected great credit on the body. He and his brother P.M.'s were very pleased to see the Lodge in so prosperous a state, and hoped it would ever continue the same successful career. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers of the Lodge, and that by the Tyler brought the proceedings to a close. Some excellent songs, and a recitation by Bro. P.M. Field, added greatly to the enjoyment of the brethren.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 23rd ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. J. Waugh W.M., J. Hammond S.W., Eastgate J.W., J. E. Shand P.M. Treasurer, E. J. Scott P.M. Secretary, G. Jones S.D., H. Lee J.D., W. C. Smith I.G., Hill Steward, Hoare Organist, B. H. Swallow P.M., White P.M. Lodge having been opened and advanced, Bros. Hofman and Radcliffe were raised to the third degree, Bro. J. Barney, No. 1567, was elected as a joining member, and the ballot was taken for the admission of Messrs. W. F. Gourlie, R. D. Armstrong and T. Bates; this proving unanimous in their favour, they were initiated into the Order. The widow of a deceased brother was relieved from the Benevolent Fund with the sum of £10. The W.M. having announced that it was his intention to act as Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge to be placed on his list. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of banquet, after which the customary toasts were given. Bro. Shand gave that of the W.M. He felt sure the health of their Master would be drunk with all honour. They had that evening had the opportunity of witnessing his fitness for the office, he having been called upon to work both the first and third degrees. He had accomplished the task in a very gratifying manner. He was sure the W.M. would do all that might be required of him. The W.M. tendered his thanks; he should do his best for the benefit of the Lodge, and hoped that at the termination of his year of office the brethren would be able to express satisfaction with him. He next proposed the health of the Initiates. Bro. Gourlie, in reply, was sorry his two brother Initiates had been obliged to leave early in the evening, in consequence of their residing in the country. On his, and on their behalf, he returned sincere thanks for the honour that had been done them by the City of Westminster Lodge. He hoped they would each become a credit to the Order. The toast of the Visitors followed, from the chair, and to this the several guests replied. Speaking of the Past Masters, the W.M. expressed the pleasure he felt in following such esteemed brethren as those who had preceded him in the chair of the City of Westminster Lodge. Bros. Swallow, White, and Shand replied, expressing the pleasure they each felt in the prosperous state of the Lodge, and paying a just compliment to the present occupant of the chair. The brethren might rely on the Past Masters at all times doing what lay in their power to advance the interests of the Lodge. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was next on the list. The W.M. felt the funds of the Lodge could not be entrusted to a more worthy Mason than Bro. Shand, while as regarded the Secretary, he considered the brethren owed Bro. Scott a debt of gratitude for the way in which he had always discharged the duties of his office. The Officers' health was duly honoured, and then the Tyler's toast was given, bringing to an end the day's proceedings. Among the Visitors were Bros. J. McLean W.M. 177, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Reckley W.M. 507, R. Knight 733, J. W. Curtis 733, G. Woods P.M. 755, H. Tinney 1319, J. Green 1365, W. Carrington S.W. 1791.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 25th February. Present—Bros. A. Ferrar W.M., Weeden S.W., Dignam J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, G. Ferrar S.D., Taylor J.D., Gribbell I.G.; also Bros. Houghton, Selig, R. Defriez, A. M. Marks, Robinson, W. Williams, Money, Spencer, R. M. Jones, Archer, Forge, A. Reason, T. Reason, Richardson, C. Lorkin, Trewinnard, Gilham, J. A. Powell, &c. Lodge opened with the usual formalities, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second degree, when Bro. Houghton answered the questions and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history. Lodge resumed to the first. Bro. Ferrar vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Gilham. Bro. Forge having proved his efficiency as an E.A., was duly entrusted. Lodge being resumed to the second degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Forge acting as candidate. Brother Ferrar again took the chair. Bro. G. Taylor of the Humphrey Chetham (Manchester) Lodge, No. 645, was elected a member. Brother Weeden was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The annual statement was read by the Secretary, and unanimously adopted. Bro. Fenner was re elected Secretary, and Bro. C. Lorkin Treasurer. A vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Preceptor, and this was gracefully acknowledged. Bro. Secretary was requested to send a letter to the late Treasurer (Bro. Halford), thanking him for his past services. A vote of thanks was ordered to be entered on the minutes to Bro. Halford, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

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Lodge of Union, No. 414.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 21st February, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. R. C. Mount P.M. 1328 W.M., Charles Stephens Prov. G. Treasurer Berks and Bucks I.P.M., F. J. Ferguson S.W., S. Wheeler J.W., M. J. Withers Secretary, A. W. Parry S.D., C. J. Butler M.C., J. W. Martin Steward, F. Blackwell I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. S. Bradley, A. M. Yotts, R. Bradley Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, and J. W. Hounslow; Members, Bros. Sherwood, Higgs, Rayner, Armstrong, George, G. W. Webb, C. G. Hawkes, Tench, and Dodd. Visitors—Bros. Weatherhead 1101, W. Ferguson I.P.M. No. 1101, Hawkes S.D. No. 1101. After due observance of preliminaries, the ballot was taken for Mr. James Hopkins Walters, who was declared to be elected. The Tyler having prepared and announced the candidate, Mr. Walters was admitted and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Antient Freemasonry. Bro. Mount, having passed the chair of the Granite Lodge, No. 1328, has had the advantage of past experience in the working of the Craft, and this enables him to go through the ceremonies with ease to himself and to the satisfaction of his Officers. Bro. J. W. George, a candidate for passing, gave proof of his efficiency, was entrusted, and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. George was admitted and passed to the degree of F.C. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, when the following non-officials were appointed on the permanent committee:—Bros. Higgs, Hawkes, and Sherwood. A letter was read from Bro. Pocock P.M. and Treas., resigning the Treasurership, in consequence of leaving Reading for Horsham. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Pocock for his efficient services as Treasurer. The award of five guineas from the Prov. G. Lodge of Berks and Bucks, to the Union 414, was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and to be placed on the List of the W.M., who would act as Steward at the next Festival. A notice of motion was given, "that the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge, be applied to Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and that the same be added to the list of the W.M. The W.M. returned thanks, and gave notice that at the next Lodge he would propose an alteration in the subscription to be paid by members. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—Held at the Seymour Arms, Seymour-place, W., on the 24th ultimo. Present—Bros. G. W. West, W. Heath, Bellerby, Jones, Coop, Tribbel, Fromholz, Hart, Little, Smith, Moore, Dunham, &c. The Secretary pro tem reported that he had received apologies from several brethren who were unable to attend on this occasion; also that, in accordance with their instructions, he had written to the late Secretary of the Lodge for the Lodge books, but up to the present time he had received no reply. Surprise was expressed that the late Secretary had shown such want of courtesy as not to acknowledge Bro. Moore's application. It was suggested that Bro. Moore be directed to make personal application for the books. The Committee then reported as to the result of their inquiries for a suitable place in which to hold future meetings, and after several brethren had expressed their views, Brother Coop proposed, and Brother Fromholz seconded, that the William Preston Lodge of Instruction be held for the future at the Jacob's Well, George street, Manchester square, W. This was carried, and a committee of five—namely, Bros. Coop, Moore, West, Tribbel and Bellerby—were appointed to make the necessary arrangements. Bro. Coop was appointed Preceptor pro tem. Bro. Coop said he would do his best to make the Lodge successful. After several brethren had expressed their opinions as to the action of the meeting that was held on the 3rd February, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. West for presiding over their meeting in the able manner he had done. Bro. West returned thanks. He had to congratulate the brethren that the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766, still existed. They had to thank Bro. Dunham for that. He hoped the Lodge would go on and prosper, he would do his best to assist it in every possible way. The meeting then adjourned until Friday evening, the 3rd March, at 8 o'clock.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday.—Bros. G. H. Stephens W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., Christian J.W., Edwards S.D., Baker J.D., T. Jones I.G., F. Carr Hon. Sec., Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Brasted, Glass, Cushing, A. Clark, Smyth, Robinson, Allen, Catling, Lamb, Dignam, Marsh, Boyce, Wardell, Carble, Wright, Greenwood, Bown, Polak, Darnell, Young, Nash, Moss, Olly, &c. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and resumed to the first. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The following brethren assisted the W.M. to work the Fifteen Sections. First lecture—Bros. Glass, Smyth, F. Carr, T. Clark, Allen, C. Lorkin, G. H. Stephens. Second lecture—Bros. Wardell, Moss, Brasted, C. Lorkin, Allen. Third lecture—Bros. Edwards, Dignam, Wallington. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. G. H. Stephens, for the efficient manner in which he had worked the Fifteen Sections. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—The above Lodge met on the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Air-street, Regent-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. J. Syer. Bros. G. T. Mann S.W., M. Benjamin J.W., L. Jacobs Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Asst. Sec., N. Vallentine S.D., Davis J.D., W. H. B. Gulliford I.G., Lindsay Sloper Organist. P.M.'s Bros. J. Lazarus, De Solla, Chevalier, Pollitzer. Visitors—A. Levy late 1017, S. Webb P.M. 933, and Leon. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Walter and Ricci were passed to the second degree, and Bro. Keisor was raised to the third. Both ceremonies were perfectly rendered by the W.M. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a capital supper, provided by Bro. Marks. Bro. Pollitzer, in a very excellent speech, proposed the toast of the W.M., and complimented him on the able manner in which he had performed the ceremonies. The toast of the Wardens and Officers was responded to by Bro. G. T. Mann. The brethren separated early. Bro. Webb contributed to the harmony. Bro. Lindsay Sloper accompanied on the pianoforte.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At the Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green-road, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Present—Bros. Horley W.M., Pearcy S.W., Sergeant J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Free Secretary, Gieseke Treasurer, Defriez S.D., Legg J.D., Gray I.G.; also Bros. Moss, Chitson, Patrick, Wilson, Simmons, Newbury, &c. The ceremonial work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of raising, Bro. Chitson acting as candidate. The work being ably done by the W.M. Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the first section was worked by Bro. Fenner. Bros. Chitson, of the Burdett-Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, and Newbury, of the Finsbury, 861, were elected members. Bro. R. Pearcy was elected to preside at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed.

Chaucer Lodge of Instruction, No. 1540.—At the regular meeting of the above successful Lodge, held at the Grapes, St. Thomas-street, Borough, on Tuesday last, there were present Bros. R. C. Harrison J.W. 1540 as W.M., H. Blackwell S.W., W J. C. Rea J.W., A. Newhouse J.D., C. M. Tate I.G., Charles Graham Secretary, F. Croaker Treasurer, H. C. Ball, W. Klingenstein, G. Edwards, H. Fowler, H. Chapman, Emblyn, Blitz, Isaacs, Wingham, Martin, Renaut Annean 1326, Austin 1900, D. Goffin 1572, W. Smith Rose of Denmark, Blackwell Grey Friars, Reading, H. J. Lardner W.M. 1745, T. McButt 1623, T. Butt 907, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Worshipful Master introduced Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. to the brethren, for the purpose of giving his reading explanatory of the entire ceremony of the First Degree. From the course of his introductory remarks it was apparent that Bro. Stevens had a very interesting lecture to deliver, and as he passed through the various points of the ceremonial, his views were endorsed by the numerous brethren. There is no doubt both Officers and members of Lodges would do well to hear this Lecture, to which Bro. Stevens must have devoted a great deal of time in preparing. At its conclusion the Worshipful Master proposed a cordial vote of thanks for the excellent way Bro. Stevens had delivered his lecture, and expressed the satisfaction of the brethren at his coming among them. The Senior Warden endorsed all the Worshipful Master had said, and hoped that Bro. Stevens would continue his labours in the other degrees. The vote was unanimously carried. Bro. Stevens returned thanks; he should be only too pleased to repeat his evening's work at any time he was asked. Other matters disposed of, Lodge was closed and adjourned, a memorable and highly instructive evening been enjoyed by all present.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End Road, on 27th February, there were present, Bros. Maud W.M., Clements S.W., Moss J.W., Forss S.D., Robinson J.D., M. Isaacs I.G., Barnes Treasurer, T. Wooding Preceptor, B. Stewart Hon. Secretary, also Bro. Hubbert, H. C. Clark, &c. Lodge opened in due form, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. C. Clark candidate. Bro. Forss worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. H. Clements was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Moss then brought forward his motion, that a sum of money be voted from the Lodge funds for the relief of the persecuted Jews in Russia. Bro. H. C. Clark proposed, and Bro. Wooding seconded, that one guinea be voted for this object. This was supported by Bro. Barnes, and carried unanimously. The brethren present also subscribed. The report of the Audit Committee was then read and confirmed, showing that after subscribing five guineas to the Aged Freemasons' Fund, the balance in hands of Treasurer was £6 6s. Bro. T. J. Barnes was invited to work the ceremony of installation on Monday, 27th March, when we hope there will be a good attendance. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed.

ROYAL VETERANS' ENCAMPMENT.

AT the meeting held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Friday, 24th ult., under the presidency of E. Sir Knight Sydney L. R. Templer, the Fraters unanimously elected Sir Knight Francis B. Westlake as E. Commander, and E. Sir Knight Josiah Austin P.E.C. P.P.G.E. as Treasurer. The installation and dinner, at the Globe Hotel, are appointed for Friday, 17th inst.

HOLY CROSS PRECEPTORY AND PRIORY.

THE annual meeting was held at the Huyshe Temple, on Friday, 24th ult., when Sir Knight James Griffen P.G.C. was installed as Ex. Preceptor. The ceremony was performed by E. Sir Knight J. B. Gover P.E.C. P.P.G.T., assisted by E. Sir Knight R. Pengelly E.P. P.P.G. 1st S.B., L. D. Westcott P.E.C. P.P.G.M., I. Watts P.E.C. P.P.G.T., S. L. R. Templer E.C. P.P.G.S.M., P. B. Clemens P.E.C. P.P.G.C. of E., J. H. Keats P.E.C. In the Priory of Malta, Sir Knight Griffen was installed as Ex. Prior, the same E. Fraters officiating. The Officers who were appointed for the Preceptory were E. Sir Knight Richard Pengelly P.E.C., Sir Knight Rev. Wm. Whittley 1st Captain and Prelate, and Richard Lavers 2nd Captain, E. Sir Knights L. D. Westcott Treasurer, R. Pengelly Registrar; Sir Knights Harris-Square Executor, J. Gidley C. of L., and W. H. Phillips Equerry. The Fraters retired to simple refreshment in the refectory.

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THE RECENT ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

IT is with great pleasure we draw attention to the fact that a Special Communication of Grand Lodge has been summoned for 6 p.m., on Wednesday next, the 15th instant, by command of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, when the following resolution will be submitted by His Royal Highness—we presume in person—namely:

> "That an address be respectfully presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, expressive of the horror and indignation felt by all Free and Accepted Masons under this Grand Lodge, at the recent atrocious outrage committed on Her Majesty, and of their deep sense of gratitude at Her Majesty's happy escape under Divine Providence."

This resolution, expressing, as it does in a few lines, the feelings of the whole English Craft as to the dastardly outrage offered so recently to Her Majesty, will certainly commend itself to the unanimous voice of our Masonic Parliament, and, we feel assured, will be passed by the brethren with every possible demonstration of applause. The Queen is the daughter of a former Grand Master of the Craft, H.R.H. the Duke of Kent; the niece of three other illustrious Masons, of whom two were G. Masters, namely, George Prince of Wales, and the Duke of Sussex, and two Grand Patrons, namely, the same George Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV., and William IV.; and, above all, the mother of our present Grand Master and his brothers in Masonry as well as in blood, the Dukes of Connaught and Albany, both Past Grand Wardens of England. But quite apart from these claims on the sympathy of the Craft must be noted the unswerving and inalienable loyalty of the Craft of Masons, a loyalty which, we anticipate with solid reason, will be expressed with the utmost devotion on Wednesday next. God save the Queen!

OCCASIONAL PAPERS.—No. VIII.

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IN CONTINUATION OF

"OUR EARLY GRAND MASTERS."

(Continued from p 98.)

I will now turn aside from the continuous historic sketch of the first and chiefest of our English Grand Lodges, in order to tell you, as briefly as possible, about another Masonic Body, which during some portion of last century existed in the North of England, and about certain other important events in the history of the Craft. Though up to the period we have reached our prosperity had been unexampled, it must not for one moment be imagined that all within the pale of the Society had gone on smoothly and harmoniously. The Masons in London were not the only Masons in England. The Grand Lodge in London was regarded as the supreme controlling body in the greater part of England, but it could not be described as representing the whole of the Masonic Body in England. During all this time, and indeed for several years anterior to the establishment of the London Grand Lodge, there had existed in the ancient city of York a Lodge of Freemasons, though it had never interfered with the organisation of Masonry in the South, and even when the London Grand Lodge granted a charter or warrant of constitution to a new Lodge in Durham in the year 1724, had allowed the matter to pass without objection. Other Lodges had been subsequently constituted in the North of England by the Southern Grand Lodge, without provoking any opposition from its Northern sister, though in the year 1725 the York Lodge, whose President had theretofore rejoiced in the title of Master or President, assumed to itself the title of "Grand Lodge of ALL England," Bro. Charles Bathurst being the first of its Chiefs who enjoyed the distinction of Grand Master. It is about this York Grand Lodge I now propose to give you some particulars.

As most of you are aware, no English city is so intimately associated with the history and traditions of the Craft of Freemasonry as the City of York. It comes not within my province to inquire what, if any, importance must be attached to the value of the Athelstane legend as an historical truth. Let it suffice for my present purpose if I state that just as it is known on the authority of Ashmole that in the first half of the seventeenth century there was a Lodge of Masons in existence at Warrington, in Lancashire, and that in the year 1682, just five-and-thirty years after the date of his initiation in the said Warrington Lodge, he was summoned to attend a Lodge of Freemasons in London; and just as, if Dr. Plat's statement in his "History of Staffordshire" is true, there were Lodges of Freemasons in that county about the latter year, though unfortunately no record of their existence has been preserved to us; so in York there was a Lodge whose records from 1712 are still sacredly preserved among the archives of the present "York" Lodge. It is not, of course, to be supposed that this old York Lodge sprang into existence all of a sudden. Its earliest records relate, as I have said, to the year 1712, but it is only reasonable to infer that it had been in active working for many years previously. On reference to "Kenning's Masonic Cyclopædia," I find it stated, at pp 652 3, under the head of "York MSS.," that in an inventory of 1779 of the "Regalia, Records, &c., belonging to the Grand Lodge of all England" are enumerated the following: No. 1. A Parliament roll in three slips, containing the Constitutions, and by an endorsement appears to have been found in Pontefract Castle at the demolition, and given to the Grand Lodge by Bro. Drake," who was appointed J.G. Warden on 27th December 1725, when the Lodge constituted itself "Grand Lodge," and Grand Master on its revival in 1761; "No. 2. Another like roll in three slips, endorsed 'Constitutions of Masonry.' No. 3. A parchment roll of charges on Freemasonry, 1630. No. 4. A paper roll of charges on Masonry, 1693, given to the

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Grand Lodge by Bro. Walker, 1777. No. 5. Part of another paper roll of charges on Masonry. No. 6. A parchment roll of charges, whereof the bottom part is wanting." Of these, all are preserved but No. 3, to which, we are told, "no clue has yet been obtained, save that a copy of the 'old charges' is mentioned by a local historian, and an extract given, which does not agree with either of the five MSS. preserved, and is considered to refer to No. 3. The dates assigned to the five existing documents, where not already stated above, are, according to the said Cyclopædia, No. 1 "about A.D. 1600;" No. 2 "of A.D. 1704;" No. 5 about A.D. 1679" and No. 6 "of about the same date" as No. 1, this last being described as being "of special value." I have been thus particular in making these quotations because it must be evident that where MSS. of so early a date as "about 1600" are still in existence, relating to the Craft in York, Freemasonry must have been in a greater or less state of activity for some considerable time anterior to the date of its earliest minutes, seeing these latter go back no further than 1705, while those still in existence reach, as stated, only to 1712.

But, setting aside all matters of conjecture, let me take you rapidly through all the more noteworthy points in the known history of this old Lodge, for fuller particulars about which, however, I can refer you to Bro. Hughan's sketch in the "Kingston Masonic Annual." During nearly the whole of the first quarter of last century the Lodge was in a state of somnolence. During the years 1712-16 it met but once or twice a year; from 1716 to 1721 no meetings at all were held. In the years immediately following it resumed its labours, but only on rare occasions. In 1725, however, or within two years after the publication of Anderson's Book of Constitutions, it exhibited a renewed vitality, which likewise characterised the year 1726, the Lodge meeting no less than eleven times in the former and thirteen times in the latter year. The first mention of brethren attending the Lodge as visitors occurs in the period 1722-3. In the minutes of 22nd July 1725 the expression "Society of Free Accepted Masons" substituted "Society," "Fraternity," or "Company" of "Freemasons." In those of 10th August of the same year Bro. William Scourfield is spoken of as Worshipful Master and Bros. Marsden and Reinoldsen as the Wardens. On 27th December, however, Bro. Charles Bathurst was chosen "Grand Master," and he appointed Bro. Johnson his Deputy, Bros. Pawson and Drake his Wardens, Bro. Scourfield Treasurer, and Bro. Inigo Russell Clerk. It was also in 1725 that a kind of Constitution, consisting of nineteen articles, was sketched out, the introduction to which—I am now quoting from Findel—describes them as the "Articles agreed to be kept and observed by the Ancient Society of Freemasons in the City of York, and to be subscribed by every member thereof on their admittance into the said Society." Sundry of these nineteen articles our distinguished German historical Brother has thought fit to transcribe, and as they are likely to prove interesting to you, I do not think I can do better than reproduce them now:—

"1. Imprimis, that every first Wednesday in the month a Lodge shall be held at the house of a Brother according as their turns shall fall out.

3. If any Brother appear at a Lodge that is not a subscriber to these Articles, he shall pay one shilling.

4. The bowl shall be filled at the monthly Lodges with Punch once. All bread, cheese, and tobacco in common, &c.

7. Timely notice shall be given to all the subscribers, when a Brother or Brothers are to be made.

8. Any Brother or Brothers presuming to call a Lodge with a design to make a Mason or Masons without the Master or Depnty, &c., for every such offence he shall forfeit the sum of five pounds.

9. An hour shall be set apart at each Lodge to talk Masonry.

14. No person shall be admitted as Brother of the Lodge, but after having been strictly examined.

15. No more persons shall be admitted as Brothers of this Society that shall keep a public-house.

16. These Articles must be laid on the table at the meeting of every Lodge, that the members may make use of the same, and the Clerk shall read them aloud, when any new Brother is made.

Before leaving this portion of the subject, I may as well mention, incidentally, that the moving spirit in bringing about this renewal of activity in the old York Lodge, was Bro. Francis Drake, M.D. and F.R.S., who, like the famous Ashmole and Bro. George Payne, twice Grand Master of the London Grand Lodge—in the years 1718 and 1720—was a learned antiquary. He is said to have been initiated on 6th September 1725, at the Star Inn, Stonegate, York, and, as mentioned already, was the first Grand Junior Warden of the "Grand Lodge of all England," as the York Grand Lodge styled itself. On 27th December 1726 he delivered a most eloquent lecture on the principles of Freemasonry, which was printed the year following, by Gent, of York, for the benefit of the Lodge, and in which he speaks of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, as being the three great characteristics of the Society. Subsequently—in 1729—Bro. Drake was appointed one of a committee of seven brethren to assist the Grand Master in the management of the Lodge, and every now and then support his authority in helping to remove any abuses that might have crept in.

But to resume my narrative. The period of renewed vitality had not been of long continuance, when the harmony of the Lodge was disturbed. A brother W. Scourfield has already been noted as W. Master in 1725, but possibly because he may not have thought his merits had been sufficiently appreciated by the Lodge, when, at the appointment of Bro. Bathurst as Grand Master, he had only the office of Treasurer assigned to him, or for other reasons not explained, he became dissatisfied, and set the eighth of the nineteen Articles of Constitution, just quoted, at defiance. So, at least, we gather from the minutes of 6th of July 1726, in which occur the following passages: "Whereas it has been certified to me that Mr. Wm. Scourfield has presumed to call a Lodge and make Masons without the consent of the Grand Master or Deputy, and in opposition to the 8th Article of the Constitutions, I do, with the consent of the Grand Master and the approbation of the whole Lodge, declare him to be disqualified from being a member of this Society, and he is hereby banished from the same.

"Such members as were assisting in constituting and forming Mr. Scourfield's Schismatical Lodge on the 21st of the last month, whose names are John Carpenter, W. Musgrove, Th. Albanson, and Th. Preston, are by the same authority liable to the same sentence, yet upon their acknowledging their error, in being deluded, and making such submission as shall be judged requisite by the Grand Master and Lodge at the next monthly meeting, shall be received into the favour of the Brotherhood, otherwise to be banished as Mr. Scourfield, and their names to be erased out of the Roll and Articles." Thus, the York Grand Lodge, like its sister G. Lodge in London had, at the very outset of its career, some serious differences break out in its midst and disturb its harmony.

On the 13th December of the same year a Viscount Irwin is recorded as having been sworn, not initiated, into the Fraternity, and then after the entry of the minutes of a few days later, there is a long gap without any records whatever, extending to the 21st June 1729, when it is noted that two gentlemen were initiated, Bro. E. Thompson being Grand Master, with Bros. John Williams Deputy Grand Master, and G. Rhodes and Reynoldson Grand Wardens. On 4th May 1730, so lax had become the attendance, that it was found necessary to exact payment of a shilling each from those of the Officers who did not make their appearance at the meetings. This is a clear testimony to the fact that the activity which had led to the revival of 1725 had already expended itself, though it must be added that, in the years 1734 and 1738, Lodges in Yorkshire were constituted by the Grand Lodge in London, so that though the old York Grand Lodge was in a dormant state during these years, and for long afterwards, it is evident that interest in the Craft had not wholly died out at the same time.

On 17th March 1761, "The Ancient Independent Constitution of Free and Accepted Masons belonging to the City of York" was "revived by six surviving members of the Fraternity, who opened the Grand Lodge at the house of Henry Howard in Lendall, when it was further agreed that it should continue to be held for the future there only, the second and last Monday in every month. Bro. Francis

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Drake was chosen Grand Master, who appointed Bro. G. Reynoldson as Deputy Grand Master and Bros. G. Coates and Thomas Mason Grand Wardens. Bros. Charles Coulton and Martin Crofts were of those present of the old members, while eleven brethren assembled at the meeting as Visitors, of whom Brother Tasker was made a member and then Grand Secretary. Bro. Howard also joined and five candidates were proposed. It is worthy of note that the record of these candidates being initiated and passed, and a Brother Mayer raised, is the first in which any reference to the second and third degrees is made in the minutes of the old York Lodge. On 8th June a Brother Preston was present, and on 13th June a Brother Calcott. On the 31st January 1764 Masonic glees and songs were purchased for the use of the Lodge. From after December 1767 the minutes were better kept, and Brother Lambert, who was Secretary, was presented with an honorarium of five guineas for his assiduity in the discharge of his duties. On the 31st July 1769, at the instance of a Brother Atkinson, a visitor from Ripon, a Constitution was unanimously granted for the establishment of a "Royal Oak" Lodge in that city, with Brother Atkinson as Chairman or Master, and Brother G. Dawson as S.W., while on the 30th October following a second constitution was granted to Bros. Cateson, Rexell, and Ketar, for the "Crown" Lodge at Knaresborough, these brethren having been previously raised to the degree of Master Mason. In December 1770, after a procession to St. John's Church, where a sermon on the text, "God is Love," was preached by a Brother, Sir Thomas Gascoigne was appointed Grand Master, many brethren from Ripon and Knaresborough being present at the Festival, and many charitable gifts being bestowed on Institutions and individual brethren. According to Findel, Bro. W. Preston became a member pro tem in 1774, in the Grand Mastership of Bro. Stapleton, but after this scarcely anything of local interest occurred worth recording. The Lodge gradually fell away, and though it appears a brother William Siddall was Grand Master 1776-79, and a brother Francis Smyth in 1780, this is about the extent of the information that can be gleaned. After a further period of dormancy from 1780 to 1792 a minute of the latter year records the election of Bro. Edward Wolley as Grand Master, and then this old Lodge passes away altogether.

But little remains to be added in order to complete my story, but that little is of some moment and no slight interest, especially to the student of Masonic history. In consequence of a statement made by the learned author of the "Illustrations of Masonry," to the effect that the Grand Lodge of York viewed the action of the Grand Lodge of London, in constituting Lodges in the North of England as an encroachment on its prerogatives, and when this conduct was repeated in 1738, that communication between the two bodies ceased, a pretty general belief has prevailed that the relations between them were the reverse of friendly, if they were not actually hostile. Yet, a closer examination into the circumstances will demonstrate this was not the case. In 1724, the London Grand Lodge warranted a Lodge in Durham county, but Findel, in reference to Bro. Drake's oration, already referred to, remarks that the lattter, in reliance on the Legend of the Guild, claims that "the first Grand Lodge ever held in England was held at York," and he then quotes the following passage from the same speech, in which Drake adds, "This is sufficient to make us dispute the superiority with the Lodges at London; but as nought of that kind ought to be amongst so amicable a Fraternity, we are content that they enjoy the title of Grand Master of England, but the *Totius Angliæ* we claim as our undoubted right." Consequently, in 1726, or two years after the constitution of the aforesaid Lodge in Durham, the Masonic relations between York and London were of a peaceful character. A still stronger piece of evidence belongs to the year 1767, when Bro. Lambert, Grand Secretary, York, wrote to inform Bro. Spencer, Grand Secretary (Moderns), London, that the Lodge No. 259 in Stonegate, York, which had been constituted by the London Grand Lodge had been discontinued, and consequently that the York Grand Lodge was the only one then in existence in that city. And Bro. Lambert further stated, "This Lodge acknowledges no superiors and owes subjection to none; she exists in her own right, giving Constitutions and Certificates, in the same way as the G. L. of England in London has asserted her claims there from time immemorial. Her Charity Fund she distributes herself according to true Masonic rules. . . . Doubtless the Grand Lodge of London will pay all due respect to all the Brethren made by this Lodge, which has always shown all due respect to the Brethren who work under the Constitution of the London Lodge. It will always be the endeavour of this Grand Lodge to promote the honour and dignity of Masonry in general, for she is most cautious whom she admits as members, and never initiates a Mason but on true and worthy motives. In all that appertains to the general good, and especially that of the Fraternity at large, this Grand Lodge is ever ready to work in concert with the one in London, and demonstrate all proper respect for any information or advice she may impart." The letter concludes with an expression of brotherly greeting on behalf of the Grand Master, &c. One other circumstance must be mentioned. When Bro. Preston and other members of Antiquity Lodge separated from the Grand Lodge Moderns, they entered into a sort of alliance with the York Grand Lodge, and are said to have obtained the sanction of the York Lodge for setting themselves up as the Grand Lodge of "all that part of England situated to the south of the river Trent." Findel gives a reasonable explanation of this circumstance, but what mostly concerns us is the fact that by the establishment, no matter how accomplished, or through what motive, of this South of the Trent Grand Lodge, there were for a brief space of time in England no less than four separate and distinct Grand Lodges, namely, the London Grand Lodges "Modern" and "Ancient," the Grand Lodge of all England at York, and the Grand Lodge of England South of the Trent. And thus ends my story of the York Grand Lodge.

WHAT IS THE PRACTICAL WORTH OF MASONRY.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

THE question has been, and is often asked, by those not members of the Masonic Fraternity, What is its *practical* worth, and of what *practical* use is it to its members? It is *not* meant, practical worth in the light of dollars and cents, but in a moral, intellectual and religious point of view.

I am only too well aware that it is a question which is difficult to answer in a language that the uninitiated can understand; and perhaps the same remark may apply to many who are members of the Institution, or at least call themselves such.

Masonry, as every one of its followers fully understands, is something besides an ideality—a creation of the imagination—a mere farce which means nothing, and is productive of no good results. It is a stern, strict, undeniable reality, based upon facts, founded upon truths and principles fraught with all that pertains to truth and justice, which are inculcated in every step forward that the Mason takes, in every grade of membership.

Those anti-Masons whose chief aim in life is to vilify and traduce our good name, base their ideas of facts upon a mistaken view of the Institution. It is not that reality which they would have others believe; as, for instance, they would have it that one Mason is bound to support another, right or wrong, "through weal or woe," good or evil; that we must stand by and protect a Brother Mason in every instance, even if he flagrantly violates the laws of morality, as well as the laws of the country in which he lives. Such is *not* a fact of Masonry; it is but the creature of the diseased imagination and bigoted brain of those who promulgate such ideas. In the majority of instances, such views are promulgated through malice, backed up by ignorance.

The Masonic Institution *has ever* proven itself to be a law-abiding, peaceful, God-fearing Institution. It obeys, as a body, strictly the laws of the country in which its followers reside. It ever endeavours to enforce upon its own members the full intent and purposes of the moral law. It is not bound by any of its covenants to shield the wrongdoer because he is a Mason; on the contrary, it plainly condemns him. It first endeavours to "whisper good counsel in the ear of an erring Brother," and "to assist in his reformation;" by pointing out to him the errors of his ways; if that fails—if he will not listen to the good counsels of his brethren, then the full sentence of the Masonic law is imposed upon him, and he is deprived of his membership amongst us, and is debarred from *all* the benefits that Masonry has to bestow. Neither is the Masonic Fraternity known to conspire against the laws of the country, or to promulgate sedition or conspiracy in any form. Our opponents wrongfully accuse us of being such an institution, but it is as false as the lives and hearts of those who so accuse us. Its mission is that of peace and goodwill towards all men; it is not the promulgator of envy and discord; it bears malice towards none; it meets the attacks of its fanatic opponents with contempt and scorn, resting secure in its own professions.

Its absolute refusal to recognize sectarianism only proves that it gives its members absolute freedom of thought and action in all matters pertaining to the worship of the Supreme Power above. But it does most emphatically stipulate that its followers shall profess faith in an All-Wise Power, which rules all things, and decidedly and firmly insists that all who apply for admission shall assert their belief in Deity before they can even enter the outer doors of Masonry; but it leaves the manner and form of their worship of

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the Deity to the individual's own choice. It is enough that it insists upon a recognition of Deity, without prescribing the manner and form in which the Deity shall be worshipped. Again, by its peremptory refusal to recognize any political faction or creed, it holds itself aloof from the petty aspirations of political schemers; and by so doing it more closely unites its members with the cement of Brotherly Love and affection.

Our opponents see fit to accuse us of being bound together by oaths which no Mason dare, as he values his life, deviate from, but must, under all circumstances and conditions, live up to, right or wrong. To a sober-minded, candid, thinking mind such wild cat assertions must be the very height of folly and nonsense in the extreme, as they indeed are. It is an undeniable fact, and every member of the Fraternity will bear me out in it, that such assertions are absolutely false, and have not the least semblance of truth in them, but they are prejudicial nothings of an imaginative brain. I will admit that we are bound together, but it is most firmly by the sacred ties of Brotherly Love. I knowingly say that the obligations the Masonic Institution does impose upon its members, contain not the least word or sentence that can, in any way, manner, or form, conflict with our duties to our GOD, our country, our neighbours, or ourselves. Not one single clause can be found whereby we are even asked to countenance wrong, or of upholding any one in a course of wrong and sin, even if he be a Mason of the highest grade.

Now, what is practical Masonry? I answer, that practical Masonry is the exercise of Brotherly Love towards each and every one of the human race, but more especially towards his Masonic brethren. It is relief, because it attempts to relieve suffering humanity, in whatever form it may be found. To "relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent upon all men, but particularly on Masons, who are bound together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection;" while "truth is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every virtue." At the very commencement of a Mason's career, he is taught to be truthful, to be good and true in every thought and action of his life. In obeying the lessons, laid down by the tenets of his profession, he is not only obeying the commands of the High Power, but the commands that Masonry imposes upon all of its followers.

She, by her laws, teaches temperance and moderation, not only of our appetites and passions, but of our purposes in life. Temperance means something besides a due restraint upon the appetites of man; it adds to that the principle that we should be temperate in all of our dealings with our fellows; that we should curb all the baser passions of our nature, holding them always under firm control. Fortitude enables us to submit to the attacks of our enemies, and not to let our tongue betray our purposes by argument or loud boasting: it "is that noble and steady purpose of mind which enables us to undergo any peril, pain or danger when prudentially deemed expedient." Prudence teaches us to weigh our words carefully before we speak, and not to bring reproach upon our Institution by words spoken which had better been unspoken, and to "think twice before we speak." Justice, the last, but by no means the least, of the cardinal virtues, is that which teaches us to "render unto all men their just due without distinction," and, that which is paramount of all, to temper every deed of our lives with justice and mercy, ever remembering that we "should do unto others as we would have others do unto us."

Practical Masonry is founded upon Faith, Hope and Charity, and it is displayed by every word and act of the Fraternity. Let the opponents of the Institution say what they may, it is a fact that cannot be denied, that the Charity of the Mason means something beside *empty words*; it means deeds performed to as great, if not a greater, extent than by any other known organization. Should any one doubt this statement, I have but to refer them to the statistics of any great calamity where help was asked for; to the yellow fever epidemic of the South; to the fires in Chicago, Wisconsin, Michigan, and scores of other instances, when it has proven by its acts that it is *eminently* PRACTICAL in its definition of Charity. It does not spend its time in idle talk, but *acts*, and that, too, quickly.

Its practical worth is untold. By the perusal of its literature it presents to the mind of the student a line of study that cannot but prove of interest, and value. If the mind is improved the whole intellectual condition of mankind receives the benefit of such improvement. To the philanthropist it presents a vast field wherein he can exercise his philanthropy, and as the Masonic Institution claims to be a philanthropic one, it is not slow in using every known means to practise the principles of philantropy. To the Christian, it presents an Institution founded upon every known principle of truth and morality. To the lovers of the arts and sciences, it offers the seven liberal arts and sciences, which comprise all that art and science can give, and unfolds the secret laws of nature. To the architect it presents the Five Orders of Architecture, a thorough knowledge of which has enabled the architect to plan and execute the stupendous works of architecture, of the past and the present. To the geometrician, it presents geometry, "the basis of our art;" the initial of which alludes to that Power which all good men and Masons revere and serve. In fact, to a man it presents everything that a *true man* desires or cares for. It does not present to its followers immorality in any of its forms. It does *not* teach its adherents vice or sin in any shape. It does *not* command us to shield the wrongdoer because he is a Mason. It does *not* uphold anything that pertains to wrong *in or out* of its ranks. Its obligations do not even ask us to violate either the moral or the civil law, or to protect or shield in the least any one who has been guilty of disobeying its commands; but *it does* tell the evil doer that his sins must rest upon his own head and that he alone must pay the penalty of his misconduct, and he is not upheld by the Masonic Institution in any form.

If such is the practical worth of Masonry, it is well worth the patronage and support of all Masons, at all times and in all places. Further than that, it is well worth the utmost endeavours of all its members to maintain it in the highest place it has assumed amongst the societies of the age: it is well worth our support in every particular. Let us see to it, my brethren, that we put forth our best endeavours to maintain our Institution in its exalted position. Let us see to it, that we keep it pure and unsullied, as its originators gave it to us. Let us purge our ranks of all that is unclean and impure. Let us trim out the dead and useless branches that bear no fruit. Let us cast out the drones from the hive of Masonry, destroy the bad material, to the end that the star of Masonry may for ever shine resplendent in its own glory. Let us, as Masons—

"Do the deeds *their* Master did;
The naked clothe, the hungry feed—
They warm the shivering poor;
They wipe from famished eyes the tear,
A Brother's joys and griefs they share,
As one has done before.
They earn the mead of honest toil;
Wages of corn, and wine, and oil."

MR. TENNYSON'S NEW POEM.

A short poem, entitled "The Charge of the Heavy Brigade at Balaclava," by Mr. Tennyson, appears in the March number of *Macmillan's Magazine*. The rhythm of the opening stanza is very peculiar, and well suits the vivid word picture of the tramp of an armed host:—

Down the hill, down the hill, thousands of Russians,
Thousands of horsemen, drew to the valley—and stay'd;

Scarlett and his three hundred are "riding by," and at his word of command they follow him "up the hill," right into the Russian ranks; he and three others "wedged themselves in between horse and horse, four amid thousands," while "up the hill, up the hill, galloped the gallant three hundred, the Heavy Brigade." We quote the remainder of the poem in full. Opinion will be divided as to its merits, but that the style is most artistically adapted to the theme, is beyond doubt, and, on the whole, the poem will bear close comparison with the companion one written so many years ago:—

III.

Fell like a cannonshot,
Burst like a thunderbolt,
Crash'd like a hurricane,
Broke thro' the mass from below,
Drove thro' the midst of the foe,
Plunged up and down, to and fro,
Rode flashing blow upon blow,
Brave Inniskillens and Greys
Whirling their sabres in circles of light!
And some of us, all in amaze,
Who were held for a while from the fight,
And were only standing at gaze,
When the dark-muffled Russian crowd
Folded its wings from the left and the right,
And roll'd them around like a cloud,—
O mad for the charge and the battle were we,
When our own good redcoats sank from sight,
Like drops of blood in a dark-grey sea,
And we turn'd to each other, muttering, all dismay'd,
Lost are the gallant three hundred, the Heavy Brigade!

IV.

But they rode like Victors and Lords
Thro' the forest of lances and swords
In the heart of the Russian hordes;
They rode, or they stood at bay—
Struck with the sword-hand and slew,
Down with the bridle-hand drew
The foe from the saddle and threw
Underfoot there in the fray—
Ranged like a storm or stood like a rock
In the wave of a stormy day;
Till suddenly shock upon shock
Stagger'd the mass from without,
For our men gallopt up with a cheer and a shout,
And the Russian surged, and waver'd and reel'd
Up the hill, up the hill, up the hill, out of the field,
Over the brow and away.

V.

Glory to each and to all, and the charge that they made!
Glory to all the three hundred, the Heavy Brigade!

NOTE.—The "three hundred" of the "Heavy Brigade," who made this famous charge, were the Scots Greys and the 2nd squadron of Inniskillings; the remainder of the "Heavy Brigade" subsequently dashing up to their support.

The "three" were Elliot, Scarlett's aid-de-camp, who had been riding by his side, and the trumpeter and Shegog the orderly, who had been close behind him.

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THE GRANT TO THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have studied with much interest the Tabular Statement, exhibiting the Receipts and Expenditure of the Board of General Purposes for the two years ended 30th September 1881, and published in your columns last week. But surely you must labour under some mistake! Is it possible that the Board can have spared some thousands of pounds for investment in Government Stocks, to say nothing of the amount it has expended in "Extension of Premises," out of an income of £500 per annum? The compiler of your Table must have been misinformed, or else he must have been guilty of an egregious error. Are you—or rather is he—quite certain that there has been an acquisition of over £6,000 additional Stock in the two years recorded? Is it really the case that, with an income of £500 per annum, there was a balance to the good of over £4,000? Surely you must have been dreaming in stamping with your editorial sanction a statement of figures so simple, and yet so complete and apparently so *accurate*. I am not one of those who pin their faith to figures, yet it is impossible to overlook the amazing discrepancy between Bro. Philbrick's notion of the available income of the Board of General Purposes and its actual income as shown by you, without coming to the conclusion that one of you must have been guilty of a most tremendous error. If the Board of General Purposes can expend in two years over £6,000 in the purchase of stock, and is able to point to a balance in its favour of over £4,000, it must be well-circumstanced, and possess more than £500 per annum.

Fraternally yours,

Q.

[Our Table was compiled from the Quarterly Statements of Account.—ED. F.C.]

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 766.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You deserve the thanks of the Masonic community for having brought the flagrant conduct of certain members of this Lodge under public notice. I gather from the tenour of your report of the proceedings on the 10th February ult., that the members of the Lodge did not work together harmoniously. It was stated then that when the Officers were present, the members were absent; and *vice versâ*, that when the latter were in great force, the former were conspicuous by their absence. But a lack of harmony by no means justifies the adoption of strong and un-Masonic measures. The brethren who passed the resolution dissolving the Lodge, had no right whatever to do so. It is a remarkable feature about a Lodge of Freemasons that, even if a majority of the members are desirous of severing their connection with it, the minority retain their power of continuing the Lodge in full working order. The *whole body* of members must resign if the Lodge is to cease to exist. As this was, notoriously, not the case with the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, it is clear that it still exists, and if all goes forward as it has done these last few weeks, it will doubtless remain a bright and instructive luminary of the Craft.

Fraternally yours,

HONORARY MEMBER OF SEVERAL LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

OCCASIONAL PAPERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It was with very great pleasure I noted that a paper was read last week in the Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, Uxbridge, by Bro. W. W. Morgan, in the presence of the R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex, and that the latter was pleased to express the pleasure he experienced at the information it contained, especially as he was in a position to corroborate that portion of it which related to his relative, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. I think the efforts of Bro. Morgan deserve at least some recognition. He has not only advocated this system of lectures, but he has likewise given effect to his advocacy by delivering lectures of general interest to the Craft. I trust, after this, that we shall find the "Occasional Lectures" a part of the regular programme of business in our Lodges of Instruction. We shall get on with our work far better if that is the case.

I am, yours fraternally,

STUDENT.

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THE BURIAL PLACE OF LAFAYETTE.

FROM THE LIBERAL FREEMASON.

DURING his visit to Europe last summer, W. Bro. A. A. Folsom, Past Master of Columbian Lodge, of Boston, visited several places of Masonic interest, some of which deserve more than a mere passing notice. Because of the pleasant relations existing between the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and that of Sweden, the description of his visit to the Masonic Temple in Stockholm, given as a reminiscence, has proved particularly gratifying, and so has that of his Masonic intercourse in Vienna; but it is doubtful if any one of them excites a more lively interest than that of the grave of Lafayette, whose high Masonic character is deeply respected in the United States. A portrait of Lafayette adorns the walls of Sutton Hall, in the Masonic Temple, in Boston, and the following account of his burial place as given by Edward King in the Boston *Journal*, cannot fail to be interesting to Freemasons.

The private cemetery where the remains of Lafayette are deposited is in the Rue de Picpus, No. 15, at the extremity of the Faubourg Saint Antoine, in Paris. The entrance is through a spacious court, the buildings of which are occupied by a religious community, and at the bottom of which is a modest-looking chapel. A large garden, covered with fruit trees, shrubs and plants, is next crossed, and a long alley of lime trees, bordered with a hedge of yoke-elm trees, then leads to the inclosure reserved for the cemetery. The latter is surrounded with walls, and represents an oblong square, into which there are three entrances by as many gates. It contains but two rows of mausoleums, belonging to distinguished families—those of de Noailles, de Grammont, de Montaign, Destillière, Freteaux, Gouyd'Arsy, Rosambo, Lamoignon, de Perigord, &c. The two rows of tombs are separated by a gravel path, at the extremity of which is a stone cross. At the south-east angle of the ground is the place reserved for Lafayette and his family.

The tomb of Lafayette, which is surrounded with an iron railing, is but little higher than the ground, and is composed of two large black marble tablets, slightly inclined and forming a very oblique angle. Upon this angle is a little cross, the lateral branches of which extend on both sides of the monument that covers the remains of both husband and wife as with a roof.

The following is the arrangement of the tablets, with the inscriptions on them, in letters of gold:

M. A. F.
De Noailles
Née à Paris le XI Novembre
MDCCLIX
Mariée le XI Avril
MDCCLXXIV
A
M. J. P. R. Y. G. D.
Lafayette

Décédée à Paris le XXIV
Décembre MDCCCVII

Requiescat in pace

M. J. P. R. Y. G. D.
Lafayette

Lieutenant-général membre
de la Chambre des Députés
né à Chavaniac Haute-
Loire, le VI Septembre
MDCCLVII, marié le
XI Avril MDCCLXXIV
A
M. A. F.
de Noailles

Décédé à Paris le XX Mai
MDCCCXXXIV

Requiescat in pace

The ground reserved for Lafayette's family also contains the tomb of Colonel Lasteyrie, the General's son-in-law, and that of Mde. Grammont's sons. A slab of white marble placed on the wall at the bottom bears an inscription relative to the death of one of Lafayette's grandchildren, Madame de Peron, whose maiden name was Maubourg.

Behind the wall next to Lafayette's tomb are cypresses, and some poplars. One of the latter, the emblem of death, seems to abandon its withered branches to the wind; thus adding to the melancholy aspect of this field of rest. The soil on which these trees stand covers the remains of a number of victims of the reign of terror, amongst whom are some of Madame Lafayette's nearest relatives.

Madame Lafayette having expressed a desire to be buried in this spot, her wishes were respected, and the observance of them ultimately decided the burial place of her husband.

The tomb of Lafayette, unostentatious like those of his friends, Washington and Franklin, is daily visited by many who honour his memory, by strangers who have known him, and by those who regret that they were deprived of that happiness. A register, which is deposited with the porter of the cemetery, is filled with the names of the visitors.

It is gratifying to know that our Jewish brethren are exerting themselves manfully to relieve the distress of their persecuted co-religionists in Russia. We have pleasure in announcing that Bro. D. Moss has succeeded in procuring the following amounts for the Mansion House Relief Fund:—

	£	s	d
Israel Lodge of Instruction	3	3	0
Egyptian, No. 27	2	6	0
Prosperity, No. 65	1	1	0
Tredegar Lodge of Instruction	1	16	0
Bro. Pearcy	0	15	0
Duke of Connaught	0	15	0
Bro. Clynes, Upton	0	5	0
	£10	1	0

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Southampton Masonic Hall, Limited.—At the annual meeting of shareholders, held on Monday, 26th ult., at the Hall, in Albion-place, Bro. W. W. Hickman D.P.G.M. in the chair, the directors reported that during the year the receipts had amounted to £278 9s, and the expenditure to £149 10s 2d. There was a balance at the bank of £145 0s 4d, from which the directors recommended a dividend of £4 per cent. per annum, free of income tax, leaving a balance to be carried forward of £33 14s 9d. The directors retiring by rotation were Bros. Hickman, Robertson, Waters, Coles, and Dusantoy, who were eligible for re-election. The Chairman, moving the adoption of this report said, the accounts also showed a balance of £24 18s on capital account. The hall, no doubt, required some amount of finishing and decoration, and he hoped the meeting would be so far satisfied with the judgment of the Directors as to leave the matter with them, to pay the cost either from income or capital as they might think proper, though he was not prepared to say what the amount would be. The walls were now completely dry, and he was sure the Directors would do what was required in a spirit of taste, and, at the same time, of economy. Whether the cost should be met from income to the prejudice of the dividend next year, or by the issue of a few more shares, might be very well left to the Directors. Bro. J. C. Munday seconded the motion, which, after a brief discussion, was carried. Bros. W. Hickman, J. Robertson, W. Waters, H. Coles, and H. Dusantoy were re-elected Directors, and Bros. J. Cole and G. Cross Auditors, after which a discussion took place upon the necessity of providing further accommodation, with the view of increasing the lettings from private sources, and eventually the matter was referred to the Directors for consideration.—*Portsmouth Times.*

The Borough of Portsmouth Freemasons' Club annual Masonic ball in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at Cawte's Assembly Rooms, Southsea, under the distinguished patronage of his Worshipful the Mayor of Portsmouth and the Mayoress. H.S.H. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar and the Princess, W. W. B. Beach, Esq., P.G.M., Sir H. Drummond Wolff, M.P., and Lady Wolff, Admiral Ryder, Vice-Admiral Foley, Colonel Jervois, R.E., Colonel Bray, A.A.G., the commandants and officers of the Royal Marine Artillery, Royal Marines, Black Watch, and Gordon Highlanders. A numerous gathering is expected, and an early application for tickets should be made, either to the Stewards or the Secretary, at the Club.!

THE OWL CLUB.

THIS popular Musical Society held its fortnightly meeting on Monday evening, at the Cannon-street Hotel. The programme contained the following selection:—

PART I.—Glee, "With Hawk and Hound," Bishop—Part Song "Shall I wasting," Hatton—Duet, "Suoni la Tromba," Bellini; Bros. E. Moss and A. Hubbard—Serenade, "Come away," Schafer—Song, "I fear no Foe," Pinsuti; Mr. George Musgrave—Part Song, "The Hunter's Farewell," Mendelssohn—Full Chorus, "Glory and Love" (Faust), Gounod—National Anthem, Solo, by Bro. Arthur Thompson.

PART II.—Glee, "Nymphs of the Forest," Horsley—Song, "Sweet Love, good night to Thee," Hatton; Mr. Albert James—Part Song, "Sweet and Low," Barnby—Piano Solo, "Grande Valse in D Flat," Schuloff; Bro. F. Cozens—Glee, "Sleep, gentle Lady," Bishop—New Song, "Constancy," H. Upston; Bro. Edward Collins—Glee, "Fair Flora decks," Danby—Glee, "The mighty Conqueror," Webbe.

Bros. E. Moss and A. Hubbard were very successful in the duet set down for them in the first part. The Serenade—"Come away"—was repeated, by unanimous request. In the second part Mr. Albert James was most effective in "Sweet Love," &c., while the new song, "Constancy," ably rendered by Bro. E. Collins, found much favour with the audience. Brother F. H. Cozens, who presided at the Piano, was most enthusiastically encored in his Solo. Altogether, the Concert was a most successful performance. We have been requested to announce that the date of the "Ladies' Night," which had been fixed for the 4th April, has been changed to the 24th April, the former date falling in Passion Week.

It is with very sincere regret that we announce the death, on the 8th instant, of Worshipful Brother W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master of North Wales and Shropshire. Bro. Hughes, who was in the eighty-fifty year of his age, had been in feeble health for some time past, and succumbed, as we have stated, on Wednesday. As a Mason, he had endeared himself to the Craft generally, and especially to the members of his Province. He was a staunch brother, and was greatly respected by all who were acquainted with him. We offer our respectful sympathy to the members of his family.

The annual Mark Masons' ball was held at the Pavilion, Brighton, on Wednesday evening, 1st inst., and was a great success. The dancing took place in the Music Room, and the supper was served by Messrs. Sayers and Marks in the Banquetting Room.

W. LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A MEETING of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on Friday, the 3rd instant, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Bro. R. Wylie P.P.G.D. occupied the chair, and during the evening the claims of eighteen children of deceased Freemasons were brought forward. After careful consideration of each case, the Committee agreed to recommend a sum equivalent to upwards of £100 a year for the education and advancement in life of these children. At the conclusion of the business Bro. Richard Brown, who has been one of the hon. Secretaries of the Institution for nine years, intimated his desire to resign that office. In moving that Bro. Brown's notice of resignation be placed on the next circular to the Court of Governors of the Charity, Bro. Tobias expressed deep regret that the honorary secretary should have found it necessary to resign an appointment which he had filled with so much honour to himself and advantage to the Institution. The Chairman having remarked that every brother must regret the retirement of the honorary Secretary, Bro. Brown acknowledged the complimentary observations that had been made respecting himself and his services, and added that he should continue to exercise the warmest interest in the welfare of so admirable a charity as the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. The financial report of the charity shows that the total income for the year, including a balance brought forward of £754, to have been £2,290. The expenditure amounted to £1,001, of which sum £937 was paid for the education and advancement of children. Consequently, there was now in hand a balance of £1,289. The amount of money invested, chiefly in Mersey Dock Bonds, was £15,228, and the total sum at the credit of the Institution £16,518.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534. — The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge took place, on Thursday, 9th March, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Bros. Dr. Corrie Jackson, W.M., Lancaster S.W., Smith J.W., Runts S.D., Bieling J.D., Bryant I.G., Tongue M.C., and Davis Tyler. After reading and confirmation of minutes, the Lodge proceeded to ballot for Mr. Robert A. Bell, 221 Stanhope-street, Regent's-park, Professor of Music, proposed by Dr. Jackson W.M., and seconded by Dr. Pardoe. Bro. Fauser was then entrusted and retired; Lodge was opened in the second degree, and he was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge opened in third and resumed in first, when Mr. R. A. Bell, whose ballot had been unanimous, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W.M. then, in appropriate terms, presented to the joining member, Bro. Bowley, the emblem of the Lodge, the Polish Eagle, a decoration every brother is entitled to wear. The election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year then took place, when Bro. Lancaster S.W. was unanimously elected to fill that office. Bro. Nowakowski was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Davis Tyler. Bro. W. Pass P.M. and Secretary then proposed that a Past Master's jewel should be presented to the retiring W.M., in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Lodge, and the excellent manner in which the working had been performed. This was unanimously endorsed by the brethren. Bro. Jackson having tendered his thanks, and all business being ended, the W.M. resumed Lodge in third and closed downwards, the W.M. giving a farewell address to the brethren in a most impressive manner. Brother Herzog, from the United States, was a visitor.

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Right Worshipful Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master Berks and Bucks, presided at a meeting of the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company, held on the 28th ultimo, at 38 Old Broad-street, and Right Worshipful Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master South Wales, Eastern Division, was also present.

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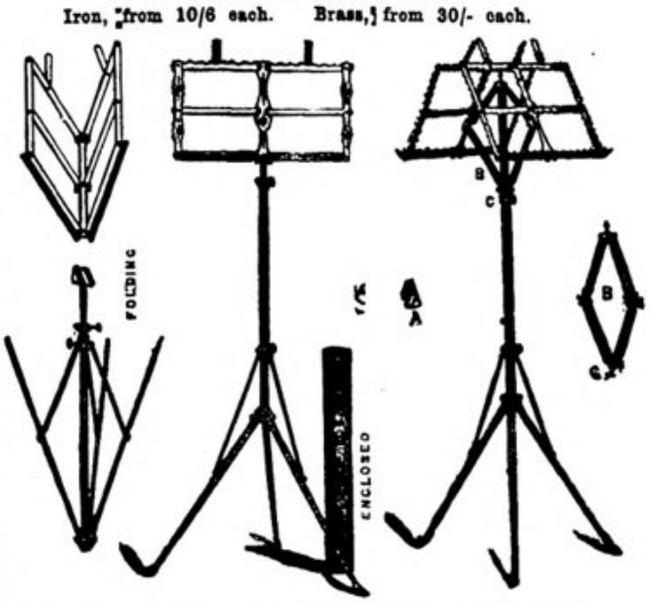

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THE monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. in the chair. There were also present Bros. William Hilton, C. A. Cottebrune, Richard Hervé Giraud, John Bulmer, George Jones, James Brett, William Clarke, Edgar Bowyer, Thomas W. C. Busb, Charles Daniel, C. H. Webb, Louis Stean, C. E. Keyser, H. Massey, and James Terry (Secretary). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Terry reported that the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of the 7th December 1881, at which the grant of £800 per annum from the Fund of General Purposes was carried, were not confirmed at the Quarterly Communication of the 1st instant; he announced the death of three male annuitants, and one female candidate for next election. Bro. Terry also reported that the Annual Festival of the Institution was held on Tuesday, the 21st February, under the presidency of Col. Lloyd-Philipps, Provincial Grand Master of South Wales Western Division. The amount announced at the Festival was £12,337 3s 6d, with eleven lists to come in, but the sum had now reached £12,620, with four lists still outstanding. On the motion of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, seconded by Bro. W. Clarke G.P., a vote of condolence was unanimously passed to Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer, on his recent heavy bereavement. The Warden's report was read, and authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques for accounts. On the motion of Bro. W. Clarke, seconded by Bro. R. H. Giraud, the Committee resolved to direct the Solicitor of the Institution to retain counsel to appear for the Institution, in opposition to the Railway Bills affecting the Institution at Croydon, which are now before Parliament. The Chairman obtained the sanction of the Committee to granting a day in April or May for the Stewards of the late Festival to visit the Institution. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. (in the chair), Alfred Williams, S. Rosenthal, Don. M. Dewar, C. G. Rushworth, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), G. P. Britten, Robert P. Jebb, C. F. Matier, E. B. Harding, Leopold Ruff, A. J. Duff-Filer, Joyce Murray, H. Massey, Henry W. Hunt, George P.

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Gillard, J. L. Mather, F. Adlard, W. H. Perryman, R. P. Spice, C. F. Hogard, and F. Binckes (Secretary). Four petitions were accepted, and the candidates placed on the list for election next October. Outfits were granted to four former pupils of the Institution, and the name of G. F. Beaumont was withdrawn from the list of candidates for the April election.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

MONDAY, the 27th ult., was a red-letter day in the history of this Prov. Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, with a Deputation composed of members of Grand Lodge, paid an official visitation to Glasgow, and it may be imagined that everything was done in order to give the necessay *éclat* to the occasion. Prov. G. Lodge was opened in the Pillar Hall of the Queen's Rooms, by Bro. W. Pearce Prov. G.M., assisted by Bros. J. M. Oliver Prov. G.S.W. and J. Morgan Prov. G.J.W. The other Provincial Officers present were Bros. the Rev. J. Watt Prov. G. Chaplain, D. Reid Prov. G. Treasurer, Collingwood Flower Prov. G. Secretary, D. Rowland Prov. G.S.D., D. Mearns Prov. G.J.D., Andrew Holmes Prov. G. Architect, J. M'Leod Prov. G. Jeweller, William M'Donald Provincial G.B.B., William Ferguson Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Andrew Myles Prov. G.D. of C., Allan Macbeth Prov. G. Org., J. Kinniard Prov. G.S.B., G. Cranston Prov. G. Marshal, John M'William Prov. G.I.G., Thomas Halkett Treas. of the Prov. Benevolent Fund, James Balfour Pres. of Board of Stewards, &c. The deputation from Grand Lodge consisted of the Earl of Mar and Kellie M.W.G.M., Bros. R. F. Shaw-Stewart Sub-Grand Master, the Rev. W. W. Tulloch G. Chap., R. F. Barrow Acting S.G.W., J. Caldwell of Craigielee Acting J.G.W., D. Murray Lyon G. Secretary, J. Crichton Vice-President of the Board of Grand Stewards, Captain Ferguson M'Gilvray G.D. of C., J. Clark Forest Prov. G.M. of Lanarkshire Middle Ward, J. Dalrymple Duncan Proxy Prov. G.M. Newfoundland, J. M. Martin jun. of Auchindennan Prov. G.M. Dumbartonshire, and Colonel J. T. Stewart Proxy Prov. G.M. Peru.

After the Lodge had been opened, the Deputation from the Grand Lodge entered, and Bro. Pearce resigned the mallet into the hands of the Grand Master, who said he would only accept the position until an examination of the books of the Provincial Grand Lodge was made. It being reported that the minutes were in perfect order and the accounts properly kept, the cash books showing very liberal grants from the funds, the Grand Master said, that after such a very satisfactory report, he had the greatest pleasure in handing back the mallet to the Provincial Grand Master, and asking him to conduct his Lodge as he had shown he could do so well.

Bro. Pearce then resumed the chair, and immediately called the Lodge from labour to refreshment. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently proposed, followed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, coupled with the name of the Earl of Mar and Kellie. The Prov. Grand Master said that now the Masons of Glasgow felt themselves identified with the Grand Lodge, much had been done by the late Grand Master of Scotland Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, and when he assured them that the honourable baronet had written, expressing his regret that he had not received his invitation sooner, so that he could have accepted it, they would also be sorry that they had not secured his attendance. Sir Michael Stewart had brought the Grand Lodge out of a state of chaos. When he mounted the throne, the Grand Lodge was in debt, but now it was not only relieved of this burden, but was prospering more than it had done for a very great many years. He had handed over the government to the present Grand Master, the representative of one of the oldest earldoms in the kingdom. They were all gratified to see the Earl of Mar and Kellie on the throne, and felt confident that under his government Scotch Masonry would prosper as much as it had done previously. Probably he would not have the same difficulties to surmount, but, on the other hand, there would be more leisure to give *eclat* to Masonry throughout the kingdom. This was evinced by the fact that he was now engaged visiting the various Provinces which had not been done for many years past. There was great need for such a course, as many of the Provincial Lodges were in a somewhat unsatisfactory condition, but that could not be said of Glasgow, where they could boast of a benevolent fund having to its credit £1,200.

The Grand Master, on rising to reply, was received with loud and prolonged cheering, and said that he hoped in the course of time to prove worthy of the compliments which had been paid him, but he had been hardly long enough in harness to have earned them as yet. As to what had been said about the Grand Lodge, he quite agreed with the Provincial Grand Master. Some twelve years ago no one could have said much in praise of Grand Lodge, but thanks to his predecessor, and to his tact and determination to sift matters to the bottom, the Grand Lodge had been brought into thorough working order. It was now not only flourishing financially, but was endeared to the Masons of Scotland. Having set their own house in order, they now commenced to look after their brethren outside who were not members of Grand Lodge. Only one or two visits had as yet been paid, but matters had been found, generally speaking, in a highly satisfactory condition. Certainly Glasgow had proved second to none, and the Provincial Grand Master, although he had thirty Lodges under his jurisdiction, had shown his duties were well attended to. The Grand Lodge of Scotland had five hundred and twenty-six Lodges under its jurisdiction, and in these Lodges there were 111,000 Masons. He did not think that however hard-working the Grand Master of Scotland might be, he could be expected to visit all these Lodges. There were forty-three Provincial and District Grand Lodges, and it would be hard enough work to get through them, and he did not expect to be able to visit them all. If he found them all in as flourishing a condition as the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow he certainly should be satisfied, and the Masons of Scotland would be more than satisfied. It was the duty of the Provincial Grand Master to see Masonry carried out thoroughly well, and no one had attended to this more efficiently than Bro. Pearce. If all Provincial Grand Masters worked as well as he did every individual might be proud to be a member of the Craft.

Bro. Shaw-Stewart proposed The Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, and urged that the Scotch Lodges should emulate the English Order. As regards Ireland, he remarked that the Grand Lodge of Ireland was about the only thing that was prosperous in that unfortunate country The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The Grand Master proposed the toast of the Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow. He congratulated the Lodge on the possession of a Master of extraordinary energy and devotion to the Craft. He deprecated the un-Masonic practice of admitting to the Brotherhood men unworthy of the fellowship.

The Provincial Grand Master having responded amid general applause, and reciprocated the sentiments of the Grand Master in advocating the test of admission, which would conduce so materially to the benevolent funds of the Order. Bro. Stewart proposed The Sister Grand Lodges. In the course of his remarks, he stated that the Grand Lodge had 526 Lodges in active operation, with an aggregate membership of 111,000. These Lodges were governed by the Grand Master Mason and forty-three Provincial or District Grand Masters, fourteen of whom were resident in the colonies and in foreign parts. The oldest Prov. Grand Master was Bro. Whyte Melville, who had been at the head of the Province of Fife for the long period of forty-one years. Next in seniority came Sir E. Mackenzie of Kilcoy, who had presided over Ross and Cromarty since 1847. Third on the list was Sir M. Shaw-Stewart, who was appointed to Renfrewshire West on 7th February 1848, his rule in that Province having extended over a period of thirty-four years, during eight of which he was also Grand Master. Having forty-one Lodges within its jurisdiction, Ayrshire was numerically the largest home Province under the G. Lodge. Glasgow came next, with thirty-one Lodges, and Edinburgh third, having 26 Lodges on its roll. Our Indian Empire had thirty-four Lodges, New South Wales twenty-seven, and New Zealand (South) twenty-four. The Grand Lodge exchanged representatives with thirty-seven sister Grand Lodges. There were four Past Grand Masters alive, the eldest being Bro. Whyte Melville, who was also the oldest Craftsman in Grand Lodge. He was initiated, more than sixty years ago, in the Lodge Holyrood House. Seventy Grand Masters had preceded Lord Mar, and the present Grand Secretary was tenth in succession.

Bro. Dalrympie Duncan proposed the toast of the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and passed a high eulogium upon the zeal and energy of Bro. Murray Lyon, and Bro. the Rev. John Watt the Daughter Lodges of the Province, proposed by Bro. Graham. To the toast of the Visiting Brethren, Bros. Crichton and Gordon responded, after which the proceedings were brought to a close with the usual formalities.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 23 Great Queen Street, W.C.

The Masonic Guide for the County of Yorkshire and Eboracum Masonic Calendar for 1882. Printed at the Gazette Office, York.

WE thank our Wor. Brother Whytehead for copy of the Yorkshire Masonic Guide, compiled by him. It is as complete as anything of its kind can well be, full particulars being given of Lodges, Chapters, &c. &c., with the number of subscribing members, and dates and places of meeting. It contains all the absolutely necessary information for a Craftsman, and deserves, moreover, a word of praise for the clearness and succinctness with which the details are arranged.

John and James Lillywhite's Cricketer's Companion.—With which is incorporated Lillywhite's Guide to Cricketers, 1882. London: Published by John and James Lillywhite and Co., Cricket Warehouse, 10 Seymour-street, Euston-square, N.W. Kent and Co., Paternoster-row.

SEEING how complete and accurate in all its details is this excellent Cricketers' Companion, it would appear to be almost unnecessary to notice the present issue. It is in the order of things that Calendars and Companions should approach more nearly to perfection the longer the period over which they are published. Now, Lillywhite's Companion has been published for eight-and-thirty consecutive years, and though it would be absurd to say it is now thirty-and-eight times as accurate as the first edition, still it is incontestable that it contains an amount of information of the most trustworthy character, such as may be looked for only in a Calendar that has flourished so long. Its leading articles are invaluable, and we cannot do better than mention them *seriatim*. The Editor is well to the fore with his remarks on "Cricket and Cricketers in 1881," an "Old University Captain" gives sage "Hints on Batting," and H. H. Stephenson writes well and authoritatively as to "Hints on Coaching a School Eleven." "County Cricket" is ably considered by a "Light Blue Captain;" the Hon. R. H. Lyttelton is at home, as all his family are, on the subject of "Public Schools' Cricket," James Lillywhite supplies a good paper on the "English Eleven in the United States," and the Rev. J. Pycroft's "Random Readings" are useful reading. The whole Calendar is, in short, admirably compiled, and speaks well for the energy and discretion of Bro. A. W. Fennor.

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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, 11th MARCH.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1634—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1666—Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

MONDAY, 13th MARCH.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
29—St. Albans, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Ship Tavern, Hart-street, Mark Lane, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruc.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel,
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1671—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1633—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1806—Bromley St. Leonard, 148 Bow-road, Bromley
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (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
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge (Instruction)
412—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
734—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
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
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
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1593—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. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 14th MARCH.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
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
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
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)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
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)
1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
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, 23 St. Giles Street, 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
273—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Bridge, 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, 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 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
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, 9 Hamilton 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, 15th MARCH.

Special Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
140—St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Belham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1349—Friars
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1424—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

30—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
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-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
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
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, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
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 (Instruction)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R.A. 229—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 258—Ambitious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

THURSDAY, 16th MARCH.

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)
49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St Johns Wood

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754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1321—Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

43—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
96—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
266—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, Queeen's Hotel, Birkenhead
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-stree., Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1337—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1339—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1612—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1680—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
R.A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonian-road, Batley
K.T.—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale
K.T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

FRIDAY, 17th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., 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)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
433—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
Genera' 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, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
K.T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 18th MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1733—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12.—The regular meeting of this Ancient Lodge, took place on Monday, the 6th instant, at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall street. Bro. E. E. Barratt-Kidder W.M. in the chair, supported by the following Officers and brethren:—R. Coombs I.P.M., W. J. Beedell S.W., D. Matthews J.W., Dudley Rolls P.M. Treasurer, A. Snellgrove P.M. Secretary, G. Pigache S.D., W. Jones J.D., H. Rolls I.G. Among the Past Masters present were, Bros. L. Ruf, R. W. Stewart P.G.D., A. Lilley, W. Browne Kidder, F. Snelgrove. Lay members—Bros. Elliott, Porter, Stanger, Delavaux and others. Visitors—Bros. Grabham P.G.W. Middlesex, Murray, Edwards, and several others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Afterwards Bro. O. F. Peall was, with the usual ceremony, raised to the third degree by the W.M., after which the Lodge was closed in due form, and perfect harmony. The brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet, presided over by Bro. E. E. Barratt-Kidder the W.M. The usual toasts were given, commencing with The Queen and the Craft; on this occasion the Worshipful Master alluded to the late attempt upon the life of Her Majesty. In consequence of Her Gracious Majesty having so many sons who were Masons, and taking so great an interest in the Craft as she did, the Queen could not be looked upon in any other light than as the mother of Masons; and when we Masons (her children) heard of the attempt upon her life, it caused a throb of anxiety in the breast of all, and a rush for immediate information as to the result of the attempt; and when it was fully ascertained, he (the W.M.) felt sure no inhabitant of England and her vast dominions experienced greater sense of gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U. in passing her safely under His protection than the Freemasons of England. It was his pleasing duty to be able to propose the toast; the Masons of England, instead of rejoicing, might have been at that present moment in deep sorrow for the loss of their dearly beloved Queen, whom the G.A.O.T.U. long preserve. Without alluding further to the vile act, he would give them the Queen and the Craft. The toast was most heartily received. The other Loyal and Masonic toasts were then given. We cannot close our account of the meeting of this Lodge without alluding to a most pleasing ceremony, which took place on the proposal of the health of the Secretary, viz. the presentation of a very handsome and valuable gold watch to this esteemed and respected Officer of the Lodge, Bro. A. Snelgrove P.M., and which, through the courtesy of the W.M., was presented by the I.P.M. Bro. Coombs (during whose year of office the testimonial was started), in exceedingly graceful and appropriate terms, and responded to by Bro. A. Snelgrove in sentiments of fraternal affection, expressive of a continued anxiety for the welfare of the Lodge and its members, with a hope that the Secretarial duties of the Lodge might be his for many years to come. The brethren, after numerous songs and recitations from those present, separated at a late hour, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

VITRUVIAN LODGE, No. 87.

THE annual meeting of this old Lodge was celebrated on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the White Hart, Belvidere-road, Lambeth. Present—Bros. J. Skirving W.M., W. M. Robinson S.W., Thurkle P.M. Treas., W. Stuart P.M. Sec., Knight S.D., Bale J.D., W. R. Davis I.G., A. E. Burch, S. Minstrell M.C., R. Hopkins P.M., C. Nott P.M., A. Timothy P.M., Ross P.M., C. S. Jolly P.M., Whiting P.M., Hull P.M., H. Maudsley P.G.D., and others. Lodge having been opened and advanced, Bros. Allen and Hardy were raised. The report showed the Lodge to be in a flourishing condition, with nearly £200 to the credit of its Benevolent Fund. A Board of Installed Masters having been opened, Bro. Robinson S.W. and W.M. elect was presented, and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. Stuart acting as M.C. The following brethren were invested as Officers:—Knight J.W., Thurkle Treas., Stuart Sec., Bale S.D., Davis J.D., Minstrell I.G., Watson and Lambourne Stewards, and Burch M.C. The newly installed Master was then called upon to show his ability in the chair, Messrs. Thackeray and Whiteman offering themselves for initiation. Bro. Maudsley suggested that some cooperation should exist as regarded the Charities, and eventually a committee was appointed to consider the subject. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet, after which the customary toasts were given. Bro. Skirving proposed that of the W.M. Bro. Robinson, he said, had worked for the Lodge for the past seven years, and had proved himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him. Now that he had been placed in the chair of the Lodge he would doubtless do his best to fulfil the duties of his appointment. He had already had opportunity of showing his ability in the work of the first degree, and had acquitted himself most satisfactorily. He felt sure that during the coming year their new W.M. would do all that lay in his power for the welfare of the Lodge. The W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for his kind expressions; he hoped that during his year of office he might have the support of the brethren, and succeed in pleasing them. He thanked them, one and all, for their past support. He then proposed the toast of the Installing Master. Although he had seen the ceremony of installation performed in the Lodge on many occasions, he had never known it better carried out than it had been that evening. It afforded him great pleasure to present to the retiring Master the Past Master's jewel, which the brethren thought he was worthy of. He could only hope that Bro. Skirving might live for many years to come to wear it, and enjoy the respect and esteem of his brethren. The I.P.M. responded, thanking the W.M. and brethren for their gift. The services of himself and the Past Masters generally would be at the command of the brethren. The toast of the Initiates followed, to which Bros. Thackeray and Whiteman replied. The former said that one of his greatest aims had been to become a Mason; now that that wish had been gratified he hoped he might become a credit to the Order. The health of the Visitors was then drank, Bros. Butler and Levy responding. The toast of the Past Masters was acknowledged by Bros. Whiting and Thurkle, and that of the Officers by the Wardens and others present.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Bros. C. Andrews P.M. W.M., Gunner S.W, Gomm P.M. J.W., F. Botley Acting Secretary, Maton S.D., Monson J.D., Botley I.G.; also Bros. Blasby P.M., Sperring, Turner 1818, Nicholson 382, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, the questions were asked, and Bro. Blasby was entrusted. Lodge advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Blasby candidate. Bro. Turner, of the Clapham Lodge, No. 1818, was elected a member. Bro. Gunner was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned till Friday, 10th March, when Bro. W. W. Morgan will give a lecture on the Establishment and Development of the Masonic Institutions.

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Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—The regular meeting of the above Lodge was held, on the 6th instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street; Bros. L. M. Myers W.M., J. Benjamin S.W., Martin J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, J. S. Lyon Treasurer, G. Bean S.D., A. Botibol J.D., Wall I.G., L. Lazarus P.M. M.C., Dewsnap A.M.C., J. Wynman and B. Alexander Stewards, P. E. Van Noorden Organist; P.M.'s Bros. L. Alexander, L. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, A. G. Dodson, O. Roberts, Baker I.P.M., and H. Hymans. Visitors—J. Willing P.G.O., J. Norton late 223, J. Lewis W.M. 1261, J. Starkey 132, A. Isaacs 205, H. A. Stunt 1641, J. Shannon 975, Finch P.M. 173, Solomon 995, Linscott W.M. 55, Whittington, J. Duke 1791, P. Rogers 901, Jacob P.M. 47, Prenton Lodge of Asaph. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Brother Mussared, late 188, was elected a joining member. Bros. Blaiberg, Isaacs, and Hyman, were passed to the 2nd degree. Great credit is due to the W.M. for his excellent working. Bro. Martin J.W. proposed, and Bro. J. Wynman seconded, that a sum of two guineas be given from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of making a present to Bro. L. Alexander P.M. Past President of the Benevolent Fund, this amount to form a nucleus for a testimonial. This was carried, and a committee was formed to carry out this purpose. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. proposed, and Bro. L. Lazarus P.M. seconded, That a letter of congratulation be sent to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, on the providential escape of Her Majesty the Queen, and also expressing a fervent wish that the Great Architect of the Universe will grant Her Majesty health and long life to reign over us. The same to be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge. This proposition was supported by Bro. L. Alexander P.M., and carried with acclamation. Lodge was then closed and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Jennings, and superintended by Bro. M. Silver. Grace having been said, the W.M., in eloquent terms, proposed the toast of H.M. the Queen. This toast had been associated with the Craft for years past. This night, however, with especial sincerity they might wish Her Majesty health and long life; and express their gratitude for her happy deliverance, through Divine Providence, from the pistol of a miscreant. The toast was received with loud acclamations, and the National Anthem was sung. The toast of H.R.H. the M.W. G.M. the Prince of Wales was next given, and then that of the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. The W.M. said all were pleased to see their old and esteemed friend Bro. Albert P.G.P. present, but to-night, in addition, they had a distinguished Brother well known in Grand Lodge and in the musical world; he referred to Bro. J. Willing P.G.O., with whose name he would connect the toast. Bro. Willing said, the W.M. had called upon him to reply for the distinguished brethren whose names had been so well received. It was a great honour for him to reply on their behalf. The toast of the Benevolent Fund of the Joppa Lodge was next introduced. The W.M. said, they all knew what that Fund was. It now stood at nearly £1,000, and by a recent edict of the Lodge the W.M. for the time being was the President of the Fund. However, he would call on the senior Vice-President, Bro. L. Alexander P.M., to respond. After Bro. Alexander's reply, the W.M. proposed the toast of the rejoining member, Bro. Mussared, who they were all pleased to see again among them. This compliment having been acknowledged, Bro. Baker I.P.M. rose; it required but a very words from him to commend the toast of the W.M. Bro. Myers's private worth was well known; and in his capacity as W.M. the members had seen and could fully appreciate his ability. Since he had occupied the chair his capabilities had been shown in every way to their satisfaction. Bro. Myers, the W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Baker for the kind manner he had spoken of him. His aim was for their benefit, and if he received the support of the brethren, he would strive that the Lodge should be second to none. He thought up to the present time he had earned their approval, and when he left the chair, he trusted to bear the same gratifying expressions he had just listened to repeated. The toast of the Visitors was next on the list, coupled with the names of Bros. J. Lewis, Finch, and Linscott W.M. 55. the latter brother eloquently responding. Bros. Lewis and Finch also added a few words. Bro. Jacob Norton said he was a member of the Lodge forty years ago; since then he had seen many changes. He once held the office of Inner Guard; to-night he was pleased to see the Lodge had so progressed. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters; he would call on Bro. R. Baker I.P.M. to respond to the toast. The other toasts were the Wardens, the Treasurer, Secretary, and the Junior Officers. Finally, the Tyler gave the last toast. Bros. Prenton and Miss Annie Austin and Bro. Baker I.P.M. contributed to the harmony. Bro. Van Noorden rendered goodly service as accompanyist.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 4th inst. Bros. Weeden occupied the chair of K.S., Dignam S.W., G. Ferrar J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, C. Lorkin Treasurer, Gribbell S.D., Houghton J.D., Wolf I.G.; also Bros. Brasted, W. Williams sen., W. Williams jun., E. Woodman, &c. Lodge being opened in regular form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. Williams jun. candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge opened in the second degree. Bro. Williams sen. answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the first degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. W. Williams sen. candidate. Lodge resumed to first degree. Bro. Dignam was duly elected to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—On Monday, 6th inst., at the Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge. Bro. Cotton took the chair as W.M., and made the following appointments:—Bros. Rowles S.W., Nicholson J.W., Andrews P.M. S.D., Taplin J.D., Duffin I.G. and Tyler. After the usual preliminaries the questions before passing were answered by Bro. Fleming, and Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Taplin candidate. This brother also answered the questions required before raising. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, by Bro. Tucker Preceptor, Bro. Cotton being the candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Andrews P.M. was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Bro. Brooks Secretary announced that he had received an invitation for the brethren of this Lodge of Instruction to attend the meeting of the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, on the 10th inst., when Bro. Morgan had promised to deliver a lecture. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until the 13th inst.

ROYAL YORK LODGE, No. 315.

ON Tuesday afternoon, the 7th inst, there was a full attendance, of the brethren of the above Lodge, in the Masonic Room, Royal Pavilion, the occasion being the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. H. Gibson. Bro. G. Nash, W.M. during the past year, was prevented by indisposition from being present. His duties were therefore carried out by Bro. J. Eberall P.M. The following "Yorkists" were present:—J. Eberall Acting W.M., W. H. Gibson S.W., G. R. Lockyer J.W., J. Ridge Secretary, W. Anderson S.D., R. T. Nye J.D., W. Hudson Treasurer, H. Payne Steward, W. H. Kirkham Director of Ceremonies, G. R. Godfree I.G., T. Hughes Tyler, H. H. Hughes Assistant Tyler, W. R. Wood P.M., J. W. Stride P.M., W. Marchant P.M. P.P.A.D.C., C. P. Smith P.M. P.P.G.P. C. W. Hudson P.M., A. J. Hawkes P.M. and P.M. St. Cecilia 1636, and Past Master Southdown 1797, C. Wren Past Master, J. Pearson Past Master, T. Packham Past Master, and Worshipful Master Burrell 1829, A. H. Thacker, J. Miller, F. Willard, L. R. Styer, J. Edwards, J. Woods, C. G. Golding, J. Sayers, H. B. Robinson, S. W. Downard, H. S. Downard, A. Lawler, W. T. Evershed, J. Bradford, R. Paige, J. W. Staples, A. Collins, R. A. Erredge, R. Nicholson, P. W. Taylor, P. Sinnock, H. Kent, J. Newman, W. Buckman, C. J. Carter, J. Reynolds jun., H. Kent, W. J. Schofield, James Wood, T. Chandler, A. Du Pont, J. Miller, J. Sinnock, W. Gibbs, J. Terry, J. W. Wells, G. M. Ashdown. The visiting brethren present were:—Bros. John Henderson Scott Deputy Prov. G.M. of Sussex P.G.J.D., V. P. Freeman Prov. Grand Secretary, W. Kuhe P.M. Royal Clarence 271, P.M. St. Cecilia 1636 and P.G.O., E. Broadbridge W.M. St. Cecilia 1636, W. Devin P.P.G.O., T. Francis W.M. Lodge of Brotherly Love 36, E. Carpenter P.M. Royal Brunswick 732, F. C. Gravis Panton 1686, H. S. Gates S.D. St. Cecilia 1636, J. Sharp, A. S. Price Steward Hova Ecclesia 1466, T. Stedman Pelham 1303, S. R. Legg P.M. Royal Brunswick 732, B. Burfield Secretary Atlingworth 1821, C. Greenwood P.G.R. Surrey, J. B. Hannay S.D. Atlingworth 1821, R. Allison I.G. Atlingworth 1821, H. Alexander Dowell W.M. Hova Ecclesia 1466, G. S. Godfree W.M. Atlingworth 1821, H. W. Haurwell I.P.M. Royal Brunswick 732, J. Reynolds St. Cecilia 1636, G. Fieldus, C. J. Smith P.M. Hova Ecclesia 1466 P.P.G.W., W. Skindle W.M. Worthing Lodge of Friendship 851, H. A. Dale Steward 540, B. Sargent W.M. Abbey 1184, W. Smithers J.D. St. Cecilia 1636, F. Harrison S.W. Burrell 1829 and P.M. 804, F. Daniel W.M. Royal Brunswick 732, E. Histed J.W. Royal Brunswick 732, C. Nye J.D. Royal Brunswick 732, J. Every Secretary South Saxon 311, R. Willard Royal Brunswick 732, Lewis Lewis W.M. Yarborough 811, W. T. Beard Atlingworth 1821, C. H. Pearson Forfarsund 225, T. Billing Royal Brunswick 732, H. J. Fieldus Atlingworth 1821, E. Dumsday Southdown 1797, J. Lelen Steward St. Cecilia 1636, W. Wilson St. John's 178, J. P. Mayall Royal Clarence 271 P. Prov. Grand Organist, J. Anderson Royal Brunswick 732 P.P.I.G., C. Sewell Zetland 511. Bro. W. H. Gibson S.W. was impressively installed into the office of W.M. by Bro. J. Eberall, and addresses were delivered by the latter and Bro. J. W. Stride P.M. and T. Packham P.M. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his Officers with the insignia of their respective posts, those selected to serve during the year being Bros. G. R. Lockyer S.W., J. Ridge J.W., H. Kent Secretary, W. Hudson P.M. Treasurer, G. R. Godfree Master of Ceremonies, A. H. Thacker Inner Guard, H. Payne and W. E. Hollands Stewards, and T. Hughes Tyler. Brother J. W. Stride P.M. was re-elected Charity Steward. Before the duties of the Lodge were concluded, an interesting presentation took place, Bro. Carvick giving the Lodge, through Bro. C. J. Smith, the warrant and candlesticks of the Lodge when it was located at the Old Tree Inn, Seaford, in 1797, and bore the name of Royal Cinque Port Lodge. The thanks of the brethren were tendered to Captain Carvick. Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bros. Sayers and Marks, the well-known caterers. The newly-installed W.M. presided, while Bros. Lockyer, Ridge, and Kent occupied the vice-chairs. The usual loyal toasts were most enthusiastically received; then the W.M. proposed the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon W.M. Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Skelmersdale V.W. Deputy G.M., and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England present and past. Bros. J. H. Scott, W. Kuhe, and W. R. Wood responded. The next two toasts were coupled and given from the chair, viz., Sir Walter W. Burrell, M.P., V.W. Prov. G.M. of Sussex, W. Bro. John H. Scott Dep. Prov. G.M., and the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge of Sussex present and past. Bro. J. H. Scott responded, and while regretting the absence of Sir Walter W. Burrell, owing to his Parliamentary duties, trusted that the brethren would rally round him on Saturday next at the Grand Lodge meeting, when an address would be drawn up, congratulating her Majesty upon her recent providential escape. Many had said that in the face of the Queen's safety they were making "much ado about nothing." He thought otherwise, for had the assassin's shot been fatal, the brethren present, instead of enjoying their meeting, would be mourning the loss of one of our popular and beloved sovereigns. Again he urged the brethren to assist the Grand Master in carrying out his wishes. Brother V. P. Freeman also

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responded, remarking that among all their Provinces he believed there was not greater unity of Lodges than that shown in Sussex. He regretted the absence of their I.P.M. Bro. G. Nash, as he had prepared most interesting particulars of the history of the Royal York Lodge during the last fifty years. Bro. J. Eberall gave the Worshipful Master, and spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. W. H. Gibson, who responded, and then proposed the Visitors. Bros. C. J. Smith, Francis, and T. Packham acknowledged the toast. The W.M. gave the Past Masters, to which Bros. W. R. Wood and C. W. Hudson responded. The Officers of the Lodge received acknowledgments from Bros. Lockyer and Ridge, when the Tyler's toast terminated the list. During the evening some excellent songs were sung by Bros. E. Broadbridge, R. Nicholson, and B. Burfield. Bro. Kuhe contributed two pianoforte solos in his usual masterly manner, while Bro. H. S. Gates was an effective accompanyist to the songs. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 558, FOLKESTONE.

THE brethren of the above Lodge held their usual monthly meeting at the Lodge Room, Town Hall, on Tuesday last, the 7th of March. A large number of brethren attended, including several Visitors, this being the usual day for installing the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Lodge being opened, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for a candidate for Freemasonry, and the result being satisfactory, Mr. W. Goddard was duly initiated by the W.M. into the ancient mysteries. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. Francis S.W., was then presented to the W.M., who proceeded to instal his successor, the ceremony being rendered in a very able manner, and the working tools in each degree being explained very elaborately by Bro. H. Field P.M. The Officers invested for the year were as follows :—Bros. A. H. Holbein I.P.M., G. Hart S.W., H. Andrews J.W., Bros. G. Harman S.D., G. Swoffer J.D., E. Dane I.G., the Rev. Canon Baynes P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain Warwick Chaplain, H. S. Roberts Organist, S. Joseph Treasurer, James Kennett P.M. P.P.G.O. Kent Secretary, and J. Baker Tyler. Some further business was transacted, and the brethren then adjourned to Bates' Hotel, where an excellent banquet had been prepared by Bro. G. Hart. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. That of the Worshipful Master calling forth, from the Rev. Canon Baynes, an admirable speech upon the unity of feeling throughout the Order; in fact, throughout the world he knew of no society, religious, political or social, wherein such unanimity was to be found. In the response to the toast of the Past Masters, the brethren were greatly interested in the remarks of Bro. F. H. Field P.M., who gave a slight sketch of his adventures and vicissitudes since the last time he was at the Temple Lodge, he having only just arrived from Natal, and having during the past three years seen a great deal of active service, in both the Zulu and Transvaal campaigns. Bro. Field also bore testimony to the unity of Freemasonry, having been admirably treated by the Boers (many of whom were Masons) when he was wounded, at Majuba Hill, and afterwards made a prisoner. At the toast of the Masonic Charities, allusion was made to the late Festival of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, when no less a sum than £12,600 was handed in to the Secretary of the Institution by the Stewards who were present. The Steward from Temple Lodge had the honour of taking up thirty guineas towards this fund, subscribed by the members. The charity box was then passed round, and a sum of five guineas (including two guineas from Bro. Field) was found in it. This amount, it was unanimously resolved, should be sent to the Boys' School, and placed upon the next Steward's list. Altogether an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent. The musical arrangements being carried out in the Organist's usual incomparable manner.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—On 3rd instant, a numerously attended meeting of the above Lodge of Instruction, was held at Brother Dunham's, the Seymour Arms, Seymour-place, W. Amongst those present being Bros. Heath, West, Chambers, Coop, Bellerby, Hart, Dunham, Tribbel, Braun, Smith, Saunders, Weatheritt, Sedgwick, Moore, &c. Bro. West P.M. presented the report of the Committee, which stated they had made inquiries and inspected the proposed Lodge room at the Jacob's Well, George-street, Manchester-square, and had come to the conclusion that it was suitable for the required purpose. They had made arrangements to pay a certain rental, and had no doubt the terms proposed would be mutually satisfactory. Bro. Coop proposed that the report be received and adopted; Bro. Braun seconded the proposition, which was carried. Bro. Bellerby proposed that a new code of Bye-Laws be framed, and suggested that those in use by the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, with which most of the members were familiar, be the basis on which to work. Brother Coop seconded the proposition, which was carried. The Officers for the ensuing year were then proposed and elected, namely, Bros. Coop Preceptor, Dunham Treasurer, Moore Secretary. The Secretary reported that he had not received any reply to his application for the Lodge books, and was authorised to purchase such books as were necessary to carry on the work of the Lodge efficiently. Bro. West was invited to take the chair on Friday evening; Bro. West, in accepting this invitation, said he would do so with pleasure, and with their assistance would rehearse the ceremony of installation, so that they might begin their labours at their new abode in a formal and constitutional manner. After the dues were collected, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Dunham for the use of his room, and also to the chairman for presiding. The meeting was closed and adjourned till Friday, 10th instant, at the Jacob's Well George-street, Manchester-square.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 7th March. Present :—Bros. Christian W.M., Smyth S.W., T. Clark J.W., Corble S.D., Edwards J.D., Baker I.G., F. Carr Hon. Secretary, Brasted P.M. Acting Preceptor, also Bros. Forss, Boyce, Goeling, Catling. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Boyce candidate. Bro. Forss worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Catling, as candidate for passing, was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Catling was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, Bro. Forss worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1445.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 2nd instant, at Bro Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, under the presidency of Bro. N. D. Partridge W.M. There were also present Bros. S. Lewis S.W., W. McDonald J.W., J. Robson S.D., Kimbell I.G., H. Seymour-Clarke M.C., Winkley W.S., W. H. Myers P.M. Treasurer, acting as I.P.M., J. Walters P.M Sec., F. Wilkins P.M., J. Clark P.M.; Bros. Stevenson, Bailey, Voillaume, Bearcock, Toombs, Edwards, Gabriel, Newman. Visitors—Bros. W. Cook J.D. 22, F. Long (late of 1445), Heath. Lodge being opened in due form in the three degrees, and neither of the two expected candidates for raising having arrived, the W.M. was compelled to close down, when the Secretary reported the receipt of three resignations. A resolution was unanimously passed that the Secretary write the I.P.M., expressing the deep regret of the Lodge to receive his resignation, and strongly urging him to re-consider the same, assuring him of the great esteem in which he was held by the brethren generally. The other resignations were received with regret. Some routine business was disposed of, and the brethren adjourned to a well-served repast, when the remainder of the evening was spent in social festivity. The health of her Majesty the Queen was most cordially received, as usual, though the brethren were then ignorant of the fact that her life had that afternoon been in jeopardy. Indeed, it is fearful to contemplate the gloom which would have been cast over the Craft had not the G.A.O.T.U. averted such a doom.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—At the weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, held at The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, on Wednesday, 1st inst., Bros. Partridge presided as W.M., assisted by C. Robson S.W., Richardson J.W., J. Robson S.D., Laroom J.D., Kimbell I.G., McDonald I.P.M., Seymour-Clarke Secretary; also Bro. Macgregor, and others. Lodge having been opened and the minutes read, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Lodge was advanced, and Brother Seymour-Clarke was questioned and entrusted, and afterwards raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Lodge was regularly closed to first degree, when Brother C. Robson was elected W.M. for Wednesday, 8th March. The annual supper of this Lodge of Instruction will be held at the latter end of this month; of this further notice will be given.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 9th March, at the Feathers' Hotel Ealing. Present :—Bros. C. Andrews P.M. W.M., H. Kasner P.M. S.W., March J.W., J. Wells Secretary, Cunningham S.D., A. Jones J.D., J. Owen I.G., also Bros. J. A. Smith, H. Hewlings, Pitt, W. Seward. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hewlings candidate. Bro. A. Jones gave the charge. The Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Lamb, who had answered the questions, was passed. The Secretary read a notice from the Secretary of the Lodge of Freemasons at Portsmouth, respecting volunteers who may pay them a visit during the Easter Volunteer Review. Bro. H. Kasner was elected W.M. for 16th March, and Lodge was closed in due form.

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SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE event of Wednesday passed off magnificently. There was a grand gathering of brethren; indeed, some hundreds of them were unable to obtain admission to the Temple, even though they assembled at four o'clock, and the Grand Lodge was not to be opened till six P.M. However, mere numbers are not in question. The meeting was one of the grandest ever held under the banner of Grand Lodge. The Grand Master himself presided; his brothers the Dukes of Connaught and Albany were both present—this is the first occasion on which the three have met together on one and the same occasion in Grand Lodge—and in addition there were the Earls of Carnarvon Pro G.M. and Lathom D.G.M., together with at least a dozen Prov. G. Masters, to say nothing of the other Grand Officers present and past who crowded the daïs. The proceedings were of the simplest. The motion, as stated last week in our columns, was submitted by the M.W. Grand Master in person, in most eloquent terms. The Pro Grand Master seconded the resolution, which, it is needless to add, was carried with acclamation, amid the loudest cheers which have been heard in Grand Lodge. What is more interesting still is, that the Queen has graciously consented to receive, on her return from the Continent, a deputation from Grand Lodge with the address thus unanimously moved on her behalf. It is impossible to deny that the late outrage on the Queen has evoked the utmost manifestations of loyalty on behalf of all classes of her subjects; but it will be hard to show that the address of our Grand Lodge is not among the most loyal expressions of gratitude to God that our beloved Sovereign has escaped the hands of the assassin.

GRAND COUNCIL OF PENNSYLVANIA.

THE thirty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of R., S.E., and S.M. of Pennsylvania was held in the Masonic Hall, Lancaster, Pa., on the evening of Wednesday, 15th ult., and is described by our contemporary the *Keystone* as having been one of the most successful gatherings it had ever been privileged to attend. Ill. Companion George C. Johnstone M.P. Grand Master presided, and was supported by the following Officers, namely, Ill. Comps. James S. Barber R.P.D. Grand Master, Vosburg N. Shaffer R.P. Ill. Grand Master, Andrew J. Kauffman R.P. Grand P.C. of Works, James Bown R.P. Grand Treasurer, Charles E. Meyer R.P. Grand Recorder, George W. Kendrick jun. R.P. Grand Captain of Guard, David A. Stevenson R.P. Grand Conductor, Joseph L. Lytle R.P. Grand Marshal, William A. Morton R.P. Grand Sentinel, and a large attendance of members of the Order. In the course of the proceedings the Reports of the Finance Committee, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder were read, and the Grand Master gave his usual address, in which he particularised his official acts and described the condition of the Craft, while the Reports of the Deputy Grand Masters and the accounts received from the various Grand Councils were listened to with the utmost attention. The election for Officers resulted as follows:—Ill. Comps. James S. Barber, of Philadelphia, M.P.G. Master, Vosburg N. Shaffer, of Phœnixville, R.P.D.G. Master, Andrew J. Kauffman, of Lancaster, R.P. Ill. G. Master, Jos. L. Lytle, of Pittsburgh, R.P.G.P.C. of Work, James Bown, of Pittsburgh, R.P.G. Treasurer, and Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, R.P.G. Recorder. After the Select Master's Degree had been exemplified by M.P. Grand Master Johnstone, assisted by his Grand Officers, in a manner which excited the admiration of all present, Past M.P. Grand Master Ill. Comp. Shidle installed into their respective offices the Ill. Companions who had been elected to serve the Grand Council during the present year. In this duty he was very ably assisted by Ill. Comp. Wm. N. Vigners as Grand Chaplain, and Ill. Comp. George W. Kendrick as Grand Marshal, after which M.P. Grand Master Barber announced the following appointments, namely:—Ill. Comps. Geo. W. Kendrick jun., of Philadelphia, Grand C. of Guard, John L. Young Grand Marshal, and George H. Coburn, of Titusville, G. Sentinel. Titusville having been chosen as the place of meeting for the next Grand Council, the labours of the day were brought to a close, and the members were most hospitably entertained at a banquet by the brethren of Lancaster City.

PALESTINE COMMANDERY, K.T., NEW YORK.

THE fourth annual reception, Exhibition Drill, and Festival of the Palestine Commandery, No. 18, K.T. New York, held on Wednesday, the 15th ult., in the Academy of Music, is described by our same contemporary as having been one of the most successful Templar gatherings ever held in that city. The Academy was magnificently decorated for the occasion, and the Drill Corps, under the command of Captain General Sir Knight Eugene S. Eunson, performed several evolutions with a steadiness and precision which spoke well for their training.

The Committee of Arrangements consisted of Sir Knights Eugene Eunson Chairman, Horace H. Brockway Vice-Chairman, James A. Rich Secretary, J. Martin Layman Treasurer, and the Press Committee of Sir Knights Frederick G. Gedney Chairman, James A. Rich, J. Martin Layman, William H. Gedney, E. Duncan Sniffen, W. H. Long, William Johnston jun., John A. Guiraud, John W. Jacobus, Alfred Taylor. Among the invited guests were E. Sir Knights Geo. W. Walgrove R.E. Grand Commander of New York, A. G. Goodall, Daniel Sickles, with delegations from Detroit Commandery, No. 1, Detroit, Mich., Oriental, No. 12, Cleveland, Ohio, St. John's, No. 4, Philadelphia, Pa., Springfield, Springfield, Mass., St. John's Providence, R.I., Boston, Boston, Mass., Maryland, No. 1, Baltimore, Md., Columbia, No. 2, Washington, D.C., Washington, Newport, R.I., Allegheny City, No. 35, of Allegheny City, Pa., as well as the Grand Commanderies of New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Kentucky and Virginia.

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL COMFORTING) COCOA.

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THE QUEEN AND THE FREEMASONS.

A SPECIAL meeting of the United Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England was held on Wednesday, for the purpose of considering a notice of motion by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, with reference to the recent outrage on Her Majesty. Although the Grand Lodge was ordered to be opened at six o'clock, by four o'clock there was a large attendance.

At a few minutes before six o'clock the Grand Organist played a voluntary on the organ, and shortly afterwards the Grand Master arrived, preceded by a large body of Grand Officers, all the brethren rising to receive him, and on his passage to the dais he was greeted with hearty cheering. His Royal Highness took his seat on the throne, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Connaught and Albany, with the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master on his left, and the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master on his right, supported by Sir Albert Woods Garter, and in the rear a body of Past and Present Grand Officers.

Brother the Earl of March occupied the Senior Warden's chair, and Brother Justice Cave that of the Junior Warden.

His Royal Highness having put the usual questions to the subordinate Officers proceeded in due form to open Grand Lodge, which was followed by the usual prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Prince of Wales said that the brethren had been specially called there on that occasion for the purpose, as he believed, and he might say he was sure, of unanimously agreeing to a resolution which stood in his name, and which he had great pleasure in putting before that large assembly of Grand Lodge, and which was—"That an address be respectfully presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, expressive of the horror and indignation felt by all Free and Accepted Masons under this Grand Lodge at the recent atrocious outrage committed on Her Majesty, and of their deep sense of gratitude at Her Majesty's happy escape, under Divine Providence." It would be unbecoming in him, as their Grand Master, and as the son of their beloved Sovereign, were he to enter into details as to the horrible event which occured a fortnight ago, but happily with such ill effects. As their Grand Master, he knew that throughout the length and breadth of the land, amongst all classes of Her Majesty's subjects who had expressed their horror at the attempt which had been made upon her life, there was no body more devoted in their loyalty to her person than the Freemasons of England. (Loud and long continued cheering.) They were aware of the sympathy which had been expressed to Her Majesty throughout the country, and no doubt they were also aware of the letter from the Queen which appeared in the newspapers of the day. (Cheers.) The addresses which had been sent to her Majesty had given her peculiar satisfaction, and he had the happiness to announce to them that it would give Her Majesty great pleasure to receive in person a deputation from this Grand Lodge. (Tumultuous cheering, for several minutes.) He felt sure that this announcement would be received with pleasure, as it was a very long time since a deputation of Freemasons had been received by the Sovereign of this country, which had been accorded by Her Majesty as the patron of the Grand Lodge of England; and he might say that shortly after Her Majesty's return from the Continent the address would be presented.

The Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M. said, in the first instance, he had to return thanks to his Royal Highness for the great honour he had conferred upon him in allowing him to second the resolution which his Royal Highness had proposed. He begged, in the first place, to tender to him the thanks of the Grand Lodge for having come amongst them on that occasion; and, in the second place, to thank Almighty Providence for the merciful preservation of their Sovereign from the danger she had escaped, as he believed that there never was a Sovereign who had sat upon the English throne whose life had been more blameless than hers, and one who so little deserved such an abominable outrage to be committed upon her. The spirit of England, however, was loyal to the core, and there were none whose hearts beat more warmly in loyalty to the Crown than those brethren he saw before him that night. They had, in the first place, to express their horror at the attempt which had been made upon Her Majesty; and in the second place, to express their thankfulness to God that in His mercy He had turned aside the bullet of the assassin, and protected the life of their Sovereign in her hour of danger. It added great pleasure to them that his Royal Highness's two brothers were there, whose presence they welcomed on such an occasion as the present.

The resolution was carried by acclamation, after which the National Anthem was sung.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

AN especial meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, 11th inst., for the purpose of voting an address of congratulation to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on the happy deliverance of Her Majesty from recent danger.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 2 p.m. in the presence of a very large number of brethren of the Province, both from Brighton and all parts of the county. The Right Hon. Bro. Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master, presided, and the other Provincial Grand Officers present were Bros. J. H. Scott Deputy Prov. G.M., W. H. Hallett, Mayor of Brighton, S.G.W., F. Noakes J.G.W., Rev. R. V. Faithfull Davies G. Chaplain, Gerard Ford Grand Registrar, N. P. Freeman Grand Secretary, S. Solomon S.G. Deacon, J. M. Kidd G.Dir. of Ceremonies, T. R. White Assistant G. Dir. of Ceremonies, W. Roe G. Organist, C. W. Hudson, A. Taylor, C. C. Cook, and E. A. Head Grand Stewards, and Thomas Hughes Grand Tyler.

Prov. Grand Lodge, after prayer had been offered by the Prov. G. Chaplain, was opened in due form, and in accordance with established custom. The National Anthem was then sung, Bro. Broadbridge exquisitely rendering the solos, accompanied by Bro. Roe Prov. Grand Organist, on the pianoforte, Bros. G. Cole and Hannay assisting in the singing, which was enthusiastically taken up by the brethren. Letters of apology and telegrams for non-attendance were acknowledged from various brethren, including Lord Arthur Hill, who claimed excuse consequent on his Parliamentary duties, Bros. Kuhe, Trollope, Stride, Henty, McCarrogher, Rev. Cave-Brown, Rev. George Smith, Molesworth, Duke, Francis, Harmes, Lewish, Nash, R. Crosskey, L. W. D. Williams, &c.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, whose rising was the signal for warm Masonic applause, then addressed the brethren. He said—Brethren, I have thought it my duty, after some little consideration, and after taking the advice of some of the principal Officers of Grand Lodge, to call the present meeting, for the purpose of affording an opportunity for us of expressing our indignation at the dastardly crime which has occurred in the attempt to assassinate our beloved Sovereign. And I think I should have neglected my Masonic duties if I had not done this, but even before doing it I took counsel with the Grand Registrar, and he advised me by all means to call the meeting, and thus set an example to other Provinces. I also felt that an opportunity should be afforded us of expressing our feelings towards our exalted Brother His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and of congratulating him upon the marvellous escape of our beloved Sovereign, of congratulating him, the Royal Family, and the whole of the nation, on that providential escape. I am sure that every man in this kingdom, no matter what his creed or politics may be, is imbued with a feeling of loyal affection towards that gracious lady who reigns over us. I therefore called this meeting, and delighted am I in seeing in such an assembly so large and influential a response to my call. I trust we shall never again be called upon to meet in Provincial Grand Lodge under similar circumstances, but that our beloved Queen may long reign over us, blessed by the Great Architect of the Universe, reigning over a prosperous people and a happy nation. Sir Walter concluded by moving that addresses, in accordance with the spirit of the observations he had made, be prepared and forwarded to Her Majesty the Queen and to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Bro. J. H. Scott D.P.G.M. formally seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Bro. Captain Braithwaite asked if the presentation of the addresses would be made before the Grand Lodge on the following Wednesday, or would it be a separate affair?

The Provincial Grand Master stated that at the present moment he was afraid he could not answer the question. It appeared that the addresses would have to be sent up to London to be engrossed, and if they could get them back in sufficient time they would on Wednesday be in the hands of the Grand Secretary for presentation to the Prince of Wales.

The Provincial G.M. then moved the adoption of the following address:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

We, your Majesty's true and loyal subjects, the Freemasons of the Province of Sussex, venture to approach your Majesty in order to express our horror and detestation at the dastardly crime which has so recently endangered your Majesty's most precious life. We render hearty thanks to Almighty God that He preserved your Majesty unhurt from this cowardly assault, and we pray that your Majesty may live long to be a blessing to your people, and the object of their devoted loyalty and love.

Bro. John H. Scott P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M. of Sussex said: Right W. Prov. Grand Master and Brethren:—I beg to second the resolution you have just proposed, but before touching upon it, I must in the

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name of the brethren present, whose wishes I am sure I anticipate—thank you, Sir, for calling us together, and so giving us this opportunity of expressing our loyalty to our Sovereign the Queen, and our joy at her merciful preservation. Within the last twelve months, no less than three attempts have been made on the lives of the chief rulers of kingdoms and states. Two of them you know were fatal. But, happily for England, our beloved Sovereign has escaped the danger of assassination, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that the atrocious crime had no origin either in political rancour or in personal revenge. But yet there are those who say that in the manifestations of rejoicing throughout the land and the numberless addresses of congratulation which are daily pouring in, we are making a great fuss about nothing, seeing that Her Majesty was not only not killed, but neither hurt nor frightened. Now, brethren, we may be making a great fuss, but it is not about nothing, for had the deed been fatal, instead of now being transported with joy, we, and not only we, the English people, but the whole of Europe, America, and the civilised world, would be mourning the loss of the very best monarch who ever sat upon the throne of England. It is no idle supposition that the attempt might have been fatal, for the pistol was loaded, the bullet was discharged, and had the aim been true, who can tell what the disaster might have been! Had it been fatal, it would have been small consolation to us to have known that Her Majesty lost her life at the hands of a miscreant or a madman; instead of by a political assassin, as was the case with the late Emperor of Russia, or by diabolical and malignant revenge, as was the case with the late noble President of the United States of America. Therefore we do rejoice, and rejoice in our rejoicing, that it has pleased Almighty God to spare the life of our beloved Queen.

The remarks of Bro. Scott were received throughout with warm expressions of appreciation, and at the close thereof the motion was put and unanimously adopted.

The Prov. G.M. again rose, he said: I now move, "That the brethren of the Province of Sussex do offer the heartiest congratulations to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Grand Master, on the happy escape of Her Majesty from the cowardly attack which has so recently endangered her life."

The following address to H.R.H. was then read :—

To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. of Free and Accepted Masons of England, K.G., &c., &c.

May it please your Royal Highness.

At a meeting of the Freemasons of the Province of Sussex, held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, 11th March 1882, the R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell Bart., Prov. G.M. in the chair, for the purpose of voting an address of congratulation to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on the happy deliverance of Her Majesty from recent danger,

It was unanimously resolved :

"That the Brethren of the Province of Sussex offer their heartiest congratulations to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, their M.W. Grand Master, on the happy escape of Her Majesty the Queen from the cowardly attack which has so recently endangered her life."

The Prov. S.G.W., Mayor of Brighton, seconded. He observed—The occasion of our meeting is both extraordinary and exceptional. It is a meeting of Masons congregated together for the purpose of expressing their thanks to Almighty God for the preservation of our beloved Sovereign from the dangerous attack of a would-be assassin. The occasion is of so exceptional a character that even the history of the Brighton Corporation (a meeting of which, assembled for a similar purpose, I attended yesterday) can present no similar record. I am especially glad to be present at this large and influential assemblage of Masons to-day, for the purpose of congratulating Her Majesty and His Royal Highness, and to have this opportunity of expressing towards them how strong are our feelings of loyalty and devotion.

This motion also having been unanimously adopted, the brethren rose *en masse*, whilst Bro. Broadbridge, accompanied by Bro. Roe, gave the salvos, all uniting in the beautiful semi-national anthem "God bless the Prince of Wales."

Bro. Hallett Prov. S.G.W. again rose, and moved that the address agreed to be engrossed on vellum, signed by the Prov. G.M., D.G.M., G.R., and G.S., and forwarded for presentation.

Bro. Noakes Prov. G.J.W. briefly seconded, and the motion being carried *nem dis*, Grand Lodge was closed in solemn form.

At the last meeting of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution Mr. Thos. Chapman in the chair, rewards amounting to £130 were granted to the crews of different lifeboats of the institution, for services rendered during the past month. Payments amounting to £1,100 were made on some of the 270 lifeboat establishments of the institution. A lady had forwarded a contribution of £400 towards the renewal or endowment of the lifeboat she had presented to the institution a short time since; £100 had also been received from Mr Philemon Land, and a contribution from the school boys of Christ's Hospital, per the head master, Bro. the Rev. R. Lee. The late Mrs. Luckombe, of Brighton, had left the institution a legacy of £1,500; Mr. Osgood Torkington, of Clapham, £1,000; Mr. William Slocomb, of Holloway, £900: Mr. Horace Watson, of Wimbledon, £200; Mr. J. A. Baker, of Birmingham, £200; and Miss E W. Daniel, of Weston-super-Mare, £100. Bro. the Lord Mayor of London has consented to preside over the forthcoming annual meeting of the institution, which will be held at the Mansion House, on Thursday, the 23rd instant.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

THE GRANT TO THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having seen most of the Statements of Account from which your Table, published a fortnight since, was compiled, I am in a position to verify its contents, at least in their main features. What, however, puzzles me most, and has induced me to address to you these few lines is, that so distinguished a Craftsman as Bro. Philbrick should have been ignorant of the resources of the Board of General Purposes, being, as he is, a member of that Board. That he might not have been able to state off-hand the amount of its invested funds is likely enough, but it passes all belief that he should not have known that it was in receipt of a large annual rental, that the contributions of Lodges amounted to several thousands per annum, and that Grand Chapter contributed one-fifth of the amount disbursed in salaries. He ought to have known, or, at all events at the expenditure of a very little time and trouble, he might have ascertained, that the Board had latterly been making extensive purchases of stock, and had a very considerable balance to its credit. I say it is not unreasonable to suppose that a member in Bro. Philbrick's position, when he contemplated making the motion he did at last Grand Lodge, would take the precaution of obtaining beforehand all the necessary information. Who is to know the resources of the Board of General Purposes if not the members themselves? I wonder it never occurred to some member of Grand Lodge to rise in his place and draw attention to some of the points I have referred to. Had this been done, I can hardly bring myself to believe the motion for the non-confirmation of the additional grant to the Benevolent Institution would have been agreed to.

Fraternally and faithfully yours,

A CONSTANT READER.

THE LATE WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 766.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

18th March 1882.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My attention has been drawn to your issue of the 4th instant, and I must express my extreme surprise at the gross misstatements made by your correspondent "Q.," and also at your editorial remarks thereon. I have not yet had the pleasure of perusing the subject in your issue of the 18th ult., so will confine my observations to the correction of some of the various errors of your correspondent "Q." and yourself.

Firstly. The circular sent out on the 30th January was not sent to a portion of the members only, as you allege (and as Bro. Tribbel was so credibly informed), but to every member of the Lodge, whose address I had the means of obtaining.

Secondly. The circular, as you will see by the enclosed copy, reads as follows:—Dear Sir and Brother,—At the next meeting of the above Lodge, on Friday, 3rd February, the following business will be brought forward: Report of the Audit Committee, Election of Officers, and other important business connected with the Lodge, and I request the favour of your presence *to take part* in the same, as it may affect the *future* of the Lodge. I am, &c."

In your version the words "to take part" are omitted, and you substitute the word "fortune" for future—to my mind a very important omission and substitution, more especially as you informant must have been in possession of the printed circular.

Now, Sir, I am totally unaccustomed to taking part in correspondence through the medium of the press, but I purpose giving the following facts concerning the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, which, I think, will be the best means of answering "Q.'s" letter and your editorial, instead of wading through the whole of the inaccuracies and groundless charges contained therein.

Our Bye-laws state that a Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be annually elected in December. This was not complied with in December last, for the very adequate reason, that on four consecutive Fridays in that month no Lodge was held, owing to the want of attendance of sufficient brethren to form a Lodge; but on the 6th of January a Lodge was held (opened at 9 p.m.), seven brethren only present. Bro. Hayes then brought the subject of the election of Officers before the Lodge, stating he should not stand for re-election as Preceptor. I also stated I should decline standing for re-election as Secretary. After discussion, and at the request of each member present (particularly Bro. Tribbel), Bro. Hayes and myself consented to continue in office until the first Friday in February, one clear month, so that the members should have an opportunity of finding other brethren to take our relative positions. During that month I saw many members, some of whom came occasionally to the Lodge, and the conclusion invariably arrived at was—if brethren could not be found to accept our positions there was no other course open but to close the Lodge. Then, Sir, I sent the circular convening the meeting for the 3rd of February to each member of the Lodge whose address was on the Lodge Book, or known to me, and not to a few only, as suggested. We mustered sixteen only at that meeting in response to more than sixty circulars sent out.

The following is a copy of the minutes of the meeting :—

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William Preston Lodge of Instruction, 766,
Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street,
3rd Feb., 1882.

MINUTES.

Present—Bros. R. Evans W.M., G. Tribbel S.W., G. Lamb J.W., W. Hill S.D., Norrington J.D., Reid I.G., Hayes Preceptor, Godden Hon. Sec., Kennard Treasurer, Rudderforth, Braun, Plowman, Barker, L. Laskey, A. Laskey, Smith. Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer; the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' Report was read and adopted unanimously. Bro. Hill worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hayes Preceptor worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Rudderforth then took the position of W.M. The Secretary read the special circular which had been sent to the members of the Lodge. Bro. Braun proposed that Bro. Hayes be re-elected the Preceptor. Bro. Tribbel seconded the proposition. Bro. Hayes, in his remarks, reverted to the fact of how badly the Lodge had been supported for a considerable time, especially by those who laid claim to being its founders; that financially it was a failure, for the expenditure in the past twelve months had exceeded the income by about £2, and he further fully analysed the present position of the Lodge. In conclusion, taking the whole matter into consideration, he should decline to be re-elected as Preceptor, in the absence of any other brother being nominated. Bro. Braun proposed that Bro. Godden be re-elected Hon. Sec. Bro. Tribbel seconded. Bro. Godden refused to be re-elected, stating that his reasons for doing so were those which had already been stated by Bro. Hayes; but if any one could be found to fill the offices, they did not intend to withdraw themselves as members. No one else being nominated for the position, Bro. R. Evans proposed that the Lodge be dissolved from this date, which was seconded by Bro. Hayes. Bro. Braun proposed as an amendment that the matter be deferred for a week; there being no seconder, the motion was put to the meeting, when eleven voted for it, and one against it. The W.M. declared the motion to close the Lodge was carried. Bro. Godden proposed that the furniture and regalia of the Lodge should be sold by public auction, and the proceeds, together with the funds in the Treasurer's hands, be given to Masonic Charity. Bro. Reed seconded; carried unanimously. Bro. Plowman proposed that a vote or thanks should be given to the Officers of the Lodge for their kind services, and to be recorded on the minutes; seconded by Bro. L. Laskey, and carried unanimously. The compliment was acknowledged by Bros. Hayes, Godden, and Kennard. Bro. R. Evans proposed that the sum of £2 2s be given to Mrs. Webster; seconded by Bro. Tribbel, and carried. Bro. Godden proposed that the balance of funds should be given to the R.M.B.I. for Aged Freemasons, and placed upon Bro. Hayes's list as one of the Stewards; seconded by Bro. Braun, and carried. Bro. G. Lamb proposed that Bro. Kennard be requested to see to the disposal of the furniture and regalia as previously voted; seconded by Bro. Barker, and carried. Lodge was closed in due form, and in perfect harmony.

A perusal of the minutes shows that Bros. Braun, Tribbel, and Smith were the only brethren present who are now striving to upset what was then done; and in voting Bro. Braun was the only one who did not vote for the immediate winding up of the Lodge. On perceiving this he requested me to record the vote on the minutes as being unanimous, which fortunately I declined doing, and the reason for twelve members only voting on that question was, that the other brethren did not arrive until later on, some only coming into the Lodge after 9.30. All the remaining propositions were carried, not by a majority, as stated, but unanimously.

Notice of the closing of the Lodge of Instruction I duly forwarded to Grand Lodge; also to the Worshipful Master of the William Preston (mother) Lodge, No. 766.

Now, Sir, I would ask how the aforesaid minutes of the 3rd February could be put for confirmation at the so-called meeting of the 10th ultimo, which meeting was probably known only to the *four* brethren who were present? Neither myself nor any of the brethren who had constantly attended the Lodge had any knowledge that a meeting was ever contemplated until after it had taken place.

I have made the following analysis of the attendances of our "deeply injured brethren" for the past two years—i.e. of those brethren who are now endeavouring to resuscitate the Lodge, but who did nothing for it in the time of need.

For the year 1880.

Bro. Dunham	attended	0	meetings
Coop	"	0	"
Heath	"	0	"
Moore	"	3	"
Little	"	1	"
Braun	"	3	"
West	"	23	"
Tribbel	"	39	"

For the year 1881.

Bro. Dunham	attended	0	meetings
Coop	"	0	"
Heath	"	1	"
Moore	"	7	"
Little	"	0	"
Braun	"	6	"
West	"	8	"
Tribbel	"	25	"
Smith	"	5	"

Neither of the other brethren mentioned as being present at a meeting held at Bro. Dunham's on the 24th February ever were members of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction; and the above figures should prove how earnestly (?) those brethren who have rushed to you with their grievances have supported the Lodge they now pretend to love so much. Why did not Bro. Moore (who now parades as Acting Secretary) attend the meting on 3rd February and accept the post of Secretary? As a fact, the Lodge minutes show that his last attendance was on 29th April 1881. This must make even "Q." and yourself wonder at his sudden love for the Lodge, and the energy now shown. Bros. West and Tribbel have both been invited to take the post of Preceptor to the Lodge, not once only, but many times—for which post they should be efficient—being P.M.'s of their mother Lodge, but they have always declined. Bro. Dunham, who is so well described in your editorial as "a worthy and zealous Craftsman," has not attended one meeting of this Lodge of Instruction from the time I have taken the foregoing analysis of attendance, viz., December 1879, although held at the house of an intimate friend and very near neighbour. I do not dispute your description "worthy and zealous Craftsman;" but if it be correct, especially as applied to the circumstances of the case, why did he not attend the meeting of the 3rd February, and wherefore this sudden love and attachment to the Lodge after two years cold neglect?

You ask in your editorial—Why was the election of Officers put on the circular if the Lodge was to be closed? In answer to that, I say, there was no intention to close the Lodge had Officers been appointed; the question of what could be done in that direction had been openly discussed amongst the brethren from the date, 6th Jan., when Bro. Hayes and myself officially stated our intention to decline standing for re-election. As a matter of fact, our intention had been made known in conversation to most of the members many weeks before that date, especially to the so-called founders of the Lodge, Bros. Braun, West, and Tribbel, who might have accepted the offices themselves, or found other brethren to do so. No, Sir, this they would not do; and when the moment came neither of them would put their hands to anything to save the dissolution of the Lodge. And, Sir, let me tell you that you have been grossly and wilfully misinformed, or you would not have made the assertion that the "then existing Officers," or the (as you state) "aspiest majority," wished to withdraw from the Lodge. Both Bro. Hayes and myself stated at the meeting on the 3rd February, that we intended to continue our attendance at the Lodge if the brethren would appoint other Officers. This they did not do; and I fail to see how a Lodge of Instruction can be carried on without Officers or attending members.

In your report of the meeting of the 24th ult., "surprise" was expressed at my discourtesy in not answering Bro. Moore's application for the Lodge Books. The books were placed in my keeping, and will only be given up to Grand Lodge, for reasons I do not care to explain further than this—I am well aware that one of the brethren would much like to have them, as they contain "something" which, if published, would probably cause him more than inconvenience. And, to prove that I am not so discourteous as your informant describes me, I beg to say I am quite willing to show you the books, or any one who has the slightest claim to see them, on making an appointment (I am usually at home after 6 p.m.), and, whoever he may be, shall not only receive courtesy from me, but all the information I can give respecting the said books, and I will guarantee to convince him that everything that has been done in connection with the Lodge, from the time that Bro. Hayes and myself were appointed to the position of Preceptor and Secretary, has been effected as honourable men and Freemasons should do, and I am certain no one who knows the Lodge will attempt to refute this statement "openly."

In conclusion, Sir, I shall suggest that your correspondent "Q.," before charging brethren whom he does not even know with "flagrant misconduct," "suppression of truth," "suggestions of untruth," "ignorant bungling," &c., should make an attempt, at any rate, to find out *the facts of his case*; otherwise a letter charging others falsely, without any foundation, will tend not only to bring him into ridicule, as an officious meddler, but bring discredit on the Craft, of which I presume he is a member. And, finally, when he again attempts to cast dirt, through the medium of your paper, let him not be ashamed of the name he bears, but sign it, and not shelter himself under a *nom de plume*.

Yours fraternally,

SAMPSON GODDEN P.M. 862,
Secretary of the late William Preston Lodge of Instruction.

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WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 766.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Like your correspondent of last week, I am glad you have brought under public notice the exceedingly unMasonic conduct of certain former members of this Lodge. Still more glad am I to find from the reports which appear regularly in your columns that those brethren have been foiled in their efforts to bring about the discontinuance of the Lodge. But what it most concerns us to know is, if their conduct has been brought under the notice of the parent Lodge. I would rather pour oil on troubled waters than do anything to perpetuate discord, but I think the interests of Freemasonry demand that the discipline and good order of the Craft should not be set at naught with impunity, nor—and this is the most practical point after all—do I see why the William Preston Lodge of Instruction should be made to bear the loss of its furniture, jewels, &c. In my opinion it would be a very good plan to lodge a protest with the Institution for which the late Bro. Preceptor of the Lodge is acting as Steward against receiving so much of his list as represents the proceeds of the sale of such furniture. The motion that it should be placed on his list was never confirmed, and is, therefore, invalid—I say nothing of the fact that the motion was

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illegal, as the members who passed it had, by virtue of their retirement, ceased to have any share in the Lodge property. I have not seen the brother's name in the list of Stewards for the Festival of the Benevolent last month, and I am sure neither Bro. Hedges nor Bro. Binckes would think of accepting what a Steward had no constitutional authority for giving; nor can I imagine the late Preceptor will, on mature consideration, desire the credit of having been the medium of raising for an Institution a sum of money which has been irregularly placed on his list.

Wishing the William Preston Lodge of Instruction all prosperity in its career, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

E. P. W. A.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company will take place at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday next, the 23rd instant, when a highly satisfactory Report and Balance-sheet for the half year to 31st December 1881 will be presented. In this Report the Directors are enabled to congratulate the Shareholders on the satisfactory progress of the Company during the period under review. They announce that the price of gas to the general consumer, which has been reduced since the Christmas quarter, will be still further reduced from Lady Day next, while the Reports of the Gas Examiners of the parishes supplied by the Company continue to be in all respects satisfactory. As regards the accounts, they speak for themselves, and the Directors feel themselves justified in recommending the declaration of a dividend for the half year in question at the following rates per annum, namely, 6 per cent. on the Preference Stock; 7 per cent. on the ordinary 7 per Cent. Stock; 10 per cent. on the Ordinary 10 per Cent. Stock; and 7 per cent. on the New Ordinary 7 per Cent. Shares—in all cases free of Income Tax. This will amount to £11,178 in round figures, and as the balance of Net Profit for the half year was over £16,233, there will remain the sum of over £5,055 to be carried forward to the profit of the next half year. It is noted also that Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson and Mr. H. P. Stephenson retire by rotation from the Board of Directors, but, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election, as also will the retiring Auditor, Bro. James Glaisher.

A Special Grand Lodge of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is to be held in the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Monday afternoon next, when the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., will propose the following resolution:—"That addresses be presented by this Provincial Grand Lodge to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, expressive of the great indignation felt by all the brethren of this Province at the recent dastardly attempt on the life of Her Majesty, and their sincere thankfulness that Her Majesty, by the merciful interposition of Divine Providence, escaped uninjured."

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has consented to repeat his Lecture, explanatory of the ceremonies of the First Degree, in the Domatic Lodge of Instruction, Surrey Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 28th inst. The Lecture will commence at 7 p.m.

On Monday, the 27th inst., Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, on which occasion the attendance of Masters and Past Masters is particularly invited. Commence at 8 p.m.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the Wanderers Lodge of Instruction, No. 1604, at the Black Horse, York-street, S.W., on Wednesday, 29th inst., by Bro. F. J. Wray P.M. 1604 S.D. 1257. Lodge opens at 7.30 p.m., when as many brethren as can be present will be welcomed.

We were very pleased to see Bro. Jacob Norton, of Boston, U.S.A., whose name is well known to readers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, among those present at the Special Communication of Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, and we are assured by Bro. Norton that he fully appreciates the compliment paid him by the officials of Grand Lodge, in allowing his admittance. We think this recognition of Bro. Norton's research and general Masonic knowledge an act of grace on the part of Grand Lodge which will doubtless repay our brother for many an hour spent in his favourite study.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Scientific Lodge, No. 88.—At a regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Monday, the 13th March, Bro. E. Hills the W.M. said, he had a proposition to make, which, he was quite certain, would be acceptable to every Mason present. As Masons they were all loyal—he did not believe there was a more loyal body in the world than the Masonic brotherhood—and therefore it was unnecessary to say with what horror and indignation they had heard of the recent attempt on the Queen's life. They all heartily rejoiced at Her Majesty's providential escape, and he asked them to give expression to their satisfaction by adopting an address of congratulation to their Sovereign. He might add that the Grand Lodge would shortly be engaged in a similar pleasing task. The address, as drafted and read by the Secretary, Bro. T. Nichols, was as follows:—

We, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, of Free and Accepted Masons, regularly held and assembled in their Lodge room, at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, most respectfully approach Your Majesty, and desire to express our most loyal and heartfelt congratulations on the providential escape your Majesty lately experienced from the recent attempt made on your life. We, as Masons, view with the utmost horror and detestation this terrible and dastardly crime, and whilst we, the brethren of this Lodge, in common with all other of your Majesty's subjects, deplore the sad circumstance, we feel it tends to inspire within us, if possible, more loyal and affectionate devotion towards your gracious Majesty; and humbly though earnestly do we pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may long shield and protect you from all harm, so that your wise and prosperous reign may be long continued to a loyal and devoted people.

Bro. T. Nichols, in seconding the resolution, said he did so with peculiar pleasure, not only because, as a Mason and a citizen, he was at all times anxious to show his loving loyalty to the throne, but also because a very cruel rumour had been current in Cambridge that at a recent meeting of the the Town Council, when a similar address to Her Majesty was proposed, he had abstained from voting for it. He thought such a rumour very cruel indeed, for there was not a more loyal man in that room, nor a more loyal man in Cambridge, than himself; and he need not say that he gave the report a most unqualified contradiction. Indeed, had he been so disloyal as he was charged with being, he should have felt himself unworthy ever to enter a Masonic Lodge again. He most cordially and sincerely seconded the propesition of the W.M. The proposition was carried unanimously, and it was further resolved to have the address engrossed on vellum and then transmit it to the Queen. At the close of the Lodge "God save the Queen" was enthusiastically sung, and three cheers were given for Her Majesty.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 11th inst. Present—Bros. Dignam W.M., G. Ferrar S.W., Gribbell J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, C. Lorkin Treasurer, Wolf S.D., Robinson J.D., Richardson I.G.; also Bros. Brasted, Houghton, Glass, A. Ferrar, Galer, E. Woodman, Wenborn, &c. Lodge was regularly opened, and minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Glass was questioned and entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Glass being candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. C. Lorkin candidate. Bro. G. Ferrar was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was cordially passed to Bro. Dignam for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair, for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction, after which Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, when the chair was taken by the W.M. Bro. Usher Back. After preliminaries, Bros. Burr, Aires and Adams were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. A candidate for initiation was proposed, the ballot to be taken at the next meeting. After routine work, Lodge was closed.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 10th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge. Present—Bros. F. Botley W.M., W. Goss P.M. S.W., J. C. Roe P.M. J.W., C. E. Botley Hon. Secretary, Sperring S.D., Tucker (Treasurer) J.D., Lees I.G., Andrews P.M. Preceptor; Past Master Bro. Blasby; Bros. W. W. Morgan (honorary member), Metcalfe, Matson, Kent, R. Pearcy P.M. 228, W. Johnson P.M. 342, &c.. &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and resumed to second, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Kent candidate. Lodge was resumed to first degree, and called off and on. Bro. Morgan then delivered his promised Lecture on "The Masonic Charities, their Establishment and Development." This paper proved of very great interest to the members, and was listened to with wrapt attention; at its close a hearty and well merited vote of thanks was accorded to the Lecturer, to be recorded on the minutes. This was gracefully acknowledged. Bro. R. Pearcy P.M. 228 was elected a member, and Bro. Goss appointed W.M. for 31st March. Lodge then closed, and adjourned till the 17th instant (Officers' night).

A pleasing incident in connection with this meeting may be mentioned. One of the Past Masters, in commenting on the Lecturer's remarks as to the character of the education imparted in

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our Scholastic Institutions, stated that his wife lately had occasion to advertise for a governess for his daughters. In reply, several candidates offered themselves, but our brother's wife seemed greatly to be taken with the lady-like appearance of the youngest of those who offered their services. The certificates and credentials of this young lady were eminently satisfactory. When the question arose, "Where were you educated?" The reply was, "In the Royal Masonic Girls' School." We may state that the applicant secured the appointment. But a still more gratifying fact was elicited. Bro. Johnson P.M. stated that this was his first visit to the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction. He had listened with great pleasure to the remarks of the last speaker, inasmuch as the candidate's father—whose name had been incidentally mentioned—was an esteemed Past Master of the Lodge to which he had the honour to belong; moreover, he (Bro. Johnson) had taken a lively interest in securing this young lady's election into the School some years back. Owing to the course of events he had to some extent lost sight of his protégé, but it was with great pleasure he now heard she had been so successful in her scholastic career.

Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174.—There was a very large attendance of the members of this Lodge on Wednesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when the W.M. Bro. Frederick Brown presided, supported by Bros. James S. Fraser S.W., A. H. Brown J.W., Thomas S. Harvey S.D., William Fraser J.D., C. Lacey P.M. Treasurer, John Newton P.M. Secretary, Frederick J. Dellow I.G.; P.M.'s John Appleby, G. J. Hilliard, E. J. Moore, C. H. Webb, G. Jones, G. T. Seddon, J. Very Tyler, and about thirty other members. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Dr. H. Wilson Iles D.P.G.M. Herts, J. G. Stevens P.M. 554, E. Dix P.M. 1421, E. P. Wilson 181, G. J. Ball P.M. 1766 and W.M. 907, William Snelgrove 907, J. G. Frank 212, C. G. Bellman, W. Murch, &c. Lodge having been opened in form, it was announced that there was a blank agenda, but after the transaction of some formal business, a resolution was passed unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, expressing abhorrence at the dastardly attack recently made upon the life of Her Majesty the Queen at Windsor, and of the loyalty and affection entertained towards the Throne, and congratulation upon Her Majesty's providential escape. At the conclusion of the Lodge the brethren sat down to a well-served banquet, under the presidency of the W. Master, by whom the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. Subsequently the health of the W. Master was given and received with the utmost cordiality, and in acknowledging the compliment paid to him Bro. Brown assured the brethren of his unabated interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and of his desire to maintain it in the position of prosperity and usefulness which it had so long enjoyed. During the evening the proceedings were varied by some excellent songs and recitations, and the proceedings throughout were characterised by the utmost harmony and fraternal enjoyment.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 14th inst. Present—Bros. Smyth W.M., T. Clark S.W., Edwards J.W., Corble S.D., Catling J.D., Dignam I.G., F. Carr Hon. Secretary, Brasted P.M. acting Preceptor; also Bros. Allen, Bunker, Gosling, Christian, Darnell. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bunker answered the necessary questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Bunker was passed to Fellow Craft. Bro. Christian gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Allen worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren, and Bro. Brasted the third. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed to the first. The W. Master worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. T. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present Bros. E. J. Blackwell W.M., W. Ferguson I.P.M., R. Dowsett S.W., Rev. C. R. Honey J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Ivey P.M. Secretary, Hawkes S.D., Prickett J.D., Cordrey M.C., Tegg Steward, Ravenscroft I.G., Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Pulley and Margrett; Bros. Weatherhead, Collins, Bailey, James, W. Blackwell, Hukins, H. Ferguson, Rhind, Greenaway. Visitor:—Bros. R. Bradley P.M. 414 Prov. Grand Secretary Berks and Bucks. The Lodge being duly formed, the W.M. addressed the brethren as follows:—Brethren, Before commencing the business on the agenda paper, it has been suggested to me, and in this suggestion I most heartily concur, that I should allude in a few brief words to a subject which I am sure must have been uppermost in your minds, as in those of all right thinking people in this vast empire, during the last few days. I allude to the late cowardly and dastardly attempt on the life of our beloved Sovereign, and I fear I very inadequately give expression to our sentiments; but we as Masons, in whom I suppose the spirit of loyalty is as firmly implanted as in that of any other body of men in the world, certainly should not be the last to express our devotion to the Queen, and our heartfelt gratitude that she has escaped the cruel hand of the assassin. It seems to me almost incredible that it should have entered into the mind of any person, unless for the time deprived of his reasoning faculties, to attempt the life of one who has always shown herself to be the very model of a Constitutional Sovereign and a true Christian gentlewoman, who has always displayed the utmost solicitude for the welfare of her people, has ever been foremost in acts of kindness and sympathy and benevolence, and who has never spared herself in anything that would tend to promote the interests and prosperity of the nation. But while we express our deepest horror and indignation at the foul crime, we must also give expression to our heartfelt gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe, that it has pleased Him in his mercy to avert the deadly blow, and to preserve so loved and valued a life to the nation. That she may long be spared to reign over a loyal and devoted people is I feel sure our earnest prayer. I therefore move this resolution:—"That this Lodge desires to record its deep feeling of horror and indignation at the late atrocious attempt on the life of Her Majesty the Queen, and to express its sincere devotion to Her Majesty, and heartfelt gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe, that it has pleased Him, in His overruling Providence, to shield her from harm." This was seconded by the I.P.M., Bro. W. Ferguson, and carried by acclamation, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, after which the National Anthem was sung by the brethren—the first verse as a solo with chorus, the second as a duet with chorus, the following by all the brethren:—

From every latent foe,
From the assassin's blow,
God save the Queen.
O'er her Thine arm extend,
For Britain's sake defend
Our mother and our Friend,
God save the Queen.

Bro. Margrett moved, that a copy of the resolution should be sent to Her Majesty. Bro. Bailey seconded it, and alluded to a party of gentlemen in his house having sent their congratulations to Her Majesty on her birthday, which was immediately replied to. Ordered. Lodge was opened in the first degree. The minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Blackwell, being a candidate for passing to the second degree, gave proof of his efficiency in the former, was entrusted, and retired. The ballot was taken for Bro. Thomas Margrett, of No. 414, as a joining member, who was declared to be elected. Ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Slaughter as an initiate, who was also declared to be elected. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. W. Blackwell was admitted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The ceremony was admirably performed, the charge after was given with great precision and clearness. The Lodge was closed to the first degree. The Prov. Grand Secretary congratulated the Master and Officers on the working, pronouncing it to be really perfect. The W.M. thanked the Prov. Grand Secretary, and alluded with gratitude to the handsome sum he took up to the R.M.B.I., being by far the largest amount in the Province. Bro. Margrett P.M. would act as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—he hoped the brethren would substantially support him on the occasion. After the usual ceremonies, Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned.

Upton Lodge, No. 1227.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th instant, at the usual house of assembly, the Spotted Dog, Upton, Essex. Bro. Adolphus Clark the W.M. took the chair of K.S., and, assisted by his Officers, all of whom were present, opened the Lodge in the usual form punctually at the time mentioned in the summons. Bros. R. W. Pearcy S.W., W. Sergeant J.W., Wayland Treasurer, Rowe Secretary, Gieseke S.D., Horley acting J.D., Patrick I.G., Stroud W.S. The Past Masters present were Bros. Piokny, Fenner, and Lyons. Among the members were Bros. Hartmann, Horley, Sneth, Ager, Schmidt, Clark, Free, Gover, Turbefield, Walbrecht, Morris, Hickingbotham, Dawson, Dover. The Lodge, famed alike for its hospitality as for its excellent working, had among the visitors Bros. Fathom and Cox, City of Westminster Lodge, W. S. Kent, West Kent, and Wilson, Excelsior. The business consisted in raising Bro. George Henry Clark, and the ceremony was most impressively rendered. The Lodge then resumed, and a ballot was severally taken for Mr. Martin Doerr, Mr. J. Dawson, and Mr. Geo. W. Hickinbotham, and being in each case unanimous in their favour, those gentlemen were duly initiated and made members among Masons. The labours of the evening over, the brethren sat down to an ample repast, to which justice was done. In proposing the time-honoured toast, the Queen and the Craft, the W.M. Bro. A. Clark touchingly alluded to the dastardly attempt made on the life of Her Most Gracious Majesty, and said all must rejoice at her happy deliverance from the hands of the would-be assassin. That the sovereign was beloved by the whole nation might go without saying. Her long and happy reign had endeared her to all; but among all her subjects there were none more loyal, loving, and true, than those enrolled under the banner of Freemasonry. The toast was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm, and the usual stanzas of the National Anthem most heartily joined in by all present. The other Loyal and patriotic toasts were given and duly responded to, and the brethren separated after having spent a very enjoyable afternoon and evening.

The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, with Mr. Alderman Figgins, and other celebrities, have extended their patronage to a Grand Concert, which will be given at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street, E.C., on Wednesday next, 22nd inst., in aid of the Funds of ye Antiente Fraternitie of ye Rabere Almoners. A capital programme has been provided.

Bro. G. W. Moore, of the Moore and Burgess Minstrels, announces his annual benefit at St. James's Great Hall, on the 28th inst. Afternoon at 2.30; Evening at 7.30; when, in addition to his talented company, a number of celebrated artistes in the theatrical profession will give their valuable services.

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REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 23 Great Queen Street, W.C.

The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Oxfordshire and Neighbourhood, 1882. With the consent and under the immediate patronage of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., Past Grand Warden of England, and Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of the Province. Oxford: Bro. W. R. Bowden, 59 High-street.

Bro. Bowden, who is editor as well as publisher of this Calendar and Directory, must be congratulated on the excellent and business-like manner in which he has fulfilled his task. In addition to the Calendar for the year, with meetings of Masonic Bodies, will be found lists of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers past and present, the past in the case of Grand Lodge extending over the last few years only, while the Past Provincial Grand Officers are traced from the year 1837. Full lists of Officers and Past Masters as well of the Oxfordshire Lodges as of those in the adjacent Province of Berks and Bucks, are likewise furnished, and also similar particulars of the Grand and Provincial Grand Chapters and subordinate Chapters, of the Grand Mark Lodge, and the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Berks and Oxon and its subordinate Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, &c., in addition to Lodges and Chapters, such as Westminster and Keystone, No. 10, Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge, University Lodge, No. 1118, London, which are very closely associated with Apollo University, No. 357. Such an array of information is, of course, most useful, but Bro. Bowden is by no means satisfied with what he has done so far, and announces his intention of making his Calendar still more complete.

The Freemasons' Calendar for the Province of Nottinghamshire for the Year A.D. 1882. Published under the Sanction and by the Authority of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. Compiled by Bro. C. G. Wragg, P.G.S. Nottingham. Bros. Norris and Cokayne, the Poultry. 1882.

Bro. Wragg's compilation is a most creditable one. Like those we have already noticed, it has a well-arranged Calendar, with dates of Lodge meetings, lists of Grand, Provincial Grand, and subordinate Lodge and Chapter Officers; similar particulars as to the Mark Lodges and Rose Croix Chapters, Encampments, &c., together with a list and dates of meeting of Lodges in the adjoining Provinces of Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, and Lincolnshire. We would suggest to Bro. Wragg that in future issues he should find a place for particulars as to the voting power of the Province in connection with our Institutions, as well as of the Charity organisation, if any, belonging to the Province. We note incidentally that Nottinghamshire has thirteen Lodges, of which nine have been constituted within the last ten years, and of these five have received their Warrants from Grand Master the Prince of Wales. Of the four Royal Arch Chapters, two were warranted last year. In addition, there are two Mark Lodges, one Time Immemorial, and one founded in 1880, a Time Immemorial Encampment, and a Rose Croix Chapter of the year 1863. It will be seen from this statement that Freemasonry has been making rapid progress in Northamptonshire during the last few years, especially under the genial rule of the Duke of St. Albans, Prov. Grand Master. We thank Bro. Wragg for his courtesy in forwarding copy of his Calendar.

Her Majesty the Queen, before her departure for Mentone, acknowledged, in a gracefully worded letter, the extreme pleasure it had given her to receive a special large paper copy of Mr. Tuer's "Bartolozzi and his works." Both of these sumptuous volumes are enriched with duplicates, in protective mounts, of the principal illustrations, on satin.

THE THEATRES, &c.

DRURY LANE.—At 7.15, ROBINSON CRUSOE. On Wednesday, and Saturday, at 1.30 also.

LYCEUM.—At 7.45, ROMEO AND JULIET.

ADELPHI.—At 7.15, MY TURN NEXT. At 8, TAKEN FROM LIFE.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7, A PHOTOGRAPHIC FRIGHT. At 7.45, THE LIGHTS OF LONDON.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, ON AN ISLAND. At 8, THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, OURS.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, THE MARBLE ARCH. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.

STRAND.—At 7.30, PARADISE VILLA. At 8, MANOLA.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES, and PATIENCE.

AVENUE.—At 7.20, THE GENIUS. At 8.10, MADAME FAVART.

COURT.—At 8, MY LITTLE GIRL. At 8.45, THE MANAGER.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, THE BLACK CROOK.

COMEDY.—At 7.30, SEEING FROU-FROU. At 8, THE MASCOTTE.

GAIETY.—At 7.15, THOSE GIRLS. At 8.30, ALADDIN.

TOOLE'S.—At 7.30, HESTER'S MYSTERY. At 8.30 AUNTIE.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.45, QUID PRO QUO. At 8.30, MOTHER-IN-LAW, &c.

GLOBE.—At 7.40, MANKIND.

ROYALTY.—At 7.15, TEN MINUTES FOR REFRESHMENT. At 7.45, MEG'S DIVERSION. At 9.30, PLUTO.

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That an Address be respectfully presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen by this Grand Lodge, which shall express the horror and indignation of all Mark Master Masons under Grand Lodge, at the atrocious attempt on the life of Her Majesty, and their sense of deep and lasting gratitude at Her Majesty's happy escape, under Divine Providence.

That an Address of Congratulation be presented to His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, P.G.M.M.M., on his approaching marriage.

In connection with this latter item there is also a notice of motion on the Agenda, proposing, "That a grant of £25 be made, out of Grand Lodge Funds, towards the Subscription to the 'Wedding Presentation Fund,'" which we may state refers to a proposition made, on the suggestion of the Mark Grand Master, and approved by the General Board, that a fund be raised by the voluntary offerings of the Mark Master Masons under the juris-

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diction of this Grand Lodge for the purpose of providing a fitting and suitable wedding present to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, who has so recently accepted high rank in the Degree, to mark at once the appreciation of Mark Masters of the honour conferred on them, and as a substantial proof of the sincerity of their congratulations on so interesting and auspicious an event as the marriage of His Royal Highness. Lodges and individual members are invited to contribute, in amounts not exceeding £10. The M.W. the Grand Mark Master has headed the list with that amount. We must congratulate our brethren of the Mark Degree on the opportunities thus afforded them of expressing their feelings, both to Her Majesty the Queen and also to their newly appointed Past Grand Master, and we trust the gift which will be presented to the latter will be in every way worthy the body from which it emanates, and that His Royal Highness may have reason to look upon it as one of the most sincere of the many tangible proofs of esteem he will doubtless receive.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ECCLESTON CHAPTER, No. 1624.

IN chronicling the establishment of this new Chapter we are naturally led to refer to the progress of the Lodge to which it may trace its parentage. The Eccleston Lodge was consecrated on the 16th August 1876, consequently it is now in the sixth year of its existence, during which time it may be credited with an uninterrupted career of prosperity. The first W.M. was Bro. H. A. Hunt, a gentleman who had identified himself with the building and establishment of the Grosvenor Club; and it may incidentally be mentioned that to the members of this club may be traced the formation of the Lodge itself. Bro. Hyde Pullen acted as Consecrating Officer, and that worthy Craftsman had the able assistance of Bro. the Rev. Ambrose Hall, now Grand Chaplain of England, and the late Bro. John Coutts P.G.P., who filled the chair of S.W., while Bro. Verity, at that time W.M. of the Ebury Lodge, officiated as Junior Warden. As a matter of course, it was naturally to be expected that application should in due time be made for a Warrant for a Chapter, and on the prayer of Comps. W. Vincent Past Master 1624, H. J. Johnson Senior Deacon 1624, J. G. Fisher W.M. 1624, C. Tayler J.W. 1624, A. W. Beckham Secretary 1624, I. Isaacs Treasurer 1624, J. Carter P.M. 1624, H. Bond S.W. 1314, J. Wyer P.M. 1314, C. Pulman P.M. 720—this was duly granted by the Most Excellent the Grand Zerubbabel, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and to the Grand Scribe E. Most Excellent Companion Col. Shadwell H. Clerke was entrusted the duty of consecrating the Chapter. The ceremony took place on Monday last, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, where Col. Clerke was assisted by M.E. Companion Captain N. G. Philips P.G.S.N., who filled the chair of H., and M.E. Companion Ambrose Hall Grand Assist. Soj., who acted as J. The Companions assembled in the Anteroom at 3.30 p.m., when the Principals entered the Chapter Room, and opened the Chapter. The Companions of the new Chapter were then arranged, and the Consecrating Officer addressed them on the nature of the meeting, and called on the S.E. to state the wishes of the Companions, and the proceedings they had taken with respect to the formation of the Chapter. The acting S.E. addressed the Principals on the nature of the duties they were about to undertake, and the Consecrating Officer instructed the acting S.E. to read the petition and Charter. The Companions having signified their approval of the Officers nominated in the Charter, the Rev. Comp. Hall delivered the following oration:—

COMPANIONS,—I to-day approach with pleasure the task (if I may so call it) of assisting to add to the Eccleston Lodge a Royal Arch Chapter, to be called after its name; and I can but congratulate you upon attaching so glorious an adjunct to your numerous and distinguished body, whereby, step by step, you will be led on to the development of those Masonic mysteries prefigured in our Craft Degrees, and to the unfolding of many obscure shadows of the great truths opened out in this truly sublime Order. It is a degree which, in my opinion, should be coupled with every Lodge in the land, and I trust that many will follow your example, so that as years roll on we may see the star which in our Masonic Calendar marks a Chapter as belonging to a Lodge not so thinly scattered as now, but adorning the respective numbers of many more of the Lodges already on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England.

I am the more gratified at filling the honourable chair of Joshua on this interesting occasion because it carries my mind back to a memorable day in my recollection, when, in the capacity of Consecrating Chaplain, I had the opportunity of addressing you at the foundation of the Eccleston Lodge (some five or six years ago), and when I committed you to the care and guidance of the Great Architect of the Universe, bidding you God speed in your then new undertaking; and those wishes have been, so far as I can see, fulfilled, by a steady increase; a brotherly unity; and I trust an advancement individually in the Masonic virtues, which will win for you in your Royal Arch Chapter the success that has accompanied your Lodge.

To-day, I again accept at your hands the prominent and honourable position of speaking to you once more upon the Nature, Privileges, and Principles of our Order. It is a responsible task, and one with regard to which difficulties will arise—I mean the difficulty of putting into some new and more interesting form those Masonic duties which, in my sacred office, I have so often inculcated, and which you know so well—viz., the Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty of our teachings, the Lessons and Symbols which are to animate us, and to bring us, heart and mind, closer together in that brotherly union, that mutual equality, which makes all men, high and low, rich and poor, alike in the All-seeing eye of God.

The wisdom of our teaching consists in this, that it represents "Speculative Masonry," by means of which we apply to our morals the working tools of the skilful artist. The strength represents Operative Masonry, by which an edifice is erected to the glory of Jehovah (like your Chapter to-day), offering blessings, I trust, to the Companions now and hereafter, till time shall be no more, while beauty is the personification of both limited; a life-giving power, modelled into a form upon which the eye of the mind can dwell with pleasure, and which constitutes a subject for the consideration of every one who would understand the great principles of the Science into which he has been initiated.

I will now, Companions, as suitable to this day's work, and for your edification, make a brief sketch of the characters and deeds of the three ancient worthies that three of you will in future represent in your Chapter, viz., Zerubbabel, Haggai, and Joshua. Zerubbabel, we are told, after many difficulties and dangers returned to Jerusalem, having during his captivity preserved the mysteries of our Order; he then immediately erected a temporary tabernacle, and called a Council, presided over by himself, Haggai, and Joshua, when they determined to rebuild the Temple on the foundation of the structure of King Solomon. The first step was to remove the rubbish of the old Temple, when the important discovery was made, by three sojourners, from which originated our Order of the Holy Arch. That discovery and its sacred import you all know. It was Zerubbabel who, when asked by King Darius whether the Power of Wine, Woman, or the King was greatest, made the memorable reply, that the powers of wine, woman, and the King might be great, but that the power of TRUTH bore the victory above all these. Teaching you and I that one of the great Principles of our Order is potent above everything. May it flourish in its brightness in your Chapter, and may the example of Zerubbabel guide the members into all Truth! Let us next take Haggai. After the return from Babylon, he zealously encouraged the brethren to rebuild the Temple, and in his ardour for the cause, remonstrated with them for letting it lie in ruins, whilst their own houses were well cared for. He told them that their neglect of God's house and God's honour, had provoked Him to punish them. Copy him, Companions, in your new edifice, and never allow the name of Jehovah to be lightly spoken, but let his honour be preserved among you, both by word and deed. We now come to Joshua, that great High Priest who superintended the reconstruction of the Temple, and who is represented by the third Principal in our Chapters. His zeal, his energy, his ability to withstand the assaults of Satan is also a bright example, to all assisting to construct this Masonic edifice, for you will find all these virtues called forth as years go on if you would make your work to-day worthy of the builders, a work to be looked upon by the outer world with respect and veneration.

And now, Companions, a word of advice from an old Mason—as to steering the vessel you launch to-day safely on its future voyage. Remember what the solemn doctrines of Freemasonry teach you, think upon the high morality it inculcates, and be especially careful in the choice of your "shipmates," for all is lost if the barque is not manned by brethren good and true; choose those only who come recommended by some well-known brother for their amiable qualities, for their moral worth, and from their desire to make their lives beneficial to their brethren. And, for yourselves, bear in mind that you have one day to give an account to Jehovah. Remember, too, the wants of others, help the weak, and even deny yourselves to comfort those that are in sorrow; above all, use every effort to support the three noble Charities of the Order—the Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Royal Benevolent Institution for the Aged; "so shall you have a good reward in the day of necessity."

In conclusion, Companions, receive my hearty good wishes. May your work prosper! To which end never forget the glorious light into which you have been initiated. Study the Sacred Law, regulate your lives by God's precepts, fulfil the three great moral duties you owe to God, to your neighbour, and yourselves; to God, by reverencing His name; to your neighbour, by acting on the Square; and to yourselves, by using God's gifts, and not abusing them. So shall you journey on in brotherly unity, with one faith and one hope. After life's few years are o'er, meet in the Grand Lodge above, your spirits clothed with immortality!

Comp. Hall's address was listened to with rapt attention, and being delivered as it was with our Rev. Companion's wonted fervour, created a deep impression on his hearers. The ceremony was then completed, the whole of it being conducted in an eminently satisfactory manner, Comp. Frank Richardson P.G.A.S. ably fulfilling the duties of Master of the Ceremonies, while the musical portion of the day's proceedings was conducted by Comp. J. I. Cantle, who had the assistance of Comps. Seymour-Smith and Arthur Thomas. Comp. William Vincent P.M. 1624, the M.E.Z. designate, was then installed by Col. Shadwell Clerke, who also placed Comp. H. J. Johnson P.M. 1791 into the chair of Haggai, and Companion John G. Fisher Worshipful Master 1624 into that of Joshua. The Companions below the respective chairs were then admitted, and the investiture of Officers was proceeded with. The Treasurer, and Scribes E. and N. were balloted for, Comps. I. Isaacs, A. W. Beckham and N. J. Wyer being respectively appointed. Comp. J. C. Tayler was likewise elected, and invested as Principal Sojourner, and Comp. Church was chosen as Janitor. The M.E.Z. was very happy in the selection of words with which he addressed his Officers, and in speaking to Bro. Beckham made graceful allusion to the eminent

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services be had rendered the Eccleston Lodge in his capacity of Secretary, expressing the fervent belief that Companion Beckham would exhibit as much zeal in the fulfilment of his new duties as had characterised him in the past. Comp. Henry Bond was appointed First Assistant Sojourner, and then, on proposition made and duly seconded, Comps. Shadwell Clerke, Capt. Philips, Rev. Ambrose Hall, and Frank Richardson, were elected Honorary Members of the Chapter. This compliment having been suitably acknowledged by Grand S.E., a heavy list of propositions for candidates for joining and exaltation was read over, hearty good wishes were tendered, and Chapter was closed.

The Companions then repaired to the Banquetting Room, where a capital repast was provided by Companion Alfred Best, served under the superintendence of Companion Dawkins. Grace after meat was sung by the musical party we have already named, who were now supplemented by the talented Miss Grace Godolphin. The M.E.Z. then gave the Loyal toast, the Queen, and Royal Arch Masonry. But little was needed to commend this toast. He must, however, refer to the thankfulness which must pervade the breasts of all at the failure of the dastardly attempt recently made upon the life of Her Majesty. The toast was most enthusiastically received, and the National Anthem was sung. Similar enthusiasm followed the M.E.Z.'s remarks in proposing the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.E.G.Z., and after the toast had been honoured, Bro. Cantle sang the Masonic Ode, "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The next toast was the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon M.E. Pro G.Z., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom G.H., the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past, and with it was associated the name of Companion Col. Potter M.E. Grand Superintendent of Northumberland. Companion Potter, in acknowledging the honour of having his name associated with the distinguished Companions named in the toast, remarked the M.E.Z. had placed him in a somewhat awkward predicament. He was one of the youngest Officers, and living so far North as he did he had not the opportunity of attending Grand Chapter as frequently as he could desire. He assured the Most Excellent he felt it a great privilege in having been present at the interesting ceremony of the day. He would carry back to Northumberland the experiences he had acquired. He thanked the Companions for the heartiness with which they had received him. Col. Clerke said he had the privilege of being called upon to propose the next toast, the health of the M.E.Z. He had never had the pleasure of seeing Comp. Vincent in a Craft Lodge, but he might tell him he had been highly priviledged in going through the three chairs as he had done that night. He (Comp. Clerke) had been engaged for about three quarters of an hour in instructing him in the various duties he was now called upon to fulfil, and he trusted he might benefit by these efforts, and that under the rule of Companion William Vincent the Eccleston Chapter might flourish. Companion Vincent, on rising to reply, thanked Comp. Clerke for so kindly bringing him under the notice of the Companions. It really seemed a wonder to him how it was he came to be selected for the post of First Principal in the Eccleston Chapter. With respect to the zeal displayed by the Grand Scribe E., in endeavouring to make him master of what it was necessary he should acquire to properly fulfil his duties, he could assure Comp. Clerke that though he could hardly be expected to remember all that had been told him that afternoon, between this and their next meeting he would take care anything that required explanation should be perfected. As in the Lodge, so in the Chapter, he would strive earnestly to fulfil his duties, and he trusted he might merit the approval of his Companions. Before setting down he would propose the toast of the Consecrating Officer and those Companions who had assisted him so ably. In his degree as a Consecrating Officer Comp. Clerke had but few equals, certainly no superior. All regretted the absence of Capt. Philips, and especially the cause that necessitated his leaving them at so early a period of the evening. Comp. Vincent then referred to the ability displayed by the Rev. Comp. Hall, while Comp. Richardson had rendered most material assistance in the conduct of the day's proceedings. He called on one and all to do full honour to the toast. Comp. Shadwell Clerke was the first to reply, and each of the others addressed a few words. The other toasts comprised the health of the Visitors, acknowledged by Comp. Cottebrune; the Haggai and Joshua, the Principal Sojourner, and rest of the Officers. To each suitable replies were made, and then the Janitor was summoned, and he gave the parting toast. In addition to those we have already enumerated, there were present Comps. A. L. Annett M.E.Z. 180, C. A. Cottebrune P.Z. 177, Lewis Ascott P.Z. 733, Charles Fuller 1604, R. Stamp 1604, F. J. Wray 1604, James Oddy 1237, H. Lovegrove H. 72, S. Pownceby M.E.Z 157, Charles Smith M.E.Z. elect 1604, John Soper S.E. 157, W. Ansell J. 157, C. Pulman Org. 157 Z. 1339, T. W. C. Lenty 145, H. E. Frances P.P.G.D. Surrey 857, M. Taylor Z. 186, F. Bond 619, H. Cr Soper M.E.Z. elect 157, George Boulton H. elect 1604, J. I. Cantle 186, Gilmour McCorbell P.P.J. 196, Arthur Thomas 1319, Seymour Smith Org. 1269, John Seex P.Z. 186, S. Carrington 619, William Poore I.P.Z. 186, W. W. Morgan 141, W. Mann P.Z. 186, R. G. Shute 186, H. Sadler Z. 169, H. A. Hunt H. 1537, John Elliott 1348, Thomas Bull P.Z. 145, Walter Elliott P.S. 382, Addison Potter G.Supt. Northumberland, W. H. Baker S.E. 1604, &c. The proceedings throughout the day were admirably arranged; not a hitch occurred. The appointments of the Chapter were of the most elegant description, and we feel we cannot go far wrong if we prognosticate as great a success for this new Chapter as has attended the Eccleston Lodge. The following, in addition to the pieces we have previously mentioned, comprised the musical programme:—Song "My Sweetheart when a Boy," W. Morgan, Comp. Arthur Thomas—Song, "The Kerry Dance, Molloy, Miss Grace Godolphin—Song, "Comrades in Arms," Seymour Smith, Comp. Ion Cantle—Humorous Sketch, "The Brown's Dinner Party," MSS., Comp. Seymour Smith—Duet, "The Alsatians," Offenbach, Miss Grace Godolphin and Comp. Arthur Thomas—Song, "Hurrah for rosy wine," Chumbley, Comp. Ion Cantle—Song, "A bird in the hand," Roeckel, Miss Grace Godolphin—German Characteristic Song, arranged by A. Thomas, Comp, Arthur Thomas—Humorous Song, "Billy Craven," Collier, Comp. Seymour Smith.

Beadon Chapter, No. 619.—A Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening, 9th March, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street. Comp. H. Thompson M.E.Z., Comp. Sharratt H., and Comp. E. Coste P.Z. J. *pro tem.* The other P.Z.'s present were Green S.E., Seaman, Jacobs, and Wyer. The minutes of the last Convocation were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Bond, of the Acacia Lodge, having been balloted for, and being in attendance, was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The next business was to elect the Audit Committee, when two Companions were appointed, in addition to the usual Officers, to perform that duty. The next matter before the Chapter was to elect the Principals for the ensuing year, and the result of the first ballot was the unanimous election of Comp. Sharratt as M.E.Z., and for that mark of their confidence and favour he returned his sincere thanks, promising to devote all his energies, and by every means in his power promote the interests and prosperity of the Beadon Chapter. The election for the two other Principals then took place, it was equally unanimous in favour of Comp. Dodman as H., and Comp. Carrington as J. Comp. Dr. Pridmore was elected as P.S., and Comp. Bond was nominated as A.S. Comp. A. Avery was re-elected Treasurer, and Comp. W. H. Green as S.E. Comp. Bavin was re-elected Janitor, and at the same time received the congratulations of the Companions on his restoration to health. It was then proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a P.Z.'s jewel of the usual value should be presented to the M.E.Z., Comp. Thompson, at the next Convocation, on his retirement from his exalted position. The M.E.Z., in a few sincere words, thanked the Companions for this renewed mark of their kindness, which had continued ever since he had the honour of being numbered among them, and remarked that, although he had received other jewels, that one would be specially esteemed by him, reminding him, if indeed he required to be reminded at all, of the many happy hours he had spent with the members of the Beadon Chapter. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to a well-served banquet. At the conclusion of it, the M.E.Z. gave the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts, which were drunk with great cordiality. Comp. Wyer I.P.Z. then rose: it gave him great pleasure to propose the next toast; it was the health of Comp. Thompson M.E.Z. of the Chapter; he spoke in warm terms of the manner in which he had discharged his duties during the past year; he asked the Companions to join with him in drinking the toast which he had proposed, a request that was responded to with the utmost cordiality. The M.E.Z. in responding expressed his gratitude to Comp. Wyer for the very complimentary terms in which he had proposed his health; he also thanked the Companions for the hearty manner in which they had accepted the toast; he scarcely believed that he was deserving of all the encomiums which had been passed upon him. For his shortcomings he asked their indulgence, but if he had not discharged the duties as he should have wished, he had endeavoured to do so, and again he thanked them for the token of their approbation which they had voted him that evening. When he joined the noble band of P.Z.'s, he should still continue to do everything that he could to promote the interests of the Chapter, and maintain the prestige of it by every means in his power. The next toast was the P.Z.'s of the Chapter, and the M.E.Z. said he should feel proud when he joined that body, who had for years won and enjoyed the esteem of their Companions. He asked them to join him in drinking the health of Comps. Wyer, Seaman, Jacobs, and Green, P.Z.'s of the Chapter. Comps. Wyer, Seaman, Coste, Green, and Jacobs severally returned thanks, the latter alluding with feelings of satisfaction to the time, now upwards of twenty years ago, when he used to meet the M.E.Z. in Lodges of Instruction, and expressed the pleasure that he experienced when he found that he was exalted in the Beadon Chapter. The M.E.Z. then gave the health of the M.E.Z. elect, and said that he thought a better choice could not have been made, for he believed that Comp. Sharratt had sincerely the interests of the Chapter at heart, and would well acquit himself in the dignified position to which he had been elected. Comp. Sharratt thanked the M.E.Z. for the very kind and complimentary terms in which he had spoken of him, and promised to do all in his power to carry out in an efficient manner the duties which would devolve upon him. The M.E.Z. said the next toast he had to propose was the health of Comp. Alfred Avery, their esteemed Treasurer. He expressed the sorrow he felt that he was unable, in consequence of illness, to be with them; he fully intended to be present that evening. He had great pleasure, on the one hand, in proposing the toast, but it was somewhat tinged with melancholy on the other, on account of the cause which had kept him from them. He had had the pleasure of knowing Comp. Avery for many years, not only as a teacher of Freemasonry, but as one who was always ready to do anything that lay in his power for the benefit of the Craft. He asked the Companions to join with him in drinking a toast which he was sure would meet with their acceptance; it was the speedy restoration to health of Companion Avery, and to assure him that the Companions deeply sympathised with him in his illness, and wished him a speedy recovery. This toast was drunk with the greatest cordiality. The M.E.Z. said that perhaps Companion Green S.E. would convey to Comp. Avery the feelings of the Chapter towards him. Companion Green said he would be most happy to do so, but Comp. Wyer would see Comp. Avery on the following day, and he was quite sure he would be much pleased at the kind feeling which the Companions had expressed towards him. The M.E.Z. then gave the remaining toasts, which brought a very happy and harmonious evening to a close, Comp. E. Coste (in the absence of the Janitor) giving the closing toast.

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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, 18th MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1733—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

MONDAY, 20th MARCH.

1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Ship Tavern, Hart-street, Mark Lane, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruc.)
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.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1633—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
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 Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
632—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.
965—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.
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
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury.

TUESDAY, 21st 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.)
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. (Instruction)
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hal, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
763—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)
1361—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston's Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30)
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
469—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
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.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 156 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1651—Chantry, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1670—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abingtou-street, Northampton.
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd MARCH.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (I st.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Inst uction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (I struction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W.

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH.

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)
34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
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.
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction.)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
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
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 24th MARCH.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1248—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 25th MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

1482—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1484—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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UNITED STRENGTH LODGE, No. 228.

A MEETING of the members of this old and efficient Lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, when there was a goodly attendance of the brethren and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. A. H. Hickman W.M., who was supported by Bros. H. W. Alford S.W., T. J. Hunt J.W., James Terry P.M. and Treasurer (Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution), E Davies Acting Secretary, George Bellot J.D., George W. Edis D.C., W. Wright Organist; P.M.'s Alfred Colston, Robert Snare, T. H. Bromley, James Hillhouse; William Bray, W. J. Randall, G. C. Tidy, Vilett Rolleston, J. Evetts, W. B. Smart, James Jennings, J. Ashley, E. Halford, J. F. Quartly, H. Paine, John Holland, H. F. Sandy, W. Smith, E. H. Johnson, C. Reefe, W. Cauldon, W. H. Bromley, H. G. Flaws, C. Thomas Tyler, &c. Among the Visitors were Bros. J. Constable P.M. 185, T. Goode P. Prov. A.D.C. Herts, Reginald Taylor 177, and J. R. Ardenne 1184. Lodge was opened at half-past five o'clock, in accordance with customary formalities, the Lodge being draped in mourning, in token of regret at the demise of Bro. T. A. Winsland, who had so long and zealously discharged the duties of Treasurer, and whose death, about a month ago, excited the most sincere sorrow amongst a very wide circle of his Masonic and other friends. Lodge having been advanced, Bros. John Lobb, John Thomas Ashley, James Jennings, and John Holland, having answered the interrogatories satisfactorily, were subsequently passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the Worshipful Master, who performed the ceremony in a highly satisfactory manner. Some other business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the throne room of the hotel, where a récherché banquet was served by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, whose arrangements, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Henry Mills, elicited the most unqualified expressions of approbation. Dessert having been placed upon the tables, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and duly honoured. In the course of the proceedings, feeling allusion was made to the death of the late Treasurer, and in Lodge it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence should be forwarded to the relatives of Bro. Winsland, expressive of the deep sorrow entertained by the brethren at the loss they had sustained, and of appreciation of the manner in which he discharged the duties of his office. The various toasts were interspersed by vocal and instrumental music, and altogether a very harmonious and agreeable evening was passed.

PORTSMOUTH LODGE. No, 487.

THERE was a large attendance of brethren at the meeting of this Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, on Thursday evening, 9th inst., when Bro. R. W. Beale S.W. was installed as the W. Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed in an impressive and efficient manner by the retiring W.M. Bro. J. P. Palsgrave. After the ceremony W. Bro. Beale appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. P. Palsgrave I.P.M., W. Owtridge S.W., H. Holley J.W., A. Cudlipp P.M. Treas., W. E. Atkins Hon. Sec., W. E. Bond Assist. Hon. Sec., F. H. de Rheims S.D., G. Dean J.D., C. Vine M.C., F. Meredith Assist. M.C., G. Pearman Organist, T. Cowd I.G., G. Couzens and W. Shotter Stewards, Exell and Smith Tylers. Before the Lodge was closed the following resolution was proposed, in appropriate terms, by the Worshipful Master (Bro. Beale), seconded by Bro. Mark E. Frost P.M. P.G. Treas., and carried with acclamation:—

That we, the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, of Free and Accepted Masons, meeting at Portsmouth, in open Lodge assembled, desire to convey to your Majesty, through our Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, our most sincere congratulations on your recent providential escape from the hands of an assassin. We furthermore wish to convey to your Majesty our loyalty and devotion as Freemasons to your throne and person, and devoutly pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may long spare your life to be a blessing to the people of this great nation over whom you rule.

The brethren then sang the National Anthem. The Worshipful Master presented to Bro. Palsgrave a handsome P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by members of the Lodge, in token of the appreciation of his efficient ruling of the Lodge during the past twelve months, and referred in eulogistic terms to the admirable manner in which the ceremony of installation had been carried out by him that evening. After the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a récherché banquet was provided by Mr. W. Bond, of the Dolphin Hotel, Portsmouth. The new W.M. presided.

FAWCETT LODGE, No. 661.

THE brethren of this Lodge met on the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Seaham Harbour, when Brother Shepherd was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Ayre P.M. He afterwards invested his Officers for the ensuing year. Brother H. W. Emerson presided in the absence, through illness, of Brother Sinclair W.M. The annual banquet followed, at the Lord Seaham Inn, the newly-elected W.M. Bro. Shepherd presided, and was supported by several Provincial and other Officers, including Bros. J. Clay, H. B. Wright, R. Candlish, W. Liddell, R. B. Lutert, and others.

Wellington Lodge, No. 784.—A numerously attended meeting of this Lodge took place at the Public Rooms, Deal, on Thursday, the 9th inst. The Worshipful Master (Bro. J. F. Solly) said that since their last meeting they had all heard of the dastardly attempt made upon the life of their Most Gracious Sovereign. Such a vile attack on so beloved a Queen, and so good a woman, was heard of with horror and detestation throughout the land. Whether the miscreant was insane or not did not affect the crime; no doubt he would be properly cared for, as he deserved to be. He could only ask them to join with him in expressing heartfelt thanks that the Great Architect of the Universe had interposed His All-protecting arm to spare so good a life for her family and subjects. He would propose that an address of congratulation, on the occasion of Her Majesty's happy escape from the hand of the assassin, be forwarded from this Lodge to His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master. This was seconded by Bro. Apps, the senior Past Master, and carried unanimously.

St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 8th inst., at the Moorgate Tavern, 15 Finsbury-pavement, E.C., when the following brethren assembled:—J. Magrath W.M., T. Wooding S.W., J. Horsley J.W., Beck P.M. Treasurer, A. G. Clements Secretary, T. J. Tyer S.D., J. Couture J.D., J. G. Twinn M.C., J. Sommers W.S., G. T. Holdom I.G., J. Loftus and C. Rayner Stewards, and Dawson P.M.; also Bros. T. J. Tarling, S. M. Pipe, Frank Crawley, J. Oxley, T. Morris, H. T. Hardy, C. East, J. M. Stevens, T. Phillips, C. Hansmann. Visitors—Bros. Honeyman P.M. Gooch Lodge 1238, Sherwin Capper Lodge 1076. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; a ballot followed, for Mr. John Legg Green, which proved unanimous. The candidate not being present, the initiation ceremony was deferred. Bro. S. M. Pipe was subsequently passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge resumed to the first degree, when the election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, and resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Thomas Wooding the S.W., who thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him; he would endeavour,—in fact he had determined to study the welfare of the Lodge in every possible way, and the brethren would see that nothing should be wanting on his part to promote the prosperity of the St. John of Wapping Lodge. Bro. Beck P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and briefly returned thanks. Brother Longstaff was re-elected to fulfil the duties of Tyler. The business of appointing the Audit Committee was next in order, and this being disposed of, Bro. Dawson proposed, and Bro. Beck seconded, that the Lodge should present their retiring W.M. with the usual ten guinea jewel as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his labours in the business of the Lodge for the past year; this proposition, as might have been expected, was duly carried. A candidate for initiation having been proposed and seconded, and nothing further offering, the Lodge closed and adjourned till the 12th April. As is customary with this Lodge the brethren afterwards spent a little time in recreation, several capital songs being rendered by those of the brethren blessed with musical powers. It might be mentioned that during the evening the W.M. alluded to the diabolical outrage on Her Most Gracious Majesty, full particulars of which they had undoubtedly informed themselves of already. They all knew what a truly English lady the Queen unquestionably was, and when they heard of such an attempt at assassination it was painful in the extreme; he was convinced they were all glad that no harm had befallen her. Without further comment he would ask them to be upstanding, and drink to the health of the Queen, which was done with great enthusiasm. Many other toasts were duly honoured during the evening that of the Tyler bringing the proceedings to a close.

United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—On Friday evening, the 10th instant, a very large number of brethren attended the meeting of this Lodge, for the purpose of hearing a lecture on the First Degree by Bro. James Stevens M.P.Z., the newly-appointed Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. J. W. Watts P.M. 507 opened the Lodge at half-past seven, supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Butt S.W., C. Peters J.W., J. S. Terry P.M. and M.C. of the mother Lodge Secretary, Walden S.D., E. Francis J.D., Hill I.G. The members present were Bros. H. Baldwin J.D. 1949 Sec. 1777, J. Hill M.C. 1658, A. McKay 1620, C. S. Phillips, George Clark jun. I.P.M. 1777, F. J. Perks, G. J. Venables, J. Letchford, W. Lucas, F. Baxter, C. Patrick, J. S. Smith, J. Cox P.M. 1339, F. Thurston W.M. 72, and H. Lovegrove P.M. 1777, &c. The Visitors were Bros. J. S. Plummer 1558, E. Walker 72, C. Sweet 159, G. B. Wells 1539, R. Poore 1949, J. S. Stacey 1572, C. J. Hill, E Southain, H. J. Sharpe 1669, J. A. Danks 1669, F. W. Martin 1765, J. Sargeant, A. T. Chambers 650, C. M. Brander 1563, G. Hubbert 1922, J. Dixon P.M. 172, A. Dirch I.P.M. 72. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Stevens then proceeded to deliver his lecture, and the brethren gave most careful attention; indeed, all felt that a little discussion upon some points of ritual was likely to do much good, by interesting those who wish to do something more than repeat words as a parrot would, and to enable all to learn something of the beauty of the ancient working. At the completion of the lecture, Bro. Butt was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the following brethren were elected members:—Brothers Danks, Martin, Sargeant, R. Poore, Wells, Brander, and Stacey. Bro. H. Lovegrove proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens, and touched upon certain points in the lecture affecting not only verbiage, but ceremonial, and expressed his pleasure that Bro. Stevens had taken so much trouble in preparing a lecture which ought to be heard in every Lodge of Instruction, and carefully considered by the members. The vote of thanks was carried unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Lodge was then closed, and the members separated.

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The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, 11th March, at the Cannon-street Hotel, and although this was the last regular meeting for the season it was but thinly attended, and certain amount of gloom prevailed on account of a most serious domestic affliction which had fallen upon Bro. Taylor the W.M. In his necessitated absence the chair was taken by the Immediate Past Master Brother Hamer, Brother Kibble being in his proper place as S.W., and Bro. Keeble as J.W. There were some visitors present, but not so numerous as usual; they were Bros. Dapson 834, Downey P.M. 20, Lewis W.M. 20, Smith 996, Batty 902, Green 211, Warner 657, Earle 1695, and Walker 22. The minutes of the last Lodge were read and confirmed, and the Lodge having been opened in the second and third degrees Bro. Brookman was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The next business was to proceed to the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year. A ballot was taken, and it resulted in the election of Brother Kibble S.W. to that office, who returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. Bro. N. B. Headon P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer; the Tyler, Almoners, and Audit Committee were also appointed. Two appeals from distressed members were brought before the Lodge, and liberal votes from the Lodge funds were agreed to in each case, with a promise that further aid should be afforded in an appeal to the Board of Benevolence. On the motion of Bro. Blackie Secretary, it was agreed that the usual P.M.'s jewel should be presented to the W.M. on the termination of his year of office, which was unanimously agreed to. It was then proposed and carried unanimously that a letter of condolence should be sent to Bro. Taylor, sympathising with him in his affliction, and that the Secretary should transmit it in the name of the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, Bro. T. Hamer W.M. pro tem presiding. The dinner having been disposed of, the W.M. in proposing the first toast, which was "The Queen and the Craft," said he should have done so without further observations, but for the incident which occurred a few days ago. He thought that was a fitting opportunity for them to give expression to their feelings of contempt at the dastardly attempt which had been made upon Her Majesty's life, and he trusted the day might be far distant when they should lose Her Majesty, but never by the hand of a coward or an assassin. The toast was cordially responded to, followed by the National Anthem. The Worshipful Master next gave His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master. It was most gratifying to him to propose his health, not only as Grand Master, but as the chief subject of the realm. Next Wednesday His Royal Highness would preside at a Special Grand Lodge, to address Her Majesty on her recent narrow escape, and he hoped the brethren would assemble and show their appreciation. He asked the brethren to join with him in drinking the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master—a request which was most enthusiastically responded to. The W.M. next gave the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers. Bro. Stevens proposed the next toast, which was, in the first place, the health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Taylor, and in the next a suggestion that steps should be taken to carry out the vote of condolence which had been proposed in the Lodge, and also to agree to a resolution to do honour to the acting Worshipful Master, Bro. Hamer. The toast was well received, for which Bro. Hamer returned thanks. The W.M. next gave the health of the Worshipful Master elect; he believed that unless Bro. Kibble was prepared to take upon himself the responsibility of the duties of the chair, he would never have accepted the office. Bro. Kibble returned thanks; he said it was most gratifying to him to be placed in such a proud position; he assured the brethren that he would not undertake the office unless he felt he was able to perform the duties of the chair to their satisfaction. With the assistance of the Past Masters, possessing accumulated wisdom, he hoped never to go wrong, and he looked forward with pleasure to the time when he should be installed into the chair. The W.M. then gave the Visitors, for which they individually returned thanks, expressing the gratification they felt in visiting the Lodge. The other toasts were the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, and Officers of the Lodge, which were severally responded to. The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close, when Lodge adjourned until October next.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—A meeting, for election of Officers for the ensuing twelvemonths, and general transaction of business, took place on Wednesday. Lodge was opened at 5 o'clock, when the Worshipful Master (Bro. W. Mason Stiles) was supported by his Officers and the following Past Masters of the Lodge:—Bros. James Willing jun., J. J. Michael, Kingham, and Side. Amongst the Visitors present were Thomas Crabtree Tranquillity 274, R. Johnston 1777, T. C. Lovelock 87, J. Purvis 504, J. Glenn 19, R. Taylor 733, R. R. Forder 1050, G. Mordey 1744, J. C. Smith 1744, W. Robertson 228, R. J. K. Hayday 1534, G. Gardner 177, Charles Reuter P.M. 1167, Frank Fletcher 1732, E. E. Barratt-Kidder 12, T. J. Hyland P.M. 201, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of Worshipful Master was proceeded with, the choice of the brethren being unanimous in favour of the Senior Warden, Bro. Henry Stiles. Bro. J. Willing was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Daly re-appointed Tyler. After this Bros. L. A. Richardson and F. Ashton were raised to the sublime degree. Bro. E. A. Gilkes was now raised to the second degree, and then the ballot was taken for a candidate for initiation—Mr. John Simpson Steel, who was proposed by Bro. J. Mills, and seconded by Bro. S. M. Ormiston. The result was unanimous in favour of the candidate, who was introduced and initiated. A sum of £10 10s was unanimously voted towards a jewel, in recognition of able and zealous services by the Worshipful Master. This Lodge has already qualified itself as a Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution; the Lodge has also well established its claim as a supporter of the Girls' School, and by a donation voted at this meeting it will now rank as Vice-President of the Boys' School. It must therefore be admitted that this Lodge, which has just completed the eighth year of its existence, has, so far, loyally supported the Charitable Institutions of the Order. After an Audit Committee had been appointed, and hearty good wishes expressed, Lodge was closed. Banquet was served in the Pillar-room of the Hotel, and full justice was done to the viands, liberally provided by Bro. Clemow. The W.M. in proposing the first toast—the Queen and the Craft—referred to the Special Meeting of G. Lodge that had been held that evening, at which His Royal Highness and two of his brothers had been present. He felt he was expressing the feeling of every member of the Craft when he said that all were thankful Her Majesty's life had been spared. Bro. Side I.P.M. gave the toast of the W.M., which was enthusiastically received, and ably responded to. To Bro. James Willing was entrusted the toast of the W.M. elect, and he expressed the sentiments of pleasure with which the members looked forward to the year of Mastership of Bro. Henry Stiles. During the evening the W.M., who will act as Steward at the Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, received substantial help from the brethren, and before leaving the room Bro. W.M. Stiles was in a position to state that the amount on his List had already reached £135. We sincerely hope that between this and the Festival it will be still further augmented. The proceedings throughout were of a most harmonious character.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday last, when there was a very full attendance of brethren and many visitors, including Bro. J. Sykes Rymer W.M. of the York Lodge, No. 236. The chair was occupied by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., in the absence, through illness, of Bro. Geo. Simpson the W.M. The Lodge having been opened, a successful ballot was taken for a candidate. Bro. J. Starkey was duly passed to the second degree, and Bros. J. Mennell and the Rev. S. Edge were raised successively to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. T. B. Whytehead moved, "That this Lodge do place on record an expression of its heartfelt thanks to Almighty God for the providential escape of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen on the occasion of the recent outrage at Windsor." This was seconded by Bro. G. Balmford P.M., upon which the brethren rose to their feet in a body, and carried the resolution with cheers and acclamation. A telegram was read from the W.M., from Matlock Baths, explaining his absence, and conveying kind wishes to the brethren. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presented to the Lodge a portrait and Masonic memoir of Bro. General Garfield, as well as a relic of that distinguished brother in the form of a sprig of evergreen, mounted and framed, which had been taken from one of the wreaths on the coffin at Cleveland, by Bro. C. E. Meyer, of Philadelphia. The Lodge was then closed, refreshments were served, and a happy evening was passed, enlivened by singing and recitations by Bros. Mennell, Horner, and others.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—On Thursday, 16th inst., at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. H. Kasner P.M. W.M., Nicholson S.W., A. Jones J.W., H. E. Tucker Treasurer, J. Wells Secretary, C. Bellerby S.D., Cotton J.D., Burdett I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. C. Andrews, Blasby; also Bros. Gray, Cunningham, Clarke, Meadows, Porter, J. Green, Nicholson and Pitt. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Porter candidate. The W.M. rehearsed the form of opening and closing Lodge, Bro. Nicholson was appointed W.M. for next meeting.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held on Monday, 13th March, at the Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road. There were present—Bros. Hubbert W.M., Brittain S.W., Clements J.W., T. J. Barnes Treas., B. Stewart Sec., Hammond S.D., H. C. Clark J.D., Johnson I.G.; also Bros. Andrews, Yates, Cooke, Maud, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Clark, as a candidate to be passed to second degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge opened in second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Stewart worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Brittain was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting of the Lodge.

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At the Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435, at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., on Thursday, the 30th inst., at 7 o'clock p.m. precisely. Bros. J. B. Docker W.M., E. Farwig S.W., J. E. Shand J.W. First Lecture—Bros. G. Allen, Maxted, J. E. Shand, A. F. Lowrie, J. Paul, W. C. Smith, and E. Farwig. Second Lecture—Bros. C. Dairy, J. Hemming, W. J. Collens, H. Watts, and A. Carlström. Third Lecture—Bros. W. H. Dean, G. P. Festa, and W. H. Richardson. Bro. W. J. Collens Hon. Sec.

By the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 28th April, at 7 o'clock p.m. precisely. Bros. Pardon W.M., Gush S.W., Larchin J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Jones, Appleton, Minstrell, Snelling, Larchin, Squirrell, and Gush. Second Lecture—Bros Webb, Abell, Tate, Johnson, and Bolton. Third Lecture—Bros. Denison, Berry, and Caton. Bro. Snelling Hon. Sec.

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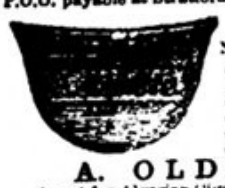

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THE APPROACHING ELECTION FOR THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE half-yearly election for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls takes place, as usual, on the second Saturday in April—the 8th—on which occasion twenty-eight candidates will compete among themselves for the twenty-one vacancies declared by the Committee to be filled at this election. It must be a matter of great relief to the friends of the children seeking admission to the benefits of the Institution to know that as many as three-fourths of the candidates who will go to the poll will be returned as successful; while the Craft at large must experience great satisfaction in being able to take into their School so many of those whose present circumstances in life necessitate an appeal to the benevolence of others. The election itself will be a comparatively easy one to those children who have a few friends able and willing to help on their cases; but there is one item to mar the otherwise bright prospect. There are a few who must of necessity be turned away, and it may be that those who can least afford the delay, or perhaps the loss of the last hope, will find themselves shut out on this occasion, because their friends were too few, or had not influence enough to make their case secure. This is one of the drawbacks attendant on election by ballot; those who have many friends often have numerous other offers of help, while others, perhaps more deserving, but not so well known, lose all chance of success for the want of, it may be, one helping hand. We can only hope that the most deserving cases will secure the vacancies, and that their future, both in the School and afterwards, may prove them worthy of the benefits they may secure.

It is not our intention, on the present occasion, to refer to each individual case, as we are of opinion that, under the special circumstances attending this election, such a course is unnecessary. Doubtless, most of those who have votes have either given them, or promised them, to some of the many applicants; but as there may be a few whose proxies are not yet pledged, we shall take the opportunity of referring to some of the more deserving cases—or rather we should say those which appear, judging from the particulars given on the balloting paper, to be the most deserving. There is another class of brethren to whom our study of these particulars may be of service—those who, having polled what they deem a sufficient number of votes, find themselves later in the day in possession of a few which they would gladly give to the most deserving case provided they knew which it was; but who, from want of such knowledge, may really allow the votes to remain unpolled.

No. 11, Mary Lilian Sykes, one of seven children left without either parent, makes now a first and last application. Surely, if we may judge from the particulars we have at our disposal, this is the most deserving case on the list—a last application on behalf of one of seven orphaned, doubly orphaned, children. We trust that her name may appear among the first in the list of successful. Such a case as this should, we think, enlist support from other than the father's Province, however well off that Province may be reputed to be, and we can hardly imagine such a thing as her being left out in the cold. We may add that her father was W.M. of St. John Lodge, No. 104, Cheshire, and express a further hope that she, at least, of the family will be taken charge of by the Masons of England. Florence Kate Hargood, No. 18, is also one of a family of children who have lost both father and mother, she and one other being now dependent on their friends for maintenance. Her father's Province—Devonshire—has no other case on this list, so we may hope that she will receive sufficient support from that source to secure a place in the School; but here also a little outside aid could hardly, we imagine, be considered as misapplied. Esther Elizabeth Robey, No. 13, whose father was W.M. of the Albion Lodge, No. 9, is one of nine children now left to the care of their mother. We do not think there are many brethren who subscribe to our Girls' School but can feel a small amount of sympathy for such a case as this, and doubtless many of them would willingly have given their votes in support of her had not others already secured them. Let us hope there are sufficient promised for this case, or left to be secured on the child's behalf, to secure a place in the Institution. Annie Brockbank, No. 17, and Emily Vinton Jewell, No. 20, are each members of families of seven children now left to the care of their widowed mother; the father of the former, a clerk in Holy Orders, was W.M. of Zetland Lodge, No. 515, Malta. We can only hope that the brethren from that quarter—who certainly are not unmindful of our Charities—may receive such assistance from their friends at home as to secure for this orphan the comforts of the Girls' School. The other child, E. V. Jewell, is daughter of a late member of the Musgrave Lodge, No. 1597, Middlesex, from which Province we trust a large amount of support will be forthcoming on her behalf. Among the other cases are three where seven children are dependent, and two where six are unprovided for, while some range down to a single child, the latter being Miss Banister, No. 8, who now makes a second application, with 547 votes already polled to her credit.

Of the twenty-eight candidates, twenty make now their first application, the others comprising two fifth, one third, and five second attempts. Of the first, Augusta Helen Nicholls has 465 votes to the good from her four previous attempts, while Martha Jane Choules Fry has but 19 after as many elections. In her case the limit of age is now reached, and if she is unsuccessful on this occasion she will lose all chance for the future. There are three candidates who stand very well as regards votes brought forward, viz., Nos. 6, 3, and 7, the numbers to their credit being 1245, 1212, and 1174 respectively. We can only hope they will find supporters once again, and we think their success will then be ensured.

We shall leave the consideration of the Boys' List until next week, but cannot do so without expressing our regret that so few vacancies, in comparison with the very large number of applicants, are open for that School.

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MASONIC CONVIVIALITY.

THERE can be no greater misconception, and it is one which prevails to a greater extent than we, as Masons, know—not that it is a more common fallacy of the outer world than many others we could name—than that Freemasonry is nothing more or less than a huge social club. It is perfectly true that in the old primitive days, when Masonic Lodges were less numerous, and their members perhaps less circumspect, there were roysterings and bouts, the notoriety of which found an echo even beyond the sacred precincts. But even these were shrouded in a veil of mystery, and those who prated about the *bon-vivant*-ism of which they heard a little, and would like to have experienced more, could entertain but a shadowy idea of the real causes and circumstances of these mystic orgies. The merry makings, and perhaps excesses, of the Fourth Degree—or such part of them as could be overheard by the eaves-dropper—were retailed with as profound a show of solemnity as that which invariably envelopes a ghost story. Yet, for all that, the shrewd uninitiated was wont to attach it in some way with the practice and principles of the Craft, and to classify its members in the rollicking category of carousers in conclave. Mrs. Caudle, in all her industrious inquisitiveness to extract the "secrets" of the Order, was forced to come to the conclusion that there really was no secret at all worth knowing, and the sole object and aim of Masonry was to provide undutiful husbands with excuses for excess in eating and drinking, smoking and singing, and for remaining longer than honest folk should do from the bosom of their families. So much for the popular idea of Masonic conviviality.

But then comes the point, of which we of the Craft are more intimately cognisant, and that is, apart from the high and glorious distinctions which divide labour from refreshment, there is, and must of necessity be, an atmosphere of geniality and high-minded friendliness wherever the brethren of the mystic tie are assembled. The very tendencies of Freemasonry are to cement men together in the bonds of social amenity and good fellowship, and the only natural outcome is an effervescence and buoyancy of temperament which forms a pleasing relief to the more serious and engaging business of the day. "As iron sharpeneth iron, so doth the countenance of man his friend;" and it is next to impossible for a body of Masons to meet, either before or after labour, without the tendency to that flow of joviality and becoming mirth which, in the eyes of the outside world, have formed a great measure of disparagement, simply from the fact that, not being participators, they cannot enter into the spirit of the scene. We can well afford to leave such thinkers to their own fertile imaginations. To those who can appreciate the grip of a friendly hand, and the interchange of fraternal greeting, the meaning of our purpose is sufficiently clear. The natural tendency of that brotherly love, which draws men into the closest bonds of friendship, is to kindle a flame of wholesome hilarity and those generous sentiments which go far to make up the sum of human happiness. And thus there is nothing anomalous in the fact that brethren, indissolubly cemented in those fraternal bonds, should, after intervals of separation, bend to those generous impulses which stir their hearts, and mingle in the amenities of congratulatory and renewed friendship. Thus, when labour has been well and worthily completed, and the secrets locked up in the "safe and sacred repository," the most natural thing in the world is that they should gather around the festive board whereat are concentrated all the elements for the cultivation of deeper and nearer affinities. It is so in all other communities, and why not in ours? We have it on authority that Englishmen when entering upon any enterprise, whether of speculation or philanthropy, regard it as part and parcel of their scheme, and as an ingredient of success, that the event shall be celebrated by a dinner. And it might with force be argued that inasmuch as Masons are continually engaged in works of usefulness and beneficence, and that moreover as their aims are so unselfish and disinterested, they should be entitled to a perpetual feast. But it must be borne in mind that of late years a vast and laudable change has taken place in the character of the entertainments with which Masons are wont to terminate their periodical assemblages. Let those who will cling to the old and exploded notions of drinking bouts and free-and-easies. We know that the enormous spread of Masonry of late years has infused into the ranks men of the highest culture, intelligence and refinement, to whom the boisterous revelry of the tap-room would not only be a scandal, but an abomination. The celebrations of the Fourth Degree are now, almost without exception, such as may well tend to inspire the mind with an elevating and refining influence. Here others find expressions of sentiment which, put into practice, exert a most beneficial effect upon the real work in which Masons are engaged. In the flow of genial intercourse hints are thrown out, and suggestions made, which result in substantial benefit to those classes of the brotherhood who deserve our consideration, for Masons, like the fine old English gentleman of the song, while they themselves enter heartily into the spirit of conviviality, "ne'er forget the small." To deprive our regular gatherings, therefore, of this essential would, in a great measure, reduce the working of our Lodges to a species of humdrum monotony. The banquet, in addition to being a relief to the weary workman after toil, engenders a benevolence of thought and action which cannot fail to be productive of practical good; and his must be a mean and narrow soul indeed that would withdraw so powerful an agency for the promotion of social intercourse, binding affection, and emulation in good works. In spite of all the ignorant prejudices that prevail on the subject, it is a matter for sincere congratulation and satisfaction that an overstraining of the privileges and pleasures of the Fourth Degree is a thing almost unknown. Of course amongst even the best regulated communities undue exuberance is occasionally manifested; but such a practice as excess at a Masonic feast would be as indignantly scouted as the idea of a cowan forcing his way within the portals of a Lodge. Our experience of gay and festive scenes amongst various institutions of men leads us to the conviction that nowhere are the courtesies of society, and the temperate enjoyment of friendly intercourse, more rigidly and naturally observed than in the Masonic circle, while, on the other hand, the outflow of conviviality which must always appear on the surface, wherever "friends in jolliest friendship meet," are not selfish, but conduce to the ulterior happiness and comfort of thousands more. Thus, whilst conviviality is an inseparable element of our occasional gatherings—and in our opinion very properly so—it is always of that nature which must commend itself to the sober and intelligent appreciation of all who value the sources from which flow a stream of disinterested charity and gererosity.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

AS announced in our last issue, a special meeting of this Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, Holborn, under the presidency of the M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason, Right Hon. Lord Henniker, who was supported by a considerable number of Grand Officers of the Order. Grand Lodge having been opened and the usual formalities observed, an address from the Starkie Lodge of Mark Masters, which Brother F. Binckes Grand Secretary stated he had just received, was read. It was to the following effect:—

"Starkie Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 159, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington, 20th March, 1882.

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master of England, the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, and the Officers and Brethren assembled in Grand Mark Lodge on the 21st day of March, 1882.

"Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,

"We, the Master, Past Masters, Wardens, and other brethren of the above Lodge of Mark Master Masons, in the county of Lancaster, have observed, with a deep sense of satisfaction, that it is the intention of Grand Lodge to convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, on behalf of the Mark Masons of England, their horror and indignation at the atrocious attempt on the life of Her Majesty, and their sense of deep and lasting gratitude at Her Majesty's happy escape under Divine Providence.

"We, therefore, are desirous to record our deep satisfaction at the proposal of the Grand Lodge, and to endorse, with thankful hearts, the sentiments of the address, and to express our humble thanks to the Grand Overseer of the Universe for His merciful preservation of one so near and dear to the hearts of her subject.

"Signed on behalf of the above Lodge,

CHRISTOPHER FURNESS W.M.M. P.G.J.O., Lanc.

It was announced that several other letters of sympathy, and regret at inability to attend, had been received. The M.W. G.M.M.M. then rose and proposed the following motion, of which notice had been given:—

That an address be respectfully presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen by this Grand Lodge, which shall express the

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horror and indignation of all Mark Master Masons under Grand Lodge, at the atrocious attempt on the life of Her Majesty, and their sense of deep and lasting gratitude at Her Majesty's happy escape, under Divine Providence.

The brethren, he said, were well aware of the reason for which they had been summoned—it was in order that the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons might join in the universal feeling of sympathy and congratulation which had been shown to Her Majesty in regard to the recent attempt on her life. He was sure the way in which the proposition would be received would show the feeling of the brethren in regard to the atrocious deed, and he felt it needed very few words from him to recommend the resolution. They had no reason to inquire as to the motive which prompted the deed. When they reflected for a moment, they could not have the smallest idea of inquiring into its motive, for who could doubt for an instant but that the man who had performed the deed was alone, without a sympathiser in the act he attempted to perform. While they turned, in the words of the resolution, away from the dark and dastardly deed with horror, they could fortunately turn in the very next moment to a far different picture—a picture of joy and thankfulness at Her Majesty's happy escape. They could turn to the enthusiasm of a devoted people, who knew well how to appreciate any approach to the slightest danger which threatened their beloved Sovereign. Again, they could turn with pleasure and satisfaction to another picture—that touching letter of Her Majesty which had found its way to every Englishman's heart, a letter which had shown anew that the sympathy and devotion displayed by her people were not all on one side. It had also taught them, if it were necessary, or if it were possible for them to do so, to value more the life of the Sovereign. It had been said that Freemasons all over the world, and those under the rule of the English Craft Grand Lodge particularly, would give way to no one in their loyalty and devotion to the Sovereign of these realms. The G.M.M.M. believed that to be perfectly true, but he thought it equally true that the Mark Master Masons under his rule would give way in loyalty and devotion to the Crown to no Freemasons of any other country. He felt he might speak without hesitation for the Grand Lodge as well as for every one separately of the 16,000 members of Mark Masonry over whom he had the honour to preside, when he said the vote they were about to pass that night was no empty vote, but rather a true expression of loyalty and attachment to the Queen, who, he said, they must not forget was the patron of all Freemasonry, and a true expression of their joy and thankfulness at her happy escape. He hoped Her Majesty might be spared for many years to rule over the destinies of this great and prosperous country.

The Prov. G.M.M.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., seconded the proposition. He rejoiced that Grand Lodge had been summoned to give expression to those feelings which, as had been remarked, Mark Masons yielded to no section of the Craft in entertaining. The motion was carried with acclamation, after which the National Anthem was sung, Bro. Wilhelm Ganz officiating at the organ.

Lord Henniker then formally brought forward the other proposition standing in his name—

"That an Address of Congratulation be presented to His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany P.G.M.M. on his approaching marriage.

The brethren would recollect that very recently they had had the pleasure of installing H.R.H. the Duke of Albany Past Grand Master into his proper position and place in Grand Lodge. When addressing His Royal Highness on that occasion he (the Grand Master) had ventured to say a few words, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, of congratulation to him on the marriage which had then just been announced; those present would remember that he then very graciously thanked Grand Lodge for the compliment. They could but be pleased to know that the prospect of marriage before His Royal Highness was one of happiness, and that it had the sanction and approval of Her Majesty. All that had passed since that time had tended to increase the pleasure and confidence they felt that the proposed marriage would tend to the result all hoped and wished. He felt he might say in the name of all present, and also in the name of every M. Mason throughout the world, that they all wished him and his bride all the prosperity, all the health, all the happiness, and all the true domestic felicity, which the world could afford. He thought it might be considered by some that the Grand Lodge should have been called for the special purpose of moving a vote of congratulation to Her Majesty the Queen, but he had thought the matter over, and had come to the conclusion that it was also a good opportunity for them to move a vote of congratulation to His Royal Highness on his marriage. They must recollect that among all the members of the Royal Family who had shared the home of Her Majesty, none had shared it so much as the Duke of Albany and his sister, the Princess Beatrice; so he thought that when Grand Lodge had shown their desire to congratulate the Queen on her escape, they, who thought so much of social and domestic happiness, should be first to congratulate Her Majesty on every increase of domestic prosperity and happiness that might come to her, therefore he thought the occasion a very auspicious one on which to propose the vote. It had been proposed to make a present to His Royal Highness on his marriage, and he hoped the present would be one that should be worthy of his acceptance. The replies which had been received on the subject were most encouraging, and he felt no doubt but that they would be able to present something with which His Royal Highness would be pleased, and which he would be able to keep as a memento of his connection with Mark Masonry. Brother Beach also seconded this motion, which was carried unanimously.

Brother F. Davidson Grand Treasurer then brought forward the proposition that a grant of £25 be made out of Grand Lodge Funds, towards the Subscription to the "Wedding Presentation Fund," which he considered a very good rider to the motion just made by the Grand Master. The proposition was seconded and carried unanimously, after which Grand Lodge was closed.

At a full Lodge of the brethren of the William of Wykham Lodge, No. 1883, presided over by Bro. E. D. Godwin W.M., a hearty congratulatory and sympathetic resolution was ordered to be sent to Her Majesty in reference to the late dastardly attempt on the Queen's life.

We gladly draw the attention of our readers that at the meeting of the United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, No. 507, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Friday evening next, the 31st inst., in addition to certain strictly Masonic ceremonies, will be given a lecture by Bro. W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, on the subject of "The Masonic Institutions; their Establishment and Development." Bro. James Stevens, himself a lecturer, is Preceptor of this worthy and worshipful Lodge, and we doubt not the subject, as treated by Bro. Morgan, will prove highly interesting. We trust the invitation contained in the summons, suggesting that other brethren should prepare essays for delivery in the United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, will be acted upon. We think it will be a relief from the tedium of regular work.

It is intended to hold, in the Agricultural Hall, Islington, next month, an exhibition of naval and submarine engineering appliances and apparatus. It will open on Easter Monday, the 10th April, and will not close until the 20th of that month. There will consequently be ample opportunity for the public to judge of the merits of the different exhibits. That this display is likely to prove more than usually interesting may be taken for granted. There have been so many new inventions during the last few years, inventions wonderful as almost to have changed entirely the character of naval engineering and naval construction. In this case the various kinds of machinery and mechanical contrivances employed in, or connected with, the construction and equipment of ships of all classes will be shown. A prize of one hundred guineas is to be given for the best means of saving life in the case of shipwreck, and a second prize of fifty guineas for the best invention, of a humane character, connected with seafaring matters. There will also be provided a large diving tank, in which the various systems of diving, both natural and mechanical, as practised in different countries, will be exemplified. There will also be a course of lectures on naval architecture, mechanics, and cognate subjects during the exhibition. With such a programme, and the liberal support extended towards it by naval men, and engineers, there is every reason why the scheme should not prove a great success.

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THE LATE WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 766.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was not aware until my attention was called, on Tuesday last, by a Past Master of my Mother Lodge, that a public discussion was taking place in your columns respecting the late William Preston Lodge of Instruction, and the conduct of those present at its last meeting. I have carefully read the various letters, also the article that appeared in your paper, and I must state that neither Bro. Godden nor Bro. Hayes deserve the severe remarks that have been used towards them. I have always found them worthy Masons, however much exception may be taken to their so sudden and peremptorily closing the Lodge. I do most earnestly deprecate the use of such remarks. It was not my intention to take part in this discussion, but Bro. Godden having thought fit to bring my attendance, or rather the want of it, before your readers, I shall proceed to give the reasons why I discontinued attending their meetings, and similar reasons have I know kept several others away.

I joined the William Preston Lodge of Instruction about five years since, and attended pretty regularly for some time, but finding the working was what is termed the East End working, different to what was, and is, used in my mother Lodge; that the young Masons were treated in a somewhat dictatorial manner by some of the older members; that the Lodge was seldom opened until 9 or half-past; and that any one who might be desirous of leaving as soon as the Lodge was closed was held up to ridicule; caused me to seek a more congenial place for instruction.

I was one, amongst others, who received a circular convening the meeting for the 3rd of February last, and should have attended, but for the dense fog that prevailed that night. I certainly did not think by the wording of that circular that the Lodge was so near its dissolution.

I did not attend the first two meetings of the Committee that assembled at Bro. Dunham's for the reason that I did not know that such a Committee was in existence, not until I received a letter from the acting Secretary (Bro. Moore) inviting me to attend the third meeting, and bring as many brethren as I could with me. I attended that meeting, and was invited to take the post of Preceptor to the new Lodge of Instruction. After consideration, I accepted the post, on the understanding that as soon as a more experienced and competent Preceptor was available I should retire in his favour; but until such an one was found, I would do all I could for the instruction of the brethren.

I feel certain Bro. Godden will, on calm consideration, regret having alluded to an unfortunate circumstance that occurred some two or three years ago.

I regret the undue publicity that has been given to these unfortunate differences, and also that remarks have been made that have not only given pain, but have also ruffled the feelings of brethren who by those that know them are held in the highest esteem. I do most earnestly hope that that excellent virtue of the Craft, Silence, will be more observed in the future.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

G. COOP.

20th March 1882.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I lose no time in replying to Brother Godden's lengthy communication of last week. I am sorry I cannot congratulate him on the success of his explanation. In his eagerness to meet certain verbal attacks, which are of no moment whatever, he has ignored the main features of the charge brought against certain *late* members of the *existing* William Preston Lodge of Instruction. He is mightily indignant that, in criticising a published, and therefore public notice, I should have done so under a pseudonym; but he passes over in silence the really important points of that criticism. All this is very natural, especially in the case of a brother who proposes to himself to be an authority in matters of which he is entirely ignorant. However, I will do the best I can to defend myself from what, in the absence of a more clearly explanatory word, I presume I am called upon to describe as his "arguments."

I will premise that, in spite of his very indignant remonstrance at my adoption of "Q." for a signature, I have no intention of describing myself as any other person. The charges contained in the letter of mine, which appeared in your columns of the 4th instant, were based on a published report, and were levelled, not against individual Masons, but against what I conceive to be a public Masonic scandal. I neither knew, nor cared to know, who was the Secretary, who the majority, or who was anybody else. I criticised the report, not the person who made it, or those to whom it referred. Consequently, though I am probably far less ashamed of my real name than Bro. Godden by this time should be of his imaginary arguments, I still sign myself "Q." in this as in my former communication.

I am not responsible for the errors either of omission or commission in the report on which I commented, and accept unreservedly his corrections. I am very glad to learn that, in his summons, he requested of the brethren to whom it was addressed the favour of their presence "*to take part*" in the next meeting of the Lodge, especially as it might affect the "*future*," not the "fortune of the Lodge." Bro. Godden is pleased to consider these errors are of importance. May I be so rude as to ask him what object he could have in inviting brethren to be present at a Lodge meeting if it was not "*to take part* in the same;" and further, if it were possible that anything which was calculated to "affect the *future* of the Lodge" would not certainly affect its "fortune," especially as in the case of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, it would appear as though it were, at the time the summons was written, the almost general belief that its having any "*future*" at all was extremely problematical.

I accept Bro. Godden's description of the events anterior to the meeting of the 3rd February, and likewise his minutes of the meeting on that day. What then? Do they disturb my allegation as to the complete illegality of the whole proceedings? Do they in the slightest degree affect the force of my statement, based on the report of the 10th February meeting, as published in your columns, that in accordance with the fourth of the Lodge Bye Laws, it was necessary the minutes of one meeting should be read by the Secretary for confirmation at the next. If the Bye Laws prescribed that the proceedings of a meeting should be confirmed in order to become valid, and they were not even submitted for confirmation, then it follows, in my humble judgment, and with all deference for the remarkably superior intelligence of Bro. Godden, that proceedings taken in accordance with certain minutes, which were never confirmed, are entirely, and *ipso facto*, illegal. It is not for me to attempt to explain "how the aforesaid minutes of the 3rd February could be put for confirmation at the so-called meeting of the 10th ultimo, which meeting was probably known only to the *four* brethren who were present." Equally unconcerned am I to learn that neither Bro. Godden nor "any of the brethren who had constantly attended the Lodge had any knowledge that a meeting was ever contemplated until after it had taken place." Such ignorance on the part of Bro. Godden and his associate brethren would have been impossible had due respect been paid to the aforesaid fourth Lodge Bye-Law, which made it imperative that the minutes of a meeting should be submitted for confirmation—of course at the next meeting. Therefore, in order to legalise what has since been done in obedience to the several resolutions passed on the 3rd ultimo, the meeting should have been adjourned to the 10th ultimo, in order that the minutes in which those resolutions were recorded, and, as a matter of course, the resolutions themselves, might be submitted for confirmation. No such adjournment was moved, though the Lodge appears to have assembled, as usual; and consequently, as far as Bro. Godden, &c., are concerned, the proceedings in which they played so leading a part are not only illegal, because they were acted upon without the requisite confirmation; but other members of the Lodge, by a legal resolution, passed at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, and since legally confirmed, have resolved, in the exercise of their undoubted prerogative, that the minutes of the aforesaid 3rd February should *not* be, and they have accordingly, not been confirmed. Consequently, the property of the said William Preston Lodge of Instruction has been illegally sold, and the proceeds placed illegally on the late Preceptor's list as Steward for one of our Charity Festivals.

I think no one will be astonished that "in your report of the meeting of the 24th ult., 'surprise' was expressed" at Bro. Godden's "discourtesy in not answering Bro. Moore's application for the Lodge Books." I do not profess to know more than other people about the usages of civilised society; but this much I do know, that civilised people are, generally speaking, very much and very justly "surprised" when their official communications are left unanswered. The books of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction were placed in the hands of its late Secretary in his official capacity as such. Their restoration to the Lodge which so entrusted them to him has been officially and legally demanded by the acting Secretary, and though Bro. Godden may, for aught I know to the contrary, be a veritable Master of the Ceremonies in respect of the amenities of official correspondence, I yet fail to see what ground there is for wonderment that the members of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction should have expressed "surprise" at his very grave "discourtesy." Had they not so expressed themselves there would, indeed, have been ground for astonishment. As for the reason he suggests for the non-restoration of the Lodge Books, I say nothing. It is not for me, who am a stranger, to call in question a course which has approved itself to his conscience.

I am sorry I cannot waste more time over this matter. In my former letter, I wrote of the retiring members of the Lodge and what they had done, as officials, not as individuals. It is no fault of mine if in my present letter, I have spoken of the late Secretary otherwise. I have no manner of doubt that Bro. Godden is personally one of the most amiable and obliging of men. I have intended throughout to view him simply and solely in his late official capacity. If, unintentionally, I have over-stepped this limit, I regret it.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see that Bro. Godden, in the letter you published last week, speaks of giving up the books of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction only to Grand Lodge. I fancy the announcement will not be hailed with satisfaction by the officials of that distinguished body. It is no more right to suggest that Grand Lodge should take cognizance of the petty squabbles of a Lodge of Instruction than that the Lord Chief Justice of England should waste his valuable time in trying a man for being (say) drunk and incapable. Why not hand them over to the parent Lodge?

I remain, yours truly and fraternally,

M. B. A.

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REVIEWS.

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Calendrier Maçonnique du Grand Orient de France, Supreme Conseil pour la France et les Possessions Françaises, 1882 (110e annee.) Paris: Secrétariat Général du Grand Orient de France. 16 Rue Cadet.

We gather from this Masonic Calendar that there are at the present time in France, the French possessions, and Foreign Countries, in full working order, 276 Lodges, 35 Chapters, and 12 Councils, with a Consistory and Grand College of Rites, making a grand total of 325 Masonic bodies. Of these, there are in Paris 52 Lodges, five Chapters, two Councils, and the Grand College of Rites—total 60; in the Department of the Seine nine Lodges; in the other Departments 176 Lodges, sixteen Chapters, and six Councils, total 196; in Algeria twelve Lodges, two Chapters, and one Council—total 15; in the Colonies, seven Lodges, seven Chapters, and one Council—total 15; and in Foreign Countries twenty Lodges, five Chapters, two Councils, and a Consistory—total 28. All the requisite particulars respecting these and the dates and places of meeting are furnished, as well as of the Supreme Council of thirty-three members, by which the government of the Grand Orient is administered. Moreover, these particulars, while we can only say that, on the face of things, they appear to be accurate, are admirably arranged both in nominal and tabular lists. It is worth while noticing the distribution of French Lodges, &c., in Foreign Countries, which is as follows:—A Lodge and Chapter at Barcelona, in Spain; one Lodge at Corfu; six Lodges and two Chapters in Roumania; one Lodge at Geneva; three at Constantinople; one at Beyrout, in Syria; one at Alexandria, Egypt; three Lodges, one Chapter, and one Council in the Mauritius; one Lodge, Valparaiso, Chili; one Lodge at Buenos Ayres, Argentine Confederation; and a Lodge, Chapter, and Council at Monte Video, in the Republic of Uruguay. While, however, we think the officials charged with the compilation of this Calendar have ably fulfilled their duty as far as French Masonry is concerned, we cannot speak as favourably of its foreign information. One instance, that of our own United Grand Lodge, must suffice. The name of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, is altogether omitted. Lord Henry Thynne, M.P., and Bro. H. C. Okeover, who were appointed Grand Wardens in 1874 are returned as filling those offices at the present time; while Bros. Samuel Tomkins and John Hervey, both deceased, are set down as Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary respectively. Further "Major Shadwell Clerke" is stated to be Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council A. and A. Rite, an office he resigned two years ago on his appointment as Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge, in succession to Bro. John Hervey resigned, and since, as we have said, deceased. We noticed a similar error in last year's Calendar, and we think it nearly time, after the lapse of close on some eight years, that such errors should be corrected. We have no doubt the Secretaries of the Council of the Order, Bros. Poulle and Wyrouboff, are capable of accomplishing the not very difficult task of being accurate, and we trust they will see the propriety, as well as the advantage, of being so in future years.

Masonic Calendar and Official Directory for the Province of Wiltshire, 1882. Issued with the sanction of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Lord Methuen and the Provincial Grand Lodge. Edited by William Nott P.M. 663, P.Z. 632, &c., Provincial Charity Secretary, Devizes: Printed by W. H. Buch, Wine-street.

This is the second year of publication, and Bro. Nott has evidently missed no opportunity of making his Calendar as complete as possible. The Calendar for the year is exceedingly well done, and has the great advantage of being interleaved, so that the possessor may make notes in reference to any particular meetings, or the events of any particular day. Then follow nominal lists of the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers for the year, with the Officers of the subordinate Lodges and their Past Masters, and of the Grand and Prov. Grand Chapters and subordinate Chapters of the Mark Grand Lodge and the one Mark Lodge in the county. In addition are details and the necessary information as to the Masonic Institutions, the votes possessed by the Province, and the Provincial Charity Organisation, which, though it has not been more than one year in existence, has a balance in hand of over £105, the receipts having been £110 and some shillings, and the expenditure only a fraction over £5. Though Wiltshire is but a small Province, with ten Lodges, four R.A. Chapters, and one Mark Lodge, and though the Craft Masons muster no more than 449, it has to its credit in respect of the Schools and Benevolent Institution 1117 votes, so that it can reasonably look forward to carrying a candidate for one of the Schools about once in two years, and for a Benevolent Institution Annuity in a somewhat longer period of time. All which is eminently creditable to the Province, while the manner in which it is recorded in the pages of the Calendar by Bro. Nott is worthy of all commendation.

The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Gloucester, 1882. Published by authority of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Lodge. Compiled by Brother Colonel H. Basevi Past Deputy District Grand Master Punjab, and Past Provincial Grand Registrar Gloucester: Printed by John Bellows. 1882.

In addition to the Calendar and the usual information respecting the meeting days of the various Masonic bodies in the Province, their Officers and Past Masters, &c., Colonel Basevi gives a list of Lodges, Chapters, &c., &c., in the adjoining Provinces of Berkshire, Bristol, Herefordshire, Monmouthshire, Oxfordshire, Somersetshire, Warwickshire, Wiltshire, and Worcestershire, together with a mass of details respecting the votes and contributions of the Lodges and brethren to our three Central Institutions, and the Provincial Charity Association of Gloucestershire, established in 1876, its regulations, objects, officers, and members. In the preface an appeal is made to the members of the Craft in the Province to support it more generally, and so enhance its usefulness—an appeal which we sincerely trust will not be without a satisfactory result. The compilation, which is now in its fourth year, is well worthy of commendation, and Colonel Basevi may justly flatter himself on the clearness, precision, and method with which he has arranged its contents. Considering the limited space at his command, it is surprising how much information he has brought together.

The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, 1882. Fourth year of publication. Published by authority of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Lodge. Compiled by Bro. Samuel S. Partridge P.M. P.Z., P.P.S.G.W., Provincial Grand Secretary.

The Calendar and the requisite information as to the dates and places of meetings, and the Officers of the different Masonic bodies in the Provinces, constitute the bulk of the contents of this useful and well-compiled Calendar. In addition are lists of the Lodges, Chapters, Mark Lodges, &c., in the adjoining Provinces of Warwickshire, Norths and Hunts, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, and Staffordshire, while the central Institutions and the Masonic Charity Association of the Province receive their due share of attention. In addition is a tabular statement showing the voting strength of the Province. Bro. Partridge is to be congratulated on the admirable manner in which he has fulfilled his task.

Masonic March and Song, The Power of Friendship. Dedicated to W. Brother J. H. Southwood (P.M. and P.Z. 1260, England, and P.M. 120, Dublin), as a token of sincere regard and esteem by the author. Words by Bro. J. A. Wade, F.S.A. (No. 2, Scotland). Music by Bro. Louis Honig (Lodge Asaph 1319). London: Published by the composer, at his Academy of Music, 725 Commercial-road, E.

When we say that Bro. J. A. Wade is a veteran song writer, and author of "Billy Barlow," and "Meet me by moonlight alone," and "Love was once a little boy," our readers will at once feel favourably disposed towards his latest effusion, "The Power of Friendship." Nor will they be wrong in so doing, for Bro. Wade's latest song is in all respects worthy of his long-established reputation. The words, though simple, are very charming; and, what will please the Craft above all things, they have in them the genuine Masonic ring. As for Bro. Honig's music, we shall content ourselves with saying that it admirably interprets the words that are set to it. The March, too, is a spirited one, and though there is a small chance at our Lodge meetings of the spirit of geniality flagging, still, whenever an extra fillip may seem desirable, Bro. Honig's March will supply it.

Some Observations on Fire Insurance. In the form of a Lecture, explanatory of the principles on which the Perpetual and General Fire Insurance Company, Limited, has been founded. By Bro. E. C. Massey. Published by Winter and Bailey, 24 Chancery-lane, W.C.

On the ordinary scheme of Fire Insurance, as set forth so lucidly in Bro. Massey's lecture, no remarks are necessary. The propriety of insuring against fire is recognised generally, the majority of sensible people looking upon it as a duty, which it is imperative they should fulfil. The scheme of Perpetual Fire Insurance, however, is a novelty, and must be described, at all events, briefly. It is remarkably simple. It is proposed to establish a Perpetual Fire Insurance Fund of £562,500, and a Perpetual Fire Insurance Reserve Fund of £62,500, making together £625,000. This will be done by issuing half a million Policy Contracts at 25s each, payable half-a-crown on application—to be returned, however, if the application is declined—and £1 2s 6d on allotment, or according to special arrangement, and entitling the holder to interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum (payable half-yearly), until the Policy Contracts are exchanged for Perpetual Fire Insurance Policies of £100 each, for the insurance of approved dwelling houses, and for the approved contents of such dwellings. Thus a person desirous of insuring against fire to the extent of £100, can do so under this plan by the payment at once or as arranged of £1 5s, for a Policy Contract which, in due course, is exchanged for a Perpetual Policy for the said £100. If he wishes to insure to the extent of £1,000, he must buy ten Policy Contracts, value £1 5s each, to be exchanged for as many Perpetual Policies, each value £100. A strong Board of Directors has been formed, and the important and responsible post of General Manager and Secretary entrusted to Bro. E. C. Massey, who, we feel confident, will be found a most efficient man in that capacity. We strongly recommend the scheme to our readers.

Great strides having of late been made in instantaneous photography, the Lessees of the Alexandra Palace have offered prizes of gold, silver, and bronze medals for competition among professionals and amateurs, for the best photographs of the crowd assembled on Easter Monday. Last Easter Monday 76,824 persons visited the Palace, and it is intended to summon the whole number of visitors on the southern slopes of the Park at a certain moment for the views to be taken.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—A meeting of this very prosperous Lodge was held on 17th inst. at the St. George's Hall, Deal. Bros. W. Carterfield W.M., H. B. L. Botting I.P.M., G. Band S.W., R. S. Davey J.W., Rev. J. B. Harrison P.M. Chap. P.P.G. Chap., E. Kirby P.M. P.G.S. Treas., T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R. Secretary, H. Chambers S.D., E. Rea J.D., G. C. Harding I.G., F. Leith P.M. Lord of the Manor M.C., H. E. J. Webb Steward; Bros. R. Measham, J. W. Court, S. Willey, I. E. Laurence, W. J. A. Norris, J. Fawcett, J. B. Brown, R. Duval, S. Holgate Tyler. Visitor—Bro. J. Sheppard Metham Lodge. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M., who was unwell, vacated in favour of Bro. H. R. L. Botting I.P.M., who in a most able and impressive manner initiated Mr. W. R. Minter, who had been balloted for at a previous meeting. Bro. E. Kirby, in earnest and impressive manner gave the E.A. charge. Bro. G. Band S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing. Bro. E. Kirby P.M. was with acclamation re-elected Treasurer, the W.M. paying him a high compliment, and in the name of the Lodge thanking him for his past services, and hoped he would long be spared to them. Bro. E. Kirby thanked the W.M. and brethren for the high honour they had done him; it was very pleasing to know that his small services were so much appreciated; he could assure them that his services were at their disposal. Bro. Rev. J. B. Harrison announced himself as Steward for the Boys' School, the Festival to be held in June next. He was sure he should receive the hearty support of the brethren. Ten guineas was at once voted to the Boys', the same to be placed on Bro. Harrison's list. Lodge was closed with prayer in solemn form, the brethren afterwards spending a very pleasant and social hour together.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Held on Thursday, 23rd inst., at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. Nicholson W.M., C. Bellerby S.W., Cotton J.W., J. Wells Sec., T. A. Smith J.D., W. Seward I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. H. Kasner, and A. J. Barr. Visitors—Bros. Webb, Nye, Murch, Gasson, Pitt, and Yeomens. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Murch candidate. Bro. Gasson answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was opened up to the third, and closed down to first degree. Bro. C. Bellerby was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Lodge was closed, and adjourned to the 30th instant.

Trinity Lodge, No. 1734.—The Installation Festival of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Golden Lion, Rayleigh. Bro. F. J. Wiseman P.M. 160 Prov. J.G. Warden W.M. presided; and the following brethren were present:—Bros. Edward Judd P.M. 160 and 1734 P.P.G.R. M.E.Z. elect 1000 I.P.M. and Treasurer, E. E. Phillips P.M. and P.Z. 379 and 1000 P.P.G.D. Essex P.P.J.G.W. Somerset S.W., W.J. Belcham jun. J.W., Wm. Pissey P.M. 160 and 1734 M.E.Z. P.P.J.G. Warden Essex Sec., W. V. Willson S.D., H. Harper W.M. 160 J.D., James Syer D.C., Sidney Smith I.G., C. T. Witham Tyler, J. Belcham P.P.G.D., F. D. Grayson, and D. B. Grout P.M. No. 160; Visitors—Bros. R. M. Beeson 160, J. Taylor jun. 1000 160 and J.D. 1817. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The installation of Bro. E. E. Phillips S.W. the W.M. elect, was then proceeded with, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. William Pissey. At its conclusion the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing twelve months, as follow:—Bros. Frederick J. Wiseman I.P.M., Wm. Isaac Belcham jun. S.W., Wm. V. Willson J.W., Edward Judd re-elected Treasurer, Wm. Pissey re-appointed Sec., H. Harper S.W., Sidney Smith J.W., Jas. Syer D.C., John Belcham I.G., C. T. Witham re-elected Tyler. A vote of thanks having been passed to the installing Master, and duly acknowledged, the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer. At five o'clock the brethren, under the presidency of the W.M., sat down to a sumptuous banquet, which was well served by Mr. Hodson, and gave great satisfaction. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The W.M. stated that he had received the following letter from Lord Tenterden, the Prov.G.M.:—

4th March 1882.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I am sorry I am unable to accept your hospitality on the occasion of your installation on the 8th, but I have a previous engagment for that day, and it is very difficult for me to leave London at this time of year. With best wishes for your Mastership,

Yours fraternally,

TENTERDEN.

The W.M., in proposing "The I.P.M." presented Bro. Frederick J. Wiseman, in the name of the Lodge, with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, for which the I.P.M. returned thanks in a humorous and appropriate speech. The proceedings, which terminated at about half-past eleven, were agreeably diversified with songs and recitations, by Bros. Wiseman, Smith, Willson, Taylor, &c., and the general arrangements were excellently carried out under the superintendence of Bro. William Pissey.

Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Northampton, on Tuesday, 21st instant. Present—Bros. H. Brown W.M., Atkins I.P.M., H. Hill S.W., J. J. Hunt J.W. 360 as J.W., G. Morris S.D., Rev. T. C. Beasley J.D., Parker P.M. 360 Treasurer, H. Spoor Secretary, G. Ellard P.M. 260 M.C., G. Butcher Assist. M.C., Manning as I.G., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders P.M., Rev. S. W. Wigg P.P.G.C., Emery and Franklin Stewards, Dean and Kirby Tylers; also Bros. Perceval, Haviland, Abel, Clarke, Manfield, Goldeney, H. Jebbutt, J. A. Hill, A. Jones, Hodges, Johnston, Newman, Currall, Dorman, and others. Bros. W. J. Clarke and Manfield having proved their efficiency, Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and those brethren were admitted to the sublime degree respectively by the W.M. and Bros. Sanders P.M., while Bro. Atkins I.P.M. continued the traditional history. Lodge being resumed in the first degree, the Worshipful Master rose to move "That an address be respectfully presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, expressive of the horror and indignation felt by the brethren of this Lodge at the recent atrocious outrage committed on Her Majesty, and of their deep sense of gratitude at Her Majesty's happy escape, under Divine Providence." In submitting this resolution, the Worshipful Master observed that no further words of his were required to express the feelings which must have arisen in the breast of every Mason, not only in England but in every part of this vast Empire, when we were startled to hear of this diabolical outrage on the life of one who had always been held up as a pattern of every public as well as private virtue—it seemed incredible that a being in the form of a man, and that an Englishman, could be found bad enough to attempt such a crime. It was the duty of brethren to avail themselves of an opportunity of expressing gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe, who in His providence had palsied the arm raised to slay our Queen, but for which intervention they might be mourning the loss of a pre-eminently good and beloved Sovereign. In answer to the probable suggestion that the proposition was superfluous or unnecessary, he would add that, as there was but one Northampton, as there was but one town that had been brought by the light of recent events so notably to the front, the present was a most fitting opportunity for letting the country know that even in Northampton were many loyal hearts who were true to their Queen and country. The Rev. S. J. W. Sanders P.M., in seconding the proposition, did so with pleasure, because he felt that it was a good thing to show that Freemasons' Lodges in England were not what they had in times past been suspected of being, and what he feared they sometimes were in other countries, namely, nests of sedition and conspiracy. He so far applauded the idea of the address to Her Majesty that he would, as Master of De la Pré Lodge, ask the brethren of the Eleanor Cross to allow himself and his Wardens to sign the address on behalf of the members of that Lodge. The proposition was carried unanimously, and was greeted with Masonic applause. The special verses of the National Anthem were then sung respectively as solo, duet, and trio by Bros. Atkins, Hart, and Brown, the whole of the brethren joining in chorus. Bro. Abel, acting Organist, accompanied. After the usual routine business Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and some capital patriotic songs were sung. The Tyler's toast brought a very enthusiastic meeting to a close.

THE EAST END LICENSED VICTUALLERS BALL.

THE first annual Ball took place on Tuesday last at the Limehouse Town Hall, the whole of the proceedings passing off with much eclât. Over 150 ladies and gentlemen availed themselves of the opportunity of combining assistance to the very excellent Schools of the Licensed Victuallers with an evening's pleasure. Brother Louis Honig supplied a highly efficient band, and under his spirited direction a capital selection of dance music was discoursed to the delight of the followers of Terpsichore. Supper was served shortly after 12 o'clock, Bro. W. Davies, Cape of Good Hope, and Governor of the Licensed Victuallers School, presiding, Brothers Lamb and H. Chown acting as Vice-president. The Supper (which was elegantly served, reflected great credit upon the proprietor of the Cape of Good Hope Tavern) being ended, Bro. W. Davies toasted the "Queen and the Royal Family" which was heartily received. The chairman next gave the "Visitors," many of whom, he said, had come long distances, from all parts of London, to support him in the present undertaking. He could not sufficiently thank them, but hoped that, as the Ball had been so successful, he, or perhaps his successor, Mr. Deacon, would have the pleasure of asking them to come again upon another occasion. He would call upon Mr. Deacon to respond, being the Governor elect for next year. Mr. Deacon suitably replied, and gave the health of Mr. W. Davies, the worthy Chairman, and the promoter of the Ball, and Mrs. Davies, which was received with honours. In acknowledging the compliment, Mr. Davies expressed himself grateful for the cordial reception of the toast, and for the hearty support of the undertaking. As he had said, he hoped to have a second Ball in connection with the Licensed Victuallers' School. The Ladies were next toasted, in brief terms, coupled with the name of Mr. G. H. Stephens, who responded in felicitous terms. Subsequently dancing was resumed, and was much enjoyed until four o'clock in the morning. The duties of M.C. were most ably performed by Mr. T. Butler.

We are requested to state that the Lecture, by Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., announced for delivery at the Domatic Lodge of Instruction, on Tuesday evening next, the 28th inst., is postponed for a few weeks.

A very strong meeting of gentlemen connected with our Colonies was held on Thursday afternoon, at Marlborough House, under the presidency of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the object being to promote the establishment of the Royal College of Music. Among those present were the Earl of Kimberley, the Duke of Manchester, Sir Cunliffe P. Owen, K.C.M.G. The meeting was in all respects a successful one.

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Portsmouth Chapter, No. 487.—On Tuesday, 14th inst., the following vote of congratulation was proposed by Comp. Robert Osborne, seconded by Comp. R. J. Rastrick, the same to be transmitted through the 1st Grand Principal of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales K.G. :—

May it please Your Most Gracious Majesty.

We, the Principals and Companions of the Portsmouth Royal Arch Chapter, and numbered 487 on the roll of the Grand Chapter of England, in Open Chapter assembled this day, humbly beg leave to tender our sincere congratulations to Your Most Gracious Majesty on your Providential escape from a cruel death on the 2nd inst., and fervently pray that the Most High may be pleased to spare your precious life for many years to come to reign over your faithful and devoted subjects.

We also humbly beg leave to add that this being the day on which Your Most Gracious Majesty leaves this loyal old town of Portsmouth for Mentone, we devoutly supplicate the Most High to support you in all your actions—designed as they ever have been—for the welfare of those committed, by Providence, to your benign rule, and that your Majesty will shortly return to your dutiful subjects, benefited by the change, of which Your Majesty must now stand so much in need of.

Signed on behalf of the Principals and Companions of the above Chapter this fourteenth day of March, in the 45th year of Her Majesty's reign.

ROBERT OSBORNE, 1st Principal,
Past Prov. G. Reg. and Past Prov. G. Org.
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THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED AS UNDER:—

At the St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1891 (by the members), at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 27th inst. The chair will be taken, and the Lodge opened at 7 o'clock p.m. precisely, by the Preceptor, Bro. H. E. Frances P.P.G.S.D. Surrey. Bro. Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A., Grand Chaplain of England, will act as Chaplain on the occasion. Brethren to wear Masonic costume. The Sections will be worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Boswell, Cooper, Appleton, Taylor, Pincott, Lanfield, and Matz. Second Lecture—Bros. Plowman, Ayling, Palmer, W. H. Boswell, and Webb. Third Lecture—Bros. Cockburn, Foot, and Moss.

At the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524, at the Royal Edward, Triangle, Mare-street, Hackney, on Wednesday, the 29th inst., at 7 o'clock p.m. precisely. Bros. Stephens W.M., Barnes S.W., Webb J.W., Musto. I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Musto, Bardouleau, Loane, Wooding, Stewart, Moss, and Pringle. Second Lecture—Bros. Richardson, Eschwege, Musto, Webb, and Job. Third Lecture—Bros. Myers, Taylor, and Cundick. Bro. Diamond Hon. Sec.

A luncheon was given at the Mansion House on Monday, in connection with the Royal College of Music. A meeting was afterwards held, at which His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught spoke at considerable length in behalf of the movement. Other speeches were made, and the meeting, which consisted chiefly of bankers and merchants of the City, was closed with the highly satisfactory announcement that a sum of £5,000 had been subscribed in the room towards the College, thus raising the total hitherto collected in its behalf to about £53,000.

THE THEATRES, &c.

DRURY LANE.—At 7.15, ROBINSON CRUSOE. On Wednesday, and Saturday, at 1.30 also.

LYCEUM.—At 7.45, ROMEO AND JULIET.

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PRINCESS'S.—At 7, A PHOTOGRAPHIC FRIGHT. At 7.45, THE LIGHTS OF LONDON.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, ON AN ISLAND. At 8, THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, OURS.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, THE MARBLE ARCH. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.

STRAND.—At 7.30, PARADISE VILLA. At 8.15, MANOLA.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES, and PATIENCE.

AVENUE.—At 8, MADAME FAVART.

COURT.—At 8, MY LITTLE GIRL. At 9.45, THE MANAGER.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, THE BLACK CROOK.

COMEDY.—At 7.30, SEEING FROU-FROU. At 8, THE MASCOTTE.

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Exactly at half-past-two, the Lodge was tyled, and the Ara Lodge, No. 348 I.C., was opened to the third degree by the W.M., Bro. J. B. Crother, who thus had the honour of opening the first Lodge of Freemasons in the new hall, and he very ably performed the duties incumbent upon him, and was well assisted by his Officers. On the dais were—Bros. Suiter W.M., United Service Lodge; Levy, Mitchell, Buchanan, Page, and Asher P.M.'s, and C. Johnston W.M., Beta Lodge. Bro. Angelo Forrest presided at the organ in an efficient manner. The District Grand Lodge of Auckland, with Bro. G. S. Graham D.G.M., the Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand I.C., with Bro. G. P. Pierce P.G.M., and the Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand North S.C., with Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker P.G.M., were then admitted and received with the customary honours, Bro. P.M. Malcolm Niccol officiating as D.C. Bro. Graham took the chair, with Bro. Pierce on his right, and Bro. Whitaker on his left. The District Grand Lodge E.C. having been opened, the chorale "Hail, Eternal, by whose aid," was sung, when the D.G.M., by the request of Bro. L. Nathan, Chairman of Trustees, consecrated the building, and the D.G. Chaplain, Bro. Rev. C. M. Nelson, read an appropriate selection of Scripture. The anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is," was sung, after which the brethren formed in procession outside the hall and marched to St. Paul's Cathedral. On arriving at the door the brethren opened out right and left, and the Grand Lodges proceeded through the centre to their places in the church, the brethren filing in afterwards in the usual manner. The church was crowded, and there was a large number of ladies present, as well as a strong choir. The clergymen who took part in the service were Bros. Revs. Gould, Gulliver, Dr. Kidd, Tebbs, and C. M. Nelson. The service was chanted under the direction of the Rev. C. Nelson. Mr. Tebbs read the lesson from the Wisdom of Solomon. Appropriate psalms were chanted, and the hymn "O, Praise our God to-day" was sung; after which, the Rev. Mr. Gulliver ascended the pulpit, and taking for his text a portion of the 30th verse of the 10th chapter of St. Luke, "Fell among thieves," preached a most eloquent sermon.

The 168th hymn was then sung, and an offertory taken up for the poor of the parish, after which the service was closed, and the brethren returned in procession to the hall.

When the Grand Lodge was again formed, the Prayer of Benedic-

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tion was offered by the D.G. Chaplain, and grand honours were accorded; after which the Chairman of Trustees addressed the D.G.M., and the architect, Bro. Skinner, presented the plans, which were duly received. The dedication hymn, "O First and Sole Foundation," was sung, and the D.G.M. addressed the brethren on the duty which they had met to perform. A procession of Grand Lodge Officers was formed, and halting at the pedestal, the D.G.M. sprinkled salt, and dedicated the hall to Masonry, the choir singing "Genius of Masonry." Bro. Pierce P.G.M. I.C. scattered corn, and dedicated the hall to Virtue; and Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker P.G.M. S.C., poured the wine, dedicating the hall to Universal Benevolence; Bro. Graham D.G.M., dropping the oil, and dedicating the hall to all the purposes of Masonry. Each act of dedication was recognised by grand honours, and the verses of the consecration hymn were sung in the intervals as the procession advanced around the hall.

Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker then addressed the brethren. He said it was now his duty and pleasure on this interesting occasion to offer a few remarks. Many of them would recollect that, a few months ago, they had met to lay the foundation-stone of this structure, and he trusted they were now all satisfied with it. It had been an ancient custom to dedicate and consecrate buildings of this class, but they must not confound consecration with dedication. They had met here to consecrate this handsome temple, under the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, to Masonry. All Lodges must, when practicable, be held in a consecrated building, and they now set this place apart for the rites of Freemasonry, and he hoped it would long remain as a monument of the efforts of the brethren of the present day in erecting a building worthy of the Craft to which they belonged. He thought they might well be proud of what they had done. He had told them at the laying of the foundation-stone that, in the earliest days of the colony, Masonry had taken a firm root, but they did not dream then of laying the foundation of such a magnificent building as that in which they were assembled. It required great exertion on the part of the brethren to provide such a building as this, but it was an advantage to wait, for now they had one entirely adequate, and they could desire no better,—it had no equal in the colony. He hoped that in future the brethren would be more diligent in their attendance, and that their meetings would be worthy of the hall. No doubt many had reasonable objections to meeting in an hotel, but now that objection no longer existed, for they had the best hall in New Zealand, if not in the Australian Colonies. But this had not been accomplished without great effort. The cost was £3,500. Already subscriptions to the amount of £2,100 had been received, leaving a debt of £1,400. He hoped that debt would be soon wiped out, and felt sure it was not beyond their power to get rid of it. He had been requested to announce that a collection would be raised in the room for the building-fund. They now saw the position in which they stood. Unity had enabled them to get this building, and he hoped they would live long in unity, and pull with a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull altogether.

Offerings were then received. Bro. Suiter, on behalf of the United Service Lodge, handed in £40, in addition to what had already been subscribed. £10 were received from Coromandel Lodge, and £30 from Mercury Bay. The total received was £160.

The D.G.M., after the chant "O Praise God" had been sung, addressed the brethren, congratulating them on the erection of the building.

The closing hymn, "Now the evening shadows," was sung, after which the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the Grand Lodge Officers retired in procession.

The chairs were then resumed by the W.M. and Officers of the Ara Lodge, and the Lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony.

On the following evening, a grand ball was held in the Choral Hall, in honour of the occasion, and was attended by all the beauty, wealth, and fashion of Auckland District.—*New Zealand Freemason.*

MARK MASONRY.

HAWTON LODGE, No. 100.

THE yearly meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 8th instant, at the Masonic Rooms in Ivybridge. After the advancement of three brethren of the Craft Lodge, and the admission of a joining member, Bro. W. H. Mackey, the unanimous choice of the Lodge was duly installed as the W.M. This interesting ceremony was well performed by the Secretary, Bro. T. Searle P.M., ably assisted by Brother C. Spence-Bate, in a Board of Installed Masters consisting of Bros. J. B. Gover, E. Aitken Davies, F. J. Pratt, H. Cole, T. C. Lewarne, W. Boxall, J. Gidley, H. Langmaid. A vote of thanks was passed in favour of the D. Prov. G.M. and the visitors. The following brethren were appointed as the Officers for the ensuing year:—F. J. Pratt I.P.M., Richard Lavers S.W., T. D. Ford J.W., H. Cole Treasurer, T. Searle Secretary, G. H. Grills M.O., Richard King jnn. S.O., W. Crimpe J.O., J. D. Cobbledick M.O., W. R. Velvin J.D., James Horton I.G., W. Boxall P.M. M.C., A. S. Royte Tyler.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Indigestion.—How much thought has been bestowed, and what voluminous treatises have been written upon this universal and distressing disease, which is with certainty and safety dispelled without fear of relapse by a course of this purifying, soothing and tonic medicine! It acts directly on the stomach, liver, and bowels—then indirectly, though no less effectively, on the brain, nerves, vessels, and glands, introducing such order throughout the entire system that harmony dwells between each organ and its functions. Dyspepsia need no longer be the bugbear of the public, since Holloway's Pills are fully competent to subdue the most chronic and distressing cases of impaired digestion, and to restore the miserable sufferer to health, strength, and cheerfulness.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

Royal Veterans Encampment, No. 10.—The annual convocation of the "United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple" was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, on Friday, 17th inst., when E. Sir Knight Francis Beer Westlake P.P.G.D.C. was duly installed as the Eminent Commander. The ceremony was by special request most impressively performed by E. Sir Knight C. F. Matier P.E.C. and K.C.T. of the Order, assisted by E. Sir Knight Col. Fitz Gerald P.E.C. P. 2nd Cap. Eng. P.P. 1st C., I. Watts P.E.C. P.P.G.T., J. Batten Gover P.E.C. P.P.G.T., L. D. Westcott P.E.C. P.P.G.M., E. Aitken Davies P.E.C. P.P.G.V.C., J. H. Keats P.E.C. P.P.G.H., and others. The following Officers were appointed for the year:—E. Sir Knight S. L. R. Templer P.P.G. S.Wks. P.E.C., John James 1st Captain, George R. Barrett 2nd Captain, E. Aitken Davies Prelate, Josiah Austin P.E.C. P.P.G.C. Treasurer, I. Watts Registrar, E. Binding Ex., W. A. Fowler C. of L., S. Jew P.E.C. P.P.G.T. H., L. D. Westcott S.B., J. B. Gover Almoner, W. W. Phillips G. A Priory of Malta was opened and two Fratres were incepted and installed; after which a Board of Installed Priors was opened, and herein E. Sir Knight Westlake was installed as E. Prior of the Priory. Sir Knight Matier again officiated, and he was warmly thanked by the assembled Fraters for kindly consenting, at short notice, to undertake such important ceremonies, so ably done. The Fraters adjourned for refection to the hostelry of Bro. Watts, the Globe. E. Sir Knight F. B. Westlake presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were fully honoured.

Loyal Brunswick Preceptory.—The annual meeting of this Preceptory, was held at the Masonic Chaptor Room, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse. The principal business was the installation of the V.E. Sir Knight J. Edward Curteis P.E.C. and Arch Treasurer of England. Sir Knight the Rev. T. W. Lemon performed the installation, and he was assisted by Sir Knights C. F. Matier, J. B. Gover, I. Watts, Colonel Fitz Gerald, J. J. Daw, J. H. Keats, L. D. Westcott. The usual business having been done, the following Officers were appointed:—J. Harris Square 1st Capt., W. M. St. Aubyn 2nd Capt., Rev. T. W. Lemon Prelate, I. Watts Treasurer, T. S. Bayly Secretary, J. Jarrard Daw Expert, Colonel Fitz Gerald C. of L., J. Rogers G. Apologies from many Knights were received. Business finished, the Fraters adjoined to the Globe Hotel for the banquet—the banquet of the season. Sir Knight Curteis presided, and it goes without saying that a very pleasant evening was spent. The speciality was the "Health of the Queen" (who is the patroness of the Order), and the Prince of Wales," who is the Grand Master.

YE FRATERNITIE OF YE RAHERE ALMONERS.

UNDER the patronage of the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, Alderman Figgins, Deputies and Members of the Court of Common Council, for the Ward Farringdon Without, a Grand Concert was given in the Memorial Hall, E.C., on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., in aid of the funds. This Society has been established for the purpose of affording assistance and relief to deserving and necessitous persons; and in memory of the pious Founder of the ancient Priory of St. Bartholomew. It has been decided that its operations shall not, at any time, interfere with any existing lay or clerical institution for the furtherance of charity, but shall be an adjunct to or co-operator with them when circumstances permit.

On Wednesday, PART I. comprised—Part Songs, "Village Choristers" (Moschelles), "May Day" (Muller), Choir; Song, "Laura" (Rastrelli), Miss Florence Cater; Solo Violin (Mendelssohn, Hauser), Miss M. Schumann; Song, "The Old and the Young Marie" (Cowen), Miss Ellen Marchant; Song, "The Raft (H. Leslie), Mr. Bantock Pierpoint; Duet Pianoforte, "Die Schone Galathe" (F. von Suppe), Miss Alma Sanders and Mr. Humphrey J. Stark; Song, "Love Knots" (Barri), Mr. Harper Kearton: Songs, "When the Heart is Young," "Twickenham Ferry," Miss Dooking; Song, "Distant Shore," Mr. Wakefield Reeves.

PART II.—Solo Pianoforte, "Olivette" (B. Smith), Madlle. Fleurella; Solo and Chorus, "Gipsies' Tent" (T. Cooke), Choir; Song, "The Miller and the Maid" (Marzials), Miss Florence Cater; Solo Pianoforte, "Bouree" (Alma Sanders), Miss Alma Saunders; Song, "O mio Fernando" (Donizetti), Miss Ellen Marchant; Song, "I Fear no Foe" (Pinsuti), Mr. Bantock Pierpoint; Chorus of Soldiers in Faust" (Gounod), Choir; Song, "Ehren on the Rhine" (Hutchinson), Mr. Harper Kearton. The Entertainment throughout was of a very satisfactory character, the applause in many instances being enthusiastic. The National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, President, presided, Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, occupied the Senior Vice-President's chair, and Bro. J. H. Matthews was placed in the Junior Vice-President's chair. There was a large attendance of brethren. Grants recommended at last meeting of the Lodge, to the amount of £195, were first confirmed. There were thirty-nine cases on the new list. Of these, one was dismissed, and six were deferred. The remainder were relieved, with a total of £900. The Lodge sat more than four hours.

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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, 25th MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
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
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

MONDAY, 27th MARCH.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
33—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
72—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7.30. (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)
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1663—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 6.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
146—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
734—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)
R.A. 341—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 28th 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, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
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.)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (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.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1744—Royal Savoy, 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.)
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
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
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire

WEDNESDAY, 29th MARCH.

193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
898—Temperance in the East, 8 Newby Place, Poplar
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1378—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
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
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
590—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons'sHall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1063—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
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

THURSDAY, 30th 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)
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
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's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction.)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1611—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
638—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T.—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 31st MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., 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)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 1st APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

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ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 382.

THE installation meeting of this, the oldest Lodge in the Province of Middlesex, took place on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. The brethren were summoned for 2.30, but many took advantage of the glorious weather we have lately been favoured with to enjoy a stroll in the neighbourhood of the Lodge's headquarters, consequently the early trains were in request by Craftsmen who were minded to make a day of it. Those who did so avail themselves may be congratulated, as budding Spring never had a fairer opportunity of displaying her charms than in the glorious sunshine of Monday last. Lodge was opened shortly after the time named in the summons, when the W.M. Bro. C. Russ Prov. G.S. was supported by his Officers and the following Past Masters:—G. Fehrenbach (Treasurer), W. Coombes (Secretary), W. Webb, E. C. Woodward, B. H. Swallow, and John Weedon. The Visitors were—Bros. J. Da Silva W.M. 205, W. Ilfray 417, J. N. Stephens 1922, Fred Hill 1563, R. Callingford 1624, Geo. Green 1558, Fred. Green 1687, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, S. Brooks P.M. 1608, Stephen S. Phillips P.M. 173, J. E. Shand P.M. 1563, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., G. Festa S.W. 1900, E. B. Cox 1563, Chas. Dairy P.M. 141, S. Miller 861, C. Andrews P.M. 77, H. E. Tucker S.W. 1612, J. W. Davis 467 New York, T. F. Knight-Smith P.M. 1441, A. Lambert, &c. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was brought into request. The candidate, Mr. Edward Lewis, was proposed for initiation by Bro. Kendall, seconded by Bro. J. Lonsdale the W.M. elect. The result was unanimous in favour of Mr. Lewis, who was then introduced and initiated by Bro. Russ. The W.M. elect was next presented, and Bro. Russ concluded the duties of a highly successful year by installing his successor, proving by the way he carried out this task that his zeal had not abated in his determination to master the ritual. The following is the list of Officers who were appointed:—G. Rowles S.W., H. W. Nicholson J.W., G. Fehrenbach P.M. Treasurer, W. Coombes P.M. Secretary, E. T. Brown S.D., W. C. Hall J.D., W. Garard I.G., Kendall W.S., Cook P.M. M.C., G. Duffin Tyler, J. J. Wilson Organist. The usual addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master, who was heartily congratulated at the close of the ceremony. The first duty of Bro. Lonsdale was to present his predecessor with the P.M.'s jewel voted by the brethren. The W.M. congratulated Bro. Russ on the success that had resulted from his efforts, and urged the fact that twelve initiates having joined the Lodge during the Mastership of Bro. Russ testified to the estimation in which the Royal Union Lodge was held. In replying the I.P.M. expressed his appreciation of the kindness shown him by the brethren. He then detailed some very satisfactory facts in regard to the financial condition of the Lodge, which was in a flourishing state. It was most gratifying, and he sincerely trusted that the prestige of the Lodge would be sustained. The sum of £10 10s was then voted from Lodge Funds—for one of the Masonic Institutions—the Royal Benevolent; and after the consideration of several business matters, the Visitors tendered their good wishes, and Lodge was closed. After a short interval, banquet was served. Ample justice was done to the fare provided, and on the removal of the cloth the W.M. proceeded with the toasts. The loyal ones were enthusiastically received. In speaking to the toast of the Prov. Grand Master, the W.M. announced he had received a letter from Sir Francis Burdett regretting his inability to be present. Bro. Russ proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Lonsdale had loyally served in the various offices he had held, and the members looked forward to the propect of enjoying a pleasant term during his Mastership. In reply, the W.M. said he had for years looked forward to reaching the exalted position he now held. He had worked upwards, and he entered upon his duties under most favourable auspices. The next toast was the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Russ. Bro. Russ had loyally devoted himself to advance the interests of the Lodge during the last twelve months; his duties had been of an arduous character, but he had ably fulfilled them; moreover, he had vacated the chair leaving a substantial balance in hand. He (the W.M.) trusted his year of office might be equally successful. He had great pleasure in offering the toast for the acceptance of the brethren, and he was assured they would drink it with hearty enthusiasm. After a duet, "While Time rolls gaily on," admirably sung by Bros. Cantle and Knight-Smith, Bro. Russ acknowledged the compliment paid him. For the Visitors, Bros. Da Silva, Morgan, Brooks, and Tucker responded. The initiate received a cordial greeting from the brethren, and gracefully acknowledged the honour done him. In consequence of the lateness of the hour, the other toasts were hurried over, but the proceedings altogether were eminently satisfactory. A capital musical programme had been provided; owing, however, to the heavy work of the day, it had to be curtailed somewhat. Brothers T. F. Knight-Smith and J. Ion Cantle were the artists engaged, while Bro. W. G. Reynolds gave, in vigorous style, a recitation by W. Carleton—"The Tay Bridge." We would suggest, however, that this composition should be materially curtailed. We are convinced it would thus be more acceptable to an audience than in its present state. Before closing this report we must say a word for Bro. Kendall, who was most amusing in the humorous recitation he gave of "Pat and his Guinea."

ERME LODGE, No. 1091.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, in Ivybridge, on Wednesday, 8th instant. There was a large attendance at the Board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were Bros. Spence-Bate, H. Cole, J. B. Gover, F. J. Pratt, T. Searle, J. H. Sawyer, S. Sandover, W. Boxall, James Gidley, T. C. Lewarne, H. Cameron, J. R. H. Harris, James Fox, Walter Glover, A. C. Bradley. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Brother Richard Lavers, the retiring Master, who thus culminated a good year's work well and faithfully done. The Officers who were appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. Thomas Duke Ford W.M., R. Lavers I.P.M., G. H. Grills S.W., R. King jun. J.W., H. Cole Treasurer, J. Cobbledick Secretary, R. King sen. S.D., W. Velvin J.D., J. Horton I.G., F. Henwood M.C., E. Lavers A.M.C., W. Ryder Organist, T. Lavers S.S., H. Lavers J.S., A. Coyte Tyler. The Treasurer's account was very satisfactory. There had been contributions to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, to the Hayshe Memorial Fund, and to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. All arrears had been paid, and a balance of over £25 remained. Brother Mackay, in the name of the Lodge, presented a massive gold P.M.'s jewel, engraved as follows:—

"Presented to W. Brother R. Lavers, by Lodge Erme, No. 1091, for the very able manner in which he conducted the Lodge during his year of office as W.M. 8th March 1882."

Other business consequent at the yearly meeting having been satisfactorily finished, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Sandover's, Erme Hotel, for the banquet. This was admirably served, and the hostess and host were subsequently thanked for their care and attention. Brother Ford, the Worshipful Master, presided over the brethren (about fifty), and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Burden presided at the piano, and contributed much to the pleasure of those who were present.

METHAM LODGE, No. 1205.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, was held on Monday at their Masonic Rooms, Caroline-place, Stonehouse, when Bro. W. H. Hunt was unanimously installed as W.M. The ceremony was ably performed by Bros. T. E. Peek the retiring Master, William Powell P.M. and S., Thomas Gibbons P.M., and Hugh Cameron, assisted by a Board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were Bros. D. Cross, J. B. Gover, J. M. Hifley, E. Aitken Davies, E. J. Knight, A. E. Lean, W. D. Thomas, William Ailsford, J. W. C. Cornish, J. R. H. Harris, W. Glover, W. Coath, Thomas D. Ford, P. G. L. Pearce, Samuel J. Hearle, C. A. Nicholson. On completion of the ceremony the following Officers were appointed and invested:—T. E. Peek I.P.M., R. Dickson S.W., R. J. Smith J.W., Daniel Cross P.M. Treasurer, William Powell P.M. Secretary, P. J. Dunn S.D., L. Martin J.D., G. Wilson I.G., J. Hayward M.C., H. E. Setters S.S., H. Squires J.S., Thomas Gidley T. Bros Warne and Poole were appointed the Audit Committee, to meet in a fortnight and report at next meeting. The Lodge then adjourned to the Royal Hotel, at Devonport, where the banquet was held, and, as is usual, the provision was bountiful and the attendance exceptionably good. The Worshipful Master Brother W. H. Hunt presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, especially dwelling upon the recent dastardly attempt on the life of the Queen. The Grand Lodge of England had already expressed the feeling of Freemasons, and he was sure the loyal Masons of the Metham Lodge, so many of whom had already proved their fealty in all parts of the world, would express their abhorrence of the attempted crime, and heartily wish long life, health, and happiness to her Majesty. The Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges were well represented in reply by Bro. J. E. Curtois, and Bro. Gover made a forcible appeal on behalf of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. The W.M., responding for himself, thanked the Lodge for its unanimous vote, and, relying on the assistance of his Past Masters, he hoped to leave the Lodge as harmonious as he found it. The banquet, at which over eighty were present, was made very agreeable by the good arrangements and the indefatigable exertions of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Cross and Powell. The musical arrangements were conducted by Bro. Gibbons, who also accompanied with much ability; he was assisted by Bros. Dunn, Collings, and Peek. Bro. McCartney gave a reading of "The Dream of Eugene Aram." The health of Mrs. and Brother Parker was duly honoured, and they were thanked for their good catering. Metham Lodge marks this meeting with a white stone.

WALLINGTON LODGE, No. 1892.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Public Hall, Carshalton, on Thursday, the 16th inst. Present—Bros. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B. Provincial Grand Secretary Surrey, C. Sawyer W.M., John G. Horsey S.W. Worshipful Master elect, W. Pile J.W., W. Russell Crowe Treasurer, Leon A. Mesronze Secretary, E. Dickman S.D., J. W. Baldwin J.D., W. P. Catterson I.G., W. Harewood W.S., G. C. Burry P.P.G.O., Captain R. Crowe, R. R. Davis, J. Edwards, G. W. Filmer, C. D. Maspero, W. W. Weal, S. C. Wilcox, and A Bishop. Visitors—Bros. Major Williams P.M. 162, Archibald Currie S.W. 1773, R. Tilling W.M. 765, F. G. Frost S.W. 1347, E. Harlock 1601, and R. D. Langton 1673. Lodge was opened at two p.m. for the purpose of disposing of certain business, and also of raising Bro. Weal and passing Bros. Wilcox and Bishop, after which Lodge was called off for a short time. Upon resuming labour, at 5 p.m., Bro. S. P. Catterson P.M. presented the W.M. elect Bro. John G. Horsey S.W. P.M. 1619, J.W. 186, to receive the benefit of installation, which ceremony was ably performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. Charles Sawyer. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. C. Sawyer I.P.M., W. Pile S.W., E. Dickman J.W., W. R. Crowe P.M. Treasurer, Leone A. Mesronze Secretary, J. W. Baldwin S.D., W. P. Catterson J.D., R. R. Davis P.M. M.C., G. C. Burry P.P.G.O. Org., W. Harwood I.G., Capt. R. Crowe Steward. Bro. Rowley was re-elected and invested as Tyler. The W.M. then rose and said he had now a very pleasing duty to undertake—one, too, that he had performed to the same worthy brother about four years ago—that was to present Bro. Charles Sawyer I.P.M. with the handsome jewel the brethren

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had voted him, in recognition of his valuable services as first Worshipful Master of the Lodge. After other business, Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet at the King's Arms Hotel. The cloth removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In giving the Queen and the Craft the Worshipful Master made feeling allusion to the late attempt upon the life of Her Majesty, and the great loyalty of her Masonic subjects, as also to the sympathy expressed by the brethren at Grand Lodge on the previous evening, when the Most Worshipful Grand Master occupied the chair. The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Charles Greenwood, responded for the Officers of Grand Lodge, and Bro. Barry Past Prov. G. Organist for those of Prov. Grand Lodge, each speaking in eulogistic terms of the working of the Wallington Lodge. The Worshipful Master, Bro. John G. Horsey, received great credit for his zeal and ability from Bro. C. Sawyer I.P.M, and in reply, and proposing the toast of the I.P.M., said, that he and Bro. Sawyer had worked together for several years, and had before stood in the same relative positions in another Lodge that they now did in this. Bro. Greenwood Prov. Grand Secretary urged the brethren to assist in the great objects of our Masonic Institutions. Bro. R. B. Davis, with the concurrence of the W.M., stated his intention of representing the Wallington Lodge for the Girls' School, and he hoped for the support of the brethren. After the Tyler's toast the proceedings closed.

Constitutional Lodge, No. 55.—The regular meeting of this excellent working Lodge was held on the 16th instant, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn. Bros. T. B. Linscott W.M., Johnston jun. S.W., Robertson P.M. as J.W., Atkins P.M. Treasurer, Webb J.D., Balfour I.G., Brown M.C. Past Masters Bros. Catherwood, Dwarber, Gilruth, Pownceby, Robertson, Cooper, A. Melhuish, T. Whaley (father of the Lodge), Marston, J. H. Dodson. Visitors—Bros. J. Holloway S.W. 1472, H. Phillips late 55, Goddard P.M. late 55, J. Whaley 172, J. Cox W.M. 157, J. Minter 1538, Mumford 1538, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Harry Price was passed to the second degree in a very perfect manner. Bro. Gilruth proposed, and Bro. Marston seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for presenting the Lodge with three gavels, which were made of the timber of H.M.S. Resolute, which formed part of the expedition sent in search of Sir John Franklin. The vessel was discovered by Capt. Buddington, U.S. whaler "George Henry," in 1855, sent to England at the expense of the U.S. Government, and presented to Her Majesty the Queen, at Southampton, 16th December 1856. The proposition was carried unanimously. Bro. Dwarber proposed that a sum of ten guineas be placed on the list of the W.M., who will act as Steward for the Girls' School at the next Anniversary Festival. This also was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed until the third Thursday in April, and the brethren, fifty-seven in number, sat down to a very sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. W. Gosden. Grace having been said, the W.M., in proposing the toast of the Queen and the Craft, in elegant terms referred to the late attack on Her Majesty. Every one had seen, that by the meeting in Grand Lodge, specially convened for the express purpose of showing that among all Her Majesty's subjects, however loyal they may be, none are more so than the Masonic body. The National Anthem was sung by Bro. Trantar, and was heartily joined in by the brethren. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Those who were present at Grand Lodge on Wednesday evening saw how enthusiastically he was received; his two Royal brothers must likewise have been gratified at their reception. Those who were present at the last Quarterly Communication knew how enthusiastically the M.W.G.M. was re-elected. All hoped he might be spared among us for many years as ruler of the Craft. The toast of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers was next given. The W.M. referred to the speech made by the Pro Grand Master the previous evening; his telling words evinced to all that he was most enthusiastic in the fulfilment of his duties. The same remarks might equally be applied to the R.W. the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master. He would call on the brethren to honour the toast, and incorporate with it the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Cooper Immediate Past Master then rose; with great pleasure he had to take the gavel; it was a pleasure to him to have to propose the health of the W.M., who he was proud to say was esteemed by them all. He (Bro. Cooper) regretted he was not present in Lodge when the gavels made from the ship Resolute were presented. Their W.M. was about to serve a Stewardship for one of the Masonic Institutions. He earnestly pleaded for the support of the members, who doubtless would prove to the Craft at large that what they had done in the past they were ready to repeat in the future. He would call on one and all to honour the toast of the W.M. The Worshipful Master in reply said he had heard such a display of kind words from Brother Cooper, and the brethren had so cordially responded to his remarks, that he felt he had done his duty so far, otherwise perhaps he would not have been elected. Their worthy Past Master had alluded to his having presented them with gavels; he thanked the brethren for accepting them. He had great pleasure in returning his sincere thanks for their reception of the toast. The Treasurer and the Visitors was next given, and Bros. John Cox and H. M. Levy responded; Bro. Goddard (late 55) eloquently spoke of the kind hospitality of the W.M. The W.M. announced with great pleasure that from around the festive board he had had handed to him £73 18s. He hoped to get a still larger sum to support that noble Institution the Girls' School. The toast of the Past Masters followed. The W.M. described them as the pillars of the Lodge; they were not only capable, but willing to impart any knowledge required of them. He would call on Bro. Dwarber—whose knowledge in Freemasonry was well known and appreciated—to respond. Brother Dwarber, in reply, said he felt pleased to respond. Each of the Past Masters was ready to do all in their power for the good of the Craft in general and their Lodge in particular; in their names he thanked the brethren, and assured them their services were always at command. In proposing the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, the W.M. remarked that in their Treasurer they had a brother second to none; he showed that at their last audit they had a balance of £400 in hand. Unquestionably they had here the right man in the right place. Bro. Snow, the Secretary, he regretted was not present, his duties, however, were very arduous, and he had worked zealously in their fulfilment. The Lodge was especially indebted to him. The toast of the Officers followed; they had conscientiously discharged their duties. This toast having been replied to, the Tyler gave the parting one, and the brethren separated.

St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and was exceptionally well attended. The Lodge was opened by Bro. G. A. B. Fletcher W.M., the Officers present being Bros. J. Wood S.W., W. H. Baker J.W., W. Marted S.D., Chester J.D., T. A. Denne I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Robinson, Stoner, Farwig, Pasons Sec., Wade, and Miles Treasurer. The minutes were read and confirmed, when Bros. Westrop, Shout, and White having passed the degree of Fellow Craft, were raised to the degree of Master Mason in a very efficient and perfect manner. The Lodge was then closed according to ancient custom, and the members adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which gave great satisfaction. The W.M., who ably presided, proposed the Loyal toasts in a very feeling and patriotic manner, which were received with great enthusiasm. The W.M. then proposed the R.W. the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, in a concise yet descriptive speech. The gavel having been placed in the hands of the I.P.M., Bro. C. J. Wade in very complimentary and eulogistic terms proposed the health of the W.M., congratulating him upon his excellent working in the Lodge, and his graceful tact and congenial manner in presiding at the banquet. Bro. Walter Joyce having favoured the brethren with a recitation, which afforded much pleasure, the W.M., in replying to the toast of his health, assured his Officers, Past Masters, and the brethren, of his continued interest and zeal in every thing conducive to the welfare of Freemasonry generally, and the St. James's Union Lodge in particular; he hoped his year of office would continue to be marked by the same cordial good fellowship, and the happy mutual interest which had characterised it so far. Bros. Herbert Dicketts P.M. and Past Grand Steward, R. Baker I.P.M. 188, and W. Joyce, responded to the toast of the Visitors. Bro. P.M. Stoner responded on behalf of the Past Masters, Bro. Wood and the other Officers responded to the toast of the Officers, and the Tyler's toast concluded a most successful and pleasant evening. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. H. Dicketts P.M., R. Baker P.M. 188, and W. Joyce.

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held, under the presidency of Bro. T. W. C. Bush W.M., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Monday, the 20th inst. Being what is termed an off-night, the attendance was not considerable. The Officers, consisting of Bros. W. D. Bayley I.P.M., Staley S.W., S. Barnett J.W., John Constable P.M. Treas., P. Levy Hon. Sec., Boas S.D., Peartree J.D., Lyon I.G., and Potter Tyler, were in their places promptly at the specified time. The P.M.'s were represented by Bros. Bloomfield, J. D. Barnett, John Ross, and E. Gottheil. The following were Visitors:—Bros. A. McDowall W.M. 948, A. Mowling J.D. 948, O. Latreille W.M. 1260, J. Lea Royal Oak, and G. P. Hawkes 101 Temple. The business of the evening included the passing of Bros. Lehman and Schlesinger, and the initiation of Mr. Solomon Leeuw. By the courtesy of the W.M., Bro. G. Nicholson 1379 was raised to the degree of Master Mason. The following notices of motion were agreed to without discussion:—By the W.M., That the sum of £25 be voted from the Lodge funds, as a donation in aid of the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the Russian Jews; by Bro. Treasurer, That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the Lodge funds, and that the same be placed on the list of the W.M. as Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The Lodge having been closed, and refreshment enjoyed, the W.M. gave, Loyalty to the throne and devotion to the Craft, and said he could not allow the opportunity to pass without saying that the toast on the present occasion demanded their heartiest sympathies and expressions of feelings of horror and disgust at the foul and dastardly crime which had been attempted on the universally beloved Sovereign. As Lord Carnarvon truly said in Grand Lodge, there are no citizens more loyal than Freemasons, and it is therefore in all sincerity that we, as Masons, express our heartfelt gratitude that all evil consequences have been providentially and happily averted. The toast was most enthusiastically received, and followed by the National Anthem, exceedingly well rendered by Bro. Past Master John Ross, Bro. Past Master J. D. Barnett presiding at the pianoforte. The W.M. next gave the health of the initiate. To the toast of the Visitors, Bros. McDowall and O. Latreille responded in almost the same terms, and especially dwelt on the excellency of the working of the W.M., and the attention and discipline of his Officers. In proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. Past Master W. D. Bayley said the duty devolved upon him to act as I.P.M. in the absence of Bro. Croaker, who could not possibly attend, owing to the serious illness of one of his children. He was sure they would extend to Bro. Croaker their heartiest sympathies. Their present W.M. was in all truth the right man in the right place. The Lodge was not likely to suffer under his administration, and there was no doubt the brethren would support him to the fullest extent in his efforts to maintain the dignity and prosperity of the Lodge. He tendered the W.M. his best wishes for health, and hoped his year of office would terminate with credit to himself and to the advantage of the Lodge. Bro. Bush, in respond-

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ing, thought Bro. Bayley had spoken of him in terms he did not deserve. (No, no.) He would certainly endeavour to do his best to uphold the prestige of the Lodge. Ever since his initiation, by Bro. Past Master Ross, he had experienced nothing but kindness, and trusted that his conduct during his year of office would be such as to merit the continued sympathy and approbation of the brethren. He concluded by mentioning the fact that he would represent the Lodge at the next Boys' Festival, and hoped his list would be worthy of this warranted and worshipful Lodge. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was cordially received. After some remarks by the Treasurer, Bro. Phil Levy Secretary said: He was glad to have the opportunity of stating how gratifying it was to the Jewish brethren that the vote of £25 to the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the Russian Jews was so unanimously passed; that fact would brighten the page of any future history of the Lodge, whoever the historian might be. He trusted Bro. Constable might be spared to write that history. On behalf of the Officers, Bro. Staley S.W. responded in suitable terms, and the Tyler's toast terminated a most enjoyable evening. Bros. Bayley, Constable, Ross, Tipper, and J. D. Barnett exerted themselves to contribute to the pleasures of the evening by their vocal efforts, whilst the latter brother played the accompaniments on the pianoforte. Bro. Geo. Mitchell, of 490 New York, U.S., was received as a joining member.

Panmure Lodge, No. 720.—The March regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, 20th inst. Bro. William Gunner W.M. opened the Lodge at the appointed hour, and there were present during the evening Bros. G. Lilley as S.W., J. Laird as J.W., James Stevens P.M., C. P. McKay P.M., D. Trusler P.M., T. Poore P.M. and Secretary, C. Everist S.D., A. J. Barton J.D., G. Allen P.M. as I.G., C. A. Blogg Organist, S. Ash M.C., C. Thomas Tyler, W. H. Collier, G. R. Smith, G. Malley, J. Hall, A. Leonard, &c. and Visitor Bro. J. Archer, The Great City, No. 1426. The business comprised the raising of Bro. Smith by Bro. Poore P.M. and the initiation of Mr. Herbert Marsh by Bro. McKay P.M., to whom the W.M. courteously resigned the chair of K.S., to enable him to introduce a personal friend into Freemasonry. The Secretary read a letter which had been received from Col. Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, stating that Bro. Sheadd had informed him officially that the respective offices of Treasurer and Secretary were filled by the same Brother; and requesting the Lodge to alter that arrangement, the same not being in accordance with the Constitutions of the Order. The W.M. explained that whilst, of course, the requirements of Grand Secretary should be observed, it was only right it should be understood that the best interests of the Lodge had been promoted in this particular instance by the connection of the two offices in the person of Bro. Poore; and that the arrangements which had been made, at the request of the Lodge, by Brother Sheadd P.M., who was at that time W.M., but had since resigned, and who now called the attention of the Grand Secretary to the fact, had, although inconsistent with the regulations, worked greatly to the financial prosperity and general good position of the Lodge. Bro. Poore at once tendered his resignation as Treasurer, and the same was accepted with expressions of great regret. Bro. Trusler P.M. was unanimously elected to fill the vacant office. Several members expressed themselves very warmly in respect of the originator of the interference with hitherto existing arrangements; but all agreed that the laws of the Grand Lodge must be specifically observed. Letters of apology from absent members were read, and a petition of a distressed Brother was granted. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an early supper and a couple of hours social intercourse in harmony and good fellowship.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—At the Jacob's Well, George-street, Manchester-square, W., on the 10th inst. Present—Bro. G. Coop Preceptor, G. W. West P.M. 1287 W.M., A. Braun P.M. P.Z. 766 S.W., G. J. K. Tribbel P.M. 1287 J.W., W. Dunham Treasurer, H. Moore Secretary, Weatherilt S.D., Miller P.M. 766 J.D., W. Heath I.G.; also Bros. Kidman P.M. 766, Cloghorn W.M. 1287, Hart, Bellerby, Chambers, Hemmings, Wilmore, Rowley, Lister, Saunders, J. Owen, G. H. Smith, T. A. Smith, Sedgwick, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the first section of the lecture. Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and the installation ceremony was rehearsed in a most able manner by the W.M., Bro. Miller P.M. 766 presenting Bro. Coop as his qualified successor. The addresses were given by the W.M. in a very impressive manner, and a section of the brethren saluting the newly-elected W.M. in the three degrees in the customary form. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint his Officers, saying a few sympathetic and appropriate words to each. The Secretary then read a copy of the Bye-Laws as had been proposed, and these were discussed. Bro. Bellerby proposed, that one night a-month be set apart as an Officer's night, and the members of the mother Lodge be invited to attend on those occasions, to assist the members of the Lodge of Instruction. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had filled the chair of K.S. for the first time under the roof of the Jacob's Well.

On Friday, 17th inst., present Bros. A. Braun P.M. 766 W.M., G. J. K. Tribbel S.W., A. Jones J.W., C. Bellerby S.D., M. J. Rowley J.D., W. Heath I.G., G. Coop Preceptor, H. Moore Secretary; also Bros. Miller P.M. 766, Kidman P.M. 766, Greenslade 766, Fromholz, Saunders, T. H. Smith, Chambers, R. H. Smith, Ross, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Chambers being the candidate. Bro. Greenslade, a candidate for passing in the William Preston mother Lodge, was interrogated by the Worshipful Master, and answered the usual questions in a satisfactory manner. The Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the second section of the lecture. The proposed Bye-Laws were further discussed and amended; a proposition that they be adopted and printed was moved by Bro. Coop, seconded by Bro. Miller, and agreed to. Several new members were proposed and elected, dues were collected, and the Lodge closed in due form in perfect harmony, and adjourned till Friday, the 24th inst.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 21st inst. Present—Bros. T. Clark W.M., Edwards S.W., Glass J.W., Corble S.D., Baker J.D., Smyth I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Bunker, Nash, Greenwood, Brasted, Olly. After preliminaries, Bro. Bunker offered himself as candidate for raising, and was interrogated. Lodge opened in the third degree, and Bro. Bunker was raised, the W.M. giving the traditional history. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment. On resuming its Masonic duties, Bro. Brasted worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree. Bro. Edwards was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—A regular meeting was held on the 22nd instant, at the Masonic Rooms, Air-street, Regent-street, Bro. J. Lazarus P.M. occupied the chair, in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Syer, through indisposition. Bros. G. T. Mann S.W., Benjamin J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., N. Vallentin S.D., D. M. Davies J.D., W. B. Gulliford I.G., Lindsay Sloper Organist, A. Solomons Steward, S. Pollitzer P.M., Grunebaum P.M. Visitors—J. Smith 742, E. H. Norden 205, L. Bloomfield 185, J. Levy 188, E. Joseph, Ronchlin, Pzorzheim, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Manger was passed to the second degree, and Bros. L. Walters and Ricci were raised to the third degree by the acting W.M., who performed the work in a most impressive manner. Each Officer was perfect in his working. A letter of apology was read from the W.M., stating his inability to attend, owing to severe indisposition, and the acting W.M. and the brethren expressed a hope that he might speedily be restored to health, and be with them at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed until April, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent and substantial supper, provided by Bro. Nicols. The Acting W.M., Bro. J. Lazarus, ably presided, and proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. E. P. Albert responding for the Grand Officers. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, who they were pleased to see on every occasion the Lodge met. Bro. S. Pollitzer said he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the acting W.M., Bro. J. Lazarus; he was pleased to echo the words of the visiting brethren, who had all paid Bro. Lazarus a just compliment for his excellent working. The acting W.M., in reply, said, what he had done had been done with pleasure, and he hoped to their satisfaction. He regretted the absence of the W.M., who he was sure would have rendered the ceremonies to their gratification. Bro. Lazarus exhorted the junior members to work diligently, so that they might in after years occupy the chair with pride and pleasure; he urged them to visit Lodges of Instruction; it was only by so doing they could qualify themselves. The toast of the Past Masters came next, Bros. Albert and Pollitzer replying. The Officers were each severally complimented. In due course the Tyler gave his toast, and the brethren separated. Bros. Dr. Chandler and D. M. Davis contributed some excellent harmony, Bro. Lindsay Sloper efficiently accompanying on the piano.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—On Monday, 20th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Present—Bros. Brittain 1278 W.M., Hammond 1278 S.W., Clark 1178 J.W., T. J. Barnes Treasurer, B. Stewart 1278 Secretary, Barnes S.D., Clements Sec. 1306 J.D., Maud W.M. 1625 I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Myers 820 and 1445, M. Isaacs 511, and Job 1076. After preliminaries, the Lodge opened in the second, and Bro. Hubbert, a candidate for raising to the third degree, answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third, and Bro. Hubbert was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. Myers worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Hammond was unanimously elected W.M. for the next Lodge meeting, when the ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

WE are very pleased to be in a position to announce there is a possibility of all the candidates for the approaching election being taken on without the trouble of polling; and although at present the matter is before the Quarterly Court only in the form of a proposition, made by Lieut.-Col. Creaton, it may really be looked upon as an accomplished fact. It is hardly possible that Bro. Creaton would make such a proposition as that he submitted at the General Committee on Thursday unless he knew that the Institution was in a position to bear it; much less that any brother would be found to oppose it, unless on very good grounds. As will be seen from our report of the meeting published elsewhere, his actual proposition is, "That the additional vacancy (caused by the retirement of one girl through ill health) reported by the General Committee, be filled at this election, and that six further vacancies be declared." Should this proposal meet the approval of the Quarterly Court, it will raise the number of Girls on the establishment to 236. We have to congratulate the several candidates, but at the same time would remind them that their election without a struggle is not certain: it therefore behoves them to prepare, in case Bro. Creaton's motion is rejected.

There is another question which will call for discussion on Saturday next, a notice of motion having been given by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, of York, to the effect that the days of election be altered to Thursdays. Doubtless Bro. Cumberland submits this proposition in the hope of its doing good, but we are of opinion that it will not be carried. As was pointed out some time since, it would be a great advantage to many brethren to have the election for the two Schools on the same day, especially so to those who have to attend from the country; and, therefore, we think any proposition to lengthen the lapse of time between them will be rejected. We hope Bro. Cumberland will see the matter in the light we have mentioned, and refrain from pressing it. If he would withdraw his present motion, and substitute one to fix both elections for the same day, we think he would find many supporters; and, although he might be beaten on his first attempt, a little energy on the part of Provincial brethren would soon lead to the adoption of a change which would be beneficial to many, if not all, of them. The only objection to the alteration that can be urged is, the unwillingness to make any change, however much it may be needed. The matter is one that does not materially affect London brethren, many of whom are imbued with the feeling that it is not likely to be carried unless those brethren who are to benefit by it bestir themselves.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

THE result which must of necessity be looked for at the coming Boys' School Election, when out of sixty-seven candidates but fifteen can be admitted, and therefore fifty-two will have to be turned away, must, we feel sure, give rise to feelings of sorrow in the hearts of all true Masons; yet if it be urged by those who have supported our Institutions that they cannot do more than they are doing at present, we really should not feel justified in stating the contrary. What they and we can urge as a means of lessening, to a very great extent, the number of rejected claims made on the benevolence of the Craft, is that the services of a greater number of brethren should be enlisted in the cause. We recently heard it stated, on very good authority, that out of the 90,000 Freemasons which it is said pay dues to the Grand Lodge of England, the names of not more than 20,000 appear on the books of the Charitable Institutions of the Craft. This leaves a very large number by whom some little might be done to lessen the amount of disappointment which occurs whenever an election takes place for one or other of the Institutions. The Committee of the Boys' School have inaugurated a scheme for building a Preparatory School, which in a few years, should the plan receive the support of the Craft, will go a long way towards relieving the ballot list of the day, but until the proposed new building is available, we see little chance of any enlargement in the number of vacancies as compared with the number of applicants, and therefore the same amount of disappointment which has now characterised the Boys' School elections for some time past must continue. Yet if but a very small proportion of the 70,000 "unregistered" brethren referred to above could be induced to work in the cause, a perceptible difference would speedily take place. The few who have and do now support our Charities can refer with pride to the result of their efforts; and if these few can shew so much, surely such a number as are still outside could in a very short time have something to boast of. Large as may appear the outlay to any one individual to place the School in a position to take on all the boys who are at present deemed worthy, it would in reality be a very trifling matter if all of those who have not yet secured a place in our charity lists gave just what they could afford. We venture to think there would then be reason for joy and rejoicing among all the families whose boys now seek admittance to the School, but we are afraid no such happy event is likely to take place, and for this reason we feel compelled to once again impress on every brother who has already given to do so again, if in his power, but above all to try and induce some one or more to take the matter in hand. The present is a particularly favourable time to work for the Boys' School, as with a view of encouraging donations to the Special Building Fund, the Committee have increased the number of votes to be given in return for money subscribed for that particular object. We trust the result that will follow will shew, even if it is urged that brethren have been somewhat led away by additional advantages being offered, that the increased publicity given to the matter has had good effect on the Craft at large, as we are convinced that every brother who can be induced to work on behalf of our Institutions not only does the amount of good actually accredited to his name, but by advocating the cause with others not unfrequently introduces one or more who, in time, follow his example. One very great feature in connection with our

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Charities is, that we seldom or ever hear of a brother becoming disappointed with them after having studied their inner arrangements; on the contrary, the more one sees of the Institutions the more we want to do for them.

As we have said above, the ballot paper for the coming election—which takes place on Monday, the 10th instant—contains the names of sixty-seven candidates, of whom but fifteen can be admitted. For us to attempt anything like a selection of the fifteen best fitted for the benefits of our Institution from such a list would be an impossibility. We have looked at the facts published in connection with each, and find that one and all are worthy of consideration; that is, of course, if the details given are to be relied upon. To argue that a child who is one of four children left without either parent—as is the case both with C. C. B. Jones, No. 12, and A. W. Wyatt, No. 36—has not the strongest possible claim on our generosity, would not, we think, meet much support, and yet it is very difficult to urge that these are really the worst off. Indeed, they are not the only ones among the candidates who are left parentless, No. 49, R. A. Sykes, and No. 67, W. H. Whittaker, each being similarly circumstanced. On the other hand, there are children who have both parents living; but in two of these cases the father is paralysed, and thereby may be a burden on, rather than an assistance to, the funds of the family. There are again other cases in which a widowed mother is left with nine, eight, seven, or a less number of children, who look to her for their support, and from all these—sixty-seven in number—we are to endeavour to select fifteen only to receive the aid of our Institution.

Looking to the number of votes brought forward from previous contests, we think there may not be much difficulty in selecting some at least of those who will be successful, as the number of instances in which upwards of 1,000 votes are brought forward is very large, no less than thirteen figuring in this respect with credit totals ranging from 1,886 in the case of S. E. Lee, No. 3, to 1,050 in that of G. W. K. Hill, No. 11. This fact alone acts as an indication that the contest will be a severe one, and will necessitate a very large amount of exertion on the part of those who desire to secure a place. The names of those who stand at the head of the list of previous applications, together with the number of elections they have contested, and the votes now brought forward, is as follows:—

No. on List	Application	Name	Votes forward
3	6	S E Lee	1886
13	4	H L Jordison	1830
10	5	H T Burgess	1783
7	5	C A Gurney	1708
25	3	A D Ashdown	1662
4	5	F A Clark	1570
42	2	F S Roe	1472
6	5	H A Ecclestone	1377
15	4	W B Stanford	1338
19	3	A W Fowke	1152
12	5	C C B Jones	1066
43	2	H B Truman	1058
11	5	G W K Hill	1050

Of these, Nos. 3 and 43 are last application cases. In addition there are four others who now appear for the last time. No. 1, J. T. Goldsbrough, who, after six attempts, brings forward 352 votes; No. 2, R. W. Pratt, who has but five after a similar experience; No. 31, F. J. Cook, who has thirty-eight from two previous attempts; and No. 57, C. E. Saville, who now appears for the first time. There are many other details which we should like to give, and which would doubtless prove of interest to our readers, but our space being limited, we refrain from so doing. We can but conclude with the hope that the most deserving cases will in the end be successful.

The Prince and Princess of Wales visited the Electric Light Exhibition, at the Crystal Palace, on Saturday last. They were conducted over the building by Mr. McGeorge, Dr. Reid, Major Flood Page, and Mr. Gardiner. The Palace was seen to the best advantage, the Alhambra Court having been lighted, in additon to the others. Their Royal Highnesses spent about two hours in viewing what was to be seen, and then withdrew to the Dining Saloon. They were accompanied by the Marquis of Hamilton, Past Grand Warden of England, and the Marchioness of Hamilton, Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., Mr. Spottiswoode, President of the Royal Society, Col. Ellis, and Lady Emily Kingscote. The Royal Visitors were pleased with the Exhibition.

THE HEART AND TONGUE.

THE tenets of a Mason's profession are said to be Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, each of which has its appropriate explanation, beautiful in theory, and equally so in practice, but here we pause for reflection.

We shall only allude to the first and second of the group, to call attention to their assertions in association with the third, from which we quote—the declaration that "sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us—and the heart and tongue join in promoting each other's welfare, and rejoicing in each other's prosperity."

It is only a few evenings since we heard this expressive sentence so impressively rendered that we involuntarily exclaimed, mentally, Is that true?

In looking around the Lodge room, it happened that we knew most, if not all, of those present, and concluded that no reason existed to make any criticism as to its practical truthfulness there, but in letting our thoughts flow outward into larger circles, we concluded, with regret, that this declaration, repeated by so many Masters, to scores of neophytes, and heard by hundreds of Masons monthly, with nods of approval, is after all, but "sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."

In one of his official visitations by a District Deputy Grand Master, made within a few months, we heard him very properly remind the brethren of their obligations as Masons, and exhort them as to their duties. The remarks then made were freighted largely with a professedly religious element, used to enforce the virtue of Temperance, to the effect that the brethren should not preach it inside of the Lodge, and then "give it the lie" by going outside and drinking any non-temperance drink. Admirable as was the admonition, yet honest men, and highly religious ones, differ as to what constitutes Temperance, and whether that implies total abstinence, but as to the conscientious practice of one or the other, Masons can only only approve; and they can only require "that due restraint upon our affections and passions, which renders the body tame and governable, and frees the mind from the allurements of vice."

When we turn to the dogmatic declaration, that "the heart and tongue join in promoting each other's welfare," there is no chance or place for dissent; the wise and the simple, the learned and the ignorant, all must occupy the same plane and view from the same standpoint, that which we declare to be true, and hear the same simple and healthful words, so frequently asserted, so acceptable to all, and so welcome too, because given in the tenet of Truth.

But do the facts sustain the high sounding words, and are they not too much observed in breach thereof? "Your name," said one Mason to another quite recently, "is like a red rag to a bull when used before A.B., and we have heard it frequently said of the same person, "that he had nothing good to say of any one, not a patron." Surely such a one "gives the lie to the declaration," for neither "his heart or tongue" rejoice in any one's prosperity.

The breach of this assertion may be seen in various ways, and especially in larger bodies where the modes of the politician are made to usurp the place of brotherly love and truth, and possibly elections are carried, or sought to be, by unseemly methods. Once, only once, have we known of more votes being cast and reported in a Masonic organisation at an election than the number of voters previously registered warranted. It was afterwards said to have been explained, but it had its ill effect, and still calls for a blush; it was not in harmony with the tenet.

"The heart and tongue," well they may rejoice, but we also read that "the heart is desperately wicked," the tongue, too, is said to be an unruly member, and the opportunities which badness obtains with its cloak of pretence, to appear among Masons, seeming to be respectable because of the association, enable such heart and tongue to give "the lie" to their own profession, and so to cast suspicion upon the characters of more honest men.

If District Deputies and all other Masons in authority would more sharply arraign such evil practices, and point out the wickedness of violating Masonic dogmas, about which no difference of opinion can be held by honest men, how much less of animadversion and scandal would be heard in Lodge rooms, and among Masons. This evil speaking is a species of treason that men seem to countenance, and sometimes to delight in; it is regarded, however, by a vast majority with hatred, and obtains from them a verdict similiar to that rendered by Philip of Macedon, for though he resorted to the use of gold to capture a city, "he loved the treason, but abhorred the traitor."

In the great influx into Masonry, teachers of its dogmas have been too busily engaged to educate all comers, and the repetition of its ritual, parrot-like, has not availed with the masses; but in the midst of prosperity thinking Masons may well take counsel, and provide for schooling the ignorant, correcting the careless and vindictive, and for strengthening the virtues of those who enter the Institution; numbers, rank, or station count for nothing against honour, and honour will be best maintained by observing, in its highest sense, the tenet from which we have taken the title placed over this article.—*Liberal Freemason.*

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Friday next, at the St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, at the White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, commencing at seven o'clock. To those of our friends who may be at a loss for some means of passing their time profitably on the evening of Good Friday, we may suggest their attendance to listen to the symbolical teachings of the Craft sections. Bros. Arden P.M. 141, and Stuart 179, will take the principal parts n the day's proceedings.

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GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Pity the sorrows of a poor old voter. I hear that *all* the Girl candidates are to be received on Saturday next, and I, who am involved in all kinds of exchanges—of votes for Boys, for Old Men, and Old Women,—am utterly at sea as to how I shall fulfil my engagements. I am under the impression I shall be able to carry the election of the Girl candidate I am interested in by exchange of Boys' votes, but now no exchange of votes is necessary, and moreover, I have to pay a heap of Boys' votes for which there is now no exchange available. I know there is very little time between now and the day of election, but if you have a spare moment and a notion as to what I might, could, would, and should do under the circumstances, please enlighten me by a note either in your columns or privately.

Yours fraternally,

ELECTOR.

P.S.—O, wise Polonius, when—if I remember rightly he suggested—"Neither lender nor a borrower be."

THE LATE WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 766.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent "Q." errs somewhat on the side of severity in his remarks re the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, and the action taken by the majority of the brethren present at the meeting on the memorable 3rd of February.

At the same time I agree with him as to the illegality of the whole proceedings, and that is why the meeting was held in the regular Lodge room (but without the Lodge furniture, which was already in the hands of the auctioneer) on the following meeting night; to *protest* against the undue haste with which the whole affair had been caried out, according to Br. Coop's letter in your last impression, every sentence of which I endorse. There was a combination of reasons why the Lodge did not prosper during the last year or two, and had the late Secretary not *suppressed* the names and the numbers of the attendances of those members who, at his special invitation, took so active a part in the proceedings on the 3rd ultimo, I am of opinion they would not have shewn up in the list much, if any, better than those to whose names he gives so much publicity. He *suggests* that, to be "a worthy and zealous Craftman" it was necessary to put in a certain number of appearances at the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, held at the house of an intimate friend and near neighbour." I am afraid that standard is not the one usually adopted in measuring the worth and zeal of a brother, but when that brother, as in the case in point, can say he is a Life Subscriber to each of the Masonic (as well as to other) Charities, and that hearing, *quite by accident*, the furniture of the Lodge of Instruction was to be sold, buys it, and presents it to the brethren freely for their use, I think he displays a large amount of zeal, especially, as (Bro. Coop points out) there were several very cogent reasons why the attendance at the William Preston Lodge of Instruction fell off so much during the last two years.

But, Sir, all this is quite beside the question, which really lies in a nutshell.

Firstly, was the circular convening the meeting such as should be sent out under the circumstances?

Secondly, were the resolutions carried on that occasion in the Lodge constitutional, and in accordance with the Bye-Laws? and—

Lastly, should those resolutions have been confirmed before being acted upon?

I maintain the circular should have stated it was in contemplation to close the Lodge. The late Secretary says there was no such intention. If that be so, what was the *other important business* which might affect the *future* of the Lodge, after the Report of Audit Committee and election of Officers, in which we were invited to take part? He must have known it was not constitutional for the members of the Lodge then assembled, without any previous intimation or notice, to dissolve the Lodge then and there, on the spur of the moment, simply because there were no Officers elected on that particular evening. And that, had such resolutions been properly carried, the minutes, especially on so important an occasion, should have been confirmed. Brother Hayes, according to these minutes (which not having been confirmed are legally of no value), says, the Lodge was *financially* a *failure*. Yet there was a balance of *funds* in the hands of the Treasurer, which was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and the brethren were also able to vote out of the *funds* the sum of £2 2s to Mrs. Webster, who had *not*, either by herself or through any of the brethren, made any application for assistance whatever.

A further analysis of the minutes of the Lodge meeting, which was closed in due form and *perfect harmony*, as *now* supplied by the late Secretary, would only tend to prove (as Bro. Coop kindly reminds us) that it was held on that memorable night on which one of the worst *fogs* London has ever experienced was in full force, and that *fog* must have penetrated, and made itself very distinctly felt, in the William Preston Lodge of Instruction—hence the proceedings. The late Secretary not having deigned to answer my *official* application for the Lodge books, except through the medium of your columns, now informs me and your readers in general, that there is a *something* which renders these said books so exceedingly valuable that nothing less than the archives of Grand Lodge are considered worthy of their keeping. I was *totally unconscious* of any such reason. I have had the presumption to think that these books, containing no doubt valuable MSS. of the late Secretary, which were "*placed in his hands*" (I presume by the members of the Lodge), would have been equally as safe in my keeping (*as his duly elected successor*) as in his. However, he probably knows best, and I can only hope when Grand Lodge is summoned for the express purpose of receiving these books it may be made a special occasion, and one in every way worthy of so important an event.

Putting all joking aside, I exceedingly regret that there has been any personal feeling exhibited in the discussion of this matter. It would have been more graceful on the part of the seceding members, finding they had made a mistake, to have tried to smooth the matter over than to attempt to justify their action. No one doubts for a moment their *bonâ fides*, but there is no doubt such ill-considered action and precipitate proceedings were un-Masonic, and a fit subject for editorial comment.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

H. MOORE,

Hon. Sec.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I cannot quite agree with Bro. Coop that it is unfortunate any notice of the recent disturbance in this Lodge of Instruction should have been taken in your columns. I think the matter was of too great importance to be overlooked. But I fully sympathise with him in his objection to Brother Godden's table of attendances of himself and the other brethren now engaged in revivifying the Lodge. I think Bro. Godden should have obtained the permission of the brethren in question before parading their names and performances in the columns of your valued journal.

Fraternally yours,

SELIM.

A meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday afternoon, when there were present Bro. Colonel Creaton (in the chair), Bros. Letchworth, Caley, Peters, Gladwell, Richardson, Rucker, Nunn, Dubois, Grey, Mather, Weller-Poley, Tattershall, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. When the routine business had been disposed of, one petition was read, and ordered to stand over for further inquiry, and the following notices of motion for the next General Court were given:—First, by J. S. Cumberland P. Prov. G.W. of N. and E. Yorks., "That the day of election for the Girls' School be altered to Thursday instead of Saturday as at present, except when the Boys' election falls on Thursday, then on Wednesday; and that the rules of the Institution be altered accordingly." Second, by Colonel Creaton, "That the additional vacancy (caused by the retirement of one girl, through ill health) reported by the General Committee, be filled at this election, and that six further vacancies be declared, making in all twenty-eight vacancies for this election, and that the twenty-eight approved candidates now on the list be declared duly elected accordingly; thereby raising the number of elected girls in the Institution to 236."

We learn from the *Evening News* of Thursday that a Special Provincial Grand Lodge for North and East Yorkshire was held on 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master the Earl of Zetland presided, and was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D., of Hull. Amongst the rest of the brethren (who would number about 100) were the Very Rev. the Dean of York G.C. of England, Sir James Meek, and many other prominent Masons of the Province. Amongst the rest of the business of the Special Grand Lodge was the adoption of an address to the Queen expressive of the horror and indignation felt by all Free and Accepted Masons in that Lodge at the recent atrocious outrage committed on Her Majesty, and their deep sense of gratitude at Her Majesty's happy escape under Divine Providence. After the adoption of the address the brethren sang the National Anthem. The Lodge also made a grant of 100 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The proceedings passed off with great enthusiasm.

The Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1964, will be consecrated on the 22nd April, at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel. The ceremony will be performed by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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KILBURN LODGE, No. 1688.

THE members of this Lodge held their last meeting of the season on Monday, at the Queen's Hotel, Kilburn. The chair was taken by the W.M. Bro. Frederick Brewer, who was supported by Past Masters George Everett (Treasurer), Samuel Brooks (Secretary), J. W. Cuff (I.P.M.), Kiallmark, T. Hartley; also Bros. J. Baker S.W., Haswell J. Turner J.W., G. A. Barclay S.D., W. F. Walton J.D., J. Parry Cole P.M. Org., Henry W. Kiallmark I.G., Thomas Tyler. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. O. Latreille W.M. 1260, John Skinner S.W. 538, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, Walter Joyce 1158, W. H. Gardener I.G. 1900, &c. After the minutes of last Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. Reginald Thomas Webster and Arthur Cory, candidates for passing, presented themselves for examination, and sustained their claim for advancement. On their retirement Lodge was opened in the second, the candidates were re-admitted and advanced to the degree of Fellow Craft, the W.M. performing the ceremony in a highly satisfactory manner. Later Bro. Past Master Brooks gave the lecture on the tracing board of the degree, much to the edification of those assembled. Business of a delicate nature now received most careful consideration from the members assembled. The Secretary reported as to the steps he had taken under the circumstances, and his action was universally approved. A resolution was agreed to, and Bro. Brooks instructed to report the case to Grand Secretary. After routine work Lodge was closed and adjourned over the summer months. According to the regular custom in this Lodge a banquet was provided, and that of a récherché character. On the removal of the cloth the Worshipful Master, with a few pertinent remarks, introduced the loyal toasts "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers." Each of these met with a hearty reception, and then Bro. J. W. Cuff proposed the health of the W.M. After the admirable way in which Bro. Frederic Brewer had conducted the business of the day, very little need be said in his favour; his actions spoke for him; he had much pleasure in calling on the brethren to honour the toast. The W.M., after thanking the I.P.M. and brethren for the way they had received the toast, referred to the support he had had from the brethren on behalf of his Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It was gratifying to him to be able to state that his List now stood at 139 guineas. The Visitors were next complimented, and each of those present addressed a few words in response. "The Past Masters," was the next toast given by the W.M., who spoke in eloquent terms as to the zeal each had displayed. Bro. Cuff was the first to reply; he was followed by Bro. Kiallmark, who expressed his gratification at seeing the chair of the Kilburn Lodge now occupied by one of its first initiates. In speaking to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. Brewer descanted on the zeal displayed by Brother George Everett. As to Brother Brooks, a more competent Secretary it was not possible to find. The way in which the minutes of the Lodge were recorded was unique and most complete. Every duty that fell upon him was undertaken in the best spirit, and always completed satisfactorily. Bro. Everett (Treasurer), in reply, remarked that it could but be gratifying to him to be able to say that everything in regard to the condition of the Lodge was going on satisfactorily. The Worshipful Master, in the course of his remarks, had said many kind things of him as their Treasurer, and he was pleased to know he had the confidence of the members of the Lodge. Of course, great care was necessary in the disbursement of their funds; hitherto they had been able to do their share for the Institutions, and he would strive that this should continue. Owing to the zeal of their worthy Secretary, his (Bro. Everitt's) duties were considerably lightened, but he could assure them his best services were at the disposal of the Lodge. This was the last meeting previous to the summer recess, but he looked forward with pleasure to the next gathering. Bro. Brooks (Secretary) followed. He fully endorsed the eulogistic remarks of Bro. Kiallmark as regards the Worshipful Master. For himself, whatever he could do to advance the interests of the members would be done with intense pleasure. He felt he was indebted to the inauguration of the Kilburn Lodge if any special business qualifications had developed themselves, and he was gratified to know his efforts were appreciated. For the Officers, Bros. Parry Cole P.M. (acting S.W.), H. Turner, H. Kiallmark, &c., responded, and shortly afterwards the Tyler gave the parting toast. During the evening some most successful efforts were made to amuse the guests, Bros. J. Brewer, Parry Cole, Walter Joyce, Webster, &c., rendering goodly service. The exertions of Bro. T. Hartley P.M., who evidently spares no effort to add to the enjoyment of this Lodge, were specially recognised on this occasion.

Albion Lodge of Instruction, No. 9.—A meeting was held on the 26th ultimo, at the Berkeley Arms, John-street, Berkeley-square, W., Bros. Smith W.M., Farwig S.W., Cobham J.W., Watts Treasurer, Docker Preceptor, Sedgwick Secretary. Lodge was opened in due form, and the Fifteen Sections were worked as follows:—First Lecture—Bros. Allison, Wood, Shand, Waugh, Richardson, Farwig, and Watts. Second Lecture—Bros. Alexander, Skinner, Docker, Watts, and Dairy. Third Lecture—Bros. Cobham, Sedgwick, and Richardson. Lodge, which was well attended, was then closed, and adjourned.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Bros. Rowles W.M., Nicholson S.W., Taplin J.W., Gray S.D., Cotton J.D., Brooks I.G. After the preliminaries of opening the Lodge, reading, confirming, and signing the minutes of the previous meeting, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fleming candidate. Bro. Nicholson S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was closed according to ancient custom, and adjourned until Monday next, the 3rd of April.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 21st March, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Bros. R. C. Mount W.M., C. Stephens I.P.M., F. J. Ferguson S.W., S. Wheeler jun. J.W., Rev. N. T. Garry Chaplain, M. J. Withers Secretary, A. W. Parry S.D., D. H. Witherington J.D., C. G. Butler M.C., J. W. Martin and H. G. Armstrong Stewards, F. Blackwell I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. S. Bradley, C. Oades, R. Bradley, E. Baker; Bros. J. T. Cockburn P.M. 352, H. Higgs, Sherwood, Tench, J. T. Dodd, C. J. Cave, Doran Webb, J. W. George, C. G. Hawkes, W. Hart, J. H. Walters, C. F. Rayner, J. R. Hayward; W. A. Weatherhead 1101, J. W. Lamb P.M. 694, Hurley P.M. 1101, A. Mount 1328, R. Dowsett S.W. 1101. Lodge was opened in the first degree. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. James Hopkins Walters, being a candidate for passing to the second degree, replied satisfactorily to the usual questions, and was passed; and Bro. J. W. George, a candidate for raising, gave satisfactory proof of his efficiency in the former degrees, was entrusted, and retired. Lodge was opened in the third, and Brother George was re-admitted, and raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed by the W. Master with correctness. Lodge was resumed in the second and first degrees, when Bro. C. Stephens, pursuant to notice, moved "that ten guineas be voted from the Lodge funds for the R.M.I.B., and placed on the W.M.'s list;" this was carried. The W.M., pursuant to notice, moved, "That it is expedient in the interest of the Lodge to raise the half-yearly subscription of each member from £1 2s (as provided by bye-law 2) to £1 11s 6d; and do away with the charge of 10s 6d for the banquet, except in the case of visitors, such fee for them to be paid by the introducing member (as already provided for by bye-law 4)." A statement was sent with the agenda paper to each member, showing the increasing amounts which had been paid by the Lodge for the past three years. Bro. Bradley Prov. Grand Sec. seconded the motion, and Bro. C. Stephens supported it. Bro. C. Oades moved as an amendment, "That the permanent committee having reported in October last, with reference to the banquet tickets, nothing had occurred since to necessitate an alteration." This was seconded by Bro. Butler, and put to the meeting, when it was lost, nine voting for, and fifteen against the amendment. Bro. the Rev. N. T. Garry proposed, "That the motion of the W.M. be referred to the permanent Committee, to discuss and report upon;" this being seconded by Bro. Ferguson, was carried. Bro. Parry moved that the information respecting the financial history of the Lodge for the past eleven years, which the W.M. had compiled from the Treasurer's books, be printed and circulated among the brethren. Bro. Stephens seconded, and this was carried. During the closing ceremonies, Bro. Ivey announced that a congratulatory letter had been sent to Her Majesty the Queen on the recent audacious outrage; to which Her Majesty had graciously sent a reply, thanking the Freemasons of Reading. All business being ended, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—On 24th March, at the Jacob's Well, George-street, Manchester-square, W. Present—Bros. G. J. K. Tribbel W.M., C. Bellerby S.W., W. Heath J.W., W. Dunham Treasurer, H. Moore Secretary, W. Fromholz S.D., T. A. Smith J.D., G. Hart I.G., Past Master Bro. A. Braun P.Z. 766, G. Coop Preceptor; also Bros. Saunders, Chambers, R. D. Smith, Rowley, Wilmore, Wilson, Wright, &c. After preliminaries, the Preceptor worked the third section of the lecture. The Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. R. D. Smith, a candidate for raising, answered the questions. Lodge opened in the third, and Bro. R. D. Smith was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremonies in a very able manner. The Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the third section of the lecture. Lodge resumed to the first, when several new members were elected. Bro. Bellerby was appointed W.M. for the ensuing Friday evening. A vote of thanks to the W.M., for so ably presiding, closed the business.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 28th March, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Edwards W.M., Glass S.W., Smyth J.W., Corble S.D., T. Clark J.D., Wardell I.G., F. Carr Hon. Sec., Brasted P.M. acting Preceptor; also Bros. Allen, Darnell, Christian, Gosling, Dignam, C. Lorkin. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gosling acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. C. Lorkin offered himself as candidate for passing, was interrogated, and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Lorkin was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Brother C. Lorkin worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. Glass was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Burdett-Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—At the Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal Green Junction, on 29th March, Bros. Chitson W.M., Bonner S.W., Clark J.W., Hammond S.D., Clements J.D., Brittain I.G., Sturtevant sen. acting Preceptor, Hand Hon. Sec., D'Ardenne, Ford, Moss, Stewart, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Ford answered the

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questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted, and duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason; the W.M. gave the traditional history in a very creditable manner. Bro. Bonner was elected W.M. for next meeting. Notice of motion was given by Bro. Brittain, that this Lodge of Instruction meets on Saturday evenings, in lieu of Wednesday evenings, as heretofore. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

It is to be hoped the brethren will muster in good force for next Wednesday evening, the 5th proximo, when the proposed change in the nights of meeting will be considered.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—The members spent an exceedingly pleasant evening on Wednesday last, when the anniversary dinner took place, Brother Baker, proprietor of the Cock Tavern, the new quarters of this Lodge of Instruction, exerted himself to make his guests comfortable, and with a most successful result. The President of the evening was Brother J. Pigott, one of the Founders and first Master of the mother Lodge, and amongst those present were Bros. A. Mullord P.M. (Treasurer), Goode P.M. (Secretary), T. Meekham P.M., Hickman W.M. 228, J. G. Yolland W.M. 1385, Osborn W.M. 1602, Rothschild W.M. 1677, Bird, Woolff, R. Baker P.M. 188, W. W. Morgan, Woodman, &c., &c. The proceedings were of a most agreeable character, and during the evening some excellent singing took place.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 27th ult., at York, Bro. Geo. Simpson W.M. in the chair. The business consisted of an initiation and a passing, the ceremonies being very well performed, the Officers showing themselves remarkably exact and proficient in the details of the working. After the close of the Lodge there was the usual pleasant festive gathering around the table, when song and speech passed away a happy evening. The W.M. was congratulated on his improved health, and good working, and he thanked his Officers very cordially for their warm support. Replying to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. T. B. Whytehead made a few remarks on the progress of the present Masonic System, and its Charities, and reviewed the career of the Eboracum Lodge, whose fame was probably as wide spread as most Lodges in the Provinces, and whose efforts in the cause of the Charities had been second to none.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held on Monday, 27th ult., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Bros. Hammond W.M., T. Clark S.D. 1178 S.W., Maud W.M. 1625 J.W., Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 Treasurer, Stewart Hon. Sec., Job W.M. 1076 S.D., M. Isaacs J.D., T. Wooding S.W. 1306 Preceptor; P.M.'s Bros. W. Musto 1349, W. H. Myers 820 and 1405, B. Candick 1421, C. Kendall 1625, T. W. Jones 917, G. Huggett 1625, H. Tapley 1076, W. S. Smith W.M. 860, C. Haslip W.M. 813, Sturtevant W.M. 1278, Webb P.M. 1607 and 174, Durrell W.M. 1445; Bros. Macdonald J.W. 1445, H. C. Clark, Moss, Stephens, Pringle, Harvey. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. T. J. Barnes rehearsed the ceremony of installation. All below the degree of Installed Master having retired, a board was formed, consisting of fifteen Installed Masters, and the W.M. elect was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. according to ancient form. On the return of the Craftsmen, the W.M. was saluted in the three degrees by the brethren. Bro. Wooding rehearsed the ceremony of investing his Officers, instructing them in their several duties in appropriate terms. Bro. Installing Master Barnes then concluded his duties by an efficient rendering of the three ancient charges, at the conclusion of which he was greeted with hearty congratulations from the brethren. Bro. Stewart then assisted Bro. Barnes to work the seventh section of the first lecture. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Barnes for the very able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the evening. Bro. Barnes returned thanks in appropriate terms. Bro. Hammond was unanimously elected W.M. for the next Lodge meeting, 17th of April. The Lodge was closed in due form with prayer, and adjourned till 17th of April.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, 1612.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 30th March, at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. Cotton W.M., Smith S.W., F. Botley J.W., J. Wells Secretary, A. Jones S.D., Nicholson J.D., Gray, I.G., C. Andrews P.M..; also Bros. Pitt, J. J. Clarke, Cunningham, Gasson. After preliminaries the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Pitt candidate. Lodge was opened to, and closed in, the third degree. Lodge was resumed to first degree. Bro. T. A. Smith was elected W.M. for the next meeting, which was fixed for Thursday, 12th April.

The members of the Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781, have invited Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. to deliver his lecture, explanatory of the ceremonies of the first degree, on Wednesday evening, 5th April. The Lodge of Instruction meets at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, under the Preceptorship of Bro. Sam. Turquand. On the above occasion a large muster of brethren is expected. Lodge will be opened at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

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Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—The regular Convocation was held on Monday, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. W. H. Gulliford M.E.Z., H. P. Isaac H., I. P. Cohen J., M. Emanuel S.E., J. Henochsberg 1st Asst., G. T. Mann 2nd Asst., Goddard P.Z. Janitor; P.Z.'s W. A. Littaur, L. Lazarus, H. M. Levy; Comps. Brooke, Ellis, Dewsnap, A. Botibol, Silver, Brall, Fearns, Linzberg, Quincey, M. J. Lyons, Jacobs. Visitors—M. Hart Z. 1502, C. May 657. Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The name of a candidate appeared on the agenda paper, but he was unable to be present. However, the M.E.Z. stated he would be pleased to rehearse the ceremony, which was done, the work being ably performed. Comp. H. P. Isaac gave his portion of the ceremony perfectly, while Comp. A. J. Henochsberg P.S. also deserves special praise. The resignation of a Companion was accepted with regret. Bro. Round 101 was proposed for exaltation at the next meeting. The Chapter was then closed until the first Monday in June, in lieu of the last Monday in May, which will be Whit Monday. A sumptuous banquet was provided by Comp. Jennings, superintended by Comp. M. Silva. The Most Excellent, who ably presided, proposed the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts. Companion L. Lazarus P.Z. rose, with great pleasure, to propose the toast of the M.E.Z., who now, for the first time since his installation, occupied the chair. Unfortunately the candidate for exaltation did not come up, but the Companions had seen that the M.E.Z. was determined to show his capability. He hoped on future occasions they would have many candidates, as undoubtedly the Most Excellent was perfect in every part of the ritual. Companion Gulliford in reply said he hoped in the future to deserve the encomiums passed on him by Companion Lazarus, and to have opportunities on many occasions of fully deserving all that had been urged so kindly for him. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. He, as well as the Companions generally, were always pleased to see Visitors. On this occasion they were honoured by the presence of Companions Hart Z. 1502, Liverpool, and C. May 657. He hoped to see them on many future occasions. In response, these Companions said they had thoroughly enjoyed the rehearsal of the ceremony by the M.E.Z. and his Officers, and were highly gratified at the cordial reception they had met with. In speaking of the H. and J. the M.E.Z. said both had satisfactorily performed their duties, and he hoped they would eventually occupy the Principal's chair. Comps. Isaac and Cohen gracefully responded, and then the P.Z.'s were complimented. The zeal and ability displayed by the S.E. and the P.S. was fully acknowledged, and the Most Excellent said he had specially to thank them for their kind assistance. After this toast had been replied to, one or two others were given, and then the Janitor was summoned. Comps. Hart, Henochsberg, and Jennings contributed to the harmony.

Domatic Chapter, No. 177.—On Thursday, 23rd ultimo, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, Companion J. T. Briggs was installed First Principal, Harrison H., and McClean (W.M. of the Domatic Lodge) J. The installation ceremonies were performed by Companion W. Stephens Provincial Grand Scribe N. Middlesex. Companions C. A. Cottebrune was invested as S.E., Webb as S.N., and H. G. Buss Assistant Grand S.E. as Treasurer. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to the retiring First Principal.

United Strength Chapter, No. 228.—Held its regular March meeting on Tuesday last, at the Guildhall Tavern, when Companion John While, the elected First Principal, who, on account of serious illness, was unable to attend at the installation meeting, was installed in the chair of Z. by Companion James Terry. Since the Chapter last met, the death of one of its founders, Comp. Winsland, had taken place, and the Chapter was draped in token of respect for his memory. The M.E.Z., in alluding to the event, recalled the day when he was initiated into Freemasonry in the United Strength Lodge, fifteen years ago, on which occasion Companion Winsland stated that for the seventeen years he had been in the Lodge he had never missed attending a single meeting.

Eccleston Chapter, No. 1624.—The first regular meeting of this new Chapter was held on Wednesday, 22nd March, at the Freemasons' Hall. Present—Comps. W. Vincent M.E.Z., H. J. Johnson H., J. G. Fisher J., A. W. Beckham S.E., John Wyer S.N., C. Tayler P.S., H. Bond 1st A.S. Visitor—Comp. J. I. Cantle Industry Chapter. The Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the consecration meeting read and confirmed. Ballot was taken for Comps. McCorkell Victoria Chapter, India, and J. Bond Ebury Chapter, as joining members, and proved unanimous. Ballot was also taken for the following brethren for exaltation, viz. John Ray, George Francis, Alf. J. Bignold, Jas. Gourlay, C. Bennett, and Chas. Lee, all of the Eccleston Lodge; it proving unanimous, they were examined and entrusted, and carefully exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by the M.E.Z. Bro. H. A. Hunt, of the Eccleston Lodge, was proposed as joining member. The Chapter was then closed, and adjourned until the fourth Wednesday in June. The Companions afterwards dined together in the Freemasons' Tavern, where the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were given and loyally responded to.

A very successful meeting of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, was held on Tuesday, at the Freemasons' Hall. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

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WEST KENT LODGE, No. 1297.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, 25th March, at the Crystal Palace. There were present Bros. J. C. Woodrow W.M., W. P. Gardner S.W. (W.M. elect), John Perrin J.W., Montague Vizetelly S.D., R. H. Crowden I.P.M., B. Fullwood P.M. D.C., J. Orange Organist, J. B. Crump I.G., James Crowden and P. G. Phips Wine Stewards; Past Masters George Clements and J. Allen; W. G. Kent, R. P. Jenkins, A. W. Stead, James Hicks, W. L. Rosedale, Alexander J. Bellis, S. Johnson, Thomas Archer. The Visitors were Bros. J. Stacey 180, W. Pound 19, Charles J. W. Meadows 486 (Fort William), W. J. Lavington 857, W. Osmond 134, Hubert Wright 1928, L. E. Eagle 1901, A. R. W. Sowles, A. E. Stead 1622, Thomas Preston 1669, H. Young 33, J. Larkin 3. The Lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Stacey, P.M. St. James's Union, installed Bro. W. P. Gardner as Worshipful Master, in a manner which, for its finished style and perfection of detail, elicited great admiration from the brethren. The new Master appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. Perrin S.W., Montague Vizetelly J.W., H. D. Stead P.M. Treasurer, J. C. Woodrow P.M. Secretary, C. B. Cooke S.D., J. B. Crump J.D., James Crowden I.G., B. Fullwood P.M. M.C., J. Orange Organist, P. G. Phips W.S., Thomas Archer W.S. Lodge having been opened in the third degree, Bro. P.M. Crowden, at the request of the W.M., raised Bro. Winkworth to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. The W.M. nominated as an initiate Mr. Henry Horatio Fanshawe, of East Dulwich, and Bro. P.M. Crowden nominated as a joining member, Bro. Watson Osborn, Caledonia Lodge 134. Lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The brethren afterwards sat down to the usual banquet, and a pleasant evening was spent.

MARK MASONRY.

York Lodge (T.I.)—A meeting of this Lodge was held on the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, when, in consequence of the absence of the W.M. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, the chair of A., was occupied by the I.P.M., Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis. Bro. E. J. de Salis acted as S.W., in the absence of Bro. C. G. Padel, through illness. A successful ballot was taken for Bro. Francis Slinger, and that brother and Bro. G. Lamb were advanced to the degree. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., the Secretary of the Lodge, read a circular from Grand Lodge, inviting contributions to the Duke of Albany's Wedding Present Fund, and said he had consulted the W.M. on the matter, who was favourable to the Lodge making a grant; he, therefore, proposed a vote of £2 2s to the fund. This was seconded by the acting W.M. and carried unanimously. The acting W.M. then moved that a record be made of the feelings of thankfulness experienced by the brethren of the Lodge at the happy escape from peril of Her Majesty the Queen. This was also seconded and carried. A telegram from Bro. J. S. Cumberland, from Birmingham, was read explaining his absence. After the close of the Lodge, a pleasant evening was spent in Masonic converse.

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE.

Orion Chapter, No. 3, Havant.—The regular meeting of the above Chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, on the 28th ult. Ill. Bros. C. G. Adames 31 M.W.S., J. Hurnell 31 R.S.W., H. R. Trigg 31 R.J.W. The ceremony of admitting a candidate to the degree of Knight Rose Croix 11—18 was rehearsed, after which T. Ill. Bro. Hillman 33 reported the progress made by the Rite in various parts of the kingdom, and the alliances formed with kindred bodies in various parts of the world. The grant of £5 5s from the Chapter for R. Ill. Bro. Southwood's (33) List was confirmed, and on the proposition of Bro. Francis 31, seconded by Bro. Harrison 31, it was resolved that the same be placed to the Widows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which will entitle this Chapter to one vote for fifteen years. The standard was then lowered, and the brethren dispersed.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE SKIN.

ON Friday, the 24th ult., the annual meeting of this institution was held at the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor presided. The report stated that the hospital was founded in 1863, and since then 31,339 individuals had been attended within its doors. Of that number, 2,772 were admitted last year, 64 being in-patients, and 2,708 out-patients, who attended 21,706 times. The average stay of each in-patient was 47 days. Altogether 1,609 medicated, galvanic, and other baths had been administered. The effort, initiated two or three years ago, to make the hospital a school of dermatology, had been persevered in. The practice of the medical officers attached to the hospital was open to the medical profession without restriction. The Board of Management and the medical staff were exerting themselves in every way to make the institution worthy of the metropolis. In 1881 it received £67 10s from the Hospital Sunday Fund, and £44 7s 9d from that raised on Hospital Saturday. Eighty Courts of the Order of Foresters, and 55 Lodges of Odd Fellows subscribed to the hospital, as did the Great Western Railway *employés*, and nominated patients for free treatment. The receipts last year were £1,212, and the expenses £1,210. Major Mercier moved and Mr. Alderman Gould (Kingston) seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried.

PUNCTUALITY AND COURTESY.

THERE are no two subjects—in connection with the general transaction of Lodge business—that claim the more strict attention of brethren, who aspire to be deemed model rulers of the Fraternity, than those of punctuality and courtesy. By a due observance of the former, the W.M. of the Lodge sets an example to his officers, which no worthy brother would be slow to follow; while, by the practice of the latter, the exalted Mason draws around him a happy gathering of visitors, whose appreciation of the truly Masonic spirit displayed must also tend to increase the interest the members take in the working of their Lodges. Let us suppose a case in point of an injurious character. Bro. So-and-So, since his elevation to an important position, appears to consider himself of very great importance, and assumes more consequence than he has a right to lay claim to; while the extension of courtesy to visitors appears to be beneath his notice.

Making every allowance for the weakness of human nature, the want of attention on the part of a W.M. to his obligation cannot but be denounced as exceedingly reprehensible; indeed, an official who pointedly manifests a disposition to domineer over those who may be, unfortunately, under his Masonic control, is totally unfit for the carrying out of the duties entrusted to him; while a want of courtesy on his part must not only have the effect of driving visitors from his meetings, but tend to make his officers careless as to the proper performance of their several parts. But apart from the consideration of these questions Masonically, every consistent individual will admit that the neglect of the study of punctuality and courtesy on the part of a man, will not warrant his laying claim to the appellation of a gentleman, but tend to create a distrust in the minds of those with whom he may be brought in contact as to his qualifications for any office of a responsible character.

Not only should a worthy Mason furnish proof that he is a man whose word is his bond, but it is his imperative duty—especially if occupying a leading position in the Craft—to set such an example as to cause all his brethren to look up to him as a pattern of rectitude and virtue—to extend to him the honour and respect due to a truly worthy gentleman. It can scarcely be imagined that any brother, who aspires to an exalted position in the Craft, would wilfully offer an insult to those who may not be in such a high worldly position as himself; but a supercilious deportment or arrogant bearing implies that the self-important individual's success has run away with his reason. It is, indeed, deplorable to see men of more than ordinary mental capacity so conducting themselves as to give offence, when a careful study of punctuality and courtesy would have the effect of inducing brethren to overlook their other shortcomings, and draw together such a gathering on their Lodge-nights as could not but be flattering to the presiding official.

It cannot be expected that even ardent admirers of Lodge workings will spare time to attend the monthly meetings, unless sufficient attraction be provided for them, and it should be the constant study of a W.M. not only to be courteous and attentive to his duties, but to make every effort to secure the punctual attendance of his officers. We take it that the irregular attendance of officials at their meetings is an indirect insult to visiting brethren who may honour them with their presence, beside having a tendency to gradually diminish the prosperity of their Lodges, and too much care cannot be exercised in this respect. It is the duty of Masons, also, when electing a brother to preside over their assemblies, to choose men of unquestionable integrity, strict morals, and gentlemanly demeanour—such a man as the members of the Fraternity would feel a pleasure in honouring with marks of their approval and respect. We repeat, that the study of punctuality and courtesy is highly necessary to secure the prosperity of the fraternity, and hope that the mere consideration of a brother's pecuniary position will not have the effect of securing his election to any position in a Masonic Lodge.—*New Zealand Freemason.*

On Thursday of last week a number of noblemen and gentlemen attended at Marlborough House, by invitation of the Prince of Wales, for the purpose of taking counsel together with a view to enlisting the sympathies of Her Majesty's colonial subjects on behalf of the proposed Royal College of Music. Among those present were the Earl of Kimberley, Her Majesty's Colonial Secretary, the Duke of Manchester, the High Commissioner of the Dominion of Canada, and the Agents-General of Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, &c. &c. &c. His Royal Highness explained at some length the object of the meeting, and said the scheme for the erection of the proposed College would be incomplete if the goodwill and assistance of the colonists were not invoked on behalf of the movement. At the request of the Prince, the Earl of Kimberley made some remarks, pointing out how the Colonies and Colonists could further the movement by founding scholarships or contributing to the general fund that is being raised.

The Mercers Company have resolved on contributing the handsome sum of £2,500 towards the establishment of the Royal College of Music, to be paid in five annual instalments of £500 each.

Sir Erasmus Wilson, P.G. Deacon England, has promised a contribution of £2,500 towards the same purpose.

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REVIEWS.

"*God Bless our Fam'ly Royal.*" Grand National Song, written and composed by G. B. King, author and composer of "My own Ador'd Love," "The Rowena Quadrilles," &c. &c. &c. Published by King & Co., Woodford; and—London: Geo. Kenning, 16 Great Queen-street, W.C.

NATIONAL songs that are likely to be of an enduring character are few and far between. Since "God Save the Queen" and "Rule Britannia," but one song of this kind has fixed itself on the minds of the public, and that we need hardly be at the pains of saying is Brinley Richards's "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The fact is, the elements of success in the composition of a truly national song are many and difficult to satisfy. Both words and melody must be simple, and yet grand and inspiriting. They must be capable of exciting enthusiasm, and yet such as may be easily picked up and remembered. "God Bless our Fam'ly Royal" meets these requirements extremely well. The air and words are both taking, and there is a good chorus. What is more, the song has been submitted and received the approval of several members of the "Fam'ly" whose virtues it so eloquently proclaims, and we doubt not the Craft will welcome the song in a manner which its merits deserve. That our readers, however, may be better able to judge of the words, at all events, we quote the first verse and chorus, which are as follows:—

With grateful pride, in cot or hall,
A Briton's heart will swell;
At thought of his own native land,
The glories it can tell.
But Roman, Saxon, Norman, Dane,
His long ancestral coil;
Bears not for him a prouder name,
Than Britain's Fam'ly Royal.

CHORUS.
Let ev'ry Briton proudly boast,
No matter clime nor soil,
He drinks an honest manly toast,
God bless our Fam'ly Royal!

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A SPECIALLY convened Grand Lodge of Freemasons of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held on Monday, 20th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Southampton, for the purpose of voting addresses to the Queen and the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Craft, in connection with the recent attempted assassination of Her Majesty. The Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presided; the D.P.G.M.'s chair was filled by the Rev. G. Y. Nepean P.M. 130 P.P.G.C., and the other P.G.L. Officers present were:—Bros. Le Feuvre P.M. 130 P.G.S.W., Rev. J. N. Palmer P.G.J.W., A. J. Miller P.M. 359 Sec., Barfield P.M. P.G.J.D., G. Tilling P.M. 1461 P.G. Supt. Works, Arnold W.M. 1421 Assist P.G.D.C., V. Brown P.M. 903 P.G. Purs., R. Osborne P.M. 487 P.G. Org., and J. Murray P.M. 76, and A. Scott P.M. 551 P.G. Stewards. After the Lodge had been opened in due form, the Prov. Grand Master said he must first announce that the Deputy-Prov. Grand Master, the Worshipful Bro. Hickman, extremely regretted he was unavoidably prevented attending through absence in London. The Grand Master of the Order, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, last week summoned the Grand Lodge in London for the purpose of voting an address to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her escape from the recent attempt on her life, and he could have been well content that the large meeting which then assembled should have acted as a general expression of the feelings entertained by the Craft throughout the Kingdom. There was, however, a special reason naturally suggesting itself to the brethren present, rendering it, in his opinion, not unfit, but on the other hand incumbent upon them, as Masons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, to meet in Prov. Grand Lodge for the purpose of voting a similar address, and that was the fact that Her Majesty resided for a considerable portion of the year within the Province. It had been frequently remarked that those who were placed in high and prominent positions in this life sometimes formed targets for the aim of the assassin, and were exposed to imminent danger in consequence. Many examples of this might be cited in history, in which attempts, some successful and some unsuccessful, had been made on the lives of various sovereigns—attempts in some cases animated by a fanatical hatred of the very existence of a Sovereign, and in others animated by a variety of reasons, and these attempts, as he had said, had met with more or less success, as would be found in frequent parts of historical record. They had, however, been aimed not merely against the persons of Sovereigns, for we had recently had a lamentable instance that they were not confined to that sphere alone, because we had seen in republican America the assassin, unfortunately, only too successful in taking away the life of their chief ruler. He thought, therefore, they might well draw from this the inference that not only were such attempts at assassination levelled against the persons of the Sovereign, but also at the ruler of the State, and were, consequently, aimed at the peace and good order of society, and if there was one body of men in the world who were more concerned than another that peace and good order, which where the very cement and foundation of their institution, should be maintained, it was the Freemasons. They boasted that they claimed to be exemplary in the discharge of their civil duties, and that they tried to preserve peace and good order in society, and how, he asked, could they carry out those precepts which were inculcated at their very entrance into the Order if they were unmindful of the lessons they then received. No, he felt sure that Freemasons were only too proud to show they were mindful of these lessons, and that they would come forward, as some of the most loyal subjects, ranged throughout the extensive empire of the Queen, to show their detestation of such a crime as that recently perpetrated, and to congratulate Her Majesty upon having escaped the danger of such a dastardly outrage. It was with the full conviction that they would endorse such sentiments as he had endeavoured to express that he had summoned the Prov. Grand Lodge that day, to ask them to join in a vote which would express their congratulation to the Queen and the Grand Master on her escape from the assassin, and, above all, tender their thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe that he had in his great mercy been pleased to spare the person of their Sovereign, trusting at the same time Her Majesty would be spared to reign over a prosperous and united people for many years to come. He proposed:—

That addresses be presented by this Provincial Grand Lodge to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Grand Master, expressive of the indignation felt by all the brethren of this Province at the recent dastardly attempt on the life of Her Majesty, and their sincere thankfulness that Her Majesty, by the merciful interposition of Divine Providence, escaped uninjured.

Bro. J. E. LeFeuvre P.G.S.W., in seconding the resolution said, that the fact that Hampshire, associated as it was with the Isle of Wight, was a royal county, and that, following immediately after the Province of Sussex, this was one of the first Prov. Grand Lodges in voting loyal addresses to the Queen and the Prince of Wales, would give peculiar satisfaction to every Freemason in the Province. The Prov. Grand Master had so well interpreted the feelings of every loyal and good Freemason under his jurisdiction that many words were not needed in seconding the proposition, which he knew would be unanimously and enthusiastically carried. He ventured to suggest that whereas the Grand Master had intimated that the Queen had signified her pleasure that the resolution from Grand Lodge should be presented to her personally, it was possible she might allow similar addresses from the Provinces in England to be presented personally, and if Her Majesty should consent to receive them he was sure that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight would be pleased to join in so agreeable a duty. The resolution was then put and carried, and the National Anthem sung, the following special verse being interpolated as a solo:—

Saved from the assassin's arm,
Thou, Lord, her shield from harm
Ever hast been.
Angels around her way
Watch—while, by night and day,
Masons in thousands pray,
"God save the Queen."

—The Prov. Grand Lodge was then close in ancient and solemn form.—*Portsmouth Times.*

BALL AT SOUTHSEA.

UNDER the distinguished patronage of the Provincial Grand Master W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P., the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge and the Lodges of the district, the Mayor and Mayoress, T.S.H. Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Admiral Ryder Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Foley, Sir H. Drummond Wolff, M.P., and the Officers of the various regiments in garrison, the annual ball on behalf of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood-Green, was held at the Assembly Rooms, Southsea, on Thursday evening, 16th ultimo. The arrangements were in the efficient hands of the following Stewards:—The Worshipful Masters of Lodges Nos. 357, 309, 342, 487, 804, 903, 1069, 1428, 1705, 1776, 1834, 1903; Alderman W. D. King, J.P., Chairman, Councillor G. T. Cunningham Vice-Chairman, and Directors of the Freemasons' Hall Company, the Committee of the Masonic "At Home," and a sub-committee, composed as follows:—Messrs. G. Mason Chairman, T. Hall, A. L. Emanuel, J. Willmott, T. Mares, S. R. Ellis, J. Craven jun., G. Dean, C. B. Whitcomb, T. Baskot, with Bro. E. S. Main P.M. P.P.G.D. Secretary. The ball is annually held under the banners of the different local Lodges, and this year it was under that of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1834, Bro. G. Mason W.M., and by dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master. The whole of the elegant suite of rooms, including the ball room, withdrawing rooms, refreshment and supper rooms, were thrown open to the guests by Bro. H. Cawte P.M. P.P.G.W., the proprietor, who had displayed every care in looking to the comfort and pleasure of his guests. The ball room was graced with groups of valuable ferns and flowers from the hothouses of Bro. Cawte. Suspended from the gallery was the banner of the Duke of Connaught Lodge. The following members of the Order officiated as M.C.'s, and were distinguished by white rosettes:—Bros. J. Ridd Hayman W.M. 309, T. Good, T.C., P.M. 1834, John Brickwood W.M. 342, G. Dean, T.C., J.W. 487, T. Hall P.M. 804, T. Baskett 1776. The company numbered 250, the accepted invitations including the following:—Their Serene Highnesses Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Sir H. and Lady Drummond Wolff, Mr. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Vice-Admiral the Hon. F. A. C. Foley, Mrs. and Miss Foley, Colonel J. G. Jervois, R.E., Colonel G. F. C. Bray, A.Q.M.G., Colonel J. C. Hay and the Officers of the Gordon Highlanders, Colonel J. W. Barnes and the Officers of the Royal Highlanders (Black Watch), Col. H. W. Mawbey and Officers of the Royal Marine Artillery, Col. W. H. Worthy Bennett and Officers of the Royal Marine Light Infantry. The opening polka, "Brotherly Love," (Winterbottom) was commenced at about nine o'clock, while the "Farewell" galop was not concluded until about three p.m. The tasteful blue and silver programmes, bearing the signs of the Craft, contained twenty items. The newest music, including the "Saxe-Weimar" valse, by T. F. Wilton, was played by the band of that composer, the whole of the dance music being pronounced excellent. A récherché supper was served in the dining hall at about midnight, at which Bro. Alderman W. D. King presided. After supper the toasts of "The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales," and "The remainder of the Royal Family," were drunk with enthusiasm, the whole company singing the National Anthem, and "God bless the Prince of Wales." In proposing the health of the Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar, the Chairman referred to the esteem and regard in which both the Prince and Princess were held, not only by the Masons as a body, but by the whole of the inhabitants of the borough. By permission of the Prov .G. Master, the brethren wore their Masonic regalia, almost every degree of the Order being represented. The decorations worn by representatives of "Blue Lodges" were in modest contrast with the imposing uniform of the Provincial Officers and Royal Arch Masons, and these again paled before the attractive regalia of the Masonic Knights. The dresses of the ladies were at once bright and elegant.—*Portsmouth Times.*

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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, 1st APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1673—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
1834—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1212—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1468—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 3rd APRIL.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincolns Inn Fields
83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
546—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., 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
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
462—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
632—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, Town Hall, 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, St. 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
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
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, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 4th APRIL.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
58—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, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
783—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powmall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
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.)
1693—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
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)

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
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
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 (Instruction)
246—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
446—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.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1003—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1332—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
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
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, 5th APRIL.

193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1565—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1667—The Rosebery, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
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
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
320—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
406—No the n Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthsh
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
674—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
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
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1351—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1383—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashn-under-Lyone
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 6th APRIL.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

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27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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)
823—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction.)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, 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
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
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
289—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.
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
360—Pomert, Abington Street, Northampton.
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
537—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
793—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
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1383—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
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
R.A. 758—Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
M.M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan
R.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

SATURDAY, 8th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
188—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

1418—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No. 65.

TO attain to prosperity is a consummation devoutly to be wished; and in this Lodge it may confidently be asserted that the consummation has undoubtedly been reached. Not only are the funds increasing, but there is a healthy addition to the roll of members. A wise discretion is exercised in the selection of Masters, and brethren are not appointed to office until they have proved themselves competent to discharge the duties with which they may be entrusted. The installation meeting took place on Thursday, the 23rd ultimo, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City. Bro. W. Chicken W.M. occupied the chair; Bros. J. Roberts S.W., G. Schadler J.W., Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, G. T. Brown P.M. Hon. Secretary, C. J. Rich S.D., Kearney J.D., J. H. Hawkins I.G. C. Daniel P.M. M.C., Speight P.M. Tyler; Past Masters C. E. Ferry, Cornwall, A. L. Leins, Chivers (Father of the Lodge), Arnold, J. Bellerby G.S., and a numerous assemblage of brethren and visitors. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. B. T. Wood 1364 was unanimously elected a joining member. The Auditors' report was then read and adopted, after which a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. J. Roberts Senior Warden and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and, in the presence of twenty-three Worshipful Masters and Past Masters, was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., who conducted the ceremony in a perfect and impressive manner. The concluding addresses were eloquently delivered, and listened to with great attention. Bro. Chicken was deservedly complimented at the conclusion of the ceremony. The following is a list of the Officers appointed:—Bros. Chicken I.P.M., G. Schadler S.W., C. J. Rich J.W., J. H. Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, G. T. Brown P.M. Sec., J. H. Hawkins P.M. S.D., E. Marshall J.D., H. G. Gregory I.G., W. Walker M.C., C. Jones A.M.C., H. Caton A.W.S., Speight P.M. Tyler. The applause bestowed at the investiture of every Officer showed the W.M. had made a good selection, and one that gave satisfaction to the brethren. It was arranged that a summer banquet take place in July, and a committee was appointed to carry out the arrangements. A box of working tools had been presented by the I.P.M., Bro. Chicken, and the members expressed the satisfaction with which they accepted the gift. Hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. The brethren, eighty-nine in number, now sat down to one of those banquets that reflect so much credit on Messrs. Ritter and Clifford. A very artistic menu had been designed by Bro. Ferry P.M., and "button holes" were provided for each guest. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. He said it had pleased Providence to spare her from the hands of a would-be assassin: he hoped Her Majesty would return to this country in renewed health, long to reign over us. The toast of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales was next given. Bro. Roberts said nearly 1000 brethren came to Grand Lodge to meet him on the auspicious occasion of the Special Communication. The toast of the Pro Grand Master the Right Worshipful the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy G. Master the Right Worshipful the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers; with this toast was associated the name of Bro. Bellerby P.M. Grand Steward, who suitably responded. Bro. Chicken I.P.M. said this was the first time he had had the opportunity to propose the toast of the Worshipful Master. He was pleased to see the Lodge had placed Brother Roberts at their head; he was convinced that what he had already done so well in every office he had held would now be continued to their satisfaction. Under the auspices of the W.M. the Lodge could not but prosper. The Past Masters would give him their hearty support; and at the end of his year he would vacate the chair with the same amount of respect his predecessor had secured. He (Brother Chicken) felt assured the members would give the toast a hearty reception. The Worshipful Master on rising was enthusiastically cheered. He said he felt it a great pleasure to respond; he would do his duty to the best of his ability. It was only four years since that he held the collar of Wine Steward; he therefore felt a great pride in getting to his proud and enviable position. The ovation he had received was most gratifying. He could assure the members that if candidates came he would be ready to initiate them. He thanked all heartily for the reception they had given the toast. The health of the Visitors was next proposed; the Lodge was always pleased to receive them. This toast was severally responded to by Bros. E. Marlet, Walker, H. M. Levy, T. J. Maidwell, and J. L. Mather. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Immediate Past Master; if he could follow in the footsteps of Bro. Chicken he never would go wrong. He had now great pleasure in presenting their I.P.M. with a jewel, proposed with all sincerity, and presented to him by the unanimous vote of the Lodge. He felt great pleasure in placing it on Bro. Chicken's breast, and hoped he would live long to wear it. He had likewise to present him with a gold watch, the gift of the brethren. Often, when he looked at it, he might remember the time when it was presented to him, and consider it marked a pleasing episode in his association with the Prosperity Lodge, and that it would be handed down to his children, to show how his services had been appreciated. Bro. Chicken, in reply, thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and the brethren for their valuable gifts; he had also to thank the brethren for the great assistance they had given him during his Mastership. If he could have devoted more time to the business of the Lodge he would have done so. He hoped to see them at the Summer Festival, where they would all be proud of the company of wives, sisters, and sweethearts. He was convinced the Worshipful Master would do all in his power to make it a success. A Ball had been inaugurated some time since, and he had the pleasure to inform them it would shortly take place. Whatever proceeds accrued from it would be devoted to a good purpose. He had now to remind them that they had lately been enabled to establish a Chapter in connection with their Lodge; Bro. Brown Past Master and Secretary is at the head of it, and he (Bro. Chicken) hoped the brethren would support it. A word or two more; he felt overwhelmed with their kindness in presenting him with the Past Master's jewel and the watch, and he echoed the words of one of their Past Masters, that the jewel won from a Lodge was one of the grandest ornaments of Freemasonry. He should the more esteem this one, as it came from his mother Lodge, while the watch, the gift of the brethren, would enable him to mark the time, and remind him of many pleasant hours he had passed among them. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s, whom all were proud to see present. He might say the Past Masters of Prosperity were second to none. They had worked diligently; had looked after the interests of the Lodge, and the Charities of the Order. Bros. Arnold, Leins and C. Daniel responded. The latter brother said that for eleven years he had always held a collar, but he was now pleased to see it given to

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a younger member, who he was sure would eventually come to the chair. Bro. Brown P.M. and Sec. said his services as P.M. were always at command of the brethren; it was for four years now that he had held a collar of office, and he was proud to hold one now. Bro. Ferry P.M. followed; he said that to hold a collar in his mother Lodge was, as Bro. Bellerby had said, the highest compliment that could be paid. Bro. Chivers, the father of the Lodge, supplemented the remarks of the other speakers with a few appropriate observations. The W.M. then announced that he had undertaken a Stewardship at the next Anniversary Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and, in proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities, he would remind them that Bro. Goodall P.M. is a Steward for the Boys' School at the Festival to be held in June next. They all had to regret the absence of Bro. Terry, but there was present a very good representative in Bro. Mason. This brother, in an exhaustive speech, responded. It was the first time he had visited the Prosperity Lodge, but it had gone through the length and breadth of the land how charitable its members were. Bro. Terry was away, for the benefit of his health. Their W.M. had accepted a Stewardship for the R.M.B.I., and Bro. Goodall would do a like service for the Boys' in June. Bro. Chicken was third on the list as regards amount at the last Festival for the R.M.B.I., when he took up £142 16s. He (Bro. Mason) heartily thanked them for their support. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary followed, and on the names being announced, the toast was received enthusiastically. Brother Brown P.M. said, ten years since he was raised; he had been now four years a Past Master, and was pleased to say, as long as he was spared his services would be at their command. The toast of the Junior Officers followed, the W.M. remarking every one was qualified to fill any duty he might be called upon to undertake. Bros. Schadler S.W. and Rich J.W. eloquently responded; they were followed by Brothers Hanbury, Marshall, Gregory, Walker, and Caton. Finally, the Tyler's toast was given. The harmony of the evening was contributed to by Bros. Drew. Thompson, Marshall, and Graham, the latter presiding at the piano. This brother also gave a whistling accompaniment, sweetly and artistically. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was passed. The following we noticed among the Visitors:—H. Rawes 950, B. Hughes 27, West W.M. 1815, J. B. Piednue 172, T. J. Maidwell P.M. 27, J. Sparta 1771, J. R. Binfon 52, T. Rushton P.M. 212, Haslip W.M. 813, J. Mason P.P.S.G.D. Middlesex Collector Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. Herts, W. Fox 192, S. Hayworth P.M. 15, West W.M. 1815, Pattison 27, Beaumont P.M. 901, Brown 975, Cobleston 1289, Dobbs 879, Thompson 1568, Garner P.M. 975, Marlet W.M. 174, C. Walker P.M. 172, A. Drew P.M. 890, F. Duckford P.M. 515, H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

THE members assembled to transact the business of the Lodge at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, on Friday, the 24th ultimo, at three o'clock. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. C. Costelow, the chair was taken by the I.P.M., Bro. B. E. Blasby; Bros. L. Franckel S.W., J. J. Gunner J.W., W. Hilton P.M. Secretary, W. Gomm P.M. Treasurer, W. D. Beckett S.D., J. G. Le Grys J.D., C. Botley M.C., C. Maton Steward, A. Kent Organist. Visitors—James H. Jarvis 1627, W. Williams 857, J. G. Rush J.D. 1201, H. Cooper 169, A. H. Smith I.P.M. 56, C. Andrews P.M. 77, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, John Nelson P.M. 1294, L. Lichtwitz 1642, E. Monson jun. I.G. 1194, W. H. Ellis 554, John N. Hare 1744, J. H. Burton 1260, Montague Flint 1612, E. S. Wright 1612. After the minutes of last Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, it was proposed by Bro. Past Master Gomm, and seconded by Bro. Past Master Blasby—

"That the brethren here assembled take this opportunity of expressing their gratitude to Almighty God for preserving the life of Her Most Gracious Majesty our beloved Sovereign the Queen; to congratulate her on her recent escape from the dastardly and cowardly attempt on her life; and to express their horror and detestation at so foul and treasonable an act. That this resolution be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge."

This, on being put to the meeting, was most enthusiastically received, and carried unanimously. Reference was next made to the valuable services rendered by Brother Walter Goss P.M., who had so worthily fulfilled the duties of Treasurer to the Lodge. The acting W.M. stated that it had been decided to offer for the acceptance of Bro. Goss some tangible expression of the esteem in which he is held. He had therefore much pleasure in offering their late Treasurer a testimonial which had been provided by the members. This, an illuminated vellum, which had been most artistically executed, bore the following inscription:—

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.
This testimonial was presented to
Bro. WALTER GOSS P.M.,
By the Brethren of the Royal Alfred Lodge,
As a mark of esteem, and in appreciation of the services rendered by him
During the time he performed the duties of
Treasurer of the Lodge.

B. E. BLASBY W.M.
LUDOLPH FRANCKEL S.W.
J. J. GUNNER J.W.
WILLIAM GOMM P.M. Treas.
WM. HILTON P.M. Sec.

March 1882.

Bro. Goss having gracefully acknowledged the honour conferred upon him, ceremonial work was proceeded with. There were two candidates for the second degree—Bros. Christopher Frederic Emmott and John Fewkes. Both sustained their claim for preferment, and were in due course passed by Bro. Blasby. The ballot was now brought into requisition for Mr. Spencer Henry James Flint, who was proposed by Bro. Roe P.M., and seconded by the acting W.M. The result was in favour of the candidate, who was introduced and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The consideration of several matters in connection with home affairs was then brought under notice, and after routine work Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was now supplied, the arrangements made by Bro. Brill meeting with universal approval. It may be mentioned here that the worthy host spares no effort to make his guests comfortable; the Lodge room is a fine, spacious apartment, admirably ventilated, while ante-rooms are available for every purpose connected with our ceremonies. The toasts were ably introduced by the acting W.M. of the evening, and the proceedings throughout were of the most agreeable character.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1343.

"GRAYS, a town of Essex, with a market on Thursdays, and 1 fair, on May 23, for cattle and hardware. It is seated on the side of the Thames, 19 miles E. of London. Lon. 0.16. E. lat. 51.28. N." We take the above short statement of the headquarters of this flourishing Lodge from an old Gazetteer under date 1766; those of our readers who happen to be acquainted with the Grays of to-day may draw their own comparison. It is well known that in Essex during the eighteenth century Freemasonry was well practised, and doubtless the little town of Grays sent its contingent of Craftsmen to sustain and carry out the teachings of Freemasonry. However, be it as it may, of this we are assured, that amongst the members of the St. John's Lodge we have men who strive to the utmost of their ability to uphold the principles taught by our precepts, and who proffer their hospitality in a manner characteristic of true Englishmen. The installation meeting took place on Tuesday, 28th ultimo, at the King's Arms Hotel, when the Lodge was opened by Bro. Edwin Sturgeon, who was supported by his Officers. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bros. Pringle and Hall, candidates for the second degree, were then examined as to their proficiency; they sustained their claim for preferment, and were entrusted by the W.M. Lodge was advanced, and the candidates were regularly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Edwin Sturgeon now vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Robert Gray, Past Grand Deacon of England, who had kindly undertaken the duties of Installing Master. Bro. Sturgeon introduced the S.W., Bro. Frank Sackett, as W.M. elect, and Bro. Gray proceeded with the ceremony. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and performed its share in the labours of the day. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted in the three degrees. The following brethren were then appointed Officers for the year:—D. Bartlett S.W., F. J. W. Wingrove J.W., E. Sturgeon P.M. Treasurer, Rev. J. H. Rowley Chaplain, J. Howell Secretary, T. Norris S.D., B. Lloyd-Williams J.D., Potter I.G., Martin Tyler. The addresses to Master and Wardens were delivered by the Installing Master, who throughout had ably conducted the ceremony, while the closing address was delivered most impressively by Past Master Alfred Sturgeon. The Past Master's jewel of the Lodge was presented to the retiring Master, Bro. Sackett expressing to Bro. E. Sturgeon the satisfaction felt by the brethren for the zeal he had displayed during the past year. This tribute of regard was gracefully acknowledged by the I.P.M. Routine work followed; it was mentioned incidentally that the two candidates in whom the St. John's Lodge were deeply interested had secured the support of the recently established Provincial Organisation, and fervent hopes were expressed for the success of these applicants. The Visitors tendered their hearty good wishes, and Lodge was closed. After a short interval the banquet was served, and in a most satisfactory way. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, the W.M. proceeded with the toasts. The Loyal ones were loyally received. With that of the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Past and Present was associated the name of Bro. Robert Gray, who was personally thanked by the W.M. for having taken so active a part in the day's proceedings. Bro. Gray in replying said it was always a pleasure to him to have his name associated with the distinguished Masons who were at the head of our Masonic Diet. This pleasure seemed to be intensified by the enthusiasm elicited from a recent event, where, through the intervention of the Great Architect of the Universe, our Gracious Sovereign had escaped the dastardly attempt upon her life. In the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master we had essentially the right men in the right places. The Provinces likewise were singularly fortunate in having good and worthy gentlemen to preside over their destinies; he thought Essex particularly so, as few men could be more popular than was Lord Tenterden. Bro. Gray concluded his remarks by thanking the brethren for the hearty reception they had given him. The next toast was that of Lord Tenterden Provincial Grand Master of Essex, and the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past. The Lodge was favoured, inasmuch as it had two Grand Officers amongst its members; the W.M. would call on Bro. Alfred Sturgeon Prov. Grand Deacon to respond. After the toast had been acknowledged, the I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. He (Bro. Edwin Sturgeon) had a lively recollection of the day when Brother Sackett was initiated in this Lodge. He had steadily worked upwards, and had secured the esteem of one and all of its members; he felt assured the business of the Lodge would be carried on satisfactorily. Bro. Sackett in reply was gratified by what had been urged in his favour by Bro. Past Master Sturgeon. He had been called upon at an earlier age than he could have anticipated; he, however, fully realised the deep responsibilities he had undertaken, and would strive to the uttermost to fulfil them. In replying for the Past Masters, Brother E.

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Sturgeon, after expressing his regret that unavoidable circumstances had prevented some of that body from attending, remarked that he felt he spoke the sentiments of all when he stated they did not consider their zeal should be relaxed now they had passed the chair. He felt all desired their association with the Lodge should continue for many years. For the Visitors, to whom the W.M. gave a hearty welcome, Bro. Morgan replied. He regretted that owing to the exigencies of the train service several had been compelled to leave, but he felt he could express the gratification all felt at the success of the day's proceedings. He congratulated the Lodge on the estimation in which it was held, as evidenced by the great accession to its roll of members during the past year, and tendered thanks for the genial spirit of hospitality displayed by the brethren. The Masonic Institutions were next referred to, the W.M. urging the brethren to a consistent and steady support. For the Officers, Bro. J.W., in the absence of the S.W., replied. Bro. F. J. W. Wingrove regretted the absence of Bro. Bartlett. He fully appreciated the honour that had been conferred upon him by the W.M. He pleaded guilty to the fact of being imbued with a spirit of ambition—a laudable ambition he trusted—and looked forward in due course to occupy the chair of the Lodge. He expressed his satisfaction at the reception that had been given to the toast. The proceedings were interspersed with some capital songs, Bros. Cuming, Mills, Wingrove, and others exerting themselves successfully. The following brethren were present as Visitors:—Bros. Robert Grey P.G.D. England, A. Lucking Prov. G.D.C. Essex, Thos. J. Barrett W.M. 1008 G.S. Essex, W. W. Lookey 1000, H. J. Mills Phoenix 412, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, and H. D. Stephens 77.

STUART LODGE, No. 1632.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday, the 27th ult. Lodge was opened, in the temporary absence of the W.M., by Bro. Stewart Barker P.M., and there were present during the evening the following brethren:—Donald Clark W.M., George Lilley S.W., Gilham J.W., Thomas Poore P.M. and Secretary, W. Job S.D., E. Bessell J.D., A. Bannister Organist, H. Baldwin W.S., R. Barham I.G., T. Bowler Tyler; also Bros. P.M.'s Stuart Barker, J. Walmsley, G. Thomas, G. Gilham; Bros. E. Cromwell, H. Clamp, C. Linsey, R. Coulthard, Mann, G. Evans, and others. Visitors—Bros. W. Gilbert P.M. P.P.J.G.W. Herts, James Stevens P.M. 1426, &c. A. A. Parks 23, C. Williams 276, D. Trusley P.M., S. Ash, G. R. Smith, G. Malley, and A. Barton, all of 720, H. W. Sichett 144, J. A. Hant 569, R. J. Taylor 144, S. Morley 1853, E. Woodman 1950, A. Mallord 1288, C. Evans 1922, J. W. Chapman 1922, W. Hanmer 1539, and J. Coe 1339. The minutes of previous meeting were confirmed, and the report of the audit committee received. Bro. Thomas Poore, as Installing Master then most ably installed Brother George Lilley into the chair of K.S. It is needless to say that the admirably efficient manner in which the beautiful ceremony was rendered by Brother Poore called forth expressions of great satisfaction from the numerous brethren who were on this occasion the guests of the Lodge. The newly-installed W.M. gave proof of his proficiency by his forcible addresses to the Officers, whom he appointed and invested in rotation, and there being no further business before the Lodge, closed it in due form and with solemn prayer. A choice banquet followed labour, and the customary toasts were briefly but pertinently given by the W.M. In the course of the evening a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the Immediate Past Master Brother Donald Clark. To the toast of the Visitors several responses were made, the guests vieing with each other in their expression of great satisfaction with both labour and refreshment. An excellent programme of music and recitations was fully carried through, and especial reference may be made to the successful vocal efforts of Brothers Chapman, R. J. Taylor, Bannister, C. W. Evans, and of the recitations by Bros. Stevens ("Mason's Vows"), and J. W. Chapman. A most enjoyable evening, and one greatly redounding to the credit of the Stuart Lodge, was spent by all present, and the installation of Bro. Lilley as the W.M. for the ensuing year is not likely to be soon forgotten. It speaks well for that worthy brother that so many members of the Lodge held at his hotel at Balham attended to support him on this occasion.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—At the meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday evening last, there was a goodly attendance of brethren. Bro. H. E. Frances opened the Lodge punctually at 7.30, and was supported by Bros. A. Bute as S.W., Perks J.W., Plant Martin S.D., Thurston J.D., Williams I.G., J. S. Terry Secretary, James Stevens Preceptor; Bros. J. W. Watts P.M. 507, J. B. Sargeant, Chambers, and other members were also present. The first section, the ceremony of initiation, and the fourth section, were carefully worked, and subsequently a discussion and explanation of several points of ritual ensued. This arrangement of "question time" was evidently highly appreciated, and earnestly availed of by the members and Visitors. Several points of divergence from uniform working were settled for the future practice of this Lodge of Instruction. It was announced that at the meeting on Friday, the 31st instant, Bro. W. W. Morgan, Secretary No. 211, would occupy "question time" by delivering a lecture on "The Masonic Institutions; their establishment and development;" and the brethren generally were invited to prepare short essays on Masonic subjects for delivery on future occasions. The Lodge was closed at 9.30, after a most agreeable and instructive evening. The Hon. Preceptor, Bro. James Stevens, is appointed to preside at the ensuing meeting, when it is anticipated that the lecturer (Bro. Morgan) will be received by a large gathering of South London Freemasons.

"FINIS CORONAT OPUS."

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

THE work of Masonry is of supreme dignity and importance. It is hallowed by the memories of the past, and is glorious in both history and story. The lectures of the Craft trace its origin to King Solomon, but there are traditions that refer it to a period far anterior to that of the building of the Temple. Like human history, that of Masonry is lost in antiquity. But we have our monuments, which are landmarks indicating to us the progress of the Craft.

We were born of a race of builders—Temple builders. Our forefathers in the Craft were members of the mediæval and oriental building fraternities, or operative guilds. Among the landmarks that monument our history, are the magnificent Abbeys and Cathedrals of mediæval Europe, the temples of Greece, Rome and the Orient, King Solomon's Temple, the Great Pyramids of Egypt, and the massive constructions of Assyria, Babylon, and other Oriental Empires. The work of Masonry is a legacy from the remotest past.

Concerning the early origin of Masonry there can be but one opinion among intelligent investigators; but, however the Craft may be dignified with years, after all, *finis coronat opus*—it is the end that crowns the work. Freemasonry must be respected for what *it is*, rather than for what *it was*. It has its roots in the past, but those roots are under ground. Its past is dead and buried, and now only a rememqrance, and sometimes merely a tradition, while its present is seen, and felt, and known. The Freemasonry that confronts us, and is visible, tangible, material. It is with us and for us. It made us Masons, and not we ourselves. We are a part of it. It breathed into us the breath of Masonic life, and flashed upon us the meridian splendour of Masonic light. It owes nothing to profane hands, or human laws. No act of incorporation can lend it stability or honour. Its work is by itself, and for itself. It does not make a public spectacle of itself. Its principles are not secret, but its WORK is, and how it initiates, none but Craftsmen may know. At its elections the profane may neither vote, nor gaze upon the voters from the gallery. With its installation of officers "the public" have nothing to do. It exists for itself, and by itself. *The work of the Lodge is all esoteric.* There are occasions when its light is seen in the outer world, but these are all distinct from the work of the Lodge. When the Masonic dead are buried, or the corner-stones of public edifices are laid, or a notable Masonic anniversary calls the brethren to appear in procession, then Freemasons come in their persons and profession before the world, but only then. They never rightly, Masonically, invite the world to come and observe them perform in their Temples their esoteric ceremonies. Such an end would mar, and ultimately destroy, not crown, their work.

Pessimists see nothing beautiful or noble in the natural, social, political or moral world. The earth is build upon volcanoes, and must eventually "go up." Governments are all temporary human constructions, and must in their turn "go down." The ground is seeded to weeds, and thorns and thistles, and requires intense *persuasion* to produce anything else. Everything is for the worse, say these unhappy, wilful, blind prognosticators. But they are premature in their judgments. It is *the* end that crowns the work. Men are not now as bad as they seem. The earth is rich in its fruits, when diligently cultivated. And there comes a time when both the earth and man shall be regenerated. There shall be a new earth, and a new man upon it—both new, and yet *both old*. Both will be crowned with glory and honour. The end will justify the works of the Grand Architect of the Universe from the very beginning. If any one be inclined to despond concerning the present, or the past, let him call to mind the future. Wait till the end. In the evening there shall be light.

A new Lodge is constituted. It starts out under the happiest auspices. Its roll of members is unusually full, its treasury replenished with funds, and its doors echo with the knocks of applicants for admission. Will it always continue so? If the wisdom that originated continues to build, but not otherwise. Stone must be laid upon stone skilfully and well. Truth, prudence, justice and charity must actuate the membership. The ashlars must be perfect, so that the sides and corners of the Temple may be polished. Who can tell whether this Lodge will go on, prospering and to prosper, or go out in darkness, its warrant surrendered, or sequestrated, or revoked? *Finis coronat opus.*

An applicant is made a Mason. He receives all the degrees. He is elected to many stations of honour in the gift of the Craft. Will he continue steadfast? Or, when he approaches the horizon of death will his sun set in a murky cloud? No one can surely tell till the end comes. It becomes every one, therefore, to be watchful and beware. We have seen more than one life gilded with Masonic honour, ruined by a misguided step at its close. Look always to the end, for *finis coronat opus*. Freemasons' Lodges and Grand Lodges, are all the work of human hands; but there comes a time, and a place, wherein all the mistakes of earth shall be rectified. Bad men are sometimes, through the ignorance of a section of the Craft, made Masons, but they shall not continue in "good standing" *for ever*. In the Celestial Lodge only the true Mason will find admittance. His work upon earth must have been square work. He must have been Mason in heart and in life, as well as in name. Hence, to every individual Freemason the assertion is startlingly true—THE END CROWNS THE WORK.

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R.A. MASONRY IN NEBRASKA.

THE Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska was held in the Masonic Hall, Lincoln, Nebraska, on the 20th and 21st December 1881. The Companions assembled at three o'clock in the afternoon of the former day, there being present—

Comp.	H. Baxter Nicodemus	Grand High Priest
	Samuel P Davidson	Grand King
	Edwin F. Watren as	Grand Scribe
	Christian Hartman	Grand Treasurer
	William R. Bowen	Grand Secretary
	Robert W. Furnas	Grand Lecturer
	Jefferson H. Foxworthy	Grand Captain of the Host
	Francis E. White, as	Grand Principal Sojourner
	Alfred G. Hastings as	Grand Royal Arch Captain
	Jesse T. Davis as	Grand Master Third Vail
	Charles A. Holmes as	Grand Master Second Vail
	James A. Tulleys	Grand Master First Vail
	Oren N. Wheelock	Grand Steward
	John McClelland	Grand Sentinel

together with representatives of eighteen out of the twenty-three Chapters in the jurisdiction, and also of nine of the Grand Chapters in N. America. The several Committees on Returns, Jurisprudence, Finance and Accounts, &c. having been appointed, the M.E. Comp. Grand High Priest Nicodemus proceeded to give his customary address, in which he reviewed the events of the past year, and congratulated those present on the healthy and prosperous condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Nebraska, and the harmony which had prevailed throughout the entire jurisdiction. Dispensations for two new Chapters had been granted, and the old Chapters, with a solitary exception, remained in a healthy state. The address was referred, as usual, to a Committee, and the Grand Secretary then read his Report. Other business having been transacted, the Grand Chapter adjourned till the evening, when the Companions reassembled under the presidency of their chief, and a Report by M.E. Companion William R. Bowen General Grand Priest of the United States was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. The following morning the session was resumed, and the Report of the Committee on Finance and Accounts was submitted, the statement showing that, after the payment of the various appropriations that had been approved, there remained in hand a balance to the credit of the Grand Chapter amounting to close on 659 dollars. The following were then elected Officers for the ensuing year, namely,

Comp.	Samuel P. Davidson 9	Grand High Priest
	William H Munger 8	Deputy Grand High Priest
	James A. Tulleys 19	Grand King
	Henry E. Palmer 3	Grand Scribe
	Christian Hartman 1	Grand Treasurer
	William R. Bowen 1	Grand Secretary

while, at the afternoon sitting, Comp. the Grand High Priest elect announced that he had made the following appointments, namely :—

Comp.	Frank E. Bullard 15	Grand Chaplain
	Robert W. Furnas 4	Grand Lecturer
	Oren N. Wheelock 10	Grand Captain of the Host
	Parley M. Hartson 1	Grand Principal Sojourner
	James Tyler 6	Grand Royal Arch Captain
	Ithamar T. Benjamin 17	Grand Master 3rd Vail
	Walter J. Thompson 16	Grand Master 2nd Vail
	John D. Moore 11	Grand Master 1st Vail
	Emanuel Fist jun. 21	Grand Steward
	Wilson M. Maddox 5	Grand Steward
	Francis S White 3	Grand Sentinel

The newly-elected and appointed Officers having been duly installed and sixty dollars having been appropriated towards obtaining the customary testimonial of an engraved portrait to Past Grand High Priest Nicodemus, Grand Chapter was closed.

As regards the strength of the degree in this jurisdiction it would appear that there has been an increase in the membership of the subordinate Chapters amounting to 91, the number on the table of returns in 1880 being 841, and for 1881 932. This gives an average of about forty members per Chapter, and justifies the congratulatory tone adopted by Comp. Nicodemus in his address already referred to. We can only express a hope that the year 1882 may prove as satisfactory in extending and strengthening Capitular Masonry in the State.

GRAND COUNCIL OF MASSACHUSETTS.

THE annual assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts was held in the Masonic Temple, Boston, on the 14th December 1881. The following Grand Officers were present, namely :—

Comp.	Albert L. Richardson	Most Illustrious Grand Master
	William A. Farnsworth	Deputy Grand Master
	Sylvanus Cobb jun.	Grand Pr. of the Work
	Charles W. Romney	Grand Treasurer
	John Haigh	Grand Recorder
	Eugene H. Richards	Grand Master of Ceremonies
	Rev. John W. Dadman	Grand Chaplain
	Charles G. Brooks	Captain of the Guards
	M. Perry Sargent	Grand Steward
	E. A. Holton	Grand Lecturer
	Benj. F. Nourse	Grand Sentinel

There were also present a number of Past Grand Officers as well as the representatives of sixteen Councils. The M.Ill. Grand Master, in his review of the events of the past year, expressed himself well satisfied with the past and present condition of the degree, and hopeful of its future. Peace and prosperity had reigned throughout the entire jurisdiction. They were on terms of friendship with other Grand Councils, while as regards their financial state, though he could not speak positively, owing to the lack of returns, he knew enough to be in a position to say they were satisfactory, there being a balance in hand of over 143 dollars. After a sympathetic reference to the virtues of the late Comp. H. Chickering, to whom he expressed his intention of devoting a memorial page in the Proceedings of the Grand Council, the M.Ill. Grand Master closed his address by resigning his office, which he had unfortunately been unable to fulfil as he should have liked on account of his health. The following were then elected Grand Officers for the ensuing year, namely :—

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Comp. John Haigh, Somerville, Mass. -	Most Ill. Grand Master
John B. Whittaker, Fall River -	Deputy Grand Master
Charles G. Brooks, East Boston	Grand Pr. C. of Work
Charles W. Romney, Boston -	Grand Treasurer
Alfred F. Chapman, Boston -	Grand Recorder

and these, having been installed, the following appointments were announced :—

Comp. E. H. Richards, Boston, Mass. -	Grand Master of Cer.
Rev. J. W. Dadman, Winthrop, Mass. - - - - -	Grand Chaplain
A. G. Pollard, Lowell, Mass. -	Grand Captain of Guards
Charles F. Merrill, Ware, Mass.	Grand Conductor
G. M. Rice 2°, Worcester, Mass.	Grand Steward
E. A. Holton, Boston, Mass. -	Grand Lecturer
B. F. Nourse, Cambridge, Mass.	Grand Tyler

It appears there are twenty-four Councils in this jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership—one Council having, however, failed to make any returns—of 2,427—a return which cannot be looked upon as otherwise than most satisfactory.

THE FUTURE OF THE FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

AT the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Bro. Clabon, who then appeared for the first time since his resignation of the post of President of the Fund of Benevolence, made some few remarks as to the position of that Fund, pointing out that something like £2,000 had been spent last year in excess of the income. While he did not oppose, but rather supported generous gifts, he reminded Grand Lodge that a continuance of such practices must of necessity lead to the ultimate extinction of the Invested Fund (which now amounts to something like £45,000), and he therefore felt it was time some provision was made to meet the deficiency. He personally suggested the increase of the quarterages paid by brethren to the Fund—in the case of London brethren from four shillings to six shillings a year, and in the case of Provincial brethren from two shillings to three shillings—but as no notice had been given to Grand Lodge of any alteration being proposed, and further, as Bro. Clabon was desirous that brethren in all parts should have time to consider the question, he had adopted the course of mentioning his intention to bring the matter under the notice of Grand Lodge at the June Communication, by which time he hoped the members of Grand Lodge would be in a position to discuss the subject.

That some alteration in the Constitutions which affect the Fund of Benevolence should be made, the experience of the more immediate past would seem to demonstrate, but whether the course now proposed by Bro. Clabon is the right one is matter for consideration. We, like the brother who has given notice of his intention to bring the question formally before Grand Lodge, should be sorry to deprive the Fund of Benevolence of its power to relieve applicants in as tangible a manner as their circumstances might warrant, but at the same time we very much question if the time has come for an increase in the amount of quarterages—not because the additional tax would be begrudged, but because we think it a mistake to offer further inducements to unprincipled persons to join the Craft. It has long been urged on behalf of Freemasonry that it is not a Benefit Society, while, on the other hand, it has been argued in many quarters that the exceptionally large grants recently made from the Fund of Benevolence really places it on some such basis. Personally, we question the propriety of the course taken by the brethren who form the Board. Some few months since, or to be more precise, since 1880, Brother Clabon himself was troubled as to what could be done with the accumulation of the Fund of Benevolence, and now he comes forward to advocate the opposite course. At that time he submitted a proposition to Grand Lodge as to the disposal of the then annual surplus, but he did not appear to know his own mind: for, after formally proposing his motion, and allowing it to be seconded, he withdrew it, and that, too, in a manner which we at the time remarked was something more than unbusiness-like—simply childish. After a lapse of but twenty-four months he again brings forward a proposal which has the appearance of being as hastily conceived as was that which, after short reflection, he thought fit to withdraw, and to this last suggestion he invites the consideration of the Craft. In doing so we think he would have done well to put forward some arguments to induce the brethren to believe he was better informed on his subject, as well as more at heart in his proposition, than was the case when he last figured at Grand Lodge as a would-be reformer of the Fund of Benevolence. Had he done so, we hardly think he could have justified the step he now proposes. All he could have urged was simply what he did, viz., that the Lodge of Benevolence had in its expenditure exceeded its income by some £2,000 during the past year. We ask,—Why was this? Was it not in consequence of a feeling existing among some members of the Board that there should not be a surplus after the proposition brought before Grand Lodge in March 1880? Such is the opinion of many brethren, and if we take the trouble to compare the grants recently made with those of the past, it would appear that figures are in favour of such an argument. During the whole of the four years prior to Bro. Clabon's proposition, there were but thirty-five grants recommended to Grand Lodge of sums of £100 and upwards, viz., one of £200, four of £150, one of £125, and twenty-nine of £100, while during the two years which have succeeded it, thirty-six such recommendations have been submitted, viz., three of £250, five of £200, eight of £150, and twenty of £100. Thus we see that not only have the recommendations for large grants been more than twice as numerous, but they have also been for much larger amounts, facts which, of themselves, will account for the additional expenditure. If the income of the Fund of Benevolence is insufficient to meet the expenditure, the proper course, in our opinion, to adopt is, to lessen the grants either in number or amount, but as the former course might be deemed inconsistent with our Masonic teaching, the latter alone remains. Previous to March 1880, when so much was said as to the excessive surplus of the Fund of Benevolence, grants of £100 each were looked upon as the maximum to be given, there only being six cases in which that sum was exceeded in the course of four years, but immediately it became known that the income of the Fund was in excess of the expenditure to a large extent, the whole scale was altered, and the grant of £100 which was previously considered a handsome amount was at once relegated to third and even fourth place. We do not wish to question the judgment of the Board, but we do say that the brethren who have proposed and supported such large sums have erred—they have really been carried away by the arguments used by Bro. Clabon in March 1880, and we think the best course to adopt, in order to relieve the pressure on the Fund, is for Grand Lodge to refuse to confirm anything more than the income derived from present quarterages and other existing circumstances will allow. To imagine that an increase in the dues in 1882 will act as a permanent relief is absurd. It is well known that the more money there is to spend, the more applicants will there be for it, and if the procuring of even £100 is rendered easier than at present—without taking into consideration such grants as £150, £200, and £250—we feel sure the increase suggested by Bro. Clabon will not be sufficient to meet the increase in the number of applicants. Every brother or widow who is relieved remains a lasting advertisement of the generosity of the Craft—their own thankfulness alone should act as such—so that an attempt to supply the funds for continuing the large grants recently made by the Board would, in our opinion, be unwise, as it is offering an additional inducement for men to join the Order in the hope of one day securing a £200 or £250 grant should they need it.

The *Freemason* is to be commended for having adopted a plan which will give the Craft an admirable insight into the chronology of Freemasonry. Every month it is publishing a Calendar which it styles an Historical Calendar, in which is put down for every day in the month some noteworthy Masonic event which occurred on that day. The Calendar for the present month contains, among other events, the record of the Prince of Wales's installation as Grand Master, at the Albert Hall, on the 28th of April 1875, and has a side note to the effect that His Royal Highness was initiated in Sweden in 1868. In 1869 the rank of Past Grand Master was conferred on him. In 1874, on the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon, he accepted the office of Grand Master. The editor adds that it is a singular coincidence that the installation of His Royal Highness should have occurred on the very day on which, 137 years previously, the famous Bull of Pope Clement XII. was fulminated against Freemasonry.—*Evening News.*

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THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THERE is little doubt that our Correspondent R. L. H., whose letter we publish elsewhere in our columns, has entered on a very unthankful task in suggesting that the executive of the Girls' School are entering on a serious matter in proposing a further increase in the number of its pupils. But, with all our loyalty to the Craft, and with every desire to promote the interests of this, the oldest of our Institutions, we must not shut our eyes to the fact that if the benefits are made too common there will be an overwhelming increase in the number of applicants for the receipt of help from our Institutions. As our correspondent states clearly enough, the Girls' School, like our other Charities, has made an amazing advance in strength within the last few years. When the Prince of Wales became our G. Master there were 150 pupils, it is now proposed there should be 286. Again, as our correspondent points out, there has been an abnormal expenditure during the same last few years of about £20,000, so that in a brief period we are *compelling* the Craft to provide for this Institution alone an increase of over what it was in 1876 something like 60 per cent. We do not for a moment say the Craft is unequal to this task, but we do advise caution as regards the future. There has been a very remarkable enlargement in the number of Boy Pupils and Old Men and Women beneficiaries, so that we are committing ourselves to an ever-increasing expenditure, and what is more to the point, committing the next generation of Freemasons to the provision of a sum which, with all the will in the world, it may not be in their power to provide. We consider that points of this kind are well worthy of the gravest consideration. If our Institutions were stronger in respect of *permanent* funds, we should not deem it necessary to offer any remarks.

"THAT ANGEL, KNOWLEDGE."

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

THE Masonic Craft is no "Paradise of Fools," for, as our ancient Grand Master, King Solomon, declared, "fools hate knowledge." When an applicant for the mysteries of Freemasonry petitions for initiation into the Fraternity, he states that he is drawn towards it by a "desire for knowledge." If he states the truth he is not disappointed; if he does not, he *is*, and deserves to be. We worship at the Altar of Truth, in the shadow of the tree of knowledge. Freemasons in all ages have been apostles of knowledge. They created one of the noblest of the arts—Architecture, and the liberal arts and sciences have ever been fostered by them. Intelligence is a pre-requisite for a candidate for Masonry, and once made a Mason, he is, or should be, perpetually a seeker for "more Light."

In one of the earliest and most sprightly of Shakespeare's comedies —"Love's Labour Lost," which has, throughout, sparkles of wit like a blaze of fireworks, the poet pictures the courtiers of King Ferdinand of Navarre in pursuit of "that angel, knowledge." Knowledge *is* an angel,—an angel of delight. It lifts man above the brute, Freemasons above the profane, and the angels of heaven above all. The Light that comes from above is the brightest and best, and Masonic Light introduces the initiate to the choicest knowledge of Freemasonry.

The candidate who is made a Mason receives Light, but not all at once. Just as man could not endure the blaze of the midday sun were it suddenly flashed upon him, so the knowledge that Masonic Light personifies is our Fraternity's gradual gift, that comes to the Craftsman as he seeks it. True it is, that he, and only he, that seeketh, findeth. It is to be entreated, it is the reward of the seeker. Many brethren will testify that Freemasonry introduced them to a new world, supplied them with fresh and noble incentives to thought and action, opened to them treasures of learning to which they would have remained strangers had they not been Craftsmen. There is more in Freemasonry than the profane dream of. To many a brother it has been a ladder of learning.

Take the art of architecture, which is indissolubly connected with Freemasonry, and who can say how many brethren are led, almost unawares, to regard, admire, familiarize themselves with, and enjoy it. We are no longer operative Masons, but we are students and admirers of operative Masonry. The art of architecture appeals to the eye, and through the eye to the mind. Skilfully designed and executed columns, capitals, arches and façades, please even the uncultured; and when one can identify himself with the old and mediæval builders and find in Freemasonry instruction in the present, and a key to the past, it is not surprising that the Freemason derives a pleasure from an ordinary walk through a large city, or from a visit to the architectural remains of the middle ages, abroad, that few other persons have in equal degree. "That angel, knowledge" furnishes him with a new sense. Where others stare, he studies; while others see nothing to admire, he sees a present beauty, a past history, and a means by which he gains the purest and most delightful mental exhilaration. We can agree with the poet Grey, that

"Where ignorance is bliss,
'Tis folly to be wise,"

but *where is* ignorance bliss? There is more enjoyment in an hour of an enlightened man's life, than in the entire period of a savage's existence. Freemasonry is to be commended for ministering to the happiness of its brethren by increasing their stores of knowledge, stimulating their desire for learning, and enabling them, by means of freshly awakened senses, to see facts, truths and beauties that they never saw before, or would have seen had it not been for their connection with the Craft. The light dispensed from the centre to the circumference of the Craft by "that angel, knowledge" is the proudest possession of which Freemasonry can boast.

The perfectly rounded character of Masonry is, when one studiously contemplates it truly wonderful. It is not for one, but for many; not for a class, but for all the better classes; not for persons holding *singular* opinions, but for those having catholic views, *agreeing* to differ with others, decided, and yet at the same time tolerant in their judgments. The founder of Pennsylvania said, "Knowledge is the treasure, but judgment the treasurer, of a wise man." Freemasons, as a rule, are men of judgment, who know how to use knowledge, without abusing it. One Brother is of a convivial temperament, and finds the Craft meets his desires by the hearty social good feeling that prevails among its members. Another is a moralist, and he finds in the elevated symbolic teaching of the Fraternity that which satisfies him. Another craves knowledge, and finds in the wisdom bequeathed to us by the ages, that is inseparable from Masonry, that which ministers to his intellectual needs. Another is a student of history, with antiquarian tastes, and what a treasury of delight does the past of Freemasonry open up to him! How he can read, and study, and investigate, and speculate. Let every one esteem the mystery of Freemasonry at its true value, for surely it has for its presiding genius "that angel, knowledge."

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart (in the chair), F. W. Ramsay, M.D., S. Rosenthal, G. P. Britten, L. Ruf, George Motion, Joyce Murray, Don. M. Dewar, W. Maple, C. G. Rushworth, John L. Mather, A. J. Duff-Filer, F. Adlard, A. E. Gladwell, C. H. Webb, and F Binckes (Secretary). One petition was placed on the list of candidates for the October election, and an outfit was granted to a former pupil of the Institution. The following notices of motion were given for the Quarterly Court next Monday:—

By Bro. J. S. Cumberland—

"That the day of election for the Boys' School be altered to Friday instead of Monday, as at present, except when the Friday falls on Good Friday, then on Thursday, and that the rules of the Institution be altered accordingly."

By Bro. R. W. Stewart—

"That the House and Building Committee be authorised to purchase the remaining four plots of land opposite the Institution at Wood Green, comprising nearly half an acre, at a price not exceeding £650."

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 23 Great Queen Street, W.C.

Cassell's Concise Cyclopædia. With numerous Illustrations. Part I.; and *The Life and Work of St Paul.* By F. W. Farrar, D.D., Canon of Westminster. Illustrated. Cassell, Petter, Galpin, and Co., London, Paris, and New York.

AMONG the most recent serial publications of useful and high class literature which are being brought out in cheap form by this eminent firm of publishers must be enumerated Canon Farrar's "Life and Work of St. Paul," and the "Concise Cyclopædia," both of which are fine specimens of typography, while the illustrations are both numerous and well-drawn. The merits of Canon Farrar's work are too generally well known to require any comment from us; but the "Cyclopædia" is a new compilation, and to judge from the specimen part before us, bids fair to be a most useful addition to this class of work. Great care appears to have been exercised in the collation of the materials which are put together concisely and clearly. The information also, so far as we have tested it, would seem to be thoroughly trustworthy. When complete the work will be of great use for reference.

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HARMONY IS STRENGTH.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

IF the reader will take the trouble to review the history of any organization that has ever existed, either as a religious, political or social one, this fact will be very plainly manifested, viz.: That those organizations which have exerted the most influence, or that have been looked up to and considered as worthy of the confidence and patronage of man, or that have withstood the tests of age and experience, are those who have always and at all times and in all places closely followed the maxim that "harmony is strength." They not only said it, but practised it, especially amongst themselves; their every act, especially before the world, has been that of the utmost harmony. It will be found, also, that petty discords, insane jealousies, and unpardonable confusion, never were allowed to gain a foothold amongst them, for they fully realized that if they would exist as a body harmony *must* prevail and discord must be unknown amongst them.

The same line of thought may be safely applied, not only to social organizations, not placing the constructions of conviviality on the word social, but upon all political powers or governments. Take, for instance, the history of any of the ancient powers or governments which have partially, if not wholly passed away. But studying their history one will find that as long as they were content to "dwell together in unity," and were undisturbed by dissension or strife their career was onward, and they were prosperous in the fullest sense; but just the moment that strife, envy, discord or lack of harmony began to show itself, especially amongst its leaders, their prosperous days began to wane. If discord began to exist amongst its leaders it was quickly communicated to their friends—there is no one, be he ever so low, but what has his friends—and there sprang into existence different parties or factions, each one thinking and claiming, even at the point of the sword, that they were right and the other party or faction wrong. They pursued their scenes of discord unmindful of other nations or governments, until, almost before they were aware that they had a foreign foe, that foe was approaching their borders. The result can easily be portrayed; defeat, overwhelming defeat was their portion; their once powerful nation was overrun by the invaders; scenes of blood, pain and woe followed, for a magnanimous foe is not always found in the victorious party. Such was the result of a lack of harmony. Now the result might have been different had they been united, or had they been governed by the maxim that harmony is strength, instead of having been a nation divided against itself, had they been an united one the foreign foe would have hesitated before attempting to make war upon them, and even if they had they would have been ready to have met them, and could successfully have resisted their inroads. Dissension amongst their own numbers has been the means of many a civil war, and causing many times the overthrow of many a powerful governement. Rome fell when confusion and discord were the prevailing elements. Ancient Greece, with all her splendour, her works of art, her learning, her talent, was no exception. Even in modern times the results of confusion amongst other powers have been the same. When confusion reigns peace and harmony depart.

Had the once powerful nations of the Ancients been harmonious, had their leaders been actuated by a common feeling of love of country instead of self, had each one been working for the common good instead of furthering their own selfish ambitions, the results, perhaps, might have been different from what they were. Instead of confusion there would have been harmony, instead of working for self; had each one been actuated by one impulse, that of the best interests of their country, they might have successfully resisted the inroads of the common enemy; their splendour would have been untarnished, their power would have been unbroken, they would have "held their own" and might have continued as a power for ages. But, no! some particular one aspired to the leadership and he must push forward his own particular designs in order to gratify his own selfish ends, or rather, his ambition to stand at the head, to be the ruler, even if it was at the sacrifice of his country by so doing. He promulgated discord, forgot harmony, and the consequence of his act was not only his own downfall but the downfall of his country. To gratify SELF he must needs sacrifice all.

The same idea can be truthfully applied to many of the ancient religious creeds. As long as the people worshipped "the ever living and true GOD" they prospered and continually added new members to their numbers, but just as soon as they began to worship "strange gods" and allowed discord to mar their heretofore peaceful assemblies, their downfall commenced.

History but repeats itself, and in all such instances "Harmony *is* Strength;" *discord* is ruin. If it is so in the affairs of the Church or State, why not so in other affairs? If it hold goods in any one particular society or organization, why not in the whole? If it has proven true in the history of both Church, State and social, why will it not prove the same in the Masonic Fraternity, if it allows the evil demon of discord to enter its ranks? Surely Masons are but men and are, as other men, prone to evil as well as good.

The Masonic Institution has amongst its members all classes and condition of society. We call as brothers men of all countries, sects and opinions. If "harmony is strength" in one class of men, it is more particularly so to us as members of the time-honoured Institution of Freemasonry. If we have amongst us the good and "pure in heart," we have the bad, and "him who thinketh evil." If we have in our ranks those whom men delight to honour, we have also those in the humbler ranks of life. If we have the learned, we have also the unlearned. The poor as well as the rich are found associated together as brothers on the checkered floor of Masonry. In fact, the Masonic Institution is a heterogenous mass of human beings, and being so composed it, of all other organizations, whether political, religious or social, should ever bear in mind that "harmony is strength," in the fullest sense of the term.

Our enemies would like nothing better than to see us divided. They would glory in the fact that confusion existed amongst us instead of "peace, unity and plenty." The *net-work* of the *pomegranate* is too closely woven around the *lily* of Masonry for the shafts of anti-Masonry to even penetrate the outer door leading to our Temple, if we live in harmony. Let us continually guard our lily and keep it as pure as its symbol denotes peace. Let no discord, confusion or envy get even a chance for a foothold amongst us, and we will all of us be in the future as we have been in the past—*proud of being Masons.*

"A small Lodge, with harmony existing amongst its members, is better than a Lodge with a large membership where strife exists." Now, my brethren, there is a vast amount of truth displayed in that short sentence, more so, perhaps, to those who have made Masonry a study and have watched the transactions of the Craft for the past few decades. A small Lodge, whose members are all working for the common good of Masonry, is one that stands in the front rank of Lodges. A Lodge that lives up to the principles it teaches is indeed a model Lodge, for "peace doth dwell within its walls." No need of the power of the Grand Master, or the Grand Lodge, being invoked to settle petty discords amongst its members; no appeals to grievance committees comes from that Lodge; no long, laborious trials to be heard; no brother disappointed because he or some particular friend was not elected as its chief; no vexations arising from unpaid dues to try the patience of the Master, perplex the Secretary, and increase the burden of the remaining portion of its members; no teasing, begging, threatening on the part of the Master to bring out enough of its members to perform the work; no laggardism in the esoteric portion, but all is peace, and all are proud to say, "I am a Mason." Ah! that is indeed a picture of bliss that I wish was the portion of us all.

The influence of such a Lodge in the community where it is located is almost untold. The poor, the needy, the lonely brother, or it may be the widow or orphan of the deceased brother, look to that Lodge as one of perfection, as indeed it is. Why is it so? Because "they dwell together in unity." Let us compare that Lodge with one having a large membership, but whose members are *not* lovers of peace and unity, and mark the result.

We find generally, unless it is at the annual, that the attendance of the Lodge at its communications is small, although it has a large list of members on its roll. The Master, by dint of hard coaxing, with a few threats thrown for "spice," may get together a sufficient number to perform the work. The list of those who are in arrears for dues comprises a large per centage of its members. The "work" goes on with innumerable jars, and why? Because a portion of the Lodge is arrayed against the other. Questions arise that the Master, to do his best, cannot decide without causing one faction or the other to be dissatisfied, until finally it requires the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge to step in and decide it for them, and, even then, there will be a few who if they do acquiesce in it, do it reluctantly and show their dissatisfaction by remaining away from the meetings of their Lodge. They may have a richly furnished and commodious room, and may have all the paraphernalia to do "good work," but to their shame it must be said, that their work is anything but "good and true work," and is not such work as is fit for the overseer's inspection.

The influence of that Lodge for good has departed. It is a by-word and reproach amongst men, and all good brothers hang down their heads in shame at the "works" of that Lodge.

Our particular friends (?) the anti-Masonic element, are happy in the thought that there is one Lodge that is *not Masonic.* They say, "Behold your boasted Brotherly Love. You prove by your acts that your assertions are false; that you do not dwell together in unity and harmony." They delight to hold that Lodge up as an example of Masonry; but, mind you, they are very careful to avoid all allusion to the harmonious Lodges. Oh no! they wish only the worst side to be seen.

Let me assure you that our enemies are not all dead yet; they are not even sleeping. They may be overpowered or outnumbered, but they have a faculty of giving us some pretty hard kicks. They are by no means slow in taking advantage of any circumstance, no matter how small, that they may bring discredit to our names as Masons. Let us candidly bring the question home to ourselves and take warning of the past. Let us "dwell together in unity" and remember that "harmony is strength." If by chance there are any of us who belong to the unharmonious Lodge, let us "about face." "open ranks" and "march" to the rear. Let us put our own private feelings and pride "in our pockets," and come out like men and Masons. Let us meet our brothers not half way, but the whole of the way if necessary. Let us throw aside our own fancied wrongs and dwell together as a band of brothers "among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble contention or emulation of who best can work and agree." Let us forgive as we would wish to be forgiven. Let us follow these teachings that Masonry gives its followers. Let us be brothers in deed and fact as well as in name. Let us see to it that these principles that we profess to teach are inculcated in our own hearts before we attempt to teach them to others, and then, and not until then, can we teach the new comer those beautiful lessons which Masonry teaches in every portion of its work.

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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see from your advertisement columns of last week, that it is proposed, on the motion of Bro. Col. Creaton, to increase the number of pupils in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to 236, and consequently that the whole of the girls on the list of candidates will be declared duly elected. Now I am very sensible of the fact that whoever raises his voice against a proposition of this kind runs the risk of being charged with a want of liberality. He, it will be said, who grudges the additional annual outlay thus incurred—some £220 more or less—must be naturally ungenerous. But there is an old saying, to the effect that people must be just before they are generous. Had this been the only proposition of its kind that had been made for some considerable time, I should not dream of raising a word of opposition. I cannot, however, shut my eyes to the immense increase of responsibility which the Craft has assumed during the last five or six years, and this responsibility, be it remembered, is not limited only to the present, but must be handed on to the next and the next and the next generation of Freemasons. The mere additional outlay of £220 per annum may seem trifling enough if taken by itself, but it is an addition to some £880 per annum made a year or two ago, which, in its turn, was an addition to an additional £1,760 per annum over and above the expenditure as it stood about the year 1876. In other words, having increased our liabilities since that year by 50 per cent., and having in the same period paid away quite £20,000 in hard cash for new buildings, &c. &c., we still continue the policy of increasing our responsibilities, and leave the future to take care of itself. About 1876 the sum actually required for the support of the School at its then strength was about £5,300—I am speaking roughly and from memory—whereas with a School of 236 girls, considerably over £8,000 must be raised every year, while the permanent income of the Institution remains at the same figure. This, I admit, is a policy of generosity, and as such looks admirable; but are we quite just to those who come after us in committing them to an annual provision of over £8,000? Are we quite sure that, having the will to do this splendid work, they will always be in a position to find the means? Nor must we quite lose sight of another fact which must have an important bearing upon the case. The liabilities of the Craft in respect of the other Institutions—the Boys' School and the Benevolent Fund—have also been very largely increased, and no material increase, at least in the case of the latter, has been made in their permanent means. Will it not be better for us to move "slowly yet surely?"

Fraternally yours,

R. L. F.

A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am about to make a suggestion; I do not expect it will be met with favour; at the same time my views may induce some of your readers, more fluent with the pen than ever I can hope to be, to express their sentiments. It is the general opinion that our worthy Grand Treasurer's proposal—"That the twenty-eight approved candidates now on the list be declared duly elected"—will meet with unanimous approval on Saturday next, and, as a consequence, the list of applicants for election to the Girls' School in October will be a small one.

Now, Dear Sir and Brother, would it be too much to ask the executive of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls whether, under the circumstances, they could not help their brethren of the Boys' School by doing something for the numerous applicants for the benefits of that Institution—say, by providing for the education and maintenance of six or ten of these destitute lads? I am fully aware there are many objections that can be urged to such a course, but we are—or should be—one united family, and the needs of the female portion of that family may one day press as heavily as do those of the males to-day. Moreover, there is, after all, but one feeling that should actuate us—to relieve our distressed brethren and their belongings. If anything can be done in the way I here suggest, I am convinced the Institution that would thus lend a hand would not be forgotten on a future day, should its claims be equally pressing.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A YOUNG MASON.

GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I imagine there must be small difficulty in arranging what your correspondent "ELECTOR" speaks of. I fancy no one will object to receive Girls' votes, for the simple reason that all the Girls are to be elected, and therefore, whatever votes are offered, the candidates, one and all, will be elected. There are, doubtless, many difficulties to be encountered, but, under any circumstances, it is necessary we should be considerate. We must be in a position to speak forcibly, and we feel sure the supporters of the Girls' School will do their utmost to support their own venture. In this belief,

I remain, fraternally yours,

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WOMAN AND MASONRY.

PAST Deputy Grand Master Bro. the Hon. Charles Levi Woodbury was the champion of the ladies at the last "Grand Feast" of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and responded to the toast proposed in their honour in the following humourous style:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER: Why am I selected for this toast? Is it because, in my state of innocence, like Adam "waiting in the garden for the coming Eve," a presumption arises that the idealised and perfect woman is present to my imagination? Woman, as she is, lives a glorious institution! Does this Grand Lodge wish she was better? I can throw no light on such a conundrum. Woman followed Adam into the Garden, and drove him out, and made him work, toil and moil, until those creations of modern civilisation, the dry-goods shop and the jewellery store, arose in grandeur to minister to her æsthetic taste.

The apron which she gracefully wore after the fall, has given place to the silks and laces, gold, jewellery and precious stones, that Paradise did not furnish for her aspiring sense of the beautiful. Conservative man still wears the apron, and cherishes the tradition of the fig-leaf; but her memories of that primal state are most prominent in her rage for birds of Paradise. Has not woman gained in power by her transmigration from Paradise to earth? There a wriggling snake was wily enough to humbug her, but here the fascination with which "the serpent on the rock" lures the bird within its mysterious influence is not as subtle or subduing as woman's power. Our first Grand Master King Solomon was beguiled out of heaps of presents by that charming widow, the Queen of Sheba. Even his own wives, say the prophets, conquered his wisdom and led his soul into captivity. Solomon's Masonic successors have undergone a similar lot. In their homes woman is a pervading deity of love and government.

The French Masons say, "What woman will, God wills." She is irresistible! She is not here because she has not willed to be here. It is by her generous sufferance that Masonry exists. Of what consequence to us are these foreign women? Solomon had no Yankee girl among his wives. He never saw one.

I am of those who think our fair countrywomen are peerless among their sex; but I ought also to say that American Masons have an unerring instinct that guides them to select for better halves the most reasonable among them, those least tinctured with that fatal curiosity which drove the sex from Paradise, and most endowed with those admirable qualities which adorn the relations of a wife, mother, nurse, and daughter.

To woman as an object of adoration for all good Masons my humble offering has been made. But some women reach that state of life where they become oftener objects of objurgation. Had you wished words of wisdom concerning *that* transcendent climax of moral development, you should have remembered that our first father, Adam, when he was a happy man in Paradise, had no mother-in-law; that Eve was expelled before she grew to be a mother-in-law; that, in fact, there is no record of a mother-in-law in Paradise; and that it is still uncertain whether woman's influence shall lead me to a mother-in-law, or that I shall escape into Paradise. I shall hazard at this time no imprudent remarks.

Having astonished his auditors with these and sundry other unexpected and startling cogitations upon the theme assigned him, Bro. Woodbury suddenly "switched off," and closed with a grave and stately discourse as to the influence of Masonry upon the State, showing how the quiet dissemination of its moral and humanitarian ideas might be traced in the amelioration of the constitutions of governments, and the aid afforded in the struggles of man for his place of nobility under God and the right to enjoy all divinely planned institutions.

The Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, will meet on Saturday, and has a fair proportion of work before it, viz., a raising, four passings, and an initiation. All the members of this Lodge, with the exception of the honorary members, belong to the newspaper press, the majority belonging to the reporters' gallery in the Houses of Parliament. The Lodge has made considerable strides since its consecration on the 13th August last, and is doing some excellent Masonic work in connection with the Charities of the order.

On Boat Race day a numerous company assembled on board the Maria Wood, which was moored at Mortlake, near the winning post. A sumptuous and *recherché* luncheon was provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, who personally superintended. Mr. Wellington's 2nd Light Cavalry Band discoursed sweet music, and the company enjoyed several dances while the boat was being towed up to Kew by a steam launch. The umpire's boat, with His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on board, stopped while the Band played "God Bless the Prince of Wales." Among the company were Bros. T. Beard, C.C., Foster, J. Gow, Langton, Ridley, A. Painter, H. M. Levy, &c.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THE regular meeting was held on Tuesday, 28th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Bro. J. L. Jones, the W.M. of the year. There were also present the following brethren:—Bros. F. H. Clemow I.P.M., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treasurer, W. M. Stiles P.M. Sec., F. W. Sillis D.C., J. W. Smith I.G., J. C. Smith Steward, H. Dickey Assistant Steward, and the following, among other Visitors:—Bros. W. Jones P.M. 765, W. M. Robinson W.M. 87, John B. King S.D. 27, W. J. Burgess P.M. 1472, J. Heaton D.C. 1260, G. Emblin 147, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, James Bass 1305, J. E. Saunders 1506, Frederick Binckes P.G. Steward, R. Fraser 1307, John Jones 1278, and John McMillan 421. Having opened the Lodge in due form, Bros. J. Pratt and W. E. Greaves were raised. Bro. A. Brett, F. Jackson, and A. W. Fletcher were passed, and the ballot being favourable, Mr. Richard Ross was initiated. Previous to the Lodge being closed, the sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the list of Bro. Willing, who is a Steward for the next Festival of that Institution. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Tavern to banquet, after which the customary toasts were honoured. Bro. Willing considered it a privilege to have the opportunity of proposing that of the W.M. He felt that Bro. Jones yielded to no one in desire to please the brethren of his Lodge, or in doing everything which might add to their comfort. Since he had been in the chair, the Lodge had greatly prospered—some twenty or twenty-five new members had been admitted, and in other respects everything had gone on well. Bro. Jones briefly replied. He had been very pleased to fill the office of Master during the past half year, and was glad to think his efforts had been approved of. He hoped he might continue to rule over the Lodge with as much success during the remainder of his term of office, and that he might always merit the approval of his brethren. Brother Willing once more assumed the gavel, this time to propose the toast of the Charities. It had always been the practice in their Lodge to spend the funds in such a way as to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren—a course he considered the proper one to adopt, as the truest Masonry consisted in making brethren better known to each other. Having done this to the best of their ability—and he felt those connected with the Royal Savoy Lodge had succeeded in the past—it became necessary for them to do what they could to promote the welfare of others—and this they were able to do by helping to support the Girls, the Boys, and the Old People who were cared for by the three Institutions connected with the Order. It had been the custom in the Lodge to send up a Steward each year to one or other, and to vote so much as they were able from the Lodge funds to place on his list. By this means they hoped the Lodge would eventually become Vice-President of all three. Having enjoyed themselves for some time past in the Lodge, he felt the members would respond in a hearty manner to his appeal on behalf of those who was really in need of help, adding such amount as they felt able to his list on behalf of the Boys' School. With the toast, which was heartily received, Bro. Willing coupled the name of Bro. Binckes, who responded. He need hardly say how very highly he appreciated the compliment paid him in coupling his name with the toast, more particularly as on this occasion it had been placed so early on the list as to enable him to address a few words to all present; unlike the usual course, when many who might have done something had left. An old Mason and a persistent advocate for the Boys' School during the past twenty-two years, during each of which he might say he had made some 250 or 300 speeches on the same topic, he felt he could not plead any of the usual excuses, such as want of practice, or anything of that sort. Of those around him he might say, all—with the exception of a small number—were comparative strangers to him, and therefore he felt that any remarks he might be able to offer on the subject of the Charities would be new to them, however much worn they might appear to him, and that in replying to the toast so ably proposed by Bro. Willing, he felt sure he should not be voted wearisome. Every Mason on the night of his initiation is thoroughly indoctrinated with the main object of our Order—Charity; and although in no respect must the Order ever be looked upon as a benefit society, it yet became a duty to assist those who appealed for relief. Every initiate, honestly or otherwise, had given a promise to relieve the distress of others, and he would now ask, as he often did ask, how many of the, say 9,000 members of the Order, had redeemed their pledge. He would venture to say that not more than 2,000 names could be found enrolled among the supporters of the three Institutions, by whose means nearly 1000 persons were provided for at an annual expenditure of some £15,000 or £50,000. For this reason he felt he must still use every endeavour to stimulate younger brethren to emulate those who had gone before. The ranks of Freemasonry had greatly increased during the past few years, and so had the number of applicants for assistance, so that it behoved all to do their utmost to relieve some part of the distress which prevailed. With this object in view the Committee of the Boys' School had projected a Preparatory School, and whether this should accommodate 50, 100, or 150 boys, or indeed any at all, would entirely depend on the liberality of the Craft. The Boys' School lacked advantages which the sister Institution enjoyed. The Girls' School always had been, and he supposed ever would be, the pet institution, and he would be the last to attempt to remove one particle of the sympathy which was really due to the weaker sex, still it made the work all the harder for the advocates of the Boys' School. He appeared now as Secretary of upwards of twenty-one years' standing, and he had always laboured under the difficulty which he recognised at starting—that if any one tried for ever, they would never make a boy as fascinating as a girl, still he thought the Boys' School was worthy of a first place in the affections of the brethren and of their liberal support on all occasions. If boys were properly brought up and started in life in a prominent position, they might in years to come become the supporters of many of the other sex, either in the form of mother, wife, sister or daughter. Bro. Binckes concluded one of the best speeches we ever remember having listened to by hoping that Bro. Willing might be supported better than any Steward had ever been before. Bro. Willing next proposed "The health of the Visitors," to which toast Bro. Binckes also responded, being followed by Bros. Robinson, McMillan, Best and others. The remaining toasts usual on such occasions having been given and acknowledged, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. We have much pleasure in announcing that Bro. Willing's list, after it had been passed round the table, amounted to close on £60, a sum which will no doubt be considerably augmented before the day of the Festival.

Robert Burns Chapter, No. 25.—The usual convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Among those present were Companions Land M.E.Z., J. Kerby P.Z. Treasurer as H., Elsley J., Shand N., Platt S.E., Deaton P.S., Tayler 1st Assistant, Wilson P.Z., Denton P.Z., Smith W.S., and others. Visitor—Companion Smallpeice P.Z. The Most Excellent Zerubbabel elect was unavoidably absent. Companions Elsley and Shand were duly installed in the respective chairs of H. and J. Companion W. Kerby was re-elected Treasurer, and the following were appointed Officers:—Companions Platt Scribe E., Deacon N., Taylor P.S., Lidner First Assistant. Bro. Joseph Pommeroy, of the Kennington Lodge, was elected, and duly exalted. A Past Z.'s jewel was presented to Companion Land, and then the Chapter was closed. The Companions afterwards dined together, the customary toasts being honoured in due course.

This day (Saturday) the Installation Meeting of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, will be held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Bro. Nelson Reed, who was the first Master of the Lodge, will instal Bro. R. A. Morgan as W.M., in succession to Bro. E. L. F. Carl Schmidt.

HOW TO DESTROY A LODGE.

THERE is no demand for a recipe to destroy a Lodge. It is a subject that many seem to thoroughly and fully understand, and having this knowledge they put it at once to a practical test. A strange charge this, we grant it, and a serious one to make, but its truth must be an all-sufficient apology for the statement. It is true that no one starts out with the cool, calm, deliberate intention to carry out a well-conceived plan to destroy the Lodge of which he may be a member, but he pursues a course which might indicate such a proceeding and such a preconceived intention. Carelessness in attending is one of the prime causes of the slow decay and final death of many a once flourishing Lodge. One or two members fail to go to the Lodge meetings regularly, and their example proving contagious, first one and then another drops out; it soon grows difficult to get a quorum, and what might have been a live, active Lodge, in splendid working trim, has become the reverse. Another fatal symptom is an undisguised haste to get through with the work and an abandonment of everything but the regular routine of the Lodge. For this the Officers are responsible. The proper men do not fill the offices, or if they are the best the Lodge has, then it was a mistake in the Grand Lodge to grant a charter.

A third way to thoroughly do the work, and the one that is at the foundation of all others, the primal cause, is that the Lodge has not not been properly "tyled." Men who have no relish for the teaching of the Institution, who have never really and truly gone through the first preparation supposed to be consummated by all who have taken the first degree; who have been induced to join the Fraternity through base and selfish motives—such men as these have found their way into the Brotherhood, but their eyes have never beheld the beautiful light of Masonry, nor have their ears heard, nor their hearts received its grand precepts and teachings. They are members but not Masons. They are indifferent because they are out of their proper element, and they never should have been allowed to pass the Tyler, because they can never become Masons. They are the rough, undressed stones which mar the beauty of the building, and far better would it have been had the builders rejected such crude material. But the prevailing idea that to "make Masons" is the one end and aim of the Lodge, is working an infinite amount of injury, and the sooner such an erroneous idea is eliminated from the Fraternity, the better. Real success is measured not by the quantity, but by the quality, and a dozen true, sincere, and real Masons, will work more for the good of the Order, and be a far greater honour to our antient Institution, than three score of indifferents, who are members but not Masons.

The ballot-box is the place to begin the reform, and it should commence at once. Take nothing for granted, but receive into the Lodge none but that which is *known* to be the very best material, and the result must eventually be gratifying. Though you cannot boast of numbers, yet your little Lodge will be composed of earnest and faithful workers; your meetings will be pleasant and harmonious, and the stumbling-stone will have disappeared. Brethren, your first duty is to zealously and faithfully guard the portals, and keep a diligent watch upon the outer wall.—*Mystic Tie.*

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A Masonic Relic of Waterloo.—At the meeting of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held on 24th Nov. 1881, a curious and very interesting letter was read from Brother Alexander Banks, engraver, Edinburgh, offering for the acceptance of Grand Lodge a diploma of the Union Lodge, No. 331, York, issued in the year 1811, to a sergeant of the First Dragoon Guards, who fell in action at Waterloo, and from whose body it had been taken by a comrade in arms the day after the battle. The Committee agreed to accept the blood-stained parchment, for preservation in the repositories at Freemasons' Hall, and recommended to Grand Lodge to specially thank Brother Banks for his gift. The document had forty years ago come into possession of the donor's father, Mr. William Banks, of St. James' Lodge, No. 97, through his brother, Mr. Robert Banks, of Celtic Lodge, No. 291, who in parting with it gave particulars of its history, of which the following is the substance:—Sergeant George King was shot through the heart at Waterloo, in one of those charges that decided the fate of Napoleon. On the day after the battle, a trooper of the 18th Hussars, who was a Mason, while with others engaged in examining the dead, came upon the body of King, and observing a mark upon the breast of his jacket of the size and shape of a Spanish dollar, close to the spot where the deadly bullet had penetrated, he tore the dress open—but instead of money he found a Masonic diploma. Mortified at finding he had been rifling the body of a Brother Mason, the hussar hastily wrapped the corpse in a cloak, and giving the grand honours returned to quarters. He carried the diploma about with him for many years, and subsequently settled in Edinburgh, where he died. [The First Dragoon Guards is named in Wellington's despatches after the battle of Waterloo, as one of the regiments of Lord E. Somerset's Brigade which highly distinguished itself].—*Keystone.*

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ST. MARGARET'S CHAPTER, ROSE CROIX, No. 92.

THE consecration of this, the youngest on the roll of Rose Croix Chapters, under the authority of the Supreme Council 33°, took place, under distinguished auspices, at the Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester, on Tuesday, the 28th ult. The Illustrious brethren and Ex. and P. members of the Order assembled in goodly numbers in the spacious Chapter-room, and at half-past three o'clock received the Illustrious and distinguished members of the Supreme Council 33°. The Most Ill. Lieutenant G. Commander Bro. Captain N. G. Philips 33° assumed the seat of the M.P. Sovereign G.C., and Illustrious Brother Hugh David Sandeman G. Sec. Gen. 33° filled the chair of P.M.P.S.G.C. Illustrious Brothers Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke S.G.I.G. 33° as H. Prelate, C. J. Banister 33° I.G.N.D. as First G., C. A. Newham 32° as Second G., Charles Fendelow 33° I.G.W.C.D. as Grand Marshal, Ex. and P. Brother C. J. McBride as Captain of the Guard. There were also present Illustrious Bros. F. Campion 30° P.M.W.S., S. S. Partridge 30°, J. T. Thorp 30°, T. Worthington 30°; Ex. and P. Bros. C. Wragge M.W.S., J. S. Cumberland P.M.W.S., M. Vowles P.M.W.S., T. Howkins P.M.W.S., Rev. A. A. Bagshawe H.P., William Randall H.P., C. B. Truman First G., J. Wigglesworth Organist, R. Ingram G.M., W. L. Ball, R. S. Taylor, H. J. Atkins, S. Wood, F. J. Baines, C. A. Spencer, W. C. Crofts, H. Deane, W. Hanger, W. A. Fielding, J. H. Thompson, and others. The acting M.P.S.G. Commander then proceeded to open a Supreme Council Chapter Rose Croix in ancient form, after which the ballot was taken for the fourteen candidates as enumerated on the circular convening the convocation; which proving unanimous the following eleven brethren, who were in attendance, were then duly perfected and impressively received into the Order. (Illustrious Brother H. D. Sandeman 33° in the chair as M.W.S., and Illustrious Brother C. Fendelow 33° acting as Raphael) viz.:—Right Worshipful Brother William Kelly Past Provincial Grand Master and P.G. Supt. Leicestershire and Rutland, W. Bros. Thos. Wright, Joseph Young, W. W. Wartnaby, R. Taylor, S. Cleaver, Dr. W. Hammond, M. J. Walker, W. J. Freer, W. A. F. Hall, and T. G. Charlesworth. At 4.30 the M. Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Philips, assuming the seat of the M.P.S.G.C., proceeded to consecrate the St. Margaret's Chapter No. 92, and having addressed the assembled Illustrious and Perfected brethren present, called upon the Ill. Bro. C. Fendelow 33°, as Acting Grand Marshal, to read the Warrant which had been granted by the Supreme Council 33° to the petition, which had been signed by Bros. Samuel S. Partridge 30°, T. Worthington 30°, Jno. T. Thorp 30°, Frederick J. Baines 18°, Clement Stretton 18°, C. A. Spence 18°, W. L. Ball 18°, and W. A. Fielding 18°. After the completion of the ceremony of consecration, the Illustrious Brother H. D. Sandeman G.S.G. 33° proceeded to instal the M.W.S. Designate, viz., the Illustrious Brother Samuel Steads Partridge 30° P.P.S.G.W., Provincial Grand Secretary Leicestershire and Rutland, the installation ceremony being admirably worked by the Grand Secretary-General 33°. The Treasurer and Equerries of the Chapter having been duly elected, the following brethren were appointed as the Officers of the Chapter by the newly installed M.W.S., with appropriate addresses to each:—

H. Prelate	... ...	Ex. and P. Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders (*in absentid*).
First G.	... ...	Ill. Bro. John T. Thorp 30°.
Second G.	... ...	„ Thos. Worthington 30°.
Grand Marshal	...	Ex. and P. Bro. W. L. Ball.
Raphael	... ...	„ W. A. Fielding.
Treasurer	... ...	„ F. J. Baines.
Recorder	... ...	„ Joseph Young.
M. of C.	... ...	„ W. C. Croft.
C. of Guard	... ...	„ J. H. Thompson.
Steward	... ...	„ M. J. Walker.
Equerries	... ...	Bros. T. Dunn and J. Tanser.

Votes of thanks and honorary membership of the Chapter were subsequently passed with acclamation to the presiding Officers of Supreme Council 33°, and those illustrious members who had assisted in the ceremony of consecrating the Chapter, viz., M. Ill. Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips 33°, Ill. Bros. Colonel Shadwell H Clerke 33°, and Hugh D. Sandeman 33°, with Ill. Bros. Chas. Fendelow 33°, C. J. Banister 33°, and Ill. Bro. C. A. Newham 32°. The Lieutenant Grand Commander acknowledged the compliment. A committee was appointed to frame bye-laws for the Chapter, and a nomination for future perfection having been submitted, the Chapter was subsequently closed in accordance with the ancient usage of the Rite. The Illustrious and Excellent and Perfect Brethren then adjourned to a Commemoration Banquet, under the presidency of the Most Worshipful Sovereign, at which thirty visitors and members sat down, many having had to leave prior to the banquet to enable them to reach their distant homes the same night. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In responding to that part of the toast list which referred to the Supreme Council 33°, the Most Illustrious Lieutenant-General Grand Commander Captain N. G. Philips said, that although the Supreme Council consisted of nine members, yet they were but one in purpose, and concluded an eloquent speech by referring to the generous support given by the Ancient and Accepted Rite to each of the three Masonic Charities, the amount contributed by which annually reached three figures. The Illustrious Brother Shadwell H. Clerke expressed the great satisfaction it had given him on this, the anniversary of his birthday, to be present and assisting in the consecration of a new Rose Croix Chapter. Illustrious Brother H. D. Sandeman stated the pleasure he felt, as Grand Secretary General, to add one more Chapter to the roll, especially as during the past year no less than four Roise Croix Chapters had already sprung into existence, and the petitions of two more were under consideration. The Illustrious Brother concluded an interesting speech with some very pertinent and valuable remarks relative to the mistaken opinions some brethren occasionally formed, without the slightest foundation, on certain portions of the ceremonies of the Rite; and which remarks were warmly supported by the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe High Prelate of the St. Mary's Croix Chapter. Illustrious Brother Charles Fendelow 33°, who had been called upon by the Most Worshipful S. to respond to the toast of his health, as Inspector-General of the Western Central District, said that it was seldom a new Chapter started under such auspicious circumstances; indeed, during his experience of over twenty-five years he did not remember one which bid so fair to become a strong and influential Chapter of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and he strongly exhorted the members to be earnest and careful in the selection of those whom they admitted into the Order. Before resuming his seat, the Illustrious Brother proposed the health of the members of the 32°, 31° and 30°, to which Ill. Bros. J. T. Thorpe 30° and Thos. Worthington 30° briefly responded. The Most Ill. Lieut.-Grand Commander Captain N. G. Philips, in proposing the health of the M.W.S., congratulated the Chapter upon having the Illustrious Brother Partridge as their head; he quite believed him to be the right man in the right place. The M.W.S. replied by acknowledging the very hearty manner with which the toast had been proposed and received, and stated that he considered it a very great compliment, indeed, to be elected to fill the chair of the Chapter during the first year of its existence, the more especially as the future of the Chapter appeared to bid fair to become so prosperous and influential. The Illustrious Brother concluded by proposing the healths of the Visiting Brethren from a distance, many of whom had travelled from far distant Provinces to be present on this interesting occasion, and he begged to associate with that toast the names of Illustrious Brother Banister Inspector-General of the Northern District, and Ex. and P. Bros. the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, J. S. Cumberland, and C. J. McBride. Illustrious Brother Banister expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to come from the Great North, or what was sometimes known as the "Dark Corner" of England, although the Light of Masonry there was as bright as ever it was in the East, West or South. Bros. the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, C. J. McBride and J. S. Cumberland respectively acknowledged the hearty welcome they had received from the Chapter, the last mentioned Brother expressing the wish that a catalogue of the books, jewels and antiquities (in which the rooms at Golden-square were so rich) might some day be published by the Supreme Council. The Ill. Bro. H. D. Sandeman, in giving the toast of the eleven newly perfected members, expressed his gratification at seeing so many and such good men admitted into the Order that day, and he hoped that he might not bring the blush to the face of Ex. and P. Bro. Young, if he referred to him in particular as one to whom much of the success of the Chapter was to be ascribed. The Illustrious Brother went on to say that he had come down from London on the previous day to make all necessary and needful arrangements for the ceremonies, but found to his surprise that, everything having been already anticipated, there was really nothing for him to do; indeed, instead of being a candidate for perfection, Bro. Young's experience of the arrangements for successfully carrying out the ceremonies could not have been more complete had he been a member of the Order of many years' standing, and in appointing that brother to the office of Recorder the Chapter was happy in its selection. The Recorder, in responding, stated the pleasure he felt in being permitted to reply to this toast, although, in the presence of such distinguished brethren, he could only do so with considerable diffidence. The Ex. and P. Brother then gave a brief review of the gradual development by time of St. Margaret's Rose Croix Chapter, and alluded to the origin of the name of its patron saint, the frequent and valuable information he had received from Illustrious Brother Pendelow, and the felicity it had afforded him in being a humble instrument in bringing about such a happy consummation of events as the formation of a Rose Croix Chapter in this ancient borough, and referring to the future, stated that, in the language of Homer, "it is by mutual confidence, mutual aid, that great deeds are done, and great advances made." This would no doubt be the wish of every Officer and member of the Chapter. The toast to the health of the Officers of the Chapter was finally given by the M.W.S., and duly acknowledged in appropriate terms by Ill. Bro. J. T. Thorp, after which the company separated, apparently well satisfied with the result of this, the first meeting of St. Margaret's Rose Croix Chapter.

At the regular meeting of the Etonian Lodge of St. John, No. 209, held at Windsor, on Tuesday evening, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the Master of the Lodge, Brother A. Pears, presented Bro. J. O. Carter with a silver epergne, a tea and coffee service, and a handsome braclet for Mrs. Carter, in token of appreciation of the services of Bro. Carter as Secretary of the Lodge during the past six years.—*Evening News.*

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PUNCTUALITY.

FROM THE MASONIC REVIEW.

AMONG the little things that do great harm to our Fraternity is "want of punctuality." We could all name Lodges in which the Worshipful Master generally made his appearance in great haste, breathless, excited, from half to three-quarters of an hour late. What is the result? The Officers and brethren, noticing the habits of their Master, soon fall into similar ways, and the brethren being summoned at seven seldom put in appearance till after eight. The hour is then late, business has to be rushed through "helter skelter," the "work" is abbreviated as much as possible, and those attending, instead of enjoying a social, pleasant evening, find all haste and confusion, whilst the candidate is disgusted at the evident hurry there is made to put him through. And thus the beauty of our ceremonies is marred, and the impressiveness of the ritual destroyed, because the Worshipful Master is regardless of time, and will not be punctual in his place in the Lodge.

How annoyed we have seen visiting brethren, and felt ourselves, at waiting in a cold ante-room forty or fifty minutes before anybody but the Tyler made his appearance. It is thorough misery, and very seldom will a visitor return to a Lodge in which he has been so treated. Now, when it is so easy to be "on time," and when the effect is so pernicious, no brother has the right to keep others waiting, and thus delay the business and work of the Lodge. Besides it is not well to keep the Lodge open till the "we sma' hours" of the morning appear, or even late at night. Men that work during the day, and have to rise with the dawn, like to retire to their slumbers early; but what is more important, the fair sex do not like their husbands and brothers to be "out till all hours at the Lodge," and brethren, when they find that they cannot get home early, are apt to drop off in their attendance. Thus the want of punctuality drives many from us; many a good and enthusiastic brother is thus lost. Let such a Mason first make up his mind he will go every second night, and then once a month—after a little while it is every two months, and finally, wearying of the negligence and unseemly haste in business and work caused by this want of punctuality on part of officers and brethren, he loses all interest in the thing, and either asks for his dimit or allows himself to be suspended for non-payment of dues.

The habit of punctuality is one that should be cultivated by every person, but it should be especially so by the Freemason. In olden times Lodges were in the habit, it is said, of fining members who came late, and it would not be much out of the way if the plan were adopted in some Lodges at the present time that we could name. We have seen the brethren waiting till *past nine* for their Worshipful Master, and then have to send for him. There is no surer or speedier way of "running down" a Lodge than this. It is both discourteous and ungentlemanly for any brother to thus keep a number of others waiting. Would he be late if the President of the United States had notified that he desired him to wait upon him at a certain hour? Oh, no! But, yet, he has the impudence to allow a number of gentlemen to "suck their thumbs" at the Lodge room for an hour or so, while he, perchance in his slippers and dressing gown, is puffing away at his cigar at home.

All business men that ever have succeeded in life have been men of the most precise and punctual habits. Punctuality is as necessary in Masonry as it is in business, and no brother will succeed in life, or in Masonry, who is negligent regarding it. The want of it is the sure forerunner of slovenly and careless habits, and tends to produce a callousness with regard to the wishes of others that is sure to denote the *selfish* man. No Freemason can be selfish; it is contrary to the very spirit of our Institution. No selfish man can ever understand the key-note of Freemasonry, viz.: *Charity*, and consequently every brother, the moment he notes within himself any characteristics growing upon him that has a tendency to *selfishness*, should strive to correct it as quickly as possible. It is the little things in life that conjointly form and create our characters. The following couplet exactly expresses our thoughts upon this subject:

> "Little drops of water, little grains of sand,
> Make the mighty ocean and the beauteous land."

Yes, it is the little grains of sand and the little drops of water that prove the turning point in our life's career, in our life's history. The want of punctuality may appear a very "weeny little thing." "Ten minutes late, what difference?" "It is the first time I have kept them waiting, and Bro. Smith, the Senior Warden, is always later. I'll just read the speach of Guitean's before I go;" and thus the brother stills his conscience, and then in a hurry he hastens off, half dressed, and, on arriving at the Lodge, finds himself an hour behind time, and that two or three of the brethren have left. He determines then and there to correct the fault, but next Lodge night it is very snowy, cold and bleak, and the fire is tempting, and he determines to take one more cup of coffee before leaving, and then the evening paper comes in and he must take a glance at that, and—but it is the same thing over again, and by-and-bye this becomes a habit with him, and after a time the brethren notice it, they come late, and the Lodge, instead of closing before ten (*as Lodges should do*) is frequently not through with its preliminary business by that hour. Late hours destroy the harmony of the Lodge; good-natured, middle-aged gentlemen begin to grumble; hard-working artisans, who have to rise with the sun, express an opinion that "they don't care about being out half the night;" busy clerks and accountants find it breaks upon their routine habits—*a blow has been struck at the Fraternity by a Master of the Lodge*, and all through a reckless and wanton selfishness that is perfectly inexcusable; for there is no excuse in the generality of cases for want of punctuality.

Let brethren, therefore, cultivate punctuality in all the affairs of every-day life. Every man's time, if he likes to occupy it, is worth something, and the loss of time is ofttimes a pecuniary and a mental intellectual loss, consequently every brother should so arrange his time that he would be able to keep his engagements. It is all habit, and it is as easy for a man to be punctual and prompt on time as it is to be unpunctual and an hour or two late. Remember the want of punctuality is a small and sneaking species of selfishness.

We have great pleasure in drawing attention to the balance-sheet of the Second Tottenham, Enfield, and Edmonton Masonic Charitable Association, with copy of which we have been favoured by Bro. James Garrod W.M. 754, the Hon. Secretary. From this it appears that there was a balance brought forward from last audit of £63 5s 10d, which together with the aggregate of receipts during the year—namely £203 15s 6d, made up a total of £267 10s 4d. Out of this the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has benefited to the extent of fourteen Life Governorships, ten guineas each, or £147; the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has received five Life Governorships, equal to £52 10s; and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys the same number, and consequently a like sum. Thus, during the year that is past this Association has contributed twenty-four Life Governorships, or £250 for our Charities, the cost incurred—for printing, postages, &c. being the very trifling sum of £4 5s. The balance in Treasurer's hands is £10 6s 4d. We have also received copy of prospectus—the "Third Tottenham and Enfield Masonic Charitable Association," which will be carried on in connection with the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754, held at the Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, and of which Bro. John Maller P.M. 754, Bro. Ebenezer Poore W.M. 1237, Bro. J. H. Thompson P.M. 1237 1707 P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, and Bro. A. G. Fidler Senior Deacon 754 and Junior Warden 1237, are respectively President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Honorary Secretary; the Committee, consisting of Bros. J. Garrod W.M. 754, H. V. Clements P.M. 754 H. 1237, E. J. Everdell J.W. 1579, W. M. Tegg S.W. 754, E. J. Lewis J.W. 754, G. Tegg J.D. 1579 I.G. 1237, A. Bryant S.W. 1237, C. Droscher W.M. 212, W. J. Meek D.C. 754, J. D. Birkin 754, E. F. Day 534 and 1237, J. Steer 1579, G. Rowe J.D. 754, and J. M. Rudd S.D. 1579. The rules of the newly incorporated body are similar to what are usually framed for the regulation of these Associations, and need no comment; but if any one doubts of the expediency of establishing such organisations for the purpose of raising funds for our Institutions, let him bear in mind this plain fact, that the "Second Tottenham, and Masonic Charitable Association," now closed, during the four years of its existence subscribed no less than £685 13s 6d. We are sure this will be accepted as sufficient testimonial on their behalf.

We extract the following from a paper forwarded to us from the Mauritius:—

Some years ago, the Grand Orient of France was on friendly terms with all the great Masonic powers of the globe. Since the modification wrought in Article I. of the Constitution of 1877, the situation has experienced a change; the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodges of the United States of America, those of Canada, New Brunswick, Scotland, Ireland, Sweden, Denmark, &c., &c., have severed all relation with us. The Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, and United States have done more; they have ordered their Lodges to be closed to French Freemasons. To these anti-brotherly and anti-Masonic defences the Grand Orient of France has recommended, and still recommends, to its Lodges to reply by a contrary process. These great powers do not receive our Masons; we do receive theirs.

Whilst we expect this happy moment, let us not lose sight of the fact that the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland still close mercilessly the doors of their Lodges—in number 2,600—and that the different States of North America, where they number 9,800, follow their example, making a total of 12,300 Lodges into which French Masons cannot get admittance as visiting brethren; without taking into account the Lodges of Canada, Sweden, Denmark—and we might add those of the German Empire; but we should not forget that if these have not parted with us, we have had the dignity of parting officially with them.

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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, 8th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
1613—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall. W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

MONDAY, 10th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
29—St. Albans, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel,
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
967—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1663—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 6.30. (Instruction)

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
76—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
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montagne, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
731—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall]
940—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
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
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
R.A. 164—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 496—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
R.C. 13—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 11th APRIL.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
224—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
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)
1367—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1658—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, 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 Bridge, 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, 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
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
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, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 163—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 12th APRIL.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
18—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
1306—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Inst uction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (I struction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.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, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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.
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.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1653—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
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, 13th 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)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
205—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
234—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction.)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)

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1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)
R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)

25—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
129—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
208—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
240—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.
736—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.
1068—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.
1183—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.
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
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 Hall, Caledonian-road, Batley
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 14th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 72 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., 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)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (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.
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
456—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
536—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, 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, 15th APRIL.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
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

CAXTON LODGE, No. 1853.

THE annual meeting of this favourite and rapidly increasing Lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W., on Monday, 3rd April. Lodge opened at 5 p.m., under the presidency of Bro. George Joseph Dawson W.M., supported by Bros. Arthur Woods S.W. (W.M. elect), F. Butterworth J.W., J. Oakman S.D., J. F. Beck J.D., W. Richards I.G. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced to the second degree. The candidates for raising having answered the usual questions, retired, and Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the ceremony was performed by the W.M. in a most excellent and impressive manner. On being resumed in the first degree, the Audit Committee handed in a highly satisfactory report as to the financial position of the Lodge, which reflected the greatest credit on the manner in which the esteemed Secretary, Bro. T. H. Meredith P.M., had carried out his duties, and a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to him, and recorded on the minutes. The ceremony of installation was then commenced by the Worshipful Master, and carried out with the greatest success. The new W.M., Bro. A. Woods, then appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. F. Butterworth S.W., J. Oakman J.W., J. F. Beck S.D., W. Richards J.D., T. J. Gilbert I.G., H. L. Diprose M.C., S. Morby Steward, Henri de Solla Organist, Lackland Tyler. After hearty good wishes had been given to the new W.M. by the various visitors, and other business concluded, Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren retired to the Banquet Hall. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Dawson, on resuming the gavel, proposed the health of Bro. Woods W.M., and wished him a happy and prosperous year of office; he felt sure that he would carry out the duties of his important office to the satisfaction of the brethren. Bro. Woods, in returning thanks, said he was deeply impressed with the honour that had been done him in placing him in so high a position, and also by the very able manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed. It should be his highest endeavour to carry out his duties in a proper manner, and to follow the example of that excellent Mason Bro. Dawson I.P.M., whose health he had the honour to propose, and on whose breast he now placed the handsome jewel which had unanimously been voted to him by the brethren of the Lodge, and which he had so well earned. Bro. Dawson having replied in suitable terms, the W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, of whom he was glad to see so goodly an array. This toast was responded to by Dr. Corrie Jackson, W.M. Polish National Lodge. The following Visitors were present:—Bros. Dr. Corrie Jackson W.M. Polish National 534; Past Masters W. G. Hasem Royal Naval 59, W. J. Hiscox Earl Spencer 1420, E. Spooner Earl Spencer 1420, F. J. Wray Wanderers 1604, W. Saegert Wellington 548, T. C. Pratt Leigh; Bros. W. D. Wingfield Organist Royal Arthur, C. F. Luckhurst Wanderers 1604, N. W. Duncan Royal Albert 907, J. Hughes J.W. City of London 901, J. Vale City of London 901, G. Ward St. Luke 144, W. Alexander Ebury 1348, J. Kendal, J. Wilkinson Earl Spencer 1420, A. Martin J.W. Joppa 188, F. Thomas 87, F. J. E. Young and J. Eeson St. Dunstans 1589, and C. Jones Alexandra Palace 1541.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Bro. Nicholson took the chair as W.M.; Bros. Taplin S.W., Cotton J.W., Brooks S.D., Rowles J.D., Phillips I.G. and Tyler, Andrews P.M. Preceptor. After the preliminaries of opening the Lodge, reading, confirming, and signing the minutes of the previous meeting, Bro. Rowles J.D. was interrogated, and entrusted; Lodge having been advanced, he was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren, worked the second section of the lecture, for which he received a unanimous and hearty vote of thanks. Bro. Taplin was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting, and appointed Officers in rotation. Lodge was closed according to ancient custom, and adjourned until the 17th of April.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—Held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday evening, 31st ult., at 7.30. Present—Bros. James Stevens P.M. Preceptor as W.M., J. N. Bate S.W., F. Thurston J.W., J. S. Terry P.M. Hon. Sec., W. H. Harris W.M. of St. Mark's Lodge S.D., F. G. B. Wells J.D., H. Williams I.G.; also A. McKay, E. James, J. Wilmot, C. H. Phillips, Chambers, F. B. Sargeant, C. Lewis, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, and others. The Lodge being opened in the first degree, the second section was worked, followed by the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, and the working of the third section. The W.M. then introduced to the brethren Brother Morgan, who had attended to deliver his lecture on "The Masonic Institutions; their establishment and development," which proved to be of very great interest, full of historical and statistical information, which to nearly all present had the charm of novelty, and made them acquainted with particulars which should certainly be known to all who profess interest in the charitable works of the Order, and desire to learn the most efficient modes of carrying their professions into practice. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Morgan, and, at the proposition of the W.M., he was unanimously elected an honorary member. In thanking the brethren, Bro. Morgan expressed his willingness to assist in carrying out the arrangements lately made by this Lodge of Instruction, by now and then delivering an Essay on Masonic subjects during "question time." Bro. Bate was elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight (there will be no meeting on Good Friday), and having appointed his Officers, notified that the work of the evening would be the first section, the ceremonies of initiation and passing, and the charges (by Bro. F. B. Sargeant) during "question time." Lodge was closed in due form.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—On 31st March, at the Jacob's Well, George-street, Manchester-square, W. Present—Bros. W. Heath W.M., Frombolz S.W., A. Jones J.W., G. Tribbel S.D., G. Hart J.D., Chambers I.G., G. Coop Preceptor, H. Moore Secretary; also Bros. A. Braun P.M. P.Z. 766, Halley, Smith, Butson, &c. Lodge was opened in due due, and the minutes of last meeting were read by the Hon. Secretary, confirmed and duly signed by the W.M. The Preceptor worked the first section of the lecture. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed by the W.M. in a very able manner, Bro. Halley being the candidate. Bro. A. Jones 1612 gave the charge, his impressive rendering of which gave the brethren very much pleasure. The W.M. for the next meeting was elected, and the Lodge closed in due form and adjourned to the 14th April.

Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.—At the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, on Wednesday evening, Brother James Stevens P.M. P.Z. delivered his Lecture, Explanatory of the Entire Ceremony of the First Degree. Lodge was opened by Bro. Samuel J. Turquand P.P.G.D. Surrey, P.M. 890, 1556, and the following brethren filled the respective offices:—Robinson S.W.,

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Ould J.W., Breden P.M. Secretary, Money S.D., Davis J.D., Pringle I.G. We have repeatedly had to speak of this Lecture by Brother Stevens, and shall therefore content ourselves by stating that this was the first time it had been delivered at an East End Lodge. The brethren, of whom there were between forty and fifty present, were deeply interested in what the lecturer had to advance, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Stevens for attending. The compliment of honorary membership was also conferred on Bro. Stevens, and the hope was expressed that he, on a future occasion, would favour the members with the result of his investigations in the other degrees. After a suitable response from Brother Stevens, who seemed greatly to appreciate the attention that had been vouchsafed him, the following brethren were elected members:—Bros. Knight 233, Stone 1635, Dixon 1259, Weige P.M. 860, Kinipie 1816. Bro. Past Master Breden took the opportunity of urging the claims of the Masonic Institutions, and drew the attention of the newly-made members to the Charitable Association for obtaining Life Governorships which is an outcome of this Lodge of Instruction, and which we are gratified in being able to state is pursuing a most successful career. The Lodge of Instruction was then closed, and adjourned till the 17th inst., Wednesday next being the day for Installation Meeting of the mother Lodge.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. Bros. Glass W.M., Smyth S.W., Corble J.W., T. Clark S.D., Robinson J.D., Edwards I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Brasted P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, Christian, Purvis, Gosling, Bunker. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Purvis acting as candidate. This brother afterwards answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the W.M. worked the first, and Bro. Christian the third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Priory Lodge, No. 1000. — The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 30th ult., at the Terminus Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, and was well attended by members and visitors, among whom were Bros. T. F. Barrett W.M., W. D. Merritt S.W., Dr. F. Donell Grayson J.W., F. Wood P.M. Treasurer, A. Lucking Provincial Grand D.C. Secretary, W. G. Brighten W.M. 569 S.D., G. R. Dawson J.D., J. H. Harrington P.M. 160 I.G., H. Beecher and J. R. Brightwell Stewards, G. Berry I.P.M.; P.M.'s G. F. Jones, E. E. Phillips, J. C. Johnstone, S. J. Weston 6, W. H. Bingham 777 P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks, W. Waterhouse, C. Floyd S.W. 1817, H. Hotblack, L. Warren jun., John Taylor jun. J.D. 1817, W. J. Chignell, H. Luken, J. Drummond, W. Wallis, H. Hassell, W. H. Lookey, and others. Visitors—Bros. W. Pissey P.M. 160 1734 Z. 1000 P.P.G.W., J. A. Withers 211, Hon. O. G. Lambart S.W. 1460, G. Lingwood 160, G. Goodman 160, W. Kilpin 160, R. M. Beeson 160, John Allen 1734, and W. F. Webb 569. After the usual routine business Brother Herbert Hotblack was raised, and the ballot having been unanimous in their favour, Messrs. W. Gregson and S. Penny were regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Order, the work in each degree being admirably done. A brother having been proposed as a joining member, and hearty good wishes tendered by the visitors, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

Burdett-Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—At the Lamb Tavern, opposite the Bethnal-green Junction G.E.R., on 5th instant. Bros. Hand W.M., Clark S.W., Brittain J.W., Ford S.D., Stewart J.D., Bonner I.G., Moss acting Preceptor; Sturtevant, Bromley, Chitson, &c. Lodge opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Ford candidate. Bro. Stewart worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Clark was appointed W.M. for next meeting. It was proposed and seconded that this Lodge of Instruction meet every Saturday in lieu of Wednesday, as heretofore; carried unanimously. A proposition was likewise carried that the funds should be balloted for amongst the members when the same reaches the sum of £5 5s. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed, and adjourned till Saturday, the 15th inst.

Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, Liverpool.—The regular meeting of the members was held at Masons' Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., when a very large assembly was again the order of the day. Lodge was opened punctually at half-past two o'clock by Bro. John Atkinson, who was supported by Bros. B. B. Marson P.M., W. Savage J.W. acting S.W., W. W. Sandbrook I.P.M. acting J.W., J. P. Mackenzie P.M. Treasurer, J. M. Boyd Secretary, H. P. Squire S.D., J. L. Shrapnell J.D., O. W. Sanderson I.G., R. Burgess Org., J. J. Monk Assist. Org., H. Round, J. O. Marples, C. Buchanan Assistant Stewards, W. H. Ball Tyler. Among others present were Bros. Witty Watty Walton, John Walton, Walter Hildyard J. Cantor, Lieut. Hawkesworth, W. M. Anand, D. Cumming, L. Neubert, W. Addiss, E. Graham, Webster., Williams, Boardman, Duncan, Hines, Pilcher, J. Ballard, E. Brammall, E. H. Thomson, and G. Martin. The visitors included Bros. Jacobs, Spiers, Roberts, Ellison, Callow 1094, Burrows, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for three initiates, and afterwards Messrs. George Redmond, Rawsthorne jun., and Harrison were admitted into the privileges of the Order, the ceremony of initiation being admirably performed by the W.M. and his Officers. Bros. Cooke, Boardman, and Pilcher were subsequently raised to the third degree in an equally efficient manner. Before Lodge closed, Bro. Atkinson W.M. called attention to the testimonial which was being got up as a compliment to Bro. Richard Brown P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer (a member of the Dramatic Lodge), in recognition of his eminently valuable services as Honorary Secretary of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution for nearly ten years; and he (the Worshipful Master) warmly advocated the claims which the proposed testimonial had upon the liberal support of all the brethren. Labour being concluded, about sixty members and visitors adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner was served. In the course of the pleasant after-dinner proceedings the W.M. presented one of the principal Officers with an appropriate testimonial, as some slight recognition of successful services in a sphere which he had long occupied with admirable self-devotion and success. The gift was acknowledged by the "Dramatic" Officer in a manner which showed he fully appreciated the thoughtful kindness of his brethren. An excellent programme of music and recitations was given by Bros. Webster Williams, Josef Cantor, Witty Watty Walton, Jacobs, E. Brammall, J. J. Monk, and G. Martin.

MASONIC FAITH.

FAITH is one of the golden links in the Masonic chain that has bound us together in our vast Brotherhood. Our Fraternity could not exist a day without it, for faith in a Great Deity is the chief corner-stone of the Temple. The Freemason, above all others, has reason to be proud of his peculiar faith. It matters not in what clime or what language they speak, he would find a ready welcome and ample aid, should he ever require them. The home of the Freemason is everywhere, such is one of the peculiar characteristics of the Order, that this vast army of men, unknown to each other except by certain mystic signs and tokens, can and do place implicit faith in each other's honour and uprightness of character. But the Mason's faith, which so astonishes the outside world, is his great faith in his God; not the miserable god of a sect or class, but a God full of mercy and love, who hears the prayers of all good men alike, watching over them with a father's care. A Mason has faith also in his brother's truth and honour. He has joined the Fraternity, believing that its members are men whose word he can rely upon; and he places his faith in them, and how rarely is he deceived. He leaves those near and dear to him in the care of a strange brother, he knows they will be safely protected, what need he fear? He has faith in his brother. Have they not both knelt before the same altar, and symbolically passed through the Valley of the Shadow of Death? They are brothers, and each has faith in the other. In times of danger what faith the Freemason has in certain little signs and words! They appear as nothing to the outsider; but they are symbols of a faith that proves the wondrous power of our Institution. Even the name of Christ on the lips of a fallen foe would not save him from the bayonet of his fellow-Christian, but the son of Hiram need but mutter the words or give the sign, and the hand of his foe would drop. The man who has no faith in anything, who looks upon all men as scoundrels, can never really become a Freemason. He may have the degrees, but he knows nothing of them, because he has lost one of the keys that open the vault in which lie our hidden treasures. Faith is the God-given principle upon which our Institution is founded; that has made men honourable, that has given the pure bloom of truth, and of goodness and virtue to woman, that has built up within us that holy belief which is the joy and life-spring of the living, and the happiness, trust and hope of the dying.—*American Protestant.*

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QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Col. Creaton (Grand Treasurer) presided. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bros. J. W. Berrie, J. J. Caney, Captain Colvill, J. F. Corben, W. Dickenson, W. Dodd, E. C. Massey, H. Massey, A. Moore, and C. Pugsley were elected on the General Committee. Colonel Creaton informed the brethren that one of the twenty-eight approved candidates had withdrawn. Bros. J. S. Cumberland P. Prov. G.W. N. and E. Yorkshire moved, "That the day of election of the Girls' School be altered to Thursday instead of Saturday, as at present, except when the Boys' election falls on a Thursday, then on Wednesday, and that the Rules of the Institution be altered accordingly." Bro. Cumberland stated as his ground for moving the alteration the inconvenience to country brethren of staying over Sunday for the Boys' election, and added that it would suit the Provincial brethren better if the two elections were on succeeding days. After the motion had been seconded, a discussion arose, in the course of which it was stated that the present plan was adopted some years ago in deference to the wishes of the country brethren, who then had to stay in London from Thursday to the following Monday for the Boys' election, and it was then found that the greater convenience of the greater number was met by the Girls' election taking place on the Saturday. Brother Binckes pointed out the awkward position both Boys' and Girls' Institutions would be placed in if the present motion was carried that day and a corresponding motion negatived at the Boys' Quarterly Court on Monday, or *vice versâ*. On the motion of Bro. W. W. Spaull, seconded by Bro. C. F. Matier, it was resolved "That a Joint C mmittee be appointed to inquire as to the most convenient day for the April and October Quarterly Courts, and that they also consider when the April Court falls in Easter the desirability of adjourning it one week." Col. Creaton, and Bros. Cumberland, Capt. Homfray, A. J. Duff-Filer, C. F. Matier, and H. E. Dehane, were appointed the Committee. Col. Creaton moved, "That the additional vacancy (caused by the retirement of one girl through ill-health), reported by the General Committee, be filled at this election, and that five further vacancies be declared, making in all twenty seven vacancies for this ele tion, and that the twenty-seven approved candidates now on the list be declared duly elected accordingly, thereby raising the number of elected girls in the Institution to 235." The motion was seconded by Bro. G. J. M'Kay, and carried. A vote of thanks to Col. Creaton for presiding closed the proceedings.

The following is a List of the Girls who are thus enabled to participate in the benefits of the Institution :—

No. on List	Name
1	Nicholls, Augusta Helen
2	Fry, Martha Jane Choules (last application)
3	Shrapnel, Lilian Mary S.
4	Hopkins, Mabel Elizabeth
5	Lister, Elsie
6	Hill, Maude Mary F.
7	Sherington, Mary Louisa
8	Banister, Charlotte Elizabeth
9	Fyfe, Agnes (last application)
10	Newman, Hilda Maud
11	Sykes, Mary Lilian (last application)
12	Turner Jane
13	Robey, Esther Elizabeth
14	Buckley, Ada Hannah
15	McMillan, Charlotte Annie
16	Besley, Annie Lucy Jane
17	Brockbank, Annie
18	Habgood, Florence Kate
19	Hildred, Fanny
21	Matthews, Eleanor
22	Owens, Eva Mary (last application)
23	Skurray, Gertrude Maude
24	Stephenson, Agnes Wilfrida (last application)
25	Webb, Charlotte Eliza Freeland
26	Wright, Florence Emily
27	Greethurst, Maude Kate
28	Gooding, Agnes Frazer (last application)

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of subscribers and governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Lieut.-Col. J. Creaton (Grand Treasurer) in the chair. On the motion of Brother Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., seconded by Bro. A. J. Duff-Filer P.G.S.B., Bro. George Plucknett was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bros. Stewart and Filer respectively moved and seconded a vote of condolence with Bro. Plucknett on his recent domestic affliction. This vote having been adopted, Col. Creaton vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Raynham Stewart. Bro. Filer then moved, and Bro. John Constable seconded, a similar vote of condolence with Col. Creaton, which was also unanimously carried, and the Secretary was directed to send a copy of the vote by letter to the G. Treasurer. Col. Creaton having again taken the chair, the General Committee was re-elected, on the motion of Bro. C. F. Matier, seconded by Bro. S. H. Parkhouse. Bro. J. S. Cumberland's motion, "That the day of election for the Boys' School be altered to Friday instead of Monday, as at present, except when the Friday falls upon Good Friday, then on Thursday; and that the Rules of the Institution be altered accordingly," was referred to a Joint Committee of the Boys' and Girls' Schools. Bro. Spaull proposed, and Bro. G. J. M'Kay seconded, the appointment of the Boys' Committee, and Bro. H. Smith Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire, stated that the present days of election were fixed some years ago after much consideration and inquiry into the convenience of the provincial brethren; still he thought that when the elections fell at Easter, they might well be postponed a week. Col. Somerville Burney thought the London brethren would consult the convenience of the Provincial brethren, who were at con-

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siderable inconvenience and expense in attending the elections. The motion was then carried, and Brothers Wordsworth (West Yorkshire), F. R. Spaull (N. Wales and Shropshire), G. J. McKay (Cumberland and Westmoreland), Raynham W. Stewart (London), and John Constable (London), were appointed the Committee. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart V.P. P.G.D. moved—"That the House and Building Committee be authorised to purchase the remaining four plots of land opposite the Institution at Wood Green, comprising nearly half an acre, at a price not exceeding £650." The motion was seconded by Bro. John Constable P.M. 185, and carried. Bro. Henry Smith asked what progress had been made with the Fund for the Preparatory School, and Bro. Binckes replied that it was already over a thousand guineas, but the School would not be begun till £8,000 was in hand. Scrutineers of votes were then appointed, and the election of fifteen boys out of an approved list of sixty-six candidates was proceeded with. At the declaration of the poll at five o'clock, the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on List.	Name	Forward	To-day	Total
43	Truman Hugh Beckit	1058	1944	3002
3	Lee Sidney Edward	1866	561	2427
25	Ashdown Arthur Durham	1662	682	2344
19	Fowke Alexander W	1152	1133	2285
4	Clark Frederick Arthur	1570	709	2279
57	Saville Charles Edward	—	2279	2279
13	Jordison Hugh Lloyd	1830	447	2277
10	Burgess Harold Thomas	1783	474	2257
58	Lewis Francis William	—	2250	2250
32	Hewett John Herbert	144	2094	2238
42	Roe Frederick Swyer	1472	753	2225
67	Whittaker William Henry	—	2119	2119
53	Seller Frank Russell	—	2115	2115
7	Gurney Charles Anbrey	1708	360	2068
12	Jones Cleophas C B	1066	984	2050

UNSUCCESSFUL.

23	Taylor George William	963	879	1842
16	Crabb Tom Walcot	169	1552	1721
6	Ecclestone Henry A	1377	226	1603
37	Templeman James P G	20	1544	1564
15	Stanford William Bryant	1338	130	1468
11	Hill George William King	1050	376	1426
28	Crow Charlie John	985	341	1326
21	Sanderson Charles Jesse	246	952	1198
40	Botting Alfred Henry	447	738	1185
27	Willett George Cross	487	696	1183
5	Jones William Vincent B	625	557	1182
64	Tustin Harry Holman	—	1151	1151
30	Jones Geoffrey Stuart	220	914	1134
22	Stewart Charles Edward	711	401	1112
26	Skelton Fred Francis	475	265	740
55	Hare Harold Malcolm	—	657	657
44	O'Doherty Charles Patrick	205	426	631
14	Liversidge Charles Percy	481	93	574
1	*Goldsbrough John Tom	352	33	385
63	Hooper Lionel Charles	—	329	329
50	Williams Arthur Frederick	—	320	320
56	Hannah Frederick Wolfe	—	318	318
49	Sykes Richard Alfred	—	316	316
54	Pratt Alfred	—	309	309
35	Simpson Edward Henry	102	147	249
36	Wyatt Augustine William	10	232	242
61	Worthington Walter R	—	240	240
65	Basham Frederick Charles V	—	213	213
41	Tentenborn Arthur J	112	93	205
48	Delafons Richard William	—	183	183
17	Long Joseph William	154	—	154
9	Farrar, Ethelbert	105	34	139
66	Woodward Thomas	—	132	132
59	Rosier Reginald Walter A	—	106	106
47	Gale Horace	—	106	106
29	Cummings Charles Brown	79	15	94
62	How John	—	87	87
20	Pudney Frederick	76	7	83
33	Nicholas Thomas M	7	69	76
8	Collinson James	45	6	51
51	Searle Richard Eardley	—	45	45
24	Windross John Benjamin	38	4	42
31	*Cook Frederick John	38	4	42
34	Potter George	27	13	40
39	Hurden John Henry	14	8	22
2	*Pratt Robert Williamson	5	11	16
38	Pringle William James	6	3	9
52	Clark William Edwards	—	3	3
45	Bell Frank William	—	3	3
18	Hill Reginald Aug. L	3	—	3
46	Douglas Francis C A	—	1	1
60	Beaumont George Frederick (withdrawn)		—	—

* Will be removed from List, being Eleven years of age, and unsuccessful, under Law 52.

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford Past Grand Chaplain (in the chair), C. A. Cottebrune, J. H. Leggott, James Brett, G. Bolton, C. G. Dilley, Charles Godtschalk, C. Daniel, W. Stephens, Charles Lacey, C. H. Webb, Raynham W. Stewart, Thomas Cubitt, Edgar Bowyer, T. Hastings Miller, James Willing jun., Charles John Perceval, S. Rawson, Charles Atkins, Thomas W. C. Bush, and James Terry (Secretary). A letter from Colonel Creaton, acknowledging the vote of condolence to him on the death of his wife, was read by Brother Terry, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Finance Committee's Report was read. That Report recommended the signing of cheques for moneys due, and it also recommended that an addition of £100 a year should be made to the Secretary's salary, on account of the great increase in the work of the Institution. Brother Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. proposed, and Brother Edgar Bowyer seconded this last recommendation, but as there was a question whether under Rule X. such an addition could be made without notice, though the chairman held that the construction of the Rule was that it could, the subject was, on the motion of Bro. Leggott, seconded by Bro. Charles Atkins, deferred till next meeting, notice of the motion to be given to the members in the meantime. One of the male annuitants, lately a resident in the Asylum at Croydon, but who was removed for misbehaviour, was heard personally on his petition for assistance; but as his replies to questions were not satisfactory, his petition was refused, and the chairman informed him that if he was not more careful for the future he would jeopardise his annuity. Bros. Colonel Creaton, J. A. Farnfield, W. Hale, and Charles Lacey were appointed the Committee to draw up the annual report. Bro. Perceval gave notice of a motion for a grant of £25 to a widow of an annuitant for services she had rendered at the Institution at Croydon, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

THOUGHTLESS WORDS.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

THE neophyte is taught that he must exercise "caution," and guard well his lips so that he shall neither divulge the secrets of the Craft nor injure the feelings of a brother. Thoughtless words are like the seed of weeds, rapid in their development, quick in growth, difficult to extirpate. A Mason should ever remember the good old adage, that "speech is silver, and silence is gold." The younger brother should be very careful, especially before strangers, when the subject of Masonry is introduced, it is not a topic for every day conversation, and yet we find people discussing in public questions relative to the Craft, that should only, properly speaking, be mentioned within the tyled doors of the Lodge room. But whilst we advise our younger brethren to be careful in this particular, we cannot too stoutly condemn the "garrulousness" of some of our older friends, who at times, in such places as railway cars, or steamboats, become quite warm in their views upon this and that decision of this and that Grand Master; indeed we have at times heard these gentlemen explaining to a profane (who in all probability thought them both idiots) the mooted point under discussion. Surely such conversation is composed of "thoughtless words."

But whilst we strongly protest against thus ruthlessly dragging Masonry into all ordinary conversation in a "promiscuous" gathering, there are yet other "thoughtless words" of far greater import, and of a deeper character—words that years afterwards perchance may burn like a coal of fire in the secret recesses of a brave man's heart, and may cause the pang of sorrow for a lifetime to exist in the bosom of the erring brother.

Oh! how guarded Masons should be over their lips; how carefully should we note our utterances. The true Freemason will never give offence to a worthy brother, if he can possibly avoid it. If his duty forces him to speak possibly harshly to a Hiramite, there is a certain way in which it can be done—without unnecessarily wounding his feelings. A Mason may have erred, he may have gone astray, he may have fallen, but harsh treatment will not redeem, cruel criticism will not recall him to his right sense of duty; thoughtless words will only anger and embitter him—kindness may save him. Jeer at the drunkard, thoughtlessly laugh at his failing, make a jest of his fall, and you damn him. Take him by the hand, and gently strive to lead him back to the path of virtue, and you may save a soul, over whom the angels will rejoice at the final day. A Mason cannot too carefully weigh his words. It is his duty to be courteous, kind, faithful and true. The man that is ever ready to gossip, and knows all about his neighbour's business, is never a very reliable person.

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and loiters at the town corners, rattes on with a mass of nonsense, caring little whose sensibilities he wounds with his silly sallies and senseless witticisms—he is always a brainless coxcomb; but he is, at the same time, a dangerous man—not intentionally dangerous, but nevertheless an unfit guide for the young, a bad companion for those of his own age, and unfortunate associate for those of maturer years. The trifler has no place in Masonry. He who by thoughtless words wounds a brother's feelings, as a rule, deserves censure. A man may and does occasionally give a stab, quite unintentionally, but that, of course, is an unforeseen mistake. We allude to those brethren who rattle on about anything and everything, retailing every "tidbit" of scandal, dilating with glee upon the slips and falls of a neighbour, and gossipping and tattling upon all the small talk of the hour. Such men (if men they can be called) should never be admitted within the pale of Freemasonry. We want only earnest men, good men, thoughtful men. The miserable, rattle-brained retailer of "small talk" is a first cousin once removed from "the liar," and the liar is a brother of the murderer and seducer; for he who would take away the character of a brother by loose and careless talk is very close to him who wilfully lies, and he who would blacken the character of a Mason by thoughtless words, would only hesitate *through cowardice* to rob the innocent maiden of her virtue, and stab her father *in the dark*, if he thought it would save him from detection.

Thoughtless words do great harm, and cause much misery; brethren, therefore, should be very careful in all their expressions as well as actions. It is a duty they owe to the Craft and to themselves. We cannot tell how much unhappiness we may cause in a family by a word lightly and thoughtlessly spoken. Wounds are often thus made that take years to heal, and even then leave ugly scars, and at times sores, that will ever and again break out in all their original virulence. We cannot be too guarded in our expressions, too careful in not hurting the feelings of others. Some are so sensitive, the least whisper cuts them like the surgeon's knife, but, like it, does not cut to heal, but becomes a deadly taint in the system like the jagged wound from the poisoned arrow. A thoughtless word, a senseless, meaningless expression, may ruin the character of the man we call "brother," or destroy the fair name of a pure and virtuous woman. How careful then should we be to guard that unruly member, the tongue. Hiramites are bound by every sacred tie to be very guarded, to be very particular in this respect; they should weigh well every expression they use, and never by a single word blacken the name of any man, woman or child. Freemasonry teaches this, the God of Freemasonry has declared it, and we as followers of the Widow's Son are bound by every tie of honour and truth to obey. Brethren, never indulge in "THOUGHTLESS WORDS."

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THE FUTURE OF THE FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—While I do not agree entirely with you in the remaks you made last week on the Fund of Benevolence, I must say the statistics you have obtained, and which I presume I may accept as trustworthy, show an excess of zeal on the part of the Lodge of Benevolence in disbursing the funds entrusted to its care with which I should not otherwise have credited it. From what you state it appears that in grants of £100 and upwards the Lodge has given away £4,950 during the last two years as against £3,825 in the preceding four years; or, at the rate of £2,475 per annum in the one case, as compared with £956 per annum in the other. In fact, if I take only the grants in excess of £100 in the former case, and leave the latter as before, I find that in the two years in question sixteen persons have received among them grants to the amount of £2,950, while the thirty-five relieved with sums ranging from £100 upwards in the years 1876, 1877, 1878, and 1879 received, as before stated, £3,825, or, again striking an average, £1,475 per annum in the two, and £956 in the four years. This shows that the Lodge of Benevolence during the two years in question has been distributing their funds, in grants in excess of £100 alone, at a rate which is rather more than half as much again what it was in the preceding four years, even with grants of £100 included. It is not surprising that, with thirty-six large grants in two years amounting to £4,950, as against thirty-five large grants in four years amounting only to £3,825, the Lodge of Benevolence should have been obliged to sell out £3,000, in order to bring itself level.

As to Bro. Clabon's proposition to increase the quarterages from four shillings per annum to six shillings in the case of London brethren, and from two shillings per annum to three shillings in that of Provincial brethren, the proposition seems reasonable enough at first sight, and, moreover, the amounts are really insignificant. But before adopting this plan, I think it would be well to see if it is absolutely impossible for the Lodge of Benevolence to live within its income. I am very far from suggesting there should be any undue interference on the part of Grand Lodge with the recommendations of what is, in fact, its own chosen Committee of Charity, and it would be an interference with the delicate functions entrusted to the Lodge of Benevolence if Grand Lodge declined to confirm the grants for any one year because in the aggregate they exceeded the income for the year. No, of the two ideas I prefer Bro. Clabon's. The Lodge of Benevolence will know well how to guard itself against unworthy applicants, and the quarterages, even when increased, will be no more likely to be mis-spent than they have been heretofore. If the income of the Fund is now insufficient to meet the annual demands regularly made upon it, either the Reserve Fund must be drawn upon until it is exhausted, and then the quarterages will have to be increased, or the quarterages, as suggested by Bro. Clabon, must be increased now. Where the mistake lies is, in my opinion, in the great increase in the number of the larger grants, which are becoming far too frequent to be pleasant.

Yours fraternally, H. H.

[Our correspondent, in the above letter, has been kind enough to take our figures on trust; but for our own sake, as well as for that of the general body of our readers, we think it right to append the following statement of particulars. One slight error in connection with our statement of last week must be noted. In the first three quarters of 1877 there will be found *two* grants of £200 each, and *three* of £150 each. According to our former reckoning these were one grant of £200 and *four* of £150 each. The difference—£50 only—is immaterial; but we think it desirable on all occasions to be as accurate as possible. We may add that the statement is derived from the several agenda papers of Grand Lodge.—ED. F.C.]

Quarterly Communication.	No. of Grants recommended.	Total amount. £	£ 50	£ 60	£ 75	£ 100	£ 125	£ 150	£ 200	£ 250
March 1876	5	325	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
June "	6	350	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Sept. "	4	200	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dec. "	7	450	5	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
March 1877	6	600	3	—	—	1	—	1	1	—
June "	10	900	3	—	2	3	—	2	—	—
Sept. "	6	525	3	—	1	1	—	—	1	—
Dec. "	6	450	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
March 1878	4	250	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
June "	5	400	1	—	3	—	1	—	—	—
Sept. "	3	150	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dec. "	6	450	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
March 1879	10	*800	3	—	2	*5	—	—	—	—
June "	8	475	6	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Sept. "	10	800	4	—	—	6	—	—	—	—
Dec. "	17	1000	13	—	2	2	—	—	—	—
March 1880	15	†1075	6	—	5	†4	—	—	—	—
June "	13	1300	5	—	2	3	—	1	1	1
Sept. "	10	‡800	6	—	—	2	—	‡2	—	—
Dec. "	11	750	6	—	2	3	—	—	—	—
March 1881	10	725	5	—	3	1	—	1	—	—
June "	12	1275	5	—	1	2	—	2	1	1
Sept. "	11	1225	3	—	1	4	—	1	1	1
Dec. "	14	1125	7	—	3	2	—	1	1	—
March 1882	19	1360	10	1	4	3	—	—	1	—
Total for the 25 quarters	228	£17,760	117	1	35	53	1	11	7	3

Average per recommendation about £77 18s.

* March 1879. One of the grants recommended this quarter was made on behalf of the widow of a brother to whom £100 was recommended at the previous meeting, but which was rendered void by the death of the brother before confirmation. The £100 recommendation of March 1879 is therefore really in lieu of one of the same amount which appeared in the previous quarter.

† March 1880. The petition of a brother to whom £100 was recommended at the December Communication having been referred back, the same was reconsidered, and the recommendation was repeated. This recommendation of £100 therefore appears twice—viz., in December 1879, and March 1880 totals.

‡ September 1880. One of these recommendations for £150 was referred back, and ultimately cancelled, except so far as the £10 paid on account was concerned.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very glad your correspondent, Bro. "R. L. F.," has drawn attention to what I will call the pace at which the number of pupils in the Girls' School is being increased. Heaven knows I would be the last to suggest any undue limitation of the scholars, but it strikes me we are going too far ahead. We ought to have a little more "backbone" before we further increase the liabilities of the Craft in regard to this Institution. As "R. L. F." points out, it is not so very long ago that we provided for 150 Girls. Now we have 235, and have spent besides, as he says, quite £20,000 in respect of buildings and additional accommodation. It is of course quite true there is plenty of room just now, and I doubt not there are, presently, ample funds for the immediate expenditure. But the present is not our only consideration. We have to take into account the future as well, and the question very naturally arises,—Is it safe to go on increasing, at rapid pace, our liabilities, when, in the nature of things, it must be at least doubtful if it will be always, and of a certainty, possible for us to meet the demands on us in respect of this Institution, to say nothing of those we are continually increasing in respect of the other two.

I remain, yours fraternally, A.

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Two Turns of the Wheel. By John Baker Hopkins. Illustrated by A. Fairfax Lumley. London: Newman and Co., 43 Hart-street, Bloomsbury, W.C.

We were inclined, on glancing through the first few pages of this volume, to lay it aside as the effort of some 'prentice hand in literature who, in the exercise of his vaulting ambition, had overleaped himself. Upon many minds the rough-and-ready style adopted by the author in the opening of his design will grate somewhat harshly, and there is a suggestion of an undue use of "flashy" epithets and expressions attributed to the hero who is supposed to be writing his own autobiography. But as the machine travels the wheels are more judiciously oiled, and the interest of the reader is quickened as the skein of incidents and life pictures is unravelled. We can quite see, in the wayward, headstrong, spoilt child of the cobbler's family down at Bow, the personification of many a precocious youth who, breaking away early from the maternal apron-strings, bounds along through life in acrobatic fashion till some inevitable ballast finds its way into his mental hold. And when our hero plunges fairly into life, has wooed and wedded and finds his "troubles begin," we do not know that he comes out much the worse for his precipitate rushing in where many an angel would fear to tread. His boarding-school exploits, his upstart aspirations, and peevish peccadiloes at home, might probably be attributed more to the overweening pampering to which the mothers of only sons are so invariably prone than to any fault of his own; and there is much broad humour in the account he gives of himself when, shuffling off the swaddling clothes of parental control, he rushes into the choice of a profession and a wife. Like all his other ventures, Mr. Gummer junior makes love in a slap-dash hurry, and the only wonder is that the daughter of a spendthrift, who has to eke out an existence by needlework, and whose style of conversation is so fragrant of back-alley phraseology, brightens up so sensibly as the pages of her life are read. Matilda, in her courting and early married days, suggests to us the buxom lass who, with sleeves rolled up and arms akimbo, would gossip with fluent tongue with whomsoever came along, and in language which, though argumentative, is rather unrefined. For instance, in the tenderest and most melting moments of courtship she professes an objection to being kissed as if she was "a Pope's toe," and to being squeezed as if she were "a lemonade lemon" which her lover had "bought and paid for." Still the maiden seems to have a shrewd sense of practical utility in life, and carries it out in a manner illustrated by her sage remark that "a half pennyworth of bread done up French-roll fashion may be more genteel, but I would rather have a big loaf any shape, with enough to eat, and something in the cupboard." Matilda is decidedly not poetical or genteel, and she has an eye to quantity rather than quality in her estimate of things mundane. As with most impetuous tempers, Matilda is jealous, and the green eye'd monster early appears, placing his victim in many ludicrous situations, which the author delineates with something of the broad humour of Mark Twain. But though the wifely temper betrays much of the nettle-rash of irritation, it must not be supposed that Mr. and Mrs. Gummer are by any means "a snap-dog and a spitfire-cat couple." True, as the family are growing up, and the two daughters are enabled, by the improved pecuniary circumstances of Paterfamilias, to receive a superior education our hero's domestic happiness becomes a little marred by the strong proclivities of Mrs. Gummer and "the girls" to ape gentility. He rather mournfully relates:—

"The neighbours we had known for years were snubbed and cut. I was not allowed to ride outside an omnibus, nor to smoke a clay pipe in my own garden, unless I stood between the washhouse and the dust-bin, where I could not be seen. Our rooms were darkened by curtains being drawn across the windows, plenty of daylight being unfashionable. When we went to a theatre, instead of omnibus and leave your bonnet, or tuck it under your cloak, there was full dress and a fly. Mamma, who had been accustomed to substantial refreshment, was restricted to an ice and a sweet cake. The girls wanted to abolish hot suppers, and to have a six o'clock tea. . . . So our one o'clock meal was called lunch, and the last meal was at eight instead of nine o'clock, and was described as dinner."

In point of fact, our hero is very much married; and who does not know of scores of cases in which rapid progress and unexpected affluence have not their counterbalancing disadvantages and restrictions imposed by family aspirations to "gentility" and a pandering to the foibles of "fashion?" Yet Tom seems to bowl along the matrimonial greensward fairly easy, and submits with a good deal of hard-headed common sense to the "nagging" and occasional explosions of bottled-up temper and importance on the part of "Mamma" and her fledglings. Some of these flint-and-steel passages of domestic controversy are capitally told, though the cayenne powdered into poor Tom's homely soup is occasionally hot. Mrs. Gummer is a candid woman, and speaks her mind. For instance, when the question of the girls' future prospects is under consideration, the brute of a husband makes her say:—

"Tom, for the sake of the girls I would swim through an ocean of blazing brimstone, provided I was a swimmer and could stand burning. Suppose we took a villa in a high neighbourhood, standing in its own grounds, or, at the worst, semi-detached? Mark my words, Tom, in a year or two the girls would marry on a par with their merits and what is coming to them. You know, if there were the most beautiful empresses at Bow that ever lived, and every hair of their heads was hung with a Koh-i-noor diamond, gentility would no more think of marrying them than they would think of putting on scarlet jackets and setting off with their keepers to shoot London sparrows."

At last woman's will is triumphant, as is usually the case, and the genteel family are perked up in their stucco-fronted villa, standing in its own grounds. They have a page, at small wages, but with a tremendous appetite. Troubles with "superior" and fastidious servants come on apace. "The tightest pinching could hardly keep the spending at the level of the incoming;" and thus the even tenour of domestic ease is sacrificed at the shrine of "gentility," whose gregarious and ever-increasing appetite must be satisfied with ever increasing devotion. But, for all that, gentility refused to rub shoulders with the Gummers, and even when the curate called, as he was expected to do, seeing the Gummers had a "whole pew and never passed the plate," he merely sipped a glass of wine, looked at the girls sweetly through his eye-glass, talked about the weather, and then gave Mrs. Gummer and the girls a knock-down blow by asking them where they came from?" But though the girls embroidered slippers and worked braces, which were sent with delicate hinting compliments, the girls angled clumsily, and the curate was not caught. Then came the inevitable parties to which "gentility" was invited; still the young ladies did not "go off," but remained a drug upon the matrimonial market. Dainty living and extravagant dress caused the skeleton to grow uneasy in the cupboard, as it always does when the household expenditure exceeds the income. But presently comes a windfall from a deceased relative, and gentility once more reigns supreme in the bosom of the Gummer family. Of course this sudden accession of wealth begets the usual worries. Instead of duns and tradesmen's bills, there were appeals for donations to charities, tempting baits from bubble companies, "tips" from sporting men, and dazzling offers from authors. No doubt, as our hero puts it, "we could not read all the letters, much less answer them!" Mr. Gummer is courted and flattered, is asked to preside over public meetings, and to officiate as judge at local Flower Shows; he is made a Fellow of the Antediluvian Society of Great Britain, and Vice-President of the Mental Emancipation Association. He invests in an outlandish mining company (limited); and finally, to crown his indiscretions, he is persuaded to start a newspaper! Mr. Jordan O'Staapler is the unprecedented genius selected to preside over that glittering venture.

"Editors did not like his articles. Publishers declined his works. Managers would not read his plays. But O'Staapler never lost faith in his literary capacity. When he was reproached for getting into debt, he replied that he devoted his talents to the service of the public, and he had a right to live upon the public. Moreover, O'Staapler was always on the eve of making a great fortune. . . . He was to be the editor, at a nominal salary. He assured me that £500 would be ample capital, and, indeed more than was necessary! All the expenses would be paid by the advertisements! His estimate was so nicely prepared, and his explanations were so plausible, that I agreed to supply the capital for the *Universal Regenerator and Modern Babylon Advertiser*. Mrs. Gummer was to have the boxes at the opera, the boxes at the theatres, and the presents sent to the editor. I was to be the director of the paper, and Jordan O'Staapler was to be the working editor.

"This was weak of me, I know; but then it was a human weakness. Every man thinks he is capable of being a Prime Minister, a Foreign Secretary, a Chancellor of the Exchequer, an Adonis with the ladies, and an Editor. . . . O'Staapler introduced me to a score of unappreciated geniuses, and I had to treat these gentlemen, who drank like feverish fish, at all hours in the day, besides giving very wet dinners to O'Staapler's intimates. O'Staapler, who had charge of the petty cash, smoked the finest cigars, and saturated his body with fours of whiskey cold, except during the early hours of the morning, when he drank bitter beer as a pick up.

"There were disappointments even before the paper appeared. Our advertisement canvasser, who was certain that he could fill up four pages, signally failed. Advertisers, he said, would not go in till they had seen the paper. So we had to start with a couple of pages of dummies—that is advertisements copied from other papers. The theatres declined to put us on the free list. I proposed to pay.

"'Never,' said O'Staapler, 'will I submit to such an imposition. Pay! What for? To fill the pockets of dramatists, actors, and managers? It is all humbug for the critic of a weekly to go to the theatre. I shall just look into the dailies and make mincemeat of the pieces and the theatres. The managers will be civil to us before long.'

"The publishers did not send us their new books, though we condescended to apply for them.

"'So much the better,' said O'Staapler, 'it will save the trouble of cutting the leaves. I am well up in literature, Mr. Gummer, and you will find that I can slate the trash without so much as seeing the covers of the books. After a week or two the publishers will be down with their advertisements and their books.

"Six numbers of the paper appeared. Nobody bought it. Nobody advertised in it, except some quack medicine dealers, at a shilling for half a column, upon which the canvasser took a commission of 25 per cent., and omitted to hand over the balance. The theatres ignored us, and so did the publishers . . . Besides, Jordan O'Staapler was unpleasantly familiar. He had borrowed nearly £100 in the six weeks, and I offered him the copyright of the paper; but that he would not accept, and threatened to sue me for a year's salary. When the *Universal Regenerator and Modern Babylon Advertiser* ceased to appear, he wrote me a letter in which he bemoaned my folly in throwing away £5,000 a year, and my wickedness in spoiling his scheme. By the time all the bills were paid I had lost £900 by my venture in journalism.

"'Mr. O'Staapler may be a genius,' said Mrs. Gummer, 'for his clothes are never brushed; he always wants a loan till he sees you next time; his hair has not been cut for years; and he seems to think he has a right to other people's money. But, genius or no genius, a party who is thirsting for nips of spirit-and-water all day long will never make a paper or anything else pay. A morning, noon, and night-drinker is no better than a sleep-walker half awake, though Jordan O'Staapler, with his half awake, could plunder the

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father of a family who, being so awfully shortsighted that he could not see the biggest wen on his own nose, ought to wear spectacles.'"

The more exciting acts of this domestic drama came on, when, attracted by the reported wealth of our hero, suitors for the hands of "the girls," appear in the persons of a pseudo-"Baron" of Russian extraction, and the avaricious son of a Colonel of "blue blood." How the former insinuated himself into the credulity of Mr. Gummer, and tickled the vanity of mamma, with the end of marrying Nancy, and the ignoble *dénouement*, the collapse of hopes based upon too dazzling expectations, must be read to be appreciated. Nor will we spoil the reader's interest by relating how poor Janet was jilted by her adventurous and unscrupulous lover, whose hankering was after the money, and not the love, of the trusting and confiding maiden, but who, when it turned out that the golden prize was not so glittering as he supposed, turned on his heel, and made a cruel and despicable retreat from his engagement. These situations are depicted in facile language by the author, who invests his characters with all the requisite *verve* and natural force in the more prominent situations into which they are called. Of course, the history of a man who springs suddenly into the foremost ranks of affluence and popularity would not be complete unless he was made a Member of Parliament, and in the election sketch we are brought into laughable contact with some of the inflated election-mongers of the Borough of Marrowbone—veritable types of the pot-valiant politicians that are to be found in almost every small and rotten constituency. Mr. Nathaniel Busted, who is churchwarden, vestry-man, and chairman of ever so many local coteries all rolled into one, gives us a pourtrayal of that clumsy fussiness and consummate self-importance of which those know the most who have any experience in electioneering, either parliamentary, municipal, or parochial. He puts us in mind of the inimitable Toole as Simmons in the "Spitalfield's Weaver," only he is very much more coarse, venial, and impudent. But go when you will to any electioneering bout, and you will find a Nathaniel Busted, swaggering, and drinking, and forcing his besotted and impertinent vulgarity into the front on every occasion, both in season and out. The author has depicted him to the letter, and in a way that marks him as a close observer of men and things in every-day life. We are unable, with the space at our command, to enter more in detail into the varying turns of the wheel of fortune, and the changing episodes in the life of the Gummer family. Suffice it to say, that in spite of the little faults, if they can be so termed, we detected at the outset, the interest of the reader is caught after the first two or three chapters, and is retained irresistibly to the end of the volume. The writer gives us a faithful and vivid delineation of many of the characters we constantly meet in the ordinary walks of life, and there is no straining after effect, such as we find in many authors who are eager to find themselves famous. He has evidently drawn his pictures from the life, and we recognise them in an instant. He puts his round women and square men all into their proper spheres, and makes them do and say precisely that which we should expect of them. Nor is there wanting plenty of sparkling and buoyant humour in the tale so admirably told. There are grotesque situations, and racy little bits of byplay which will not fail to excite the risible faculties of the reader, and carry him irresistibly to the end of the story. These brilliant sallies of quaint and peculiar fun are relieved by the light and shade of gaiety and pathos, and there is no lack of harmony in the tints that are thrown in, here to heighten, and there to mellow, the picture before us. We congratulate Mr. Hopkins upon his successful treatment of a subject none the less difficult because, in dealing with this class of character, there is a strong temptation to exaggerate and over-colour. He has judiciously avoided this fault, and his faithfulness to life is one of the chief recommendations of his narrative. The volume bristles with mirth and entertainment, and will be welcomed into many a household as a chatty and agreeable satire on the foibles and vanities which are every day abundantly cropping up in all sorts and conditions of society, and which, though we may ourselves imitate them, we naturally see more strongly marked in others. In style of typography and binding, the work is an ornament to the library or drawing-room table, while the entertaining character of its contents will raise many a smile in the intervals of relaxation and leisure between the more solid hours of business duty. To converse mentally with such characters, and to follow the incidents here recorded, is a splendid tonic for driving dull care away; and we can only share the natural desire of the author that his audience may be as extensive and appreciative as he has found it to be in respect to the previous efforts of his pen.

On Tuesday next, the 18th instant, at the Beethoven Rooms 27 Harley-street, Cavendish-square, Bro. Signor Macchiavelli will give a Soirée Musicale, which, to judge from the character of the programme that has been issued, is likely to prove of surpassing interest. Among the vocalists, in addition to the beneficiary himself, are Mesdlles. G. Avigliana and Eugenie Papritz, Miss Nettie Mertens, and Signori E. Bonetti and A. Zoboli. Signor Tito Mattei will preside at the pianoforte, and Signor G. Erba will discourse sweet music on the violin. Conductor Signor A. Romili. The programme, which includes choice selections from the works of Verdi, Balfe, Donizetti, Rossini, Schubert, Gounod, Bonetti, Mattei, &c., is a most attractive one.

We have great pleasure in announcing that the annual supper of the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693, will take place at the Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury-square, on Monday, the 24th instant, at 7.30 p.m. The chair will be taken by the esteemed Preceptor Bro. Trewinnard P.M., who will be seconded in the fulfilment of his task by the worthy Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. R. P. Forge. We have every confidence that this anniversary meeting will pass off successfully.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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MONTAGUE GUEST LODGE, No. 1900.

THE regular meeting of this new and rapidly increasing Lodge was held on the 12th instant, at the Inns of Court, Lincoln's Inn Fields, where the members were honoured by the presence of several Provincial Grand Officers. The first banner, with the arms of Right Worshipful Bro. Montague Guest, was hung over the W.M.'s chair. Bros. W. H. Dean P.P.G.S.B. Dorset W.M., G. P. Festa S.W., F. R. W. Hedges J.W., J. D. Collier P.M. 1366 Secretary, Dr. Capon S.D., H. Slyman J.D., W. H. Gardner I.G., S. Brooks P.M. M.C., W. Staff Org., E. Doble Steward, B. Bantz Tyler. Visitors—Dr. S. Skinner P.P.G.A.D.C. Dorset W.M. 665, L. Bailey P.M. 257, E. Dunkley 874, H. Massey W.M. 1928 P.M. 619, J. Docker P.M. 1687, Platt P.P.G.W. Cheshire, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The W.M. in the name of Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., P.G.D., Prov. G.M. Dorset, proposed, and the proposition was duly seconded, "That this Lodge begs to express to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen its deep sense of indignation and horror at the recent outrageous attempt on her life, and its feeling of gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U. at Her Majesty's most providential escape therefrom." This was carried by acclamation, Bro. Festa S.W. making some supplementary remarks. Bro. Brooke P.M. 1608 M.C. presented to the Lodge a very elegant silver square, with the names of the founders engraved on it, and for which a special vote of thanks was accorded, the same to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Austin was raised to the third degree, and Bro. Young was passed. Messrs. H. Nisbett Pratt and Edenborough were balloted for, and accepted. The former gentleman, being in attendance, was duly initiated into the Order, the W.M. rendering the ceremony perfectly and impressively; indeed, every Officer was perfect. Bro. C. Hambro D.P.G.M. Dorset, and Dr. Shorter Skinner, W.M. Montague Lodge 665, Lyme Regis, were unanimously elected joining members. The Bye-Laws were read, and the election for W.M. took place, the choice of the brethren falling on Bro. Festa S.W., who was unanimously elected to that office. The W.M. congratulated Bro. Festa, and said no better Master could have been selected; he was sure he would carry out every duty required of him, and all wished him health and strength. Bro. Festa, in suitable terms, returned thanks. The W.M. here announced that the R.W. Bro. Montague Guest had taken the office of Treasurer for the first year only, and the brethren then unanimously elected the present W.M., Bro. Dean, to henceforth fulfil the duties. An Audit Committee was next appointed. The W.M. stated that, as the Lodge would be adjourned until October, he proposed to hold a Lodge of emergency during the summer months, to enable those brethren who to-night were unable to be present to be initiated. The W.M. stated he was about to act as Steward for the Girls' School, and he thanked the Officers and brethren for the help they had given him, whereby he had been able to collect seventy guineas for his list. Bro. Festa S.W. proposed that the sum of ten guineas be given from the funds of the Lodge to present the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, and two and a half guineas for a P.M.'s collar and jewel, in consideration of the admirable manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair, and in token of the respect he is held in; this was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned until October The brethren sat down to a very sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Gosden. The W.M. briefly introduced the Loyal toasts, which received full honour, and then Bro. Brookes P.M. M.C. rose; he felt a great pleasure in taking the gavel to propose the health of the W.M.; he was sure the brethren would honour the toast. Bro. Dean was a model as to how Masons' work should be carried out; he had set an example such as all Worshipful Masters should follow. The members had seen his working, which had been, and would continue to be perfect, and would be continued by the Lodge in the future. He would ask them to drink the toast with the sincerity it merited. The Worshipful Master, in replying, thanked Bro. Brookes; it was to him a great pleasure to work in, and for the Lodge; but he had to thank his Officers for their assistance. He sincerely hoped the Lodge would continue as successful. What had been achieved was far beyond his expectations. When he handed the gavel to his successor he was sure it would be to a Mason worthy to hold it. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiate, who by his attention to the ceremony led them to believe he was one who would be a credit to the Order. Bro. Pratt in a humorous speech responded. The W.M. then complimented the Visitors. The Lodge was proud to see them. Visiting created a good feeling and a fraternal regard each for the other. Bro. Platt P.P.G.W. Cheshire in responding said, he never saw the working of the three degrees better performed than he had seen that evening. Brother Bailey P.M. 251 fully endorsed what had just been said; he had been all over the Provinces, and never saw better working than that of the W.M. and his Officers. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the I.P.M. Bro. Brookes, who took the Office with great readiness, and all were indebted to him for his services, not only as I.P.M. but also as M.C. Brother Brooke thought it the duty of every one who had passed the chair to render service to a Lodge with which he was associated; he should only be too pleased to do so in this Lodge. He thanked them for the reception they had given the toast. The W.M. in proposing the health of the Secretary, stated that Bro. Collier had been a great acquisition to the Lodge. He was proficient in his duties, and had fulfilled them conscientiously. He hoped Brother Collier might be among them for many years. Bro. Collier P.M. responded; while he occupied the position of Secretary he hoped to do his duty to their satisfaction. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Joining Member, Bro. Dr. Skinner P. Prov. G.A.D.C. The Lodge would be pleased to receive joining members, but none would be more welcome than the brethren from Dorset. The toast was enthusiastically received, and Bro. Dr. Skinner, in appro-

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priate terms, responded. The toast of the Officers came next. All had done their duty, and the W.M. was proud of them. Bro. Festa responded. He felt highly gratified, and could only express his thanks for the unanimous manner in which he had been elected to the chair; he would try to emulate the present W.M., and, if the Officers would support him, he would do all required. He, with the Founders and members, had the welfare of the Lodge at heart. On behalf of the Officers, he begged to return sincere thanks. The Tyler's toast was next given, and the proceedings terminated. Bros. Staff, Austin, Gardner, and Dr. Capon, contributed to the harmony.

DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 860.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, the following Officers being present:—Bros. W. J. Smith W.M., R. Burleton S.W., J. Barker J.W., L. F. Littell P.M. Sec., J. H. Pavitt S.D., M. Christian J.D., Seymour-Smith Organist, A. Sanders I.G., J. L. Cornu Steward, several of the Past Masters of the Lodge, a fair attendance of members, and the following among visitors:—Bros. C. Hogg P.M. 92, A. Hines P.M. 1609, G. Manners W.M. 1589, R. J. Taylor P.M. 144, C. B. Todd 27, W. H. Making I.G. 1278, H. Evans S. 144, J. Hoare 1744, John Fisher 1744, T. Bolt 45, T. J. Maidwell P.M. 27, J. Doterill 1624, J. Hunt P.M. 1772, Walter Elliott 1567, T. C. Walls P.M. 1512, J. W. Braund 72, A. Barfield Prov. J.G.D. Hants and Isle of Wight, F. A. Jewson 1827, D. Hart 1681, H. Follett P.M. 45, D. Wetherill J.W. 1681, W. Honeyball S.W. 1681, J. Byrne 1681, T. Minstrell J.W. 1928. The business of the day comprised, besides the installation of Bro. Burleton, the working of the first and third ceremonies, the former in favour of Bro. Ames, and the latter on behalf of Bro. Jenkins. The W.M. elect having been duly placed in the chair, invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Barker S.W., Pavitt J.W., W. H. Wallington P.M. Treasurer (absent through ill health), Littell Sec., Christian S.D., Sanders J.D., Seymour-Smith Org., Cornu I.G., and Bond Steward. The whole of the ceremonies of the day were worked by the W.M. Bro. Smith in really excellent style, the praise bestowed on him later in the evening being well deserved. In due course, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet, after which the usual Masonic toasts were given. The Master having proposed the healths of the Queen, the G. Master, and the G. Officers, the I.P.M. Bro. Smith assumed the gavel. He had a very pleasing duty to perform—to propose the health of the W.M., and he was sure the toast would be received with a great amount of enthusiasm. He had worked side by side with their W.M. for many years, and had found him at all times attentive to his duties. He began at the lowest office in the Lodge, and began, too, with the determination of doing well; indeed, he might say that Bro. Burleton was one of the best Stewards of a Lodge he had ever met with. When a brother began well in the minor offices, he was sure to become a good Master. He had much pleasure in submitting the toast. The brethren having responded most heartily, Bro. T. B. Dodson sang "Nil Desperandum," in first-rate form, and this was followed by a violin solo by Miss Dunbar Perkins, which was justly applauded. The W.M., in reply, desired to thank the brethren for the very cordial reception they had given to the toast just proposed by their I.P.M. When he joined the Lodge, he had the good fortune to be initiated by their esteemed Bro. Wallington, who, he regretted, was not present that evening. He then felt he should never be satisfied if he did not attain the chair of the Lodge, and that, he was pleased to say, he now occupied. He had worked through many of the minor offices, and had acted as Steward—to which office the I.P.M. had specially referred—for two years. He was very pleased to be in the chair of this, his mother Lodge. From what he knew of it, he believed the members liked to enjoy themselves. It should certainly not be his fault if they did not enjoy themselves during the coming year. The next toast, given from the chair, was that of the I.P.M. The W.M. felt the Lodge had never had a member more respected than was Bro. Smith. He had really the good of Freemasonry at heart, and was a proficient in the various ceremonies. He had that evening worked the third, the first, and the installation ceremony—a fair test for any brother—but he had always been a hard worker in the Order. The W.M. had great pleasure in now placing on the breast of his predecessor the jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the brethren, and hoped that Bro. Smith might live for many years to wear it in the Dalhousie Lodge. He was sure that so long as Bro. Smith remained in this world he would be one of the best members of the Craft. Bro. Smith tendered his thanks for the very kind way in which the brethren had received the toast, and for the uniform kindness he had received at their hands in the past; it far exceeded anything he could have anticipated. He trusted he might be spared for many years to be present at Dalhousie Lodge. The W.M. next gave the toast of the Initiate. This was, he said, a toast always approved in Freemasonry. They had that night received into their Lodge a worthy man, and one who he felt would become a worthy brother. Indeed he was sure such would be the case, from the way in which he had answered the several questions during his initiation; he could only hope he might become a credit to the Lodge. The Entered Apprentice Song was sung by Bro. Seymour-Smith, and then Bro. Weige gave his popular drinking song, after which the initiate replied. He trusted he should always conduct himself in a way that would meet the approval of the brethren. He was very thankful for the way in which he had been received that evening, and proud to become a member of the Craft. The toast of the Visitors was given, after another violin solo. This was a toast, the Master said, which was always well received in the Dalhousie Lodge. It was really a noted one for hospitality, it not unfrequently having as many visitors as members at its meetings. They had many present that night, of whom not a few were well known at their meetings—a fact which proved they were so well entertained as to be willing to come again—an example the members, one and all, would be pleased to see followed by the several guests. He could only say that he hoped each and all had enjoyed the proceedings they had witnessed during the evening. Bro. Walls was the first to reply. He always considered it a pleasing duty to respond to the toast of the Visitors, as it was one of the toasts which was usually proposed and received most heartily in a Masonic Lodge. It was, at the same time, a toast always to be encouraged, as visiting was—in his estimation—one of the principal parts of Freemasonry. He was also glad to hear that the M.W. the Grand Master had been pleased to bestow the honour of Grand Office on one of the Officers of this Lodge, and, in the name of the Visitors, begged to offer congratulations, not only to Bro. Littell, but to the Lodge of which he was so distinguished a member. Bro. Barfield followed. He felt each Visitor could but feel delighted at the reception accorded by the members of the Dalhousie Lodge, which, he hoped, would go on prospering in the future as it had done in the past. Other of the guests having replied, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. He was, indeed, sorry that Bro. Wallington, their esteemed Past Master and Treasurer, was prevented, by ill health, from being among them that day. He thought he might say it was the first time that brother had been absent since he (the W.M.) had been a member of the Lodge. While they all regretted his absence, they even more regretted the cause which led to it, and he felt all would unite in wishing him a speedy return to health. It was unnecessary to refer to his services to Freemasonry, as he was so well known in the Craft, particularly as Preceptor of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, at Hackney. In Bro. Littell, their Treasurer, they had a worthy Secretary. The Master was pleased, as he felt each member would be, to hear that Bro. Littell had been selected by the M.W. the Grand Master as an Officer of Grand Lodge. He felt, as it had been said, that it was not possible for every London Lodge to receive such an honour, but he was sure there were few brethren who more deserved the compliment than did Bro. Littell. Bro. Secretary thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the toast. He must first express his great regret at the absence of his colleague, Bro. Wallington. He remembered, many years since, when their present Treasurer was in a minor office, one of the Past Masters remarking that the Lodge had a very worthy Mason in the Inner Guard, which was the office Bro. Wallington then filled. Since that time he had proved the remark was quite justified. Bro. Wallington had occupied the office of Treasurer for some years, and in that position it had been his good fortune as Secretary to work side by side with him, and when he looked back, he was very very proud of the association. On his own behalf, Bro. Littell thanked the brethren for the reception always accorded him; he trusted he might ever merit the esteem and approval of every brother in the Lodge. The toast of the Past Masters followed, Bros. Dodson, Weige, and Dickens replying. Bro. Dodson was sorry to think he was the oldest Past Master left at the festive board, as it reminded him it must be getting very late, and accordingly that the enjoyment of the meeting was coming to an end. It was only some eight years since he had had the honour of being initiated in the Dalhousie Lodge; now he replied to the toast of the Past Masters thereof. At the time of his initiation the Lodge was much smaller than at present; he and the Past Masters generally were gratified at its general success. Bro. Weige could refer to a membership of twelve years in the Lodge. He had served each of the offices in it, and hoped to remain as one of its Past Masters for many years to come. He trusted he had performed the work entrusted to him as well as any who had gone before him; of one thing he was certain—he had endeavoured to do his duty. It was his privilege to visit many Lodges, and naturally he liked to compare what he saw elsewhere with what he knew took place at the Dalhousie. His experience was that the Dalhousie was really to the fore, and that harmony and the true spirit of brotherhood prevailed among its members. Bro. Dickens, as the last, and, he said, the least, of the Past Masters, also thanked the brethren. He was very proud of the position he had attained in the Lodge, and trusted he might live for many years to be present as one of its Past Masters. The toast of the Officers brought the programme to an end. The evening was rendered enjoyable by the musical ability of the members, many of whom, particularly Bros. Smith, Dodson, Weige, Walls, &c., rendered their songs in first-rate style.

STRONG MAN LODGE, No. 45.

THIS ancient Lodge, a brief outline of the establishment of which we gave in an early number of our volume for 1875, celebrated its anniversary, on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Leadenhall-street, City: thus marking, according to the W.M., an existence of a century and a half. Bro. Cordingley, the W.M. of the past year, occupied the chair, and was well supported, notwithstanding the fact that the Lodge was called for an early hour. The following Officers were present during the meeting:—Bros. W. A. S. Humphries S.W., W. Ball J.W., H. Follett P.M. Treasurer, A. Wing P.M. Secretary, J. Smith S.D., W. Nell J.D., T. S. Fountaine I.G., J. Vass D.C., V. R. Callow and R. E. Hunt Stewards; Past Masters Dyer, Driver, Mose, J. G. Defriez. The second degree having been conferred on Bro. Locke, Bro. Moss, P.M. and Father of the Lodge, assumed the gavel, and Bro. W. A. S. Humphries being duly presented, he was regularly installed, afterwards appointing the following as his assistant Officers:—Bros. Ball S.W., Smith J.W., Follett Treasurer, Wing Secretary, Driver P.M. M.C., Nell S.D., Fountaine J.D., Callow I.G., Hunt, Stanton, and Thomas Stewards. The ceremony of installation was then completed, the whole having been performed in a manner which left nothing to be desired. Bro. Hemsworth P.M. presented to the Lodge an ancient Masonic sword, which he said he believed could only be equalled by the one at Grand Lodge. Bro. Follett P.M. and Treasurer also made a present to the Lodge in the form of a kneeling-stool, which he remarked they had long been in want of. In recognition of these presents, the two donors were unanimously thanked by

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the brethren, and a memorandum of the fact was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. After the transaction of other minor business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet, the usual toasts following in due course. The Queen having been honoured, that of His Royal Highness the Grand Master was given. All who had had the opportunity of attending the special Grand Lodge must have been struck with the great enthusiasm manifested when it was known the Prince would attend, and the desire on all sides to give the Grand Master a fitting welcome. The toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers followed. It was of course impossible for the rulers of the Craft to attend every meeting of the Grand Body, but the Master felt assured they were pleased to do so whenever it was possible, and at all times they had the interest of the Craft at heart. The Master next proposed Masonic Charity, or rather, as it had been put on the toast list as the Masonic Charities, he would adopt that reading. He had intended the toast in its broadest sense of Masonic charity, but he had particular pleasure in referring to the three Institutions of the Order. He looked upon them as the finest Charities in the world, and would urge on every brother who had not already supported them, to do so at once, while to those who had worked for them in the past, he would recommend increased exertions. As he had not the company of any one officially connected with the Institutions, he would call upon Bros. Massey and Morgan, the representatives of the Masonic Press, to reply to the toast, as, the Masonic Press having done so much on their behalf, he felt those two brethren were well able to reply. Bro. Massey acknowledged the toast, willingly responding to the call of the W.M., but regretting he should have been selected, as, although the Masonic Press did all in its power to promote the true interests of the three Institutions, he was personally unequal, at a moment's notice, to make a speech in their defence, except perhaps on general grounds. He had not the advantage, as the several Secretaries had, of a large mass of figures at his fingers' end to which to refer, but felt he could conscientiously recommend their support to one and all. Bro. Cordingley gave the toast of the W.M. He felt the proposition of this toast did not require many words from him. The Lodge had gone on for a century, a half century, and yet more, and on that night, as well this year as in the past, a new Master had been installed. Bro. Humphries, their present Worshipful Master, was fitted for the post, being well up in the work, and proficient in his knowledge of the Craft. Before drinking the toast, he could but refer to the pleasure they had experienced in having among them so old a P.M. as Bro. Moss, who had attended at very great trouble, having got up specially from a bed of sickness to work the ceremony of installation on that occasion. Bro. Humphries briefly returned his thanks. Whatever he could do to further the interests of the Strong Man Lodge he should most certainly undertake. He was almost afraid they were expecting too much of him; still he would do his best. He had hoped to have had the pleasure of proposing the health of an initiate of their own Lodge that evening, but unfortunately the brother expected was unable to attend; he therefore felt justified in asking the brethren to drink the health of an initiate of another Lodge they had among them on this occasion. He had only just joined the Craft, and would doubtless appreciate the honour now paid him in a strange Lodge as much as he would do in his mother Lodge. He, therefore, asked the brethren to drink with him the health of Bro. Charlton, and at the same time to wish him success in his Masonic career. The next toast was that of the I.P.M.—given from the chair. The Master was sure the manner in which Bro. Cordingley had performed the work of his year of office merited the approval of every member. He had done remarkably well; his hope was, that he might be as successful, and he trusted that at the conclusion of his tenure of office he might be equally as worthy to receive a jewel as he that night considered his immediate predecessor was. He then presented to Bro. Cordingley a Past Master's jewel, accompanying the presentation with good wishes for his future. Bro. Cordingley thanked the W.M. and brethren. He was glad to think his efforts in the chair had met with approval. He should endeavour to still further advance the fortunes of the Strong Man Lodge, and fix it on a still firmer basis. The health of the Visitors was the next toast. The W.M. gave all a hearty welcome, and was very pleased to see so goodly an array. He was himself what he might call an erratic visitor—going first to one Lodge, then to another, seldom repeating visits—and by this means made many friends, cemented old friendships, and otherwise enjoyed his visits. Bro. Wilday, Bilbey, and Crowder replied, as did also other of the guests. The Past Masters having been toasted, the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was submitted. Bro. Follett, the Treasurer, promised to do his utmost to make the Strong Man Lodge strong in more than name. He referred to his knowledge of it in the past, and was pleased to know it was still prospering. Bro. Wing, as Secretary, also said a few words, likewise comparing the present position of the Lodge, with that it enjoyed some few years since. The Officers of the Lodge concluded the programme, which was interspersed with some first-rate songs, the musical arrangements, both in Lodge and at the banquet, being under the direction of Bro. Knight-Smith, who was supported by Bros. Frost, Evans and Kift. One special song, "The Strong Man Lodge," we give in extenso; it was composed by H. H. Leask, and sung on this occasion by Bro. Knight-Smith, the brethren heartily joining in the good wishes expressed in the chorus.

"THE STRONG MAN LODGE."

When brothers at the festive board,
  Masonic toasts go round,
May the chief be—"The Strong Man Lodge,"
  Its ancient fame resound.
A hundred years and more have gone
  Since it was founded fast,
Oh! may the present be with us
  As prosperous as the past!

CHORUS—

Then here's "The Strong Man Lodge,"
  And, prompt at duty's call;
Long may the brethren thrive,
  The Strong Men one and all.

In courage strong as Masons true,
  Our Order to defend;
And strong the welcome which we give,
  A brother and a friend,
Strong in our purpose to uphold
  Our Brotherhood of love;
Founded on earth, to be confirmed
  In the Grand Lodge above.

CHORUS—Then here's, &c.

Among the Visitors were Bros. R. C. Hallowes 33, T. F. Knight-Smith P.M. 1441, John Evans J.W. 753, W. H. Frost 1728, J. Kift 1791, W. C. Niblett 1196, B. H. Ridge 1347, L. Wilday J.D. 11, J. H. Crowther P.M. 1457 P.G. Reg. Essex, Richard Josey J.W. 1828, E. F. Day 534, F. Gabriel 860, A. G. Fidler J.W. 1237, F. H. A. Hardcastle 1328, T. Charlton 1712, D. R. Byer 1507, James Bonce 813, R. W. Bilby 19, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, H. J. Dean 1260.

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We sincerely congratulate the *Evening News* on the excellence of its Masonic Column. Its collection of news shows great judgment, and the manner in which it is conveyed leaves nothing to be desired. In its issue of the current week are several interesting paragraphs. Thus, in the first instance, it announces that the John Hervey Memorial Fund propose distributing a portion of its funds to the four highest unsuccessful candidates, male and female, immediately after the election in May next to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. But the Committee, as will be seen, are anxious the Fund should be still further increased, and in the following terms invite co-operation:—"Before closing the subscription list the committee are anxious to enlist the co-operation of those Lodges and Chapters that have not yet replied to their former appeal. They have to report that upwards of £900 having been received by them, they have already invested £800 in New Three per Cent. Annuities, in the names of four trustees, and in order fully to carry out the original benevolent intentions on which this effect is based, they earnestly ask that should your Lodge not have already contributed, it will respond with a donation, if only one of small amount." Be it added, that the sum proposed to be given to each of the four unsuccessful candidates is set down at £10. The same authority announces that the Lord Mayor, Bro. J. Whitaker Ellis W.M. No. 1, will be the Junior Grand Warden for the ensuing year.

THE THEATRES, &c.

LYCEUM.—At 7.45, ROMEO AND JULIET.

ADELPHI.—At 7.15, MY TURN NEXT. At 8, TAKEN FROM LIFE.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7, A PHOTOGRAPHIC FRIGHT. At 7.45, THE LIGHTS OF LONDON. On Monday at 2 also.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, ON AN ISLAND. At 8, THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.

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STRAND.—At 7.30, PARADISE VILLA. At 8.15, MANOLA.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES, and PATIENCE.

AVENUE.—At 8, MADAME FAVART. This day (Saturday) at 2 also.

COURT.—At 7.45, MY LITTLE GIRL. At 8.45, THE PARVENU.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, BABIL AND BIJOU.

COMEDY.—At 7.30, SEEING FROU-FROU. At 8, THE MASCOTTE. (Last night.)

GAIETY.—At 7.15, THOSE GIRLS. At 8.30, THE FORTY THIEVES.

TOOLE'S.—At 7.30, OUT AT ELBOWS. At 8.30, AUNTIE, &c.

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2	3	Lee, Sidney Edward	2427
3	25	Ashdown, Arthur Durham	2344
4	19	Fowke, Alexander W.	2285
5	4	Clark, Frederick Arthur	2279
6	57	Saville, Charles Edward	2279
7	13	Jordison, Hugh Lloyd	2277
8	10	Burgess, Harold Thomas	2257
9	58	Lewis, Francis William	2250
10	32	Hewitt, John Herbert	2238
11	42	Roe, Frederick Swyer	2235
12	67	Whittaker, William Henry	2119
13	53	Seller, Frank Russell	2115
14	7	Gurney, Charles Aubrey	2068
15	12	Jones, Cleophas C. B.	2060

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THE SO-CALLED "ANCIENT" MASONS.

IT is very doubtful if the circumstances which led to the great secession of last century will ever be satisfactorily cleared up, neither is it likely we shall ever be in a position to fix the time when the Seceders became a sufficiently compact and numerous body to justify their organising a Grand Lodge after the manner of that which governed the body with which they had severed their connection. The discovery of unknown records might help us somewhat, but though they might explain many points which are now far from being clear, and might possibly also supply more than one hiatus, I am greatly in doubt if the whole career of the Great Schism, from its inception to its culmination in the establishment of a Grand Lodge, will ever be much better known. So far, however, as I can do so, I purpose, in the present paper, to give a clear and connected sketch of the origin and progress of this so-called "Ancient" Masonry.

Very few years had elapsed after the establishment, in 1717, of our Grand Lodge ere there seemed to be the prospect of a somewhat serious schism in the ranks of the Craft. It is on record that John Duke of Montagu, who was the first nobleman chosen to be Grand Master, gave so much satisfaction to the brethren that he was nominated a second time to fill that high office. His renomination, however, gave umbrage to the friends of the eccentric Duke of Wharton. An irregular meeting was held, at which the latter nobleman was chosen Grand Master, and there seemed every likelihood of a violent disruption of the Fraternity even at this early period of its history—all this happened in 1722, or only five years after the establishment of Grand Lodge—when the Duke of Montagu, with a generosity and forbearance which must ever endear his memory to the Craft, stepped forward and waived his undoubted right in favour of his rival, and the Duke of Wharton was duly installed his successor. During the twelve years that followed, our Society appears to have made substantial progress. New Lodges were constituted at home and abroad, the brethren increased not only in numbers but in influence, and were favourably regarded by the public, and there seemed every prospect of the Craft continuing to work harmoniously. In 1734, however, when the Earl of Crawford was Grand Master, it was necessary to pass a somewhat severe enactment with a view to putting a stop to the malpractices of certain unworthy brethren who had "lately met secretly, and to the discredit of the Society," had "initiated persons into Masonry on small and inadequate fees;" and it will probably surprise most of my hearers when I tell them among the brethren who thus brought themselves under the ban of Grand Lodge was no less a person than Bro. Anthony Sayer, our first Grand Master. To this unworthy conduct, comparatively trifling as it must seem to us at the present time, is traceable, in my humble opinion, all the dissensions that followed. Moreover, it is in accordance with general experience that most of the great events which have happened in the world's history had their origin in some small and insignificant beginnings. One irregularity begets another and perhaps greater irregularity, and one departure, however slight from the letter and spirit of the law, is pretty certain to be followed by another which is not so slight. This admission of unworthy persons into the ranks of the Fraternity was sure to create trouble. They could not very well be driven out again; indeed, having regard to the short time our Grand Lodge had been in existence, any such course of proceeding would have been impolitic. Still no very serious harm would have been done if the authorities had shown greater wisdom in their administration of the Craft. But about this time, or, to be more precise, in the year 1735, extraordinary privileges were granted to the then newly-constituted Grand Stewards' Lodge. It was permitted to send to Grand Lodge a deputation of twelve members, who were allowed to wear red aprons, and vote as individuals; and it was further resolved that in future the Grand Officers should be chosen from its ranks. This, as Kloss very properly points out, was a grievous mistake, and very soon caused wide-spread dissatisfaction. Then, as now, the office of Grand Steward was an expensive one. This innovation, therefore, was tantamount to placing a premium on mere wealth, as contradistinguished from merit, and brethren began to look upon this wealth as henceforth the basis of promotion to the highest offices of the Masonic State. Such a step would have been unwise at any time, but it was additionally unwise so soon after sundry of the brethren had been taken severely to task. But a course of impolicy, having been once entered upon, was pursued to even greater lengths, and when the new edition of the Book of Constitutions made its appearance in 1738, it was found that sundry alterations had been made in the charges as published in 1723. I am not disposed to lay any great stress on these alterations, and I think it very unlikely that, had they stood alone, they would have greatly imperilled the unity of the Craft. But, following as they did on the innovations already referred to in connection with the Grand Stewards' Lodge, and the difficulties caused by the initiation of unworthy persons, there is, I imagine, no reason to doubt that these alterations brought matters to a climax, and a crisis in our history was hastened, which might have been avoided had greater wisdom been shown in the government of the society.

Thus far I have endeavoured to shew how the Masonic Schism of last century was brought about, and I think it will be pretty generally admitted that it was due, not so much to any one particular cause as to a number of causes put together. Other reasons, however, have been assigned by other writers, and this sketch would be decidedly incomplete if I omitted noticing them. Preston, for instance, in his enumeration of the causes which brought about this lamentable disunion, remarks: "A number of dissatisfied brethren, having separated themselves from the regular Lodges, held meetings in different places, for the purpose of initiating persons into Masonry, contrary to the Laws of the Grand Lodge. These Seceding brethren, taking advantage of the breach which had been made in the friendly intercourse between the Grand Lodges of London and York, on being censured for their conduct, immediately assumed, at the irregular meetings, convened without authority, the character of York Masons." Now, it appears to me, and I have the authority of the learned Findel in support of my opinion, that this notion of Preston's is entirely erroneous. I am not questioning the occurrence of the irregularities he refers to, for I have already included them among the causes which I consider to be at the bottom of the Secession, but I see no reason for importing into the controversy the G. Lodge of all England at York and its supposed disagreement with the G. Lodge in London. So far as is known, the two were on amicable terms. I have shown, in a former paper, that this was so in 1726, and again in 1767, and, moreover, at the time the feeling of dissatisfaction in the Craft was most acute, and for years afterwards, the Grand Lodge at York was in a state of dormancy. It is difficult to understamd how a body so circumstanced could have taken umbrage at the presumed

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encroachments on its authority by the London Grand Lodge, when the latter established two new Lodges in York—one in 1734 and the second in 1738. Preston observes that from the constitution of the latter "all correspondence between the two Grand Lodges ceased," as well it might have done, seeing that from 1730 to 1761 one of the two bodies was in abeyance, while I have already stated that in 1767 a communication passed between the two, in which reference was made by Grand Secretary Lambert, of York, to the discontinuance of the Lodge No. 259, Stonegate, which had been warranted by the Grand Lodge of London. There is, I think, no evidence whatever to show that, directly or indirectly, the Grand Lodge at York had anything to do with the secession of brethren from the ranks of the Grand Lodge of London, or with their subsequent establishment of the Grand Lodge of so-called "Ancient" Masons in 1753. How could it when it was all the time in abeyance?

Kloss thinks the innovations I have noted "were not by any means a sufficient reason for disunion in the Fraternity. He points out, however, that—see Findel's "History of Freemasonry," p 474—"the war in Flanders from 1741-48, brought the English and French Masons into closer proximity, who had then an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the newly-devised so-called high degrees; and with the invasion of the Pretender Charles Edward Stuart, 1745-46, an offshoot was probably transplanted into Scotland. The seeds thus disseminated had the more time to thrive as the Grand Master Byron from 1747-52, was constantly absent from the country, and the Grand Lodge became completely powerless, as no regularity in the business was observed." There is no doubt considerable force in these views, at least as to the effect of Lord Byron's absence from the country and its consequences. No doubt, too, it was the development of the Royal Arch Degree, which strengthened the determination of the seceders to remain aloof from the Grand Lodge. Yet I hold, with Findel, that the Secession began about 1738-9, and, as I have argued, I believe it arose from the measures taken against the unworthy brethren who had made Masons clandestinely and the innovations introduced into the Society in connection with the Grand Stewards' Lodge. The question, as I said at the outset, will in all probability be set at rest, and therefore I must leave my hearers to form their own opinion of the merits of the case as I have stated it.

What happened in the ranks of the Seceders prior to 1753, beyond the establishment of a Grand Committee as a governing body, is not known. Suffice it to say, that in that year a Bro. Robert Turner was chosen as Grand Master. In 1754 he was succeeded by the Hon. Edward Vaughan. In 1756 the Earl of Blessington, who had been Grand Master of Ireland in 1738-9, was elected Grand Master, and in 1760 was succeeded by the Hon. Thomas Mathew. In 1771 John, third Duke of Athole, who was Grand Master of Scotland 1773, was appointed, and after his death in 1774 John, fourth Duke of Atbole, took his place, and retained it till 1781, being chosen G. Master of Scotland in the interim—1778-9. During the year 1782 the office of Grand Master was vacant, but the authority was exercised by Bro. W. Dickey, the late Deputy Grand Master, as President of the Grand Committee. From 1783 to 1791, however, Randal Earl, and subsequently Marquis, of Antrim, Grand Master of Ireland in 1773 and 1779, was Grand Master of "the Ancients," and then the fourth Duke of Athole resumed the office, and continued to hold it till 1813, when he resigned, in order to make way for H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, and the re-union of the whole body of English Masons under one Grand Lodge. From the long connection of the Athole family with the "Ancients," it will be easy to understand how they came to be known as the "Athole" Masons.

PORTSMOUTH FREEMASONS' HALL COMPANY.—The ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Freemasons' Hall and Club Company was held in the banquet hall of the club on Monday, 10th inst., Mr. Alderman W. D. King, J.P., in the chair. The Secretary (Mr. E. S. Main) read the report and balance sheet, which declared a dividend of five per cent., and was unanimously adopted. Messrs. S. R. Ellis and J. Craven were re-elected, and Mr. J. Willmott was elected in the place of Mr. George Wilkins, as directors. The usual votes of thanks were passed, and Messrs. T. Pratt Wills and T. H. Casey were elected auditors.

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THE GRAND MASTER AT PORTSMOUTH.

ON Sunday evening H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., paid a visit to the Masonic Club, Commercial-road, Portsmouth, and was received by the Chairman of Directors (Alderman W. D. King) and the Secretary (Mr. E. S. Main), by whom His Royal Highness was escorted through the handsome Lodge and the capacious banqueting room. Before leaving, the Prince expressed his best wishes for the success of the Institution. On Tuesday at 12·30 the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1,903, of which Commander Lord Charles Beresford, who is now on duty in the Mediterranean, is the first W.M., assembled in their Lodge room, the Masonic Hall, Portsmouth, to receive the Prince of Wales, who had on the previous day intimated to Brother A. L. Emanuel, the Hon. Secretary, his desire to visit the Lodge. The staircase leading to the Lodge was dressed with red cloth, and the brethren ranged on either side of the entrance. The Prince was accompanied by Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar (who, although not a member of the Craft, was invited to be present, as it was not proposed to tyle the Lodge, the compliment being paid to His Serene Highness in recognition of the honour he had done the Lodge by allowing it to be named after him), Lord Carrington, and several Officers. His Royal Highness, on entering, was introduced to Brother H. W. Townsend the I.P.M. who is acting W.M., and conducted through the line of brethren to the Lodge, where the Officers were severally introduced. The band of the 2nd Battalion Royal Highlanders (Black Watch) were stationed below, and, under the direction of Brother Buck, played "God save the Queen," as the Lodge was entered. Bro. Silvester sang "God bless the Prince of Wales," the chorus being taken by the brethren, and Brother J. Winterbottom, the Organist, accompanying on the harmonium. Brother Townsend said: "My Lord, Gentlemen, and Brethren,—In the absence of Brother the Worshipful Master Lord Charles Beresford, it is my pleasing duty to ask you to drink the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who has kindly honoured us with his presence here to-day. It will need but few words from me to ensure for this toast a hearty reception. Scarcely twelvemonths has passed since the idea was first entertained of forming this Lodge, and I think the promoters of it could scarcely have anticipated that in so short a time it would become, as it now is, one of the strongest Lodges in the Province of Hampshire. This, I am sure, is mainly due to the fact that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and his two illustrious brothers have graciously honoured us by becoming honorary members of the Lodge. I ask you, brethren, without any further comment, to drink most heartily the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in reply, said: I thank you very much for the compliment you have paid me to-day, and I assure you it has given me great pleasure to come to this new Lodge, of which I have heard so much through your Worshipful Master, Bro. Lord Charles Beresford. It is with great pleasure I have heard and seen what I have, and experienced your kind reception. All I have now to do is to ask you to drink, as I do most cordially, the health of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, coupled with the name of your Worshipful Master Lord Charles Beresford, whose absence we all, I am sure, deeply regret to-day. Captain Haldane: On the part of the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, I beg to return our most hearty thanks to His Royal Highness for the honour he has done us in coming to this Lodge, and proposing the toast he has done. Brother Townsend next asked those present to drink the health of His Serene Highness Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar. Prince Edward said he was very obliged to them for drinking his health in that Masonic Lodge, which they had done him the honour to call after him. He felt very much flattered at it, and very much pleased indeed to have attended with His Royal Highness. The Prince then retired, and as he left the building was received with cheers by the people who were collected outside. "Albert Edward G.M." heads the list in the Lodge book, in which the other entries were:—Members of the Lodge—Bros. H. W. Townsend I.P.M., T. Page S.W., Lieutenant Sackville H. Carden, R.N., J.W., Rev. P. H. Good Chaplain, H. Threadingham Treasurer, A. L. Emanuel Secretary, R. Martyn S.D., Lieutenant Southwell T. Bourke, R.N., J.D., John Lind P.M. M.C., J. McLeod (Sergeant-Major Royal Engineers) I.G., John Winterbottom Organist, Sam P. Knight S.; P.M.'s James Knight, G. Haldane, Emanuel Hyams; William C. Primmer, Simon Hyne, George Backler, William Royston Pike, T. Tufnell, A. E. Elmes, H. Lane, J. C. Hay, Ian Fraser, W. A. Marshallsay, W. Mayhour, John G. Livesay, C. J. D. Mumby, G. L. Green, Major H. M. E. Brancker, Colonel George R. Bray, General A. Lacy, Sir H. Drummond Wolff, G. M. Nelder, J. Gieve, J. W. D. Pillow, Edward Davis. Visitors:—Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Bros. W. B. Goldsmith, E. M. Wells, R. A. Hancock, W. G. Buck, G. Reading, M. Emanuel, I. Simpson, P. H. Emanuel, Henry P. Foster, Thomas O. Harding, J. W. Gieve, W. D. Parkhouse, Lieut.-Colonel Descharmes, George Johnstone, Colonel Stanley Clarke, Lord Carrington, and R. King.—*Portsmouth Times.*

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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, 15th APRIL.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (I st.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1024—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

MONDAY, 17th APRIL.

1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7.30. (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.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7 30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—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.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Isrnel, 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, 18th APRIL.

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)
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hal, W.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, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (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.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (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
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
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
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
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. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham

WEDNESDAY, 19th 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, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
534—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1159—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1349—Friars
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
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
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
325—St. John,s Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Barslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-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, 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, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1341—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Atheneum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, 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, 20th APRIL.

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)
49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St Johns Wood
754—High Cross, Couch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction.)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1523—St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, 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
109—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
314—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
620—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
685—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
963—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1152—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, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raigan Tavern, Plumstead

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FRIDAY, 21st APRIL.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., 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)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
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
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (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, 22nd APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.

THIS Lodge, which was named after, and consecrated by, the late respected Grand Treasurer, in the year 1869, held its Installation Meeting on Wednesday. The proceedings were conducted by the W.M. Bro. Orlando Le M. Latreille, who was supported by Bros. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.M. P.G.D. (Treasurer), Charles Atkins P.M. Sec., a large proportion of members of the Lodge, and the following Visitors:—Brothers A. Ruff S.W. 95, P. H. Willson S.W. 861, A. W. Hammond 1329, G. S. Fiddes Concord 40 I.C., J. W. Tubby 1507, Arthur Thomas 1319, Edwin Child I.P.M. 538, R. J. Simpson P.G.C., S. G. Langdon J.D. 538, A. Nuthall S.W. 889, Archibald Nagle 186, Thomas Hardy 889, J. B. Sorrell jun. P.M. 176, Thomas Bicknell 538, Louis Honig 1319, John Black 1553, W. Toombs 1445, and W. W. Morgan Secretary 211. Since the election meeting, in February, a Lodge of Emergency had been held, consequently the agenda was somewhat light. Lodge was opened in the first degree, when the minutes of last regular, and the Emergency meeting, held on the 18th March, were read and confirmed. The reports of the Audit Committee, and of the Lodge Benevolent Fund Account, had been printed and sent with the summons to each of the members, consequently, on proposition made, seconded, and duly carried, these were taken as read. It was intimated, however, that £100 Consols had been purchased out of the accumulations of the Benevolent Fund. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Harris, a candidate for raising, was examined as to his proficiency. Bro. Harris, who had secured for his Mentor Bro. J. R. Cox, acquitted himself in an eminently satisfactory degree, and received the test of merit from the W.M. Bro. Harris then retired, and Lodge was opened in the third degree. In due course the ceremony of raising was proceeded with, and completed in a perfect and impressive manner, the Worshipful Master's brilliant elocutionary powers being exercised most effectively, while the organ accompaniment and musical ability of Bro. H. J. Dean added materially to the general effect. On the Lodge being resumed for the installation ceremony, Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson and Edwin Child were appointed respectively to the Senior and Junior Warden's chairs. The W.M. elect, Brother Henry Evans, Junior Warden of the past year, was introduced and obligated. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Evans installed into the chair of King Solomon. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted in the three degrees, and the following were invested as Officers:—Bros. O. L. M. Latreille Immediate P.M., Captain Joseph Heaton S.W., G. T. Salmon J.W., Jabez Hogg P.M. P.G.D. Treasurer, Charles Atkins Secretary, John Brockett Sorrell P.M. 176 S.D., J. Mansell J.D., J. H. Southwood P.M. Master of Cer., T. G. Reason I.G., H. J. Dean Org., J. R. Cox and S. Hart Baker Stewards, C. T. Speight P.M. 27 (Prov. G. Tyler Surrey) Tyler. Bro. Latrielle then delivered the addresses, and that in a manner we may fairly say we have never heard surpassed. The next feature to record is the presentation to Bro. Latreille of the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, which is one to be prized, inasmuch as it bears an artistic presentment of the features of the late Brother John Hervey. Brother Evans, in making the presentation, remarked of Brother Latreille that no brother had ever occupied the chair with greater honour to the Lodge. Brother Latrielle, in suitable terms, acknowledged the compliment, and then routine work received attention. A letter of resignation was tendered, and accepted with regret. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and hearty good wishes having been expressed, Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was served by Bro. Alfred Best, under the superintendence of Bro. Dawkins. The Loyal toasts were loyally received, and the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" sung. With the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present, was associated the names of the Rev. R. J. Simpson and Jabez Hogg. The former, in the course of his remarks in response, said there was a peculiarly happy and melancholy association with this Lodge. Taken as a tribute to men who have won their spurs in the heat and burden of the day, no greater compliment could be paid than the perpetuation of their names. The late Bro. John Hervey's was an example the members of this Lodge were specially enjoined to follow, and the precepts he so earnestly inculcated they were avowed to defend. Their obligation to do this, therefore, must be looked upon as no idle form. There was a peculiar tie binding them to him who, though dead, yet speaketh. He (Bro. Simpson) had stood at the cradle of this Lodge, and when he looked around he seemed to think the spirit of old John Hervey rested on the Lodge, and he hoped that it may do so for many years to come. Bro. Simpson next related an interesting incident that occurred a few days since. An elderly lady with whom he had made casual acquaintance had in the course of a brief conversation somewhat startled him with the assertion, that to Freemasons we must look to unite the world. This remark had struck a chord within him which he felt he could cordially respond to. Our Society is the only Society in the world which unites all religious bodies, and he sincerely hoped that Freemasonry might bring about the consummation so devoutly to be wished,—that the brotherhood of nations might be universally cemented, and that peace and happiness might reign supreme. Brother Latreille proposed the health of the W.M. This, he might say, was the toast of the evening. The unanimous manner in which Brother Evans was voted to the chair denoted that he had secured the goodwill of the members. It was the wish of all that his year of office should be a successful one, and that they might have an accession of good men and true to join the brotherhood of the Lodge. Bro. Evans, in replying, thanked Bro. Latreille. This was indeed a proud moment in his life. He had striven hard to attain his exalted position, and he would exert himself to the uttermost to fulfil his duties. He knew he had a most difficult task before him; he had to follow most competent men, but he felt that if he could succeed in satisfying himself he should be able to please the brethren. He hoped the Lodge would increase, but he would impress upon the members to keep it what it had so long been,—a united and happy family. He felt assured all would assist him in sustaining the prestige and reputation of the John Hervey Lodge. The Visitors were next complimented by the W.M., and Bros. Willson, Sorrell, and Pearson replied. In replying for the Past Masters, Bro. Latreille said that individually he scarcely knew what to say in acknowledgment of the many kind things the W.M. had said of him. He could say this, however, he had striven to the best of his ability to carry out the duties of the installation ceremony, and he could but be gratified at the appreciation that had been vouchsafed his efforts. The jewel he should prize most highly; he could never look upon the figure-head thereon without remembering the man, and he strenuously impressed on all, especially the younger brethren, to omit no effort to add to the lustre of the name they bore. Brother Jabez Hogg, after thanking the members for the cordiality with which they had received his name in connection with the toast, said, he had undertaken to say a few words in respect to the Masonic Charities, which, as the Worshipful Master had remarked, were the wonder and envy of the outer world. Bro. Hogg referred to the clearance of the Girls' list on Saturday last; this was most gratifying. Personally, he had examined the list carefully, and found the claims advanced for the several candidates rendered it most desirable that all should participate in the benefits the Committee were happily in a position to be able to afford. He urged on the members for one of their number to offer his services as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The claims upon that Institution just now were exceptionally heavy. He could promise, on behalf of the Lodge, that £10 10s would be voted to head the list, and he felt assured the brethren would loyally respond. It was matter for gratification that at the Festival, in February last, of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Bro. P.M. Southwood (whose absence this evening all regretted) took up the second highest list. The Institutions were essentially the jewel in the Masonic crown, and were indeed worthy of all the support that could be extended to them. Bro. Charles Atkins also replied. He was much gratified at being re-appointed Secretary, and looked forward to receiving the continued and hearty support of the members, one and all. In responding for the toast of the Masonic Press, Bro. Morgan expressed his thanks for the recognition of services rendered by the Masonic newspapers. He had listened to the remarks of Bro. Hogg with much pleasure, and felt the work he had to do that evening would be fitly consummated if the W.M. could allow him to announce that he would act upon their worthy Treasurer's suggestion and consent to serve as a Steward. Several of the members endorsed this, and we think we do not err when we say that Bro. Binckes may count on the assistance of Bro. Evans in order to ensure the success of his Festival in June next. Bro. Captain Heaton next responded to the toast of the Officers, and then the Tyler was summoned. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. H. J. Dean, Organist of the Lodge, who was ably assisted by Miss Marian Linton, and Bros. Arthur Thomas and Honig. Taken altogether, the meeting was one of the most enjoyable we ever attended.

An Emergency meeting of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, will be held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Wednesday next, the 19th instant.

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ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE, No. 1305.

THE annual meeting for the installation of W.M. of this Lodge took place on the 12th inst., at the Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood, when there were present Bros. E. W. Timewell W.M., B. Phillips S.W., Edward White J.W., Joseph Chaplin Treasurer, J. L. Baker Secretary, F. C. Mouflet S.D., H. Hill J.D., M. W. Halliday I.G., J. Drake Steward, several members, and the following Visitors:—B. L. Wilson I.G. 1366, John McCrutchin 511, E. D. Willing W.M. 9, E. J. Scott P.M. 749, B. H. Swallow P.M. 1563, E. B. Cox P.M. 1563, J. Garnham 933, W. F. Franklin 127, F. Higgins 280, John Webb W.M. 1223, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107. Lodge having been opened, and the customary formalities duly observed, Bro. White assumed the chair and proceeded to confer the third degree on Bro. Edwards. The W.M. resumed the gavel, and passed Bro. S. Myers, after which Bro. Phillips was presented for installation, and Bro. White, who again occupied the east, proceeded to obligate and regularly place him in the chair, performing the ceremony in his usual able style. The new W.M. having been saluted, appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. White S.W., Mouflet J.W., Jos. Chaplain Treasurer, Baker Secretary, Hill S.D., Halliday J.D., Prescott I.G., Drake Steward, Smith M.C. The ceremony of installation having been completed, the newly installed Master proceeded to initiate Mr. Charles Frederick Bonham into the Order, after which Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the banquet room, where a well-served repast was supplied. At its conclusion grace was sung, and then the toasts usual to these occasions were honoured. The toast of the Queen, the W.M. said, was at all times a pleasing one to members of the Craft. He had much pleasure in proposing it, coupled with Success to the Craft. In giving that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, he felt he could not say anything in favour of their Grand Master, he being so often spoken of, and his many good qualities being so well known, that anything he might say would not be in favour, but merely in support of, the general opinion. He was a good man, a good Mason, a good father, and generally an exemplification of what a man should be. The toast of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Officers Present and Past, was next honoured. Bro. Timewell proposed the W.M. He considered the duty he was called upon to perform was a very pleasing one—that of proposing the health of the W.M. He gave it with a great deal of pleasure. He had known Bro. Phillips many years, both in and out of Masonry, and he might say the acquaintance had always redounded to his own benefit and the credit of their W.M. He hoped the year during which he had to preside over the Lodge would be successful, and that Bro. Phillips would enjoy his presidency of the St. Marylebone Lodge. The W.M. having tendered his thanks, proposed the health of the I.P.M. It was usual on such occasions as the present, after a brother had passed through the chair, to present him with some little memento that he might remember the evenings he had spent as president of a Masonic Lodge. He considered it somewhat out of the ordinary to fill the chair of the St. Marylebone Lodge, from the fact that the brethren were particularly devoted to the chair. They had most unanimously voted a jewel—he might say a very handsome jewel—to their I.P.M., and he (the W.M.) was pleased to place it on his breast with the hope that he might live long to wear it. He felt it was agreed that the I.P.M. was worthy of the honour. He had been a good Master and was really a good man. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented by the
ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE, No. 1305,
To Bro. W. Timewell P.M.
For his valuable services as Worshipful Master
for the year ending 12th April 1882.

The I.P.M. in reply said, he had for several years past filled various offices in the Lodge with, he might say, but one object in view—the possession of the P.M.'s jewel. He need not therefore say how much he appreciated it. He felt he might take the opportunity of expressing his obligations to the Officers of the Lodge for the way in which they had assisted him during his year of office. The Master next gave the toast of the Initiate—a toast always sure of a welcome in every Masonic Lodge. He was particularly pleased to see new members in the St. Marylebone Lodge, especially when they were such brethren as Bro. Bonham. He had had the pleasure of introducing his father and uncles to the Order, and he thought that as the son desired to join, he could not do better than introduce him also. It would indeed be a pity if worthy young men such as he, who really desired to join the Craft, should be allowed to remain outside. As a Mason he was now very pleased to greet him, and, as the initiate of the evening, glad to call upon the brethren to drink his health. The newly-admitted brother tendered his thanks. He was very proud to be in the position of a Freemason. He hoped he might always act as a brother should act, and trusted he might never disgrace the confidence placed in him that evening. The toast of the Visitors followed, from the chair. The members of the St. Marylebone Lodge were always known for their desire to give their visitors the very best entertainment, both in Lodge and out of it, which lay in their power. He, as Worshipful Master, was proud in welcoming so many distinguished guests as he saw around him that night, and felt he justly expressed the opinion of his Lodge when he said they were really proud of the brethren present that evening. Bro. Swallow was the first to reply. He thanked the Worshipful Master and the members generally. The W.M. was an old friend, and he was very glad to be present to witness his installation into the chair of the St. Marylebone Lodge, wherein he trusted he might spend as pleasant evenings as they had spent together in the City of Westminster Lodge. Bros. Willey, Webb, and Wilson followed, each tendering the good wishes of the Visitors for the successful future of the Lodge. The W.M. next had the pleasure of introducing a toast which he felt would be heartily received by all—that of the Installing Master. He considered that the brethren who had missed the installation ceremony that evening had really missed a great treat, for it might truly be said that their Bro. Senior Warden was capable of and had performed the ceremony perfectly—he might say beautifully. He was really an ornament to the Lodge, and one of whom they ought to be proud. He had the whole of the ritual at his fingers ends, knowing every degree, and working them in that quiet way that induced him to say Bro. White was really one of the best Masons it was possible to find. He was pleased at having the opportunity of speaking of him in that way, as he felt he deserved it. Bro. White thanked the brethren. The present was not the first occasion on which he had the pleasure of installing Bro. Phillips, nor the first occasion on which he had been called upon to work the ceremony in this Lodge. By a strange coincidence they had occupied positions just the reverse to what they now filled some short time since in another Lodge. He was W.M., and Bro. Phillips S.W., and he then had the pleasure of placing the present W.M. in the chair. He was proud of being called upon to do so again. The Master proposed the health of the Past Masters, of whom he was pleased to see so many present. Indeed he was at all times pleased to see Past Masters in a Lodge, especially so when they attended with the view of rendering any assistance to the Lodge that lay in their power. Such he might justly say was the case with the Past Masters of the St. Marylebone Lodge. After a reply from one of the Past Masters, the Master gave the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. He had known Bro. Treasurer many years, and felt the brethren could not have done better than entrust him with the office, while the same might be said of the Secretary, who, since his connection with the Lodge, had done everything he could for its welfare. Personally, he had to thank the Secretary for his kind help in the arrangements for the installation; without him the W.M. felt he should have been at a loss to know how to get the work done. Each having replied, the Master toasted the Officers, and then the Tyler was summoned; he concluded the proceedings. We must certainly congratulate the Worshipful Master on the success of the meeting, which necessarily depended in great measure on his exertions. A first-rate musical programme was arranged, the artistes being Bro. Arthur Thompson, and Hubbard, H. P. Matthews, and J. Kift.

Lodge of Hope, No. 433.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge, held on the 3rd instant, at Brightlingsea, was rendered specially interesting by the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. C. Blyth, one of the oldest and most respected P.M.'s. There was a good gathering of members of the Lodge, and two or three visitors were also present. The secret had been so well kept, that when the W.M. rose to make the presentation, the worthy brother who was to be the recipient of it was wholly taken by surprise. The W.M. remarked that he had very great pleasure in being the mouthpiece of the Lodge on that occasion. In some Lodges each P.M. received a jewel on leaving the chair as a matter of course, but in the Lodge of Hope that was not the custom, and jewels were only given in rare cases, and in recognition of special services. Many good and esteemed brethren had presided over the Lodge of Hope from time to time, and there was no desire to detract from their valuable services, but all felt that Bro. Blyth had been so kind in helping forward Freemasonry, both in the Lodge working and by instructing the younger members, besides endearing himself to them all by his sterling good qualities, that some recognition of them was due. The W.M. then placed the jewel on Bro. Blyth's left breast, expressing a hope that that worthy brother might live long to wear it, and that after he was called from this sublunary abode his children would value it as a memento of the esteem in which their father was held among his brethren. Bro. Blyth, who was deeply moved, said this little episode had taken him so much by surprise that he felt quite incapable of giving expression to his thanks in words. He assured them that their kindness brought to his mind his many shortcomings, but if he had been of any help to Freemasonry generally, and to the Lodge of Hope in particular, he was very gratified. He had been actuated in what he had done by a love for Freemasonry, and he should ever value most highly the handsome present they had given him. After the Lodge was closed the brethren spent a pleasant couple of hours at the social board. Among the toasts, that of the Past Masters was coupled with the name of Bro. Blyth, who again took occasion to thank his brethren for the token of their esteem which they had given him. He jocularly remarked that he had been called the "Schoolmaster" of the Lodge; for his part, he thought the scholars had beaten the schoolmaster. Among those present on this interesting occasion were Bros. Thos. J. Balling P.M. 51 P.G. Sec. Essex, Geo. Harvey P.M. 697, R. Clowes S.W. 650, and the following members of No. 433:—W. Bros. R. D. Popplewton W.M., John Dean I.P.M.; P.M.'s Bros. J. Richardson, G. Riches, H. York, W. S. Ling, R. Atthill, C. Blyth, W. Bragg; J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Sec.; Bros. S. Lord S.W., J. Bowdell J.W., J. Downs S.D., A. Smith J.D., J. French I.G., T. Wilson Tyler; also Bros. F. Cross, Edward Frost, C. Fisher, G. Ainger, J. Wheeler, W. H. Martin, and A. Went.

Speaking of our Charities, the *Evening News* says:—

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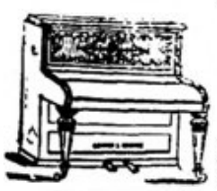

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FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

THE March number of our esteemed contemporary, the *Masonic Record of Western India* has just reached us. It contains the usual quantum of interesting matter, from which we glean the following particulars :—

In the course of his address at the meeting on 27th December last of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, the District Grand Master referred at considerable length to a difference which had arisen between him and the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry, owing to the establishment by the latter of a Scotch Lodge "Caledonia, No. 661," at Mussoorie, where there was already the English Lodge "Dalhousie, No. 639." When first he heard of this, the D.G.M. said, he anticipated that some unpleasantness might arise in consequence, and with a view to prevent this he addressed himself to Bro. Captain Morland acting G. Master of the Scottish Craft in the absence of Bro. Balfour. Matters seem also to have been somewhat complicated by the action of Bro. Fitch P.M. of the Dalhousie Lodge. The difference does not appear to have yet terminated, but it is only just we should observe of the action taken by the D. Grand Master of Bengal to say, that he has apparently acted throughout the affair with a due regard to the principles of the Fraternity. In the course of the proceedings a vote of condolence with Mrs. Garfield, widow of Brother Garfield, late President of the United States, was unanimously agreed to. It was also announced that, as the result of the labours entrusted to the Committee appointed to do honour to the late D.G. Tyler Bro. J. Blessington Roberts, who had held that office for the period extending from 1848 to 1875, it had been resolved to erect a cenotaph to him, and to have his portrait hung in their banqueting hall; and before D.G. Lodge was closed the portrait in question was unveiled by the D.G. Master The following are the District Grand Officers for the year 1882 :—Bros Hon. Justice Prinsep D.G.M., W. D. Cruickshank D.D.M., W. H. Fitze S.W., Adam Paxton Junior Warden, Rev. T. J. Rawson Chaplain, A. P. Handley Registrar, H. M. Rustomjee Secretary, W. R. Barry Senior Deacon, W. Girling Junior Deacon, G. T. Sparke Superintendent of Works, P. C. Dutt Dir. of Cers., W. C. Bishop Assistant Dir. of Cers., W. Ames S. Bearer, F. F. Handley Organist, J. S. Old Purs., Geo. Alexander D. G. Tyler, R. B. West, J. Louis, and J. C. Banerji Stewards.

At the last meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay, a long correspondence was read in reference to a question some time before raised, as to whether it was competent for an Irish or Scotch regularly Installed Master to occupy the chair of an English Lodge in the absence of the Installed Masters of that Lodge. Such a case had, it seems, occurred in Queensland, the result being that the work of the English Lodge had had to be done all over again. It had also been ruled in 1879, by the then Deputy Grand Master of Bombay, that it was incompetent for a foreign Installed Master to perform the duties of the chair. Under these circumstances, it seems to have been thought desirable to obtain the opinion of the responsible authorities of the Grand Lodge of England, the upshot being that Grand Registrar has expressed it as "his individual opinion," that although it would not be *illegal* under the above circumstances" (as described) "to allow a Foreign Installed Master to sit in the E. chair, it ought to be done under *most exceptional circumstances*." Grand Secretary Clerke, after consultation with Grand Registrar, writes, "as it is always considered that at the conferring of degrees an Installed Master should occupy the chair (although not necessarily working the ceremony), there seems no reason why the Wardens, with the concurrence of the brethren, should not invite some English P.M.—not a member of the Lodge, or failing such, a Foreign regularly Installed Master—to occupy the chair during the ceremony, the Wardens still remaining responsible for its procedure and discipline." Brother McIntyre's letter was addressed to the D. Grand Secretary of Bombay, and Bro. Clerke's to the D. G. Secretary of Queensland.

The Quarterly Communication of all Scottish Freemasonry in India was held in Freemasons' Hall, Nesbit-lane, Byculla, on 28th January, under the presidency of Bro. Balfour Grand Master, who was supported by M. W. Bro. Mackintosh Balfour Grand Master, R. W. Brothers Captain Henry Morland Immediate Past Grand Master, K. R. Cama Hon. Depute Grand Master, J. D. Wadia Khan Bahadoor Hon. Depute Grand Master, J. Y. Lang Sub. Grand Master, M. C. Murzban Khan Bahadoor Hon. Sub. Grand Master, D. P. Mehta G. Senior Warden, J. R. Johnson G. Junior Warden, C. D. Furdoonjee G. Junior Warden, E. Freeborn Grand Secretary, W. Bro. Darasha S. Tarapoorwalla G. Treasurer, R. W. Bros. R. V. Reid Grand Senior Deacon, D. D. Shroff Grand Jeweller, W. Fearn Grand Bible Bearer, W. Bros. M. M. Cowser Grand Koran Bearer, Janardhan Gopal 3rd Grand Director of Ceremonies, R. W. Bro. Mirza Hoossein Khan 2nd Grand Standard Bearer, W. Bros. Meer Abdool Ali 2nd Grand Marshal, F. Mahon as G. Pursuivant, J. C. Houghland Grand Tyler, and a number of representatives and members.

The principal business of the meeting was the passing of a resolution of sympathy with His Excellency Bro. Sir James Ferguson, Bart., K.C.M.G., &c., Governor of Bombay, at the great loss recently sustained by him through the death of Lady Ferguson. The resolution was unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be engraved on vellum, and transmitted to His Excellency at an early date.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Joshua Nunn President, James Brett Junior Vice-President, and Rev. A. F. A. Woodford Past Grand Chaplain, occupied the three chairs. There was not a large attendance of brethren. The Lodge first confirmed recommendations made at last meeting to the extent of £235. There were thirty-seven new cases on the list. Thirty-three of these were relieved, with a total of £775. Two cases were deferred, being incomplete, and two cases were dismissed as not being entitled to relief.

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THE SO-CALLED "ANCIENT" MASONS.

(Concluded from page 266.)

SETTING aside the question, when and under what circumstances the Great Secession of last century arose, there is no doubt that, after the establishment of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge in 1753, and especially under the auspices of Bro. Laurence Dermott, author of the Ahimon Rezon, or Book of Constitutions of the Masonic Body of which he was so distinguished a member—if, indeed, I may not go the length of calling him its main pillar—the Schismatics went on rapidly increasing in numbers. But especially was this the case when, in 1771, John, third Duke of Athole, accepted the office of Grand Master, and, as has already been remarked, it is to his influence and that of his successor in the Dukedom, who presided over that section of the English Craft for two periods, amounting together to twenty-eight years, that the members were as frequently called "Athole" as they were "Ancient" Masons. Not only were numerous Lodges founded in London and the Provinces, but Provincial Grand Lodges were established in the Colonies, especially in those situated in North America. In fact, though Provincial Grand Deputations were granted by England, before a Schism was dreamt of—though not before dissatisfaction had broken out in the ranks of the English Craft—many of the parent G. Lodges of the United States of North America owe their origin rather to the Deputations granted by the "Ancients" than to those of its rival, or of the *one* Grand Lodge of England anterior to 1750. Thus in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, the Carolinas, &c., there were Lodges which owed their origin to the Regular Grand Lodge of England, and though some of these still exist, the Constituted Grand Lodges trace their descent rather from the "Ancients" than the "Moderns," this being, however, a matter of no great moment, now that the distinction between the two bodies no longer exists. As showing, however, the extent to which the schism prevailed, it is worthy of note, that of the 333 Lodges constituted prior to the Union of 1813, which are still on the roll of our United Grand Lodge—the highest number is 339, but six of them no longer remain—no less than 126 worked under the régime of the "Ancients." This coupled with what I have said as to its wide ramifications both at home and abroad is sufficient to show how influential a body it must have been, and consequently how deep is the debt of gratitude we owe to the Dukes of Kent and Sussex, and their distinguished coadjutor, the Earl of Moira, afterwards Marquis of Hastings, for having healed the wounds which, for three parts of a century, had afflicted Freemasonry in England.

Another feature in connection with the "Ancients" deserves attention. It is often stated that more intimate relations existed between the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland and the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients" than with the "Regular" Grand Lodge, and that, as regards Scotland, it was not till the Earl of Moira visited Edinburgh, in the early years of this century, that our Scottish brethren were fully informed of the circumstances of Freemasonry in England, its division into two bodies, and the mutual recriminations in which those bodies indulged. It is certainly the case that with the exception of Lord Aberdour, who was Grand Master of the "Regular" Grand Lodge of London from 1757 to 1761, and Grand Master of Scotland in 1755-56, no Regular Grand Master in England had any part in the Government, as Grand Master, of the Craft in Scotland from 1753 till the year 1806-7, when the Earl of Moira, Acting Grand Master of the "Regular" or "Modern" Lodge, was elected Grand Master of Scotland. On the other hand, both the Dukes of Athole were Grand Masters of Scotland as well as of the "Ancients," the third Duke, as stated in the earlier portion of this paper, in 1773, and the fourth Duke in 1778-79; while, as regards Ireland, the greater intimacy between its Grand Lodge and the "Ancients" is, no doubt, to be explained by the fact that the Earl of Blessington, the Hon. Thomas Mathew, and the Earl, afterwards Marquis, of Antrim, who were Grand Masters of the "Ancients" or "Seceders" in 1756-60, 1766-70, and 1783-91 respectively, were connected with the Craft in Ireland, the Earl of Blessington as Grand Master in 1738-9, the Earl of Antrim as Grand Master in 1778 and again in 1779, and the Hon. T. Mathew as Provincial Grand Master of Munster.

A few words seem necessary respecting Bro. Laurence Dermott, who, as I have suggested, must be looked upon as the genius of the "Ancients." It is true that but little is known of him beyond the fact that he came originally from Ireland—another circumstance which will doubtless in great measure help to account for the close intimacy that existed between Ireland and our "Ancient" friends. He, in the first instance, occupied the position of Grand Secretary, and afterwards became Deputy Grand Master. He is best known, however, by his celebrated work, already referred to, the "Ahimon Rezon," the first edition of which appeared in 1756, the second in 1764, while others were published subsequently. He is also usually credited with having introduced the "Royal Arch," at all events as the speciality which characterised the Masonic creed of the "Ancients" and distinguished it from that of the "Regular" Craft. Though enthusiastic in the interests of his own section of English Freemasonry, he was by no means slow to take a leaf out of the book of his rivals; and the better regulations for the government of the "Regular" Masons, introduced by Brother, afterwards Lord, Ward, were adopted by him *en bloc*.

Two or three other points may also be noted. Firstly, the Dukes of Athole, two of whom played so dististinguished a part in connection with the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients," have since retained their interest in the Craft, the sixth Duke having been Grand Master of Scotland from 1846 to 1863, while the present, or seventh Duke, is also a distinguished member of the Scottish Craft. Another point in connection with the "Ancients" is the plan they adopted by which a Lodge holding an inferior place on the roll of their Grand Lodge might purchase a superior one by paying a certain sum to the Fund of Charity. Thus, if, we will say, Lodge No. 35 ceased to be in active working, Lodge No. 145—to take any number for the purpose of illustration—might purchase the warrant for a sum of guineas paid over to the aforesaid Fund of Charity. This, of course, complicates the labours of such zealous investigators of Masonic history as Bros. Hughan and Gould, the latter of whom appears to have taken the "Athole" Lodges under his especial charge. A third point more properly concerns the Calendar Committee of our Board of General Purposes, which, without due reflection, appears to have taken upon itself to place the present Lodges Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 15, which were all "Ancient," on the same footing as the "Modern" Nos. 2 and 4, which remain of the "Four Old Lodges" which, in 1717, established the Grand Lodge of England. Now, as the readers of Findel may discover for themselves, the real "Ancients" are unquestionably, the so-called "Moderns," while the real "Moderns" are the self-styled "Ancients," as it was the latter who seceded from the original *one* Grand Lodge of England. It was no doubt intended by these rival designations to distinguish between the brethren who upheld what were deemed to be the true principles of "Ancient" Masonry as they were enunciated in the days anterior to 1717, from those who upheld the principles laid down by the Grand Lodge constituted in that year. Still, it cannot be denied that the Seceders were, in the order of things, junior to the body from which they separated, and the terms as they were applied to themselves and the Lodges holding under the 1717 Grand Lodge are consequently misleading. Moreover, as the "Four Old Lodges," to which we owe the establishment of the Speculative system of Freemasonry, alone existed before that event, it follows that even the oldest of the Athole Lodges must have been established at known dates, and this is shown in Bro. Kenning's "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," where, on the authority of Brother Hughan, the dates of the foundation of these Lodges are given as follow:—No. 3 in 1784; No. 5 in 1752; Nos. 7, 9, and 11 in 1751; No. 13 in 1785; and No. 15 in 1752. The application of "Time Immemorial" to these Lodges seems, therefore, to be terribly misapplied.

I have now completed my—I fear, imperfect—sketch of the so-called "Ancient" Masons. That they did good work may not be denied; our present Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is partly of "Ancient" origin, but that till the year 1813 they were anything else than schismatics is equally undeniable. However, there is no longer any such distinction prevailing in our midst. Time healed the wounds of our

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English Craft. The wise counsels of the chiefs of its two sections prevailed, and Freemasonry in this country has now been a united body for close on seventy years. I am sure that, in expressing a hope that perfect harmony may continue to exist in our Fraternity, all who read or hear this paper read will heartily join me in echoing the solemn Masonic response, "So Mote it be!"

The Shire Hall, Chelmsford, was a scene of gaiety and festivity on Thursday evening, when a Ball in aid of the Royal Masonic Charitable Institutions was held under the auspices of the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, and with the patronage of Lord Tenterden Provincial Grand Master Essex and Lady Tenterden, the Earl of Rosslyn Past Grand Master Scotland and the Countess of Rosslyn, and Bros. Philbrick, Q.C., Deputy Prov. Grand Master Essex, Rev. C. J. Martyn Deputy Prov. Grand Master Suffolk, Lieut.-Col. Somerville-Burney Provincial Grand Deacon, &c., &c., Brother Dan Godfrey's band was in attendance, and played an attractive programme of dance music. It will be readily understood that Terpsichore had it all her own way, and so charmed her numerous votaries that their dispersion was deferred till the latest possible moment. We trust our Charities will reap a harvest that will be in some degree commensurate with the enjoyment which was experienced by all present.

At the next regular meeting, at the Red Lion, Barnet, of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No 1385, Bro. W. W. Morgan will read his paper on "The Masonic Institutions; their Establishment and Development," which has already been delivered in several Lodges, and has uniformly experienced a most appreciative reception. This is a further testimony of the value of our suggestions that the introduction of new and unaccustomed work into the proceedings of our Lodge gatherings would be sure to prove most welcome. We trust the example set by the Gladsmuir will be followed elsewhere.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED AS UNDER:—

At the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on Monday, 24th instant, at 7 o'clock p.m. precisely. Bro. Moss S.D. 1275 will preside; Bros. T. J. Barnes S.W., W. H. Myers J.W., T. Wooding I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Hammond, Brittain, Hubbert, Wooding, Stephens, B. Cundick, and T. J. Barnes. Second Lecture—Bros. W. J. Musto, Eschwege, Stewart, Pringle, and W. H. Myers. Third Lecture—Bros. Musto, McDonald, and Taylor. Bro. B. Stewart Hon. Sec.

At the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901, at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, on Thursday, 27th instant, at 7 o'clock p.m. precisely. Bro. George Andrews P.M. 871 and Preceptor Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, will occupy the chair of W.M. The attendance of brethren is requested. Bros. J. W. Brooke Preceptor, and A. J. Bellis Hon. Sec.

At the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 29th instant, at 7 p.m. punctually. Bros. H. G. Gush W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., J. A. Powell J.W., R. Pearcy I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. E. Wolf, W. Williams, G. Ferrar, F. Brasted, C. K. Killick, D. Moss, and J. A. Powell. Second Lecture—Bros. H. Hall, R. Pearcy, C. Weeden, C. Lorkin, and R. P. Forge. Third Lecture—Bros. A. W. Fenner, E. Dignam, and A. Trewinnard. Bros. A. W. Fenner Hon. Sec., R. Pearcy Preceptor.

Bro. Macchiavelli deserves the thanks of all lovers of music for the excellence of the programme he furnished at his evening concert on Tuesday evening, at the Beethoven Rooms, 27 Harley-street, Cavendish-square. Moreover, the artists who gave effect to the programme very greatly distinguished themselves, and the audience, which was a numerous one, gave hearty and frequent expression to the pleasure they experienced. Let it suffice if we note the more prominent features of the concert. In part I. the violin obligato of Signor G. Erba was very finely rendered, and the encore awarded to Signor Tito Mattei for his piano solo was most justly deserved. The trio of Donizetti's, in which Mdlle. Avigliani and Signori Macchiavelli and Bonetti took part went extremely well, but, to our mind, the gentlemen were not sufficiently careful to encompass their voices, the consequence being that the lady was scarcely audible. In Part II. Signor Erba again distinguished himself, Prune's "Mélancolie," especially in the last movement, being played splendidly. Miss Merten and Signor Bonetti well deserved their recall for the duet "Dunque io son," from Rossini's *Barber of Seville*, and Signor Zoboli was very droll in his Aria-Buffa "Femmine, Femmine," by Fioravanti. Bro. Macchiavelli sang with great expression "When other Lips," from Balfe's "Bohemian Girl," and Signor Bonetti marked another success by his singing of Tosti's "Good-bye." In the hands of Signor A. Romili, as conductor, everything went well, and the audience separated thoroughly well satisfied with the entertainment afforded them.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Meeing held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on the 15th instant. Present—Bros. J. A. Powell W.M., Dignam S.W., C. Weeden J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, C. Lorkin S.D., Brasted J.D., Marks I.G.; also Bros. Sharpe, R. M. Jones, G. Ferrar, Gush, Williams sen., Williams jun., Archer, Robinson, Sillis, Forge, H. Hall, &c. All formalities were duly observed. Bro. G. Ferrar proved himself an efficient Fellow Craft, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history, Bro. G. Ferrar candidate. The ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M. in an excellent manner. Bro. Powell afterwards worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. F. Sillis, of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, Sections will be worked in this Lodge on the 29th instant; full par- was elected a member, and Bro. Dignam appointed to preside at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned. The Fifteen ticulars are given in another column.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—At the meeting held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 14th instant, there were present Bros. J. N. Bate W.M., A. Lucas S.W., H. Williams J.W., Plant Martin S.D., A. P. Baxter J.D., H. Goodwin I.G., James Stevens P.M. Hon. Preceptor, J. S. Terry P.M. Secretary, J. W. Watts P.M., J. B. Sargeant, A. T. Chambers, C. H. Phillips, J. Wilmot, J. D. Smith, J. J. James and others. The business comprised the working of the ceremonies in the first and second degrees, with proofs of proficiency and explanations by the Preceptor. It having been stated that Bro. A. T. Chambers would shortly leave England for a permanent residence at the Cape of Good Hope, the hearty good wishes of the brethren were expressed towards Bro. Chambers, who received the same with evident pleasure and satisfaction. Lodge was then closed.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—At the Jacob's Well, 13 George-street, Manchester-square, on Friday, 14th April. Present—Bros. Fromholz W.M., Jones S.W., Bellerby J.W., Wilson S.D., Chambers J.D., T. A. Smith I.G., G. Coop Preceptor, H. Moore Secretary; also Bros. Tribble P.M., Dairy P.M., R. D. Smith, Butson, Tilhon, &c. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Tribble candidate. Bro. T. A. Smith gave the charge. The Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the first and second sections of the lecture. The W.M. gave the charge in each degree. Bro. Dairy called the attention of the brethren to the result of the recent elections for the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and expressed the opinion that, with proper organisation the London Lodges might, and ought to be, better represented in those results. He recommended brethren who were subscribers to examine the matter in an impartial manner; and he thought that having done so, they would coincide with him. After other brethren had expressed their views, this discussion was adjourned. Bro. Coop expressed the pleasure he and several volunteers had experienced during their visit to Portsmouth, by their reception at the Portsmouth Masonic Club. He was present during the visit of the M.W.G.M., and desired, on behalf of the brethren, to express their thanks for the honour that had been done them and the Craft in general. Bro. Coop also informed the brethren that Bro. Stevens had promised to deliver his lecture on Masonic Ritual, and it was proposed and carried that Bro. Stevens be invited to attend this Lodge on the 9th of May. After other business, several new members were elected.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—On Saturday, 15th instant, at the Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal Green Junction, Bros. Clarke W.M., Brittain S.W., Bonner J.W., Richardson S.D., Stewart J.D., Musto Preceptor, Hand Honorary Secretary, Sturtevant jun. I.G. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The W.M. opened Lodge in the second degree, and Bro. Loveday answered the questions leading to the third, and in due course was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. Stewart worked the first section, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Clarke vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Moss. Bro. Brittain S.W. was elected W.M. for next week. The balance sheet for the year was received and adopted. Bro. Musto was re-elected Preceptor, Dardenne Treasurer, Hand Hon. Sec. Bro. Moss kindly volunteered to act as Deputy Preceptor in the absence of Bro. Musto, on occasions when the latter might not be able to attend. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was passed to Bros. Musto, Dardenne, and Hand, for services they had rendered, while fitting acknowledgment was made to Bro. Moss for the kindness he had shown in offering his services. It was also arranged that Bro. Moss should preside as W.M. for the purpose of working the Fifteen Sections. Nothing farther offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed and adjourned till Saturday, the 22nd instant.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held on Monday, 17th April, at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Bros. Clements W.M., Brittain S.W., Scheerboom J.W., T. J. Barnes Treasurer, B. Stewart Secretary, Hammond S.D., Bull J.D., T. Wooding Preceptor, Moss I.G. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Barnes candidate. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Hammond assisted the W.M. to work the first section of the lecture. Bro. Brittain was unanimously elected W.M. for Monday, 1st May.

Holloway's Pills are securities of health to all nations, of whatever clime. They having given hope, relief, and comfort to millions. In constitutions debilitated by excesses of any kind, or in general prostration of the system, their effect is tonic and restorative. They eradicate from the system the mortal cause of ailment, and renew in the frame its pristine animation, health and vigour. They greatly increase the appetite, give tone to the stomach, assist the digestion, and impart elasticity to the spirits; their essence enters the circulation, and carried through its course exerts its cleansing power over every organ. In the lungs they effect most striking changes, converting the impure venous into pure arterial blood, by which the whole frame is recruited and interstitial deposits removed.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE annual gathering of members of the Masonic Craft for this Province was held on 11st inst., at Rugeley, in conjunction with the consecration of a Lodge in that town, to be known as St. Augustine's Lodge. Upwards of 200 brethren assembled, and the day being exceedingly fine their appearance in the street, as they walked to and from the parish church attired in full Masonic clothing, induced a large number of spectators to witness the procession. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall shortly after noon, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Major George Singleton Tudor, who was accompanied by his Officers, being saluted Masonically in a style becoming his high official position, on taking his seat in the chair of King Solomon. The first business was the reading of the minutes of late Provincial Grand Lodges held at Stafford, Kidsgrove, and Fenton, by the P.G. Secretary, Brother W. Cartwright P.P.G.S.W., the whole of which were confirmed in the usual way amongst Masons. The next business was the confirmation of the Provincial Grand Treasurer's account, from which it appeared that there was a balance of £71 9s 6d to be carried to the credit of Provincial Grand Lodge.

Before appointing the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, the Provincial Grand Master referred to the increasing difficulty attendant on such appointments because of the increased number of Lodges and the consequent large number of brethren who were anxious to obtain honours conferred on them by the privilege of wearing "the purple." He had frequently noticed the absence of Provincial Officers from their gatherings after they had passed through their official year, and he thought that it might arise from the supposition that having received some minor appointment they imagined that they would not get anything higher, and as the honour of wearing the purple had been accomplished there was no necessity for further effort. This might or might not be the reason for their absence; he thought it was, and, as he had previously intimated, he should, as a rule, give to Provincial Officers who had held inferior offices those of a higher position. He had conferred with some of the oldest Officers of the Province upon the subject, and whilst some were unfavourable to such a plan, there were others who looked on it with favour. He should act in accordance with his own views on this subject, and he had offered to Bro. Spilsbury, who some years ago had held the office of Prov. G.J.W., that of Prov. Grand Senior Warden. The Prov. G.S.W. having received from the Prov. Grand Master the jewel designating his office subsequently took the Senior Warden's chair. The other appointments were then proceeded with, the brethren being severally conducted to the P.G.M. by Brother T. E. Fowke P.G.D.C. The appointments were—

Bro. Alfred E. Fowke	-	Prov. Grand Junior Warden
W. Cartwright	-	„ Secretary
R. M. Grier	-	„ Chaplain
John Fowler	-	„ Senior Deacon
Charles Bunting	-	„ Junior Deacon
Henry Langman	-	„ Registrar
W. J. Boys	-	„ Supt. of Works
T. E. Fowke	-	„ D. of Ceremonies
C. Walsh Graham	-	„ Acting D.C.
T. H. Rabone	-	„ Standard Bearer
E. Piddock	-	„ Sword Bearer
J. W. H. Mackenzie	-	„ Pursuivant.

Brothers Boys and Rabone were unable to be present, and Brother Mackenzie was detained at home through indisposition. The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Brother John Bodenham, was unanimously re-elected by the brethren present, and so was also the Prov. Grand Tyler, Brother Baggaley, who has discharged the duties of that office for a period of nearly forty years.

Immediately after the appointment of Provincial Grand Officers, the consecration of St. Augustine's Lodge was proceeded with by the Provincial Grand Master, who called on the Provincial Grand Secretary to read the petition and warrant, which was dated 25th October 1881, and which directs that the Lodge shall be known as the St. Augustine's Lodge, to be held on the second Thursday in every month, at the Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley, and to be numbered 1,941 on the Grand roll of England. The usual formula was gone through by the consecrating Officer, the Provincial Grand Master, assisted by his Wardens, who afterwards dedicated the Lodge to the purposes of Freemasonry, and to the cultivation of every moral and social virtue. At the close of this ceremony, the Provincial Grand Lodge was adjourned for the purpose of affording the brethren an opportunity of attending Divine service at St. Augustine's Church, where a very excellent, practical, and forcible sermon was preached by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Brother R. M. Grier. A collection was made at the church, of which, on the re-assembling of the Provincial Grand Lodge, £5 was voted to the funds of the district hospital, and the remainder to the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge, it having been stated that the schools connected with the church (to which object a portion of the collection is usually voted) did not need any such amount. After the consideration of several notices of motion, and decisions in connection therewith, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

At the request of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. F. James Past Provincial Deputy Grand Master, then proceeded with the ceremony of installing the W.M. Designate of the new Lodge, Brother the Rev. T. B. Mundy W.M. and Past Provincial Grand Chaplain, during which ceremony the whole of the brethren who had not passed the chair withdrew. On the completion of the ceremonial, the W.M. of the new Lodge appointed his Officers as follow, and invested each with his distinguishing collar of office:—James Clarke, M.D., S.W. 1039 S.W., George Buttery J.W. 1039 Prov. G.S. J.W., the Rev. R. M. Grier Prov. Grand Chaplain Chaplain, Thomas James Treas., Edwin Marshall Prov. Grand Secretary Secretary, H. F. Newton 726 Provincial Grand Steward Steward, Thomas Greensmith Steward, Edward Johns 1039 S.D., J. B. Burns J.D., George Brown 1039 Prov. G.S. I.G., John Barkley Prov. G.S. Tyler.

The banquet, of which upwards of 100 brethren partook, was served in the Assembly Room of the Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, who was, however, obliged to leave, in company with Brother Colonel Foster Gough Deputy Prov. Grand Master of the Province, and several other Officers and brethren, before the repast, which was very good, although indifferently served, was finished. The duties of chairman was subsequently effectively discharged by Brother Frank James Past Provincial Deputy Grand Master. After having proposed the health of Her Majesty the Queen, referring to her as the mother of the Grand Master of England, and the toast having been most loyally received and drunk, the Chairman proposed the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, most Worshipful Grand Master of England, observing that he need not remind them of the advantages the Craft possessed in having His Royal Highness as their Grand Master. Freemasonry had made great strides since His Royal Highness had presided over the Craft, and he was sure that it would be pleasurable to him to know that the principles of Masonry were spreading amongst them in the Province. The President next proposed the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Provincial Grand Master; the Right Hon. Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and Officers of Grand Lodge, present and past." They were brethren of whom they might well be proud. They would recollect that some few years ago the Great Orient of France determined on having an alteration of the ritual of Freemasonry. A committee of Grand Lodge was appointed, and he had the pleasure of being present on that occasion, when Lord Carnarvon presided, who, in speaking upon the suggested alteration of omitting the name of God from the ritual, contended that whatever might be thought of infidelity in the outside world it should have no favour in a Freemason's Lodge, and the result was that no alteration took place in their ritual. The Rev. J. H. Iles, Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, next gave "The health of the Grand Master of the Province," observing that he did it with much pleasure and much feeling. He had stood side by side with him in the Volunteer movement, in which he had worked most heartily; but whatever he took up was done with his whole soul, and that was his history in Freemasonry. The toast was drunk with great heartiness. "The health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Brother Colonel Foster Gough, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, present and past," was proposed by Brother Buttery, and, in the absence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was briefly acknowledged by Brother Spilsbury Provincial Grand Senior Warden. The President next gave "The health of Brother the Rev. T. B. Mundy W.M. of St. Augustine's Lodge," remarking that the installation which had taken place that day was a good augury for the prosperity of the Lodge. The only word of advice which he would give was, not to be disheartened if the number of members did not come up to those of other Lodges in the Province, but to select true and upright men only whom they would not object to shake by the hand as brethren, and who would reflect honour on the Lodge which had that day been consecrated. He understood that four initiations were to take place on their first Lodge meeting, and he felt quite sure that Brother Mundy would have the same pleasure in doing his utmost for the well-being of the Lodge as he had done in the St. John's Lodge at Lichfield. Brother Mundy briefly acknowledged the toast. He observed that it was a very difficult thing to speak about self, as there were a great number of things the speaker knew which were unknown to any one besides himself. He should, however, do his utmost for the prosperity of the Lodge; and if he had learnt things which others knew not, he should be happy to help them. He believed that a number of Lodges had done great injury to themselves by introducing individuals who never ought to have been Freemasons; he hoped that such would not be the case with them, but that every one would do all he could to promote the prosperity of the Lodge. He was glad that they should have the advice of the rev. gentleman who had that day been appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain, and he hoped that every member would so act that the Lodge would not only be a credit to the town of Rugeley but a credit also to Freemasonry. The Rev. R. M. Grier, the newly appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain, in proposing the health of the Installing Master, Brother Frank James Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, remarked that it was under circumstances of considerable difficulty—difficulty only because he did not propose or drink toasts—that he had to bring before them the name of Brother James. He thanked him, however, very heartily for his presence amongst them that day. Every one who had been present at the installation of their W.M. must have been pleased with the manner in which the Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master had gone through the ceremony. When it was intended to have a Lodge in Rugeley, it was also the wish of every member that Brother James should be the installing Master, and they had not been disappointed. (In giving the toast, the rev. brother humorously expressed a hope that they would not *drink* it). Brother James acknowledged the toast and referred to several incidents connected with his 30 years of Masonic life in the Province. This was followed by the toast of the "Masonic Charities," proposed by Brother J. Bodenham Prov. Grand Treasurer, who referred to the advisableness of giving every vote to the brother representing the Province when they wished to succeed in obtaining the admission into the Schools of any particular candidate. A few other toasts followed, and subsequently that of the Tyler brought the proceedings to a close.

On Saturday last, Bro. Henry E. Tucker, Treasurer of the West Middlesex Benevolent Association, and S.W. of the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Brother Tucker is the Preceptor and Treasurer of the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, and Treasurer of the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction.

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ROYAL ARCH.

BEADON CHAPTER, No. 619.

THE Quarterly Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening, the 13th April, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street, City, and the occasion was rendered important in consequence of it being the day appointed for the installation of the Principals, who were elected at the last Convocation. Comp. H. Thompson M.E.Z. presided, Comp. Sharratt (M.E.Z. elect) H., and Comp. E. Coste (pro tem, in the absence of Comp. Dodman) J. The other Companions present were W. H. Green P.Z. S.E., A. Avery P.Z. Treasurer, Wyer I.P.Z., W. Smeed P.Z., Dr. Pridmore P.S. Visitors—Comps. H. E. Frances G.D.C. Surrey P.Z. 1694, and Taylor 1624. Previous to the opening of the Chapter an audit meeting of the accounts of the last year was held, and it showed a good balance for the ensuing year. Some business having been disposed of, Comp. W. Smeed P.Z. took the chair, when the installation of the elected Principals was proceeded with. Comp. W. H. Green P.Z. presented Comp. F. Sharratt M.E.Z. elect to receive in the first place the solemn rite of installation, and when it is known that it was to be conferred by Comp. Smeed, no eulogy is required as to the manner in which it was performed; it may simply be said that it was impressive, and scrupulously correct. In going through the ceremony, Comp. Smeed was materially supported in some of the formal parts by Comp. Frances. In consequence of the absence of Comp. Dodman, the H. elect, that ceremony was postponed to the next meeting. Comp. W. H. Green next presented Comp. Carrington, the J. elect, who was also installed by Comp. Smeed in the same able manner. The Officers appointed were Comps. A. Avery Treasurer, W. H. Green S.E., Pridmore P.S., H. Bond 1st A.S., and Bavin Janitor. Bro. James Gordon, P.M. of the Beadon Lodge, No. 619, a candidate, was balloted for and unanimously elected, but in consequence of a severe domestic calamity his exaltation was necessarily deferred until the next Convocation, in July. The M.E.Z. said that the first duty he had to perform was a most pleasing one; it was to present their Immediate P.Z., Comp. H. Thompson, with a jewel, which had been voted to him by the Comps. at the last Convocation, as an acknowledgment for the services he had rendered to the Chapter during his year of office. He was quite sure that the Companions would agree with him when he said that during the time Comp. Thompson had occupied the chair his conduct had been most genial, and at all times the Comps. had been treated with courtesy and kindness. When he (the M.E.Z.) left the chair, he hoped that he should leave it with the same kindness and good wishes as the Companions entertained towards Comp. Thompson. In placing upon his breast the jewel which had been unanimously voted him, he hoped he might live long to wear it, and that it would be an unfailing remembrance of the kindness the Companions of the Beadon Chapter entertained towards him during the time he occupied the position of M.E.Z. amongst them. He then placed on his breast a beautiful jewel, manufactured by Bro. H. T. Lamb, of St. John's-square, Clerkenwell, which bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
COMP. HENRY THOMPSON P.Z.,
in recognition of his valuable services as M.E.Z.
of the Beadon Chapter during 1881.

Comp. Thompson P.Z., in acknowledging the high compliments which the M.E.Z. had been pleased to pay him, said he felt at that moment so embarrassed in his feelings of gratitude that he could hardly give expression to what he felt for the great kindness they had always shown to him, and for the splendid jewel which they had presented him that evening. He had had other jewels presented him during his Masonic career—extending over twenty-two years—all of which he estimated, but he could assure them that none of them should be wear with greater pride than that which he had received from the members of the Beadon Chapter. He was greatly indebted for the uniform kindness he had always received from them, and their willingness at all times to treat any shortcomings on his part with the greatest indulgence. From the time he came amongst them he had always been treated with courtesy, and he might truly say that some of the happiest hours in his life had been spent in the Beadon Chapter. To one and all he wished health, happiness, and prosperity, and trusted he might for many years be amongst them to enjoy a continuance of that good fellowship he had hitherto received. The Chapter was then closed in due form, and the Companions adjourned to the large Hall for refreshment, which was well served by Companions Wood and Romain. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the M.E.Z. gave the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts, which were duly honoured. Companion H. Thompson I.P.Z. said it devolved upon him, for the first time, to propose the next toast, which was the health of their esteemed M.E.Z., Comp. Sharratt, who had that night been installed in the exalted position he then occupied; he felt sure from what he had done in the other offices that the Companions could not have made a better choice than in selecting Companion Sharratt to preside over them. He was kind, courteous, and painstaking, and he was sure that he would well maintain the dignity of the position in which they had placed him. He (Comp. Thompson) hoped and trusted that he would have a prosperous year of office, and when the time arrived that he should have to yield up the chair to his successor he would quit it with the good wishes and kindly feelings that were at all times entertained towards him. This toast was most enthusiastically received. The M.E.Z. said he felt undeserving of all the kindly things Companion Thompson had said of him, but he would do everything in his power to promote the prosperity of the Chapter, and would strive to emulate those who had gone before him, although perhaps he might not succeed in doing so. He, however, thanked Companion Thompson for the very kindly way in which he had spoken of him, and the Companions for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast, and hoped at the end of the year to leave the chair with the same feelings and with like credit as his predecessor. The M.E.Z. then proposed the P.Z.'s of the Chapter, and in doing so adverted to the vote of thanks which had been given to Companion Smeed for the excellent manner in which he conducted the installation of the Principals that evening, and said he hoped he should have the assistance of the P.Z.'s in carrying out his duties in the ensuing year. He proposed the health of Companions Smeed, Wyer, Thompson, and Green, and trusted that the Chapter might long have the benefit of their services. Comp. Smeed in acknowledging the toast, said it was always a pleasure to him to come amongst the members of the Beadon Chapter; he was ready at all time to do anything that might be required to promote its interests. He was glad to have had the opportunity of installing the Principals that evening, and should be happy to do so on any future occasion. The next toast was that of the Visitors, for which Companion H. E. Frances returned thanks, expressing the pleasure he felt in being present, and in witnessing the excellent manner in which Comp. Smeed had installed the Principals that night, and for the hospitality which had been extended towards him. Comp. Taylor also briefly returned thanks. The M.E.Z. next gave Comps. Dodman and Carrington the H. and J. of the Chapter, for which Comp. Carrington, in the absence of Comp. Dodman, returned thanks, expressing his sense of the highly impressive manner in which he had been installed by Comp. Smeed, and assuring them that he would do all in his power to deserve the confidence the Companions had reposed in him by placing him in such an exalted position. Some other toasts were given, and songs sung; the Janitor's toast brought a thoroughly harmonious meeting to a close.

At a Convocation of the Wanderers' Chapter, No. 1604, held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, Comp. C. Smith was installed as M.E.Z. in succession to Comp. T. R. McIllwham.

In reference to the report of the Installation Meeting of the John Hervey Lodge, which appeared in our issue of last week, we have received a letter from Brother Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B. Our esteemed brother points out one or two inaccuracies we made therein. In the first place we stated that the Lodge was named after the late Grand "Treasurer;" this was a palpable blunder on our part, as all our readers are well aware the late Bro. Hervey held the post of Grand "Secretary." We confess that as regards the second count in Bro. Pullen's indictment, we have been under a misapprehension for some years. We scarcely know when this first arose, but it has been fixed in our mind for some time that Bro. John Hervey consecrated the Hervey Lodge. This, however, appears not to have been the case; Bro. Hyde Pullen performed the ceremony, and afterwards installed the first W.M.—Bro. George King jun. Bro. Pullen's services on that occasion were apparently most thoroughly appreciated by the members of the Lodge, as the following extract from a letter, which he received some short time after, will testify:—

> "I have the pleasure of informing you that by a unanimous vote you were elected *a member of the Hervey Lodge*, with all the rights attaching to membership, in accordance with the terms of a notice to that effect inserted in the last summons.
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> "I am further directed to express, on behalf of the Master, Wardens, and Brethren, the hope that they may for many years have the honour, pleasure, and advantage of your active membership, and that you will favour them with your company in Lodge."

On page 274 of our Fourth Volume we give Bro. Hyde Pullen the credit so justly his due; we there state that he was the consecrating officer of the Hervey Lodge, and we are convinced he will accept our present explanation in the fraternal spirit that has always characterised our relationship. We also tender our heartfelt sympathy with him in the hour of his affliction, an affliction which almost precludes the hope that he will be able to again undertake his former active part in the work of the Craft he has ever loved so well. Other of our correspondents have directed attention to these mistakes, and we must beg of them likewise to accept this correction.

We beg to remind our readers that the Grand Festival of our United Grand Lodge takes place on Wednesday next, being the first after St. George's Day (23rd April), that being the day fixed by the Book of Constitutions. Previous to the banquet, at which the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master will preside, a Grand Lodge will be held, and the Grand Officers for the new year appointed and invested with the insignia of their rank.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

UNITED MARINERS' LODGE, No. 30.

A QUIET but exceedingly agreeable little meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, 18th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Crossley W. Master. For some time past the the brethren of the Mariners' have been exercising an unpretentious economy in order to exemplify the "distinguishing characteristic," and they have so far succeeded that at the last Festival of the Benevolent Institution their esteemed Hon. Secretary Bro. Joseph Driscoll was enabled to carry up a very respectable addition to the fund raised on behalf of the Old Folks. This has only been accomplished by self-denying effort, but the "pangs" of that self-abnegation having been surmounted, as the W.M. so pleasantly observed on Tuesday night, the brethren have once more resumed their habitual hospitalities, with none the less zest from a consciousness of having acceded so substantially to the claims of charity. On the occasion of our visit Bro. Crossley was supported in the chair by the Immediate Past Master Bro. Hiram Cosedge, the end of whose successful year we recently recorded, and amongst those present were Bros. A. E. Gladwell P.M., G. J. C. Smith P.M., Joseph Clark P.M., A. Lefaux P.M., J. Shipley S.W., T. E. Davey J.W., Joseph Harling P.M. Treasurer, Joseph Driscoll P.M. Hon. Sec., J. Linscott S.D., L. Steingraber J.D., A. Couldrey Organist, S. Lampen Steward, L. G. Reinhardt Tyler, H. Meyer, W. Saunders, Jas. Protheroe, J. H. Morgan, Thos. Oblein, C. J. Howard, Edwin J. Bailey, C. Fassbeber; and others. The Visitors included Bros. G. T. Plumbly I.P.M. 1808 P.G. Sword Bearer, William Gill 602, J. H. Smith 1642, E. N. Pringle 1343, Thomas Douglas St. Leonards, H. Pitcher 860, &c. The agenda was not a heavy one, and Lodge having been opened in due form, it was at once advanced. Brother J. H. Morgan, who had been initiated at the last meeting, which was an off-night, was duly passed to the second degree, the ceremony being ably performed by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his officers. Some routine business was supplemented by a proposition for initiation, and another for joining, after which Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren and visitors dined together in the Coffee Room of the Hotel, where Bros. Ritter and Clifford administered to their comfort and enjoyment admirably. At the conclusion of a repast, well served under the personal superintendence of Bro. J. Marcham, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and duly honoured, the Worshipful Master issuing his fiat that brevity was to be the order of the evening in the matter of speeches. Thus, after the usual loyal expressions towards our beloved Patroness of the Craft, and the Most Worshipful G. Master and his family, the W. Master passed on to pay a graceful tribute of respect and praise to the Masonic Rulers, whose services to the Institution were duly acknowledged. The Immediate Past Master (Bro. Hiram Cosedge) then resumed the gavel, and in proposing the health of the excellent W. Master of the United Mariners' Lodge, expressed the opinion that no one could properly sympathise with that toast excepting those who had passed the chair. No one knew the responsibilities, as well as the pleasures, experienced by the occupant of that exalted position so thoroughly as one who had participated in its duties and privileges. It was wonderful how easy the position appeared to be before it was undertaken, and how onerous and how strangely like a Chinese puzzle when one got into it. Indeed, having let the cat out of the bag, it required a vast amount of self-restraint to keep within proper bounds, and the older one became, the more one felt like the cat let loose, and wanting to teach the kittens a little more. The W.M., during his short career in the chair, had used his utmost endeavour to cement them together as brothers, which was the chief object of Freemasonry all over the habitable globe. He came into office when they had expended all their funds, and certainly his predecessor had a good deal to do with that. His predecessor was not ashamed of it, but when they were almost bankrupt, their excellent W.M. determined as far as possible to assist in the cause of Charity, and in curtailing the banquets he acted both wisely and well. But they had gone on most harmoniously, and after putting them through the pangs of hunger, he did not intend they should continue in that condition, though he would not go so far as his predecessor had done, and would keep a little in reserve. They had all seen his working, for he was now midway through his degrees in the chair, and already he had raised them eight steps up the ladder, as when that gavel was formed they were thirty-three, whereas now they were twenty-two. This allusion to numerals seemed perfectly understood by those to whom it was addressed, and the toast was welcomed with the utmost hilarity. The Worshipful Master briefly acknowledged the compliment paid to him, and said so long as he occupied the chair—a position of which he was very proud—he should endeavour to do his duty, and to merit the commendations of the Lodge. In turn he gave the health of the F.C. Bro. Morgan, who, however, was not amongst them for the first time that evening, having been admitted at the last meeting, when he had not the opportunity—through his niggardliness, should he say?—(voices: "Economy")—of extending towards him the customary hospitalities. He might now tell Bro. Morgan he was just on the threshold of Freemasonry; he had heard something of it, and of its teachings. But there was more to come, more beautiful and impressive than what he had already heard or seen. He was sure he could not have been otherwise than favourably impressed already by the teaching he had received, and when he reached the sublime degree, to which he hoped to have the pleasure of raising him, he would acknowledge that Freemasonry was worthy to receive good men and true, such as he believed Brother Morgan himself to be. The toast was heartily received, and Bro. Morgan suitably responded, thanking the brethren for the honour conferred upon him by admitting him a member of the Ancient and Honourable Institution. The Worshipful Master next gave a most cordial welcome to the Visitors, of whom he was glad to see so large a number present. Bro. G. T. Plumbly Prov. G.S.B. in response said, it had given him great gratification to be present amongst them that evening. He did not visit many Lodges, and living in a somewhat remote part of the country, on the Norfolk coast, they had little opportunity in bygone times of attending any Lodges of Instruction. He was very pleased to witness the quiet and yet easy and perfect working of their Lodge, and he congratulated the Officers and brethren upon that fact. When he left the chair he felt he had just reached a point when he was qualified to go on with the duties. His mother Lodge was some distance from his home, and when another was founded, nearer to him, he was proud to join it. He was made Senior Warden almost immediately, and it took him some time to acquit himself with credit in that position, but the next year he was offered, and was pleased to accept, the Mastership. In his county they boasted of good Masons, like the Prince of Wales and Lord Suffield, who did good service to the Craft. In conclusion he said he should be happy to welcome any of the brethren at his Lodge. Bro. W. Gill also briefly acknowledged the toast, in doing which he expressed his deep sense of gratification at the hospitality extended to the Visitors and to himself on this his first visit to a London Lodge. The health of the Past Masters was then given, and on their behalf Bro. G. J. C. Smith briefly replied. The W. Master then paid a deserved compliment to the Officers of the Lodge, whose working was most satisfactory. Bro. J. Shipley S.W. suitably acknowledged the compliment, in which he said he expressed the sentiments of all his brother officers and himself when he said they were actuated by the desire so to fulfil their duties as to give continued satisfaction to the Lodge. The official list was then closed with the Tyler's toast. During the evening there was an abundance of excellent vocal and instrumental music, Brother Couldrey lending valuable and efficient aid as accompanyist on the pianoforte.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., in lieu of the regular meeting, which fell on Easter Tuesday. There were present Bros. Usher Back W.M., W. E. Young S.W., F. J. Hentsch J.W., W. W. Morgan Secretary, T. H. Peirce S.D., H. Martin J.D., E. Thring I.G., C. T. Speight P.M. Tyler. P.M.'s Bros W. Radcliffe, A. Withers, A. Green, J. Laver; also Bros. H. Green, A. Dickson, Crapper, Burr, Adams, &c. After the summons convening the meeting had been read, the W.M. announced the death, which occurred on the 12th inst., of Brother George Parsons P.M., who was an esteemed member of the St. Michael's Lodge, and who had been a constant attendant at its meetings since the date of his initiation—1858. Brother Parsons had passed through the various offices, and he filled the chair of this Lodge in 1867. Bro. Back stated that he, with several members of the Lodge, attended the funeral, on Monday last, and if evidence of the estimation in which their late brother was held by his neighbours were needed, it was found in the fact that the churchyard was literally thronged by those who had come to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased. Bro. P.M. Laver then proposed that a vote of condolence be sent from the Lodge to the members of the late Brother Parsons' family, the same to be recorded on the minutes. This was unanimously agreed to, and several of the members testified to the great loss the Lodge had sustained by this bereavement, and the deep interest Brother Parsons always took in the work of the Lodge and the welfare of its members. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Edward Lindsay Pembroke, who was proposed as a candidate for initiation by Bro. Henry Green, seconded by Bro. Alfred Green P.M. The result was unanimously in favour of the candidate, and the W.M. courteously vacated the chair to enable Bro. Green P.M. to introduce his friend Mr. Pembroke to the mysteries of the Order. Later on Bros. Adams and Burr were raised to the sublime degree, this ceremony being likewise performed by Bro. Alfred Green. After closing the Lodge an hour was spent in social converse.

Grey Friars, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. E. J. Blackwell W.M., W. Ferguson I.P.M., Richard Dowsett S.W., C. E. Honey J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, Hawkes S.D., Prickett J.D., Cordrey D.C., Tegg Steward, Ravenscroft I.G., Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Margrett, Creed, Weatherhead, T. Margrett, W. Blackwell, Coates, Goff, Browne, Whitfield, Hukins, Greenaway, Sands, Bailey. Visitors—Bros. Hawkes 414, Parry S.D. 414, Hunt 188 and 771, Gregson 1714, Wells Chaplain 140, F. Blackwell I.G. 414, H. Blackwell Secretary 1540, Strang J.W. 1505, Mount W.M. 414. After preliminaries, the W.M. informed the brethren that, in compliance with the resolution unanimously passed at the last meeting, a letter had been sent direct to Her Majesty, to which a reply had been received. He would now do himself the honour of reading it to them—"Lieut.-General Sir F. Ponsonby is commanded by the Queen to thank the Reading Freemasons for their letter of congratulation. Buckingham Palace, 15th March 1882." The W.M. said it must be gratifying to all the brethren to feel that their loyal sentiments of devotion to Her Majesty had been brought so directly under her notice, and had received so gracious a recognition; it would also be satisfactory to know that Her Majesty had graciously consented to receive a deputation from Grand Lodge, representing the whole of the Craft, shortly after her return from Italy. Mr. Charles Slaughton was initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry; the ceremony was admirably performed by the Master and Officers, with precision and correctness; the candidate appeared much impressed with the beautiful ceremony. The charge and lecture were not given in this instance, for want of time. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Walter Blackwell, a candidate for raising, gave satisfactory proof of his efficiency in the former degrees, he was entrusted and retired. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Blackwell was admitted and raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The effect of the ceremony was considerably heightened by vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. Hickie the Organist. Lodge was resumed to the first degree and closed according to ancient form, after which the brethren retired for refreshment to the Ship Hotel, where a very agreeable evening was spent.

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SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901.

IT is but a year since this Lodge, which has its quarters in East Dulwich, was consecrated, and yet in that short period of time it has, to use a familiar expression, deserved well of the republic of Freemasonry. It has satisfied the very considerable liabilities which necessarily attend the establishment of a new Lodge, and to judge from the manner in which the proper official habitually fulfils his duties, we should imagine that no long time hence it will have a very respectable balance to its credit. At all events, there was much enthusiasm at the second installation meeting of the "Selwyn" on Thursday evening. The chair was taken at the time fixed by Bro. W. Henry Hook W.M., and there was present to support him a goodly company of Officers, members and Visitors, among the last being Bros. Thomas C. Corpe I.P.M. 1839, George F. Shult W.M. elect 1839, W. Hawtin 1287, James Wilson 299, J. D. Etheridge 829, W. H. Turner 1586, R. Allison P.M. 186, H. Lea 1185, E. Woodman S.D. 1950, A. Trewinnard P.M. 1693, E. Bye 141, T. Perrin S.W. 1297, G. W. Hook S.D. 186, E. W Cox 188, W. H. White 55, W. W. Morgan 211, C. A. Johnson 79, W. F. Gardner W.M. 1297, H. W. Greenwood P.M. 749. After the accustomed preliminaries, and the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Report of the Audit Committee was submitted and received. Bro. James Wilson, of Panmure Lodge, No. 229 (Scotland), having been balloted for as a joining member, and accepted, the chief business of the evening commenced with the presentation to the Worshipful Master of Bro. Louis C. N. Nicod, M.R.C.S., W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. Bro. Allison P.M. 186 acted as M.C., and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, the ceremony of inducting Bro. Nicod into the chair of K.S. was most ably and impressively conducted by Bro. Hook. After the re-admission of the brethren below the rank of P.M., and the usual salutations, Bro. Nicod appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year—namely, Bros. Alexander J. Bellis S.W., W. R. Burnett J.W., A. Campbell Treasurer, William Henry Hook I.P.M. and Secretary, A. R. W. Powles S.D., Walter B. Marcus J.D., Charles Mussared I.G., Alfred Grainger Organist, William J. Bullimore W.S., Robert E. Anderson W.S., Thomas Bowler Tyler. This done, the Lodge had forthwith a taste of the genuine quality of its new Master, as on him devolved the duty of initiating Mr. Henry Tarrant into the mysteries of the first degree of Freemasonry, and Bro. Nicod acquitted himself extremely well. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, Bro. Lascom, who is caterer for Dulwich College, superintending the more substantial matters connected with this part of the proceedings, while Bro. J. S. Gurney, mine host of the East Dulwich Hotel, where the meeting was held, did all that was necessary in respect of the other requisites. As, however, dinner was not served till nine o'clock, and we and sundry other brethren were under the necessity of leaving shortly after half-past ten in order to catch the last train for London, we cannot, of course, except prophetically, speak of what happened after our departure. We can only suggest that, as all things went so harmoniously when we were present, the usual toast list was received with the accustomed loyalty. In this connection, as our American cousins are in the habit of phrasing it, we must content ourselves with saying that at our departure we and our co-travellers carefully sorted ourselves, so that there might be no danger of any case of mistaken identity arising, and further, that we reached our several abodes without, as in the celebrated cab adventure, described some years since in *Punch*, being in the slightest degree "mixed." We all knew, and were known to, each other, and had no difficulty in selecting our respective destinations. So much may be said by way of jocularity; but to resume the mode of speech which is more serious, and therefore more appropriate, we cannot close our remarks without expressing our thanks for the hospitality we experienced, and our belief that a Lodge, which is so well served by its Officers, and so loyally attended by its members, and can, moreover, in its one year's existence boast of no less than eighteen initiates, has a particularly bright future before it. It certainly has our heartiest good wishes for its continued prosperity.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Mount W.M., Stephens I.P.M., Ferguson S.W., Wheeler J.W., Withers Secretary, F. Blackwell acting S.D., Witherington J.D., C. Oades P.M. acting I.G., Hammings Tyler; Past Masters Yetts and R. Bradley Prov. Grand Secretary Berks and Bucks; Bros. Bracher, Higgs, Hawkes, Rayner, Walters, George. Visitors—Bros. Ivey P.M. Sec. 1101, F. West, F.R.G.S., P.M. Royal Somerset House, No. 4, Past Prov. Grand Registrar Surrey, Frampton 1887, Weatherhead 414. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. J. C. B. Tirbutt, Professor of Music, who was declared to be elected. The W.M. announced that the matter of increased subscriptions had been before the Permanent Committee, who recommended that it should stand over for the present; he had sent each member a comparative statement for the past five years, and would bring the subject forward at some future time. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. J. H. Walters, being a candidate for raising, gave satisfactory proof of his efficiency in the former, was entrusted, and retired. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Walters was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The ceremony was admirably performed by the W.M., with instrumental music, under the manipulation of Bro. West, F.R.G.S., a visitor from the Province of Surrey. After routine work, Lodge was closed, and adjourned till October next.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M. and P.Z., has consented to deliver his Reading, Explanatory of the Entire Ceremony of the First Degree, at the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, held at the Jacob's Well, George-street, Manchester-square, on Tuesday, 9th May. The attendance of brethren is invited.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Easter Tuesday, the W.M. Bro. George Simpson being in the chair, and amongst those present were Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. S. Cumberland P.M., George Balmford P.M., and many other members, as well as Visitors from the York Lodge, No. 236, and from Dublin. The work consisted in the raising of Bro. Starkey to the third degree, which having been accomplished several matters of business were brought forward. The W.M. announced that the Eboracum Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine had voted £5 to the Lodge Building Fund. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, Prov. Charity Steward, made a statement as to the Girls' School Festival, at which Lord Zetland, Provincial Grand Master, would be the Charity Steward of the Province. His Lordship had contributed a hundred guineas, and the Province another hundred. Bro. Woodhall, of Scarborough, had given twenty guineas, and there had been several other contributions; he hoped the list would amount to about four hundred guineas. Bro. Whytehead, on behalf of Brother Ware, presented a bound series of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE for 1881, for which Bro. Ware received a vote of thanks. The W.M. then proposed a candidate for Freemasonry, and Bro. Whytehead proposed Bro. F. Slinger, of the Hotspur Lodge, Newcastle, as a joining member. The Lodge was then closed amid hearty good wishes, and a pleasant and harmonious evening was spent, enlivened by the singing of Bros. Mennell, Cumberland, and others.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 20th instant, at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing. Bros. J. Green W.M., C. Andrews P.M. S W., A. Jones J.W., J. Wells Secretary, C. Botley S.D., C. Bellerby J.D., H. Hewlings I.G.; Bros. J. R. Fernee, J. Owen, Danby, T. A. Smith, Porter, Pitt, March P.M. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hewlings candidate. Bro. Hewlings answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. H. Danby, of Lodge 1065, was unanimously elected a member. Bye Law No. 1 was suspended to the last Thursday in May. Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned to Thursday, 27th April, when the Fifteen Sections will be worked.

William of Wykeham Lodge, 1883.—An interesting ceremony took place on the evening of the 11th inst., after the ordinary business Brother E. D. Godwin, Worshipful Master, on the part of the Lodge, presenting to Brother S. R. Everett Past Master, a very handsome and excellently-coloured photographic portrait, representing him in full regalia, by Brother Ryder of this city, and subscribed for by the Lodge, as a mark, not only of their high esteem and respect for Bro. Everett, but also as a slight recognition of his labours in founding and launching the above new Lodge—a work which has been attended with very great success. Bro. Godwin made the presentation in a most effective and feeling manner, and read the inscription on the plate, which was as under:—

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E. D. GODWIN W.M.

Bro. P.M. Naish, a Masonic contemporary and old friend of Bro. Everett, added his testimony of esteem for him, and the portrait being placed in Bro. Everett's hands, he acknowledged the honour paid him in a few well-chosen observations, remarking that his love of Masonry, extending over very many years, would never cease. A cold collation was provided by the military brethren of the Lodge, in return for the hospitality shown them by their civilian brethren.

A new manual engine was supplied last week, by Messrs. Shand and Mason, to the Harrow Volunteer Fire Brigade. All the latest improvements are introduced in the engine, and it was admired by all who saw it. In the evening a large company sat down to an excellent dinner, provided at the King's Head, the chair being taken by General Mills. Bro. Henry E. Tucker Honorary Secretary of the County Association, was present, and responded to the toast wishing Success to the Association, of which many of those present became honorary members.

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THE MASON'S CONSTITUTIONS.

We have lately been favoured with a parchment MS. of the following "Mason's Constitutions," for which we are indebted directly to Brother John Constable P.M. Tranquillity, No. 185, and indirectly to the Bedford Lodge, No. 167, whose property it is. We have had it copied, but as the copy only reached us in the course of the current week, we are unable to offer any comments on it, as our readers will well understand that some time and trouble are necessary in order to arrive at any opinion as to its value. We publish, therefore, the opening portion, and shall reserve such observations as we may feel called upon to make till the whole of the MS. has been reprinted in our pages.

THE PRAYER AT ADMITTANCE OR ACCEPTANCE.

THE MIGHT of the Father of Kings, wth the Wisdom of the Glorious Jesus, thro' the Grace and Goodness of the Holy Ghost, being three Persons in one Godhead be wth us at our Beginning and Give us Grace so to Govern our Selves here in this mortal Life towards him that we may come to his kingdom yt never shall have End. Amen.

THE PREFACE.

Good Brethren and Fellows, Our Purpose is to tell you in what manner this worther Science, or Art of Masonry, When and how it begun, And afterwards how it was Favoured by many worthy Kings and Princes, and by many high Worshipfull men. And also to those that be willing. We will Dictate the charges yt which belong to any True Free Mason to Keep according to a True ffaith: And if you Keep and Give good heed thereto, it will be worth yor Observing to Learn so Worthy a Science.

THE ORIGINALL OF THE SCIENCE & HOW FOUNDED.

First then you are to know there are Seaven liberal Arts or Sciences. The first is Grammer wch Teacheth a Man to Speak and Write truely. The Second is Rhetorick wch doth teach a Man to Speak Ornately, or neatly and finely. The 3d is Logick wch doth teach a Man ye Art of Reasoning, or Disputing and from that to discern truth from Falsehood. The Fourth is Arithmetick wch teacheth a man reckon and Accompt by all Manner of Numbers or it is ye Art of Numbering. The ffifth is Geometry wch teacheth a Man ye Art of Measureing or Proportioning of Figures or Draught of all manner of things whatsoever. Which Science is now called Free Masonry. The Sixth is Musick wch teacheth a Man to Tune the Voice and to play upon Organ, Harp or Tromp or any other Instrumt. The Seaventh is Astronomy wch Teacheth a Man to know the Course of ye Sun, Moon and Stars and all the other Planets. These be the Seaven Liberal Arts or Sciences which were all first Grounded upon Geometry, ffor by Geometry a Man takes the Measure and Ponderation of all things of Weight or Earth, for it is plain that no Man Worketh any Work as Science or Art but he Worketh it by Measure or by Weight and all this is Geometry. For all these Merchants and other Craftsmen and Tillers of all manner of Ground for Grain of any Sort, of Vines, or Setters of Fruit or Seed Flowers, Cannot find out Weight or Measure without Geometry. Neither can any other of the Seaven Libberall Sciences find out Weight and Measure without it. Whereby it is Apparent That Geometry wch is now called Free-Masonry is an Art or Science the Most Worthy & most Excellent of all others they being all founded upon it.

THE ORIGINALL OF YE SCIENCE FROM THE SCRIPTURE.

Genesis the 4.—Before Noah's flood there was a man whose name was Lamech. He had two Wives the one was named Adah the other Zillah. By the first Wife he had two Sons yd one was called Jabell the ffather of such as had cattle and Dwelt in Tents the other Juball the ffather of all that play on the Harp, or Organs or any kind of Musick. By his other Wife Zillah he had a Son & a Daughter, the Son was Called Tubal-Cain and Daughter was Called Naamah she found out the art of Weaving. Jabell the Eldest son of Lamech by his Wife Adah was the ffather of Geometry which was the first Science ffound * * * * These four Children as is believed found out the Original of all Sciences And they knew that God would take vengeance upon the Earth for Sin Either by Fire or Water. And they by reason of this Prophetical knowledge did Write their Arts and Sciences which they had Invented upon Two pillars of Stone that they might be preserv'd to Succeeding Generations after the ffl od. The one Pillar was of Marble because Fire should not consume it; The other was of Chipped Lattens Because it should not be Drounded in the fflood * * * * *

HOW IT WAS FOUND AFTER THE FFLOOD.

Our Intent is to tell you truly how and in what manner these two Pillars was found that these Sciences were Written upon. The Great

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Hermerius wch was Cub ye son of Sem the Son of Noah this Hermerius was afterwards Called Hermes The ffather of these persons Called Wisemen. He found one of the two Pillars of Stone and found ye Science written on it and he taught it to other Men * * *

1. WHERE AND WHEN MASONRY WAS FFIRST SO CALLED & MADE.

At the Time of the Building of the Tower of Babylon then was Masons much esteemed it being ye Time and place that Masonry. Before Called Geometry was first so Called and Made * * *

2. WHO WAS YE FFIRST KING THAT WAS A MASON.

The King of Babylon at that Time was Called Nimrod and was a Mason himself and Loved and favoured the Sciences much as is Witnessed by diverse Masters of Hystorys. And when the City of Ninivey and other Cities of the West were made & Builded Nimrod the King of Babylon sent thither Threescore Masons at ye request of the King of Ninivey his Cousin and when he sent them forth he gave them a Charge in this manner * * * * * *

THE FFIRST CHARGE GIVEN TO MASONS CALLED NIMROD'S CHARGE BEING GIVEN BY HIM.

That they should be one; one to another. That is that they should Love one another. Secondly that they should truely Love together, Thirdly yt they should truely serve their Lord for their pay, So that the Magr may have worship thereby and all the other ffellows or Brethren that belong unto him and other more Charges he Gave them. This was the first time that Ever Masons had any Charges of this Science * * * * * * *

HOW THE SCIENCES SPREAD AND WERE COMMUNICATED TO OTHER NATIONS.

When Abraham & Sarah his wife went into the Land of Egypt he there taught the Seaven Liberal Sciences to the Egyptians & then he had a worthy Schollar named Euclydes. He Learned right well, and was a Master of all the liberal Sciences And his days it came to pass That ye King or Lords and the States of ye realme had many Sons by their wives and Concubines for that is a hot Land and plentyous of Generation. So that they had not Competent livelyhood and Maintenance wherewth to relieve their Children Therefore that they had great care how to pvide for them, Then the King of the Land drew a great Councel & held a Paliamt to seek a way to maintaine their Children honestly as Gentlemen, and yet they could not find out any manner of way. So Proclamation was caused to be made throughout the Realm in this fforme * * * * *

THE PROCLAMATION.

That if there was any Man that Could Instruct and Informe them in any of the Seaven Liberal Arts or Sciences that he should come to them and he should be so well rewarded for his Travell that he should hold himself pleased. * * * After this proclamation made their came this Worthy Clerk Euclydes and told the King and his Great Lords thus.

EUCLYDES HIS SPEECH TO YE KING OF EGYPT AND HIS GREAT COUNCELL.

That if you would have me to Govern yor Children I would Teach them one of the Seaven Liberal Sciences whereby they may live Honestly as Gentlemen but then you shall Give me a Comision That I may have power to rule them after the mannr yt the worthy Science (viz.) of Geometry, or Masonry requireth. Then the King and all his Councell Granted him speedily a Comission and Sealed it * * * Then this worthy Doctr took to him their Sons and Taught them the Sciences of Geometry (or Masonry) to practice working in stone and to work all manner of worthy work that belongs to the Building of Temples Castles or Towers Mannors and Houses and all other Man. of Buildings and gave them a Charge in this manner * * *

THE SECOND CHARGE GIVEN TO MASONS, CALLED EUCLID'S CHARGE.

First, that they should be true to the King and to the Lord or Mastr they Serve or work for. Secondly, yt they should love well together and be true one to another. Thirdly, yt they should call one another Brether or ffellow, and not by the name of Servant, or Slave, Knave, Thief, or other foul name to any ones disgrace. ffourthly, that they should so faithfully do their work as that they should truly and justly Deserve their pay from their Lord or Master whom they serve. ffifthly, that they should ordain and make the Wisest and most skillfull artist amongst them to be Mastr of the Work, and neither for love nor near Linnage nor for any favour or Cause wtsoever set another yt hath but Little skill or Cuning to be Mastr of ye Work belonging to the Lord or Mastr they serve whereby he may be evilly serv'd, and they Ashamed. If such an one take ye Work as Mastr yet he is to be displaced as Mastr and to work as Comon Workman and the Chiefest Workman or Artist amongst 'em to be placed in his room for Master * * * * * *

EUCLID THE FIRST YT MADE MASTRS AND GOVERNOURS OF WORK.

Sixthly, that all and Every one of the Lodge shall call such Mastr or Governour of the Work by the name of Master all the time ye work wth him. Other more Charges he gave that wou'd be too long to relate here present. To all those Charges he caused them to swear a Great Oath That men usd for those times this was the SECOND CHARGE GIVEN TO MASONS.

After that he ordained for ym Reasonable Wages yt they might Live Honestly by it.

After that hee ordain'd that they should oftentimes assemble themselves together (at least once Every year) to confer how they might work the best to serve their Lord or Master for his profit and to their own Worshipp, & to Correct him or them that should transgress agt these Ordinances * * * Geometry 1st, so called by Euclides * * Thus in Egypt was the Sciences grounded by the Worthy Mastr Euclydes, who also first gave name to ye Sciences and Called it Geometry. And now it is throughout the Land Called Masonry * * * * * * * * * * * *

THE FURTHER PROGRESS OF IT & HOW IT WAS RECED FAVOUR'D AND CHER'SHED

Then long after yt when the Children of Israel was Come into the Land of Behest, now called amongst us the Country of Gerusalem, King David began the Temple wh was called Templum Domini and now called the Temple of Jerusalem. The same King David loved Masons well and cherrished them much and gave them good pay and he gave them the Charges and Manners that Euclydes gave and ordained in Egypt and other charges more that ye shall hear afterwards. King David confirmed Euclydes Charges, so King David's charge was the Third Charge.

WHO THEY MADE MASTERS AND GOVERNOURS AMONGST MASONS.

After the Death of King David King Solomon his son Reigned who finished out the Temple and sent afterwards masons into diverse Countrys Thousands of Workers in Stone and were all called Masons and he choose out of them three Thousand and three Hundred whom he ordained to be Masters over them and Governours of his work. * * * * * * * * *

THE FFOURTH CHARGE GIVEN TO MASONS BEING KING SOLOMON'S CHARGE.

King Solomons Charge Confirmed both the Charges and manners that his Father had given to Masons, and the Charges of Euclydes and Nimrod.

WHO WAS THE FFIRST PRINCE YT WAS A MASON

the son of Hyram King of Tyrus who sent to Solomon and gave him Cedar Trees and Timber wood to work was a Mastr Mason for a Master in Geometry by reason of his great Skill and Cuning in Masonry King Solomon made him Chief Master of all his Masons, and Master of all his Engraveing and Carving and all other matters and manners of Masonry wch belonged to the Temple and this is Written in the Bible in the book of Kings. And thus was this worthy Science of Masonry confirmed in the Country of Jerusalem and many other Kingdoms. In King Solomons days Curious Craftsmen walked about into divers Countrys some to get Learning and Cuning and others to Teach them that had Little Cuning. So that in Solomons days Masonry was first dispersed over the World.

HOW THE SCIENCE CAME INTO FFRANCE.

There was a Curious Mason whose name was Mamus Gracus, wch had been at the Building of Solomon's Temple. He came into France and taught the Art of Masonry to the men of ffrance. The second Prince and King who was a Mason was Charles Martell of the Royal Line of France and he Loved Rt well the Science and drew to the aforesaid Mamus Gracus and Learned of him the Science and took unto him their Manners and Charges and observed them. and Afterwards by the Grace of God being Elected King of France he took Masons and helped to make Masons and he confirmed again the Charges of Euclydes and Nimrod and it was called the ffifth Charge given by the King of france. He set 'em to Work and gave them good pay, as he had Learned to do. Also the said King of France made and confirmed to Masons a Charter from Year to Year to hold their Yearly meetings and Assemblies where they Pleased and Cherish'd them much; and thus came the Science into the Land of ffrance.

(To be continued.)

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE PARSONS P.M.

WE refer elsewhere, in our report of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, to the death of Brother Parsons, a Past Master of that Lodge, but we feel it our duty to pay, in addition, a special tribute of respect to so worthy a member of the Craft, a brother who was beloved by all who knew him, not only, that is to say, by his family and friends, but likewise by those who had an acquaintance with him more or less slightly, and especially by his fellow Masons of the St. Michael's, with whom he had been associated for the better part of a quarter of a century. Brother Parsons was initiated in the St. Michael's Lodge in the year 1858, and having passed through the various offices was at length chosen to occupy its chair in 1867. During the whole of his connection with the Lodge he had been constant in his attendance at its meetings, and his loss will, on that account, be all the more severely felt. His remains were interred in the old Churchyard at Barking, of which he was a resident, and to show the regret felt for his loss we may state that there were present at his funeral a large concourse of friends and relatives, all of whom were visibly affected by the sad solemnity of the ceremony. Among his Masonic comrades of the St. Michael's were Bros. Usher Back W.M., Charles Greenwood Past Grand Sword Bearer P.M. and Treasurer, John Laver Past Master, James Lindell P.M., Henry Martin, John Glynds, W. W. Morgan Secretary, &c. We conclude this brief note by expressing our hope that the family of our deceased brother will find strength in their reliance on the Great Architect of the Universe to support them in this time of their bereavement.

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MARK MASONRY.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 238.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of Bro. Alfred Tisley W.M. In consequence, no doubt, of the little stir which is just now being caused in municipal circles, through the retirement of Mr. Alderman Figgins, through ill health, many of the members were more than usually occupied, and thus the attendance was not quite so numerous as might otherwise have been the case. However, there was a fair sprinkling of brethren and visitors present, and if there be any compensation for paucity of numbers in the excellence of the working exhibited, those who did attend must have been amply repaid. Lodge was opened soon after six o'clock by the Worshipful Master, who was assisted by Bros. T. R. Richnell P.G.S.B. S.W. and W.M. elect, John H. Dodson acting as J.W., W. E. Farrington M.O., C. G. Brown S.O., F. Farrington J.O., W. Wiggington P.M. (P.G. Superintendent of Works) Secretary, F. H. Gruggen, Firth Groves, T. O. Harding, R. Skelton, H. Webb, F. H. Clemow, G. N. Dodd, C. Dudley, W. Farrington, T. C. Walls P.G.S.B., G. Harrison Tyler, and others. The customary formalities having been duly observed, Brother T. R. Richnell P.G. Sword Bearer was presented for installation, and having assented to accept the responsibilities of the chair, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and Bro. Richnell was installed into the dignified position of office by the retiring W. Master, assisted by Bro. T. C. Walls, who officiated as Master of Ceremonies in a most efficient manner. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Tisley in a way that elicited the heartiest commendation of both members and visitors, the impressive charges being perfectly and eloquently delivered. On the readmission of the brethren, the newly installed W. Master was proclaimed and greeted with the usual salutations, after which he proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, the collars being thus bestowed:—Bros. Alfred Tisley I.P.M., Sir James Palmer S.W., John H. Dodson J.W. and Treasurer, W. Wiggington P.M. P.G. Supt. of Works Secretary, W. E. Farrington M.O., F. Farrington S.O., C. G. Brown J.O., F. H. Gruggen Senior Deacon, Firth Groves Junior Deacon, T. O. Harding I.G., W. Farrington Organist, R. Skelton Master of Ceremonies, and George Harrison Tyler. Congratulations were interchanged as to the admirable manner in which Bro. Tisley had fulfilled the duties of the chair during the year, and the effective conduct of the installation ceremony, and also on the prospects of the further continued success of the Lodge under the rule of Bro. Richnell. Some formal business having been transacted, the brethren and Visitors partook of a récherché banquet, provided by Bro. Clemow in a style for which this old-established and reputed City Hotel has for many years been proverbial. The repast was elaborately served, and the arrangements generally were such as to elicit the most unbounded expressions of satisfaction. Dessert having been placed before the company, the customary Loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were given from the chair, Bro. Richnell alluding in appropriate terms to the recent dastardly attempt upon the life of her Majesty, and echoing the abhorrence which had been expressed throughout the country at the insane attack made upon her. All Masons were especially grateful for her preservation, and the restorative effect of the Queen's Continental visit, and they rejoiced at her Majesty's safe return to the country over which she so wisely reigned, and in the hearts of whose people she was so sincerely beloved. What rendered her doubly dear to the brethren of this Lodge was the fact that the banner under which they assembled bore the honoured name of her Majesty's youngest son, whom they all heartily congratulated upon his approaching marriage. The toasts were received with the utmost loyalty and enthusiasm. The W.M. then gave the health of the Grand Officers Past and Present, alluding in suitable terms to the valuable services they rendered to Mark Masonry, and the admirable way in which Grand Mark Lodge was administered. The toast met a cordial reception, and was acknowledged in a few happily-chosen sentences by Bro. T. C. Walls P.M. P.G.S.B., who spoke of the rapid growth and extension of Mark Masonry, especially in recent years. The Immediate Past Master then gave the toast of the evening, the health of Bro. T. R. Richnell, who had just been promoted to the highest dignity it was in the power of the brethren to bestow upon him. They had all seen the admirable way in which he had discharged the duties of the minor offices through which he had passed; and his acceptance of the highest post amongst them was an augury of the future prosperity of the Lodge. The W. Master, who was most cordially greeted on rising to respond, expressed his deep sense of the honour which the brethren had conferred upon him, and complimented his Immediate Past Master upon the efficient manner in which he had acquitted himself as Installing Officer. By the generosity of the brethren he had attained the high position to which all Mark Masons might well aspire, and he appreciated the kindly expressions with which his elevation to that rank had been accompanied. He relied upon them for their forbearance in any shortcomings which might occur through his want of ability adequately to discharge the important functions of that office, but assured them he should endeavour to the utmost of his power and strength to advance the best and truest interests of the Lodge. He left himself entirely in their hands, but had no doubt that, with the assistance and co-operation of his Officers, he should be able to discharge the trust reposed in him to their satisfaction. He hoped that at the expiration of his term of office he should be able to hand down the insignia to his successor with their lustre at least undiminished. He then proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, who had so well performed the installation that evening, and to whom his best thanks and the thanks of the brethren were so eminently due. He should endeavour to emulate the excellent example set him by Bro. Tisley, who had proved himself an ornament to the Lodge, and had won golden opinions from the brethren generally. In conclusion, he asked Bro. Tisley's acceptance of a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been provided by the unanimous vote of the brethren, as a mark of their esteem and in recognition of the substantial and valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge. He hoped their esteemed Immediate Past Master would not value it merely for its intrinsic worth, but as an expression of the respect and affection of the brethren, whose interests he had so assiduously promoted. They all wished him long life and health to wear that jewel, and hoped he might always have as much pleasure in adorning his breast with so well-earned a tribute of esteem as it afforded him (the W.M.) in presenting him with it that evening. Bro. Tisley Immediate Past Master, who was received with prolonged applause, thanked the brethren for the magnificent gift with which they had presented him, but much more for the kindly expressions with which it had been accompanied. He assured them he was deeply sensible of their generous appreciation of his humble efforts to promote the interests of the Lodge, and said he should continue to do all he could to advance its prosperity in the future. He trusted the Officers and brethren would rally round their newly elected W.M., and assist him in promoting the true interests of the Prince Leopold Lodge. He should be glad to render what aid he could to Brother Richnell in the performance of his duties, and, in saying so, he felt he was supported by the whole of the Past Masters, Officers, and brethren of the Lodge. The W. Master then extended a hearty welcome to the Visitors, the toast being acknowledged by Brother Charles F. M. Mundy, of the Isaac Newton Lodge, Cambridge University. The health of the Past Masters was then given, and replied to by Bros. Alfred Tisley I.P.M. and T. C. Walls P.G.S.B., whilst Bro. C. G. Brown responded on behalf of the Officers of the Lodge. A very happy and harmonious gathering was brought to a conclusion by the proposal of the Tyler's toast.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

Eboracum Conclave, No. 137.—The installation meeting of this body was held on the evening of Holy Thursday, the throne being assumed by the M.P.S. Brother C. G. Padel. The routine business consisted in the reception and installation of Brother F. Slinger, of the Hotspur Lodge, No. 1626, Newcastle, which was performed by the M.P.S. Brother T. B. Whytehead, Int. Gen. Unattached, acting as H.P., and giving the Legend of the Order. A College of Viceroys was then opened, and Brother M. Millington was duly installed in the chair of V.E., after which a Senate of Sovereigns was opened, and Bro. G. Simpson was placed on the throne of C. The Senate and College were then successively closed, and the M.P.S. and V.E. proclaimed and saluted. The Auditors' report was read; it showed a very satisfactory balance, and a sum of £5 was voted to the Eboracum Lodge Building Fund. At the close of the conclave Bro. Simpson was appointed and installed in the chair of the St. Peter's Sanctuary and Commandery of St. John. Subsequently the brethren met to partake of light refreshment, and a quiet evening was spent in fraternal converse.

The Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, No. 1541, meets at the Loughborough Masonic Club, Loughborough Junction, every Saturday, at 7.30 p.m. Subscription 5s per annum. Entrance fee 5s. Bros. J. R. Stacey P.M. 189 President and Preceptor, J. Lee P.M. 1541 Vice President, G. J. Dawson W.M. 1853 Treasurer, Henry A. Stunt W.S. 1641 Hon. Sec. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

THE THEATRES, &c.

COVENT GARDEN.—ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA. This evening, FAUST AND MARGHERITA. On Monday, GUGLIELME TELL.

LYCEUM.—At 7.45, ROMEO AND JULIET.

ADELPHI.—At 7.15, MY TURN NEXT. At 8, TAKEN FROM LIFE.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7, A PHOTOGRAPHIC FRIGHT. At 7.45, THE LIGHTS OF LONDON.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, ON AN ISLAND. At 8, THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.

HAYMARKET.—SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER, and A LESSON. On Tuesday, ODETTE.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, THE MARBLE ARCH. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.

STRAND.—At 7.30, PARADISE VILLA. At 8.15, MANOLA.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES, and PATIENCE.

AVENUE.—At 8, MADAME FAVART. This day (Saturday) at 2 also.

COURT.—At 7.45, MY LITTLE GIRL. At 8.45, THE PARVENU.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, BABIL AND BIJOU.

COMEDY.—BOCCACCIO.

GAIETY.—At 7.15, THOSE GIRLS. At 8.30, THE FORTY THIEVES.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.50, MOTHER-IN-LAW. At 10, VULCAN, &c.

ROYALTY.—At 7.30, TEN MINUTES FOR REFRESHMENT. At 8, NOT REGISTERED. At 9.15, SINDBAD.

ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, MEDUSA. At 8.30, THE SQUIRE.

CRITERION.—At 8, RUTH'S ROMANCE. At 8.45, FOURTEEN DAYS.

OLYMPIC.—On Thursday, MOTHS.

EGYPTIAN HALL.—Messrs MASKELYNE AND COOKE, every evening at 8. Wednesdays and Saturdays at 3 also.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—This day, CONCERT. INTERNATIONAL ELECTRICAL EXHIBITION. Open Daily. Aquarium, Picture Gallery, &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.

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SATURDAY, 22nd APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

MONDAY, 24th APRIL.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7.30. (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)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7 30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1621—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1695—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 6.30. (Instruction)

46—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
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)
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 25th 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, Albion, Aldersgate-street
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.
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
960—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at. 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (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.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
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)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (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
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
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, 26th APRIL.

GRAND FESTIVAL, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
238—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1446—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
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
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
230—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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
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
1292—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
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, Rochester

THURSDAY, 27th APRIL.

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)
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
902—Burgovne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1565—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Aire Street, W.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—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. (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, 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
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
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
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R.A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale MasonicHall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manhesster

FRIDAY, 28th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
589—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., 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)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)

453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
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. 880—Selton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 29th APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, 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-st., W., at 8

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1482—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 17th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., the W.M., Bro. T. W. C. Bush, presiding. All the Officers were in their places, and among the brethren were the following visitors:—Bros. S. Daniel P.M. 65, Dr. Danford Thomas 239, Pullen J.D. 742. Hatfield 1320. The business of the evening comprised the passing of Bro. De Leeuw, and the raising to the third degree of Bros. Soblesinger and Lehman. It was announced that Bro. John Constable P.M. and Treasurer was about to depart on a business trip to the Cape. Thereupon Bro. Phil Levy Secretary proposed, and Bro. Croaker I.P.M. seconded, that a cordial farewell be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge, and also the expression of the hope of every one of the members for a happy and prosperous voyage, and anticipation of a safe return, to resume his duties as Treasurer of the Lodge; this was carried with acclamation. Bro. Constable said—Worshipful Master and Brethren, I thank you most heartily for the kind vote which you have been pleased to record on the minutes of the Lodge. It is not more than I expected, for since my connection with the Lodge I have received nothing but kindness, and I only hope that the kind expressions and fond anticipations may be fully realised, that I may be enabled to show my appreciation and gratitude by future services in the interest of the Lodge. Lodge having been closed and refreshment enjoyed, the W.M. proposed the first toast, namely, "Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the best interests of the Order." He was pleased to learn that Her Majesty had returned in good health. The toast was an appropriate one in such an assembly, as there is no company more loyal and devoted than Freemasons. A hearty welcome to the Visitors was replied to briefly by each, but Bro. Dr. Danford Thomas added that he had special reasons to be devoted to the Order, his father having had the honour of being three times Grand Chaplain of England, and his personal reminiscences would always fill him with gratitude, for when himself and two brothers were left fatherless, while still pursuing their studies, such help came to his widowed mother from the brethren in town and country that they were enabled to complete their education at Oxford, and occupy honourable positions in medicine and law. He would also take the opportunity of acknowledging the extreme kindness in the time of distress, and the help rendered in the time of need by the Jewish community in Portsdown-road—which, he believed, was called "Little Jerusalem," from the number of Israelites resident there—during the most critical period of his mother's life. The health of the W.M. was proposed and briefly responded to, and in proposing the heath of the P.M.'s, the W.M. said he naturally looked for advice and instruction to the Past Masters, and that was always kindly and cheerfully given. Next came the Officers, coupled with the names of Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Constable having responded in an eloquent and feeling speech, which was received with prolonged cheering, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. Several songs were given by Bros. Tipper, Bayley, Garrd, and Ross. The Past Masters present were Bros. Croaker, Bloomfield, Barnett, Bayley, and Gottheil.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE annual meeting of this old established and flourishing Lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, 13th inst. Lodge was opened at five o'clock punctually by the Worshipful Master Dr. Corrie Jackson, supported by Bro. Lancaster S.W. (Worshipful Master elect), Smith J.W., Rontz S.D., Billing J.D., Tongue I.G., Davis Tyler. Bro. Bell, who was the candidate for passing, having answered the usual questions in a highly satisfactory manner, retired. Lodge being advanced to the second degree, this ceremony was carried out in the usual efficient manner. The next business was the ceremony of installing Bro. Lancaster to the chair of K.S. by the W.M., who performed this duty in a manner that gave the highest satisfaction and enjoyment to the large number of members and guests who were present. Bro. Lancaster W.M. then chose the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Smith S.W., Rontz J.W., Bieling J.D., Tongue I.G., Washington Hayday as M.C. Bro. Pass, who has fulfilled the duties of Secretary for nearly a quarter of a century, was again re-invested. The W.M. then presented, in the name of the Lodge, a handsome Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M. Bro. Jackson, and hoped that he would enjoy health to wear it for many years to come. It was then proposed by Bro. Pass Secretary, that in accordance with Bye-Law 21 that Bro. Jackson should receive the extra decoration of the Polish White Eagle, to be worn suspended from the neck, for the very excellent manner in which he had not only carried out the duties of his year of office, but for the splendid manner in which he had rendered the ceremony of installation that evening. This was carried with acclamation by the brethren. After hearty good wishes had been given to the new W.M. and the report of the Audit Committee read and all other business ended, Lodge was closed in due form and the brethren retired to the banquetting hall. After grace had been sung, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts given, Bro. Jackson I.P.M. said, the gavel having been placed in my hands it becomes the first pleasant duty of my present position as I.P.M. to propose to you the health of our new W.M. He was initiated shortly after myself in this Lodge, and has worked his way up, step by step, to the high position he now holds. I am very glad to hear the manner in which you receive his name, as it shows the unanimously kind feeling that you have towards him; I hope that he will have a prosperous and pleasant year of office. The W.M., who on rising was greeted with continued cheers, stated that he had to thank the brethren for the manner in which they had received the proposal of his health, and to assure them that during his year of office he would use every effort to carry out the duties in a satisfactory manner, and that he certainly shared with the P.M.'s in having the greatest zeal in the affairs of the Lodge, and he hoped that he would be enabled to transmit to his successor the Lodge in as prosperous a condition as it had been given to him by the I.P.M., whose health he now had the pleasure to propose. Bro. Jackson had had a most prosperous and pleasant year of office. This was due in a large extent to his own personal qualities. He had been good natured and firm, without weakness, and had introduced an almost military feeling in the Lodge with respect to the punctuality of his attendance and regularity with which he had performed the duties of his office, especially for the impressive and eloquent manner in which he had rendered the ceremony of installation that evening, and which had been such a treat to them all. Bro. Jackson, in reply, stated that he was most gratified for the manner in which the toast proposing his health had been received, and also that his efforts to please them during his year of office had met with so pleasant a recognition as the presentation of the Past Master's jewel; whilst thanking them for that he felt doubly proud of the decoration of the White Eagle which the brethren had voted to him—as any Past Master had a right to a Past Master's jewel—but not every one to the decoration of the White Eagle. He did not intend to relax his efforts now that he had passed the chair, but would be very pleased to assist in any way that was possible for the prosperity of the Lodge. It only now remained for him to again thank the brethren for the kindness and courtesy with which they, and especially the Officers of the Lodge, had supported him. The W.M. then read the list of Visitors, of whom he was delighted to see so goodly an array, and proposed their health, calling upon Bro. Terry, whose name was well known to every Mason, from his long connection with the Charities, to reply. Bro. Terry congratulated the W.M. on his accession to office, and paid a high tribute to the I P.M. for the manner in which the ceremony of installation had been rendered. He was pleased to see him decorated, not only with a Past Master's jewel, but also that he had received the decoration of the White Eagle, which was only given to those who had distinguished themselves, or served as Stewards to the Girls' or Boys' Schools. For his own part he could not understand why those who served as Stewards to the Benevolent Institution should be omitted, and he hoped soon to hear that Bye-Law had been altered. Bro. Mathews stated that he had known the W.M. since he was a child; he wished him a prosperous year of office. Some of the Visitors favoured the brethren with some splendid glee singing during the evening. The following is a list of the Visitors:—Bros. Shand, Draper, Kelsey, Mathews, Crowther, Bassett, Barlow, Culver, Terry, Rosenthal, Atking, Huggins, Cogan, Roberts, Collins, Lockett, Bowley, Verdin, Ward, Mein, Coles, Goldsmith, Saegert and Birch.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE, No. 781.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, 12th instant, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse. Lodge was opened at an early hour by the W.M. Bro. Rawe, who before vacating his post initiated two candidates into Freemasonry, and performed the ceremonies of passing and raising. The three degrees were worked by Bro. Rawe in a most admirable and praiseworthy manner. The succeeding W.M. Bro. Richard Fox Ould was then duly installed into the chair of King Solomon by Bro. James Terry, in presence of a numerous assemblage of brethren. Bro. Terry's rendering of the installation service was most impressive, and commanded the admiration of all. The installation over, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet served by the host, Bro. Emanuel Gregory, in a style that gave general satisfaction, the new Worshipful Master presiding. The usual toasts having been disposed of, the I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, which was received with enthusiasm, and gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Ould. The toast of the Initiates followed, after which Bro. Robinson sang "Nancy Lee." The Visitors were next complimented. There were a goodly number, including Bros. Syndall P.M., Turquand P.M., G. Mason P.M., Cottar P.M., Brooks, Tribe, Wyles, Keable, Holland, &c. After an excellent song by Bro. Palmer, Bro. Brooks replied. The Installing Master, Bro. Terry, was the next toast; in conjunction with Prosperity to the Masonic Institutions. Bro. J. A. Keable was called upon, and he gave a humorous recital from "All that glitters is not gold." Bro. Terry replied in eloquent terms, and in a most forcible manner urged the claims of the Charitable Institutions upon the consideration of the brethren. The Past Masters followed, and this toast was suitably acknowledged in a characteristic speech by Bro. Rawe. The Officers was replied to by E. T. Reid, the highly esteemed Secretary of the Lodge. Bro. Palmer contributed another song, and the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. During the proceedings Bro. Keable read the following lines, written for the occasion:—

Since our last installation day,
A year its course has rolled,
And now we're gathered here to-night
To welcome Brother Ould.

Esteemed he is, belov'd by all,
A brother staunch and true,
And may his year of office prove
A prosperous one all through.

Amongst the Masters of the past,—
His toil and labour o'er—
With blushing honours on his head
Retires our Brother Rawe.

The Merchant Navy still, we know,
Will be his constant care,
And long upon his manly breast
May he its jewel wear.

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Our Brother Ould receives from all
The heartiest goodwill,
And may his health be well preserved
His duties to fulfil.

May all his undertakings here
With grand success be crowned,
And 'mongst the brethren of the Lodge
May harmony abound.

And when the ensuing year shall end
And all its records told,
We will esteem the progress made
In th' famous days of Ould.

ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND LODGE, No. 1538.

PROMINENT among the Lodges of the metropolis is this comparatively young, but eminently active and zealous section of the Fraternity, whose annual meeting was held on the 12th inst., under the most gratifying auspices. We have had occasion previously to notice the readiness with which our brethren of the Post Office and Civil Service have ever come forward to assist in the cause of Masonry, whenever they could find anything for their hands to do; and it must have been eminently satisfactory to Bro. William Gibbs to have found the brethren rallying round him so freely and spontaneously as they have done during his year of office. We shall not be accused of any fulsome adulation or undue praise in saying that to our Bro. Major Williams and his esteemed brother, who has so ably seconded his efforts, much of the success of this Lodge is to be attributed. At any rate, when at any of its meetings we have invariably found an all-pervading sense of unanimity and good feeling animating the brethren, who are always most ready to assist the Officers in carrying out the important functions entrusted to them. This spirit was manifested to a marked degree on Wednesday evening, when the members of the Lodge assembled at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, for the election of Officers for the ensuing year. Lodge was opened at five o'clock, in accordance with ancient rites, Bro. William Gibbs presiding, supported by Bros. W. Smith S.W., Major W. E. Williams P.M. Treasurer, J. Hookey Secretary, J. P. Parkes S.D., R. Liversedge J.D., G. Hatch I.G., George Gregory I.P.M., F. B. Williams P.M., T. G. Flack Steward, A. C. Moffatt P.M., A. C. Woodward P.M., and many other Officers and brethren. Amongst the Visitors we noticed Bros. G. C. Barry P.G.P.O., G. T. Edwards P.M. 788, C. Henry Price W.M. 162, George Clayton 780, J. W. Baldwin 1692, F. C. Witty 92, R. Sewill 21, and others. After the transaction of some formal business, the ballot was opened for Mr. John Viney Smith, proposed by Bro. Ferguson, and seconded by Bro. Major W. E. Williams P.M. Treasurer; for Mr. Frederick Gibbon, whose sponsors were the same; and for Mr. William James Willcocks, proposed by Bro. the Treasurer, seconded by Bro. J. Hookey. In each case the voting was unanimous, and Messrs. Smith and Gibbon being in attendance, they were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the ceremony being performed in masterly manner by the W.M., whose working on this, as on many previous occasions was much admired. In the election which followed, it was gratifying to observe the unanimity with which the selection of the brethren felt upon Bro. W. Smith, as successor to the principal chair for the ensuing year. It has been our pleasurable duty to observe on many previous occasions the hearty manner in which the Officers of this Lodge have rallied round the chair, ably supported by Past Masters of eminence in the City, but it must be said that during his year of office as S.W. Bro. Smith has well earned the honour which was conferred upon him on Wednesday night. There was to be no question of course as to the re-election of Bro. Major W. E. Williams as honorary Treasurer. All who know anything about the St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge know how unwearying have been his exertions in promoting the interests of the Lodge, and especially in husbanding its funds, and devoting them to the cause of Charity. It was, therefore, no matter of surprise that the brethren should have been so united in their wish that he should retain for another year at least the office he has so well and worthily filled; and we are assured that the graceful compliments with which the request was accompanied were as sincere as they were well expressed. Bro. Gilbert was re-elected Tyler, and at the conclusion of some formal business Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, which was admirably served by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, the arrangements being, as usual, personally superintended by Bro. Henry Mills, with Bro. Marcham as toastmaster. A sumptuous bill of fare having been discussed, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, the Worshipful Master alluding in eloquent terms to the services rendered by the Prince of Wales, as Most Worshipful Grand Master, to the Craft, and to His Royal Highness's visit to Continental Lodges, proving his active interest in Freemasonry. Bro. George Moffatt, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, observed that the gavel had been entrusted to him for that purpose for the last time; he congratulated Bro. Gibbs most sincerely upon the success which had attended his year of office. During that time they had infused new blood into the Lodge, and in saying that their excellent W.M. had done his duty well, he was only expressing the genuine sentiments of every member of the Lodge. When he retired from the office he had so ably filled he would hand down the insignia of that position to his successor with additional lustre; and from all they had heard in Lodge the brethren would be assured that the dignity of that office could not have devolved upon better shoulders. The Worshipful Master briefly acknowledged the compliment paid him, referring in graceful terms to the assistance which had been so kindly rendered to him during his year of office. The "champion" box was then passed round, with most satisfactory result, on behalf of the Charities, and the W.M. gave the health of the Initiates, this toast being most cordially received. Bro. John Viney Smith, in responding, said he deeply appreciated the honour which had been conferred upon him that evening by having been admitted as a member of the Institution; he should devote his best energies to the task of fitting himself as a student of its beautiful and symbolic mysteries. Bro. Frederick Gibbon also returned thanks in suitable terms, and said he should endeavour to emulate the example of those who had so worthily preceded him in promoting the best interests of the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters, to whom he tendered his heartfelt thanks for the valuable aid they had rendered to him during his year of office. He associated with the toast the names of P.M.'s Woodward and Gregory, who suitably responded, the latter acknowledging the generous support accorded to him by the Lodge on the occasion of his going up as a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. In proposing the health of the Hon. Treasurer and Secretary, the W.M. said all the members of the Lodge were aware of the admirable manner in which Bro. Major Williams had conducted its affairs, and how he had succeeded in raising it to its present state of efficiency. To Bro. Hookey also their best thanks were due for the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of his important office. The toast was received with special enthusiasm, and Bro. Major Williams, in responding, assured the brethren it was a source of much pleasure to him to be Treasurer of this Lodge, and he was grateful for the honour they conferred upon him year by year. He congratulated the Lodge upon its satisfactory financial position, and expressed the hope that it might continue to manifest that degree of interest in the Charities it had done during the present year. Bro. Hookey also briefly responded, expressing his satisfaction with the manner in which the Lodge was being worked. Several other toasts were proposed, including that of the W.M. elect, in giving which the W.M. spoke in highly eulogistic terms of Bro. Smith, and the way he had discharged his duties as S.W., expressing the belief, which he was sure would be shared in by the brethren generally, that he had eminently qualified himself for the post to which he had that day been elected. Bro. W. Smith responded, assuring the brethren of his interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and promising to do his best to advance its prosperity in the coming year. He also suitably thanked them for the honour they had that day conferred upon him, of which, he assured them, he was not insensible. Several other toasts were given. The proceedings were interspersed with some capital music and singing, notable amongst which was a new song by Bro. Alfred Moore, of the Alexandra Palace, entitled "The Sacristan;" and the "Sailor's Yarn," by Bro. Clayton. Altogether a very agreeable and harmonious evening was passed.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, when there were present Bros. F. Botley W.M., Gomm P.M. S.W., C. E. Botley J.W., Goss P.M. S.D., Gorlander J.D., S. Blasby I.G.; Bro. Andrews P.M. Preceptor, and Lucas. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read, confirmed and signed. The questions leading from second to third degree were put, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. Preceptor, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the second section of the first lecture. Bro. Gomm was elected W.M. for 21st inst. Bro. Corlander, of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, was elected a member. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 18th April, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Christian W.M., Edwards S.W., A. Clark J.W., Corble S.D., T. Clark J.D., Gosling I.G., F. Carr Hon. Sec., Brasted P.M. acting Preceptor; also Bros. Darnell, Shorey, Jones, Smyth, Bunker, Loring, Allen, Forss, and Parfitt. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Brother Forss offered himself as candidate for raising, and was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. F. Carr gave the traditional history. Bro. Forss worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Shorey and Parfitt of Lodge 1365, and Bro. Loring of Lodge 171 were elected members. Bro. Edwards was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.I. FOR GIRLS.

THE Ninety-fourth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, on the evening of Wednesday, the 10th May, on which occasion his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., Past Grand Senior Warden, will preside. It will not surprise our readers when we tell them that a Board of Stewards, which can boast of Lord Leigh, Prov. Grand Master of Warwickshire, as its president, Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, as its acting President, and Brother Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., President of the Lodge of Benevolence, as its Honorary Treasurer, is likely to turn out an unusually strong one, and our hopes of a heavy subscription list are, as a matter of course, of a commensurately sanguine hue. His Royal Highness has already fulfilled the important duties of Chairman at a Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and though the circumstances of the year he did so were so unfavourable as to prevent the announcement of a total that was formidable beyond the average of recent years, yet, under his kindly influence, a sum of something like £11,000 was realised. This year we seem to be, commercially, somewhat better circumstanced than we were in 1878, and it is most probable, therefore, under the circumstances, that the Duke's advocacy of the claims of this admirable Institution on the support of the Craft will bear more abundant fruit than at his former essay. When his brother, Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, presided at the Festival of this School in 1880, Bro. Hedges had the good fortune to be in a position to announce receipts considerably in excess of £13,000, and Brother Terry was similarly fortunate when the same member of the Royal Family undertook to preside at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, though, as ill-luck would have it, His Royal Highness at the last moment was unable, through indisposition, to carry into effect his kindly intention, and his place was supplied by the late Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Prov. Grand Master Staffordshire. Equally marked have been the successes achieved at those of our Charitable Anniversaries at which our Grand Master has presided, and hence we are justified in arguring from these facts a very satisfactory result on the eventful Wednesday week, when the merits of the Institution at Battersea are set lucidly before the Craft by the most illustrious of the Past Grand Senior Wardens of England.

As is our custom, we shall now proceed to lay before our readers a brief summary of the claims which our Girls' School has on the benevolence of the Craft. Though at all times we are desirous of exhibiting the strictest impartiality in dealing with our three Institutions; and though we always endeavour to speak of them as being equally deserving of support, we cannot but allow that the School at Battersea Rise has some slight advantages—many will regard them as being imaginary, rather than having any tangible value—over its sister Institutions at Wood Green and Croydon. It has been longer in existence, and what, is still more to the point, its inmates belong to the fair sex, and most brethren are ready and willing to cry out "way for the ladies." These are points, however, to which we need not make more than a passing allusion. If its existence had endured for only thirty-four years, instead of ninety-four, the magnificent work it is doing would secure for it not only our respect, but our active sympathy and support likewise. An Institution which has a permanent income of greatly less than £2,000 per annum, and yet is bold enough to undertake the maintenance and education of 235 girls, stands out before the world as one that righteously demands the substantial aid of the body to which it owes its existence, and which, as regards the female children of its poorer and deceased brethren, it so substantially benefits. We are not of those who think the policy of extending the operations of this School, which has been pursued of late, is altogether a judicious policy. We would rather see it well furnished with means of its own, and would rather strengthen the investments than add to the number of the pupils. But once a policy has been accepted, we as loyally uphold it as if we had been its originators. Hence, as there are now 235 scholars at Battersea Rise—all of them nice, and we hope and believe good, "girls dressed in blue"—it is clearly the duty of the brethren to maintain the School at that strength, and supply out of their private means what, over and above the permanent income, is necessary towards such maintenance. As a correspondent of ours lately remarked, there has lately been an abnormal expenditure of something like £20,000 on the purchase and erection of new buildings, and it is not so very long since the School numbered only 150 pupils instead of 235. All this, however, is now matter of history, and what we have to do at the present time is to point out that the School, enlarged as it has been to its present dimensions, needs enlarged support in order that it may be maintained at its now normal state of efficiency. One sufficient reason why the appeal of the Duke of Connaught on Wednesday must, and we believe will, be responded to with exemplary liberality.

Then, having our School and its youthful inmates, we must not lose sight of the good that is being done. If we take six years as representing the average length of time which each girl remains an inmate of the Institution, it follows that some forty girls are annually sent forth into the world to fight the battle of life. Thanks to the excellence of the training, both moral and educational which they have received, they enter on their several careers with everything in their favour. When they are grown a few years older, and are likely to enter into the married state, they are exactly the kind of women that will make comfortable homes for their husbands. The training they undergo includes the useful as well as the ornamental, and as was recently noted by a chairman at one of its Festivals, the cleverest cook in the School was a practised and highly intelligent musician. To know that its money is being so advantageously expended is another sufficient reason for a still more liberal contribution than in past years at the Festival of next Wednesday week, while a third will be found in the fact that the majority of those pupils who submit themselves for examination at the Oxford and Cambridge Middle Class Examinations do so with credit to

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themselves and the Institution of which they were scholars. Those, however, who wish to learn more about these matters will do well to attend at the School itself the Monday preceding the Festival, when Lord Leigh will distribute the prizes, and there will be the usual music and singing and recitations. They will then and there have the opportunity of judging for themselves of the value of the Institution as an educational establishment. In conclusion, we hope, in the interests of the School, and as a recognition of the Duke of Connaught's kindness in presiding, that Bro. Hedges will have the satisfaction of announcing a total of subscriptions in excess of what, since his appointment to the Secretaryship, it has been his agreeable privilege to announce.

THE MARRIAGE OF THE QUEEN'S CHILDREN.

AS our readers feel so loyal an interest in all that relates to the Royal Family, they will, doubtless, not take it amiss if we lay before them the following brief particulars of the marriages of the Queen's children up to Thursday last. They need hardly be told that by Her Majesty's marriage, on the 10th February 1840, with His late Royal Highness Albert Prince of Saxe Coburg Gotha and Prince Consort of Great Britain and Ireland, whose lamented death occurred on the 14th December 1861, there was born issue four sons and five daughters. Of these, the eldest, Victoria Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland and Imperial Crown Princess of Germany, born 24th November 1840, was the only one that was married during her father's lifetime. This happy event took place 25th January 1858, when Her Royal Highness had not long completed her seventeenth year. Her husband was at the time Prince Frederick William of Prussia, and through his father, now Emperor of Germany, heir to the Crown of Prussia. Eight children, of whom one has since died, were the result of this marriage, and a few years since the eldest daughter, who was born in the year 1860, was married, and has issue one child. The next of the Queen's children to be married was the late Princess Alice, born 25th April 1843, who was married to the then Prince Louis, now Grand Duke of Hesse Darmstadt, on the 1st July 1862, and had issue seven children, two of whom have since died, while Her Royal Highness herself succumbed to an attack of diphtheria, caught from one of her children, on the 14th December 1878, the anniversary of the death of that father whom she had so devotedly tended during his last illness. On the 10th March 1863, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, born 9th November 1841, and who had consequently come of age a few months before, was married to Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra of Denmark, by whom he has had issue two sons and five daughters, one other son having died the day following his birth.

On 5th July 1866, H.R.H. Princess Helena, born 25th May 1846, was married to Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, there being issue of the marriage five children. On 21st March 1871, H.R.H. Princess Louise, b. 18th March 1848, was married to the Marquis of Lorne, heir to the Dukedom of Argyll. The next to enter into the married state was H.R.H. Prince Alfred Duke of Edinburgh, the bride of his choice being Her Imperial Highness the Grand Duchess Marie Alexandrovna, only daughter of the late Alexander II. Czar of all the Russias. A son and three daughters are the issue of this marriage. On 13th March 1879 H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught P.G.S. Warden, and godson of our illustrious Brother the "Great" Duke of Wellington married H.R.H. the Princess Louise, third daughter of H.R.H. Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia, and has issue one daughter. Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, by his marriage with the Princess Helen of Waldeck-Pyrmont, becomes brother-in-law of the Queen of the Netherlands, and had her uncle-in-law, the late Prince Frederick of the Netherlands been spared till now, would have thus become connected with His late Royal Highness, who was chosen Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of that country in 1816, and remained such till his death last year, or for the unusually long period of sixty-five years.

The only unmarried child of the Queen is Her Majesty's youngest daughter H.R.H. the Princess Beatrice, born 14th April 1857.

It will be seen from the foregoing sketch, that the Queen has had nine children, of whom eight are still living, some thirty grandchildren, four of whom have either died in infancy or early childhood, and one great grandchild. We hope it may be many years ere anything happens to disturb the happiness of the Royal Family.

FREEMASONRY IN CANADA.

WE learn from the pages of last month's number of the *Canadian Craftsman* that the Seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was held on the 8th February last, under the presidency of Brother John H. Bell, M.W.G.M., who was loyally supported by his Grand Officers and the representatives of subordinate Lodges. In due course Bro. Bell delivered the customary address, in which he detailed the principal events of the year, and drew attention to anything of an unusual character which had occurred. Most of what he said possessed only a local interest, but it is noteworthy that, in the course of his remarks, he mentioned, that the United Grand Lodge of England had agreed to recognise and exchange representatives with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. He further said that, in July of last year, having issued a warrant for the establishment at Gibraltar of a Lodge to be entitled "Al Mogral al Aksa," he had received, shortly afterwards, intelligence which showed that the Grand Lodge of Scotland considered this an encroachment on its rights, and was prepared to refuse recognition to the Lodge; while about the same date a letter reached him from Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary England, in which that brother pointed out the objections there were to such an invasion of the rights of Grand Lodge England, and that orders had been given to the Lodges of the English Craft not to recognise the intruder. Under these circumstances, and not wishing to involve Manitoba in a controversy with the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, which had joint jurisdiction over Gibraltar, he had given instructions that the Lodge should not be constituted or the officers installed, and in his opinion it would be better to recall the warrant, and require the return of all papers, books, &c., "unless the Lodge were prepared to remove at once, and open in Morocco, as was originally intended." Subsequently the report of the Board of General Purposes on the Grand Master's address was received, and his conduct "approved on the premises." The Financial Statement was satisfactory, there being in the hands of Grand Treasurer a balance in favour of Grand Lodge of 600 dollars. The report of the statistics of membership show a remarkable degree of progress during the past year, there being nineteen Lodges, with a total membership of 664, as against sixteen Lodges and 488 brethren the year previous. The following are the Grand Officers for the present year, namely:—

Bro. J. H. Bell	Grand Master
W. G. Scott	Deputy Grand Master
A. Pearson	Grand Senior Warden
C. F. Forrest	Grand Junior Warden
Rev. Canon O'Meara	Grand Chaplain
J. J. Johnson	Grand Treasurer
D. G. Dick	Grand Registrar
H. D. Le Chappellain	Grand Secretary
John McKechnie	Grand Senior Deacon
Alex. McGowan	Grand Junior Deacon
A. M. Sutherland	Grand D. of C.
John McBeath	Grand Sword Bearer
S. C. Vick	Grand Organist
G. E. Fulthorpe	Grand Pursuivant
Angus Fraser	Grand Steward
Rev. — Wellwood	" "
W. R. Black	" "
J. O. Le Chappellain	" "
Alfred McKeand	" "
James A. Carley	" "
W. W. Ptolemy	" "
Alex. Nichol	" "
T. H. Carman	" "

From the same journal we have obtained the following particulars of the dedication of a magnificent Masonic Temple at London (Ontario) by the Grand Master of Canada and his Grand Officers. The Craft to the number of 1500 having assembled at the drill-shed, marched in procession through the streets to the Temple, there in the library-room Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, the following being the Grand Officers present, namely—Bros. Lieutenant-Colonel Moffatt G.M., William Milliner as D.G.M., DeWitt Martyn D.D.G.M., Robert Mackay

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P.D.D.G.M., W. D. McGloghlin P.D.D.G.M., W. Hayden G.S.W., T. H. Tracy as G.J.W., Evans Davis G. Chaplain, E. Mitchell Grand Treasurer, E. H. Long G. Registrar, J. J. Mason Grand Secretary, R. B. Hungerford as Grand Director of Ceremonies, R. Radcliffe G.S.D., J. Ross Robertson G.J.D., Thomas Brock, H. Dresny, H. C. Owen, James Priddis, W. K. Atkinson, John O'Donohue, and A. B. Munson Grand Stewards, F. J. Hood Grand Tyler. Grand Lodge then adjourned to the blue-room, where the impressive ceremony of dedication was carried out, after which Grand Master Moffatt delivered a very eloquent address, in the course of which he expressed a hope that greater zeal and energy would be shown generally by the brethren throughout his jurisdiction, and illustrated remarks as to the necessity there was for this additional zeal and energy by pointing out that though there were some 1800 brethren added to the roll last year, the number of resignations, deaths, suspensions for non-payment of dues had been so great that the net addition to their ranks was only 183. The Grand Chaplain having also addressed the meeting, the brethren adjourned to banquet, under the presidency of their chief.

THE GRAND FESTIVAL.

WHAT may justly be described as the anniversary communication of United Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. In the unavoidable absence of H.R.H. the Grand Master and the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the throne was occupied by the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master of Surrey fulfilling the duties of Deputy Grand Master and Lord Suffield Prov. Grand Master of Norfolk, those of Past Grand Master. The Grand Warden's chairs were occupied by Lord Balfour of Burleigh Past G.S. Warden and Sir F. Wyatt Truscott Past G. Warden respectively. Among those present were the Marquis of Londonderry, Q.P., Provincial Grand Master Durham, Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., Prov. G.M. Essex, Sir G. A. H. Leohmere, Bart., M.P. Pro. Grand Master Worcestershire, Rev. Ambrose W. Hall G. Chaplain, Rev. Arthur Purey-Cust G. Chaplain, Col. J. Creaton G. Treasurer, Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Registrar, Sir J. B. Monckton President of the Board of General Purposes, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Geo. H. Clerke G.S.D., Sir James Ramsden G.S.D., John Sampson Pierce G.J.D., H. C. Levander G.J.D., Capt. A. B. Cook Assist. G.D. of C., George Lambert Grand Sword Bearer, C. J. Jekyll Grand Org., H. C. Buss Asst. Grand Sec., W. R. Wood Asst. G.P., H. Sadler Grand Tyler, Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., P PG.M. W. Division of South Wales, Hugh D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal, the Hon. R. W. H. Giddy D.G.M. Griqualand, J. Bevan D.G.M. Westland, Lieut.-Col. W. Ramsay P.D.G.M. Punjaub, E.I., Rev. J. E. Cox P.G.C. P.G.C., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., Captain N. G. Philips, Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville-Burney P.G.D., Robert Grey P.G.D., Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., Brackstone Baker P.G.D., Peter de Lande Long P.G.D., J. H. Scott P.G.D., T. Fenn P.G.D., John A. Rucker P.G.D., J. Glaisher P.G.D., Jabez Hogg P.G.D., James Lewis-Thomas, F.S.A., P.A.G.D.C., Magnus Obren P.A.G.D.C., Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., A. J. Duff-Filer P.G.S.B., C. E. Willing P.G.O., and W. Kuhe P.G.O.

In due course his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was declared to have been installed as Grand Master, and was duly saluted as such. The following were then appointed as Grand Officers for the year, effect being given, as will be seen, for the first time, to the recent arrangement by which a Grand Assistant Director of the Ceremonies and two Grand Standard Bearers are appointed.

Earl of Carnarvon	Pro Grand Master
Earl of Lathom	Deputy Grand Master
Lord Carrington	Senior Grand Warden
J. Whittaker Ellis, Lord Mayor	Junior Grand Warden
Rev. T. Robinson, Rev. T. Cochrane	Grand Chaplains
Colonel J. Creaton	Grand Treasurer
McIntyre, Q.C., M.P.	Grand Registrar
Colonel S. H. Clerke	Grand Secretary
E. E. Wendt	Sec. German Correspondence
Major J. Penrice, W. G. Harrison, Q.C.	Senior Grand Deacons
R. C. Else, Captain C. B. Royds	Junior Grand Deacons
H. Jones	G. Superintendent of Works
Sir A. W. Woods (Garter)	Grand Director of Ceremonies
D. Smith	Deputy Grand Dir. of Cer.
R. T. Pigott	Assistant Grand Dir. of Cer.
J. Messent	Grand Sword Bearer
H. S. Alpass, W. Masefield	Grand Standard Bearers
W. Cusins	Grand Organist
H. S. Buss	Assistant Grand Secretary
W. R. Wood	Grand Pursuivant
L. F. Littell	Assistant do
H. Sadler	Grand Tyler

The following have been announced as the Grand Stewards of the new year—namely, Bros. George Martin 1, C. R. Rivington 2, Rev. J. W. Weldon, M.D. 4, John Rowley Jones 5, Captain Frederick Ormsby 6, Walter A. Grogono 8, George H. Hopkinson 14, Joseph W. Abbott 21, H. Venn 23, E. Beaumont 26, H. W. Hunt 29, E. J. Humphrey 46, J. S. Burroughes 58, Daniel Nicols 60, Isaac C. Strong 91, Edward H. Wolton 99, William H. Stanger 197, and Alfred Cooper 259. Lord Lathom announced that Her Majesty had consented to receive a deputation of the brethren with the congratulatory address on her happy escape from assassination at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, the 10th May, and that the deputation would be composed of the following brethren:—The Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Duke of Connaught P.G.S.W., Prince Leopold Duke of Albany P.G.J.W., the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., the Earl of March, M.P., P.G.S.W., the Lord Mayor G.S.W., Sir L. W. Cave, Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), Sir John Monckton, Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., G.St., Colonel Creaton G.I., the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall P.G.C., and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the usual banquet followed, the chair being occupied by the Earl of Lathom, than whom a more genial president on such an occasion need not be desired. The customary toasts were duly honoured, and subsequently a concert was held in the Temple, at which the following artists assisted:—Miss Fenna, Miss Orridge, Mr. Vernon Rigby, Mr. Lewis Thomas, Bro. Baxter, Bro. G. T. Carter, Mr. Coates, Bro. Winn, and Bro. Kuhe P.G.O. The accompanyists were Bros. Meyer Lutz and C. S. Jekyll P.G.O. The performance was under the direction of Bro. C. S. Jekyll P.G.O.

On Thursday, 27th inst., the General Committee of the Girls' School met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when there was a full attendance, Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided. The minutes of last General Committee were read and confirmed, and the minutes of the Audit and other Committees were read for information. After the formal vote authorising the Chairman to sign cheques for various accounts, amounting to £1,601, the sum of £1,000 was, upon motion, duly passed, ordered to be invested, and added to the Sustentation Fund which, with that addition, now exceeds £5,000. Three petitions were approved and ordered to be placed on the list. The Secretary stated that he had received a letter from Bro. Molesworth, who had proposed the admission of Ada Wright by purchase, inquiring whether this could be done now, on account of the recent admission of the candidate's sister into the School. Some discussion took place upon this, from which it appeared to be the general opinion that the candidate was not now eligible in consequence of Law 56, which provides that there shall not be two children of the same parents in the School at the same time. Some few brethren, however, considered that in cases of purchase no petition was necessary, and ultimately the question was, upon motion, deferred consideration for a month. On the motion of Bro. Nunn, seconded by Bro. Richardson, the salaries of Miss Davis and three assistant teachers were increased. This increase, however, only amounted in the whole to £50. The Audit Committee, as at present constituted, was proposed for re-election, and declared duly elected. The House Committee was also proposed for re-election in the same manner, but the names of Bros. R. Grey, J. H. Matthews and Eugene Montenuis were also proposed, and consequently an election will be necessary.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the forthcoming Eighty-fourth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 3rd May.

It is a pleasure, as well as our duty, to offer our hearty congratulations to H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., P.G.J.W. of England, and Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, on his marriage with the Princess Helen of Waldeck-Pyrmont. His Royal Highness has, on all occasions, exhibited a deep interest in the great social questions of the day, and we trust the newly-wedded couple may have before them a long and prosperous career.

Bro. W. Wrench Towse has accepted the position of Hon. Secretary of the Clacton-on-Sea branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. It will be remembered that the Albert Edward was one of the boats presented by the Freemasons to the Institution on the safe return of the Right Worshipful the Grand Master from India. She has been the means of saving over sixty lives in little over four years. Contributions for the local fund for current expense will be received with thanks by the Hon. Secretary.

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PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Moulsoe Rectory, Newport Pagnell.
22nd April 1882.

SIR,—The Masonic Charity Organizations are doing very valuable work in advancing the interests of many candidates who would otherwise be friendless, but I fear that there are some deserving Masons who will be somewhat prejudiced by their action—I mean our Colonial brethren. With no English Province to support them, there is the danger that their claims will be overlooked.

I can at the present minute vouch for the urgency of one such case, that of Brother Thomas Sewell, a candidate for the May Election. He is blind, and very poor. I shall be extremely grateful if any brethren will send their votes for him to,

Yours very fraternally,

J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG P.G.C.

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In August 1879 you were kind enough to insert a letter of mine in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, speaking of the unfair manner in which Provincial Grand Lodge honours were distributed, and also the necessity of large Provinces being divided. I am sorry to say in the Province of West Yorkshire the appointment of Officers is very unsatisfactory, and it is most difficult to obtain recognition for past services. As I said in my previous letter, the long purse buys the position, irrespective of merit or ability. I again claim recognition for the hard working, energetic, and ever willing Past Masters, of whom I am glad to say West Yorkshire possesses many, but who unfortunately are every year passed over without the slighest acknowledgment of the good work they have done for the diffusion of Masonic knowledge. At our last annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, presided over by Brother Lieutenant Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., held on 12th April, at Huddersfield, the position of Provincial Grand Junior Warden was conferred on a gentleman of good social position, and who is esteemed by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, but, as we are told that merit and ability are the principles on which honours are gained, I should like to know how to reconcile this, which to me is a paradox. I remember well the initiation of the present Provincial Grand Junior Warden, and also the offices he had held, which were Inner Guard, Junior Warden and Worshipful Master, and he is now Immediate Past Master, you will therefore perceive he is not yet five years a Mason, whilst we have in our town brethren who are far into the teens of years as Past Masters, and between twenty and thirty years subscribing members of their respective Lodges. Who can have done the most for Masonry? The present Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies I also remember occupying the chair of King Solomon; he is a very worthy man, and has, by gaining Provincial favour, found "LIFE TO BE WORTH LIVING," still my argument holds good that many older and more experienced Past Masters could be found t receive the long expected recognition of hard work and long services. Last year the Provincial Grand Chaplain was a gentleman who only held the rank of Senior Warden in his mother Lodge, of which he is still comparatively a very young member. I also remember the Provincial Grand Junior Warden being promoted at the following annual meeting to Provincial Grand Senior Warden. I only speak of cases well known to myself, perhaps there are others which will not be pleasant to reflect upon. Of course the difficulty in a large Province to make a satisfactory selection is great, but when there are eight hundred and sixty-five Past Masters to select from, I do not consider it equity to give preference to those who are so young in Masonry. It was well known in Huddersfield there was a surprise for us, and the secret was well kept; it has come with a vengeance, but unfortunately without satisfaction. I suppose those brethren who are eligible will also be appointed to similar offices in the Royal Arch. Why not confer Provincial Royal Arch honours on those who have not had Provincial honours in the Craft? then our Rt. Worshipful Provincial Grand Master would not have to complain so much of being unable to confer Provincial appointments on so few. Do not let one gentleman enjoy both Craft and Royal Arch appointments at the same time, and let it be understood that the coveted positions can only be held in one degree, and be who has gained a Provincial appointment in the Craft must not expect one in the Arch I am trespassing too much on your space, or would say a few words on the desirability of our large Province (which consists of sixty-five Lodges, and three thousand one hundred and fifty-nine subscribing members) being divided; perhaps at some future time I may ask the insertion of a letter on this subject in your valuable paper.

I will still subscribe myself,

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

JUNIOR P.M.

22nd April 1882.

A VAGRANT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Almoners and others should keep a sharp look out for one James Baird, tall in stature, dark, and very shabbily dressed; has no certificate, says he was initiated in the St. Mark's Lodge, No. 102, Glasgow; lately a member of the Dalhousie, No. 860, London; the answer from the latter respecting him is, "Know no. thing of such an individual."

He is making his way from here (Havant), via Southampton, into S.W. Provinces, he was this way in June 1877, and is probably a professional vagrant, and should be given in charge of the police.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY 804.

Obituary.

BRO. J. P. SAREL.

ONE of the most respected tradesmen of Chelmsford died on Monday morning, 17th April—namely, Brother J. P. Sarel, proprietor of the George Hotel. For some time Bro. Sarel had been confined to his bed, and the complication of diseases from which he was suffering caused his medical attendant, Mr. E. H. Carter, to regard his case as a hopeless one. During his illness he was a great sufferer, but he bore his affliction with considerable fortitude. He had conducted the George Hotel for many years, and was an exemplary landlord, being generally regarded in Chelmsford as a model of what a tradesman of his class should be. Bro. Sarel, who was an excellent accountant, held for some years several offices in Chelmsford, in which he rendered very useful service. He was a prominent Freemason, and took an active interest in the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, of which he was a P.M.; and also in the Essex Chapter, No. 276, of which he was P.Z. The Chapter meets at the George Hotel. Bro. Sarel, who was in his 70th year, leaves a widow, one son, and two daughters. The funeral took place on the 19th inst. amidst every demonstration of respect and esteem. The *cortège* was headed by a number of the tradesmen and other inhabitants of the town, then came a body of Fremasons, succeeded by a hearse conveying the corpse. The following brethren attended the funeral:—Dr. Nicholls, Andrew Durrant, C. Williams, J. Tomlinson, T. F. Woodard, A. G. Mastell, J. P. Lewin, W. S. Butler, A. C. Durrant, A. Mead, G. W. Pascall, F. Smee, A. F. Ginn, W. Wood, J. W. Hair, J. Lucking, W. J. Keet, W. R. Fuller, and J. H. Peacock, and at the close of the service dropped the usual emblems into the grave.

BRO. JAMES DANN, P.M. ROYAL JUBILEE, No. 72.

ANOTHER worthy member of our Craft has been called from this sublunary abode, and a break has been left in the Masonic chain by which we are united, by the death of Bro. James Dann P.M. of the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, Secretary of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658, from the time of its consecration, and Preceptor of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1558. Our Brother departed this life in St. Thomas's Hospital on Monday, 17th inst., of which institution he had been an inmate for several weeks, suffering under a frightful disease, and the day appointed for the amputation of one of his limbs was destined to be the day of his death; but, so far fortunately, without undergoing the suffering of that dreadful operation. Our Bro. Dann entered the police force on the 24th July 1848, and from the intelligence he displayed in the discharge of his duties on the 28th January 1859, he was promoted to the rank of inspector, and was from time to time engaged in some very important inquiries. In 1871 he was still further advanced to the position of Chief Inspector of the P division, under Mr. Superintendent Gernon, now Superintendent of the A division, who always entertained a high opinion of his promptitude and the faithful discharge of his duties. With long services and a high character, in 1873, with a liberal pension, he retired from the service. Our Bro. Dann was initiated in the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, in 1867, and in 1872 was raised to the dignity of W.M., and almost up to the time of his death was one of the most punctual of its members. On Monday, the 24th, his remains were consigned to their final resting place at Forest Hill, and the following brethren attended the funeral, viz.:—Bros. M. Lariham P.M. 1216 and P.Z. 720, E. Dodson P.M. and P.Z. 72, Cass P.M. 1658, Earney P.M. 1658, Boyton P.M. 1558, Thorpe I.P.M. 1658, Power W.M. 1558, T. Thurston W.M. 72, J. N. Bate S.W. 72, F. Walker J.W. 72, Whiffin 72, Read 72, Salter S.D. 72, Boyes J.W. 1658, Rumsford 72, Corpe P.M. 1839, Walden 1658, J. D. Smith S.D. 1658, Taylor S.W. 1558, Stokes I.G. 1658, Hill 1658 Sec. *pro tem.*, W. S. Harvey 1658, W. Benjamin 1658, V. B. Hart 1658, and A. Stone 1658. For many years Bro. Dann attended Lodges of Instruction, and was a highly esteemed member of the Craft. His death has caused a void which will not readily be filled up.

The highly interesting Lecture Explanatory of the Ritual of the First Degree in Freemasonry, and which has given so much satisfaction to those brethren who have had opportunity for hearing it, is to be delivered, by Bro. James Stevens, in the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, Jacob's Well, George-street, Manchester-square, on Tuesday evening, the 9th May; and in the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, at the Canonbury Tavern, N., on Monday evening, the 22nd May.

The installation meeting of the Old Kings Arms Lodge, No. 28, took place at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, 24th instant, when Brother Latreille P.M. was duly installed into the Chair.

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REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 23 Great Queen Street, W.C.

Fireside Readings for Happy Homes. Written and Selected by H. L. Hastings, Editor of "The Christian," and "The Little Christian" (American). London: S. Bagster and Sons, 15 Paternoster-row. Boston, U.S.A.: H. L. Hastings, 47 Cornhill. 1882.

We have great pleasure in bearing our testimony to the excellence of the matter contained in these pages. There is much in it, of course, which will not find favour in the eyes of all our readers, as may readily be imagined from the above description. But there is vastly more which will prove most attractive reading; and, indeed, it contains nothing which may not with advantage be read by people of all creeds. The "Readings" have this especial advantage, that they are short and to the point, being as concisely as they are ably written. We commend the work to those of our friends who accept the doctrines of Christianity, while, with the view of confirming our statement, already made, that it may be read with profit by men of all faiths, we give the following extract from a paper headed "That Voice." It is told by a Miss Dix, "well known for her philanthropic journeyings and visitations among the prisoners and the distressed," and reads thus:—

"I had hired a carriage and driver to convey me some distance through an uninhabited portion of the country. In starting, I discovered the driver, a young lad, had a pair of pistols with him. Inquiring what he was doing with arms, he said he carried them to protect us, as he had heard that robberies had been committed on our road. I said to him, 'give me the pistols—I will take care of them.' He did so reluctantly.

"In pursuing our journey through a dismal-looking forest, a man rushed into the road, caught the horse by the bridle, and demanded my purse. I said to him with as much self-possession as I could command, 'Are you not ashamed to rob a woman? I have but little money, and that I want to defray my expenses in visiting prisons and poor-houses, and occasionally in giving to objects of charity. If you have been unfortunate, are in distress, and in want of money, I will give you some.' While thus speaking to him, I discovered his countenance changing! and he became deathly pale, 'My God!' he exclaimed, 'that voice!' and immediately told me he had been in the Philadelphia Penitentiary, and had heard me lecturing some of the prisoners in adjoining cells, and that he now recognised my voice. He then desired me to pass on, and expressed deep sorrow at the outrage he had committed. But I drew out my purse, and said to him, 'I will give you something to support you until you can get into honest employment.' He declined at first taking anything, until I insisted on his doing so, for fear he might be tempted to rob some one else, before he could get into honest employment."

The Book of Revelation. Translated from the Ancient Greek Text. By S. P. Tregelles, LL.D. Third Edition. London: Samuel Bagster and Sons, 15 Paternoster-row; Warehouse for Bibles, New Testaments, Prayer Books, Lexicons, Grammars, Concordances, and Psalters, in Ancient and Modern Languages. 1881.

As we have remarked in the case of "Fireside Readings for Happy Homes," this is a publication which will not find favour with the whole of our readers. Yet we do not feel precluded on that ground from paying a just tribute of praise to the translator, whose work appears to be well done, and in a scholarly fashion. The fact of its having reached a third edition is of itself sufficient testimony in favour of its merits, and if we add that the book is admirably printed and neatly bound, we think we have said all it is in our power to say.

Consumption of the Lungs and its Successful Treatment. Chronic Bronchitis, Asthma, &c. By George Thomas Congreve, Coombe Lodge, Peckham. London: Elliot Stock, 62 Paternoster-row.

In bygone days, before the march of scientific enquiry had proceeded with such giant strides as we find it in our own times, the condition of the sick and afflicted was a hapless one indeed. The pallid cheek with its pink flush, the alternate lassitude and cheerfulness, the hopes, to be revived one day, only to be chilled to-morrow, told of the insidious worm which was gnawing at life's vitality, giving rise to false hopes, only to be superseded by gloom, and helplessness and despair. The blighted one must bid farewell to aspirations which were once the most cherished of life; the blue skies, the light of heaven, the breathing landscape with its trees and flowers and fields, the countenances of friends near and dear, the poetic beauties of nature and art, and all that combined to make the vista of life beauteous and full of glowing tints. But once the canker worm of consumption takes possession of the fragile frame, farewell to life, and hope and happiness. The impulses which stirred the ambition and the talent of men, the trustfulness and the love of maidenhood, are palled by the instinctive fear of impending danger; the mother watches the development of those germs of growing disease which undermine the constitution, and give to apparently healthy frames the sentence of death. But with the progress of scientific research, and the application of it to the various ills to which human flesh is heir, how vast a change has been wrought. The author of the little work before us is one of those who by a long course of professional study, has sought a palliation for the most priceless gifts of health that might have been forfeited or impaired. Scorning the artifices of those who puff their nostrums as a universal cure for all diseases, Mr. Congreve gives us the results of plain and honest study, with the most feasible means of remedy, based upon scientific investigation and experience in the treatment of this special ailment. In his little book, which has run through we hardly know how many editions, he has added from time to time the results of his hard and unwearying studies, and all the stories told by grateful patients are authenticated by the real names of those who have received benefits at his hands. There are hundreds who have grasped his hand as a benefactor and a friend in times of real despondency, and there are thousands more who will hail his plain and genuine counsel as set forth in this little volume. Heaven only knows how vast is the audience of poor afflicted beings to whom the restoration of vital energies would be the renewal of hope, if not the raising of life, and to those we heartily commend a thoughtful perusal of the simple little work the author has laid so long before the reading public. Mr. Congreve does not wish us to accept his mode of treatment, as some would do, as a panacea for all the ills of life. He has devoted a life-long study to the one subject of which he treats, and to our mind he has mastered it as much as human skill can do. The best proof after all is in results, and we have on record such names of ministers, and friends of humanity whom we all know, as would not attest to the efficacy of any method unless they had some excellent ground on which to base their testimony. We suppose there are no persons in society who are so intimately associated with the frailties of life, so near the sick couch, as ministers of religion; and these are found to bear out in the most frank and expressive terms their approval of Mr. Congreve's mode of treatment in this fatal complaint. We are not among those who would help to foist upon an unsuspecting public the recommendation of any untried theory in medicine or science; but we are assured, by the independent testimony of many witnesses, of the many cases in which Mr. Congreve's success has been achieved, to the grateful acknowledgment of hundreds of patients, who, having almost given up hope, have been restored to comparative, if not perfect, health. It would be superfluous to say more to commend a book of such general interest to the reading public, nor shall we do justice to the author to give more in outline of the tendency of his treatise than is already shadowed forth in this necessarily brief sketch of a work which should be in everybody's hands.

Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, K.G., P.G.J.W. England, who was married in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on Thursday, is, as our readers are aware, a most distinguished and very active member of our Fraternity. He is a Past Master of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, having filled the office of W.M. in 1876, and Master of Antiquity, No. 2. He was installed Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire in 1876, and received his patent of Prov. Grand Superintendent of Oxfordshire last year, though he has not as yet been formally installed in office. Early this year, in the Friends in Council Chapter, No. 1383, he was installed M.E.Z. of the Apollo University Chapter. He is also a Past Grand Master of the Mark Grand Lodge, an honorary member 33° of the Supreme Council A. and A. Scottish Rite, and Constable of the Grand Priory of the Temple of England and Wales. In fine, His Royal Highness bids fair to emulate the Masonic virtues of his late illustrious Grand uncle the Duke of Sussex M.W.G.M. 1813-1843.

ALLIED DEGREES.

Ebor Council (T. I.)—A meeting of this Council was held at York, on Thursday, 20th inst., when a Lodge of St. Lawrence was opened by Bro. C. G. Padel W.M., the following members being also present:—Bros. M. Millington S.W., G. Simpson P.M. as J.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M. Treasurer and Secretary, T. Humphries S.D., E. J. de Salis J.D., W. B. Dyson as I.G., J. W. Woodall, and P. Pearson Tyler. The accounts were audited and showed a balance in hand of over £2. A Council of Knights of Constantinople, a Chapter of Grand High Priests, and a Conclave of Knights of the Red Cross of Babylon were then successively opened by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and Bros. C. G. Padel, J. W. Woodall and T. Humphries were successively introduced into these degrees, Bro. E. J. de Salis acting as conductor. After the close of the Council, the members met at an excellent supper, under the presidency of Bro. Padel, and a social evening was pleasantly spent.

A Grand Masonic Ball will take place in the Crown Room, Freemasons' Tavern, Gt. Queen-street, W.C., on Monday, 1st May 1882, when the Sir Knights of the Rose of Sharon Rose Croix Chapter, No. 6 (Ancient and Primitive) will entertain their friends. An influential Committee has been appointed, of which Brother J. H. Southwood 33° P.M. and P.Z. 1260, Grand Treasurer General, is the Chairman, and Brother H. Meyer the Hon. Treasurer. Further particulars can be had of Brother James Hill Hon. Secretary, 91 Clarence-road, Clapton, E.

The Ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be rehearsed in the Upton Lodge of Instruction, at the Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green-road, Shoreditch, E., by W. Bro. James Terry P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, P. Prov. Grand J.W. Herts, Prov. Grand S.W. Norths and Hunts, on Thursday, the 11th May next. The attendance of brethren is most respectfully solicited. The proceedings will be commenced at seven o'clock precisely.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

THE periodical gatherings of the Freemasons of the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, in Provincial meeting assembled, are, under ordinary circumstances, looked forward to and appreciated by the brethren as amongst the most enjoyable reunions of the Order. The anticipated pleasure of the Festival on the 21st inst. was, however, greatly enhanced by the fact that, in addition to the transaction of the usual business, a testimonial was to be presented at the meeting to Bro. W. B. Gibson P.M. 119, Whitehaven, P.P.G.S.W. P.P. Grand Secretary. Bro. Gibson was elected P.G.S. in the year 1873, on the retirement of Bro. Busher, of Kendal; and from that time until the Provincial Meeting held at Workington on 10th October 1881 (a period of eight years), at which Bro. Gibson tendered his resignation, he discharged the onerous duties of his office with the zeal and ability which all who had had an opportunity of estimating at their true value his previous services to the Craft felt would be certain to characterise his official labours. Having assigned as his reason for resigning office the pressing emergencies of his public and private avocations, the brethren were reluctantly compelled to accept Bro. Gibson's resignation; and very shortly afterwards a movement, originated, we believe, on the suggestion of Bro. G. W. Kenworthy—an equally champion local veteran in Freemasonry, by-the-bye, with Bro. Gibson himself—was set on foot with the view of presenting to the latter gentleman some substantial testimonial in recognition of the eminent services which he had rendered to the Craft in general and to the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland in particular. With a Committee composed of most of the influential members of the Lodges in the Province, including as President and Vice-President, respectively, the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P. P.G.M. and J. L. Burns-Lindow, Esq. D.PG.M., the labours of the promoters of the testimonial were speedily crowned with success; indeed, almost from the first, such was the popularity of the subject of the intended testimonial, success was foregone conclusion, by no means the least gratifying fact in connection with the testimonial being the voluntary nature of the contributions thereto. The testimonial consisted of a handsome silver salver, supplied by Bro. Spittall, Whitehaven, bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to W. B. Gibson P.P.G.S.W. on his retirement from the office of Provincial Grand Secretary of Cumberland and Westmoreland, in recognition of his valuable services, 1882."

likewise a beautifully executed portrait of Bro. Gibson, photographed and painted in oil by Messrs. John Reay and Son, of Whitehaven, Cleator Moor, and St. Bees, and a purse containing fifty guineas. To Bro. Milligan P.M. 119, who acted as honorary Secretary and Treasurer, the brethren throughout the Province, and particularly the subscribers to the testimonial, owe a debt of gratitude for the trouble incurred by him in taking charge of the "Gibson Testimonial Fund," and generally for the laudable exertions made by him which so unequivocally resulted in the success of the undertaking.

The brethren assembled at half-past two o'clock in the County Hotel, under the banner of Union Lodge No. 310, Carlisle. In the unavoidable absence of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Bective, Bro. J. L. Burns-Lindow, Esq., D.P.G.M. presided, and, assisted by the rest of the Provincial Officers, opened the Lodge in due form. The following brethren were also present:—Bro. George J. M'Kay, W. B. Gibson, G. W. Kenworthy, John Barr, Edward Atter, William Alsop, John Spittall, Thomas Atkinson, George Dalrymple, Charles J. Dalton, Joshua Tyson, John Milligan, William Hanson, William Cowan, W. Kirkbride, Joseph Pearson, W. Bell, J. Haswell, J. Nelson, W. Blaylock, Jesse Banning, John Harris, John Gate, T. Mandell, W. Court, J. C. Mason, Thomas Kirkbride, T. B. Thwaite, John Pearson, Thomas Richardson, George Sowerby, W. Cockett, William Carlyle, Morant Compton, Andrew Walton, W. Burnyeat, W. Railton, Geo. Murchie, George G. Hayward, J. W. Salisbury, J. Cook, W. Middleton, P. de E. Collin, John Nicholson, John Reay, Samuel Wright, R. L. Court, Henry Court, and John Murray. The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Workington, on the 7th October last, having been read, on the motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the same were confirmed. The Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. J. McKay then received the dues from the respective Lodges of the Province, together with the fees of honour from Provincial Grand Officers. The next business on the agenda paper was "to recommend to the Provincial Grand Master the place of meeting for the celebration of the annual festival," and on the motion of Brother Cook, Master of Bective Lodge, seconded by Brother Potter, it was arranged to hold the annual meeting at Carlisle, in accordance with the suggestion of Brother Mason at a former meeting. Brother W. B. Gibson, in moving the adoption of the Charity Committee's Report, said the Committee recommended a grant of £5 to the widow of the late Bro. Huggins, also £25 to the Benevolent Fund to meet future similar requirements, and fifty guineas, as a donation to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in accordance with the motion previously given by Bro. M'Kay. On the motion of Bro. Gibson, a letter of condolence with the family of the late Bro. Joseph Iredale, who filled the post of Deputy Grand Master of Cumberland, under the late Sir James Graham, was ordered to be forwarded to the family of the deceased brother. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master said a part of the business on the programme was of a somewhat peculiar character, differing altogether from the ordinary business of the Lodge, inasmuch as it was mixed with feelings of pleasure and regret. The feelings of pleasure were those which he hoped prevailed in every breast, and that all present would be ready to acknowledge as heartily as possible the valuable services which had been rendered to the Craft by their worthy brother on his right (Bro. Gibson). For many years Bro. Gibson had laboured in the cause of Freemasonry—he might say, night and day; he had always been in season, and, to use an Irish expression, he had very often been out of it—for one never could meet him but he was sure to "button-hole" one for that most odious of things, money out of pocket. But, joking apart, the services which Bro. Gibson had rendered to this Province could not be measured by any one, or told by words; and he (the speaker) felt sure that although they might offer Bro. Gibson this testimonial, and ask him to receive it as an expression of their appreciation of his services, they could not in any way measure the value of them. The Province had been appealed to to recognise in a fitting manner the good work which Bro. Gibson had done, and he was proud to say that that appeal had been heartily responded to, and in such a manner to show that it was not the amount of the subscriptions, but the exceeding hearty good feeling which had always been evinced in his (Bro. Gibson's) own case, generally upon all occasions in the every-day walks of life, and in Masonry in particular, that had evoked that response; and he felt certain that it would be a far greater pleasure to Bro. Gibson to know that he enjoyed the good feeling of the brethren throughout the Province than it would have been had things been otherwise, notwithstanding the intrinsic value of the testimonial which they were about to offer to him might have been of five times greater value than it was. After carefully considering the matter, the brethren had decided to offer Bro. Gibson this salver (presenting it) as a small token of their appreciation of his valuable services, as well as a pledge of the brethren's estimation of his fraternal worth; likewise his portrait, and a purse containing fifty guineas. He (the Deputy Provincial Grand Master) was sorry to announce that owing to some delay on the part of the firm in London to whom the portrait of Bro. Gibson—which, in addition to the above, formed a part of the testimonial—had been entrusted by Bro. Reay for the purpose of framing, had not arrived, but he (the Deputy Provincial Grand Master) happened to possess a photograph which he believed was quite as good as the portrait which unfortunately had not come to hand, if not as good as the original. (The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, amid the laughter of the brethren, and which was heartily shared in by Bro. Gibson, here disclosed a small toilet mirror, and holding it before Bro. Gibson, that worthy beheld in it his own happy face, all radiant with smiles, as it mostly is—a life-like likeness). The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then formally presented the several gifts to Bro. Gibson, observing as he did so, on behalf of the donors, that they were accompanied by all the feelings of goodwill which one man, or any body of men, could possibly entertain towards any individual, Masonically and otherwise. He also handed to Bro. Gibson a book containing a list of the subscribers. Bro. Gibson, in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, said he could hardly find words to express the feelings by which he was animated, feelings of deep gratitude for the loving kindness evinced by the brethren of the Province in presenting him with such a valuable testimonial of their affection and regard for him, and their appreciation of the humble services which he had been able to render in the interests of Masonry in the Province. He could assure them that, in discharging the duties he had done for the past eight years, he had done so without the hope of favour or reward. He had done it in the interests of the Craft, and because he had felt a love for Masonry. Wherever he had been as Provincial Secretary, whatever Lodge he had visited, he had always been received with the greatest kindness by those whom it was his pleasure as well as his duty to meet in his official capacity. For nearly twenty-five years he had been associated with Masonry, and during the whole of that time he had appreciated the desire evinced by the brethren to promote good feeling and kindheartedness one towards another, very superior, he thought he might say, to what it was in the open world. He believed that Masons, as sons of light, evinced a greater amount of kindness towards each other than was common between man and man in the outer world. Some of the happiest moments of his life had been spent amongst Masons. To-day the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland had overwhelmed him with their kindness. The kindnesses he had received during the past twenty-five years had so accumulated that latterly they had literally showered upon him; and he felt himself altogether undeserving of so much kindness. It had pleased the brethren of the Province to present him with this handsome testimonial, and he could only say that he accepted it with heartfelt thankfulness, and as long as life remained, he should look upon that testimonial as conveying to his mind a feeling of affection and regard on the part of his brother Masons which time could never extinguish. He hoped to retain as long as he lived his association with Masonry, and to be instrumental to the end in spreading a knowledge of its beneficent principles; and that as Masons they might continue to meet and ever keep in view as one of the principal objects of their meeting the subduing of their passions, until they ultimately reached the Grand Lodge above. He hoped and trusted that the principles of Freemasonry would be so practised as to lead not only to their temporal benefit, but also to their eternal happiness. He concluded by again thanking the brethren for their kindness towards him. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master being obliged to leave, then vacated the chair, the seat being filled by Bro. Gibson, by whom the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren subsequently lunched together at the County Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Gibson. Besides the usual Loyal toasts, the health of the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Bective, proposed from the chair, and responded to by Bro. the Rev. Joshua Tyson, with whom the toast was coupled, was cordially drank, as was also that of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Officers, proposed by Brother M'Kay, and responded to Bro. John Barr, with whose name the toast was coupled. Bro. Gibson also proposed the health of Bro. Court W.M. of the Union Lodge, No. 310, under whose banner the proceedings of the day had been held, and likewise the health of Bro. Cook W.M. of the Bective Lodge, both of whom responded. The arrangements throughout were most complete, and reflected great credit, not only upon Bro. George J. M'Kay P.G. Secretary, but likewise upon the Master and Officers of the Bective and Union Lodges, Carlisle, the

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Provincial meeting being held, as stated above, under the banner of the latter Lodge.

Previous to the opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge a meeting of Companions of the Royal Arch Chapter was held, Comp. G. J. M'Kay acting as First Principal, Comp. W. B. Gibson as Second, and Comp. John Barr as Third. The new Officers were appointed as follow.—W. B. Gibson H. acting as First Principal, John Barr Second Principal, W. Nicholson Third Principal, Joseph Nicholson T., George J. M'Kay Scribe E., P. de E. Collin Scribe N., Joseph Whitley P.S., T. Atkinson 1st A.S., T. Mandle 2nd A.S., T. McMechan Registrar, G. Dalrymple Sword Bearer, James Cook Standard Bearer, A. Walker D.C., Jesse Banning Organist, F. R. Sewell, Wood, and Potter Stewards.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. A. Clarke W.M., T. Clark S.W., Jones J.W., Allen S.D., Christian J.D., Smyth I.G., F. Carr Hon. Sec., Brasted P.M. acting Preceptor; also Bro. Cushing, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Carr candidate. Bro. Christian gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Carr worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. T. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. A. Clark for his working the ceremony, and presiding over the Lodge for the first time. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, on 27th inst., being the last of the present season, it was moved by the W.M. Bro. Waugh, and seconded by Bro. J. E. Shand P.M., and unanimously resolved—"That this Lodge desires most respectfullly to tender to H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, Past Grand Warden of England, and to her Serene Highness the Princess of Waldeck, their fraternal congratulations and hearty good wishes for their future health and happiness on their marriage this day." The resolution was at once telegraphed to Claremont.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED AS UNDER:—

At the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 29th instant, at 7 p.m. punctually. Bros. H. G. Gush W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., J. A. Powell J.W., R. Pearcy I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. E. Wolf, W. Williams, G. Ferrar, F. Brasted, C. K. Killick, D. Moss, and J. A. Powell. Second Lecture—Bros. H. Hall, R. Pearcy, C. Weeden, C. Lorkin, and R. P. Forge. Third Lecture—Bros. A. W. Fenner, E. Dignam, and A. Trewinnard. Bros. A. W. Fenner Hon. Sec., R. Pearcy Preceptor.

Bro. J. A. Keable announces an Entertainment to be given at the Town Hall, Poplar, on Monday evening next, when he will be assisted by the following Artistes:—Miss Berrie Stephens, R.A.M., Miss Jeanie Rosse, Mr. C. A. White, R.A.M., Mr. George Weige, and Mr. Lovett King (Buffo). Violin, Mr. A. Bryant; Flute, Mr. Frank Richardson; Accompanyist, Mr. Lovett King.

SHEEP DOG TRIALS will take place, under the direction of the Collie Club, at Alexandra Park, on the 15th and 16th June next. One hundred Welsh Mountain Sheep will be specially selected for the trials, and valuable prizes will be offered for competition among Shepherds and Collie owners generally. Some of the best dogs from Wales are expected to compete.

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THE MASON'S CONSTITUTIONS.

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Who gave a Charge to Masons in England first.

St Alban was the first that gave a Charge to Masons in England (wch was then called Brittain) for all this Season England stood Void as to any Charge of Masons. In St Albans days Enland or Brittain was in Subjection to the Roman Emperours and St Alban was a Worthy Kt, and thro' his good Councel Governr in the Realm
and builded several Town walls and was Governr over the Work, he loved Masons and did cherish them much, and he made their pay right good as other Realms had done who had learned ye Science. For before St Albans time; in Brittain a Mason had but for his pay one penny p day and his meat: but he advanced And amended the wages and pay of Masons from a penny a day and meat their Antient pay to two Shillings and Sixpence p Week and three pence. And he also procured a Charter to Masons in Englaod that they might hold a General meeting & Councel, and he gave it the Name of an Assembly, and to encourage the Fraternity went to the Assemblies himself wch was held by Virtue of ye charter which he had procured and did help to make Masons and he Confirmed again all the former Charges and it was Called the sixth Charge given to Masons by St Alban.

Soon after the death of St Alban their Came diverse Warrs into the Realm, and diverse other Nations did inhabit it, So that the good Rule of Masonry was much decayd till the time of King Athelstone who was a worthy King of England and Brought the Land to good rest and peace and did build many good works as Abbeys and Sewers and other Buildings and he Loved Masons much more than his Father did.

The Third Prince which was Mason.

Edwyn or Edgar the Son of Athelstone was a favourer of Masons above his father he was a great Practiser in Geometry or Masonry wch drew him much to talk wth Masons and to Comune wth them and to Learn of them Masonry & afterwards for the Love that he Bare unto Masons and their Science he was made a Mason and obtain'd of his Father Athelstone a Charter for the Masons in England wch Charter he himself made and Ordaind It should be Renewed from King to King, and a Comission to hold once Every year an Assembly where they would in any place wthin the Realm of England wth power to correct wthin themselves defaults and Trespasses that were done by Masons against ye science And he also after haveing procured the Charter and Comisson held an Assembly at York this was the third and Best Charter that was granted to Masons; and the Second Assembly of Masons in Englend; and being gathered together he made a Cry or Proclamation after this manner

That all Masons both old and young that had any Writeings or Understandings of the Charges, or Manners of Masons that were in this Land or any other that they should shew them forth: Then after the Proclamation Every Mason that had any such Writeings did shew them forth: and there was some found Written in Greek, some in French and some in English and other Languages yet their Intent was found to be all one. Then Prince (Edwyn or Edgar) wth the Best advice of all the Masters and Fellows ordained that the Charges following, wch (being only a Confirmation of the former Charges again wch were given by Nimrod &c.) should be Inviolably kept for Ever hereafter and from that day untill this time the Charges and Manners of Masons have been kept in that form, as well as Men might Govern itt.

At the same time a Book was Comanded to be made wherein should be recorded How the Science was first found out and that all the Charges and Manners of Masons should be Written in the same. At the same Assembly likewise it was ordained that when any Mason Should be made That the said Book should be read, and told to him, to give him his charge wch he is to keep inviolably wth an Oath to be then administered to him.

The form of the Oath.

These charges wch wee now rehearse to you, and all other the Charges, Secrets and Mysteries belonging to Free-Masonry, you shall faithfully and truely keep together with the Councel of this Lodge or Chamber. You shall not for any Gift, Bribe or Reward favour or Affection directly or Indirectly for any Cause whatsoever divulge or disclose to either Father or Mother Sister or Brother Wife Child friend Relation or Stranger or any other prson whatsoever. So help you God yor Holy doom and the Contents of this Book.

Who shall administer the Oath.

Unus ex Senioribus teneat Librum ut ille vel. illi ponat vel ponan Manum vel Manus supra Librum et tunc precpta hinc sequentia delibera bit Logi; then after the Oath taken, and the Book kist these following precpts and Charges (wch he or they are or is to keep) are to be read.

The admonition to the Partie or parties who are to be made Masons before the Reading of the Charge.

Now you that are to be made Masons and charged take good heed that you keep these Charges well, wth an upright faith and Good Conscience according to the Oath you have taken for it is a great perril for a Man to forswear himself upon the Holy Bible.

The Charge called Prince Edwin's Charge wch comprehends all ye foregoing Charges.

1 The first Charge is you shall be true men God and his Holy Church and that you use not countenance or Maintain any Error Faction Schism or Herety in the Church to the Best of yor undestandings or Can be Convinced by Discreet or Wise Men's teaching.

2 Secondly. You shall Bear true Allegiance to yo King wthout any Treason or Falsehood to him; And if you know any Treason or falsehood you shall not conceal the same But shall thereof forthwth warne the King and his Councel; and if you know yorself guilty Repent to God privately yorself for that offence . . . . . .

3 Thirdly. You shall Love and be true to every Mason of the Science of Masonry if he be a Mason Lawfully made and allowed And you shall do to him or them as you would be done by.

4 You shall call Masons yor Brethren or ffellows and not Call them by any disgracefull or Ugly names as Slave, Knave, Rogue, &c. to their Discredit.

5 You shall not take yor ffellows Wife to Villany nor Ungodly desire, his Daughter, or his Maid, Nor Covet any thing that is his, Nor put him to any.

6 You shall not take in Hand any Thing to Doe yor Brothers or ffellows any wrong.

7 You shall not (nor any other Mastr or ffellow) either Directly or Indirectly for any allowance reward or other Consideration whatsoever of yorself or any fewer number than Seven (wch number is Term'd a Lodge) or Six at the Least wth the Consent of a Seventh tho' absent Whose consent must appear undr his Hand Writing to the Lodge to make any man a free-Mason.

8 You shall admitt no prson to be made a ffree mason who is not able in all manner of Degrees (that is to say) he shall be free Born Bond man, and to have all his Limbs prfect as a man ought to have.

9 You shall not Slander one another Behind his Back to make him Loose his good name or his Worldly Goods.

10 You shall at all Times receive Strange Masons and ffellows and Cherish and Relieve them when they come over the Countrys (if upon Examination they appear to be ffree-Masons) and set them on Work as the manner is. If you have no Mold nor Stones at the place where you meet you shall refresh him with Money unto the next Lodge.

11 You shall not make any Mold, Square, or Rule for any that is but a Lewis, a Lewis is such an one as hath served an Apprentiship to a Mason but is not admitted afterwards according to this manner and Custom of Makeing Masons.

12 If any Quarrel or Difference arise amongst Masons or any Trespasses or Transgressions be Committed by any Mason against ye Science; Then an Assembly ought to be Called to be held in some Convenient place for the Determining, Redressing, Correcting and amending such Matters and ye parties are to refer themselves wholy to the Judgment of the Assembly and to submitt themselves to the award and Determination whose Award is finall and from wch there is no appeal. But if the Assembly cannot Determine and agree the Controversie. Then (by the Assent and Consent of the Assembly being first asked and Obtain'd) they may go to Law but yet wth so much Love one to another yt the Law may only decide the Cause and not procure any Evil will betwixt them.

13 You must not upon any excuse whatsoever (unless real Sickness or Disability of Body) absent yorselves from this Assembly If it be wthin fifty miles, about you if you have a Letter or any other Notice to signifie to you ye time and place where held.

14 You shall not in the Lodge, or wthout Swear any ungodly Oath or Prophane Gods Sacred name.

15 You shall at all times Chearfully and Bountifully distribute yor Charity to the Relief of Poor Sick and distressed fellow Masons.

16 You shall not give any Evil Councel to one another neither Reprove one another wthout Just Cause.

17 You shall not be a Letcher or Whoremaster nor be at any time Bawdy where by the Science may be Slandered.

18 You shall not be a Comon player at Cards or Dice or any other unlawfull game.

19 You shall not be a Comon Drunkard.

20 If you be in a Town or Corporation where there is a Lodge of Sufficient Fellows you shall not go into the Town on the night time Unless you have a ffellow wth you that may bear you Witness that you was in an Honest place.

21 Every Mason shall Reverence his Elder and put him to Worship.

Practiser's.

22 No Mason that practiseth the Science and is a Workman shall take upon him any Lords or other persons work, as Mastr thereof unless he know himself to be of Sufficient skill to perform and End the same, Least the Lord should not

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be truly served and the Science be Slandred and Dis. worshipped.

23 No Master shall take any Work But upon such Reasonable termes yt ye Lord may be truely and Justly Servd to his own good and the Mastr live Honestly and to pay his Fellows truely there as the manner is.

24 That no Mason whether Master or ffellow shall Supplant one another of their Work (that is to Say) If any Mason have taken any work or stand Mastr of ye work He shall not be put out of that place unless he be unable of Skill to perform, & End the same If he be then he must be put out and one of the most Skillfull and Best workmen to be placed in his Stead and he to work as fellow. He that is Master of the work must be owned for and called by the name of Magtr by all the Lodge during the whole time and Continuance of the work.

25 No Mason wtsoever shall take an apprentice to Serve for any Less Term than Seven Years Compleat without any Deceipt or Antedateing his Indentures & not unless the said Apprentice be able of Birth ffree Born of Good Kindred true and be whole in his Limbs as a man ought to be.

26 No Mason shall take an Apprentice unless he have sufficient Occupation or Work to imploy him in And have two or three more fellows at Least.

27 No Masons shall put any Lords or other persons Work to task that was wont to Go Journey Work.

28 Every Mastr Mason shall be Ready to give pay to his ffellows No otherwise then as he or they may deserve, so yt there may be no deceit by false Workmen.

29 Every Mason shall be true to the Lords or Masters he Serveth and truely Serve him for his pay to his Best prfitt and advantage.

30 No Mason shall be a Thief or Thevish, or a Companion of Thieves, so farr forth as he may Witt and Know.

31 No Mason shall do any wrong or Villany in the place where he Boardeth and Lodgeth, but shall behave himself Civilly and pay Honestly for his Meat, drink, and Lodgeing, and all other Charges that he ought to pay.

32 Every Master Mason and ffellow shall truely make an End of his work Let it either be Task-Work or Journey-Work if you have your Covenant and all that you ought to have.

These be the Charges that Prince Edwin or Edgar Made at his Assembly held at York, which he Ordained to be Observed for Ever. The Said Prince at his Assembly made Masons and Swore them to the Observation of these Charges, which since His Time have been always Given to Masons when they were admitted and made.

THE ADMONITION TO YE OLD MASONS AFTER YE READING YE CHARGES.

Every Man that is a Mason, either Mastr Fellow or Brother in ye Science take Right good-heed to these Charges And if any of you find himself Guilty and to have Transgressed any of these Charges yt he amend himself to God and do so no more.

Then let the prson wch is to be made a Mason chuse out of the Lodge any one Mason who is to Instruct him in those Secrets wch must never be Committed to Writeing Which Mason he must alway Call his Tutor then let the Tutor take him into another Room and shew him all the whole Mistery that at his return he may Exercise wth the rest of his fellow Masons.

Gram: Loquitor, Dio: vera docet Rhet: verba Colorat Mus: Canit, Ar: Numerat, Geo: penderat, As: Colitastra.

FINIS.

A silver casket was presented to His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, by the brethren of that Province, on the occasion of his marriage. The casket is of Gothic design, in silver, partially gilt, and placed on an ebony stand. The front panel shows, in raised enamel, the Grand Master's collar and jewel; on the reverse, His Royal Highness's Arms, &c. At each corner is placed the Royal supporters, and the casket is surmounted by the coronet of His Royal Highness resting on a cushion. At each end is a raised medallion, with inscriptions as follow:—

"Presented to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire."

"On his marriage, by his brethren in the Province. A.L. 5882."

The execution of this work was entrusted to Messrs. Ortner and Houle, Designers to Her Majesty the Queen, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, &c., and has been carried out by this eminent firm in a highly artistic and satisfactory way.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—For the cure of burns, scalds, wounds, and ulcers, this justly celebrated Ointment stands unrivalled. Its balsamic virtues, immediately on application lulls the pain and smarting, protect the exposed nerves from the air, give to the vessels the vigour necessary to heal the sore, and confer on the blood a purity which permits it only to lay down healthy flesh in place of that destroyed. Holloway's Pills, simultaneously taken, must assist the Ointment's purifying and soothing power. Together these medicines act like a charm; no invalid, after a fair trial, has found them fail to relieve his pain or completely cure his disease. The combined action of the Ointment and Pills, in all disorders, is too irresistible to be withstood.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 3rd of May next, at six o'clock in the evening.

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 report of the Committee of General Purposes (as follows) will be submitted to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th January to the 18th April 1882, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	1620	3	1	Disbursements during the quarter	237	4	7
„ Unappropriated Account	183	6	5	Balance	1813	17	2
Subsequent Receipts	447	11	2	„ in Unappropriated Account	199	18	11
	£2251	0	8		£2251	0	8

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 Henry William Loof as Z., Edgar Grove Roderick as H., William Henry Hugh Money as J., and eleven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Hope, No. 413, Meerut, to be called "The Prinsep Chapter," and to meet at Meerut, Bengal, in the East Indies.

2nd. From Companions John Greenlaw Forbes as Z., William R. Barry as H., the Rev. Edmund Jermyn as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Kumaon Lodge, No. 1870, Nynee Tal, to be called "The Gabriel Chapter," and to meet at Nynee Tal, Bengal, in the East Indies.

3rd. From Companions Edwin Groves as Z., Cornelius G. Adames as H., Thomas Good as J., and seventeen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Landport Lodge, No. 1776, Landport, to be called "The Landport Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, Landport, Hants.

4th. From Companions John Straker Wilson as Z., Richard Eynon as H., John Braithwaite as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Gosforth Lodge, No. 1664, Gosforth, to be called "The Gosforth Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Gosforth, in the County of Northumberland.

5th. From Companions Arthur Bott Cook, as Z., Edgar Alexander Baylis as H., Alfred Cooper as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, London, to be called "The Studholme Chapter," and to meet at 33 Golden-square, London.

These Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, P.G.Pr. Soj.
Grand Treasurer,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
19th April 1882.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

THE COLUMN BROKEN.

"His work was not done, but his column is broken."

His work was not done, but his column is broken;
Mourn ye and weep, for ye cherished his worth;
Let every tear-drop be sympathy's token,
Lost to the Brotherhood, lost to the earth.

His work had been planned by a Wisdom supernal;
Strength has been given him meet for the same;
Down in the midst he has fallen, and vernal
Leaves fall about him and whisper his fame.

His work was to build: on the walls we beheld him—
Swiftly and truly they rose 'neath his hand;
Envious death with the gavel has felled him,
Plumb-line and trowel lie prone on the land.

His work thus unfinished to us is entrusted;
MASTER of Masons, give strength, we entreat,
Bravely to work with his implements rusted,
Wisely to build till the Temple's complete!

ROB. MORRIS, in the *Masonic Review*.

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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, 29th APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, 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-st., W., at 8

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 1st MAY.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
73—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1475—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7 30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1621—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1695—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1670—Adelphi 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose Baron's Court Hotel West Kensington. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Bromley.
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
M.M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven.)
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
189—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
284—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—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)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, 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
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
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl
1678—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 2nd MAY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
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)
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
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.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cane of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
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.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
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)

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
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
384—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
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.
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
778—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
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.
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
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, 3rd MAY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd. S.W.
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
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
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall Heckmondwike
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
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
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthsh
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
674—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
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
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1208—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
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.
1358—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1393—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
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
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly.

THURSDAY, 4th MAY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)

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211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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)
902—Burgovne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch

34—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
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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.
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
360—Pomert, Abington Street, Northampton.
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
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.
1076—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
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
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts. at 8. (Instruction)
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. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 5th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1346—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8.30
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
490—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Free masons' 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

SATURDAY, 6th MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
143—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (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
1233—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LORD WARDEN LODGE, No. 1096.

THIS Lodge was convened on Friday, the 21st inst., at the St. George's Hall, Park-street, Deal, at 3.30 p.m., for the purpose of installing Brother G. Band S.W. the W.M. elect. This was one of the most numerously attended meetings of this Lodge that have been held for several years past, doubtless owing to the high estimation in which Bro. Band is deservedly held, and augurs a prosperous year of office for him. To add to this distinction, the Very Worshipful D.P.G.M. of Kent honoured the Lodge with his presence, and was received with the usual honours. There were present Bros. W. Carterfield W.M., E. Kirby P.M. P.G.S., T. Ayling P.P.G.D.C. as S.W., J. Laggett P.M. as J.W., Rev. J. B. Harrison P.P.G.C. Chaplain, T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R. Hon. Sec., H. R. L. Botting, Rev. R. Measham P.P.G. Chaplain Devon, H. Chambers S.D., E. Rew J.D., G. C. Harding I.G., F. Leith P.M. M.C., J. Webb Steward, S. Holgate Tyler; also Bros. J. Shepherd, J. Horne, T. Park, S. Willey, R. Duval, J. Fawcett, H. Roberts, G. Wood, J. Trollope, G. Coan, R. S. Davey J.W. Visitors—Bros. V.W. D.P.G.M. J. S. Eastes, A. Wilson P.M. P.P.G.B., A. T. Wilson 199, W. Anderson 407, A. F. S. Bird P.M. P.P.G.S.W., T. Bent P.M., B. Wood P.M., J. F. Solly W.M. 704, F. W. Evans, F. E. Hast 1174, C. Baker P.M., W. J. Hughes W.M. 1206, W. O. Kennett 1208, H. Williams 1536, and E. J. Mortimer. After the Lodge had been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, according to the usages of the Craft, Brother Kirby P.M. Treasurer proceeded to instal the W.M. elect into the chair of K.S., in a manner that has rarely been equalled, and never excelled. After the usual salutations, the W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. W. Carterfield I.P.M., R. S. Davey S.W., H. Chambers J.W., J. B. Harrison Chaplain, E. Kirby Treasurer, T. J. Usher Secretary, H. R. L. Botting Organist, E. Rew S.D., G. C. Harding J.D., J. W. Court I.G., F. Leith M.C., J. Fawcett and J. Shepherd Stewards, Simeon Holgate Tyler. The W.M. on rising said he had a very pleasant duty to perform, and that was, in the name of the Lodge, to present Brother J. B. Harrison P.M. Chaplain P.P.G.C. with a Past Master's jewel, in the name of the brethren, as a token of their appreciation of his connection with the Lodge since its foundation, and wishing him many years of life to wear it, and continue his valuable services to the Lodge. The present and compliment were gracefully and feelingly acknowledged. Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to the Very Worshipful D.P.G.M. for the honour of his presence, to the visiting brethren, and to the Installing Master for his valuable services. This brought the Lodge business to a close. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet-room, where they sat down to an excellent repast provided by Brother Sparrier, and served in a manner that elicited the warmest praise of all present. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk after the usual speeches had been given. Very powerful appeals were made on behalf of our useful Charities, and many excellent suggestions were thrown out by the speakers, which, if followed, would result in very large additional support to the Institutions. The proceedings were varied by the performance of the following selection of music by Bro. Botting, Messrs. Davies and Johnston, accompanied by Mr. Nash:—The National Anthem, "God Bless the Prince of Wales," "In the Gloaming," "The Lost Child," "The Diver," "Of all the Brave Birds," "Mark the Merry Elves," "The Lighthouse Light," "The Wreath," "A Tale of Woe," "The Village Blacksmith," and "Auld Lang Syne." After the Tyler's toast, the whole of the company joining hands, heartily sang "Auld Lang Syne," and then separated with the feeling of having spent a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on the 22nd inst. Present—Bros. Dignam W.M., C. Weeden S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Ferrar S.D., Brasted J.D., Airey I.G.; also Bros. Gush, Wolf, Gribbell, Sharpe, G. Taylor, Houghton, R. M. Jones, J. A. Powell, A. R. Green, &c. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Wolf being the candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the third section, assisted by Bro. G. Ferrar. Bro. Gush answered the usual queries, and Lodge opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Pearcy worked the third section of the second lecture, assisted by Bro. C. Weeden. Lodge resumed and Bro. Pearcy worked the first section, assisted by Bro. Wolf, and Bro. Gush the second, assisted by the brethren. Bro. H. Airey jun., Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298 was elected a member. Bro. Weeden was appointed to preside on Saturday, the 6th May, and Bro. Gush will preside on Saturday, the 29th inst., to work the Fifteen Sections.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—At the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., Friday, 28th April. Bros.

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J. N. Bate W.M., F. Thurston S.W., H. Williams J.W., E. A. Francis S.D., H. Goodwin J.D., John James I.G., John S. Terry P.M. Sec., James Stevens P.M. P.Z. Hon. Preceptor. Past Master J. Letchford, C. Patrick, J. W. Smith, C. Simes, C. H. Phillips, A. T. Chambers, R. Walden, and others. Lodge was opened and passed to second degree. Bro. Patrick as candidate for raising proved proficient. Lodge opened in third degree, and the ceremony was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Stevens then gave some explanations of certain passages in the ceremonial ritual of raising, which greatly interested the brethren, and added to their general information on the subject. The Lodge was closed down with due regularity, and the first and fourth sections of the first degree were worked by the brethren. Bro. F. Thurston was elected W.M. for the week ending Friday, 28th April, and as according to the Bye-Laws the fourth Friday is at the disposal of the W.M., announced that the business would be the rehearsal of the ceremonies in the first and third degrees, and the delivery of the charge in the first degree by Bro. S. B. Sargeant, a newly-initiated member of the Order. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated after a most instructive evening.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—On Monday, the 24th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Bro. Cotton took the chair, and appointed the following Officers:—Bros. Brooks S.W., Nicholson J.W., Brown S.D., Taplin J.D., Duffin I.G. and Tyler; there were also present Bros. Tucker Preceptor, and Phillips. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. Taplin was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Taplin was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Tucker as candidate. Bro. Brooks will take the chair at the next meeting. Bro. Tucker intimated that the Fifteen Sections would be worked on Thursday next, at the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, and asked for the attendance of the brethren; he also promised to arrange for the working of the Sections in the Royal Union Lodge of Instruction. Lodge was then closed with the usual formalities.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 21st inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge. Present Bros. C. E. Botley Hon. Secretary W.M., Goss P.M. S.W., Gunner J.W., Blasby P.M. S.D., Maton J.D., F. Botley I.G.; Andrews P.M.; Bros. Dorey and Turner. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremonies of initiation and raising. Bro. Goss was elected W.M. for 28th April.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—At the Lamb Tavern, Bethnal-green Junction, G.E.R., on Saturday, 22nd April. Bros. Richardson W.M., Sturtevant S.W., Stewart J.W., Hammond S.D., Brittain J.D., J. K. Sturtevant I.G., Moss Preceptor, Hand Secretary, Chitson, &c. Lodge opened, and minutes were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Chitson candidate. Bro. Hammond worked the first section, Brother Brittain the second, and Brother Hand the third section, assisted by Bro. Moss. Bro. Moss worked the fourth section, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Sturtevant will occupy the chair of W.M. at next meeting. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed and adjourned. The Fifteen Sections will be worked here on the second Saturday in May.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—The annual supper of the above Lodge took place on Monday last, at the Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury-square. After the formal business of the evening was gone through, the brethren sat down to a capital repast, excellently served by the proprietor, Bro. Longhurst. Bro. A. Trewinnard Preceptor, and P.M. of the mother Lodge, presided, and the Vice-President's chair was filled by Bro. R. P. Forge W.M. 1950. There were also present Bros. J. Terry P.M. 228, C. K. Killick P.M. 1693, J. Osborn W.M. 1602, H. Hall W.M. elect 1693, Woodman S.D. 1950, J. King S.W. 1929, J. Strugnell S.W. 1745, Townley 201, W. Wright Organist 1897, R. M. Jones 1415, Defriez 1693, J. A. Powell 186, Rowlston, Morgan Sec. 211, Jordan 141, Gibbs, Curtis, W. Burtle 1693, Goddard 1155, Longhurst 898, &c. On the cloth being removed the President gave the Loyal toasts, which were done full honour to. To Bro. Terry was entrusted the toast of the evening—Prosperity to the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, coupled with the names of Bro. Trewinnard, its Preceptor, and Bro. Forge Secretary. Bro. Terry referred to the consecration of the mother Lodge, and also to the establishment of the Lodge of Instruction. Both had been successful, and this success was mainly due to Bro. Trewinnard. In reply, Bro. Trewinnard said that what he had done in the past he would strive to do in the future. Both Lodge and Lodge of Instruction had done something for the Charities, and he looked forward to the time when they might be Vice-Presidents of one, if not more, of the Institutions. Bro. Forge also acknowledged the compliment. The evening was enlivened by some capital singing; Bros. Townley, Woodman, King, Snook, &c. distinguished themselves. Bro. Wright, as accompanyist, proved himself a most competent pianist.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held on Monday, 24th April, at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Bros. D. Moss S.D. 1275 W.M., T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 S.W., W. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445 J.W., B. Stewart Secretary, W. Musto P.M. 1349 S.D., Brittain J.D., W. J. Musto I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Bell 1178, T. W. Jones 917, Scheerboom 781, Breden 781, B. Cundick 1421, J. Berry 554, Anning 1625, Evans W.M. 1260. Bros. Randell, Eschwege, Richardson, Hammond, Coote, Bonner, Syer, Clements, Hubbert, McDonald, T. Clark, Anderson, Harvey, Deeks, H. J. Musto, Caton, Deeson, Pringle, Robinson, J. Taylor, Richmond, and G. H. Stephens. Lodge was opened in the first, second, and third degrees, and resumed to the first, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then worked the Fifteen Sections, assisted by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Hammond, Brittain, Hubbert, T. Clark, W. Musto, B. Cundick, T. J. Barnes. Second Lecture—W. J. Musto, Eschwege, Stewart, Pringle, W. H. Myers. Third Lecture—Bros. Musto, McDonald, Taylor. Bro. T. Deeks 1349, W. J. Musto 1349, H. W. Caton 205, and M. Cohen 205 were unanimously elected members of this Lodge. Bro. Musto proposed, and Bro. Barnes seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which Bro. Moss had put the questions, and that he be elected an honorary member of the Lodge. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Barnes thanked the brethren who had worked the sections, and especially praised the younger members for the manner in which they had fulfilled their duties.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—Which has been held temporarily at the Adam's Arms, Hampstead-street, Fitzroy-square, during the rebuilding of Bro. Devine's premises, will return to the old quarters, the Blue Post, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, on the 1st of May. A commodious room has been built by Bro. Devine for the accommodation of the brethren.

St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1891.—At the usual weekly meeting, held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on the 24th April. Bro. Neilson W.M. of the Creaton Lodge, No. 1791, presided, and rehearsed the ceremony of the third degree in his usual careful and correct manner. Bro. Morley was elected to fill the office of W.M. at the next meeting; this, we have no doubt, he will do efficiently, as although he is but a young Mason, he already evinces a thorough appreciation of our mysteries, and an earnest desire to prove himself a worthy Craftsman. This Lodge of Instruction has Bro. H. E. Frances, a Past Grand Officer of Surrey, as its Preceptor, and, under his able tuition, it is making steady progress.

THE THEATRES, &c.

COVENT GARDEN.—ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA. This evening, LA TRAVIATA. On Monday, LES HUGUENOTS. On Tuesday, DINORAH. On Wednesday, AIDA.

LYCEUM.—At 7.45, ROMEO AND JULIET.

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VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, ON AN ISLAND. At 8, THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, ODETTE.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, THE MARBLE ARCH. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.

STRAND.—At 7.30, PARADISE VILLA. At 8.15, MANOLA.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES, and PATIENCE.

AVENUE.—At 8, MADAME FAVART. This day (Saturday) at 2 also.

COURT.—At 8, MY LITTLE GIRL. At 8.45, THE PARVENU.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, BABIL AND BIJOU.

COMEDY.—At 8, BOCCACCIO.

GLOBE.—At 8, COMEDIETTA. At 8.0, FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD.

GAIETY.—At 7.15, THOSE GIRLS. At 8.30, THE FORTY THIEVES.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.50, MOTHER-IN-LAW. At 9.50, VULCAN, &c.

ROYALTY.—At 7.30, TEN MINUTES FOR REFRESHMENT. At 8, NOT REGISTERED. At 9.15, SINDBAD.

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

AS is our custom, we draw the attention of our readers to the circumstances of the next annual general meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and its election to fill up the vacancies that have occurred since May of last year on the Male and Female Funds. In both cases the approved list of candidates is a formidable one, while the number that can be elected is out of all proportion to that on the list. Thus, in the case of the Male Fund, which is unquestionably the more promising of the two, there are forty-seven candidates for nineteen vacancies, while of the sixty-three widows of brethren, whose claims have been accepted as worthy of recognition, room for only twelve can be found, and this, notwithstanding the fact that the number of both classes of annuitants has been so amazingly increased during the last few years.

As to the male candidates, who, as we have said, are forty-seven in number, No. 1 now appeals to the support of the Craft for the third time. His two previous candidatures do not seem to have yielded him any very considerable amount of aid, as he has only thirty-two votes to his credit towards the election on the 19th instant. Possibly, however, his friends may rally round him in more formidable numbers, and as he is said to have no "means of support," it is clearly most desirable they should do so. The eight that follow on the list made their first essay at being balloted in May of last year. No. 2, who was formerly in good circumstances as a "Printseller and Publisher,'" has 556 votes to the good, while No. 3, formerly a "School Master," but now "utterly destitute," is still better off, with a credit of 682 votes. No. 4, once a "Master Mariner," though he has received as yet only forty-five votes, has at all events a miserable pittance of £6 16s towards his support, and No. 5, who is "quite unable to perform any manual labour," has 705 votes to the good. No. 6 is entirely dependent on charity, but unless he can appreciably increase his store of seventy-eight votes, it is very likely, we regret to say, that he will remain in his present dependent position. No. 7, who is a "Life Governor of all the Institutions" has a credit of 372 votes, and as he is prevented from earning a livelihood, we can only wish him success in his present effort. The other two "second applications" have 611 and 685 votes respectively to their credit, and both appear to be worthy of the relief afforded by the Institution.

The remaining thirty-eight applicants are candidates for the first time on this occasion. The circumstances on which they found their appeal for support to the governors of the Institution are, in all respects, most painful, and, were it possible to find a place for them all on the roll of annuitants, we feel sure the electors would place them there. This, however, is out of the question, and all it is in our power to say is, that we trust the worthiest of them will be accepted. One, for instance, who is close on seventy three years old, has been "Steward to the three Institutions, and is a Life Governor of them." Another is "without means," and a third, who is sixty-eight years of age, is "dependent upon the precarious support of his daughters." In short, all seem from the record—and we may be sure it is a just one—to be most pitiably circumstanced and, as we have just said, we could wish it were possible to relieve them all to the full extent of their several petitions.

Turn we now to the case of the widows, who are sixty-three in number, while the vacancies are only twelve. No. 1 on the list has lived nearly seventy and eight years, yet eight previous applications have only resulted in a credit of 648 votes. "She has no means of support, and is entirely dependent upon a son-in-law." Let us hope this venerable lady may attain the goal of her wishes on this occasion. No. 2 has made five previous attempts, with the result that she now brings forward 735 votes to the good. The four next in order are applicants for the fifth time, and have 204, 100, 735, and 432 votes to their credit respectively. Three "fourth applications" follow, of whom one (No. 8.) is on the eve of completing her eightieth year. She is in receipt of the moiety of her late husband's annuity, as well as an annual income of ten guineas, and as she has a credit of 760 votes, her prospects of success on the 19th instant are the reverse of unlikely. Nos. 10-14, both inclusive, were candidates for the first time in 1880. Of these, No. 12, who is in her seventy-third year, is in receipt of half her late husband's annuity, but, what is more to her present purpose, she has 715 votes to the good. No. 13 also stands well as regards votes, there being 724 to her credit, but otherwise she is ill-circumstanced, being "without means of subsistence," and "having a daughter dependent on her" No. 14 is in her seventy-seventh year, and is "quite destitute," being "dependent upon her son, who can ill-afford to maintain her." The next twenty-nine candidates—Nos. 15-43, both inclusive, made their first attempt last year. One of them (No. 38) was born 26th April 1799, and is consequently in her 84th year. No. 39 will complete her 81st year in October next, while three others (Nos. 18, 19, and 26) have exceeded the allotted span by six years. The claims of all are clearly set forth, as indeed are likewise those of the twenty new candidates, of whom No. 62 is close on seventy-three. The circumstances of all these old lady candidates, who have seen happier times, are very sad, and we can but repeat our wish that the funds of the Benevolent Institution admitted of their being all assisted. This cannot be, however, and we say in this, as in the case of the men candidates, "May the worthiest be successful!"

THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE.

IT is, as it were, but yesterday that we had the pleasure of enjoying a personal conversation with Bro. Jacob Norton, and hearing the satisfaction he expressed at being permitted to attend the Special Communication of Grand Lodge, which had been called for the particular purpose of passing a resolution to congratulate Her Majesty the Queen on her fortunate escape from the dastardly attempt on her life, recently made by a lunatic. Now, as a communication elsewhere in our columns will show, we have the opportunity of giving a hearty welcome to Brother Norton in the pages of the CHRONICLE. His letters are always ac-

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ceptable, but none more so than the one we publish to-day. In fact, Brother Norton, it seems to us, has, in his present contribution, added a very valuable leaf to the volume of Masonic History. The History of the Royal Arch Degree is even more obscure as to its origin than the history of Free and Accepted Masonry of the purest and most unadulterated character. We must not, of course, be held to have adopted unhesitatingly the theory of our esteemed brother, but there cannot be a moment's question as to its value. He proves, at all events, that the introduction of the Royal Arch Degree into the Masonic system of the so-called "Moderns" took place much earlier than is generally supposed, having regard to the statements of Bro. William Preston, the learned author of the "Illustrations of Masonry" as our guide. The late Brother Oliver, much as we respect his enthusiastic devotion to the Craft, is not to be relied upon for his facts, and it is by no means unlikely, as Brother Norton suggests, that our late reverend Brother consulted, not the "original records in Freemasons' Hall," but only the "printed records," such as "the several editions of the Constitutions, the Ahiman Rezon, and Preston." Be this as it may, however, Brother Norton has very creditably grasped the full value of the "find," which, not long since, was announced in open Convocation of Grand Chapter by Grand Scribe E., and has deduced, from other circumstances which appear to have come to his knowledge, what must admittedly be accepted as a most reasonable conclusion.

Brother Norton very summarily disposes of Dr. Oliver's statement, to the effect that the Royal Arch Degree was "brought to England by the Chevalier Ramsay, who first offered it to the Grand Lodge of the *Moderns*, but as that Grand Lodge would have nothing to do with it, he next disposed of it to the Ancients," &c. As the Chevalier Ramsay died in 1743, and there was no Grand Lodge of the "Ancients" till ten years later, it is obvious that the distinction between "Modern" and "Ancient" Masons did not exist during the Chevalier's lifetime, and hence he could not have offered it first to the one and then to the other of the two, at the time, non-existent bodies. The testimony of Brother Fifield Dassigny is quite supererogatory, and need not have been appealed to in support of a statement so obviously inconsistent with facts.

Dassigny's evidence, however, which a short time since was routed out by Bro. W. J. Hughan, is of the greatest importance as to the introduction of the Degree in question into this country, supplemented, as it is, by the confirmatory account of Bro. Gould in his "Atholl Lodges." Bro. Dassigny makes mention of a certain brother who propagated a "false system some few years ago in this city," of Dublin—his "Inquiry" was published in the Irish Capital in 1744—and who "imposed upon several worthy men under a pretence of being Master of the Royal Arch, which he asserted he had brought with him from the City of York, and that the beauties of the Craft did principally consist in the knowledge of that valuable piece of Masonry." It seems, however, that "his fallacious act was discovered by a brother of probity and wisdom, who had some months before attained that excellent part of Masonry in London, and plainly proved that his doctrine was false." From Bro. Gould we learn that Laurence Dermott, who may be described as the genius of the "Ancient" Masons, was born in 1720, initiated in Ireland in 1740, and installed Master of No. 26, Dublin, in the year 1746." On coming to England, he first joined a Modern Lodge, but was a member of Nos. 9 and 10 *Ancients* when elected G. Secretary, 5th February 1752." It may be noted by way of parenthesis, that, in our Grand Lodge Calendar, it is stated that for some time prior to the establishment of their Grand Lodge, the "Ancients" were governed by a sort of General or Grand Committee, but it seems more than probable that it was not until Laurence Dermott joined the Seceders from the Grand Lodge of England that the distinctive denominations of "Ancients" and "Moderns" were employed, and it seems equally probable that it is to him we are indebted for the establishment of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge as a rival of the "regular" Grand Lodge of 1717. And as Bro. Dermott would seem to have made the Arch a special feature of his section of the English Craft, it is not unreasonable to suppose that it was with that section it was in the first instance associated.

So far generally, and we think reasonably. Bro. Norton then goes on to show that a "Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Jerusalem," which became the Grand Chapter in 1767, must have been constituted in 1765; and as, in one of its regulations, it was "Resolved, That the Companions belonging to, and having been exalted in the Caledonian Chapter, or any Chapter in the country or abroad, being properly vouched for, shall be admitted visitors in this Chapter on payment of 2s 6d each," Bro. Norton very naturally argues that the said Caledonian Chapter must have preceded the said Jerusalem Chapter. Bro. Norton's contention is certainly an ingenious one. He points out that in February 1763, a certain "William Leslie and other Scotch Brethren residing in London," petitioned the Grand Lodge "for a Lodge Charter to be held in London." This was very naturally and very properly declined by the Grand Lodge in question; but Leslie "obtained a Dispensation from the *Ancients*, dated 20th April 1763, and Bro. William Preston was the second person who was initiated in this Lodge." Through Preston's influence it shortly afterwards passed under the banner of the "Moderns," and "was re-constituted 15th November 1764, at the Half Moon, Cheapside, by Lord Blaney, when it assumed the name of 'ye Caledonian Lodge.'" From this, Bro. Norton deduces that as the so-called "Ancients" practised the R.A. degree, the members of "ye Caledonian Lodge" were "familiar with it," and that to them we are indebted for the introduction into "Modern" Masonry of the said degree. This is not necessarily a *sequitur*, but it is a perfectly legitimate deduction. Be it added that, while the Caledonian Lodge still enjoys an honourable existence, the Caledonian Chapter passed away "two or three years after the Union."

We have said we do not adopt Bro. Norton's theory, but it must be obvious to our readers that it furnishes much palatable food for reflection. Doubtless, now that Bro. Norton has set the ball rolling, Bros. Hughan, Gould, and other curious students of our history, will help to elucidate the position he has taken up.

MASONRY—ITS HISTORY AND TEACHING.

By Rev. Bro. Eaton W. Maxcy Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

THE history of Masonry is lost in an antiquity so remote, that it is impossible to state its origin with positiveness and accuracy. To say naught in reference to supposed traces of it in the Orient, it is not unreasonable to believe that we see it in one of its early stages, in the colleges of builders instituted by Numa Pompilius, 715 B.C. These colleges were at first religious societies as well as fraternities of artizans. After the labours of the day, their members were accustomed to convene in their respective Lodges (wooden houses erected near the edifices in course of construction) where they determined the distribution and execution of the work. Here, too, the new members were initiated into the secrets and particular mysteries of their arts. These initiates were divided into three classes: apprentices, companions or fellow-workmen, and masters, and they engaged themselves by oath to afford each other succour and assistance. The Presidents, whose term of office was five years, were named masters or teachers (*magistri*), and their labours in the Lodges were always preceded by religious ceremonies. As the membership was composed of men of all countries, and consequently of different beliefs, the Supreme Being was represented in the Lodges under a general title, and therefore was styled "The Grand Architect of the Universe," the universe being considered the most perfect work of a master builder.

These organisations were in full vigour almost to the fall of the Roman Empire. The irruption of the northern barbarians dispersed them and reduced their number. They continued to decline while those ferocious men worshipped their horrid deities, but when Christianity was accepted they again flourished.

Many of these fraternities of builders who were with the Roman legions in the countries bordering on the Rhine, were sent by the Emperor Claudius, about the middle of the first century, into the British Isles, to protect the Romans against the incursions of opponents. The especial work of the Masonic corporations here and elsewhere in similar circumstances, was to construct for the legions the camps, which they surrounded with walls and fortifications, which in some instances were subsequently beautified with structures, rivalling in attractiveness those in Rome itself. Portions of the native population who aided the Romans in the work, were incorporated into the bodies of workmen and taught their art. The intercourse thus produced, developed an intimacy which resulted in a great tolerance of religious and national peculiarities, and a feeling of brotherhood. Christianity, as it spread into Britain, gave the Masonic Lodges peculiar characteristics about this period. Over the famed Roman roads constructed by the skill of the Masonic brethren, passed many a convert to the Christian faith, who believed it obligatory to impart the knowledge of the true religion. When alone, these converts were exposed to bloody persecution in the towns and villages. But they were permitted to accompany unmolested the Masonic corporations, which, sometimes alone and sometimes accompanying the Roman legions, were constantly traversing that mighty empire.

Happily, Britain at this time had more kind and humane governors

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than those who were over other provinces, and by their connivance, the persecuted Christians found a refuge among the building corporations. In consequence, many among those who became active in the dissemination of the Gospel, sought and obtained admission into these fraternities.

In later ages, in England as upon the Continent, Lodges became attached to the convents, and were more or less governed by monks, according as the leading architects were monks or lay brethren. Hence arose the custom of holding Lodge sessions in convents. When an abbot became Master or Warden, he was addressed as Worshipful Master or Worshipful Brother—a mode of address which has been handed down to our own time in connection with the first Officer of the Lodge. As years rolled on it was deemed advisable that influential individuals who loved and protected the arts should be received into the fraternity, although they were not practical architects and builders, and they were designated as *Accepted* Masons. The Lodge at York, which became the most important in the country, received none as companions who were not *free* men, establishing this characteristic of the Institution.

It was formerly the custom to dedicate to some saint the structures intended for Divine worship, and in like manner organisations of artists and artizans chose patron saints. The Masonic brethren selected St. John the Baptist, as his Festival was on 24th June, the period of the summer solstice, when nature is most lavish in her abundance and the sun attains its greatest height, a period which had always been celebrated by the ancients and the Fraternity from the earliest times. Thus they came to be known not only by the name of Freemasons, but as the Fraternity of St. John. Upon the Continent they were generally designated as St. John Brothers or Brothers of St. John.

I have mentioned these circumstances, culled from Masonic history in Europe (it has, however far remoter connections), to indicate that it is not strange that there should be found in our Institution, as we have received it from the mother country, both a religious element and a peculiar tinge of antiquity. There appears much in our work which is congruous with the fragments of historical tradition which have come down to us. Even the language employed tells of a distant past; we find a quaintness of expression which is most peculiar—archaic words which are liable to be misunderstood, and which, so far as I am aware, are not employed in our day outside the Lodge room. They are like the ocean shell, which, held to the ear, tells in gentle murmur of the distant home whence it came, or the beauteously-formed vegetation of the sea which exhales its fragrance and reveals its original habitat, or the fragments of the mausolea (shall we so term it?) of the polypi, which tells of

> "A coral grove
> Where the purple mullet and gold fish rove,
> Where the sea flower spreads its leaves of blue,
> That never are wet with the falling dew."

So our exercises and lectures suggest to a thoughtful and studious mind much of a far by-gone day, and give indication of sacred truths which in the past practical Masonry has done so much to uphold, and which speculative Masonry should ever legitimately conserve.

Among the various teachings which Masonry inculcates there are several which at this time may be briefly recalled by us as peculiarly important. The first is *the idea of a God over us.* Did it ever occur to you (I am sure you must have thought of it) how terribly out of place in our exercises would be one who had lost belief in the Great God over all? Of course such a person could not be admitted into our band save by a deception most gross any more than a lunatic or an idiot could be. But for the purpose in view, suppose such a case as I have suggested—a man within the walls of a Lodge room with belief in God lost. Verily it would seem as if, in the language of Habakkuk ii. 11: "The stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it," in execration of such profanation of presence. How strange to him would be a glance toward the East with its pendant solitary letter above the Master—how strange the incipiency of candidateship—how strange the altar in time of labour with that which rests upon it—yea, how strange everything from opening to closing inclusive. Out of place? Yea, like Christians in Mohammedan mosque or in Buddhist temple. No man ought to enter or leave a Lodge room without a deeper impression of the presence of that All-seeing Eye, whose ken penetrates all nature and looks into all hearts. If, indeed, the operative Mason might, in erecting his temporary building agreeably to the rules and designs laid down by the Master on his trestle-board, be absorbed, for a time at least, in that which was of the earth, earthy, certainly no speculative Mason can rightfully ignore that Supreme Architect of the Universe, to honour whom are erected the temples made with hands, but whose glory is more adequately honoured in the temple made without hands, eternal in the heavens. I do not know that I could give a better illustration of the legitimate influence of this character exerted by our Fraternity, than by a reference to one who was for some time the highest official in the Lodge with which our late Most Worshipful Grand Master Bullock was connected. It was some years since, when I was very young in the Craft, that the Brother to whom I have referred said to me in the Lodge room, "I don't see how it can be different with others, but I know that in my own case the suggestions which I here received have led me to attendance on church services." Subsequently he became a communicant. I am sure the issue was legitimate. To the devout worship of God, the teachings of our Fraternity legitimately lead. You may remember the expression of Young in his "Night Thoughts":

> "An undevout astronomer is mad."

And the same statement would be predicable of one who had received and studied the teachings of our Fraternity, and was not reverent to the Great Being over all. I would therefore recognise as a handmaid in religious inculcation the body which is here represented. It is cheering to think that here are to be furthered the interests of an institution which, though human in origin, yet points the finger reverently towards the dwelling place of Him before whom all, from the youngest entered Apprentice to the Worshipful Master, should with reverence most humbly bow.

I note, as another feature which claims our attention, *the fraternal love* which Masonry inculcates. It is well to encourage, on general principles, any institution which, shunning that which is wrong, gathers together those who have peculiar regard for each other's welfare. I think no one with any experience in our Fraternity will be hesitant in acknowledging the glow of fraternal pleasure with which he has often met those whom he discovered to be Brothers in the mystic bond. It may have been in the hurrying car; it may have been a casual acquaintance in the weeks of recreation; it may have been at some disaster where physical injury was involved, or it may have been when sickness had prostrated, or at a chance gathering with those who had met in the last office to cast the sprig of evergreen. The pleasure of some of these meetings, who shall happily describe? But the point which I desire to impress upon you is, that the heart on having its sympathies thus aroused towards brethren, is not thereby rendered any less cordial to those who are, Masonically considered, outsiders. Because you are very cordial and cheery on meeting one whose presence arouses reminiscences which are pleasing, or ludicrous even, you are not in consequence inclined to be lachrymous if the next man you meet is a stranger. On the contrary, the probability is that, if you have any occasion to address him, it will be with a cheerfulness of manner which will leave no unpleasant impression upon him. So it is with the bond of our Brotherhood. I believe, that wherever the spirit of the Craft in regard to fraternal love is carried out, it will not only be felt within the limits of the organisation, but extend beyond its bounds. Let it be that not only is there an open hand when needed, but a *Brother's* open hand, a Brother's sympathy, and in this world of ours in which it must be that sorrow comes, and distress comes, and aching hearts come, here shall be one of the blessed influences to cheer and to irradiate. It shall be like the lights in the princely mansions on festal night in merry England in the olden time, which not only brightened the rooms within, but lighted the pathway of the weary traveller without, and encouraged him to enter and receive a cordial welcome within.

There are reasons why it might be desirable that one of another calling than mine should on an occasion as this address you. We all have our standpoints whence we take our views of life and the various organisations among men. The merchant, the statesman, the lawyer, the artist, all have their stations of outlook. The eye sees not only what it brings the power to see, but what its position brings as well. I can conceive of one looking at our Institution in its historic aspects, and carefully tracing, or endeavouring to trace, its remote outlines in the dimness of a shadowy past, where in the mists no glass can penetrate; or, like him who tries to discover in the distant ages, the germinal buddings of the fair tree of representative government, whose branches now are spreading over all the realms of civilised man. I can conceive of another studying our organisation, and endeavouring to trace its influence in war and in peace, as the centuries have rolled away. Another would study it as the artist studies some old cathedral, thrilled with the beauties of form and varied light and shade, loving even the defects which time has caused, and the ivy clinging to the mouldering wall. But you will expect with reason that one in my position, occupying the honourable station to which the Most Worshipful Grand Master has kindly appointed me, should regard it in aspects in which it is seen as assisting men to view the grand truths connected with spiritual well being; and certainly, most prominent among these is that which glorifies humanity—*the soul's immortality.* When that truth ceases to be taught in our Lodges, our ritual must be changed verily, and our symbols have a new rendering. In some other mode must we bury our dead, and the old story so familiar to us all, be told no longer, and the acacia be supplanted by the blossom of an hour. If within our closed doors he would be a profanation who believed not in God, profanation would the presence of him be who believed that the last of earth was the last of man. Remember that solemn truth, my brethren, and so live that the solemn striking of the funeral chime may be followed by the life which is in a nobler temple than can be delineated on the trestle board of any earthly Master.

In one sense, the voice which has spoken to you this evening is to some of you a strange one, but not, indeed, in every sense is it that of a stranger. A Brother's heart has prompted these suggestions. If he has presumed to instruct where there are many who are his seniors in years, and in experience in the Craft, he knows that the oldest and wisest among you will second his suggestions. More than this, he knows you all will.

Make your Masonry no mere name nor formality. Gather the spirit of its teachings. Exemplify that spirit in your intercourse with each other, and with the world at large. It will make you better, and you will make the world better. Masons' lips, outside the Lodge room, should be silent in regard to Masonry's mysteries. Masons' lives should be vocal for it. May your lives give no uncertain utterance.—*Keystone.*

The eighteenth Installation Meeting of the Panmure Royal Arch Chapter, No. 720, will be held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, S.E., on Monday next, the 8th inst. Ex. Comps. Samuel Poynter, B. R. Bryant, and John S. Terry are to be installed into the respective chairs of Z., H., and J. There are several candidates for exaltation also, and the summons announces plenty of work. Exaltations at 3 30 p.m. Installations at 5. Ex. Comp. James Stevens, P.Z. and Scribe E. of the Chapter, will officiate as Installing Principal. It is anticipated that the Grand Chapter will be well represented at the meeting.

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ORIGIN OF THE ROYAL ARCH.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Dr. Oliver's "Origin of the R.A." contains some facts that were then unknown. I consider it, therefore, worth more than all his other works combined; but I am sorry to add, that his perverse nature would not allow him to write *truth* without adulterating it with absurdities. Leaving out his nonsense about the Christianity of that degree, I shall now merely run through a few of his historical errors.

Thus, he ascribes the discontent of some Lodges in 1734 to their being prohibited to confer the second and third degrees. But the fact is, that prohibition was repealed in 1725.

The R.A. Degree (says our Doctor) was brought to England by Chevalier Ramsay, who first offered it to the G.L. of the *Moderns*, but as that G.L. would have nothing to do with it, he next disposed of it to the Ancients, &c. Now, for all the above assertions there is not a shadow of evidence.

The third degree was dismembered (says our Doctor) first, by Ramsay, or Dermott (who made two degrees out of one) and Dunckerley, when he afterwards introduced R.A. Chapters among the Moderns, mutilated the third degree of the Moderns. The truth, however, is, the third degree was never dismembered or mutilated, either by Ramsay or Dunckerley, for it is the same to-day as it was a hundred and fifty years ago.

The R.A. (says Dr. O.) was introduced by Dunckerley among the Moderns "*not earlier* than 1776," and to the same year he ascribes the establishment of the G.L. of the Ancients. It will, however, be seen, that Dunckerley did not introduce the Chapter among the Moderns, and that the said events took place before 1776.

Preston says, "Under the appellation of the York banner the Ancients gained the countenance of the Scotch and Irish Masons who readily joined in condemning the measures [some alleged change in the ritual]* of the Lodges in London." Dr. Oliver magnified this into "a treaty of alliance and confederation" with the Scotch and Irish Grand Lodges. I am, however, persuaded that the coolness of the G.L. of Scotland, *if it ever existed*, originated after the Duke of Atholl's election as G.M. of the Ancients.

The fact is, Dr. Oliver never examined the original records in Freemasons' Hall, but confined himself to printed authorities only, viz.: to the several editions of the Constitutions, the Ahiman Rezon, and Preston; but the histories appended to the Constitutions say very little about the origin of the troubles either of 1734 or later. The Ahiman Rezon is utterly unreliable; and Preston, who never mentions the Royal Arch, and *who was not a Royal Arch Mason at all*, absolutely furnished no materials for such a history; and besides which, Preston's account of the origin of the Ancients is crude, ambiguous, and is altogether unworthy of credit. Our Bro. Oliver, however, not only repeated the errors of Preston, but also added some from his own imagination. And, of course, whatever "the learned" Dr. Oliver wrote was received by the Craft as "gospel truth."

The appearance of an English edition of Bro. Findel's history in 1866 gave rise to, or stimulated, a new school of Masonic critics, whose aim was, and is, "Truth at any price." These were, of course, assailed by the old *Masonic castle builders in the air*. Some were hurt because the *antiquity* of Masonry was shaken. Others, because their chivalric moonshine degrees and high titles were demolished; and others again, who trembled in their boots lest the disbelief in the "thousand and one" pre 1717 Grand Masters should cause Masonry itself to topple over, either joined in chorus with the former, in crying down the *iconoclasts*, or endeavoured to steer a middle course. "Oh! well!" said they, "there is a stratum of truth to all traditions," and if it does not mean *this*, "it, no doubt, means *that*, or *the tother*." Some of those timid ones even said, in my presence, "Your theory may be all true, but it won't do to denude Masonry of *all* humbug." This hue and cry did not, however, stop inquiry. Bro. Buchan defended the "1717 theory." Bro. Hughan unearthed additional facts about the G.L. of York and about the Ancients. Bro. D. M. Lyon published his immortal History of Freemasonry in Scotland, and Bro. Gould will, I trust, stick to the motto, "Truth at any price," and will endeavour to outshine all his predecessors.

And now let us see what has thus far been accomplished in correcting the errors of the *old school* as far as the history of the Royal Arch is concerned. First, I must call attention to Bro. Hughan's discovery of "Dassigny's Inquiry." This was printed in Dublin in 1744, but no Masonic writer referred to it save and except Dermott, who quotes one paragraph with approbation from the "R.W. Dr. Dassigny's" book, and who appropriated other portions of that work *without acknowledging its source*, (compare p 93, &c. of Hughan's "Memorial" with pp 14, 15, &c. of the first edition of the "Ahiman Rezon)." Bro. Dermott, however, never told us what Dassigny said about the Royal Arch. Thanks to Bro. Hughan's assiduity, we can now glean something from that work about the Royal Arch.

"How comes to pass (says Dassigny) that some have been led away with ridiculous innovations, an example of which I shall prove by a certain propagation of a false system some few years ago in this city, who imposed upon several worthy men under a pretence of being a Master of the Royal Arch, which he asserted he had brought with him from the city of York, and that the beauties of the Craft did principally consist in the knowledge of that valuable piece of Masonry. However, he carried on his scheme for several months, and many of the learned and wise were his followers, till at length his fallacious act was discovered by a brother of probity and wisdom, who had some months before attained that excellent part of Masonry in London, and plainly proved that his doctrine was false; whereupon the brethren justly despised him, and ordered him to be excluded from all benefits of the Craft," &c. The principal value of that work consists—first, in being the earliest book wherein the phrase "Royal Arch" appears; second, in furnishing information as to how the Royal Arch found its way into Ireland, and as to how it was first received; and third, it confirms Dr. Oliver's theory, that the Royal Arch made its first appearance about 1740. But whether that adventurer in Dublin was an Englishman or an Irishman, whether he was the inventor of the Royal Arch, and an Irish pupil of his afterwards impregnated with it an Irish brother of "probity and wisdom" in London; or whether the Dublin "Master of the Royal Arch" got his Mastership in London, no one can now discover. But one thing is certain—namely, Dassigny's warning to the Dublin Masons did not altogether stop the "Master of the Royal Arch" there from grinding his Royal Arch mill; the material Masons are made of is too tough to yield to such warnings. Indeed, such warning is more likely to impel them to rush headlong into a moonshine concern than to restrain them; as an instance of the truth of my statement, Dermott himself states, in a record, that he received Royal Arch in Dublin in 1745 or 1747. This fact was communicated to me by an officer of the Grand Lodge, and to whom I am under great obligation for calling my attention to other facts, for showing me the original records, and for furnishing me with extracts and notes, as will be shown hereafter. But the fact must not be forgotten—viz., that Laurence Dermott was a full fledged Royal Arch Mason when he first came to London.

From Bro. Gould's "Atholl Lodges," I learn that "Dermott was born in 1720, Initiated in Ireland in 1740, Installed Master of No. 26, Dublin, June 1746. On coming to England, he first joined a Modern Lodge, but was a member of Nos. 9 and 10 *Ancients*, when elected G. Secretary, 5th February 1752. Appointed D.G.M. March 1771. Being succeeded, *at his own request*, by W. Dickey, 27th December 1777. Again D.G.M. from December 1783 to December 1787, when, also at his own request, he was succeeded by James Perry; Present for the last time in the G. Lodge 3rd June 1789." From the fact that Grand Officers were appointed at Dermott's request, and from the fact that Dermott's writings constitute the *whole stock* of the Ancients' Masonic literature of the last century, we may reasonably conclude that Dermott was not only the original organizer of the Ancients, but that he was also the father of Royal Arch Masonry among them.

And now I will show up what kind of a body were the seceders before 1751. Upon this subject I further learn from Bro. Gould's "Atholl Lodges," that on the 17th July 1751, the Masters of six self-constituted Lodges in London assembled and constituted themselves into a Lodge of Grand Masters, and these six Lodges were styled "Time Immemorial Lodges." After Bro. Turner was elected Grand Master of the Ancients, the Grand Master's Lodge was perpetuated as a mere Lodge, and was placed as No. 1 on the roll of the Lodges of the Ancients. Of these seven Lodges one died at the close of 1751, one in 1754, the remainder died in 1759, 1769, &c.; two lived up to 1783 and 1785 respectively. It is evident that some of the original Lodges, including the Grand Master's Lodge, were mere *straw* Lodges. When a Lodge ceased to meet among the Ancients, its number was sold to a younger Lodge, that is, sold to the highest bidder, thus: the Grand Master's Lodge died in about August 1759. Its number was then sold to a Lodge constituted in 1787. This Lodge since the Union figures as No. 1 of the United Grand Lodge.

The next question to be considered is—How and when did the Moderns get hold of the Royal Arch? I have no doubt that Royal Arch Degree peddlers continued to ply their trade after the Ancients adopted that degree. Indeed, Dermott himself censures somebody, whose name he withholds, for peddling the R.A. degree. It is therefore possible that some of the Moderns may have bought the secret from those peddlers. But be that as it may, and putting conjecture aside, my friend in the Grand Secretary's office, already referred to, showed me a record of a Chapter constituted by *Moderns*, beginning 12th June 1765. But the record shows that four brethren were exalted in March, and one in April previous, and the very first anniversary celebrated by that Chapter, which styled itself, "The Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Jerusalem," was on the 8th of January 1766. Hence its organisation must have taken place in January 1765. In the beginning of the said record are a series of resolutions or regulations, to which a number of signatures are appended, among which is that of *John McLean*. One of the regulations reads as follows:

"Resolved, that the Companions belonging to, and having been exalted in the Caledonian Chapter, or any Chapter in the country or abroad, being properly vouched for, shall be admitted visitors in this Chapter on payment of 2s 6d each."

Now, I do not believe that outside of the jurisdiction of the *Ancients*, any Chapters existed either in the country or abroad in 1765. But here is mentioned the "Caledonian Chapter," evidently a Chapter constituted by Moderns before 1765.

The second anniversary of our new Chapter was celebrated on the 26th of December 1766, and in the minutes of that meeting is the following tribute to Bro. McLean, to whose signature I directed attention above by giving it in *italics*:—

"The thanks of the Chapter was given by the Z., in an address to Bro. John McLean, as Father and Promoter, who for his instruction and careful attendance was requested to accept a Gold Plate, with the following device." (Here follows the inscription in Latin, &c.)

Some years after this, Bro. McLean was compelled to apply to a Chapter for Charity, which of course was granted; and in the record

* Preston's remark is generally supposed to refer to a change of passwords. I am, however, convinced, if the passwords were ever changed, it was done by the Ancients, and not by the Moderns, and such is the opinion of Bro. Carson, of Cincinnati.

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of that Chapter, he is designated as *Companion McLean, of the Caledonian Chapter*. (This was told to me by the brother in the Grand Secretary's Office.) Putting together the above facts, I must come to the conclusion that the Moderns derived the secrets of the Royal Arch, either direct or indirect, from the Caledonian Chapter. But to show further that Dunckerley was not the father of R.A. Masonry among the Moderns, I herewith give a minute from the record of the Chapter at its first anniversary, 8th January 1766, viz.:

"Bro. Dunckerley was proposed by Bro. Galloway, to become a member of this Chapter. Approved nem con."

This is the first mention of Dunckerley in the Chapter record. Whether Dunckerley got the R.A. from a peddler, or from the Caledonian Chapter, I know not; but holding a position under the Moderns, as Dunckerley did, he would not have risked the loss of his reputation by visiting Lodges denounced by his Grand Lodge as clandestine; and, on the other hand, I cannot believe that the Ancients would have admitted a Grand Officer of the Moderns into their Lodges or Chapters. Dunckerley was not, therefore, the father of Chapter Masonry among the *Moderns*.

On the 2nd of July 1766, the Grand Master, Lord Blaney, was exalted in the Chapter. As a rule, when a Lord patronises anything in England, it is bound to be a success. Such was the case here. Other Lords and Grand Lodge dignitaries soon rushed into the Chapter. On the 22nd July 1767, our Chapter transformed itself into a Grand Chapter. A MS. compact of that event was recently brought to light, which has been framed by order of the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Bro. Clerke, and may be seen in the Hall where the Chapter meets. A copy of this MS. is in my possession.

The Caledonian Chapter seems to have held aloof from giving its adhesion to the self-constituted Grand Chapter for some years. The Companions, however, finally yielded; for in two printed lists of Chapters of the Moderns, of about 1788 and 1790, I found the "Restoration Chapter" as No. 1, and the "Caledonian Chapter" as No. 2. In connection with this, I must mention that on the 13th of January 1769, three Chapter Warrants were granted, and on the 14th July following, four other Warrants were granted by the new Grand Chapter. These were the first Warrants the Grand Chapter granted; whether all the above Warrants were successful in establishing permanent Chapters I know not. One of these Warrants, however, I must particularly mention, viz. 14th July: "To our M.E. Comp. Brooks, empowering him to hold a Chapter in his own house, by the Title of 'Restoration Lodge, or the Chapter of the Rock and fountain Philo.'" This Chapter seems to be the No. 1, "Restoration Chapter" of 1790 (or thereabout), and as already stated, Caledonian Chapter was No. 2.

Having proved that the Caledonian Chapter first introduced the R.A. among the Moderns; the question then comes, where, and how, did the Caledonians get the Royal Arch degree? To explain this I must inform you that a petition was presented to the Grand Lodge of Scotland in February 1763, from William Leslie and other Scotch brethren residing in London, for a Lodge charter to be held in London. This, of course, was declined by the Scotch G.L., but it declared its willingness to recommend them to the Grand Lodge of England. William Leslie, however, obtained a Dispensation from the *Ancients*, dated 20th April 1763. They met at the White Hart in the Strand; and William Preston was the second person initiated in that Lodge on the above date. This Lodge, through Preston's influence, afterwards went over to the Moderns, and was reconstituted 15th November 1764, at the Half Moon, Cheapside, by Lord Blaney, when it assumed the name of "ye Caledonian Lodge." Bro. Stephen Jones, an intimate friend of Preston, who wrote Preston's Memoir for the Freemason's Magazine in 1795, states, that all the officers of the Grand Lodge were present at the consecration of the Caledonian Lodge. In short, all enjoyed themselves, and *had a good time* upon that occasion. It might have been the first Lodge of Ancients that went over to the Moderns, and a new acquaintance was formed. Now, some of these *Caledonianites* were doubtless *Royal Archers*. While they were subordinate to the Ancients, they did as the Ancients did, viz. worked the R.A. in the Lodge. But when the Lodge became a Modern, the Chapter brethren had to set up an independent concern; and what with being Scotchmen (*McLean* is certainly Scotch), and what with their Lodge having assumed the name of "Caledonian Lodge," it was natural to name their Chapter "ye Caledonian Chapter." I admit that this is but a theory of my own, but whether future investigation will confirm or upset this theory, remains to be seen.

I must only add, that the "Caledonian Lodge," above referred to, is now No. 134 on the English Lodge List, and it meets in Leadenhall Street, London, at the Ship and Turtle, but the Caledonian Chapter, of 1764, became extinct about two or three years after the Union. So my friend (to whom I am under great obligation for the information herein given) told me.

Yours fraternally,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S.
18th April 1882.

DISTRIBUTION OF HONOURS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"JUNIOR P.M.," in your last issue, seems rather put about at the passing over of older brethren in the giving out of Provincial honours and offices. These sort of things happen in all Orders and Societies; but no doubt he, like many others, reflects on the oft-repeated remarks and speeches he hears among Masons as to *merit*; but he should reflect also that Masons are but men, and are governed by prejudice and favour as much as other people. He should also consider that the R.W.P.G.M. cannot know the merits of every one of the Past Masters of his Province; hence it is necessary for some one in a Lodge to influence some one higher, and that one some one higher still, until it gets to R.W.P.G.M. "JUNIOR P.M." will find, in Masonry as in other Societies, that a brother may work assiduously for seven years, and go through every office in his Lodge, and may do the same in Arch Masonry, and, for ten or twelve years more than that, after act as a Secretary, doing all the work of a Lodge free of charge, and never be thought of either by the brethren of his Lodge, or the Officers of P.G.L., with whom he has been in regular correspondence as worthy of any honour in P.G.L. In bestowing honours of this sort, position must be looked at, and as to whether any substantial benefits can be expected from the brother who is honoured, and also whether it may not be a burden to him. It would be rather costly to some brother who was only in moderate circumstances to be made a P.G. Officer, as to clothing, &c., and he ought to be able, or to be thought able, to do some good to the Charities when the occasions come about, so that a junior P.M. need not expect to see any brother honoured, whatever his merits as a Mason, if he is only in moderate or poor circumstances. Again, a Junior P.M. should look upon these appointments as an honour to his Lodge, and not altogether to the individual. If he will do this, he will see that merit is out of the question. All cannot have honours, but it is true they might be divided more equally among Lodges; and if it could be so, that if Lodges were allowed to send a kind of recommendation, and the R.W.P.G.M. were to select from such lists, having regard to what Lodges had previously been honoured, the distribution might be more equal, and sometimes a deserving, though poor, brother might be honoured.

I remain, yours fraternally,

A SENIOR P.M.

"A LITTLE HELP."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been asked by a well-known London Brother to help Brother Thomas Sewell, whose case is a very pitiful one. Indeed, any individual afflicted with the complete loss of one of his senses—especially that of sight—deserves the sympathy of all. I was shown the circular, with the names of those charitable brethren who are supporting the case, and I could scarcely believe my eyes, on referring to the Subscribers' Lists, when I found that out of the thirteen or fourteen names appended—Grand and Past Grand Officers among them—there were only five recorded as having contributed towards either one of our Charities. Do you remember Æsop's fables? One runs something like this:—A wagoner on his journey got suddenly stuck fast in a ditch. Whereupon, instead of putting his shoulder to the wheel, and trying to help himself out, he flops down on his knees, and cries on Jupiter to help him. This, of course, Jupiter does not. Now, "a little help is worth a deal of pity," and I would recommend those brethren who are supporting this case to put their hands into their pockets, and urge Brother Sewell's friends to do the same, whether they are Masons or not. Remember, for every five shillings that is subscribed one vote is given; while four votes are given in exchange for a sovereign. Let those who wish to see Brother Sewell successful do something, or, like the wagon, he will surely be left in the ditch.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 458, I.G. 609.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have for many years thought that a time was fast approaching when the Metropolitan members of the Craft would be compelled to adopt some large and liberal measure to provide for their proper representation in the Councils of the Order, and at the same time secure for those who merit acknowledgment that recognition of earnest service which it is, in my opinion, more laudable to seek for than to disregard.

The original idea I had entertained, as to the means which might be adopted, became strengthened and matured during the preparation of the map of Lodges I have lately published; and the statistics I was enabled to compile therefrom will materially help such of your readers as may incline to give consideration to the proposal I desire to put before the Grand Lodge at an early date, and to correspond with me thereon.

It is no less than the sub-division of the Metropolitan area, which extends over a radius of twelve miles from Freemasons' Hall, into four Metropolitan District Grand Lodges, each representing exactly one-fourth of the circle, and each taking one-fourth of the Lodges which at present meet at the Hall ("the point within the circle") the Grand Stewards' Lodge to be excepted.

This sub-division would provide in the North West Metropolitan District Grand Lodge, twenty-nine Lodges; in the North East Metropolitan District Grand Lodge, ninety-one; in the South West Metropolitan District G. Lodge, sixty-three; and in the South East Metropolitan District Grand Lodge, 123 Lodges. The Grand total of Metropolitan Lodges to the several thousands of members of which the "purple" is practically unattainable, was, on the 1st January 1881, no less than 306.

In a future letter, or article, a detailed list of these Lodges, and their places of meeting, shall be given. For the moment I am more concerned in letting the intended proposal be generally known, than in offering incontrovertible reasons in favour of its adoption. These are not only numerous, and easily forthcoming, but, to the minds of a majority of those interested, will present themselves without hesitation. One question, however, I may at once fairly ask: Why should eight Lodges only constitute a Province in the South West of Eng-

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land, and the respective numbers of 29, 63, 91, and 123 Lodges in the Metropolis have no such privilege?

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, 3rd May 1882.

SUPREME GRAND R.A. CHAPTER.

THE Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday afternoon. In the absence of the Grand Z., Pro Grand Z., Grand H., and Grand J., the Principals' chairs were occupied by Comps. Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G. Superintendent of Surrey as Z., Potter as H., and E. E. Wendt as J. Among those present were Companions Col. Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., Robert Grey as S.N., Gen. Clerk P.S., Rev. Ambrose W. Hall as 1st A.S., J. Sampson Peirce as 2nd A.S., H. C. Levander as Sword Bearer, Raphael Costa D.C., Thomas Fenn, J. M. Case, James Glaisher, A. J. Duff-Filer, Joshua Nunn, Colonel Creaton G. Treasurer, Wilhelm Ganz, Magnus Ohren Past D.C., C. H. Murton, J. A. Rucker, Peter de Lande Long, E. Letchworth, R. C. Else, R. H. Beswicke-Royds, W. G. Harrison, Q.C., W. Stephens, A. A. Pendlebury, Col. H. A. Trevelyan, Rev. H. A. Pickard, W. H. Perryman, Neville Green, T. Whitmarsh, William Vincent, C. Greenwood, Edgar Bowyer, William Dodd, Major J. Penrice, H. S. Alpass Prov. G.S.E. West Lancashire, C. F. Hogard, Frederic Davison, John Weston, Thomas Cochrane, Edward F. Storr, W. Alfred Dawson, H. Sadler G. Janitor. Formal announcement having been made from the chair that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was Grand Z., the following Companions were appointed as Officers for the current year, namely:—

Comp. Earl of Carnarvon	Pro Grand Z.
Earl of Lathom	Grand H.
Lord de Tabley	Grand J.
Col. Shadwell H. Clerke	Scribe E.
Major John Penrice	Scribe N.
H. A. Pickard	Pr. Sojourner
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Capt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds	Sword Bearer
Rev. Thomas Cochrane	1st Standard Bearer
R. C. Else	2nd Standard Bearer
John Messent	3rd Standard Bearer
Horace S. Alpass	4th Standard Bearer
Charles Greenwood	Dir. of Ceremonies
W. Masefield	A. Dir. of Ceremonies
Wilhelm Ganz	Organist
H. G. Buss	Asst. Scribe E.
H. Sadler	Janitor

Those present having been duly invested with the insignia of their respective offices, the Report of the Committee of General Purposes, the full particulars of which we gave last week, was taken as read and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The motion that Colonel Creaton, G. Treasurer, be elected a Trustee of the Funds of Grand Chapter having been proposed and seconded by Comps. General Brownrigg and Potter, and unanimously agreed to, it was announced that Comps. Col. Creaton, Robert Grey, and A. J. Duff-Filer had been appointed members of the General Committee; and Comps. E. Bowyer, J. Lewis-Thomas, G. Letchworth, W. Stephens, Magnus Ohren, and G. Lambert having been elected members of the same General Committee, the proceedings terminated.

Zetland Chapter, No. 236.—The annual meeting of this Chapter took place at York, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, York. Comps. G. Balmford Z., J. M. Meek H. and A. Buckle J., occupying the chairs. A Board of Installed Principals was opened by Comp. Joseph Todd P.Z. and Treasurer; and the Principals elected at the previous Chapter were installed as follow:—Comps. J. M. Meek Z., A. Buckle H. and Rev. W. Valentine J. The Companions having been admitted, the following Officers were invested:—Comps. J. Todd P.Z. Treasurer, G. Kirby S.E., G. C. Lee S.N., W. H. Gainforth P.S., Geo. Garbatt first A.S., J. Young second A.S., T. G. Hodgson Organist, J. S. Rymer D.C., S. Border and T. J. Russell Stewards. A ballot was taken for Bros. Captain O. J. Cavenagh and W. G. Calvert 236, and the latter Brother was duly exalted by the M.E.Z., after which Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to an excellent supper in the banqueting room. Amongst the members present were Comps. W. Lawton P.Z., R. W. Hollon P.Z., Fairburn, Rogerson, Rooke, Palliser, and Churchhill; and visiting Companions J. H. Hartley, Sincerity Chapter 1042, and W. D. Merritt.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of Advanced Years.—The grand climacteric being passed, mankind passes to old age. Then the digestion becomes impaired, the nervous system grows feeble, and the physical powers become enervated. Now arise congestion of the liver, lungs, or head, followed by dropsy, asthma, or apoplexy, which frequently afflict and often destroy the aged. As the liver usually becomes torpid, its activity may speedily be revived by rubbing Holloway's Ointment thoroughly over the pit of the stomach and right side, at least twice a day, and taking the Pills at the same time. This treatment also disperses all other congestions by varying the parts rubbed according to the situations of the mischief.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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FITZWILLIAM LODGE, No. 277.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 26th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Malton. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. Marshall W.M. Prov. G. Deacon, who was supported by his Officers and several brethren, Brother T. B. Whytehead P.M. of York acting as I.P.M. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. T. B. Whytehead took the chair, and proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Brother J. Staniland, in the chair, after which Brother Staniland appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. S. Chadwick S.W., W. Constable J.W., J. Hudson M.O., A. J. Taylor S.O., J. W. Marshall J.O., A. W. Walker Treasurer, Rev. W. G. Chilman Chaplain, J. Nichols Secretary, J. Dodsworth S.D., T. Goldie J.D., W. Newby Reg. of Marks, Heckley Organist, T. C. Walker I.G., J. Buckle and W. Metcalf Stewards, R. Wandley Tyler. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Talbot Hotel, where a capital banquet had been prepared by the host, Bro. Fitchett, at which the party met and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. An adjournment was then made for a brief space to the beautiful terraced gardens of the hotel, whence a charming view is obtained of the Vale of Derwent, the stream skirting the grounds, and disappearing amongst the wooded slopes of Castle Howard. On resuming their places at the festive board, the toast list was proceeded with, the W.M. presiding. In replying to the Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Whytehead gave a sketch of the history of the Degree, and alluded to the practical use of the study of Masons' marks in connection with archæology and architectural history; and complimented the members of the Fitzwilliam Lodge on the success which had attended their efforts. The I.P.M. took the opportunity of thanking the brethren for the support and kindness shown to him during his year of office, and stated that during the year there had been seventeen advancements. A number of other toasts followed, and a most social and agreeable evening was passed.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—The regular meeting was held on the 2nd instant, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. occupied the chair (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lazarus W.M.), I. Benjamin S.W., Martin J.W., J. S. Lyon Treasurer, G. Bean S.D., L. Wall I.G., P. E. Van Noorden Organist, J. W. Dewsnap M.C., S. B. Alexander Steward, and J. Wynman; Past Masters H. M. Levy, L. Alexander, A. G. Dodson, L. Lazarus, H. Hymans, O. Roberts, J. Abrahams, S. Hickman. Visitors—Bros. G. J. Dawson P.M. 1853, W. Klinkenstein W.M. 73, S. Marks late 188. Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Salinger was passed to the second degree, and Bros. Hyman and Isaac were raised by Bro. A. G. Dodson P.M. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. F. Deering, who was duly initiated into the Order by Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. A very elegant marble clock, and a testimonial on vellum, were presented to Bro. L. Alexander P.M. for his services as President of the Joppa Benevolent Fund, during a space of six years. Bro. Israel Abrahams P.M. announced his intention to act as Steward for the next anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, and he headed the list with the sum of five guineas; the Lodge supplemented this by £5 5s from its Funds. Messrs. Lorie, Davis, and others were proposed for initiation, for which a Lodge of Emergency will be called. The Lodge was closed until October. The brethren adjourned to slight refreshments. Bro. Dodson P.M. presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Brother Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 2nd May. Present—Bros. T. Clark W.M., Smyth S.W., Wardell J.W., Corble S.D., Edwards J.D., Gosling I.G., F. Carr Hon. Sec., Brasted P.M. acting Preceptor; also Bro. A. Clark. After due observance of preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother A. Clark acting as candidate. The same Brother answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and Brother A. Clark was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, Brother F. Carr worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385.—A very agreeable meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Friday, 28th ultimo, at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet. Lodge was opened at 6.30 by the W.M., Bro. J. G. Yolland, who was supported by Past Masters John Enerby, C. Gray, R. Fisher Young (Secretary), Hayward Edwards and Jas. Cutbush; Bros. Charles Allen S.W., George Askew P.M. J.W., &c. Visitors—Bros. C. Greenwood Past Grand Sword Bearer, Prov. G. Secretary Surrey, &c., C. K. Killick P.M. 1693 W.M. elect 1580, Brazier 1089, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. James Cutbush brought forward his motion, of which due notice had been given, that the Lodge vote a sum of money (not exceeding £5 5s) from its funds and invest the same in a clock for the Hertfordshire Convalescent Home. After some little discussion this was agreed to. A ballot was then taken for a Life Governorship in one or other of the Masonic Institutions, in accordance with Rule 9 of the Gladsmuir Benevolent Fund, which provides that when the amount in hand exceeds a given sum the surplus shall thus be disposed of. The result of the ballot was in

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favour of Bro. Gilling, one of the youngest members of the Lodge. Bro. W. W. Morgan, who was initiated in this Lodge, and figured in this instance as a Visitor, then delivered his promised Lecture on the "Masonic Institutions; their Establishment and Development." As it has already been delivered in other Lodges, we need not be at the pains of discussing its tenour. Suffice it to say, that it was listened to with the greatest interest by the assembled brethren, and at the close, not only was Bro. Morgan most heartily applauded, but a cordial vote of thanks to him for his instructive essay was passed with acclamation, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Then followed the customary inexpensive repast, which, as usual, was excellently well served by Bro. Hall, after which the toast list proper to these occasions was duly honoured, and, to use a hackneyed, but in this instance a by no means conventional phrase, the proceedings closed in the utmost harmony.

The Board of Stewards for the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met for the first time on Wednesday. Bro. C. W. Thompson was voted into the chair, and among those present were Bros. R. Berridge, Edgar Bowyer, Charles Godtschalk, G. A. Cundy, C. Millbourn, J. L. Mather, E. Kidman, R. P. Spice, H. S. Andrews, &c., &c. Bro. Captain Wordsworth was appointed President of the Board, Bros. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C., George Lambert P.G.S.B., and Horace B. Marshall Acting Presidents; Bro. C. W. Thompson Hon. Treasurer, and Bro. F. Binckes Secretary. It was unanimously resolved that the Festival, which will be held on the 29th June, under the presidency of Lord Mayor Ellis should, in accordance with the precedent set last year, be held at Brighton. A sub-Committee of Bros. E. Bowyer, C. Millbourn, R. P. Spice, and J. L. Mather have charge of the musical arrangements. We must congratulate Bro. Binckes on the very satisfactory announcement that was made on the occasion, to the effect that the Board of Stewards, already at this early period, consists of no less than 215 members.

Miss Edmiston has accepted an adaptation of a German drama from J. T. Denny, and will produce it in London before the summer.

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COVENT GARDEN.—ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA. This evening, FAUST E MARGHERITA. On Monday, LA FAVORITA. On Tuesday, LA TRAVIATA. On Thursday, MIGNON.

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LYCEUM.—At 7.45, ROMEO AND JULIET.

ADELPHI.—At 7.15, MY TURN NEXT. At 8, TAKEN FROM LIFE.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7.30, A SIMPLE SWEEP. At 8.15, THE LIGHTS OF LONDON.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, ON AN ISLAND. At 8, THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, ODETTE.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, THE MARBLE ARCH. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.

STRAND.—At 7.30, PARADISE VILLA. At 8.15, MANOLA.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES, and PATIENCE.

AVENUE.—At 8, MADAME FAVART. This day (Saturday) at 2 also.

COURT.—At 8, MY LITTLE GIRL. At 8.45, THE PARVENU. At 2.30 also.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, BABIL AND BIJOU.

COMEDY.—At 8, BOCCACCIO.

GLOBE.—At 8, A HAPPY PAIR. At 8.30, FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD.

GAIETY.—At 8, PAIR OF THEM. At 8.30, THOSE GIRLS. At 9.30 BOHEMIAN GIRL BURLESQUE. This day, at 2.30, LORD BATEMAN.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.50, MOTHER-IN-LAW. At 9.50, VULCAN, &c.

ROYALTY.—At 7.30, TEN MINUTES FOR REFRESHMENT. At 8, NOT REGISTERED. At 9.15, SINDBAD. On Thursday, LONG AGO.

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NEW ZEALAND.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF CANTERBURY, E.C.

THE regular Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, E.C., was held in the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on the 19th of January, when there was a good attendance.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in form with solemn prayer at 7.30 p.m.

The minutes of the last Communication were read and confirmed.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from several brethren.

The D.G. Treasurer stated the balance to be—In Bank, £62 9s 2d; on Deposit, £358 15s; total, £421 4s 2d.

On the roll being called, ten Lodges were represented.

The following correspondence was read:—

From the Grand Secretary, London, in reply, re petitioners for a new Lodge, being registered English Masons—stating that "The question had been before the G.M. more than once, and it had always been ordered that petitioners should be English registered Masons, adding that it is not insisted that all reside on the spot."

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From the Secretary, St. Augustine, 609, conveying a vote of thanks to the D.D.G.M. and Officers of the D.G.L. for their presence at their installation, held on the 5th inst.

From Lodge Unanimity, re Bro. Brenk, who had been shipwrecked.

From Grand Lodge of England, with quarterly reports.

The D.G. Treasurer placed his statement of receipts and expenditure for the period ending 31st December 1881, before the members, showing a balance to the credit of the District Grand Lodge of—at Bank, £50 5s 7d; on deposit at Savings Bank, £358 15s; total, £409 0s 7d.

On the motion of W. Bro. Joyce, seconded by W. Bro. Ford, the report and balance-sheet were approved.

At 8.30, in accordance with notice, the D.D.G.M. briefly epitomised the steps already taken in the matter of the special confirmation of minutes, and quoted the Book of Constitutions, Clause 8, page 58, in support, calling upon the D.G. Registrar, as the original mover of the resolution, to move the confirmation.

W. Bro. Smith then moved, "That the resolution standing in his name on the minutes of the D.G. Lodge, viz.:—

Clause 1—"For the purpose of enquiring into the claims of, and relieving, if desirable, all brethren in distress who do not subscribe to a Lodge in the district, there shall be a General Board of Benevolence, consisting of a representative or representatives from each Lodge in the district, elected annually in the month of . Lodges of not more than 75 members are entitled to elect one representative, and above that number two representatives.

Clause 2—"The Board to have absolute control over all funds placed at its disposal, subject only to the account of its proceedings, and the expenditure of its funds being presented annually to the District Grand Lodge. The Board to have the power of making bye-laws for the conduct of its business, subject to the confirmation of the District Grand Master.

Clause 3—"Lodges under either the Scotch or Irish Constitutions desirous of participating in the work of a general scheme of benevolence can do so on equal terms with those under the English, except that their representatives have to be nominated by their respective Lodges, and formally elected by the General Board.

Clause 4—"That the fee for subscribing members annually be 5s.

Clause 5—"The fund to consist of 2s per member from each contributing Lodge and benevolent contributions. Out of its funds the District Grand Lodge will pay the amounts due by the Lodges under its control;

be now confirmed by this District Grand Lodge."

Seconded by Bro. P.M. Deamer 609 and carried.

The report of the Standing Committee was read and received, and two sums of £5 each granted for relief.

The D.D.G.M. said that the Standing Committee was not of that permanent character he desired, and suggested that, in order to relieve it of a large portion of its work, a separate Committee to deal with benevolence be formed. He considered that this Committee should hold office for three years, one retiring each year, and as this was the proper time for discussing it, he would take the opinion of the members.

Bro. Joyce P.M. was pleased to hear the suggestion of the D.D.G.M., and would, with his permission, give notice to move the following motion at the next regular Communication:—"That a Board of Benevolence be constituted in connection with the District Grand Lodge, managed as near as possible to the Fund of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge of England."

Bro. R. C. Bishop was unanimously re-elected as D.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year, and the D.D.G.M. then appointed his Officers as follow:—Worshipful Bros. C. Smith D.G.S.W., F. Pavitt D.G.J.W., H. E. East D.G. Chaplain, F. J. Smith D.G. Registrar, W. R. Mitchell D.G. Secretary, C. A. C. Hardy D.G.S.D., E. Williams D.G.J.D., H. S. Hobday D.G. Supt. Works, W. B. Allwright D.G.D.C., W. Sansom D.G.S.B., Hulbert D.G. Purs., S. C. Phillips, A. P. O'Callaghan, A. Evans, G. R. Hart, Champion, and Venner D.G. Stewards; R. Stevens D.G. Tyler. Standing Committee for 1882, elected:—Wor. Bros. A. R. Kirk, W. Deamer, C. P. Hulbert, and S. S. Powell; nominated by D.D.G.M.—Wor. Bros. Jubal Fleming, J. Joyce, R. D. Thomas, and P. Cunningham.

Bro. Jubal Fleming asked, without notice, upon what authority the D.G. Registrar assumed the chair in the absence of the D.G.M., or his Deputy?

The D.D.G.M. replied that the D.G. Registrar did so by virtue of his office.

Bro. Hobday P.M. to move, "That the sum of £100 be granted out of the funds of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, as a donation towards the General Board of Benevolence."

W. Bro. P.M. M'Lellan to move, "That the sum of £25 be granted out of the funds of the District Grand Lodge towards the training-ship for the Lyttelton Orphanage.

The District Grand Lodge closed in the usual form at 10 p.m.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND SOUTH, S.C.

THE quarterly communication of the District Grand Lodge of New Zealand South, S.C., was held in the Masonic Hall, Dunedin, on the 24th February. Present—Bros. G. W. Harvey D.G.M. (in the chair), Gore D.D.G.M., L. Court S.D.G.M., Kerr D.G.S.W., Forrest D.G.J.W., Neill D.G. Secretary, Goldstein D.G. Treasurer, Schaaldt R.W.M. Lodge St. Andrew acting D.G.S.D., Basket D.G.J.D., Peden, acting D.G.I.G., Nees R.W.M. Lodge Otago Kilwinning, Parsons W.M. Lodge St. John, Timaru, P.M. Storie (I.C., Victoria), a P.M. of Robert Burns Lodge, Christchurch, and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form at 8.15. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. On the roll being called, the following Lodges were represented:—Otago Kilwinning (Dunedin), St. Andrew's (Dunedin), St. John's (Milton), Robert Burns (Christchurch), and St. John's (Invercargill). Three letters from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland were read, in one of which the dispute between the District Grand Lodge and daughter Lodges was referred to, the Grand Secretary stating that the matter would be taken up by the Grand Lodge Committee; and in one of the 17th April it was set forth that the Grand Lodge did not think of blaming the D.G.M. for neglect of duty, but the Lodges had not been properly visited, and it suggested that another G.D. Lodge for the Middle Island should be formed, intimating at the same time that any suggestion on the subject from the District Grand Lodge would have the Grand Lodge's attention. In another letter, it was stated that the Grand Lodge was writing the North-east Valley Lodge, instructing that Lodge that it must discontinue meeting in an hotel until the Grand Lodge was satisfied that it was a suitable place. Attached to this letter was a copy of a communication which had been sent by the District Grand Lodge to a Grand Lodge, setting forth that the Lodge was held in a dance-room, to which ladies were invited by advertisement, and that the place was in bad odour. A letter from Bro. Schlotel R.W.M. of the Lodge was also read, in which he stated that they had held a lease of St. John's Hall for twelve months, having exclusive possession of it, and requesting that some members of the District Grand Lodge would inspect the hall. After some discussion on the subject, it was carried, on the proposition of Bro. Schlaadt, seconded by Bro. Basket, that the D.G.M. and Bros. Nees, Kerr and the D.G. Secretary be a Committee to inspect the North-east Valley Lodge-room, with power to act. A letter from the Rev. Wm. Ronaldson—returning his warmest thanks to the Masonic body for laying the foundation-stone of St. Peter's Church, at Caversham—was read. A petition, dated 14th February 1882, from seven members of the Caledonian Lodge, Timaru, was read, the petitioners complaining of irregular proceedings by the R.W.M. in the election of two candidates for initiation, which was unwarranted by usage, and setting forth that the secrecy of the ballot had been violated, and that the Bye Laws had not been complied with. The D.G.M., on receipt of the petition, caused the R.W.M. to be telegraphed to, requesting him to abstain from initiating the candidates until the case was inquired into. In reply to this, the R.W.M. telegraphed to the D.G.M. that he had decided to proceed with the initiation. The D.G.M. then telegraphed that if the Right Worshipful Master proceeded with the initiation he would suspend the Lodge. Other correspondence followed, the Secretary of the Caledonian Lodge writing in what the District Grand Lodge considered a most offensive manner. The candidates were initiated, and the D.G.M. caused a letter to be sent to the R.W.M., inhibiting him from performing any of the functions of his office, and ordering him to discontinue the work of his Lodge until the Grand Lodge's opinion on the matter was known. In a letter from the petitioners to the District Grand Lodge it was stated that the R.W.M. had instructed the Secretary of the Caledonian Lodge to write to other Lodges, requesting them not to receive the petitioners as visitors until their case had been dealt with. Subsequently, a letter of apology was sent to the D.G.M. by the R.W.M., in which he stated that he was in utter ignorance of the authority of the D.G.M., and requesting him to withdraw the prohibition. The D.G. Secretary read a letter, accepting the apology, which was to be posted to the R.W.M. The D G.M. spoke in condemnatory terms of the letters of Secretary of the Caledonian Lodge, who had written very discourteously. The D.G. Secretary reported that a copy of the whole of the correspondence had been sent by the mail to the Grand Lodge. The D.G.M. stated that he, in company with the D.D.G.M. and the D.G. Secretary, purposed visiting the Christchurch Exhibition, and would not only enquire into the case of the Caledonian Lodge, but visit other Lodges. Some discussion ensued as to accepting the apology of the R.W.M. of the Caledonian Lodge, and ultimately it was carried, "That Bro. D.G. Sec. be instructed to write to the R.W.M. of the Caledonian Lodge, intimating to him that notices sent out against the seven brethren should be withdrawn." The District Grand Lodge was closed in due form at 10 p.m.

"'Tis true, 'tis pity; pity 'tis, 'tis true" that in a Society where proceedings are presumed to be governed always by a spirit of harmony, there should from time to time be such violent outbreaks of discord. In England, Scotland, Ireland, the United States of America, France, Germany, in fact, in every country in which Freemasonry has been established, there have been at divers times dissensions, squabbles, and long-enduring schisms. Just now, from a circular we have received from the Lodge "Le Progrès de Toultscha," Orient of Toultscha, Roumania, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France, it appears that the course of Freemasonry in Roumania does not run so smoothly as could be wished. It is not unnatural, perhaps, that the aspirations of the brethren in this newly-created kingdom should be desirous of establishing a Grand National Lodge of their own; and it is in the almost every-day experience of most people that there are sure to be many who will

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prefer retaining the old connection rather than have anything to do with a new arrangement, just as there are people innumerable who would rather occupy chambers or parts of houses than have houses of their own. Thus, Lodge "Le Progrès de Toultscha" is strongly opposed to what it calls the "pretended" Grand National Lodge of Roumania, in the establishment of which a certain Captain Moroiu, formerly an active member of the Lodge "Les Sages d'Héliopolis Orient Bucharest, Obedience Française," has taken the principal part. This gentleman, it seems, during the late war, conferred the symbolic degrees on a number of adepts, whom he constituted into a Lodge, and in September 1880 re-constituted this Lodge as "La Grande Loge Nationale." For these steps he appears to have had no authority, and he has consequently been expelled definitively from the said Lodge "Les Sages d'Héliopolis," and also from another holden under the United G. Lusitanian Orient (Portugal) as well as from all his rights and privileges as a French Mason. We gather likewise from the letter that Captain Moroiu is not in any way cast down by his expulsions and exclusions. On the contrary, he persists in his scheme of having a Grand National Lodge for his native country—France, Bucharest, Toultscha notwithstanding. On the other hand, the brethren of Toultscha persist in their denunciations of Captain Moroiu and his associates, so that, as we have said, the course of Roumanian Freemasonry is not running very smoothly just now. Doubtless all will come right in time, and in time these dissensions, like those that have occurred in our own country, will be healed. Meanwhile, however, it serves to illustrate the old and familiar adage, that "history repeats itself" in Freemasonry as in other mundane institutions.

The members of the late Board of Stewards, who exerted themselves to such good effect in connection with the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as to produce an addition of £12,600 to the funds of the Charity, visited Croydon on Tuesday, the 2nd instant, upon the invitation of the House Committee, in order that they and the friends who accompanied them might have an opportunity of seeing how carefully the comforts of the inmates are attended to. Fortunately, the weather was tolerably fine and warm, and the visitors were enabled to visit freely the residences of the inmates, and stroll about the pretty grounds by which the Institution is surrounded. The hours of reception were from one to four—though, as a matter of fact, the last of the visitors did not leave until about half past five. The band of the Boys' School attended from the Institution at Wood Green, and performed a selection of music from well-known favourite operas, and performed so well as to give universal satisfaction. A liberal luncheon was provided, and the only toasts besides "The Queen" that were proposed were "the late Board of Stewards," with the names of the Chairman, Brother Clarke, and Bro. Terry the Secretary of the Institution, Brother Edgar Bowyer the Treasurer of the late Board, and Brother Dr. Strong the Honorary Surgeon of the Institution.—*Evening News.*

We have great pleasure in giving circulation to the following appeal of Brother Binckes on behalf of the Institution with which he has now been connected for over twenty years, and in which he has exhibited so great an interest. At the proper time it will become our duty to offer some remarks on the claims of "Our Boys" to the support of the Craft, and we need hardly assure our brother that, so far as our humble ability goes, we shall do so earnestly, and we hope, successfully. In the meantime it is as well that our readers should keep before them the fact that on the 28th June 1882, Lord Mayor Ellis, Grand Junior Warden, will take the chair at the Boys' Festival, and for his sake, but especially for the sake of the Institution, we trust the following appeal of Brother Binckes will have a satisfactory result.

Office,—6 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, W.C.
27th April 1882.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Twenty-five years ago the Chair at the Anniversary Festival of this Institution was occupied by the Chief Magistrate of the City of London, the late Rt. Hon. William Cubitt, with considerable advantage to the welfare of the Institution.

The history of a Quarter of a Century—fraught with events of general interest—to us, as Masons, is especially worthy of note, having regard to the truly wonderful progress developed by our Fraternity! Instead of existing in comparative obscurity and retirement—its work unobserved by the outer world—its proceedings unnoticed, Freemasonry has achieved a position of dignity and respect hitherto unparalleled.—enjoys a recognised position, more prominent perhaps than any other organisation unconnected with the State;—exercises enormous influence, successfully pursuing its unostentatious course, and busying itself principally in the work of charity and the cultivation of the social virtues.

At the forthcoming Festival of this great Charitable Institution—the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of the City of London will once again preside, and it is the most earnest desire of the Committees and the Executive that

The Rt. Hon. and R.W. Brother JOHN WHITTAKER ELLIS,

shall receive a support commensurate with the prosperity of the community over which he rules, and with the claims of an Institution second in importance to none of a similar character.

This appeal is addressed to the Lodges within the area of the City—increased numerically and influentially to an unprecedented extent during the period already alluded to—to the Brethren of the Order who are associated in various ways with City Government—on whose countenance and encouragement in all good works their elected Chief has every right to rely.

The services as Stewards of such Brethren—of Masters, Officers and Members of City Lodges—are earnestly solicited, so that the Festival of "our Boys" School of 1882 may, of itself, be a lasting testimony to Civic influence and generosity;

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,
Yours faithfully and fraternally obliged,
FREDERICK BINCKES Secretary.

We have received copy of a statement showing the "Business Results and Claim Statistics, 1881," of that most useful organisation, known as the "Accident Insurance Company (Limited)," which has its headquarters at 7 Bank Buildings, Lothbury, E.C., and of which our worthy Bro. C. Harding is the manager. From this statement it appears that the total number of claims paid by the Company during the period 1870-81, both inclusive, were 14,624, of which 129 were for fatal injuries. The lowest figure in any one year is 953 in 1871, the highest 1527 in 1879, while last year there were 1457 claims, of which 621 come under the head of "Riding, Driving, Walking;" 364 were "Business and Professional Accidents;" 231 "Home and Domestic Casualties;" 50 occurred to people while "Travelling;" 17 were caused by "Animals, Birds, &c.," and 174 through "Sports and Pastimes." The amount paid in satisfaction of these 1457 claims was £29,999 13s 2d, and for all the claims during the twelve years £300,650 12s 1d, giving an average per year £25,054 4s 4d. On the other hand the premiums paid last year were £55,433 14s 11d, of which £7,070 17s was received for new insurances, so that the payments equalled 54·11 per cent. of the receipts. The Bonus reductions in 1881 were £2,847 17s 5d, while the average for the whole twelve years is over £2,000 a-year. The Assets at close of the year, including balance brought forward, amounted to £47,290 9s 3d—a state of things which, it must be admitted, is highly satisfactory. Considering the advantages offered by the Company, and the low rate of premiums charged; considering, too, how liable we all are to accidents, this Company deserves to be well supported by the public. We strongly advise those of our friends who are not policy-holders already to become so forthwith.

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The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoum, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of CHLORODYNE with which I effected miraculous cures.

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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 MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (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
1273—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 8th MAY.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel,
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.
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 6.30. (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
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
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
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
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
1263—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
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
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. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 9th MAY.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
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)
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
845—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, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (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.
1686—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, 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 Bridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
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, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
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 (Instruction)
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
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic 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. 153—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 10th MAY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
820—Lily, Greyhound, Richmond
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1284—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 6
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

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
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (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.
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
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
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
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcas
R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 11th 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's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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)
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (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.
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leyton-stone
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
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, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)

85—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.

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139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
208—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
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.
1065—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1096—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, MasonicHall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1460—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
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, 12th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
53—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
167—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., 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)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
488—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Ha'l, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 13th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 133.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge took place on Monday last, at the Faversham Institute. There were present Bros. F. W. Underdown W.M., Stapleton Payn S.W., E. J. Acworth S.D., Alfred Green J.D., G. H. J. Rogers I.G., J. E. Cook Tyler; also Bros. F. A. Gange P.P.G.J.W., F. F. Giraud P.P.G.J.D., R. Griggs P.M. Hon. Sec.; P.M.'s Bros. J. M. Longhurst, F. A. Whiting, W. H. Drake, J. W. Penton, E. Hogben W. J. Fuller. Visitors—Bros. J. S. Eastes P.M. 709 D.P.G.M., R. Boughton Smith P.M. 1007, 511, 540, 1915 P.P.G.S.D. Leicester and Rutland, G. Page Past Master 1209 P. Prov. Grand J.D., H. W. Garrett 20, C. Benham 1273, G. A. Gann 1915, J. T. Reeves 31 and 1915, J. Wood 1915, E. J. Lawson 1915, W. P. Coleman 31 and 1915 J.D., C. F. Wacher W.M. 1209, R. Pickering W.M. 483, G. Green W.M. 189, H. Bailey W.M. 127, J. C. Biggs W.M. 77, H. Taylor W.M. 1273, H. Black S.W. 1273, R. Phillips I.G. 1273, J. Harnden S.D. 1273, W. G. Kennett J.W. 1273, &c. After the minutes of the last Lodge meeting had been confirmed, the W.M. elect Bro. Stapleton Payn, was installed into the Master's chair. He appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. E. J. Acworth S.W., A. Greey J.W., F. A. Gange Treasurer, R. Griggs Secretary, G. H. J. Rogers S.D., H. S. Rogers J.D., W. J. Fuller I.G., J. E. Cooke Tyler. The W.M. then drew the attention of the Lodge to one of the most pleasurable duties he would have to perform during his year of office, viz. the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. P.M. Penton, who had so ably carried out the various offices of the Lodge, and more especially as Secretary. The jewel had been subscribed for by the brethren as a mark of their esteem and regard to Bro Penton who, he regretted to say, had left the town, after being many years a resident. Bro. Penton very suitably responded, and claimed the indulgence of the brethren for not making a lengthy speech, inasmuch as the presentation had taken him much by surprise. He assured the brethren he should highly value the jewel, and said he should be able to look back on the many happy meetings he had had with the brethren of the Lodge of Harmony; they were some of the happiest incidents of his life. Bro. P.M. Giraud then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Master Bro. Underdown, who had carried out the duties in a way that could not possibly be excelled. After the reading of a circular relative to a testimonial being raised for the P.G. Chaplain Bro. Robinson, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Ship Hotel, Faversham, where a capital banquet had been prepared by Bro. Hogben. The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Queen and Craft" and "The M.W.G.M. of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which were responded to with musical honours. Bro. Gange, in suitable terms, proposed "The Right Wor. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon," and Bro. Smith introduced the toast of the "Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master (the Earl of Lathom) and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." Bro. Underdown, in very eulogistic terms, proposed the "Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of Kent, Lord Holmesdale." In doing so, he said they all knew that Lord Holmesdale was a very hard worker in the Craft, and no better testimony could be given of the respect and esteem in which he was held in the Province than the very handsome testimonial which was presented him some little time back. The W.M., in proposing the health of the "Worshipful Deputy Provincial Master (Bro. Eastes) and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present," remarked how pleased the brethren were to see the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Eastes) among them. Bro. Eastes, in reply, thanked the W.M. for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed, and the brethren for the hearty way in which the same had been responded to. No greater encouragement could be given the Provincial Grand Officers in their duties than by the hearty way in which they were received wherever they went. He (Bro. Eastes), when he accepted office, was determined to do his duty, and he hoped he had done so to the satisfaction of the brethren at large. Freemasonry had prospered to a very great extent, more especially in the Province of Kent. He remarked the difference there was in Freemasonry at the present time to that of twenty years ago, and the value that appeared to exist in the minds of the outer world respecting it. The mere fact of His Royal Highness accepting the post of Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, had done much to increase the Craft in the estimation of the world, and as long as the brethren were careful who they admitted to the ranks of the Fraternity, they would continue to prosper. He would like to hear Bro. Gange reply to this toast, inasmuch as he was a good and respected member. In conclusion, Bro. Eastes hoped it would not be long before he came to see them again. The I.P.M. Bro. Underdown, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, dwelt upon the fact that the Lodge had at the present time to preside over it a brother who was most capable of fulfilling the important duties devolving upon the office, and who had won the respect of all the brethren. He hoped he would have a prosperous year: he was sure Bro. Stapleton Payn would have the able support of the Officers and members of the Lodge. The W.M., in reply said, he should do his utmost for the interests of the Lodge of Harmony. Although he felt he had a great many shortcomings, he could with confidence appeal to the brethren to be lenient with him, and give him all the aid they could. He then, in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the "Past Masters of the Lodge," which toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Gange, who in responding said he felt some little diffidence in again replying, inasmuch as he had been called upon once before to respond. However, as it was the desire of the W.M., he could but fall in with his wishes, and say, that although the Lodge was not in such a flourishing state as he should like it, yet he hoped it would prosper greatly in the future. The Lodge could, doubtless, have had more members, but they were very careful whom they admitted, hence their small number. The W.M. might depend upon the support of the Past Masters; and he was sure the Lodge would prosper. Bro. Gange then thanked the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the kind reference he had made respecting him, and hoped the Lodge would have the pleasure of Brother Eastes' company more frequently. "The Visitors" was responded to by Brother Biggs of Freedom Lodge, who made a special appeal to the brethren present, to be guarded as to whom they admitted into Freemasonry. The W.M. in appropriate terms then proposed the health of "The Installing Master," remarking how very ably Bro. Underdown had carried out that day the duties devolving upon him. Although the W.M. felt sure he should never be proficient enough to undertake the Installing Master's duties, yet it would no doubt be a pleasure to the brethren, as it would be to himself, to have to call on so able a worker as Brother Underdown to do the duty for him. Bro. Underdown in replying said, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had always impressed upon him the importance of each Master installing his successor, and hence he felt he had only done his duty. It was very gratifying for him to know that the manner in which he had carried out the work had met with the approval of the brethren. He then alluded to the illness of one of the oldest Past Masters of the Lodge, Bro. Bathurst, whom he had seen that morning, and who requested that he would return his best thanks to the brethren for the kind letter of condolence sent at their last meeting. Every one regretted the absence of so kind and genial a brother, and trusted that he would be spared to be amongst them again. "The Wardens" was responded to by Bros. Acworth and Greey, and the "Junior Officers" by Bros. Rogers and Fuller. The "Secretary," Bro. Griggs was proposed by the W.M., who felt sure the duties of Secretary would be carried out as efficiently by Bro. Griggs as by his predecessor. Bro. Griggs suitably replied;—when he was asked to accept office, he felt it was his duty not to decline, for the simple reason he was always ready to stand by and help a friend. He hoped to carry out the duties with satisfaction to the Lodge. The health of the "Master of Ceremonies" Bro. P.M. Longhurst was received with enthusiasm. The W.M. in proposing the toast, said the Lodge was greatly indebted to Bro. Longhurst for the able way he had carried out his duties as Master of Ceremonies and as Wine Steward. Bro. Longhurst in reply said he

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always felt a pleasure in doing all he could for Masonry, and hoped he should spared many years to work for the Lodge of Harmony. "The Host," and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion. We should not omit to mention that during the evening Bros. Whiting, Longhurst, Acworth, Fuller, Drake, Rogers, &c. contributed some songs. Bro. Drake ably presided at the pianoforte.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday last, there were present Bros. Shadler W.M., Maidwell S.W., Walker J.W., Haines S.D., Stafford I.G., Moss Preceptor; Clements, Roberts, Morgan, Brown, Daniels, Webb, Marshall, &c. After preliminaries, the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Morgan offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the sublime degree. After examination and entrustment, Lodge was opened in the third, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony in a careful and impressive manner. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Maidwell was elected to preside at the meeting on Tuesday evening next, when Bro. W. W. Morgan, Secretary No. 211, has promised to attend and deliver one of his lectures. The death of the mother of the worthy Secretary of this Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Hollands, was announced; and those present agreed that a letter of condolence should be sent, expressing the sympathy of the brethren with him in the loss he has sustained. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned till Tuesday evening next, at 7 o'clock, when it is anticipated there will be a good attendance.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Saturday last. This being the Fifteen Sections night, the brethren mustered in strong force, under the presidency of Bro. Gush, who was ably assisted by Bros. C. Lorkin S.W., J. A. Powell J.W., R. Pearcy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, G. Ferrar S.D., Parkes J.D., Robinson I.G. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the following brethren assisted the W.M. in working the various sections. First Lecture—Bros. R. Pearcy, W. Williams jun., G. Ferrar, A. W. Fenner, C. Lorkin, D. Moss, J. A. Powell. Second Lecture—Bros. W. Williams, R. Pearcy, C. Weeden, C. Lorkin, D. Moss. Third Lecture—Bros. A. W. Fenner, E. Dignam, I. P. Cohen. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for the excellent manner he had discharged the duties of the chair, and hon. membership of the Lodge of Instruction was conferred on him. A vote of thanks to the brethren who assisted in working the sections concluded the business of the evening. Lodge was closed, and adjourned until Saturday, 6th May, at 8 p.m., when Bro. C. Weeden will preside.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—Meeting held on Monday, 1st May, at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at which nine members attended. Bros. Brook W.M., Nicholson S.W., Taplin J.W., Brown S.D., Cotton J.D., Duffin I.G. and Tyler. After the usual formalities the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fleming candidate. Bro. Rowles was interrogated and entrusted, and after the Lodge had been advanced to the second degree, was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and the brethren called from and to labour. Bro. Nicholson S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was closed, according to ancient custom, and adjourned until Monday, the 8th.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—Master's night, Friday, 28th April, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E. Present Bros. F. Thurston W.M., W. H. Harris (W.M. of St. Mark's Lodge) S.W., H. M. Williams J.W., F. G. B. Wells S.D., J. Bate J.D., C. H. Phillips I.G., John S. Terry P.M. Sec., James Stevens P.M. P.Z. Hon. Preceptor; also Bros. Plant, Martin, H. Goodwin, J. James, G. Bain, A. G. White, W. Klingenstein W.M. 73, J. S. Miller 93 S.C., J. W. Smith Rose of Derry I.C., and others. The W.M. selected for his work the openings in the three degrees; the ceremony of raising, Brother A. G. White being candidate; the closing down to first degree; the ceremony of initiation, Bro. F. G. B. Wells being candidate, and the Charge, which was very ably given by Brother J. Bate. A brief discussion on two or three points of Ritual followed up the excellent work of the evening, and the Lodge was duly closed. Brother W. H. Harris was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. We are requested to state that the Lodge will be in the second degree on Friday the 12th instant, when the Preceptor, Bro. Stevens, will prenote, at question time, his forthcoming Lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonies of that Degree.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, on Friday, the 28th April, at eight o'clock. Bros. Andrews P.M. and Preceptor W.M., Gunner S.W., Gomm P.M. J.W., Taylor S.D., Turner J.D., F. Botley I.G., C. E. Botley Hon. Secretary; Blasby P.M., and Maton. Visitors—J. L. Sherrin 1494, Vassella 1328, S. Page 1326, Taylor 511. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The fifth section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Taylor and the brethren. Lodge opened in the second degree. The fourth section of the second lecture was worked by Bro. Taylor and the W.M. Bros. Sherrin, Vassella, and Page were elected members of the Lodge. Bro. Gunner was elected W.M. for 5th May. It was decided to send a letter of congratulation to Bro. Talbot on his marriage with the daughter of our late Bro. Kyezor. Lodge closed and adjourned.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 27th April. Present—Bros. G. Read P.M. W.M., C. Andrews P.M. 77, 511 and 1767 S.W., S. Smout P.M. 1612 J.W., G. Coop S.D., F. C. Woolmer J.D 217 J.D., A. Jones I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer, J. Wells Secretary; also Bros. G. Davis P.M. 167, W. G. Reynolds J.W. 1441, Mickelburg P.M. 1425, Webb 81, S. Parkhouse P.M. 1642, K. H. Wood 1642, R. D. Smith 190, S. Smout jun. S.W. 1642, J. Heath 1681, E. Rogers 1642, Parker 1428, Cotton 382, Tapling 382, Nicholson 382, Stroud 55, Hart 1681, J. Chapman 591, J. French 1642, A. Jones, G. Coop, J. Owen, J. J. Clarke, E. C. Porter, G. Parsons, W. Nye, H. J. Hewlings, H. Lamb, J. O. Walker, Pitt, H. Stephens. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, when the sections were worked. First Lecture—Bros. E. Rogers, Henry E. Tucker, A. Jones, G. Coop, G. Davis, E. Rogers, G. Davis. Second Lecture—Brothers Heath, W. G. Reynolds, Mickelburgh, Charles Andrews, Samuel Smout jun. Lodge was resumed to the third degree, and Bros. Parkhouse and Bro. G. Davis worked the first and third sections. On the motion of Bro. Tucker, an address, congratulating H.R.H. Prince Leopold on his marriage with H.S.H. the Princess of Waldeck, was unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. G. Read and the other brethren for working the sections.

Thursday, 4th May.—Bros. C. Andrews P.M. W.M., A. Jones S.W., Cunningham J.W., J. Wells Sec., Hewlings S.D., Lamb J.D., J. Owen I.G.; Bros. Stephens, J. J. Clarke, J. A. Smith P.M. After preliminaries, Bro. Lamb answered the questions leading to the second degree. Bro. A. Jones answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. C. Andrews worked a part of the installation ceremony. Lodge was closed to first degree. The Secretary read a letter he had received from the Hon. A. Yorke, Equerry in Waiting to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, acknowledging the congratulations of the brethren on the occasion of His Royal Highness's marriage. This was ordered to be entered on the minutes Bro. A Jones was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was closed in due form.

Sackville Lodge, No. 1619.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead. Present—Bros. E. A. Head W.M., W. Ridge S.W., J. G. Calway J.W., S. Davison I.P.M., John G. Horsey P.M., G. Mitchell Secretary, W. Pile S.D., A. M. Betchley W.S.; also Bros. G. Histed, G. D. Woolgar, J. Woodbridge, J. Cooper and W. Hoskins; Visitor, Brother Thomas Smith 1096. Lodge was opened at 5 p.m., and after confirming the minutes of previous meetings, the brethren unanimously elected the S.W., Bro. Ridge W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Heckford Treasurer, and Bro. Sergeant Tyler. Three auditors were appointed. Brother John G. Horsey P.M. next read the bye-laws of the Lodge, and was followed by Bro. Davison P.M. giving notice of motion that a jewel be voted by the Lodge to the retiring W.M., and that the bye-laws of the Lodge, so far as relates to the dates of meeting and payment of subscriptions, be altered. After Lodge was closed, the brethren reassembled at table, and spent a very pleasant evening.

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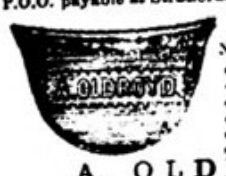

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THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.I. FOR GIRLS.

THE second, in order of occurrence, of the Anniversary Festivals of our Masonic Institutions for the current year has now passed into the domain of history, and, as might have been anticipated from the fact of the chair having been occupied by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, the result is a brilliant success. We must not be understood as for one moment suggesting that the Craft is more mindful of its duties, and of the absolute necessity it is under of supporting our Charities, when a Brother Prince of the Blood Royal presides on one of these occasions. Yet, the brethren would be churlish indeed if they did not make a point of seconding the efforts of a Royal Craftsman whenever, in the multifarious duties that devolve upon him in his exalted position, he finds opportunity for doing what, were he less overwhelmed by business cares, he would of a certainty be only too happy to do frequently. It is not surprising, therefore, though it cannot of course be less a matter of congratulation, that we should now be in a position to announce, as worthy Bro. Hedges announced on Wednesday evening, that the total amount of subscriptions on the occasion of the Ninety-fourth Anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was in excess of £13,200. We have so considerably extended the operations of our three Institutions, the number of beneficiaries for whom provision must be made is now so greatly in excess of what it was only half a dozen years since, that if sums proportionately in excess of what were formerly needed are not forthcoming, it will be a matter of duty on the part of the executive of each Charity to curtail the number of those who are benefited. This would be so great a calamity that we feel sure the Craft, while there is a possibility and probability of the means being forthcoming, will never dream of sanctioning a reduction of its charitable labours. It is, therefore, with a heart that is light, yet at the same time not unduly sensible of the greatly-increased responsibilities that have been recently undertaken, that we congratulate the Duke of Connaught, the Girls' School, and the Craft, on the great success which attended the meeting on Wednesday.

The Masonic Girls' School is, indeed, an Institution which is worthy of the support of all kindly-disposed persons, be they Masons or non-Masons. The charge of providing a liberal, yet appropriate education, for the female children of deceased or indigent persons, to whom all other opportunities or means of education are unhappily denied, is one that necessarily commends itself to all. But in Masonry, one of whose guiding stars is Charity, this is essentially the case. We are very far from claiming for the Craft a monopoly, or even a superiority over other sections of the community, of this divinest of virtues. Still, the teachings of Freemasonry, to say nothing of its natural bent, is Charity, and if we do not find it in its midst, where, we ask, can we hope to find it? Love of one's neighbour is the prime motive power of its being, and what becomes of that love, if it does not make suitable provision for the aged and the orphan, who are unable to provide for themselves.

One noteworthy feature in connection with the proceedings we record this week deserves especial mention. In one of his speeches, the Duke of Connaught announced that he had the Queen's permission to state that Her Majesty had been graciously pleased to become Chief Patroness of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Such an announcement might well have been anticipated, seeing that the Queen is not only the mother of Masons, but the daughter of one of the noblest and kindliest of the Craft—Grand Master the Duke of Kent; yet is it none the less a gracious and considerate act on Her Majesty's part, that she should have consented to become the Chief Patroness of "Our Girls."

Wednesday's celebration was, as usual, preceded on Monday by the public distribution of prizes, with the accustomed recitations and musical display. This took place under the genial presidency of Lord Leigh, Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire. Everything passed off capitally, and among the pupils who distinguished themselves were not a few who had obtained more than one reward of merit. For example, Emma Lizzie Bridgeman, to whom was awarded the Gold Medal given annually by Bro. W. Pass for Proficiency, with Bro. Winn's supplementary £5, took a prize for passing in honours the Cambridge Examination, Bro. Faulkner's prize for Physical Geography, and one of the "John Boyd Memorial" prizes for Drawing. Charlotte Coleman, in addition to the Silver Medal for Good Conduct, with Bro. Winn's £5, received prizes for passing the Cambridge Examination with honours, and for religious knowledge. To Susan Jane Norrish were adjudged Bro. Winn's £5 for Proficiency, a prize for passing in honours Cambridge Examination, and one for Perseverance, Class II. Edith Ann Wilson, Gold Medallist of last year, was given a prize for passing the Senior Cambridge Examination, and Bro. Dr. Brette's Prize for French. Ada Huyshe Clase received prizes for passing Cambridge Examination and Elocution; Sarah Lissie Bellamy for Music, Cookery, and Freehand Drawing; Alice Georgiana Pike for Writing and Drawing and Elocution; Annie E. Scott for Needle Work and Good Conduct—the latter given by the Supreme Council, 33rd Degree.

It is time, however, we came to the main event of the year, as associated with the Girls' School. The Duke of Connaught, who presided, had previously taken the chair at one of the Boys' School Festivals, and his advocacy was attended with a marked degree of success, albeit the year in which he so presided was not a fortunate one. On this occasion, however, he has fared magnificently, and may take unto himself the satisfaction of having been a principal means in conveying into the coffers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls the exceedingly handsome sum of £13,232, with the product, whatever it may be, of fourteen yet outstanding lists. Indeed, we shall not be much out of our reckoning if we set down the result as approximating very closely to, in round figures, £13,500, if it does not exceed that sum. The Board of Stewards which supported His Royal Highness the President of the day was a formidable one, numbering, as it did, some 340 brethren, more or less. Among the most conspicuous of these supporters who were actually present may be mentioned Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M. Warwickshire; Lord Suffield, Prov G.M. Norfolk; Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middlesex; General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey; Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire; Sir J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, and acting President of the Board of Stewards; Bro. John A. Rucker, President of

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the Colonial Board; Rev. C J. Martyn, Dep. Prov. G.M. Suffolk; Captain John Wordsworth, P.G.J.W. West Yorkshire, &c. &c. The sister Institutions were represented by their respective Secretaries, Bros. F. Binckes P.G.S., and James Terry Prov G.S.W. Norths and Hunts. The dinner was, as is invariably the case, in the very *best* style of Freemasons' Tavern, and the requisite attendance on the needs of the guests, both ladies and brethren, was carefully superintended by Bro. A. Best, and his right hand man Bro. Dawkins. The musical arrangements, which had been entrusted to Miss Marian Burton, gave every satisfaction.

As to the actual proceedings of the Festival we need say nothing further here; they are duly chronicled in another page Turn we therefore, at once to the result, which, as we have already stated, amounted to the very considerable, if not unexampled sum of £13,232. Of this £5,624 were contributed by the Lodges in the Metropolitan district, and £7,608 by the Provinces. As regards the former we note that the House Committee, when totalled up, head the list with a satisfactory £143 17s. Lodges Nos. 73 and 79 share between them second honours, Bros. Free and Roberts, the respective representatives, each sending a list of £141 15s. Bro. F. J. Stohwasser Steward No. 567 gave £138 12s. Bro. Edmondston, acting on behalf of Lodge No. 1669, contributed £130, Brother W. H. Dean, Lodge No. 1900, being close at his heels with £129 3s 6d. Lodge No. 1475, per Bro. T. Jackson, is down for £119 14s, while Chapter No. 2, and Lodges Nos. 1524, 1686, and 1745 severally contribute one hundred guineas. Bro. Augustus Darch's list for No. 72 totals up to £101, and there are others, such as Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, which exceed £90. It should be added that the list of our worthy Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, acting on behalf of Royal Alpha, No. 16, includes a contribution of 25 guineas from the Chairman, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught; and that Sir J. B. Monckton's list, as an unattached Steward, is swelled to the extent of 65 guineas by the contribution of £42, per Bro. the Lord Mayor, Grand Junior Warden, who has kindly undertaken to preside at the Boys' School.

Of the Provinces no less than thirty are represented, and among them they have subscribed the total of £7,608. Warwickshire enjoys the honour of heading the list, with the handsome total of £810 10s, the result of the labours of Lord Leigh and thirty-six other Stewards. Yorkshire (West) has contributed £650, and Yorkshire (N. and E.) £500. Berks and Bucks gives close on £200, and Cheshire nearer £300 than £200. Derbyshire figures well, for over £450; Sussex has done loyally in contributing about a score less pounds than £600. Middlesex is represented to the extent of over £400, Kent to that of £356, and "little" Herts by over £325. Staffordshire has handed in close on £290, and Hants and the Isle of Wight £278. North Wales and Salop, Notts, Northumberland, Devonshire, and Oxfordshire figure for £352 10s, £236, £183, £318, and £149 respectively. We are sorry to see that Cambridgeshire and Herefordshire are among the absentees.

Following is the list of Donations and Subscriptions:—

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Colonel J Creaton, J.P.		10 10 0
H H Dubois		10 10 0
C Hammerton		10 10 0
W Hope, M.D.		10 10 0
E Letchworth		10 10 0
P de Lande Long		10 10 0
E C Mather		10 10 0
Joshua Nunn		10 10 0
Lieutenant-Colonel James Peters		10 10 0
Frank Richardson		10 10 0
J A Recker		10 10 0
Griffiths Smith		17 17 0
A H Tattershall		10 10 0
Total		143 17 0

LONDON.

G. Stewards	L., Mackintosh Hugh		16	16	0
	1	Fuller John W	15	15	0
	2	Lassetter F	21	0	0
Chap.	2	Letchworth E	105	0	0
Lodge	4	Weldon Rev. G W	15	15	0
	5	Braine F Woodhouse, F.R.C.S.E.	44	2	0
	6	Claridge J R F	63	0	0
	8	Skewes-Cox T	16	16	0
Chap.	8	Green Frank	18	18	0
Lodge	9	Coste S	40	0	0
	10	Weller-Poley T	54	1	6
	14	Jarvis W	27	6	0
	16	Martyn Rev. C J	45	0	0
(Includes a donation of twenty-five guineas from the Chairman, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.)					
	18	Williams F H	15	15	0
	19	Glenn Henry			
7 and	21	Brunning H C	37	5	6
	22	Coulcher R W	26	5	0
	23	Venn Henry	32	11	0
	25	Lowenstark M D	24	0	0
	26	Beaumont E	15	15	0
	28	Lloyd John E	21	0	0
	29	Black C Crofton			
	33	Hallowes R C	36	4	6
	55	Linscott T B	86	1	6
	60	Penn George	15	15	0
	66	Rowbotham G A	42	0	0
	72	Darch Augustus	101	0	0
	73	Free George	141	15	0
	79	Roberts Henry	141	15	0
	90	Adam W A	67	4	0
	91	Bull Benjamin	36	15	0
	92	Auldjo H F	19	19	0
	134	Nunn Joshua	86	2	0
	140	Dennant W F	22	6	0
	142	Tatlock James (see also Lodge 1328)			
Chap.	142	Atkinson C E	6	6	0
Lodge	143	Stewart W E	65	2	0
	162	Williams F B	15	15	0
	163	Williams Major W E	13	13	0
	165	Belton C	42	0	0
Lodge	172	Beazley W O	30	9	0
174 &	1625	Lacey Charles	83	0	0
	179	Green H C	50	8	0
	180	Wade C J	51	18	0
	181	Stanton W E	28	7	0
Chap	185	Walls T C	28	7	0
Lodge	197	Stranger W H	40	0	0
	198	Cowell G, F.R.C.S.	28	7	0
	217	Hodder J M	43	0	0
	222	Drysdale G	65	2	0
	228	Hunt F J	23	12	6
	259	Aird John	52	10	0
	435	Ball William	15	15	0
	507	Duckett Jonas	47	5	0
	538	Humphrey E	90	0	0
Chap	538	Elvin John			
Lodge	554	Walter Edward W	91	10	0
	567	Stohwasser F J	138	12	0
	715	Cuff Herbert	40	0	0
Chap	813	Gallant J Ross	26	5	0
Lodge	822	Hawkins Montagu	52	10	0
	879	Davis John	63	0	0
	933	Payne Geo. Adney			
	975	Ayling Edward	78	15	0
	1158	Sharman W H	60	0	0
	1178	Quincey Isaac	47	19	6
	1257	Murley T W	71	18	0
	1278	Sturtevant R L	44	15	0
	1319	Wellard C	21	0	0
1328 &	142	Thomas J L, F.S.A.	65	2	0
	1383	Randolph Lt.-Gen.	94	10	0
	1425	Mickelburgh J T	21	0	0
	1476	Jackson T	119	14	0
	1506	Hamilton J J	38	17	0
	1507	Scales C J	31	10	0
	1524	Brand W H	105	0	0
	1524	Dignam Edward			
	1538	Gregory G	28	7	0
	1563	Waugh John	23	2	0
	1572	Reed Nelson	78	15	0
	1585	Robinson J W	63	0	0
	1589	Brown C G			
Chap.	1589	Low G McA			
Lodge	1593	Escott Albert	36	15	0
	1599	Woodman G J	33	12	0
	1604	Hornblower E	64	11	0
	1615	Lethbridge W B	36	14	0
	1622	Hamlyn W	70	7	0
	1625	(see Lodge 174)			
	1635	Grigg W C, M.D.	74	11	0
	1657	Matthews Henry			
	1669	Edmondston Thos	130	0	0
	1670	Gruggen F H	17	0	0
	1685	Bare Edwin	79	16	0
	1686	Klenck J M	105	0	0
	1704	Collard Charles	63	0	0
	1707	Lovebond C	30	0	0
	1716	Hancock H J	48	6	0
	1719	Sugg William	47	15	6
	1724	Burton Major H	87	16	0
	1745	Marshall H B	105	0	0
	1768	Kentish W G (see also Middlesex)	32	11	0
	1804	Parnell E H	29	18	6
	1805	Knight J M	22	1	0
Lodge	1820	Trollope Dr (see also Sussex)	41	9	6
	1828	Baker A B	50	0	0
	1828	Bryett Lewis			
	1839	Cattermole H	10	10	0
	1891	Taylour C W	88	17	0
	1900	Dean W H	129	3	6
	1900	Festa G P	10	10	0
	1928	Griffiths Rev. Dr.	24	3	0
	1964	Bowyer Edgar	52	10	0

MARK DEGREE.

	251	Turquand S J	33	14	6

SCOTTISH CONSTITUTION.

	375	Garrow J R	5	5	0

UNATTACHED.

		Bertidge Robert	31	10	0
		Barfield Asher	10	10	0
		Baldwin J W	26	5	0
		Clench Major E	10	10	0
		Clarke William	10	10	0
		Fenn Thomas	31	10	0
		Grey Robert	15	15	0
		Hemsworth H W			
		Hollington G	15	15	0
		Howell T A J, M.R.C.S.E., L.R.C.P.	10	10	0
		Howell T S, M.R.C.S.E	10	10	0
		Kenning G	10	10	0
		Lake W	10	10	0
		Monckton Sir J B, F.S.A.	68	5	0
(includes a donation of forty guineas from the Lord Mayor).					
		Miller T Hastings	36	15	0
		Mildred M	10	10	0
		Woodford Rev. A F A, M.A.	10	10	0
		West F, F.R.G.S.	10	10	0
		Dubois H A	21	0	0

PROVINCES.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

	209	Andrews J, F.C.A.	23	17	6
1899 &	414	Ferguson F J	38	17	0
	574	Chapman C L	26	5	0
	771	Marshall H Daily			
	1566	Nicholson Robert	30	19	0
	1566	Foottit C Miller			
	1639	King Henry	26	5	0
	1887	Shanks Major J.G. K.M.	52	10	0

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CHESHIRE.

104	Booth W	42	0	0
104	Finch Herbert			
322	Worsnup James	21	0	0
477	Dutton John	63	0	0
537	Marwood Thomas	36	15	0
537	Milner Walter	36	15	0
537	Platt J P	10	10	0
1289	Corelli	10	10	0
1565	Parker Eustace G	10	10	0
1576	Chesworth Thomas	57	15	0

CORNWALL.

1151	Bake Controller S G	32	11	0

DERBYSHIRE.

Prov. & 1324	Wright Fitzherbert	155	6	0
253	Robinson F J	12	12	0
353	Diamond Hugh E	10	10	0
353	Walters W			
731	Whittaker W	117	12	0
787	Stone Septimus	42	0	0
850	Wallis Percy	121	16	0

DEVONSHIRE.

Province	Curteis J E	276	5	0
444	Woodman W R, M.D.	42	0	0

DORSETSHIRE.

Province	Gundry J F P	73	10	0

DURHAM.

Province	Lane C S	52	10	0
1230	Dent Ralph J	10	10	0

ESSEX.

433	Crozier W B	15	15	0
453	Egan John			

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

82	Godfrey H, J.P.	10	10	0
82	Middlemore-Whithard Rev T M	16	16	0
493	Matthews R A	31	10	0
493	Matthews J A	5	5	0
493	Woodward A	10	10	0
839	Smith R Vassar	21	0	0
1067	Kerr Russell J	31	10	0

UNATTACHED.

	Mullings John	10	10	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

359	Miller A J	52	10	0
723	Eve Richard	26	5	0
903	Brown Valentine	141	15	0
1373	Nepean Rev E J	36	15	0
1869	Child R Dampier	21	0	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

404	Keyser C E	213	3	0
504	Lambert G	52	10	0
1385	Brittain John	46	5	0
1479	Webster F B			
1757	Balderson H	13	13	0

KENT.

Prov. & 1536	Weston W A	200	0	0
1206	Emmerson R J	69	16	0
1414	Curteis Rev. T S			
1436	Barringer C	21	0	0
1531	Kipps W	65	17	6

LANCASHIRE (E. Div.)

37	Pennington Rooke	10	10	0
146	Nicholson W	5	5	0
221	Boothroyd Jabez	15	15	0
317	Cunliffe W J	10	10	0
317	Edwards J W	10	10	0
317	Wilson James	10	10	0
1723	Taylor Josiah	21	0	0

LANCASHIRE (West Division.)

86	Newsome W			
178	Croft H D	10	10	0
178	Milligan Thomas	21	0	0
673	Brackenbury W	10	10	0
1021	Heath G S	31	10	0
1384	Thomson W J	10	10	0

MIDDLESEX.

Province	Burdett Lt.-Col. Sir F, Bart., J.P.	150	0	0
Chap. 382	Batting James	15	15	0
Lodge 1293	Kentish W G (see also 1768 London)	33	1	6
1310	Pridmore C W	15	15	0
1326	Fox Copeman W	21	0	0
1326	Gilbert Edwin	5	5	0
1503	Saunders W H	10	10	0
Chap. 1503	Cama D P	21	0	0
Lodge 1549	Tidcombe G jun.	31	0	0
1777 & Red Cross Order	Dawes W E	21	0	0
1871	Dixon G W	26	5	0
1194	Hedges F R W	57	15	0

NORFOLK.

Province	Suffield Rt. Hon. the Lord, K.C.B., assisted by H G Barwell	102	7	6

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Prov.	Potter Col. Addison, C.B.	183	15	0

NOTTINGHAM.

Province	Watson John	236	4	6

NORTH WALES AND SHROPSHIRE.

Province	Wynn Sir Watkin Williams, assisted by	352	10	0
1124	Spaull W H			
1124	Venables R G			
1143	Sisson R J			

OXFORDSHIRE.

340	Rose A J	27	0	0
357	Baynes R E	40	0	0
357	Pickard Rev. H A			
478	Wakeman H O	38	0	0
Prov. & 599	Potts John	12	12	0
1703	Clappen F H	10	10	0
1895	Hodge R Trotter, M.A.	21	0	0

SOUTH WALES (East Division.)

Province	Thomas T	200	0	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

Prov. & 539	Smith Jos. Howes	137	11	0
Prov. & 624	Graham Charles F	152	5	0

SUFFOLK.

Province	Harvey James M	71	12	0

SURREY.

Province	Arnold Rev. C W	132	6	0
416	Thomson J D	25	4	0
889	Nuthall Alfred	28	7	0
1395	Wilson J H Parker	30	9	0
1892	Davis R R	25	14	6

SUSSEX.

Province	Henty Capt. C P	332	17	0
40	Trollope Dr. Thos. (see also 1850 London)	100	16	0
1797	Musson J T	23	2	0
1829	Harrison John	120	15	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

Province	Leigh The Right Hon. the Lord	810	10	0

Assisted by

43	Sinauer Sigmund
74	Archer David
74	Foster John Slater
74	Jones Felix
74	Perkins Joshua jun.
74	Rawlins John
74	Surman Thomas
74	Moffatt
74	Wood William H
254	Edwards Charles

WARWICKSHIRE—(continued).

468	Collins J T
468	Smith T H
473	Shaw Thomas E
473	Short Walter
502	Boughton-Leigh Rev. G B
567	Boddington J
587	Weiss Henry
739	Taylor James
739	Thomason G A
739	Warrilow A F
887	Swinden F G
925	Cooper James
925	Price William
925	Stevens James
925	Worrall Edmund
938	Handley Edwin
938 & 1644	Howkins Thomas
938	Marshall W B
1016	Boddington W M
1016	Giles Alfred
1016	Pagett Henry
1474	Lyon S
1474	Roberts Paul
1630	Fridlander A E
1644	(see 938 above)

WILTSHIRE.

Prov. & 1533	Ringer Dr. Theo.	56	3	0

WORCESTER.

Prov. & 529	Roberts J F	42	0	0

YORKSHIRE (N. and E.)

Prov.	Earl of Zetland R.W.P.G.M.	500	0	0

Assisted by
J. W. Woodall P.P.G.W.
J. S. Cumberland P.P.G.W.
C. Palliser P.P.G.Sup.Wks.

YORKSHIRE (West Division.)

61	Edwards Lt.-Col. Sir H, Bt., D.L., J.P.	650	0	0

Assisted by

139	John Spencer
208	R I Critchley
208	T B Fox
251	G Heaton
589	A Williamson
289	Mrs John Stretch
289	J Dobson
289	A Scarth
296	H Thomas
296	T Harrison
302	J R Armitage
302	J Ambler
302	G Harrison
380	Captain Wordsworth
408	Edwin Lee
448	C. Greenwood
495	Lieut.-Col. Hartley
600	J R Wellsman
652	Holme Valley Lodge
837	De Grey and Ripon Lodge
904	Miss Margaret Badger
910	St. Oswald Lodge
910	T W Tew
910	Caleb England
910	Rev. E Castle
910	R Fisher
974	W C Lupton
1001	W F Smithson
1001	C Rawson
1001	J B Barnard
1019	J Mitchell
1019	G Newton
1108	Royal Wharfdale Lodge
1211	G F Crowe
1211	J W Fournese
1211	W H Bradford
1211	R Burrell
1237	H A Styring
1239	W R Thomas
1239	Henry Townsend
1239	J Pickering sen.
1239	J Pickering jun.
1311	T Crossley
1311	J B Hargreaves
1311	C E Richardson
1513	S Clarkson
1522	J Cooper W.M.
1542	R Cliffe
1736	J Naylor
	J Roberts

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GRAND LODGE DEPUTATION TO THE QUEEN.

AS loyal subjects of Her Majesty, it gives us the greatest pleasure to insert the following statement of particulars respecting the Deputation from the United Grand Lodge of England which, on Wednesday, waited upon the Queen at Buckingham Palace in order to express the heartfelt congratulations of all English Masons at Her Majesty's escape, under the Grand Architect of the Universe, from the hand of the would-be assassin. The Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, headed the phalanx of worthy Masons, and the address he delivered was most graciously received. Such addresses are, happily, of the very rarest occurrence, but Queen Victoria is not the only British Sovereign who has been approached by the authorised representatives of our glorious Fraternity. A similar congratulation was offered to George III., Grandfather of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, on a similar occasion, and it is needless to say that it experienced an equally gracious reception. We rejoice to say the interval between the two addresses we have in our mind is not far short of a century, yet do we equally rejoice that now, as then, the Mason Craft is to the fore in exhibiting its loyalty to the gracious ruler of the British Empire.

The following are the particulars as to the Deputation and the address it presented :—

The Queen received, at three o'clock, an address of congratulation from the United Grand Lodge of Antient and Accepted Masons of England, on Her Majesty's merciful preservation, on the 2nd of March. The deputation consisted of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught Past Grand Senior Warden, the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, Lord Carrington Grand Senior Warden, the Lord Mayor Grand Junior Warden, Bros. Æ. J. M'Intyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Registrar, Lieutenant-Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer, Sir Albert Woods Grand Director of Ceremonies, Sir John Monckton President Board of General Purposes, Rev. Ambrose Hall Grand Chaplain, and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, Provincial Grand Master Oxford, the Earl of March Past G. Senior Warden, and the Hon. Bro. Justice Cave Past Grand Junior Warden, were unavoidably prevented from attending. The deputation on arrival was conducted to the Green Drawing Room, and from thence were introduced to Her Majesty's presence in the Picture Gallery, by Lord Sandhurst, Lord in Waiting. The Prince of Wales then read the following address :—

"May it please your Majesty,—We, the Grand Master and Officers of the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England, in the name and on behalf of our antient and honourable fraternity, yielding to no other body of Englishmen in loyalty to the Crown, and looking with pride to your Majesty as the Patron of our Order, hasten to lay at the feet of your Majesty the humble tribute of our horror and indignation at the recent dastardly attempt upon your Majesty's life, and we desire on this, the first occasion permitted to us, to add the expression of our loyal devotion to your Majesty's person.

"We believe that the Great Architect of the Universe rules alike the hearts of princes, directs the acts of men, and guides the course of events; and in all humility we desire to record our unfeigned thankfulness to Him that in His mercy He has been pleased to turn aside the hand of the assassin and to protect from death or injury a life honoured in every part of the civilised world and most precious to every class and estate within this realm; and we would add to these thanks to Almighty God this further prayer that He in His goodness and wisdom may vouchsafe to your Majesty many years of health and strength to watch over the interests of a loyal and devoted people."

Her Majesty replied in the following words :—"I have received with gratification your loyal and dutiful address, and share with you the feeling of devout thankfulness to the Almighty, whose protecting hand has ever been so graciously extended to me."

The deputation then retired. Their Royal Highnesses the Princess of Wales and Princess Beatrice were present with her Majesty during the ceremony. The suite in attendance on Her Majesty consisted of the Dowager Duchess of Athole Lady in Waiting, Lord Sandhurst Lord in Waiting, Lord Edward Pelham Clinton Groom in Waiting, Lieutenant-General H. Lynedoch Gardiner and Colonel Hon. H. Byng Equerries in Waiting, General the Right Hon. Sir H. Ponsonby, and the Master of the Household.

At the meeting of the Claremont Lodge, held on the 8th instant, it was proposed by the I.P.M. Bro. T. Vincent, seconded by Bro. T. M. Collins, and unanimously agreed to, that an expression of congratulation be forwarded to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany on his marriage.

We very much regret to hear that our worthy Brother Fenner, manager of the firm of John Lillywhite and Co., has been recently overtaken by a severe bout of illness, and is suffering accordingly. Bro. Fenner has our full sympathy, and we trust he will be speedily restored to his usual state of health.

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DISTRIBUTION OF HONOURS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"SENIOR P.M.," in your issue of 6th May, is wrong in saying, I am "put about" respecting the appointment of Prov. Grand Officers. We are but men, and certain duties we have to perform, and they who have the selection of Prov. Grand Officers should perform those duties with the greatest care, not merely selecting gentlemen who have, or are most likely, to contribute from their plenty, thereby buying the position and pushing to the back hard working and industrious Masons who have toiled hard for years. If positions are to be bought, why not ballot for them, and let the highest bidder take the coveted position? I hope and trust there are not any P.M.'s in West Yorkshire who will act upon the suggestion thrown out by "SENIOR P.M.," and find it "necessary for some one in a Lodge to influence some one higher, &c. until it gets to the R.W.P.G.M." To act thus I consider a most debasing prostitution of Masonry. I am also of opinion that there is not one P.M. in our Province who would accept Provincial honours unless he was in a position to purchase his clothing, pay the fee of honour, and also do something for the Charities. There are many who would support the Charities were it not so very like buying Provincial honours. We all know, in our Province, that the P.M. who gives the most has the best chance when honours are distributed. I do not agree with Lodges being given the power of recommendation to the R.W.P.G.M. I consider the Prov. Grand Lodge should be able and wise enough to make a just and equitable selection, and I hope in future they will be able to give universal satisfaction. I have come to the conclusion that "SENIOR P.M." is some one in authority; he so distinctly says, "Junior P.M. need not expect to see any brother honored, *whatever his merits as a Mason*; if he is only in *moderate* or poor circumstances." I was not aware until now that Masonry made poverty a crime, which it must do if riches are to be the only test of qualification for Provincial honours. In conclusion, let me state that my former letter does not convey that the hard-working P.M. must necessarily be a poor man, and even should Prov. Grand Lodge meet with one in that unfortunate position, who has done long and honourable service for our Order, would it not be satisfactory to the Province that justice had been done by rewarding such industry with honours well and deservedly earned. I again thank you for your kindness in granting me space in your valuable paper, and I hope that this correspondence may have a satisfactory result, and that good may come, without creating any unkind or ungenerous feelings.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JUNIOR P.M.

Huddersfield, 10th May 1882.

TRADING ON MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Nothing, I think, is so objectionable as for members of the Craft to decorate their shops or places of business with such of its insignia as the Square and Compasses, the Level, the Plumb Rule, &c., their object being to proclaim that they are brethren, and, as such, should have, in preference to other tradesmen, the custom of their fellow Masons. I am not, of course, referring to such gentlemen as Bros. Geo. Kenning, Walter Spencer, H. T. Lamb, and others, whose business is wholly or principally the manufacture of Masonic goods, goods that is to say that are needed by the brethren to wear in our Lodges. In their case, if they exhibit some of our Craft emblems, it is a perfectly legitimate exhibition. What I object to see is the Square and Compasses staring me in the face over the windows of a chemist's shop, and elsewhere, but particularly objectionable to see them out and inside public houses. Indeed, no matter how thirsty I might happen to be, I would always go without, or go to some other house, rather than expend even the price of a modest glass of ale where Masonry is thus traded upon.

What, however, has induced me chiefly to write these few lines is, to tell you another phase of this "trading on Masonry," which came under my notice one day this week when I was walking in the neighbourhood of the Metropolitan Railway Station at King's Cross. Not a hundred miles—I may go so far as to say, not a hundred yards—off I noticed the shop of a picture dealer and picture-frame maker, in which, to my utter astonishment, was exhibited, as conspicuously as possible the shopkeeper's Grand Lodge certificate, signed by our late Brother John Hervey, with the Brother's signature in its proper place, and endorsed in an elaborate, or rather gaudy, specimen of, I suppose, the owner's handiwork as a frame maker. I should like to hear of more being done to discourage this practice, which, as I have said before, is perfectly legitimate where adopted by brethren whose business is either wholly or principally Masonic in its character.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

London, W., 10th May 1882.

P.S.—Half a mile or so from my house is a chemist's shop, with the Square and Compasses on his window. What on earth have they to do, Masonically, with the quality of the drugs and potions he sells? and what is the nature of the guarantee they afford that his drugs and potions are the best to be had in the neighbourhood.

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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE General Committee met on Wednesday last, on which occasion Bro. Raynham W. Stewart presided, and there was a large attendance of brethren, including Bros. Atkins, Cox, Newton, Quitmann, Gallant, Leggett, Dilley, Brett, Perceval, March, Mather, Lacey, J. A. Farnfield, W. H. Farnfield, Cubitt, Woodford, Cottebrune, Hale, Hine, Smith, Moon, Clarke, Crutch, Bolton, Adlard, Robbins, Daniel, Goode, Bush, Miller, Bowyer, Brookbank, Dennis, Hilton, Stevens, Stean, and Massey.

Bro. Terry, the Secretary, reported that four deaths had occurred amongst the annuitants since the last meeting, and that one approved candidate for election had died since presenting his petition.

Upon the Warden's report being read, in which the Steward's recent visit to the Institution was referred to, a vote of thanks to the House Committee of the Boys' School was proposed by Bro. Perceval, for allowing the Boys' Band to attend and perform at Croydon on that occasion. The motion having been seconded by Bro. Edgar Bowyer was carried unanimously.

The other principal business was the consideration of the Chairman's motion, of which due notice had been given—

> "That, considering the great increase of work in the office, the Secretary's salary be increased £100 per annum from the 1st March 1882."

Bro. Terry having retired, the subject was fully considered, a large number of brethren joining in the discussion, and on being put to the meeting, was carried by an overwhelming majority.

In conformity with notice duly given, Bro. C. J. Perceval, V.P., proposed—

> "That £25 be granted Mrs. Farwell, the widow of the late Bro. Farwell, in consideration of her services for some years in acting as nurse to the sick residents in the Institution."

Bro. Perceval explained that at the time of her husband's death, she had not been married the period of three years prescribed by the rules as necessary to the eligibility of candidates for the benefits of the Annuity Fund. Mrs. Farwell would, therefore, have to leave the Institution, and he thought he was not doing too much in asking the Committee to recognise her services by voting the proposed grant of £25. The motion was immediately seconded and carried, and Bro. Terry returned thanks on Mrs. Farwell's behalf.

We offer to Bro. Terry our hearty congratulations, on the grand evidence that was afforded at the meeting, on Wednesday, of the Institution of which he is Secretary, of the value that is placed upon his services in that capacity. The brethren, there is no doubt, like to see the official representatives of our Charities visiting freely among them. We do not say they would appreciate the services which are rendered by those Charities the less if the said Secretaries were not as ubiquitous as they seem to be; but we feel confident that the policy which induces Bro. Terry and his associate workers to move among the Craft has the effect of accentuating the appeals for support they are under the necessity of making from time to time. Bro. Terry is not one who, under any circumstances, spares time or labour, if he sees there is the slightest chance of promoting the interests of the Benevolent Institution. It is almost certain that he seldom has at his disposal any time that he can righteously call his own, and it is more than certain that if he has any such time he is always ready to sacrifice it in behalf of the noble Charity whose interests he so ardently and so loyally promotes. The executive of the Benevolent Institution recognise this fact, and hence the increment of salary, on which we take the liberty of offering Bro. Terry our congratulations.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Brothers Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. in the chair, S. Rosenthal, L. Ruff, Alfred Williams, G. P. Britten, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), Joyce Murray, George J Palmer, Herbert Dicketts, Henry Venn, James Moon, H. Massey, C. H. Webb, Edgar Bowyer, F. Adlard, W. Maple, Henry W. Hunt, and F. Binckes Secretary. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for accounts. Two boys were placed on the list for the October election; outfits of £5 each were granted to two pupils of the Institution who had obtained situations; and £1,000 out of the subscriptions towards the Preparatory School was ordered to be invested. The names of brethren nominated to serve on the House and Audit Committees, for election next meeting, were given in, and Scrutineers of the votes on that occasion were appointed; after which the Committee adjourned.

BIRTH.

RALLING.—On 8th May, at Winnock Lodge, Colchester, the wife of THOMAS J. RALLING, P.M. and Secretary 51, Prov. Grand Secretary Essex, of a Son.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—On Tuesday last, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Bros. T. J. Maidwell W.M., Roberts S.W., Caton J.W., Clements S.D., Daniel I.G. Lodge was opened to the third degree, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Cheese candidate. On Lodge being resumed, Bro. W. W. Morgan delivered his promised lecture, for which he received a vote of thanks. Bro. Roberts was appointed to preside on Tuesday next.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—At the meeting on Monday, 8th instant, at the Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge, there were present Bros. Nicholson W.M., Taplin S.W., Cotton J.W., Brown S.D., Lambert J.D., Brooks Secretary, Duffin I.G. and Tyler. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Brooks was interrogated, and entrusted, and after the Lodge had been advanced to the second, was passed to the degree of F.C. Bros. Taplin S.W. and Lambert J.D., were interrogated before raising, and Lodge was opened and closed in the third and second degrees. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brooks candidate. Bro. Taplin S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was closed and adjourned until the 15th of May.

United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—Meeting held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., Friday, 5th May, at 7.30 p.m. Bros. James Stevens P.M. Hon. Preceptor W.M., H. M. Williams S.W., H. Goodwin J.W., Richard Poore S.D., C. H. Phillips J.D., J. James I.G.; also Bros. R. Field, Henry Smith, F. Thurston, J. Bate, A. G. White, A. Style, J. W. Watts, J. B. Sarjeant, Lucas, Baxter, and others. The Lodge was opened, and minutes were read. The first section, the ceremony of initiation, with proofs of proficiency, and the Charge (by Bro. J. Bate) were rehearsed, and the fourth section was worked by the brethren. "Question time" was occupied in discussing sundry points of ritual and ceremony, and Bro. H. M. Williams having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week (when the Lodge will work in the second degree), and Bro. Stevens will anticipate a portion of his forthcoming lecture on the second ceremony, the Lodge was closed. We are pleased to notice the steady increase of attendances at this Lodge of Instruction.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, on Friday, the 5th May. Present—Bros. J. J. Gunner W.M., Gomm P.M. S.W., Monson J.W., C. E. Botley S.D., F. Botley J.D., Maton I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Andrews Preceptor, Blasby; and Bro. Beckett. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. C. E. Botley candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. F. Botley was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A letter was read from Bro Talbot, thanking the brethren for their kind wishes to himself and wife on the occasion of their marriage. The case of a distressed brother, who had made application to the Lodge, was then considered, and a small donation from the funds granted.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 10th May, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. E. J. Blackwell W.M., W. Ferguson I.P.M., Richard Dowsett S.W., Rev. C. R. Honey J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, J. H. Hawkes S.D., R. C. Prickett J.D., W. Ravenscroft I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s E. Margrett, T. J. Pulley; also Bros. Slaughter, Weatherherhead, Whitfield, H. Ferguson, W. J. James, J. Greenaway, W. Bailey; Visitors—C. Frizell 723, J. W. Lindars Secretary 1714. Lodge was opened in the first degree. The minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. C. Slaughter, a candidate for passing, gave very satisfactory proof of his efficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Slaughter was re-admitted and passed to the degree of F.C., the ceremony, as usual, was admirably performed by the W.M. and Officers, the musical portion being conducted by Bro. Ravenscroft, in the unavoidable absence of the Organist, Bro. Hickie. The charge in the second degree was given with correctness and precision; the explanation of the tracing board was deferred. Lodge was closed to the first degree. The Treasurer's accounts, as audited by the Permanent Committee, were passed, with a vote of thanks to Bro. Stransom. The W.M. gave notice of motion "That the sum of ten guineas, from the funds of the Lodge, be voted to the R.M.I.B., and that the same be added to the list of Bro. E. Margrett P.M., who will represent the Lodge at the approaching Festival as Steward." Bro. W. Ferguson I.P.M. said he should have much pleasure in seconding the motion. Bro. Margrett expressed his thanks for this kindness on the part of the Lodge, and suggested that the amount be placed in the name of the S.W., the W.M. of the Lodge being already a V.P. of the Institution. Mr. William Margrett, 54 Broad-street, Hereford, jeweller, was proposed as an initiate by Bro. E. Margrett P.M., and seconded by Bro. Ravenscroft I.G. The Secretary announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks will be held in Reading, on Monday, 19th of June next. The labours of the evening being ended, Lodge was closed, and adjourned to the the ensuing month.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at the Swan Tavern, Bethnal-green-road, Shoreditch, on Thursday evening. The ceremonies of consecration and installation were rehearsed by Bro. James Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, P.M. 228, P.P.J.W. Herts, Prov. S.G. Warden Norths and Hunts.

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There was a very large attendance of Craftsmen. The work was performed in Bro. Terry's most capable way, and the brethren expressed their satisfaction at the instruction they had received. Bro. James Pinder P.M. 15 was the candidate for the Master's chair, and he fully explained the duties and responsibilities of the Officers he appointed. These were Bros. Pearcy S.W., Moss J.W., Serjeant Senior Deacon, Gieseke J.D., Horley I.G., Clark Immediate Past Master, Free Secretary, Gieseke Treasurer, Ford I.G. Bro. Terry then gave the addresses, and the proceedings closed after the usual compliments had been paid the acting Officer for his attendance. Refreshment followed labour, and in the course of the remarks that were elicited over the toasts Bro. Terry stated that the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, was the first one he consecrated. Since then he had been nominated by the three Grand Masters under whose rule he had served to consecrate no less than 118 Lodges. It was further stated that the Charitable Association in connection with the Lodge of Instruction was doing good work, and great credit was awarded to Bro. D. Moss, its moving spirit. A universal feeling of regret was given utterance to at the enforced absence, through illness, of Bro. Fenner the Preceptor, and Bro. Free the Secretary was entrusted to convey the sentiments of the brethren, and to express a hope for Bro. Fenner's speedy recovery. Bro. Gray must be complimented on the arrangements he made for his guests; at the same time the lack of sufficient ventilation in the crowded room was to be deplored. We think this, on future occasions, may easily be rectified.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, York.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, 8th instant, when, in the absence of the W.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., who was supported by Bros. J. S. Cumberland P.M., G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, J. S. Rymer W.M. 236, J. Kay S.W., M. Millington J.W., T. Humphries Assistant Secretary, and a number of Officers and brethren, together with several visitors from the York Lodge, Bro. Davis, of the Sligo Lodge, and others. A successful ballot was taken for a candidate, and also for Bro. F. Slinger, 1626, as a joining member. Bro. S. J. Dalton was passed to the degree of F.C., after which Bro. J. Horner was raised to the degree of Master Mason. Bro. Whytehead then presented to the Lodge, on behalf of Bro. W. J. Hughan, a copy of the "Directory of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall for 1882," and, on behalf of Bro. R. F. Bower, of Keokuk, Iowa, the world-renowned Masonic collector, a beautiful medal lately struck and dedicated to all Masonic bibliographers. Brother Whytehead also presented a copy of the "History and Description of King's College Chapel, Cambridge," by Henry Malden (1769), in which occur some interesting allusions to Freemasonry, and copies of the "Transactions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania for 1881." The Secretary read a letter from G. F. Marwood, of Busby Hall, thanking the Lodge for a letter of sympathy which had been forwarded to him on the occasion of the death of his late father, Bro. George Marwood P.D.P.G.M. A letter from the Grand Secretary was also read, containing a decision of the Grand Registrar relative to the postponement of Lodge meetings when the stated gatherings fall upon public holidays. These were ordered to be placed upon the minutes. A telegram was read from the W.M., who was absent in Aberdeen, conveying hearty good wishes to the Lodge; and in a similar message was also read in a letter from Brother A. M. Broadley, at Tunis. The acting W.M. also read a letter from Brother A. G. Goodall, of New York, who is the representative of the Grand Lodge of England near the Grand Lodge of New York, reporting the arrival in that city of Bro. Girling, of the Eboracum Lodge, who had taken letters of introduction to the United States, expressing his pleasure at receiving any members of 1611, and intimating a hope that he should be able to visit York ere long. Lodge having been closed, the members met at refreshment, and a social evening was passed. In responding to the toast of the Earl of Zetland and Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.P.G. Warden, gave a good report of the progress he had been able to make with the Earl's list for the Girls' Festival on Wednesday. It already amounted to a handsome sum, and he hoped still to have additions to it. The Hull Lodges had made most handsome votes, and North and East Yorkshire would, he hoped, be well represented.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 11th inst. Present—Bros. A. Jones W.M., J. Cunningham S.W., H. Hewlings J.W., C. Bellerby S.D., C. Andrews P.M. J.D., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, J. Wells Secretary; Bros. Taylor, T. A. Smith, Porter, and Clarke. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Taylor candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. T. A. Smith candidate. Bro. Taylor, of Lodge 645, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Cunningham was appointed W.M. for the next meeting, and Lodge was closed in due form.

Southgate Lodge, No. 1950.—This new Lodge held its second regular meeting on Thursday, the 4th March. When Lodge was opened, which was not done till considerably after the time fixed, Bros. Phipos and Cleveley proved themselves efficient Entered Apprentices, and were entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and Bros. Cleveley and Phipos were passed to the degree of F.C. Bros. Ward, Dixon, and Clarke answered the questions, and Bros. Ward and Clarke were raised to the degree of M.M. The Lodge having been resumed to the first degree, Mr. Curtis, who had been already proposed by the S.D. Bro. Woodman, and seconded by the Secretary Bro. Trewinnard P.M. 1693, was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Bro. Prout, who was initiated at the previous meeting, not being able to be present at the opening of the Lodge, now came forward, and after being questioned was passed. Routine work followed, and the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned until the first Thursday in June. Some four or five visitors were present, amongst whom we noticed Bro. Eusile P.P.G.P. Herts, and Bro. Clemmers of the Harrow, who was kind enough to assist the W.M., acting as J.D. We congratulate this new Lodge on having so efficient a W.M. as Bro. Forge, who does his work thoroughly. The brethren sat down to a well-served supper, placed on the table by mine host, Bro. J. Ward. A Lodge of Instruction has already been established, and the brethren meet in good numbers every Thursday, at 7.30, Bro. P.M. Sadler being the Preceptor.

Bro. J. Driscoll P.M. No. 30 will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754, at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, on Thursday next, the 18th inst. The members of the Masonic Charitable Association in connection with the above Lodge will dine together, at Bro. Oddy's, Seven Sisters Hotel, on Wednesday, the 17th instant. An agreeable meeting is anticipated. On this occasion a presentation will be made to Bro. Garrod for his services in connection with the Second Tottenham and Edmonton Masonic Charitable Association. We also have pleasure in stating that three Life Governorships in the new Charitable Association (recently formed under the presidency of Bro. Maller P.M.) will be appropriated on the same evening.

Politics have no part in the programme of a Masonic journal; but this cannot be regarded as an obstacle to our obvious duty under the circumstances, which is to express our utter abhorrence of the atrocious crime committed on Saturday last in the capital of Ireland. Lord Frederick Cavendish, who had landed only a few hours previously in Dublin, and had been sworn into office as Chief Secretary to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, and who, moreover, is brother to our respected brother the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire, was murderously done to death in open day, and in close proximity to people who were leisurely enjoying themselves in the Phœnix Park. The Under Secretary, Mr. Burke, was slaughtered in like manner, and the bodies of the two deceased gentlemen were found lifeless and weltering in their blood within a few minutes after they had been seen walking and talking together on the most intimate terms of friendship. The horror this foul deed has excited throughout the length and breadth of Her Majesty's dominions, and in every foreign state, is beyond description. With the political business which has led to this terrible murder we have nothing to do, beyond expressing, in no uncertain tone, our belief that a cause which is attempted to be helped forward by such means must be utterly unworthy. We also feel ourselves justified, and, indeed, more than justified, in offering to the family, friends, and colleagues of the deceased Lord F. Cavendish, and his coadjutor, Mr. Burke, our sincere expression of sympathy at the terrible calamity which has thus plunged them into the deepest grief. May the G.A.O.T.U. give them strength to bear up in the midst and under the load of their present grief.

REVIEWS.

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A History of Freemasonry in Oxfordshire. Compiled by E. L. Hawkins, M.A., P. Prov. Grand Registrar Oxon, W.M. 357, and 478, 33°, P. Prov. Grand Mark Sword Bearer Berks and Oxon, K.T., K.M. Published under the especial sanction of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges of the Province of Oxfordshire. Oxford: W. R. Bowden, 59 High-street. 1882.

Bro. Hawkins is to be congratulated on the exceedingly able and lucid manner in which he has dealt with the subject of Freemasonry in Oxfordshire. He has evidently made his task a labour of love, and though the result of his labours is compressed within narrow limits, he has succeeded in bringing together materials which form a complete sketch of the rise and progress of our Craft in this Province. Part I., though it occupies no more than thirteen pages, throws much light on the different Lodges which, at different times, have been established in the county, but are no longer in existence, though it is certain they have not passed away without having made their mark. Of these extinct Lodges there is no doubt that the "Lodge of Alfred," the predecessor of the present "Apollo University," and the "Constitution," which may be said to stand in a similar relation to the present "Alfred" were the most important. They were not the earliest, for there was a Lodge, No. 58, which was warranted on 8th August 1729, and met at the Crown, Corn Market, Oxford. It does not figure in the List for 1740, and no records have been handed down to us. There was also a Lodge No. 181, which was warranted 31st March 1740, and held its meetings at the White Lion,

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Banbury; but this was erased from the roll of Grand Lodge "Moderns" on 27th January 1768, and no records remain. On 22nd December 1769, the Lodge of Alfred, in the University of Oxford, No. 455, was warranted, and the last entry in the Minute-book bears date 2nd April 1783, after which it appears to have collapsed. The complete minute books of this Lodge appear to belong the Apollo University Lodge, and from them we gather that Bros. Hercules Durham, Rev. Robert Markham, D.D., and Rev. Jas. Wood, M.A., were the first W. Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden respectively. It met, in the first instance, at the King's Head, Cornmarket, and towards the end of 1771 removed to the New Inn, Fish-street. In 1772 a medal was approved of, and it was ordered that forty of these should be struck off for the use of the Lodge. Only one known impression of this remains, and that was purchased by the Apollo University Lodge in 1881. The Lodge appears to have taken a prominent part in raising the Grand Lodge Hall in Great Queen-street, the brethren being present on the occasion in academic costume, and an ode, composed by one of its members, being sung. In this Lodge as many as 103 brethren were initiated, and 32 joined its ranks from other parts.

The Constitution Lodge, No. 396, was warranted 17th March 1770, and continued to meet up to 1st August 1788, when the minutes and the Lodge "may be presumed to have collapsed." In it were initiated thirty-three brethren, and there were five joining members.

There were, in addition to these, the following Lodges warranted by the "Ancients," and of these only one survived the Union of 1813, having, however, since succumbed. These were No. 132, at the Ram, Chipping Norton, warranted 5th June 1771; No. 180, the Starr Cross Inn Lodge, Oxford, warranted 26th February 1773, and re-warranted 2nd April 1792; No. 185, Crown, Bicester, warranted 5th March 1774, became No. 224 at the Union, but was erased before 1832; the Duke of Atholl's Arms, No. 214, warranted 13th October 1781, but not on the Union list; and No. 660, meeting at the Cock Inn, Banbury, which was warranted in 1815, and erased from the roll of Grand Lodge on the 5th March 1858. Thus nine Lodges have at different times been established in Oxfordshire, which have doubtless done good service on behalf of the Craft, but which are now no longer in existence.

The rest of Bro. Hawkins's sketch treats of Masonry as it exists, not only Craft, but Arch and Mark Masonry, and the High Degrees. The record is one of which Oxfordshire has every reason to be proud, especially as it is supplemented by particulars respecting the good things done by the Province in aid of our Charitable Institutions. In fine, the work has been most carefully compiled, and Bro. Hawkins may congratulate himself on having had the services of so able a typographer and publisher to reproduce his brief, but valuable, contribution to Masonic history.

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At a Special Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of the Mark Master Masons of North Wales, held on the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Llandudno, Bro. Capt. C. Hunter P.D.G.M. Aberdeenshire East (Craft) presiding, the following resolutions were passed. On the motion of the W. the P.D.G.M:—"That an address be respectfully presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen by this Provincial Grand Lodge, which shall express the horror and indignation of all Mark Masons under Grand Lodge at the atrocious attempt on the life of Her Majesty, and their sense of deep and lasting gratitude at Her Majesty's happy escape under Divine Providence." On the motion of Bro. T. C. Boden P.P.S.G.W. P.J.G.D. Eng. P.G. Sec., "That the condolence of this Provincial Grand Lodge be tendered to the family of our lamented Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., R.W.P.G.M.M.M., on their afflicting bereavement."

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By Bro. C. E. Atkinson, for Religious Knowledge:—Charlotte Coleman; Calasthenics and Deportment, Florence Rose Sargant.

From the Science and Art Department, South Kensington, for Drawing:—Freehand—Grade I., Effie Rose Bellamy, Charlotte Amelia Fellows, Ada Hodgson, Edith Mabel Lewis, and Elizabeth Trumble. Geometry—Grade I., Ellen Sophia Christie, Beatrice Helena Fudge, Eleanor Peele, Ada B. Tanare, Mona B. Hennett. Grade II., Perspective, Eliza Edith Daly; Freehand, Colina Sharp.

THE FESTIVAL.

THE Ninety-fourth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, under the presidency of the Duke of Connaught. His Royal Highness was well supported, while as to the financial success of the gathering, what we remark elsewhere will show that this was of the most satisfactory description. When the cloth was removed, the customary list of toasts was given from the chair, and in respect of the first of them it became the pleasant duty of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught to announce that Her Majesty the Queen had graciously authorised him to state that henceforth she would be known as the Chief Patroness of the Institution, an announcement which, it is needless to say, was received with the heartiest applause. Due honour having been paid to the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, and to the Earls of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master and Lathom Deputy Grand Master, in conjunction with the rest of the Grand Officers past and present, Lord Leigh Prov. Grand Master of Warwickshire proposed the health of the Royal Chairman, and this having been right loyally acknowledged, His Royal Highness gave the toast of "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," associating with it the name of Col. Creaton G. Treasurer, and Treasurer of the School. Col. Creaton having briefly acknowledged the compliment, Bro. Hedges Secretary R.M.I G. read the list of contributions, amounting to £13,232, a result which was hailed by all present with loud expressions of satisfaction. To the toast of the "Other Masonic Charities," which was submitted by Lord Suffield Provincial Grand Master Norfolk, Bro. Binckes Secretary R.M.I.B., in his usual hearty manner, replied; Bro. Terry Secretary R.M.B.I. following, and in the course of his remarks suggesting that, as His Royal Highness the Chairman had already taken the chair at a Girls' School Festival and a Boys' School Festival, it would be deemed an honour if he would complete the full round, by presiding at some future Festival of the Institution with which he was officially connected. The toast of the Stewards of the Institution was proposed by General Brownrigg Prov. G. Master Surrey, and responded to by their President, Lord Leigh, a similar compliment being paid to "The Ladies" by Sir J. Monckton, and very gracefully acknowledged by Brother F. Richardson. An excellent concert brought the proceedings to a close.

A Concert was given at the Athenæum, Highbury New Park, on Tuesday, the proceeds of which were devoted to the benefit of Mrs. Wooldridge. It was a great success, as may well be gathered from the fact that Madame Ernst, Miss Jeanie Rosse, Bro. Henry Guy, and Bro. Thurley Beale were the solo vocalists; that Bro. F. H. Cowen's cantata, "The Rose Maiden," constituted Part I. of the programme; and further, that in Part II. Madame Enriquez and Mr. W. G. Forington played an important part. There was a numerous and appreciative audience, and we are inclined to suppose that Mrs. Wooldridge will have derived great benefit from the Concert. The cantata went extremely well, while in Part II. admirable effect was given by Madame Enriquez to Pinsuti's "Heaven and Earth," to Buononcini's "Love leads to Battle," by Mr. Forington; to Lucantoni's duet, "Una Notte a Venezia," by Madame Ernst and Bro. Henry Guy; and to Bro. Thurley Beale's rendering of Hatton's song, "To Althea." Miss Jeanie Rosse likewise sang with much expression Bro. O. Barri's "The Child and the Flowers." Be it added that the final Concert of the Season will be given on Tuesday, the 23rd instant, when Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" will form part of the programme.

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ROYAL ARCH.

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PANMURE CHAPTER, No. 720.

THE Annual Convocation was held on Monday, when the Principals for the ensuing twelve months were installed. The Companions met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, where the Chapter was opened by the Principals and Past Principals; Comps. R. N. Field Z., R. H. Harvey P.Z. as H., B. R. Bryant J., Henry Smith P.Z. Treasurer, James Stevens P.Z. S.E., J. S. Terry P.J. S.N., J. W. Watts and H. Baldwin Assistants, G. Harrison Janitor. The minutes of last convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Henry Charles Jefferys, Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, who was proposed as a candidate for exaltation by the M.E.Z., and seconded by E. Comp. Henry Smith P.Z. The result was in favour of Bro. Jefferys, who was introduced and exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The ceremony throughout was most carefully performed; Comp. James Stevens undertook the duties of Principal Sojourner. The lectures were given by the three Principals most impressively, each vieing with the other to create an impression on the candidate. Comp. F. H. Clemow, of Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, was elected a joining member of this Chapter. The Auditors' report was submitted; it showed the financial condition of the Chapter was satisfactory, and that a small balance remained in the hands of the Treasurer. Comp. Samuel Poynter, the M.E.Z. elect, whose state of health rendered it imperative that he should not undergo the fatigue consequent upon the fulfilment of the heavy duties of the day, and whose post hitherto had been ably carried out by Comp. P.Z. Harvey, now entered the Chapter. Companion Poynter stated, in order that the business might proceed with regularity he—much against the advice of his medical attendant—had ventured among them. He detailed the circumstances of his illness, and hoped the Companions would excuse him from making a long stay with them on this occasion. He should have much enjoyed stopping to the banquet, but he felt it would be unwise for him to think of doing so. He assured the Companions that during the period he should have to preside over the Chapter he would do all he could to sustain its prestige, and hoped he might meet the members at their next Convocation, thoroughly restored to health. He much appreciated the honour they had done him in electing him to the highest office in the Chapter, and once again assured them he would strive to do his duty. Comp. James Stevens then took the post of Installing Principal, and with a due observance of customary formalities, the Principals were placed into their respective chairs. The Officers were next invested, the following being a list of those who will conduct the Chapter during the ensuing year:—Comps. Samuel Poynter Z., B. R. Bryant H., J. S. Terry J., Henry Smith P.Z. Treasurer, James Stevens P.Z. Scribe E., T. S. Watts S.N., H. Baldwin P.S., Wilkins 1st A.S., G. T. Thornes 2nd A.S., Harvey P.Z. M. of C., Taylor W.S., G. Harrison Janitor. After several communications had been read, and routine work transacted, Chapter was closed. Amongst those who were present we may mention Comps. M. Larkham P.Z., F. H. Clemow, T. S. Watts, George Wales, Robert E. H. Goffin, H. E. Joyce, W. Permewan, W. W. Morgan, &c. A capital banquet was supplied by Comp. King, who personally superintended, and on the removal of the cloth Comp. Field I.P.Z., who presided, in brief, but fitting terms introduced the toasts customary on such occasions. Comp. Stevens, on behalf of the members, presented the I.P.Z. with the jewel of the Chapter, which compliment was gracefully acknowledged by the recipient. The jewel, which was much admired, bore the following inscription:—

Panmure Chapter, No. 720.
Presented to
Comp. R. N. FIELD P.Z.
for his valuable and efficient services as M.E.Z. 1881-2.

The proceedings throughout were interspersed with songs and recitations; altogether the evening passed over agreeably, Comp. Henry Smith exerting himself most successfully to make the Visitors comfortable, and his efforts were thoroughly appreciated and acknowledged by that body.

A Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Surrey will be held this day (Saturday), at 12·30, at the Greyhound Hotel, High Street, Croydon. The M.E. Comp. General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Grand Superintendent, will preside.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE installation of Bro. Thomas Sherlock Graham as Right Worshipful District Grand Master of Otago and Southland took place on Thursday, 2nd March, in the Temperance Hall Moray-place, Dunedin, in the presence of one of the largest assemblages of the Craft yet witnessed here. Several years have elapsed since the last installation of so important an Officer as the District Grand Master—a functionary possessing in his jurisdiction powers only secondary to those of the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; and therefore the ceremony of Thursday may justly be considered worthy of being marked with a red letter in the annals of the district of Otago and Southland. The preparations made by the Board of General Purposes for the event were most complete, every part of the ceremonial being carried out with the utmost precision by the Officers entrusted with the details. The last event of the kind in connection with English Craft Masonry took place in the old Masonic Hall, in Manse-street, on 11th August 1864, when the late and lamented R.W. Bro. John Lazar installed Bro. John Hyde Harris, and invested the Officers of the then Provincial Grand Lodge, with great *eclat*. But the ceremony of Thursday was of a still more brilliant character, and was witnessed by representatives of every Craft Lodge in the District, who attended to pay homage to their new ruler. The proceedings commenced at 5.30 p.m., when the brethren who had assembled in the Masonic Hall marched in procession to the adjoining building, the upper hall of which had been specially fitted up for the occasion, and the W.M. of the Lodge of Otago proceeded to open the Lodge. This being done, the District Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland, E.C., was announced, and received with appropriate honours. Bro. H. S. Fisk D.D.G.M. then opened the Lodge in due form, and the D.G. Secretary Bro. S. James proceeded to call the roll of Lodges, those represented being—Otago, Dunedin, Port Chalmers Marine, Lake Lodge of Ophir, Southern Cross, Waitaki, St. George, Palmerston and Hercules. The Lodges of sister Constitutions present were—Kilwinning, Otago; St. Andrew, Clutha; Celtic, Oamaru Kilwinning; St. John's, Invercargill; Cargill, Kilwinning; St. John's, N.E. Valley, Scotch Constitution; and St. Patrick, Irish Constitution. The visiting District and Provincial Grand Lodges were afterwards announced and received, the Grand Officers being conducted to seats on the dais. At this time the hall presented a most brilliant appearance, the pale blue and silver clothing of the English Masons contrasting with the varied colours worn by their Scottish brethren, having a good effect; added to these, the rich clothing worn by the Grand Officers of the different Constitutions rendered it a scene difficult to depict. The dais was occupied by the following exalted brethren:—G. W. Harvey, V. Pyke, J. Gore, L. Court and J. Mills, together with a large number of past and present Grand Officers of both Scotch and English Constitutions; while in the body of the hall, on either side, were ranged in their order of precedence the various Craft Lodges, special seats being reserved for the Board of Grand Stewards and the Masters and Past Masters of Lodges. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. Riedel W.M. of the Lodge of Dunedin and District Grand Organist, who was ably assisted by Bros. Marsden, Ferguson, Braid, G. Israel, A. R. Kelsey, F. Lewis, G. Pallett, M. Menderhaussen, W. Kneen, R. Greig, F. R. Smith, W. Harold, J. Horsburgh, W. Hoffland, R. Rae and Signor Riccardi. The whole of the ceremonial was carried out under the supervision of Bro. C. de Longueville Graham D.G. Director of Ceremonies, Bro. W. L. Buchanan acting as Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Bros. C. Coombs and A. George as Heralds. Bro. George P. Pierce P.G.M. New Zealand, Irish Constitution, was then announced and received, taking the chair as Installing Officer; and the approach of the new District Grand Master was announced by sound of trumpet, in answer to which Bro. C. D. Longueville Graham G.D.C., proceeded to bring into Grand Lodge the patent granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales appointing Bro. T. Sherlock Graham District G.M. of Otago and Southland, which he handed to the Installing Officer, who directed Bro. S. James D.G.Sec. to read it. The patent having been read, a deputation, composed of six Past Masters, with the Board of Grand Stewards, the Grand Sword Bearer, Bro. H. F. Dench and the G. Director of Ceremonies, with his Assistant, waited on the District Grand Master, preceding and attending him into the Grand Lodge, the organ playing an appropriate march, and the choir chanting the anthem, "Incline thine ear." Bro. Pierce then addressed the D.G. Master, and Rev. Bro. Lichtenstein District Grand Chaplain offered a prayer appropriate to the occasion, the choir chanting the responses. After being obligated and invested, the District Grand Master was placed on the throne, and, preceded by his Heralds, the District Grand Director of Ceremonies thrice proclaimed that Bro. Thomas Sherlock Graham had been duly installed as District Grand Master Mason of Otago and Southland. Prior to each proclamation the Heralds made a flourish of trumpets. The brethren then paid the customary homage to the District Grand Master, and the choir chanted the ode "Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom." Bro. E. Nathan was then presented, and duly invested as Deputy District Grand Master, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, again attended by the Heralds, proclaiming that Brother as Deputy Grand Master with similar honours; and the choir chanted "I will lift up mine eyes." The Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year was then elected, the choice of the Grand Lodge falling on Bro. Julius Hyman P.G.S.W. P.G.T. The following Grand Officers were then presented to the D. Grand Master, who invested them as follows:—Bros. S. de Leone G.J.W., B. Lichtenstein G. Chaplain, J. Hyman G. Treasurer, J. A. D. Adams G. Registrar, S. James G. Secretary, C. de Longueville Graham G.S.D., D. Cameron G.J.D., J. Ross G.S. of W., C. Braid G.D. of C., W. L. Buchanan G.S.B., J. A. X. Reidel G. Organist, R. Bamfield G. Pursuivant, H. W. Meyer G. Tyler, W. G. Downes, O. J. Hodge, F. Lewis, Broomhall, I. R. Carter, W. G. Mackenzie Grand Stewards. The District Grand Chaplain having offered prayer, the choir chanted an anthem, and the District Grand Officers received the salute due to their rank from the brethren, led by the G.D. of Ceremonies. The District Grand Master then delivered an inaugural address to the brethren under his jurisdiction. Afterwards he received congratulations from the District and Provincial Grand Masters present, with those of the Masters of the Lodges under his rule, and from visiting Masters, to each of which he made suitable replies. The "Old Hundredth Psalm" was then rendered by the choir, and "Farewell, till again we shall welcome the time" was sung. The District Grand Lodge closed in due form.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—As the seasons change, the climatic variations warn us all to be careful. Most especially is it incumbent on the aged, prone to bronchial attacks, outward ulcerations, and similar debilitating disorders, to have them removed, or worse consequences will follow. These remedies are their sheet anchors; on their powers all may confidently rely. The Ointment not simply puts their sores out of sight, but extirpates the source of mischief, extracts the corroding poison, and stimulates nature to fill up the ulcer with sound, health granulations, that will abide through life. Under this treatment, legs soon become sound, scorbutic skins cast off their scales, and scrofulous sores cease to annoy. Such hope for the diseased was unknown in former days.

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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, 13th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
R.A.—Provincial Grand Chapter Surrey, Greyhound Hotel, High-st., Croydon

MONDAY, 15th MAY.

1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7.30. (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)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
1150—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7 30 (Inst.)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1635—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge
383—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
822—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
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.
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.
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. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 16th MAY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
85—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, Cannon-street Hotel,
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
940—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, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1430—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (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.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
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)

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
348—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemason's Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
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.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
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 MAY.

174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
131—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
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
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
325—St. John,s Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Oneashaw
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
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
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
1066—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
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 (Instruction)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

THURSDAY, 18th 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)
55—Constitution-l, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
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
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1321—Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel New Southgate, at 7 30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (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, 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
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
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)
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon

FRIDAY, 19th 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.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
113—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
115—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., 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)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)

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127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
963—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
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.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 20th MAY.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1339—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1424—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

PRINCE EDWARD OF SAXE-WEIMAR LODGE.

THE installation of the second W.M. of this Lodge (which, it will be remembered, was constituted in May of last year, under very auspicious circumstances, Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, with many other distinguished members of the Masonic body, being present), took place on Wednesday, 3rd inst., in the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth. By the unanimous vote of the brethren, Bro. T. Page, having filled the office of S.W. during the first year of the Lodge's existence, was called to the chair in succession to Bro. Commander Lord Beresford, and the newly-installed W.M. had the pleasure, on Wednesday, of receiving "hearty good wishes" from the representatives of a large number of Lodges, while the banquet which followed, for which the W.M. issued a number of invitations, was one of the most enjoyable ever held in connection with the Craft in this locality, the presence of the R.W. the Prov. G.M. (attended by his Officers), and his complimentary references to the Lodge, which has made rapid strides during its brief career, being most gratifying to the members, and particularly to those who have laboured hard to bring it to its present position. At four p.m. the Lodge was close tyled, for the purpose of proceeding with the installation of the W.M. elect, there being a large attendance of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren. The R.W. Prov. G.M. Bro. W. W. Bramston Beach, M.P., on arrival, attended by a number of Provincial Officers, past and present, was received with the usual honours. A satisfactory balance-sheet, signed by the Auditors, Bros. T. H. Casey, Col. G. Bray and G. Backler, was submitted and lucidly explained by Bro. Casey, public accountant, who paid a high compliment to Bro. H. Threadingham, Treasurer of the Lodge, for the efficient and satisfactory manner in which he had kept the accounts. A pleasant feature in the proceedings was the receipt of a telegram, by Bro. A. L. Emanuel Secretary, from Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, the first Master of the Lodge, conveying hearty congratulations to his successor, and many happy returns of that auspicious occasion. A handsome picture of the Officers of the Lodge was presented by Bro. H. W Townsend I.P.M. and acting Master during Lord Charles Beresford's absence from England, on behalf of his Lordship, to the Lodge. The W.M. was installed by Bro. Townsend, the ceremony being performed with marked ability, fully meriting the hearty recognition of the I.P.M.'s services accorded by the Lodge, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by P.M. Johns. The members also gladly recognised Bro. Townsend's services to the Lodge since its constitution by adopting, *una voce*, the motion submitted by Bro. A. L. Emanuel—"That a sum of ten guineas be voted from the Funds of the Lodge towards the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the votes therefrom to be in the name of Bro. Townsend P.M." It was resolved that a record of the recent visit of the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who is an honorary member of the Lodge, be entered on the minutes. The visit by the Royal head of the Craft is regarded by the members as a high honour and compliment, seeing that H.R.H., although greatly pressed for time, desired thereby to express the interest which he has, from the outset, taken in the Lodge. The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed by the W.M. as follows:—Bros. Lord Chas. Beresford I.P.M., Col. G. Bray, A.A.G., A.Q.M.G., S.W., J. Martyr J.W., Rev. P. H. Good, M.A., Chaplain, H. Threadingham Treasurer, A. L. Emanuel Secretary, Lathom Cox, Lieut. 10th Regiment, S.D., J. McLeod, Sergeant-Major R.E., J.D., G. Sylvester Organist, Major H. M. E. Brunker, D.A.A.G., D.A.Q.M.G., M. of C., J. Johns Assistant M. of C., H. Long Inner Guard, Sam Knight and G. Backler Stewards, Mansell and Carter Tylers. On the motion of Bro. Bourke P.M., seconded by Bro. Townsend P.M., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Prov. G.M. and his Officers for their attendance. The Prov. G.M., who was received with much cheering, said he thanked them heartily for the Masonic greeting which they had given him and the Provincial Grand Officers. He expressed the deep regret of the Deputy P.G.M. (Bro. W. Hickman) at his inability to attend, in consequence of important business which detained him in London. It had given him great pleasure to attend that day. He had little doubt, when the Lodge was first constituted, that it would be successful, owing to the manner in which it was supported, and the great desire which he saw on every side to promote its best interests. Now he had the pleasure of congratulating them on the success which had attended the Lodge. During the past year, he understood, no less than eleven candidates had been initiated, and the number of visiting brethren from all parts who had attended showed the interest that had been taken in the prosperity of the Lodge. He congratulated them also upon the admirable manner in which the ceremony of installation had been conducted that day by Bro. Townsend, and upon the manner in which every Officer had discharged his duty. He thought they might well augur from this that the future of the Lodge would be attended with great and signal success. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of installation an adjournment took place to the Lecture Hall of the Soldiers' Institute, where the banquet was served. The catering was entrusted to Bro. W. Mayboer, of Butcher-street, Portsea, who placed upon the table an elegant repast, the general arrangements being satisfactory, and the wines of the finest quality. The caterer was highly complimented upon the manner in which the banquet was served. The draping of the sides of the hall with coloured bunting and flags of all nations, and the decorations of the front of the galleries with shields and banners, produced a very imposing and pleasing effect, while at the rear of the W.M. was the exceedingly handsome banner of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge. The tables, adorned with plate and choice flowers, presented a very pretty appearance. The end gallery was occupied by the full band of the Gordon Highlanders, the side galleries being reserved for members of the fair sex, who were liberally supplied with light refreshments by the W.M., who was supported by the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Officers, Bro. Colonel Bray and Bro. Martyr, by virtue of their offices as Senior and Junior Wardens, occupying the posts of vice chairmen. The company included some members of the Craft who were not able to attend the Lodge. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M., in appropriate terms, gave the Queen and the Craft. He next proposed the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., K.T., &c., alluding to the honour which His Royal Highness had conferred upon the Lodge by his recent visit. Captain Haldane gave the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom D.P.G.M., and the Officers of Grand Lodge, remarking that wherever the names of those distinguished brethren appeared in connection with Freemasonry, there they might be sure the Craft would be in the ascendant. Brother H. W. Townsend, in proposing the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., referred to the valuable and ready assistance given by the P.G.M. to any Lodge in his Province, and said that the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, as a new Lodge, had much cause to be thankful for the manner in which he had acted towards it. The Prov. G.M., who was received with much enthusiasm, responded. It gave him, he said, the utmost pleasure to attend the ceremony at that the first anniversary of the Lodge, and he thought, from the success which had attended it hitherto, there was every reason to anticipate that ere long it would become one of the most thriving Lodges in the Province. He trusted that that would not be the last occasion on which he should have the pleasure of being present. It was a subject of inquiry to some in the present day how it was that while, in the history of the world, so many societies had sprung into existence and passed away, Freemasonry had continued to flourish, and had successfully resisted the destroying hand of time. Many of these societies, as they knew, had been secret ones. Some of them had been called into existence for benevolent purposes, and some had been started against Sovereigns and against the peace and order of society. One reason why Freemasonry had continued to flourish was because it could boast that loyalty to the Sovereign and reverence for the existing Institutions were its distinguishing features. Attempts had been made in many parts of the world to misrepresent Freemasonry, by charging it with nefarious projects against society in general, and especially against those who were placed at the head of society. But all attempts had signally failed, and if there was one fact more than another calculated to refute the accusations of which he had spoken, it was that the Heir to the Throne of England had placed himself at the head of their Institution. Without entering into the principles upon which Freemasonry was founded, he might simply say that those principles had been fully kept in view from the earliest years up to the present time, and he sincerely trusted that they would be maintained so long as the world existed. Those principles were such as could not fail to prove beneficial to society at large, seeing that charity and good fellowship were the groundwork of everything connected with the Institution. It was a matter of pride as well as of pleasure to him to be charged with administering the affairs of Freemasons in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and so long as he had held that position, he had striven so to discharge the duties imposed upon him as to satisfy his conscience and to afford satisfaction to the brethren generally. Of course, he could do but little without the cordial co-operation and assistance of his Officers and the brethren of the various Lodges. But so long as he was fortunate enough to secure that co-operation and assistance he would continue to do his utmost to promote the cause of Freemasonry in the Province. Bro. G. L. Green, in proposing the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Bro. W. Hickman, and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, congratulated the W.M. (Bro. Page) upon his bold initiative in reference to the admission of ladies, which had enabled them to listen to an eloquent exposition by the P.G.M. of the principles of Freemasonry—Loyalty to the Throne, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth—which must, he submitted, be at the foundation of all well-constituted societies. After referring to the respect in which Bro. Hickman was held in Southampton, he said the P.G.M. was fortunate in having so able and efficient a Deputy, and he expressed the opinion that the P.G.M., by his devotion to the cause of Freemasonry, had a claim to the loyal and hearty support of the Craft. Bro. Dr. Jacob O'Connor made a suitable response. Bro. H. W. Townsend, in introducing the W.M., said it had been his privilege to instal into the chair of K.S. one of the oldest and best friends he had in the borough. To know Bro. Page was to respect and love him. He (Bro. Page) enjoyed the proud position of having been selected to fill the high office of W.M. by the unanimous vote of the brethren, and he was sure that his selection augured well for the future success of the Lodge. During the past twelve months Bro. Page had carried out the duties of S.W.

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very successfully, and to the complete satisfaction of the whole of the members, and he felt sure that when the time came for him to vacate the chair he would leave behind him reminiscences that would serve for pleasant contemplation for many years to come. The toast having been drunk, amidst enthusiastic expressions of fraternal regard, Bro. Page, who was warmly cheered on rising to respond, said he accepted the position with mixed feelings of pleasure and fear—with pleasure at having been unanimously selected by the brethren for elevation to so proud a position in such an important Lodge as that, and with fear, lest he should fail to discharge the duties of the office so perfectly as they ought to be discharged. He was fully alive to the great responsibilities which the acceptance of the position cast upon him, and he should endeavour to fulfil them as well as they had been in the past year by Bro. Townsend. At any rate, he should strive hard so to carry on the Lodge that at the end of his tenure of office the brethren would have no cause to regret having placed him at their head, and be trusted that he should leave the chair as pure and unsullied as when he was appointed to it. Lord Charles Beresford had written to him, on the 23rd of April, expressing great regret at being unable to be present, and his best wishes for the success of that gathering. The Prov. G.M., in giving the Installing Master, paid Bro. Townsend a high compliment for the manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. during the past year, in the unavoidable absence of Lord Charles Beresford, and for the marked ability with which he had conducted the installation. Bro. Townsend, who was warmly greeted, responded, expressing his belief that there was a very prosperous future before the Lodge, of which he was the founder, and, as a mark of its success, he stated that although the fee was rather high, there had been eleven initiations during the last year. He should gladly render Bro. Page all the assistance in his power during his year of office. Bro. A. L. Emanuel proposed the W.M.'s of neighbouring Lodges, inviting them and the brethren of other Lodges to visit the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge. Bro. Captain St. Clair W.M. of the Phœnix (the senior) Lodge, No. 257, responded, making some happy allusions to the benefits conferred by Freemasonry. Bro. Col. Hay, in eulogistic terms, proposed the Immediate Past Master (Lord Charles Beresford), and Bro. Townsend replied. The Visitors was given by Bro. W. Royston Pike, and a few other toasts followed, the proceedings being interspersed with songs by Bros. Sylvester, R. W. Beale, P. H. Emanuel, and others, and by recitations by Bro. Moody, of London. —*Portsmouth Times.*

UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

THE annual Festival of the above Lodge was held at Colchester, on Wednesday, 3rd May, and additional interest was given to the proceedings from the fact that it was the "silver" anniversary—the Lodge having been constituted in March 1857. Lodge was opened on Wednesday, at two o'clock, and the outgoing Master, Bro. A. Gosling, having given proof of his proficiency by initiating a candidate, Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. 697 P.P.G.C. proceeded to instal the W.M. elect Bro. T. G. Mills, and performed the ceremony in a manner that elicited the warm plaudits of the brethren assembled. At its close, a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Crate was heartily passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Officers for the year were invested as follows:—Bros. Alfred Gosling I.P.M., G. A. Eustace Senior Warden, C. D. Marshall Junior Warden, Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Thomas Eustace P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, Thomas Rix P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Secretary, Robert Smith S.D., Samuel H. Ellis J.D., R. Clowes M.C., J. B. Lugar Organist, A. S. B. Sparling I.G., S. Munson Tyler, J. T. Bailey, D. Page, J. Allisten, A. L. Langford Stewards. Before Lodge was closed, Bro. Col. H. Somerville-Burney P.M. 697 P.G.D., who was one of the Founders of the Lodge, congratulated the brethren upon the auspicious occasion they celebrated that day, viz., the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Lodge. He had, the day previous, examined the records of 697 at the Grand Secretary's office, and found that since its foundation there had been 270 initiations and 114 joining members; and as no less than 140 of those who had been shown the light of Masonry in that Lodge were military brethren, and who had consequently carried the tenets of the Order to all parts of the world, he thought they might fairly say, there were few Lodges that had done so much for the spread of the Order. It gave him extreme pleasure to be present that day, and to see that the Lodge was in so flourishing a condition; he trusted that it would continue to prosper. Col. Burney concluded by stating that he had seen the R.W. P.G.M. Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., a few days before, and his Lordship had desired him to say how much he regretted his inability to be present, and sent his hearty greetings to the brethren. Between fifty and sixty brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, a most *récherché* banquet being served *à la Russe* by the hostess, Mrs. Guiver. In the course of the evening the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M., in responding for his health, expressed the gratification he felt at being called upon to preside over the Lodge at such an interesting period of its history. He read a letter he had received that evening from Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., the D.P.G.M., to the effect that he very much regretted he had been compelled to forego the pleasure of being present on this occasion, but that he hoped to visit the Lodge during the summer. During the evening, Bros. Osmond, Turner, Sowman, Clowes, Sparling, F. Wiseman and Snelgar added greatly to the pleasure of the brethren by their vocal renderings; and altogether the gathering was one of the most successful remembered by any member of the Lodge.

Brother James Stevens will deliver his Lecture Explanatory of the Rituals of the Ceremonies of the First Degree, at the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury-square, Islington, N., on Monday evening, 22nd May 1882. Bro. R. P. Forgy W.M. 1950 will occupy the chair. The Lodge will be opened at 7.45 p.m. prompt.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1728, BOLTON.

THE Annual Meeting and Festival was celebrated on Wednesday, the 26th April, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at four o'clock in the afternoon, the Lodge room being beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the handsome Lodge banner, with that of the mother Lodge 221, the banner of the arms of Grand Lodge, and twenty-two private banners of the members, being displayed in a most tasteful manner. Lodge was opened promptly by the Worshipful Master Bro. William Blain, assisted by his Officers, and supported by a full assemblage of brethren, including Bros. Court S.W., Robert Latham J.W., George Ferguson P.M. Treasurer, N. Nicholson Secretary, John Barrett S.D., E. G. Harwood J.D., J. W. Taylor P.Prov.G.O. M. of C., A. Cosgrave I.G., Tong and Bardsley Stewards; Heywood, J. H. Greenhalgh and Brookbank P.M.'s of the Lodge; P.M.'s J. M. Rutter, H. Stead, J. W. Richardson. Visitors—Bros. Duxbury S.W. 170, J. Boothroyd W.M. 221, Dr. Hargreaves Leeds, Dr. Crompton Bury, Goulburn Preston, Chambers 221, Collins 678, Thomas Mitchell Prov. Grand Tyler. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and a Board of Installed Masters duly formed under the presidency of Bro. G. P. Brookbank P.Prov.S.G.D., to whom Bro. Court, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Nathaniel Nicholson P.M., and having been obligated according to ancient usage, the Lodge proceeded to the third degree, when Bro. Court was installed by Bro. Brookbank, and proclaimed and saluted in due form by Bro. J. W. Taylor P.Prov.G.D. M.C. Bro. Naylor having read the report of the Auditors on the Treasurer's accounts, which were very satisfactory, Bro. Ferguson P.M. was re-elected to that office. The following brethren were invested as Officers of the Lodge:—William Court W.M., William Blain I.P.M., Robert Latham S.W., John Barrett J.W., George Ferguson P.M. Treasurer, Nathaniel Nicholson P.M. Secretary, E. G. Harwood S.D., Alex. Cosgrave J.D., J. W. Taylor P. Prov. Grand Organist M.C., T. T. Holt Organist, T. B. Tong I.G., W. E. Bardsley and T. B. Durham Stewards, J. W. Roiley Tyler; Bro. J. Heywood P.M. Investing Officer. The charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren being given by Bro. Brookbank. The sum of £5 5s was voted as the first donation to the Girls' School, Bro. Taylor having agreed to serve as Steward for the present Festival. Resignations were read from three of the founders of Lodge, one having left the town, to reside at some distance, the other brother contemplated leaving the town shortly, and the third, one of the first Officers of the Lodge, which he joined in order to get it into working order, now finding it able to pursue its course unaided, closed his membership, with hearty good wishes for its continued prosperity. These were received, and a resolution expressing the regret of the Lodge was ordered to be sent to each of the brethren retiring. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren, and Lodge closed at 6 p.m. Banquet followed, and the brethren were entertained and delighted by the vocal contributions of Bros. Chambers, Goulburn, Taylor, Staton, Boothroyd, Cosgrave, and others, a most agreeable meeting being brought to a close at 11 p.m. The duties of Organist, in the enforced absence of Bro. Holt, occasioned by illness, were most ably rendered by Bro. Staton, who was warmly commended by the brethren.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Smyth W.M., Wardell S.W., Edwards J.W., Boyce S.D., Marsh J.D., Gosling I.G., F. Carr Hon. Sec., Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. A. Clark, Christian, Jones, Brasted, Holsworth, C. Lorkin, and Darnell. Lodge was opened in due form; the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Holsworth offered himself as a candidate for passing, was interrogated, entrusted, and in due course passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Christian gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Smyth worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge opened in the third degree, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. Wardell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned. The annual supper will take place on Friday, the 19th of May, at 7.30 sharp. Bro. Burleton, W.M. of the mother Lodge, will preside.

Brother Tito Mattei announces a Grand Morning Concert for Saturday, 3rd of June, at the Marlborough Rooms, W., for which occasion Madlle. Marimom, Signor Papini, and many other distinguished artists will appear. A new Waltz Galop, composed by Brother Mattei, will be played on this occasion.

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GRAND LODGE JURISDICTION AND NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE *Canadian Craftsman* writes somewhat angrily respecting our recent article on the New South Wales question, and we confess we are unable to congratulate it either on its logic or the tone in which it writes. We stated clearly and emphatically, and, we believe, to the satisfaction of all who understand the question, that the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, have concurrent jurisdiction in the colonies and dependencies of the Crown, the exceptions, of course, being understood to be those colonies and dependencies which have independent Masonic jurisdictions of their own, as in the case of Canada, Quebec, British Columbia, and the like. We do not know, nor do we care, who will trouble themselves to controvert this statement, for it is not a statement of opinion, but a statement of fact, which is often exactly the reverse. All the Masonic world knows that from time to time the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland accede to the petitions submitted to them severally for the grant of warrants for new Lodges, and all that portion of the Masonic world which retains a modicum of common sense must be perfectly well aware that, where the petitions are granted, the Lodges which result therefrom must necessarily hold under the several jurisdictions which organise them. This appears to us to be so clear a proposition, that we feel almost ashamed of having laid any sort or kind of stress upon it.

It is in this wise that the District and Provincial Grand Lodges established by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland have come into being, and considering the fact, that the Lodges on the roll of these District and Provincial Grand Lodges have sought, and obtained the warrants of the several constitutions from the said three Grand Lodges, it seems to us, to put the case in the mildest possible form, a little out of place to demand of the latter that they should summarily forego their rights at the demand of certain Colonial brethren, merely because a small, and we cannot refrain from saying, a comparatively insignificant section of the latter are desirous of establishing themselves as an independent and sovereign body. Surely those who claim for themselves freedom of action in a matter of this kind will accord to others the same freedom. If A and twenty other brethren say they wish to be independent, they cannot, in conscience, deny to B and a hundred other brethren the opposite right. We look upon it as a matter of common sense that if a half score Lodges resolve among themselves that they will establish a Grand Lodge of their own, the formidable majority which yet remains, and musters some seventy Lodges has, at least, some voice in the matter. All of them derived their origin from the same sovereign bodies. All of them, for a number of years more or less considerable, have worked contentedly under the respective jurisdictions of the same bodies; and, consequently, all have an equal voice in the important question whether or not a change of jurisdiction shall be made.

The *Canadian Craftsman* is pleased to allow, "for the sake of argument," but not on the grounds we have stated, "that the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland exercise concurrent Masonic jurisdiction over the British Colonies," but when a "Grand Lodge has been legitimately formed in any one of these colonies," then "this authority therein ceases to exist, except through courtesy, as in the case of the three English Lodges now existing in Montreal, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec." Passing over, for the moment, the fact that these three Lodges exercised their undoubted right of holding aloof from the movement which led to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada over a quarter of a century since, and that the said G. Lodge of Canada acquiesced, honourably and courteously, in the resolution adopted by the said three Montreal Lodges; passing over the further important fact, that our Grand Lodge is only awaiting the adoption of a similar resolution by the Grand Lodge of Quebec in respect of the said three Lodges in order to recognise the independence of the latter Grand Body; we repeat that, passing over, momentarily, these facts, we utterly fail to see what bearing any legitimate argument, or the argument of our contemporary, has upon the case of the self-styled Grand Lodge of New South Wales. In the case of the Grand Lodge of Canada and other originally Provincial Grand Lodges which are now independent Grand Lodges, the movement in favour of independence was general; the exceptions to such movement being few in number. The newly-elected independent bodies, which thus arose, most loyally respected the right of the minority to retain their old allegiance, to England, Ireland, or Scotland as the case may have been, just on the same principle as they claimed to exercise their undoubted right to separate, if they felt so disposed. But what has this to do with the case of New South Wales, where, to put the matter in the most favourable light for the aggressive Grand Body, it only consists of about thirteen out of some eighty regularly-constituted Lodges holding under England, Ireland, and Scotland? It is news to us that a paltry minority—paltry, be it understood, in the sense of numerical inferiority—is to be at liberty to overset the wishes of a vast majority, and declare a colony unoccupied, when there were already established within its limits between four and five times as many Lodges which are desirous of retaining their allegiance as there are Lodges seeking to establish their independence.

Our contemporary complains that the District Grand Master of England and the Provincial Grand Master of Scotland for New South Wales "threatened suspension to, and did illegally suspend brethren who participated in the formation of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and thus deterred many at that time from joining in the movement, which has since accomplished so much to advance the interests of Freemasonry in that colony." But would not the Provincial authorities in question have been strangely and discreditably neglectful of the welfare of their subordinates had they not adopted such a step? It has never been shown that the great majority, or anything like even a nominal majority, of the English, Irish, and Scotch Lodges were in favour of the new movement, and until that can be done, we hold that the Provincial Grand Masters acted justly and discreetly. What would the Grand Master of Quebec say if half a score of its subordinate Lodges—to use a vulgar phrase—"set up shop" for themselves, and laughed at the Grand Lodge of Quebec for its attempted suppression of their doings? Had the close on seventy Lodges which yet retain their allegiance elected to throw it off, while the small minority which has revolted had chosen to remain, the position would have been altered, and we doubt not our Grand Lodge authorities, and those of Ireland and Scotland, would have done all in their power, in this as in former instances, to promote

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the establishment of the new Grand Lodge, subject of course to the one just and proper condition that those Lodges which elected to remain should be allowed to do so.

The manner in which our Canadian contemporary continues its criticism is, with all due deference, not very far removed from the ridiculous. "If," it says, "the 'Colonial' Masonic officials of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland in New South Wales are so confident that they have 'the ear of the Craft,' and that there is no desire on the part of their respective Lodges to unite with the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, why do they so persistently decline to have a meeting, and courteously discuss the question with a Committee from the Grand Lodge, as was some time ago suggested by the M.W. Bro. the Hon. James Squire Farwell, M.P., Grand Master of that Grand Lodge? The reason is obvious. They dare not. They hold their position now by a very uncertain tenure." Has our contemporary never heard of the historic "three tailors of Tooley-street" who proclaimed themselves to be "the people of England." If it has not, then we may regard the foregoing outburst of bravado as being innocently ridiculous; but if it has, and possesses a modicum of common sense, then it ought to be in a position to understand why it is that "the 'Colonial' Masonic officials of the Grand Lodges and England in New South Wales"—we do not know why that of the Grand Lodge of Ireland should have been ignored—are so mindful of the trust reposed in them as to prefer upholding the interests of the seventy and odd Lodges which prefer remaining true to their old allegiance instead of bowing down and worshipping the new Grand Lodge idol which thirteen malcontent Lodges have been pleased to set up—not in the interests of Freemasonry—but for the increase of their own glorification. The interests of the Craft are not advanced anywhere by dissension, or by the petty few calling upon the overwhelming many to "stand and deliver." If, as we have said before, a respectable majority—respectable, of course, in point of numbers—were desirous of setting up a Grand Lodge of their own, we do not doubt for a moment that our Grand Lodge and those of Scotland and Ireland would, as they have done before, do all in their power to help them, and would recognise the new body, as they have before now recognised other new bodies which have preferred independence to remaining in allegiance to the Grand Lodges to which they owe their Constitution.

It may well happen that some day or other New South Wales will have a Grand Lodge of its own, but to argue that thirteen Lodges have a right to dictate to and override the wishes of seventy Lodges, is, in familiar parlance, "coming it just a little too strong." Hence, it is obviously erroneous to speak of the so-called new Grand Lodge as "the supreme governing body" of the Province, and of the vast majority of Lodges which remain under the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland as being "the mere offshoots of a foreign Grand body." Whence, may we ask, did the seceding Lodges spring, but from the said Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom? They are quite as much "offshoots" as the seventy that remain, only the latter think they are more honoured by continuing their connection with the three oldest Grand Lodges in the world, from which all other Grand Lodges have derived their being, while the former think they shall fare better by having a supreme governing body of their own. Our contemporary, however, must not be so silly as to expect that England, Ireland, and Scotland will go out of their way to play the game of the seceders, or that they will be so dull to all sense of honour as to be negligent of the welfare of those Lodges which they have severally constituted in New South Wales, and which, of their own free will and pleasure, voluntarily maintain the old connection.

It is fairly open to question whether "Masonry is more prosperous in those Colonies that have independent Grand Lodges." England alone has over a hundred Lodges in the East Indies, and they are sufficiently prosperous. If our contemporary doubts this, let it turn to the pages of the "Masonic Record of Western India."

In the Province of Victoria, adjoining that of New South Wales, there are no less than seventy English Lodges, besides many that belong to the Irish and Scotch Constitutions. In our other Australian Colonies, and in New Zealand, a similarly happy state of things prevails, and nowhere do we hear a word of dissatisfaction on the score of their connection with the Grand Lodges to which they belong. This being so, it is clear that we—speaking for ourselves, whatever reasons may actuate "other parties"—are not engaged in "decrying Masonic independence and upholding Masonic subserviency—and, we would almost say, Masonic toadyism." Our contemporary may not be able to fully appreciate the meaning of the word "loyalty," but we should be unutterably disloyal if we did not support those Lodges which have sought and obtained their warrants from our three Grand Lodges and are anxious to remain as they are. If this desire of theirs is to be described as "subserviency" or "toadyism," we can only say we do not understand the meaning of those words.

We have already, in our present article, carried our critical remarks to a considerable length. What further we may have to say must, consequently, be deferred till another day. Yet we cannot close these observations without suggesting that the following passage in the article which has formed the subject of these comments is very far from being creditable either to its acumen or its theoretic love of the kindly principles of Masonry. Says the *Canadian Craftsman*:—"District Grand Masters, being merely the appointed creatures of the home authority, do not reflect the sentiment of the Craft in their respective jurisdictions, and almost invariably are biassed in their opinions by the salaried officials of those District and Provincial Grand Lodges, who know full well that their incomes will be cut off on the formation of a Sovereign Body. These are the reasons behind the throne that govern the 'reported' opinions of such appointed Officers." Could anything be in worse form than this ill-considered outburst of bad temper?

According to *Le Monde Maçonnique*, the number of Lodges holding under the independent Spanish Symbolic Grand Lodge is seventeen, namely, two in Seville, two in Madrid, two in Cadiz, six in Malaga, one in San Fernando, one in Barcelona, one in Mataro, and two in the Canaries. On the other hand, the Grand Orient of Spain, of which Bro. Romero Ortiz is the Grand Master, has, irrespective of superior bodies, no less than 172 Lodges and twenty-nine Chapters. Of the Lodges, seven meet in Seville, seven in Valencia, six in Barcelona, five in Carthagena, four in Madrid, and three in Murcia. In the Island of Cuba, under the control of a Provincial Grand Lodge, of which Bro. José Maria Beranger is the Grand Master, there are fifty-five Lodges and five Chapters, twenty-two of the former being located in Havana, six in Matanzas, and four in Santiago de Cuba.

We learn from the same source that Bro. Juan de Dios Arias was elected Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Mexico for a period of three years. The other principal Officers are Bros. Arellano Senior Grand Warden, Castellanos Junior Grand Warden, Ignacio M. Altamirano Grand Orator, Ermilo Canton Grand Chancellor, and Enriquez Aragon Grand Secretary.

We gladly announce that the Masons of Bordeaux are preparing to offer a hearty welcome to all brethren who may visit the Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition which will be held there this summer, and is announced to be opened on the 1st June proximo.

We gather from the report that was read at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and is published in its Proceedings, that there were, on the 31st August of last year, no less than 25,343 brethren in the jurisdiction. These are arranged in nineteen Districts, each of which is presided over by a District Deputy Grand Master, and two Districts abroad, each comprising one Lodge, namely, those of Chili and China. We learn further that during the year ending on the said 31st August, 1,046 were initiated, 1,014 passed, 960 raised, 312 rejected for degrees, 405 suspended, 98 discharged from membership, 471 dimitted, and 275 deceased. There were 1,260 admitted and 146 reinstated, while 832 received Grand Lodge diplomas, and 85 Past Master's diplomas. Of the nineteen Districts No. 1 stands highest in point of membership, with 2,090 brethren, and No. 9 lowest, with 792. In the Chili District there are 92 members, and in the China District exactly half that number.

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THE OLD WORK.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

YES, the *old* work; and I have heard the expression a thousand times. "This is *the* old work; it has come down from the olden days,—from the fathers in the Craft;" and the speaker avers that he has received it by direct transmission from teacher to teacher, lecturer to lecturer—from the old Grand Lecturers down through their successors, until the accumulated wisdom of ages has been gathered into the capacious brain and crystallized in the infallible memory of the speaker, the official teacher, the present Grand or Subordinate Lecturer. It *is* amusing! Did the reader ever get wearied with this kind of dogmatic utterance—this assumed official wisdom? I don't know how many Grand Lecturers—especially *grand* ones—I have met with during a long Masonic fellowship and experience, but one thing I have observed—that rarely two of them agreed perfectly in the work or in the verbiage used, and yet each one declared that he had the old and only legitimate! But I have this discovery, that some, at least, of these teachers of rituals, could not put a dozen sentences together in good grammatical English! There has been an absurdity or contradiction in the construction of language which would cause a thoughtful listener to be ashamed of the pretensions of the instructor. Such teaching, in such language, would be sufficient to exhaust the patience of neophytes, and repel their efforts to acquire a knowledge of Masonic ritualistic verbiage for ever. There are certain landmarks which every young Craftsman should acquire a knowledge of; beyond that, so far as the rituals are concerned, it is a mere question of words, which may be, and are, changed a half dozen times in a century, by interested officiousness. I confess that I have often wished for the abolition of the office, and leave the rituals to the Master and Officers of the Lodge, for it is presumed they are competent for that duty or they would not have been elected. There is no ritualistic *old* work now practised in Masonry beyond the landmarks already alluded to, for the entire rituals have been frequently changed since 1717. The landmark may not, cannot be changed without making Masonry something else than Masonry; but the mere verbiage which may be used in the ceremonies, within the limits of the landmarks in the lessons and charges and explanations given, may be such as are appropriate to the time and the occasion and the neophyte; and thus the idea of "*the* old work" in relation to Masonic rituals is a mere fiction.

The true, genuine, legitimate, *old* work does not consist in set forms of speech, but in "deeds of Charity and pure Beneficence." This is the "old work," to which the Order was consecrated, and which should ever constitute its chief aim, and employ its best efforts. The motto on every Masonic banner is "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth." These words tell their own story, as "E Pluribus Unum" does on the flag of our country, and in their exposition need no particular forms of speech or stereotyped verbiage; and so with the ritualistic language of the Lodge. There is no particular phraseology or forms of speech that must pass, unchanged, from generation to generation; but the landmarks and work of Masonry are perpetual.

The *old* work of Freemasonry has never been revised, nor has it needed or will it permit of revision. It is the same to-day, theoretically at least, that it was centuries ago when the Order was an association of architects and builders. Its creed then was, "Faith in GOD, Hope in immortality, and Charity towards all mankind," which was exemplified by the practice of "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth." This was the *old* work. Now, would it be improper to ask if we have retained it in its original purity? In America have not the Craft, in some of the States at least, suffered this *old* work to be neglected or forgotten, or to fall into desuetude?

In the way of charitable institutions under the control of and supported by the Masonic Fraternity, I know of but two or three on this Continent—including the United States and Canada. I have not access to the latest statistics at this moment, but believe there are in the two nationalities nearly six-hundred-thousand Freemasons. Notwithstanding all their numbers and wealth, there are only two institutions of Masonic Charities for the support of age and orphanage and widowhood! There is a small one, I believe, supported by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, but I am informed that its usefulness is limited by want of means. Small as it is, however, it is preserving and practising the "*old* work," to the credit of the Grand Lodge and the honour of the Craft at large.

Kentucky has a larger, more extensive, and more prosperous institution of this kind, and it speaks well for the large-hearted generosity of its Masoncraft. The grounds and buildings have cost a large amount of money, but many homeless orphans and destitute widows of deceased brethren are sheltered and provided for in that Home of Masonic Charity. Every Freemason in Kentucky feels an honest pride in that work of benevolence, and well he may; while the entire Brotherhood commends the effort to sustain it by the brethren in that State, and thus preserve and practise the *old* work of Masonry. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky was the first established west of the Alleghany Mountains, several years before the second—the Grand Lodge of Ohio—was organized. It is really the mother Grand Lodge of the West, and has set a most notable example in preserving and exemplifying the *old* and legitimate work of the Order. I would be glad to have the last annual reports of both the institutions named, but I have not; yet I feel quite safe in commending the Masonic spirit and efforts of the Craft in both States to the example and labours of the brethren in every other State.

The Craft in England, after all, presents the noblest example of enlarged benevolence in behalf of charitable objects, and in efforts to preserve and practise the grand *old* work of Freemasonry. It has not half the number of Lodges and members which are in the United States and Canada, yet its labours and largesses are immensely more than on our Western continent. The efforts of American Grand Lodges have been directed to the building of grand and expensive halls, often costing from fifty thousand to a million and a half of dollars, and many of them are still largely in debt, much of which will have to be liquidated by another generation. In some of the States the members spend annually more for regalia, robes, swords, chapeaus and gauntlets, receptions, travels and parades than would be required to support an orphanage or a home for indigent widows of deceased Masons. But with these matters I have no right to meddle or complain; my concern just now is for the preservation and practice of the *old* work. I do not object to the good and true brethren indulging in their chosen enjoyments, but could they not do this and yet "not leave the other undone?"

I have not the information to enable me to name the smaller Masonic Charities of the English Craft, for there are a number of such, and well supported. The Grand Lodge of England has under its own special control three large and prosperous institutions; one is for the support and education of the orphan daughters of deceased Masons; another for their orphan boys; and yet another for aged and indigent Masons and their wives and widows. For the support and annual enlargement of these three great Charities, the Freemasons of England contribute annually between two and three hundred thousand dollars! Wealth and grandeur on the throne is the patron and magnificent benefactor; and down, through dukes and duchesses, lords and ladies, to the farmer and mechanic—all feel it a privilege and a pleasure to contribute according to their means. No wonder Freemasonry is so popular in England. It is because of its noble deeds, and for its efforts to promote the welfare of humanity. I am an American by birth and education, and have even some of the American prejudices. I am an American Freemason of nearly half a century's devotion to its cause, but I say all hail to the English Craft for their deeds of charity. They have preserved *the old* work, to which the Order is consecrated. They are making their noble record on the brightest pages of history, and marking the pathway for their successors to future and still greater achievements. Their march is not stained with blood, nor is their object war or persecution, but to preserve and practise the *old* Masonic work—"Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

Will you permit me to ask, why cannot the Craft in Illinois and other large States "go and do likewise?" England has set a noble example; and even the Craft in "poor old Ireland" has, for a hundred years, supported a home for orphans; why not Michigan and Iowa and Missouri do the same? Oh for a general revival of the *old* work of Masonry, and for a new departure in efforts for usefulness, instead of so much show and pastime and display!

We have received—and beg most fraternally to acknowledge the receipt—from Bro. T. B. Whytehead a pamphlet, entitled "A New Year's Gift to the Pope; or, the Freemasons Vindicated. A reply to the Bull of Excommunication of Pope Benedict XIV., 1751, together with a copy of the Bull." It has been translated into English, and in part read at a meeting of the York College of Rosicrucians by the Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A., F.S.A., VIII°. It shall receive attention at an early date.

It is satisfactory to know that the Naval and Submarine Engineering Exhibition, which was held last month at the Agricultural Hall, and proved one of the most successful displays we have ever had since Exhibitions became the fashion, will be repeated at an earlier date than was originally anticipated, the period fixed being about May 1884. It may further interest our readers to know that the Committee appointed to award the prizes—and consisting of Vice-Admiral Henry Boys, Mr. Digby Murray, and Vice-Admiral A. W. A. Hood—have adjudged them as follows:—The prize of one hundred guineas for the best means of saving life in cases of shipwreck, has been assigned to Mr. R. Roper, Stand No 82, for his "Bridge Raft," it being, in the estimation of the judges, the readiest means "of saving collectively a large number of persons and supporting them above water for a lengthened period." The fifty guinea prize "for the best invention of a humane character connected with seafaring" has been awarded to Messrs. J. and A. W. Bird, No. 309, "for their contrivances of cork mattresses, hammocks, cushions, seats, &c., for supporting individually persons in the water till further assistance can be rendered."

THE PORTSMOUTH FREEMASONS' CLUB MASONIC "AT HOME" last week terminated a most successful season, by giving an invitation ball to their numerous friends, at the Southsea Assembly Rooms. Over two hundred assembled, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The M.C.'s were Bros. P. Winter, G. Dean, T. Baskett, T. P. Hall, G. W. Ash, and the Chairman, Bro. E. Mansbridge. It is contemplated to hold a summer "outing," which, no doubt, will become, like the ball, an annual Masonic gathering, thus giving the fair sex an interest in the doings of the Craft, which will assist it in its benevolent progress. A sufficient balance was obtained from the Freemasons' Club Masonic Ball, on the 16th March, to enable the committee to send ten guineas to the Boys' School, still leaving a small balance in hand.

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THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE R.M.B.I.

WE publish this week the Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and we beg most warmly to congratulate the Executive, including, of course, our worthy Bro. Terry, on the eminently satisfactory picture it presents. It is the youngest of our Institutions, but at the same time it is the one on whose resources the largest demands are made, no less a sum than £11,600 being annually required for the annuitants alone, to say nothing of the moneys necessary for the conduct of the Institution; or, in other words, the expenses of management. If we set these down at the reasonable figure of £2,500, it follows that every year a sum in excess of £14,000 must be provided, in order to keep the Institution on its legs as now constituted. Under these circumstances we cannot speak too favourably of the financial part of the Report. The Male Fund opened on the 1st April 1881, with a balance to the good of £4,734 15s, and closed on the 31st March 1882 with one of £3,077 16s 1d, £1,500 additional stock having been purchased in the interim. The Receipts for the year were £9,533 10s 2d, and the Disbursements, including purchase of said Stock, £11,190 9s 1d. The Female Fund for the same period opened with a balance of £3,343 6s 1d which, with Receipts to the extent of £8,823 8s 9d, make a total debit of £12,166 14s 10d. The Disbursements were £10,514 17s 7d, including purchase of £1,500 additional Stock, so that on 31st March 1882 there remained a balance of £1,651 17s 3d. The Sustentation Fund shows Receipts, including Balance brought forward, amounting to £64 3s 10d, the Expenditure being only £4 10s 3d, the Balance, therefore, in favour of the Institution being £59 13s 7d, raising the aggregate Balance to £4,789 6s 11d.

As regards permanent income, the Institution receives from Grand Lodge £800—namely, £500 in respect of the Male, and £300 in respect of the Female Fund. Grand Chapter contributes £100 per annum to the former, and £50 to the latter, or in all £150, making from these two sources together £950. There are, further, the dividends amounting to £1,076 17s 11d, on £37,450 Government Stock in respect of the Male Fund, £684 8s 3d on £24,075 Stock in that of the Female Fund, and £30, being interest on £1,000 Government Stock invested as a Sustentation Fund. The total interest is, therefore, £1,791 6s 2d on a total Stock of £62,525. Consequently the permanent income is £2,741 6s 2d, which is, at least equal to, if it does not exceed, the permanent income of our two Schools. We say again that the Executive and Bro. Terry are to be congratulated on this eminently satisfactory state of things.

THE annual meeting of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held yesterday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer in the chair. There were also present Bros. Henry Smith Provincial Grand Secretary West Yorkshire, J. L. Hine (Lancashire), John Chadwick, J. P. Platt (Cheshire), G. Taylor (Worcestershire), Allpass (West Lancashire), Captain Homfray (Monmouth), Thos. Bradley (Durham), C. Godtschalk (Devonshire), Spaull, J. S. Cumberland (West Yorkshire), Frances (Surrey), Stone (South Wales West), Bowden (Bristol), John Wordsworth (West Yorkshire), C. F. Matier, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, H. A. Dubois, Shadwell H. Clerke, C. H. Webb, E. Bowyer, A. Barfield, Stean, Davies, C. J. Perceval, C. Lacey, J. Newton, G. Limn, &c.

The minutes of last meeting having been approved, the Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read, as follows, by Bro. Terry:—

REPORT.

The Committee have much pleasure in bringing to the notice of the Governors and Subscribers the satisfactory progress which the Institution has made during the past year.

The Annual Festival was held on the 22nd February last, under the presidency of Colonel J. A. Lloyd-Philipps, R.W. Prov. G.M. for South Wales (West Division), who was supported by 255 Stewards. The amount raised by their exertions was £12,600, and the Committee desire to record its thanks to the Chairman and Board of Stewards for their very able and zealous services upon the occasion.

During the year the Laws of the Institution have been materially altered, the effect being not only to give greater advantages to the Governors and those acting as Stewards, but also enabling a larger number of Annuitants, both male and female, to participate in the benefits of the Institution; and it is hoped that it may have a tendency to further increase its usefulness, and augment its funds.

There were upon the Funds, after the last election, 155 Men and 160 Widows—an increase of ten upon the previous year. To-day there is the very large list of 110 candidates awaiting election, whilst thirty-one can be elected, and of this number twenty-five only become immediate Annuitants, the remaining six being admitted as vacancies occur. The Committee, therefore, would again urge upon the members of the Craft the claims of the large number of candidates seeking the aid of the Institution, and most earnestly solicit their liberal support on behalf of our less fortunate brethren and widows.

In addition to the 305 Annuitants, there are also fourteen Widows who are in receipt of half their late husband's annuity, which amount is allowed them for three years, unless they are elected to the full annuity prior to the expiration of that time. It is believed that this Institution stands alone in making such a provision for a widow immediately upon the death of her husband.

The payments to the annuitants now amount to £11,600, excluding the necessary incidental expenses attendant upon the working of the Institution during the year, whilst the permanent income is only £2,700 per annum.

The thanks of the Committee are again tendered to Grand Lodge, for renewing its grant of £70 for providing coals during the winter months to the residents of the Institution—a gift much appreciated by them.

The alterations at the Asylum are now completed, and the different houses are in a thorough state of repair, thereby adding much to the comfort and enjoyment of the residents.

To the Honorary Surgeons, Henry John Strong, Esq., M.D., of Croydon, and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., of London, the Committee tender its thanks for their voluntary and unremitting kindness and attention to those who need their valuable help and advice, which upon all occasions are cheerfully given.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the year ending the 31st March 1882, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution.

MALE FUND.

Balance 21st March 1881				4,734 15 0
Receipts.				
Donation from Grand Lodge	500	0	0	
Do Grand Chapter	100	0	0	
Do Lodges, Chapter and Individuals	5360	10	3	
Annual Subscriptions	970	3	3	
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	1076	17	11	
Rent of Field	9	0	0	
Cash withdrawn from Call	1500	0	0	
Interest on Cash at Call	16	18	9	
				9,533 10 2
				£14,268 5 2
Disbursements.				
Annuitants	5890	0	0	
Salary of Secretary and Clerk	362	10	0	
Collector—Commission	215	19	6	
Messenger	5	0	0	
Provincial Expenses	65	3	8	
Medicine for residents at Institution	12	10	0	
Warden	20	0	0	
Pension to late Gardener, and Gardener's Salary	48	2	0	
Rates and Taxes	44	4	1	
Enlargement of Hall, and repair of Building, and Furniture for same	937	11	7	
Stationery, Printing, &c.	133	4	3	
Advertisements	20	7	11	
Postages, &c., including expenses of Election	181	17	6	
Petty Expenses	16	14	7	
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants	42	7	3	
Votes of thanks to Stewards	28	3	9	
Hire of Hall on day of Election	2	12	6	
Rent, &c., of Office	31	10	0	
Rent of Meadow at Croydon	16	18	9	
Placed at Call	1500	0	0	
Purchase of Stock	1494	7	6	
Premium on Guarantee Policy for Collector	3	15	0	
Banker's charges	0	0	3	
Gratuities	77	10	0	
Architect's Commission	39	19	0	
				11,190 9 1
Balance on this Fund				3,077 16 1

WIDOWS' FUND.

Balance 31st March 1881				3,343 6 1
Receipts.				
Donation from Grand Lodge	300	0	0	
Do Grand Chapter	50	0	0	
Do Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	5298	8	6	
Annual Subscriptions	971	12	3	
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	684	8	3	
Rent of Field	9	0	0	
Cash withdrawn from Call	1500	0	0	
Interest on cash at Call	9	19	9	
				8,823 8 9
				£12,166 14 10

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuitants			5230	0	0
Salary of Secretary and Clerk			362	10	0
Collector—Commission			194	2	3
Messenger			5	0	0
Provincial Expenses			65	3	7
Medicine for residents at Institution			12	10	0
Matron			53	0	0
Pension to late Gardener, and Gardener's Salary			35	2	0
Rates and Taxes			44	4	1
Enlargement of Hall, and repair of Building, and Furniture for same			937	11	6
Stationery, Printing, &c.			131	9	3
Advertisements			20	7	10
Postages, &c., including Expenses of Election			169	19	0
Petty Expenses			16	14	3
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants			42	7	4
Votes of thanks to Stewards			28	3	9
Hire of Hall on day of Election			2	12	6
Rent, &c., of Office			31	10	0
Rent of Meadow at Croydon			16	18	9
Placed at Call			1500	0	0
Purchase of Stock			1494	7	6
Premium on Guarantee Policy for Collector			3	15	0
Gratuities			77	10	0
Architect's Commission			39	19	0
					10,514 17 7
Balance on this Fund					**£1,651 17 3**

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Balance 31st March 1881	34	16 4
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds	29	7 6
	£64	3 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Repairs	4	10 3
Balance on this Fund	**£59**	**13 7**
Total Balance as per Auditors' Report	**£4,789**	**6 11**

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 £37,450 Stock in Government Funds	1076	17	11	
				1,676 17 11

WIDOWS' FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	300	0	0	
Do Grand Chapter	50	0	0	
Dividends on £24,075 Stock in Government Funds	684	8	3	
				£1,034 8 3

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Dividends on £1,000 Stock in Government Funds	30	0 0
Total Permanent Income	**£2,741**	**6 2**

Signed J. CREATON, Grand Treasurer, Vice-Patron, Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
19th May 1882.

Bros. A. H. Tattershall, R. B. Webster, and J. J. Berry were elected Auditors, and the Scrutineers of votes were appointed. The chairman announced the poll open, for the election of 28 men and 13 widows. The result will be found in our Advertisement columns.

It will be in the recollection of our readers that at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught said he had received the Queen's permission to announce that she had graciously consented to become the Chief Patroness of the School. We are now in a position to add, and we cordially congratulate the Craft on the addition, that Her Majesty has since forwarded to the Institution a cheque for £50.

We are in a position to state that there will be no contest for the House Committee of the Girls' School. Fifteen brethren were nominated, but three have since withdrawn, so that the twelve who remain will, *ipso facto*, be placed on the Committee in question.

The meetings of the Crusaders' Lodge of Instruction, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, have been adjourned until the second Thursday in September.

PROV. GRAND MARK LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Masonic Rooms, Chester, on Monday, under the banner of the Earl of Chester Lodge, No. 196. Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., Prov. Grand Mark Master presided, and to support him there were was a large and influential gathering from this and the adjoining Provinces of North Wales and the County Palatine, the following Provincial Grand Officers being present, namely:—Bros. James Salmon P.G.S.W., Francis Bolton P.G.J.W., J. W. Burgess P.G.M.O., J. H. Evans P.G.S.O., John R. R. Keane P.G.J.O., the Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner Provincial Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. F. Rownthwaite P.G. Chaplain, Frederick Stevenson P.G. Treasurer, Richard Newhouse P.G. Secretary, J. Matthews Jones P.G.R., Samuel Thompson P.G.S.D., C. S. Dean P.G.J.D., Henry Jones P.G.I.W., John Dutton P.G.D.C., Charles Kenny Benson P.G. Sword Bearer, John Blackhurst P.G. Standard Bearer, T. H. Kirk P.G.O., John Edwards P.G.P., David Baynes P.G. Tyler. After the roll of Lodges had been called, and letters of apology read from Officers unable to attend, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read and confirmed. The other business of the Province having been transacted, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master nominated and invested the following brethren as Provincial Grand Officers for the year:—The Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, M.A., Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master, John Pemberton P.G.S.W., Captain Gilbody P.G.J.W., John Ross Ross P.G.M.O., R. B. Ferguson P.G.S.O., Henry Jones P.G.J.O., Rev. C. W. Newell Tanner P.G. Chaplain, Frederick K. Stevenson P.G. Treasurer, Richard Newhouse P.G. Secretary, J. Matthews Jones P.G.R., C. S. Dean P.G.S.D., J. H. Bradshaw P.G.J.D., Dr. Wm. Cornwall P.G.I. of Wks., John Dutton P.G.D.C., N. Robertson P.G.A.D.C., John Williams P.G.S.B., J. B. Thurlese P.G.S.B., Thomas H. Kirk P.G.O., J. Marsh P.G.I.G., David Baynes P.G. Tyler, Thomas Giles, Enoch Evans, Thomas Webster, Prov. Grand Stewards. Before closing the P.G. Lodge, the Prov. Grand Master thanked the brethren for their attendance, and congratulated them on the increasing prosperity of Mark Masonry in that part of the country. The banquet, which followed, was given at the Green Dragon Hotel.

Bro. Lord Brabourne presided on Thursday evening, at the Twenty-eighth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. During the evening subscriptions and donawere announced to the extent of £3,232.

On Saturday last the Prince of Wales was elected Commodore of the Royal Yacht Squadron as successor to the late Earl of Wilton, the Marquis of Londonderry, Prov. Grand Master Durham, retaining his position as Vice-Commodore. On the motion of His Royal Highness, duly seconded, and unanimously carried, the King of Sweden and Norway was elected an honorary member. There was a very large attendance at the meeting, which was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

THE THEATRES, &c.

COVENT GARDEN.—ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA. This evening, RIGOLETTO. On Monday, MIGNON. On Tuesday, IL TROVATORE. On Thursday, LA FAVORITA. On Friday, ROMEO E GIULIETTA.

DRURY LANE.—GERMAN OPERA. This evening, DER FLIEGENDE HOLLANDER. On Tuesday, TANNHAUSER.

HER MAJESTY'S.—DER RING DES NIBELUNGEN. This day, and on Monday, and Tuesday, THIRD CYCLE.

LYCEUM.—At 8, ROMEO AND JULIET.

ADELPHI.—At 7.15, MY TURN NEXT. At 8, TAKEN FROM LIFE.

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COMEDY.—At 8, BOCCACCIO.

GLOBE.—At 8, FIRST IN THE FIELD. At 8.30, FAR FORM THE MADDING CROWD. This day (Saturday) at 2.30, also.

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly favour me by inserting in your next issue a more complete list of the contributions from this Province, to the above Festival, than the one published in your paper on Saturday last.

I ask this favour as I am anxious that every brother who has served as Steward, and contributed his mite, and also the Lodges, &c. contributing to render the result so satisfactory, shall have every credit to which they are entitled, for their generous exertions.

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TRADING ON MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read "Q.'s" letter on this subject in your last week's issue. Like him and the rest of your readers, I am well aware that all who seek admission into the ranks of the Fraternity are presumed to do so without ulterior motives. Yet it strikes me, and will doubtless strike others, that the brother, who, as "Q." describes, exhibits in his shop window his Grand Lodge certificate with a view to attracting custom, whatever may have been his original motive in joining the Craft, has no objection whatever to make the best of his connection. In other words, and to use the familiar phrase which served as the title to "Q.'s" letter, he has no objection to "trading upon Freemasonry." Now, far be it from me to suggest that those brethren whom Bro. "Q." has specified should not enjoy full liberty to advertise, in a legitimate way, those Masonic goods, to the manufacture and sale of which they devote their time, energy, and capital. Indeed, if they omitted doing so, most of us would say they were overlooking, to their own disadvantage, a most important part of what is, nowadays, the recognised system of conducting business. Like "Q.," however, I feel certain that no loyal brother would dream for one moment of adopting a practice so reprehensible as that which he has described. Masonic emblems on shop fronts are bad enough, but Grand Lodge certificates in the window are ten thousand times worse.

Trusting some efforts will be made by the Craft to discountenance this unworthy practice,

I subscribe myself,

Fraternally and faithfully yours,

A. B. G.

"HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On reading a letter in your issue of the week before last, headed "A Little Help;" in which out of twelve subscribers only five had done anything for any one of the Institutions, while out of the twelve no less than ten were Grand or Prov. Grand Officers, Past or Present, I could not help thinking how many brethren who have liberally subscribed to one or more of the Institutions have been passed over—as regards receiving acknowledgment of their services—for those who have done nothing on their behalf. I could not help remarking this circumstance to several brethren, who replied that the Grand Lodge of Freemasons and the different Institutions connected with the Craft were considered to be entirely distinct. That is to say, the head has nothing to do with the body or limbs appertaining thereto. Now, Sir, I venture to say—taking for granted such to be the case—it is a most unnatural and impolitic aspect to view the matter from. One might as well take away the walls of a cathedral, and expect the steeples or towers to support themselves, because they tower above, and are more conspicuous than the walls. I cannot but think that those who, by their liberality and energy, prove themselves the main support of Freemasonry should be rewarded accordingly. For instance; selections for Grand Officers might be made from the Vice-Patrons and Vice-Presidents; while for Prov. Grand honours, Life Governors should be admitted to the privileges in lieu of those who do nothing to uphold the Society to which they have been admitted. It cannot be urged want of means prevents them from subscribing, because these honours cause extra expense, more or less; it simply means they love the trappings, yet do nothing to deserve them. I venture to think, Sir, that some such criterion of merit would assist our Institutions in a very marked degree, and also serve as a reward to those brethren who have so generously supported the various Institutions.

Yours fraternally,

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ORIGIN OF THE ROYAL ARCH.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am delighted beyond measure at seeing in your columns another letter from the vigorous pen of our worthy Bro. Norton. Whatever he writes, he writes well, and if he deals out lusty blows occasionally, we may be sure that, in his heart of heart, he has no wish to harm any one. His last contribution to Masonic History is a most interesting one, and though, in common with yourself, I hesitate to accept his conclusions as to the Caledonian Chapter, there cannot possibly be the least doubt in the world that, as far as theory goes, he has succeeded in establishing a very fair case. That there was a "Caledonian Chapter" is clear enough, but it does not appear to me to be equally clear that the "Moderna" got their Royal Arch from it, either directly or indirectly. It is likewise a mystery, and must for the present remain such, as to whether the Caledonian Chapter had anything to do with the Caledonian Lodge, to which Bro. Norton referred as having been established by the "Ancients," in April 1763, and as having a short time afterwards gone over to the "Moderns," and been by them reconstituted in November 1764. It the more surprises me that Bro. Norton should have jumped to this conclusion without something more tangible on which to rest his opinion. From his other writings, and from the personal conversations I have had with him, I know him to be a great stickler for evidence in black and white, and in this case he does not seem to have found it. Still, as I have said, his letter is a most valuable one, both from what he states and what he suggests.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

On Tuesday evening, the Annual Festival of the Samaritan Free Hospital took place at Willis's Rooms, under the presidency of his Grace the Duke of St. Albans P.G.M. Nottinghamshire, who was supported by Lord Belper, Mr. R. B. Wade (the Treasurer), Miss Rowley, Captain and Madame O'Cana, Mr. R. Elkington, Lord Leigh P.G.M. Warwickshire President of the Institution, Mr. C. Seely, M.P., the Hon. E. Leigh, Q.C., Sir T. Chambers, Q.C., M.P., Recorder, and Miss Chambers, Major General Turner, Lady Forbes, Dr. Henry Savage, Sir J. H. J. and Lady Johnson, Mrs. B. H. Wyatt, Mrs. Scudamore, Miss Johnston, Mr. F. W. Brett, and Mr. G. Scudamore Secretary, and others. In giving the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Samaritan Free Hospital," the Chairman said the hospital was established in the year 1847 in a small room at a rental of five shillings a week. In 1849 a small house was taken in Orchard-street, Portman-square. Further accommodation was needed, and the institution was removed to its present site in Lower Seymour-street. In 1874 Dorset House was taken and opened as a branch of the Hospital, and now it had become absolutely necessary to make further provision for the reception of a still larger number of patients. A glance at the pages of the report showed that in seventeen years there had been admitted as in-patients 4,890 women and 634 children, making a total of 5,524, with only 172 deaths, or less than 5 per cent.; and in the out-patients' department 89,567 women, and in ten years 10,541 children, making a total of in and out-patients of 109,522. About £5,000 a year was needed to sustain the Institution and its branch, of which only £1,300 was obtained by annual subscriptions, the rest having to be raised in donations and legacies. In order not to touch the very small reserve fund, the Committee last year were obliged to borrow £700, and His Grace added that he felt sure that when the pressing needs of the Institution were known, it would not be allowed to suffer for want of funds. He therefore earnestly appealed to their generosity for liberal support. The other toasts were "The Chairman," "The Medical Staff," "The Visitors," and "The Ladies." The Secretary announced the receipt of subscriptions and donations to the amount of £1,258. A capital selection of music was given during the evening by Miss J. Wells, Miss E. Headley, Miss H. Heath, Mr. Coates, and Mr. Wynn. Mr. Harker was toastmaster.

At the Elephant and Castle Theatre, on the 15th instant, the Proprietor, Bro. Geo. Parkes, was presented with a life-like portrait, in oil colours, by a few friends, in appreciation of the respect they entertain for him. The presentation was made by Bro. William Holland. Some well-written lines were delivered by Mr F. Shepherd. Among those present were Bros. Dr. J. Pope, T. Butt, Holmes, Harry Ulph, W. Mitchell, Collins, Evans, H. M. Levy, &c.

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TOTTENHAM AND ENFIELD CHARITABLE ASSOCIATIONS.

A DINNER to celebrate the Close of the Second Association, and to inaugurate the formation of the Third, was held at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page-green, Tottenham, on Wednesday, the 17th inst. The arrangements for the evening had been entrusted to the following Stewards:—Bros. Birkin, Bryant, Clements, Dance, Everdell, Goodall, Meek, Rowe, G. Tegg, W. M. Tegg, Tolliss, &c.; the President of the evening was Bro. J. Maller P.M. 754, and the Vice-President's chair was occupied by Bro. E. Poore W.M. 1237. After a bountiful repast, excellently served by mine host, Brother James Oddy, the President in brief terms introduced the loyal toasts. In speaking of the Prince of Wales Bro. Maller said a more worthy Mason could not be met with. In all his actions he had but one predominating wish—that was to be characterised as a true English gentleman. The President on again rising said he had now a pleasant duty to perform. It was to call on all present to drink Prosperity to the Third Tottenham, Enfield and Edmonton Masonic Charitable Association. The two Associations which had so successfully run their course had been the means of bringing into the coffers of the Masonic Institutions a no less sum than £1150. This money had been expended in educating the children of those Craftsmen who had been stricken down by death or misfortune, or else in providing comfortable quarters for our aged or infirm brethren or their widows. The Third Association had started under very favourable auspices, and he trusted it would realise a yet larger amount than had been secured by the two preceding ones. With the toast he would couple the names of Bros. J. H. Thompson (Treasurer), A. G. Fidler, and E. G. Lewis, the latter of whom were acting as Secretaries. Bro. Thompson, in reply said, as Treasurer, his business relations with Bro. Garrod, their late Secretary, had been of a very gratifying character. With Bro. Fidler, on whom Bro. Garrod's mantle might be said to have fallen, he hoped to have equally pleasurable associations. Bro. Fidler stated that the Third Association had started with forty-four members. The First had realised for the Institutions £466, while the Second had progressed most satisfactorily, inasmuch as £685 13s 6d had been paid in. He looked forward with the hope that this rate of progression would be continued, and that a no less sum than £1000 might be the outcome of their Third Association. The President had now to propose the toast of the evening—the health of Bro. James Garrod, the Secretary of the Second Tottenham, Enfield, and Edmonton Masonic Charitable Association, which had just been brought to so successful an issue. This was in the main due to the unwearied zeal displayed by their esteemed brother. Bro. Garrod (the President stated) had just taken to himself a partner, who would doubtless regulate his actions. However, the brethren desired he should be able to mark the time, and the better to enable him to do this, they had deputed him to present, on their behalf, a watch, which he trusted would be an acceptable gift, and be prized by Bro. Garrod as a slight recognition of his services. The watch, which was then formally presented, bore the following inscription:—

Presented to Bro. JAMES GARROD,
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Tottenham, 17th May 1882.

Bro. Garrod, in reply, while disclaiming all idea that he had done more than his duty, expressed himself as highly gratified with the evidence he had received that evening of the kindness of his fellow-members of the Association, and trusted he should yet have many opportunities of promoting their welfare, and through them, that of our noble Institutions. Bro. E. Poore W.M. 1237 then proposed the health of Bro. Maller Past Master 754, who was President of their meeting that evening, and also of the last formed Association connected with Tottenham and Enfield, and that brother having briefly acknowledged the compliment, suggested they should drink success to the New Association, incorporating with the toast that of the Masonic Institutions; and, as the meeting was honoured by the presence of Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School, Bro. Maller expressed his belief that he could not do better than invite him to give his experience of such Associations, and of the working of the Charities. Bro. Binckes, with his wonted courtesy, at once accepted the position, and expressed his belief that associations such as they were celebrating that evening did a vast amount of good in assisting the Masonic Charitable Institutions. Considering, however, that of the three, the one with which he had so long had the honour of being associated was decidedly the poorest, while the demands on its resources were increasing annually, he felt he could not refrain from hoping that a larger share of the proceeds would in future cases fall to the share of "Our Boys." Bro. Binckes concluded an eloquent and effective speech by explaining some of the mysteries as to the rate of exchange in the voting which takes place at our elections. Other toasts followed, and in due course those around the festive board separated, after having enjoyed a most pleasant gathering.

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Hambly, Anne Crossman	1841	Biles, Ann	1486
Exley, Frances	1581	Aston, Mary Ann	1407
Dover, Eleanor Elizabeth	1565	*Gregory, Eleanor	1403
Francis, Elizabeth	1564	*Miller, Maria	1399
Mongar, Elizabeth Mary	1535	*Lumb, Hannah	1373
Roach, Mary	1446		

The following candidates who were next highest on the Poll, in their respective Lists, will receive sums of money given by the Committee of the John Hervey Fund:—

MALES.		FEMALES.	
Caffé, Samuel L.	628	Watson, Mary Ann	1369
Lewis, Joseph	536	Lafittau, Eliza	1349

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election.

The three lowest in the List of Successful Candidates (Male and Female), and marked *, will be placed on the respective Funds of the Institution, as vacancies occur.

By order,
JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts,
19th May 1882. Secretary.

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

BRO. WILLIAM CHRISTMAS BARLOW returns his sincere thanks to the Brethren by whose kind assistance he secured the benefits of the above Institution at the Election on Friday, the 12th inst.
May 1882.

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

MRS. ANN ROBERTS sincerely thanks the Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for the assistance they gave her at the Election on Friday, 19th May, and trusts she may be able to secure a continuance of their support at the next Election.

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MRS. E. E. DOVER, and the Brethren who have interested themselves in her Election, return their sincere thanks to those Gentlemen who have contributed to the successful result by which she has secured the benefits of the above Institution.

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ROYAL ARCH.

PROVINCE OF SURREY.

A PROVINCIAL Chapter was held on Saturday last, the 13th instant, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, where there was a very good attendance of the Companions of the Province. The Chapter was opened at 12·30, by the M.E. Companion General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Grand Superintendent, who was supported by the Rev. Charles W. Arnold Provincial Grand H., Dr. Strong Prov. Grand J., Charles Greenwood G.D. of C. Prov. Grand S.E., Magnus Ohren P.Z., C. H. Woodward P.Z., Frost M.E.Z. East Surrey Chapter of Concord; Companions F. A. Manning, A. T. Jeffery, Tyler, Captain Wood, Boucher, H. E. Frances Prov. G.D. of C., Leigh Bennett, Ridge, Charles Greenwood jun., &c., &c.; Visitors—Comps. Major Williams P.Z. 140, 1275, 1538, William H. Saunders, W. W. Morgan, &c. After Prov. Grand Chaper had been opened by the Principals, those Companions who have not yet reached the chair were admitted. The roll of Chapters in the Province was then called over, when it appeared the summons had been loyally responded to; with one exception all the Chapters being represented. The minutes of last Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Croydon in May last year, were then read, submitted for confirmation, and unanimously approved. A Committee had been appointed to report to Prov. Grand Chapter as to the advisability of altering the scale of charges in respect to fees of honour, which many members considered had been fixed at a very low rate, and might with advantage be increased. This Committee delivered their report, and in it recommended that an advance be made. The Provincial Grand Superintendent advocated the adoption of this Report; at the same time he assured the Companions he had not the slightest wish to bias them in any way as to the conclusion they should arrive at. On the question being put to the meeting, it was carried *nem con.* The Bye-laws for the government of Provincial Grand Chapter were then read by G.S.E., and the Treasurer's accounts were read and adopted. The next business was the election of Prov. Grand Treasurer; Gen. Brownrigg regretted the absence that day, through illness, of Comp. Price, who had fulfilled the duties of Treasurer for many years. Comp. Greenwood stated that he had just received a letter from their worthy Treasurer, explaining the nature of his illness, and bewailing his inability to be present. Comp. Dr. Strong trusted that Comp. Greenwood, in acknowledging the receipt of this letter, would express the feelings of regret with which Grand Chapter had heard of Comp. Price's illness; and at the same time assure him of the appreciation they felt for the zeal he at all times displayed for the welfare of the Province, and for his constant attendance to his duties. These sentiments were fully endorsed by the Grand Superintendent, and on proposition duly made and seconded, Comp. Price was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The appointment of Officers was then made, as follows:

Comp. Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C.	Prov. Grand H.	
Magnus Ohren	" "	J.
Charles Greenwood G.D. of C.	" "	Scribe E.
Tyler	" "	Scribe N.
Captain Wood	" "	Pr. Sojourner
Leigh Bennett	" "	1st A. Soj.
H. E. Frances	" "	2nd A. Soj.
Frost	" "	Registrar
Ridge	" "	Sword Bearer
Jeffery	" "	St. Bearer
Manning	" "	Dir. of Cer.
Boucher	" "	Organist
Speight	" "	Janitor

In addressing the Companions, General Brownrigg expressed the pleasure he experienced in having the opportunity of retaining the services, in their respective offices, of the Provincial Grand Haggai and Scribe Ezra. Both Comps. Arnold and Greenwood had rendered him immense assistance, and he confidently anticipated they would still exhibit the zeal they had hitherto displayed. He expressed his deep regret at the death of Comp. Spencer Compton, who was the first Grand Organist he appointed, and who had always proved himself a valuable and worthy Mason. There were many present, however, who knew Comp. Compton as well, or better than he did, and they could endorse all he had said. General Brownrigg referred to the progress the Royal Arch was making in Surrey; it was gratifying to meet so many Companions as were present, but at the same time he thought the day had come when they might reasonably look for an extension of the Provincial Grand Chapter Roll. There were several enterprising Masons in the Province, who doubtless would like to see Royal Arch Chapters attached to the Lodges with which they were connected. He thanked the Companions heartily for their attendance that day. Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed in due form.

The Companions adjourned to luncheon, which was presided over by General Brownrigg. The usual toasts were given. In the course of the proceedings, intimation was made that the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Craft Lodge would take place at Woking, on Friday, the 14th July proximo.

United Strength Chapter, No. 228.—The annual Convocation of this Chapter, for the election of Officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of other business, was held on Tuesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when, in the unavoidable absence of Comp. John While M.E.Z., the chair was filled by Comp. James Hillhouse P.Z., who was supported by Comps. Robert H. Halford as H., Charles K. Killick J., E. Davies Scribe E., A. Timothy P.S., James Terry P.Z. Secretary R.M.B.I., George H. Edis, Vilett Rolleston, J. Gibbs, H. Paine, J. Woodman, P. Woodman, H. W. Harris, C. Thomas Janitor, and others. The Visitors included Comps. A. Norris P.S. 181 and Edward W. Braine H. 145. The minutes of the last Convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was opened for Bro. Joseph Bennett, Strawberry Hill Lodge, No. 946, proposed by Comp. Davies Scribe E., and seconded by Comp. James Terry P.Z. The voting was unanimously in approval, and Bro. Bennett was duly exalted by the M.E.Z., assisted by his Officers, whose working was beyond criticism. The Bye-laws of the Chapter having been considered, the election of Principals and Officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, as follows:—Comps. Robert H. Halford M.E.Z., Charles K. Killick H., E. Davies J., A. Timothy Scribe E., Hunter Scribe N., Fenner P. Soj., James Terry P.Z. Treas., C. Thomas Janitor. By the unanimous vote of the Chapter, it was resolved to present a P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. John While, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the zeal he displays. At the conclusion of business, the Comps. and Visitors sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided in a style for which this old established and well-appointed hotel has so long been proverbial, and the customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured. A most harmonious and agreeable evening was passed.

A letter which we have received from Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.P.J.G.W. and Charity Representative of the Province of North and East Yorkshire, and which it has given us great pleasure to publish in another part of our columns, contains fuller particulars than we were in a position to give last week of the service done by that Province at the recent Festival of the Girls' School. The total contributed was £520, of which the sum of £340 9s was raised by the joint efforts of the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master of the Province, Bros. J. W. Goodall P.P.S.G.W., J. S. Cumberland P.P.J.G.W., and C. Palliser P.P.G. Superintendent of Works. The Humber Lodge, No. 57, by the hands of its Steward, Bro. J. Walton J.W., gave £63; the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, by its W.M., Dr. Holder, £57 15; and the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, per Bros. George Bolen P.P.G.R., H. Hogan, and W. Forder, £58 16s. We thank Bro. Cumberland for his information, and congratulate the Province of which he is so great an ornament on the excellence of its latest work.

We also have pleasure in announcing, on the authority of Bro. Hedges, that the following lists were accidentally omitted from the Statement of Subscriptions we published last week:—

Lodge 771	Marshall H. Darby	...	£28 17 0
" 1416	Kipling C. G. L.	...	17 17 0

It is extremely gratifying to note that, although there are some six weeks yet to elapse ere the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys takes place, Bro. Binckes has already succeeded in securing the services, as Stewards, of as nearly as possible the full number of brethren which constituted the Board of last year. This must be extremely gratifying to "Our Hercules," and not less so to our respected Brother the Lord Mayor, who has kindly undertaken to preside on the occasion. What may not be done in six weeks? There is ample time for an addition to the list of some sixty or seventy Stewards, and in that case, and taking the reasonable sum of £40 as the average of each Steward's list, we should have a total which would place the Boys' School on a fair level with the two Institutions whose anniversaries have already been celebrated. That funds are greatly needed is proved by two circumstances—(1) The disproportionate number of candidates to vacancies, and (2) the very limited amount of invested moneys as compared with the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution. We know that Bro. Binckes will lose no chance of promoting the success of the approaching Festival. We are certain the Lord Mayor is anxious that his appearance as Chairman should be attended with satisfactory results, and we trust the Craft will make it their business to meet the labours of the one, and the wishes of the other. All we can say is—May the Boys' School Festival of 1882 be at least as brilliant as the most brilliant of its predecessors!

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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 MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

MONDAY, 22nd MAY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7.30. (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)
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1695—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1839—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.
1891—St. Ambrose Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 6.30. (Instruction)

46—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 23rd MAY.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 3 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
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)
1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1658—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.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, 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.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 24th MAY.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
902—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
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, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead

THURSDAY, 25th 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)
34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst.)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)
R.A. 765—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
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. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Staffordshire
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 314 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale MasonicHall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 33—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 26th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., 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)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)

453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
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. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 27th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

306—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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United Mariners Lodge, No. 30.—An emergency meeting of this old and popular Lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, under the presidency of Bro. Joseph William Crossley Wor. Master, who was supported by a goodly muster of Officers, brethren and visitors. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites at six o'clock, and after the usual formalities, a ballot took place on behalf of Mr. Daniel Jenkin Thomas, who had been proposed by Bro. Rotheroe, and seconded by Bro. Lampen. The voting was unanimously in the candidate's favour, and he was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M., whose working elicited the most unqualified expressions of admiration. The ballot was also passed for Bro. John H. Smith, of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, as a joining member, proposed by Bro. J. Linscott S.D., seconded by Bro. T. E. Darey J.W., and he also was unanimously approved of. Lodge was then advanced to the third degree, and Bro. Morgan was raised by the W.M., assisted by his Officers, in a manner which gave ample evidence of a close and earnest study of the impressive ceremony, the charges being delivered with faultless precision. At the conclusion

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of the rites, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren and visitors partook of a light supper, provided in excellent style by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, and on the removal of the cloth, the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were honoured, the W.M. alluding in a few happily-chosen sentences to the valuable services rendered to the Craft by the Most Wor. G. Master and other Officers. Bro. T. Smith P.M., in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, alluded in felicitous terms to the admirable manner in which the ceremonies of the evening had been performed, and to the proud position which the United Mariners continued to hold amongst the Lodges of the metropolis. They had received ample evidence of the interest which Bro. Crossley took in the welfare of the Lodge, and they might rest assured that under his reign the interests of the United Mariners would be amply sustained. The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment, thanked the brethren for the kindness which they at all times extended to him, and promised continued assiduity in promoting all that could in any way conduce to the prosperity of the United Mariners Lodge. In turn he gave the health of the Initiate, a toast which was always well received in this Lodge. They were ever pleased to welcome good and worthy men amongst them, and he could assure Bro. Morgan, who had just stepped over the threshold of Masonry, that he had as yet only gained a preliminary glimpse of the beauty and sublimity of those grand principles which guided and actuated the brethren of the mystic tie. He would not now dilate further upon the teachings of Freemasonry, Bro. Morgan had seen a little of them, and no doubt he would lay to heart what he had seen, and improve by it. Bro. Morgan replied, in a few well-chosen sentences expressing his sense of the honour conferred upon him by admitting him as a member of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity, and the hope that he might become an apt student of the sublime art. The next toast from the chair was that of the Visitors, which the W.M. said always afforded him especial pleasure to propose; he only wished they had more visitors on this occasion. He was gratified to see amongst them Bro. Herzog, a brother from the other side of the Atlantic, whose name he would associate with the toast. Bro. Herzog, in his response, expressed the gratification it had afforded him to visit an English Lodge. The working of the W.M. and his Officers was equal to anything he had ever seen. It was thirteen or fourteen years since he had visited a Lodge working in the English language, for since he left the United States, he had visited only German Lodges, which were not similar in their working to those in England or America. He hoped the United Mariners would continue to flourish, and that the hearty fraternal feeling he had witnessed amongst the brethren would ever subsist to an increasing degree. In response to the toast of the Past Masters, cordially given by the W.M., Bro. Joseph Driscoll, Honorary Secretary, congratulated the brethren upon the perfect spirit of harmony which pervaded the Lodge, and upon their united and earnest efforts in the cause of Masonic Charity. Individually, he was proud of occupying the position he filled in his mother Lodge, and of ranking among its Past Masters. He thanked them heartily for their kindness on this and on all occasions, and he hoped always to deserve the title they had been pleased to confer upon him, as being the "Father" of the Lodge. The W.M. then gave the health of the Officers of the Lodge, acknowledging briefly but sincerely the valuable assistance they at all times accorded to him in the discharge of his onerous duties. Bro. Gladwell P.M., who had officiated as S.W., in the unavoidable absence of that Officer, and Bro. Lefeaux, who had acted as substitute for the J.W., severally responded, and the Treasurer, Bro. Joseph Hurling P.M. added a few words in reply to the toast, in which he said, notwithstanding the praiseworthy efforts of the United Mariners in the cause of Masonic Charity, their finances were in a healthy condition, and the balance they had still in hand gave evidence of the admirable manner in which their excellent W.M. managed the affairs of his Lodge. He trusted this happy condition of things might continue, and that the United Mariners might always work together harmonicusly, as they had done in the past. They were a happy, contented brotherhood, and everything augured well for the continued prosperity of the Lodge. The Tyler (Bro. G. L. Reinhardt) closed the official list of toasts, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony, several capital songs being interspersed with recitations, that by Bro. Driscoll P.M., "The Crew of the Nancy Bell," being especially well received.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—At the meeting on Monday, 15th instant, at the Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge. Bros. Taplin W.M., Cotton S.W., Brown J.W., Rowles S.D., Poole J.D., Garrard I.G., Brooks Secretary, Duffin Tyler. Lodge was opened, and the minutes read, confirmed, and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gray candidate. Bro. Bailey was elected a member and Bro. Cotton S.W. elected to fill the chair at next meeting. It was unanimously decided to alter the night during the summer from Monday to Wednesday, after the next meeting. Lodge was closed according to ancient custom, and adjourned until the 22nd inst.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—At the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, 12th inst. Bros. H. M. Williams W.M., H. Goodwin S.W., R. Poore J.W., C. H. Phillips S.D., J. Bate J.D., F. Thurston I.G., James Stevens P.M. Hon. Preceptor, John S. Terry P.M. Secretary, E. Francis, H. J. Sharp, and others. Lodge was opened in first and second degrees, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed, the W.M. Bro. Williams, who acted in that capacity for the first time, acquitting himself most creditably. Bro. J. Bate delivered the charge in the second degree, a novelty in instruction working, which gave great satisfaction. The second section in the second degree was impressively recited by Bro. Stevens Preceptor, who also, at "question time," gave several explanations in respect of the ceremony which had been previously rehearsed. Lodge was closed to the first degree, when Bro. H. Goodwin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was recorded in favour of Bro. Williams, for his excellent work of the evening. Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren separated.

Camden Lodge, No. 704.—On Tuesday evening last a regular meeting of the members of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, under the presidency of Bro. William Frederick Rogers, the Worshipful Master, when there was a large attendance, the occasion being the annual election of Officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of other important business. The W.M. was supported by Bros. F. Earnshaw S.W., N. Goodchild J.W., Edward William Young P.M. Secretary, George Butler Treasurer, M. Blank S.D., Frederick Snee J.D., Frederick Trinder M.C., E. Lister I.G., Charles Pocklington P.M., J. N. Frost P.M., Walter H. Hebl, Henry Howse, George Saunders, A. Dorvell, G. F. Challis, B. F. Bukoke, J. J. Barrett, W. C. Gleadall, J. Burdon, Edward Sayers, T. A. Durrant, R. J. Steggles, J. Very Tyler, and many others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Godfried J. Gibson D.C. 1531, W. C. Schubert Trinity College, Burnham Cooper J.D. 1441, John A. Taylor I.G. 1441, J. R. Shaw 1441, A. Perry Secretary 1695, and Richard Wright 733. Lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, in accordance with custom, when, after the confirmation of the minutes of the last Lodge meeting, Lodge was advanced, and Bros. Rintoul and Ivanore were raised to the sublime degree by the retiring W.M. and his Officers, the impressive ceremony being admirably conducted. Lodge having been lowered, Bros. Vincent and Hill, satisfactorily answered the interrogatories, were entrusted, and were subsequently passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, this ceremony being also perfectly carried out. The other business on the agenda included the initiation of Mr. John Marioni, balloted for in January last; balloting for and initiation of Mr. Harry Rose, of Albany-street, Regent's Park, proposed by Bro. Eyers, and seconded by Bro. E. W. Young P.M. Secretary; the appointment of a Trustee to the Benevolent Fund, in the place of the late Bro. Medway P.M.; and the passing of a motion by the Worshipful Master, that the sum of eight guineas be voted to a late member of the Lodge, who was in very straitened circumstances. The appointment of Officers was then proceeded with, and the choice of the brethren fell unanimously upon the respected Junior Warden of the Lodge, Bro. N. Goodchild, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. George Butler was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Very as Tyler. An Audit Committee was also appointed. At the conclusion of a rather formidable agenda, the brethren partook of a *récherché* banquet, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, who gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts in eloquent terms, and they were most cordially received by the brethren. The customary speeches followed, and amidst an abundance of instrumental and vocal music, the evening was spent in the utmost harmony and fraternal enjoyment.

PANMURE LODGE, No. 720.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, S.W., on Monday, the 15th instant, and was well attended, there being present, amongst others, Bros. William Gunner W.M., G. Allen as S.W. (the S.W. and W.M. elect, Bro. Lambert, being present, but greatly indisposed), J. Laird as J.W., Everest S.D., Barton J.D., Ash M.C.; Past Masters James Stevens, D. Trusler, C. Pulman, Thomas Poore Sec., Payne, McKay, and Mitchell; Bros. Collier, Mulley, Treves, Jones, Hall, Lilley, Leonard, Smith, Marsh, &c. Visitors—Bros. R. Barham W.M. 144, R. J. Taylor P.M. 144, R. Williamson 1257, J. Archer 1426, W. Medwin 1613, and Thomas Tyler. The Lodge having been opened and minutes read, the installation of Bro. Lambert was at once proceeded with, that worthy brother having attended at considerable sacrifice of comfort, consequent on severe illness, and being unable to remain in Lodge for any length of time. Bro. Thomas Poore P.M. officiated as Installing Master, and placed Bro. Lambert in the chair of K.S. The newly installed Master was then compelled to retire, and left the Lodge, after salutes by the brethren, and sincere expressions of their sympathy. Bro. Gunner I.P.M. then invested the Officers, who had been appointed by the W.M., viz., Bros. Everest S.W., Barton J.W., Trusler P.M. Treasurer, T. Poore P.M. Secretary, Laird S.D., Treves J.D., Ash I.G., Leonard M.C., Hall W.S., and Thomas Tyler. In the absence of the W.M., the usual addresses were dispensed with. Bro. McKay P.M., by the courtesy of the I.P.M., then presided, and raised Bro. Marsh to the degree of Master Mason. Lodge was closed to the first degree, and the Auditors' report and balance-sheet were received and adopted, the financial position of the Lodge being in a very satisfactory condition. A distressed American brother, having perfectly satisfied the requirements, in respect of proof, of two of the Past Masters, was relieved by a small money vote, and the Lodge was then closed. The usual installation banquet was postponed for the next meeting, but a modest repast had been prepared by Bro. Lilley, which gave opportunity for refreshment and the due carrying out of the customary toasts, and social greeting of the visitors and others. The illness of the Worshipful Master was referred to in terms of general regret, and earnest hopes were expressed for his speedy convalescence. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by Bro. Poore P.M., who presided, to the I.P.M., Bro. Gunner. The evening passed agreeably, and was enlivened by song and recitation until the hour for separation, when the Tyler's toast brought the harmonious proceedings to a close.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 16th May. Bros. Wardell W.M., Edwards S.W., Boyce J.W., Marsh S.D., T. Clark J.D., Corble I.G., F. Carr Hon. Sec., Wallington P.M. Pre-

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ceptor; also Bros. Smyth, Catling, S. Clark, Jones, Christian, Webb, Dallas. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed Bro. T. Clark candidate, the W.M. giving the Traditional History. Bro. Webb worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Edwards was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—Held at the Jacob's Well, George-street, Manchester-square, W. A very numerously attended meeting of the members of the above Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., for the purpose of hearing a reading, by Bro. James Stevens, Explanatory of the Ceremony of the First Degree. Bro. Coop, the Preceptor, who occupied the chair, in introducing the lecturer, said he had had the pleasure of meeting Brother Stevens under very different circumstances, on a recent occasion; he referred to the Volunteer Review, at Portsmouth, and he felt sure that the hearty, zealous, and able manner in which Brother Stevens had gone through the fatigue of that day, proved his heart was in his work, and he having volunteered to give his reading he felt sure his heart was equally in his work in connection with Masonry, and it would afford the brethren much pleasure and instruction to listen to him. Bro. Stevens thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him in meeting him at their Lodge, and in a powerful introduction of his subject explained his motives for advocating what he considered of vital importance to the best interests of pure Masonry; he believed that "uniformity of ritual" was a subject that should command their very earnest consideration; he could foresee grave dangers arising in the future from the unsatisfactory condition of their present system, or rather want of system. He had been to a great number of Lodges during the twenty-six years he had been connected with the Craft, both in London and in the Provinces, and he had been astonished at the great diversity, not only of ritual, but also in the way in which the various ceremonies were worked in different parts of the country. He deprecated any individuality in respect of the various modes, and contended that there should be one universal working of the ceremonies and wording of the ritual—approved and sanctioned by G. Lodge—which should be the one standard and recognised authority. Nothing could be more a matter of regret to the true and earnest worker than the diversity of opinion which prevailed on this subject. He had frequently been grieved to hear in the various Lodges which he had visited that the work was Bro. Brown's, Bro. Jones's, or Bro. Robinson's working; there was really a wide distinction between them. He trusted that he might never hear such a thing mentioned in any Lodge as Bro. Stevens's working;—*he had no working*. But he did work for, and did think and contend, that in the present day, when the profession of Masonry was so extended, and numerically speaking, the Craft was becoming of such gigantic proportions; while printed rituals were spreading so rapidly, each more or less erroneous, it was on all sides absolutely necessary that Grand Lodge should take the matter in hand, and, after due consideration, issue a revised edition or compilation of, and from the various rituals, and stamp such edition with the supreme authority of their approval. He foresaw the time—unless something of this kind was done—when the Craft would split up into various bodies, each under some particular working, and become—instead of stronger, in consequence of its ever-increasing number—weaker and weaker, because of its schismatical disruptions. After some questions had been asked by the brethren and answered, Bro. Stevens commenced his able and exhaustive digest of the ceremony of the first degree, dwelling particularly on the virtues of punctuality and the proper respect shown thereby from the brethren to the W. Master and his Wardens. He urged that each Officer should be acquainted with his duties in every minute particular, and also with the duties of each of his co-workers, so that should an Officer be unavoidably absent, the dignity of the Lodge should not suffer by their ignorance. He dwelt particularly on the subject of the eligibility of every candidate for initiation, and cautioned the brethren never to introduce an initiate whose antecedents were not sufficiently known to them, so that they might vouch for the candidate's position and character; nor yet to second the proposition of a brother to whom they were personally unknown. If this rule were more carefully attended to it would conduce to the avoidance of that unpleasant scandal to which some have been subjected through a disregard of this most necessary precaution. Bro. Stevens then quoted from various authors, whose labours have during the last century assisted the Masonic student in arriving at a proper derivation of some of the quaint words used in the ritual, especially those which, according to the orthography of the present day, seem to have no common, sensible, or dictionary meaning. The several parts of the ceremony were reviewed and explained by Bro. Stevens in a very able manner, and at the end of his reading sundry points were discussed by the brethren, and a hearty and cordial vote of thanks was proposed and carried to Bro. Stevens, amid much applause. Several new members were elected, and it was proposed and carried that Brother James Stevens be elected the first, and as yet, the only honorary member of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Stevens briefly returned thanks, when Lodge was closed in due form amid perfect harmony.

Friday, 12th May.—Present—Bros. T. A. Smith W.M., G. Tribble S.W., Wilson J.W., C. Bellerby S.D., A. Chambers J.D., H. Heck I.G., G. Coop Preceptor, H. Moore Secretary; also Dairy, A. Jones, W. Heath, Halley, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read, confirmed, and signed by the W.M. The Preceptor worked the first section of the lecture. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Heath being the candidate. Bro. A. Jones gave the charge in the first degree, in his usual perfect style. Bro. Tribble was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Lodge of Union, No. 1101.—An emergency meeting was held on Tuesday, 16th May, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Bros. R. C. Mount W.M., F. J. Ferguson S.W., S. Bradley P.M. acting J.W., M. J. Withers Sec., A. W. Parry S.D., F. Blackwell I.G. acting J.D., J. W. Martin acting M.C., H. G. Armstrong Steward, C. G. Butler acting I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. J. Morris, R. Bradley Prov. G. Secretary; Bros. Sherwood, Dodd, Rayner, G. Webb, Walters, Hawkes; Visitor—Bro. W. P. Ivey P.M. and Sec. 1101. The Lodge was opened. Mr. J. C. B. Tirbutt, who was elected at the last regular Lodge, was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., in his usual correct manner. The charge was given by the acting I.P.M. Bro. R. Bradley, whose erudition in the Province is proverbial. This being all the business on the notice paper, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form. We congratulate Bro. Mount on adhering strictly to the Book of Constitutions as regards emergency meetings; many Lodges have the minutes read and confirmed; this is out of order. We also congratulate the Lodge on its having secured a musical brother, who will doubtless greatly add to the beauty of the ceremonies by presiding at the instrument, and directing the vocal parts. The Provincial Grand Secretary announced that the next Provincial Grand Lodge will be held in Reading, on Monday, the 19th June.

St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306.—The regular and final meeting of the season was held at the Lodge's quarters, The Moorgate Tavern, 15 Finsbury-pavement, on Wednesday evening, 10th instant, when the following brethren assembled:—Bros. Wooding W.M., Horsley S.W., Tyer J.W., Beck P.M. Treasurer, Clements Secretary, Couture S.D., Holdom J.D., Sommers M.C., Twin I.G., Magrath I.P.M., Veal and Dawson P.M.'s; also Bros. Carrociero, Oxley, Wise, Hansmann, Oppenheim, Morris, Green, and McDougall; Visitor, Bro. Sherwin Organist Capper Lodge 1076. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The members then proceeded to ballot for Mr. Marlow, result proving unanimously in his favour. The candidate, however, was not present; the initiation ceremony was therefore deferred. Bros. Green and Oppenheim, candidates for passing, were interrogated and entrusted; Lodge being then advanced, the candidates were duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge subsequently closed to first degree, when it was proposed and seconded that the usual summer banquet of the Lodge should take place at a time to be fixed hereafter. A committee was accordingly formed for the purpose of carrying out the necessary preliminaries, and it was decided to hold a meeting, to make arrangements, in the Lodge room on Wednesday, 24th instant, at 7.30. Any brother not being present at the regular meeting on 10th instant, will please accept this as an invite to attend. It was further proposed and seconded that an entry be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge expressive of its horror at the late atrocious assassinations in Ireland, and especially its sympathy with the relatives of our late Bro. Lord Frederick Cavendish. A candidate having been proposed, the Lodge closed and adjourned till 11th October ensuing.

Wanderers' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1604.—The members of this successful Lodge held their Inauguration Banquet on Wednesday, the 10th instant, Bro. F. J. Wray P.M. 1604 occupying the chair; Bro. George Boulton P.M. 1604 Vice. The repast, which was served in most excellent style, reflected great credit on the host, Bro. Harris. The cloth being cleared, the Chairman gave as first toast the Queen and the Craft, followed by that of the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Grand Officers. The next was the toast of the evening—the Wanderers' Lodge of Instruction, coupled with the name of Bro. Wray Preceptor. Bro. Ascott P.M. 733, in proposing this toast, spoke at length of Bro. Wray's qualities as a Mason, and of what he had done in contributing to the success of the Lodge, which through his exertions was second to none; he (Bro. Ascott) never saw better working in any Lodge of Instruction. He congratulated the members on having such a Preceptor as Bro. Wray. In thanking Bro. Ascott for his very eulogistic speech, and the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, Bro. Wray said it gave him great pleasure to have this opportunity of expressing how gratified he was at the great success which had crowned his efforts to establish a Lodge of Instruction for the benefit of the Wanderers' Lodge in particular, and of the Craft in general. The large attendance at the Lodge meetings, and the attention paid by the brethren to its working, were ample proof of its popularity. It had been his aim during the past year to carry out the work in the strictest possible manner, and he thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had supported him in attaining that object; he hoped that at the close of another year he might still be amongst them, and that he should hold the same place in their esteem. Nothing should be wanting on his part to secure that end; he was quite certain of the continued support of his many friends of the past year. The Chairman next gave the health of the Treasurer and Secretary—Bro. T. W. Harris 1604, and Bro. George Musson 1604. Bro. Harris, in responding, said it was always a pleasing duty to him to do all that lay in his power to make the brethren comfortable, and also to hold the cash; he trusted he would have that honour for many years to come. If they were only satisfied, he was more than so, and thanked them for drinking his health. Bro. Musson thanked them for coupling his name with the toast, and thought, after the able speeches of the last two brethren, there was little left for him to say, but he felt it was one of the best things that had befallen him when he was initiated in the Wanderers' Lodge; he was proud to hold the position of Secretary to the Lodge of Instruction. As the brethren had shown, by re-electing him, he had given satisfaction during the past year, he trusted to continue the same during the present. The health of the vice-Chairman was received in a most cordial manner. Bro. Boulton,

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in thanking the Chairman for the flattering terms in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the manner in which they had received it, said he could hardly find words to adequately reply to the toast; he had done all that lay in his power to assist in founding the Lodge of Instruction, and was glad to see that it was a success; he should always be ready to lend a hand to further the interests of the Craft in general, and their Lodge in particular. Some excellent songs were rendered during the evening, and the proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast. The brethren separated with the satisfaction of having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—Held at the Lamb Tavern, opposite the Bethnal Green Junction Railway Station, 13th May. Bros. Sturtevant W.M., Hammond S.W., Brittain J.W., Clark S.D., Chitson J.D., Moss I.G. Bros. W. Musto P.M. 1349 Preceptor; also Bros. Stewart, Deeks, D'Ardenne, Shingfield. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Deeks, being a candidate to be passed, answered the usual questions, and was duly entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Moss worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bros. Shingfield 554, and Bro. Deeks 1349 were unanimously elected members of the Lodge. Bro. Hammond was appointed W.M. for the meeting on 24th instant.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the meeting held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, there were present:—Bros. C. W. Cunningham W.M., Porter S.W., T. A. Smith J.W., A. Jones S.D., Taylor J.D., Pitt I.G., J. Wells Secretary, Andrews P.M., H. Stephens, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was advanced to third degree, and closed to the first. Bro. C. Andrews P.M., with the assistance of Bro. A. Jones, worked the third section of the lecture. After other business, a vote of thanks was accorded the W.M., this being the first time he had filled the chair. Bro. Porter was elected W.M. for Thursday, 25th May, which will be the last meeting of the season.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held on Monday, 8th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Present—Bros. Clements W.M., Brittain S.W., Maud J.W., T. J. Barnes Treasurer, B. Stewart Hon. Secretary, McDonald J.D., Job I.G.; Peterkin W.M. 1349, Moss, Robinson, Andrews. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Peterkin candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Peterkin W.M. 1349 and Holden 1306 were unanimously elected members of the Lodge.

On 15th inst. Bros. Brittain W.M., C. Kendall S.W., Hubbert J.W., T. J. Barnes Treasurer, B. Stewart Secretary, Job S.D., Oxley J.D., Wheatley I.G. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Oxley, a candidate to be raised to the third degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The Lodge was closed in the second and third degrees. Bro. J. Oxley 1306 was elected a member. Bro. C. Kendall will preside at next meeting.

Bro. Horace Jones Grand Superintendent of Works, the City Architect, has been elected President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, in succession to the late Mr. Street, R.A.

Further donations to the Royal College of Music have been made by Bros. Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, Alderman Sir T. Gabriel, Bart., Alderman Hadley, Alderman Staples, and Alderman and Sheriff Hanson.

Bro. H. E. Frances, the Secretary of the Clarence Lodge 1860 (Esher), has received an autograph letter from H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, acknowledging the congratulations of this Lodge on his marriage.

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GRAND LODGE JURISDICTION AND NEW SOUTH WALES.

WE closed our article last week on this subject by remarking on the un-Masonic tone which characterised the latest utterances of our contemporary the *Canadian Craftsman*. We strongly object to the unworthy insinuation that certain Officers of our District and Provincial Grand Lodges are induced to uphold the existing connection of those Lodges with the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, because they "know full well that their incomes will be cut off on the formation of a Sovereign Body," and that that is one of the "reasons behind the throne that govern the 'reported' opinions of such appointed Officers." It is the reverse of creditable to this Canadian organ of Masonic opinion that there should be so marked a variance between its theoretic enunciation of the principles of our Craft and its practice of those principles. But we must do something more than object to such unworthy aspersions being cast upon brethren whose zeal and ability the Chiefs of our District and Provincial Grand Lodges have delighted to honour. We dispute the accuracy of our contemporary's suggestions, and that in the strongest language which Masonic courtesy and usage will permit. In the first place, we deny that "District"—and we presume it is intended to include in this category "Provincial"—"Grand Masters" are "merely the appointed creatures of the home authority." We base our denial on the fact that the brethren who are thus described are almost invariably elected by the brethren of their respective Districts or Provinces, their election being confirmed by the home authorities, who thus issue their patents in accordance with the wishes expressed by the several Colonial sections of the Craft. A Provincial or District Grand Tyler, however worthy he may be, is not likely to influence much the opinion of his chief, "the appointed creature of the home authority." He is paid for his services, and is respected for the manner in which he fulfils them, and thus ends the matter. It is most likely, and, in many instances, we know it to be the case, that a Provincial and District Grand Secretary receives some small honorarium—too small to be dignified by the name of salary, for the far from trifling duties he is called upon to perform; but the suggestion that he is influenced to do his work loyally for the sake of the said honorarium is too absurd to need contradiction. What are £10, £20, or even £50 per annum to a man who is probably in a good position, with good means to back it up, that he should trouble himself to bias the opinions of the "appointed creature of the home authority?" Moreover, why might he not hope—if mere money considerations are likely to have weight with him—that, in the event of his throwing his influence into the scale in favour of would-be secessionists, and against the legally-constituted authorities, such aid would be recognised and awarded by the retention of his services in his Secretarial capacity? His official experience would make him at least a formidable candidate for the post under any circumstances, while his support of the seceders would render him still more formidable. Beyond these two, however, we are aware of no "salaried officials" who could bias the opinions of a District or Provincial Grand Master for the very important reason that, as far as we know, there are none else who derive any other profit from their labours than the self-consciousness of having done their duty to the best of their ability.

Our contemporary is pleased to express a very strong opinion on the evil effects of concurrent jurisdiction. We are glad, however, the uncomplimentary picture it presents of those "evil effects" is none of our drawing. "Rivalry among Lodges, accepting each other's rejected material, rushing candidates through degrees, low fees for admission, initiating candidates without proper investigation into character, &c." these it says, "are the invariable concomitants of concurrent jurisdiction." This may be so in colonies where there were once rival Grand Lodges, but it is not the case in those in which the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland exercise this concurrent jurisdiction, except as now in New South Wales, where a new so-called Grand Lodge has stepped in and done its best to set all local Masonry by the ears. In the majority of instances, the several Provincial and District Grand Bodies work as amicably and likewise as successfully together as a well-trained team of thorough breds. Rarely does anything happen to disturb the harmony of their relations. The brethren of the several Constitutions mix together freely, and visit each other's Lodges. It is not so very long ago that in one of our colonies—we speak from memory, and, therefore, subject to correction; but we think it was in South Africa—that our English, Scotch, and Irish brethren joined together in consecrating a new Hall to Masonic purposes. There are, consequently, no "conflicting interests" and no "local jealousies" which can possibly be created by a continuance of this pleasant state of things, and we take upon ourselves to assure our contemporary, that, so long as it does continue, "the Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of England," and "English Masons in England"—as well as the Craft in Ireland and Scotland—will uphold "the rights" of their Lodges in these colonial districts. But the strongest argument in favour of maintaining the present arrangements will be found in the fact that warrants for new Lodges are constantly being applied for and granted, even New South Wales, for all the claims set up by an "insignificant minority" to have a Grand Lodge of its own, being no exception. This being so, it cannot possibly cause any hardship to those who voluntarily seek connection with one or other of the Grand Lodges at home, that the payment of the fees and dues that are payable should be expected by the latter. It is not we who go to the Colonies for support, but the Colonies who come to us, as they have a perfect right to do, except as in Canada, British Columbia, &c., &c., which have Grand Lodges of their own, and in which our Grand Lodges neither have, nor seek to set up, Lodges of their own. Even Quebec is left to itself so far as the constitution of new Lodges is concerned, the sole and just claim of England that the three Lodges of Montreal which prefer still, as they have all along preferred since Canada separated itself from allegiance to her, a quarter of a century since, to remain under her banner, being that they shall be unmolested. The three oldest Grand Lodges in the world, to whom all our Colonial Lodges, past and present, owe their existence, confer honour on the Colonies by granting them warrants of constitution; and if all the Colonial Lodges went adrift to-morrow, it would not affect the position of our Grand Lodges here, which must still be the grandest, as they are the oldest, of all the Grand Lodges

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in the world, while, as regards England, it would still have over 1300 Lodges on its roll.

We recognise, we hope with a becoming sense of humility, and at the same time with due thankfulness, the condescension with which the *Canadian Craftsman* admits that there is a time when "these 'Colonial' Provincial Lodges" are of some good. They are "all well enough on the introduction of Masonry into a Province or country;" but, it is added, "brethren should be taught to rely upon themselves, to establish their own libraries, to erect their own halls, to build up their own Charities, and to govern themselves." We make bold to remark with all deference that our "'Colonial' Provincial Lodges" are, likewise, "all well enough," so long as they prefer carrying out the objects with which they were established under the ægis of the Grand Lodge which constituted them to set up for themselves. If the head of a family and its subordinate members are willing and anxious to remain under the same roof, what possible objection can there be to such arrangement? Again, there are no Grand Lodges anywhere which interfere so little with the concerns of their subordinate Lodges as those of England, Scotland, and Ireland. It is only when the laws and regulations of the Craft are violated that they take any action. These "'Colonial' Provincial Lodges" may and do "rely upon themselves." Many of them have "their own Libraries," and those who have not are quite at liberty to establish them whenever they are so minded, and the necessary funds are forthcoming. Many have their own halls, and we rejoice to say, more have built up "their own Charities;" in short, they virtually "govern themselves." They are on exactly the same footing in all respects, and stand in the same relation to their respective Grand Lodges as do our home Provincial Grand Lodges; and if they had their Grand, instead of their Provincial or District Grand Lodges, they would not be a whit better off than they are now, and they might possibly be worse. British Freemasonry has borne fruit, of much of which it may be justly proud, but its work is done in a manner that is quiet and unpretentious. We have no objection whatever to Lodges and Masons in "unoccupied territories" calling Conventions, but then our Australian Colonies, New Zealand, India, &c. &c. are already occupied.

We cannot congratulate our contemporary on one of its arguments, in advancing which we are sorry to say it displays a lamentable degree of ignorance as regards Masonic history. We are quite ready to discuss with it this and all other questions which may appear to have or to be likely to have a beneficial influence on the future of the Craft, but it is not in our power to furnish it with mental capacity to understand our arguments, neither is it any business of ours to provide reasons for such theories as it may evolve from its own inner consciousness. Hence, much as we may regret that it "cannot understand why the Masons of New South Wales should be deprived of the right to govern themselves any more than those brethren in other parts of the globe," we fail to grasp the truth of the following statement: "as to the fact that they"—the Masons of New South Wales—"were and are apparently in a minority, all we can say is that our English brethren should be the last to raise an objection to the regularity of the formation of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales on that account, since the Grand Lodge of England itself, at its foundation in 1717, was in an insignificant minority in that particular." We will not stop to question the use of the word "apparently" in the foregoing passage, because we think the difference between "thirteen," which is the highest number of Lodges we have seen assigned to the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales, or claimed by it, and "seventy," which is the number still holding under the English, Scotch, and Irish Grand Lodges, is too clearly manifest even to the simplest understanding to be questionable for a single moment.

Nor will we trouble ourselves to inquire in what "particular" it was that "the Grand Lodge of England itself, at its formation in 1717, was in an insignificant minority." We are, however, fully prepared to allow that this passage shows our contemporary possesses in an eminent degree the faculty of imagination. We are under the impression—though, being human, we are, like all other men, liable to error—that in no recognised Masonic authority have we seen more than *four* Lodges as having been in existence in England at the time of the formation of our Grand Lodge, except the one in York, which in 1725 took to itself the title of Grand Lodge, and described itself as "the Grand Lodge of ALL England." It was these four Lodges, the only ones, save York, which are known to have had an existence at that epoch, and are now styled "The Four Old Lodges," which established the Grand Lodge of England; and we confess "we cannot understand" how four out of five Lodges can be spoken of as "an insignificant minority." We have already said we cannot undertake to provide our contemporary with an understanding that shall be capable of grasping such simple facts as the one we have just mentioned in reference to the formation of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717. Neither is it in our power to prevent it from converting the very substantial majority of four out of five Lodges into "an insignificant minority." We shall, therefore, pursue this matter no further than to suggest—and we do so in all fraternal kindness—that the *Canadian Craftsman* will be none the worse as an organ of Masonic opinion, if it should go in, at its earliest convenience, for a short course of Masonic reading, to the end that it may become possessed of a knowledge of just a few of the elements of Masonic history.

The concluding sentence of the extraordinary article which has formed the subject of our somewhat lengthened comments is so wonderfully amusing that we cannot refrain from quoting it in full. "We have no desire," says our contemporary, in the child-like simplicity of its heart, "to use coercion towards any Lodges, but we think a free expression of opinion should be permitted among the brethren of the English and Scotch Lodges of New South Wales, and that the Grand Lodges of those Constitutions should, instead of lavishing praises on their Colonial Officers, who are stifling discussion and suppressing liberty of action by threats and edicts, reprimand them for their unwarrantable and meddlesome officiousness." Like other people, we are thankful for even the smallest mercies that may be vouchsafed *to* us, and we are glad to hear our Canadian friend has "no desire to use coercion towards any Lodges;" but what is it doing else, in this case of the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales, than advocate coercion as against the seventy Lodges in that colony which prefer remaining true to their old allegiance in favour of "an insignificant majority" of thirteen Lodges. If ever there was a case in which the force of public opinion was decisively in favour of a particular policy, it is the one which is now offered by the Craft in New South Wales, where but one in every six Lodges has declared itself in favour of secession, and whence, even now, as we have said already, applications are frequently being made to our home Grand Lodges for warrants to constitute new Lodges. What would our contemporary say if some ten Lodges in the jurisdiction of Quebec suddenly resolved on setting up a Grand Lodge of their own? Would it still declare it had "no desire to use coercion" towards them, and denounce the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as it is now denouncing those of England, Scotland, and Ireland, if it took steps, as it undoubtedly would take them, to forbid its remaining fifty-four Lodges from countenancing the movement of the seceding Lodges? If the *Canadian Craftsman* is really desirous of understanding the true character of the present Masonic disturbance in New South Wales, it must picture to itself the outbreak of a similar state of things, say, in Quebec, Canada, or some other sovereign and independent jurisdiction. New South Wales is a British colony concurrently occupied by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the reason for this concurrence of jurisdiction must be obvious to people of reasonable understanding. The population is composed of English, Irish, and Scotch, and English Masons prefer to be connected with the Grand Lodge of England, the Irish with that of Ireland, and the Scotch with that of Scotland. The plan has been found to work admirably, here and elsewhere, with the exception of slight occasional disturbances, but these must be expected in Masonry as in other things, and will right themselves if only the outside world will be kind enough to refrain from all "unwarrantable and meddlesome officiousness." An article in the same number of the *Craftsman*, on "The 'English' Lodges in Montreal," makes clear what its meaning is when it says, it has "no desire to use coercion towards any Lodges." It remarks therein, "we do not wish our Montreal English brethren to imagine that we are threatening them with coercion." But in the previous paragraph it had remarked that "whilst great praise was due to G. Master Graham and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, for their past moderation,

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a much longer postponement of their Masonic rights could not be expected." And again there are such passages as these: "Many now think that the time has arrived when the Grand Master of Quebec must assert his prerogative, and insist upon all Lodges within the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec obeying the Constitution of that Grand Body;" "these Lodges are only existing on sufferance, and really have no legal status"—they date from 1824, 1836, and 1854, or 45, 33, and 15 years repectively, before such a body as the Grand Lodge of Quebec was ever dreamt of—"and that by a scratch of his pen M.W. Bro. Graham could place every one of their members in a most unpleasant position, namely, that of suspended Masons;" "they cannot imagine they will be permitted for ever to defy the oft-repeated and express wishes of the Grand Lodge of Quebec." Tall talk of this kind on behalf of a little Grand Body which is only just in its "teens" is highly amusing, while it shows that our contemporary's idea of coercion harmonises with the familiar expression, "I have no desire to force you, only you must." The notion that "by a scratch of his pen" Grand Master Graham could place the members of these Lodges in the position of "suspended Masons" is grotesque. Grand Master Graham may be able to do a great many things, but as long as our Lodges prefer to remain as they are, not even the most terrible denunciations he can hurl at them will have the slightest effect, though it is quite possible they may succeed in making himself and his Grand Lodge look most supremely ridiculous. There will be nothing to prevent candidates coming forward if they are so minded. There are two Royal Arch Chapters governed by a District Grand Superintendent, and as it was a condition of the treaty between the Grand Lodges of England and Canada, when the latter was recognised by the former, that these Montreal Lodges should retain their old allegiance as long as they desired to do so, there is nothing to prevent "'English' Montreal Brethren" from visiting Canada, and taking, if they wish, the other degrees outside Craft and Arch Masonry.

We close these remarks with a few scraps of much-needed advice, and we trust our contemporary will accept them in the spirit in which they are offered. Remember the frog in the fable, which burst itself in its attempt to become as large as the ox. Don't labour under the false impression that in Masonry Quebec is everything, and all the rest of the world, especially the three oldest Grand Lodges, are nothing. Undue exaltation generally ends in signal abasement. Lastly, avoid attributing "unwarrantable and meddlesome officiousness" to brethren who are merely doing their duty, when all the time it is yourself who are unwarrantably and officiously meddling with them. We trust these suggestions, and a former one, that the *Craftsman* will lose no time in becoming acquainted with, at least, the elements of Masonic history, will not have been made in vain.

THE LATE ELECTION—R.M.B.I.

THE election of Friday last, to fill up the vacancies on the Male and Female Annuity Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was marked by one or two features of a novel character. The ballot determined not only who should be the twenty-five male and ten female candidates to fill the vacancies that have actually occurred, but, in addition, the three male and three female candidates who, under the new arrangements, are to be permitted to fill up a corresponding number of vacancies as they may arise. Then, for the first time, were experienced the benefits of the Memorial Fund, which has been raised to our late highly esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, and £20 and odd shillings have already been handed over to Bro. Terry for distribution among the four highest unsuccessful candidates on the poll, two male and two female.

As to the actual ballot, a glance at the returns we published last week in our advertisement columns in respect of the successful candidates, as well as the votes polled for the unsuccessful candidates, which we give below, will demonstrate that those who took an active part in the ballot must not only have gone through plenty of hard work, but must likewise have laboured pretty successfully to have polled so many votes. For the Male Fund Bro. Hubbard was far away a-head of all his rivals, the votes he secured being 2630, or within two of 1000 higher than the second on the list, who scored only 1632. The last of the successful polled 880 votes, while the three who will be appointed to vacancies as they occur had respectively to their credit 864, 854, and 805 votes. The two highest unsuccessful candidates, to whom are given certain sums out of the Hervey Memorial Fund, scored 628 and 536 votes. Nos. 3 and 4 obtained, each, 509 votes, and No. 5 was only one vote less well off. Then the numbers gradually diminished, the lowest of all securing only 11 votes in support of his candidature.

For the Female Fund the number of candidates was out of all proportion to the number of vacancies, there being no less than sixty-three of the former, while, as regards the latter, there were ten actual and three prospective, or altogether thirteen. It may easily be imagined, therefore, that the poll was a heavy one, No. 1 of the successful candidates securing 2096 votes, and No. 2 1841 votes, while the lowest of the ten who will be immediatoly taken on obtained 1407. The three who await appointment as vacancies arise obtained 1403, 1388, and 1373 respectively. Nos. 14 and 15, the highest unsuccessful candidates, who receive their respective proportions of the interest of the Hervey Memorial Fund, were remarkably close up, with 1358 and 1348 votes.

MALES.

No. on Voting Paper	NAME	Brought forward	Polled to-day	Total polled
25	Caffé, Samuel L.			628
28	Lewis, Joseph			536
33	Bennett, Charles Benjamin			509
46	Langley, James L.			509
34	Knott, Frederick John			508
45	White, Richard			425
27	Sewell, Thomas William			376
30	Wirtzfeld, Francis Joseph			369
21	Dyer, George Henry Talbot			367
6	Hayter, James	78	205	283
1	Ensell, George	32	206	238
4	Patterson, John	45	113	158
13	Inwood, John			158
43	Heigho, Daniel			43
24	Sarl, Charles			30
35	Reid, Alexander			21
17	Cole, George			13
47	Harrison, William			11

FEMALES.

49	Watson, Mary Ann			1358
13	Lafittan, Eliza	724	624	1348
48	Morrison, Ellen			1342
22	Pearson, Elizabeth	451	828	1279
61	Golding, Caroline			1174
37	Nowlan, Mary	291	780	1071
31	Greig, Lilias	428	514	942
36	Roberts, Ann	15	909	924
2	Wakefield, Ann	735	184	919
55	Davis, Amelia Wallis			905
1	Elliott, Isabella	648	116	764
62	Beattie, Ellen G			696
32	Emmerson, Zelie	271	407	678
30	Rumsey, Phœbe Ann	56	538	594
39	Murass, Charlotte	93	501	594
42	Buckley, Caroline C H V	90	501	591
33	Thomas, Elizabeth Mary	229	342	571
44	Haynes, Eliza			522
40	Wood, Annetta T H	205	307	512
34	Stubington, Fanny	29	45	486
46	Pratt, Caroline Sarah Louisa			450
6	Allen, Sarah Ann	432	7	439
3	Child, Elizabeth Mary Ann	204	226	430
41	Chapple, Elizabeth	99	277	376
7	Rowell, Margaret	317	51	368
16	Greathead, Sarah	1	362	363
52	Bowen, Emma			275
25	Hill, Elizabeth	95	178	273
54	Russell, Mary			263
57	Evans, Harriet			252
18	Geary, Mary	24	219	243
17	Smith, Mary	63	109	172
14	Crisp, Sarah Ann	135	2	137
4	Gambell, Naomi	100	17	117
23	Pelton, Mary	—	94	94
38	Rodgers, May Marianne	8	58	66
60	Potter, Ellen			52
9	Maddick, Jane	12	1	13
21	Copeland, Charlotte	4	8	12
56	Crisp, Mary			8
19	Fenning, Sarah	2	5	7
53	Cathcart, Louisa			7
24	Rigarlsford, Sarah	6	—	6
27	Madeley, Harriet Matilda	2	45	6
35	Greenwood, Jane	2	4	6
15	Coates, Sarah	4	1	5
51	Caswell, Harriett			1
45	Penman, Jane			—
50	Parker, Annie			—

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"FOOLS HATE KNOWLEDGE."

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

"FOOLS hate knowledge," said Solomon of old, but let us interpolate the words *fear and*, and then the sentence will read, "Fools *fear* and *hate* knowledge." If Solomon, in his wisdom, could with justice speak such plain truths to the men of that age, cannot they be applied with an equal force to the men of the present age?

"Fools hate knowledge!" How terse the sentence! Analyse it as you will—it remains the same, while its truth is displayed in our everyday experiences.

If one will but turn his attention toward the lower ranks of mankind, where ignorance and her co-worker superstition predominate, he cannot fail of seeing it forcibly illustrated in their various actions. The ignorant *fear* as well as *hate* the infusion of knowledge into their absurd brains; they seemingly strenuously avoid all attempts towards knowledge, and why? Because new ideas would be shown them which would change the whole tenure of their lives. *Superstition is the outgrowth of ignorance; both the fool's abiding place.*

Webster defines FOOL as "one destitute of reason; an idiot; one who acts absurdly." The epithet FOOL is one we are loth to apply to any one, especially those who are "*destitute of reason;*" yet when we take the meaning of the word as it is given, we find that there is a class to which it can be applied without detracting from its meaning, and that class is that portion of humanity whose name as yet, fortunately, is not legion, but whose every action illustrates the whole meaning of the sentence, especially the first word of it.

The class to which I refer is that bigoted, fanatical, foolish one who, calling themselves a "National Christian Association," *alias* anti-Masons, who, in their limited vision, see all the evils of which human nature is heir developed in the members of the Masonic Institution. In their extreme selfishness they are not willing to so see, much less appreciate, any of the good things of which Masonry is so replete. The question arises, what has Masonry done that it should merit such denunciations as it has received from its traducers? We have often attempted to answer the question in our own mind, but so far unsatisfactorily, yet we have found the exact reverse of what they assert. What they claim as *facts*, we have found to be devoid of even a semblance of truth.

Among the absurd accusations brought against us is the one of being opposed to Christianity, coupled with that of attemping to overthrow free government. To any one who lays any claim towards intellectuality, such assertions are the very height of absurdity. In what respect does Freemasonry oppose Christianity? Will some "crank" please enlighten me? I never yet have seen one that is satisfactory, or even one which the facts do not directly refute.

While the most ardent admirers of the Masonic Institution will not for a moment claim that is it a religious institution, in the sense of attempting regeneration of the soul, yet we do claim that it is a co-worker with Religion in its attempts to rescue fallen humanity from the degradation of sin. The foundation of Christianity is *love of Deity* and peace towards men. The Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man produces *Charity*, or Love, and "a due reverence for the Deity and his works."

One of the fundamental laws of Masonry, which cannot be revoked or laid aside by the seeker after light, is an unequivocal belief in Deity. He must so declare or for ever remain in darkness as to the beauties of Freemasonry. *He can stand afar off and view it, but never approach it.* If Masonry is thus strenuous in causing its members to declare their belief in Deity, does it not at once show the absurdity of the charge that it is unchristian? It would seem that it would to any one with an unbiassed mind.

"But," says my anti-Masonic friend, "that is not so; you cannot mention an instance." Wait a moment and I will prove that it is. The Grand Orient of France said, a few years since, that belief in Deity is not essential to Masonry. She promulgated that doctrine, and what is her Masonic status to-day? Any well-informed Mason will say that she has none. She stands alone and unrecognised by the Masonic Fraternity over the whole world; cut off from her fellows and declared unworthy of the name Mason. In denying the essentiality of Deity she divested herself of all vestige of Masonry. In this instance the ban of non-intercourse was righteously enforced. Does not that prove that Masonry is *not* opposed to Christianity? If it were would the Masonic world condemn the acts of the Grand Orient of France as it does? Most assuredly not.

The mission of Masonry is *peace* towards all. Man in his fierce struggles for power, or in the advocacy of some issue, resorts to the use of the sword as the arbitrator of his disputes. Even the Church has not been slow to use it; but, has Masonry ever called upon the sword as the arbitrator of its disputes? Its members have suffered untold persecutions by its fanatical enemies; what is the result of those attacks? Freemasonry is only the more firmly planted in the hearts of its friends, and stands to-day as an institution unequalled by any, save the Church of God. Its members follow *silence and circumspection.* It advocates brotherly love, and by its every act abides by that law. If its mission is peace, if its members must profess faith in Deity, if morality is its aim, can there be the least justice in the assertion that it is unchristian? It seems to me that there ought to be but one answer, viz., *that it is not opposed to Christianity in any form, word or act.*

Again Masonry is accused of attempting to destroy free government, which is equally as absurd an accusation as the others. One of the charges to the neophyte says: "In the State you are to be a peaceful subject, true to your government and just to your country," and, "to conform with cheerfulness to the government of the country in which you live." What more is wanted? I defy any one to point to any instance where the Masonic Fraternity, as such, has ever attempted to meddle with political affairs. Very true many of its members hold high office under government, but was it Masonry that gave them that office? No; it was *their own personal worth.* Masonry, as such, had nothing to do with it. Because I am a Mason, and the Government give me the honours and emoluments of office, does it by any means go to shew that Masonry gave me that office? Yet, fanatics say that Masons hold all the high offices in this free government of ours. We know that they hold many of them, but it was the intellectual ability of the man, *not* his standing as a Mason, that gave him that office? Perhaps we can make this boast, viz., that in intellectuality we stand above our friends (?) the antis; such being the case it would only be natural that men of intellect should fill positions of honour and trust.

Let me give a few facts, in the shape of statistics, for unbelievers to digest, if for no other reason than to prove how foolish and suicidal we would be to even attempt to destroy free government. According to the census of 1880, we have in the United States a population of 50,152,866. While the Masonic statistics for the same year show a membership of only 545,887. According to these figures we find that there is *one Mason to ninety-two* inhabitants of the United States. Now, that one Mason, against ninety-two who are not Masons, is to do the means of revolutionizing the country—overthrowing the government and destroying Christianity. They must think that the Masonic Institution is invested with superhuman power to perform such miracles, and as the days of miracles are passed, they can safely set it down that "*it can't be done.*"

At the presidential election in 1880 there were 9,219,945 votes cast for all the candidates (Phelps included), which would be a ratio of about *one Masonic vote to seventeen* who are not Masons, yet that one Masonic vote is to be the means of counterbalancing seventeen. Was ever such folly heard of? Candidly, now, are not such statements, as overthrowing the government, absurd in the extreme? Fools fear knowledge as well as hate it.

Again it is estimated that there are 92,011 churches; 76,242 ministers and 15,136,198 members of all denominations professing Christianity in the United States alone, which would be about the ratio of *one Mason to every twenty-eight church members, six Masons to every church, and five Masons to every minister.* Oh my! that one solitary Mason to twenty-eight church members is capable of overthrowing Christianity; six Masons to every church are to turn that church into a den of iniquity, and five Masons to every minister have the power to destroy that minister's faith in his God. Verily the Masonic power must be something fearful to behold. Why that one poor lonely Mason must have his power delegated from "the prince of darkness himself;" no substitutes there.

The above comparisons are given simply to show how perfectly absurd anti-masonic statements are; how devoid of truth, and how nonsensical they must appear when brought down to their real meaning! Come now, you fanatical "cranks," acknowledge that "fools hate knowledge," for any one is a downright fool that will advocate such absurd doctrines as that Masons are destroyers of governments, or strive to overthrow Christianity. Were they for a moment to attempt such a course their defeat would be as instantaneous as it would be overwhelming, and a just one it would be, too; but such is not the intent or design of Masonry, *nor will it ever be.*

We find many instances where our opponents are guilty of the same actions of which they accuse us; or to use a slang expression, where they attempt to "run the machine." What was the crusade of 1826 but an attempt by political shysters to get into power by the means of that bugbear, anti-masonry? Sometimes they have succeeded; but supposing that they have, who cares? That we do not is certain. Masonry, as such, makes no issue on political questions any more than it does on strictly religious ones. It is not its creed; we do not believe in it; but we do oppose it by strictly forbidding such discussion in our Lodge-rooms.

The tenets of Masonry are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; not political issues nor religious dogmas. We will admit that we have black-sheep in our ranks, but when we expunge 20,315 in one *year* does it not show that we at least make the attempt to rid ourselves of them? If there are black sheep in Masonry, are they not also to be found in every organization. Even the church cannot present a clean record; but I suppose that the so-called "National Christian (?) Association," headed by Blanchard, Phelps and others, can, IN THEIR OWN ESTIMATION. The Church has her worthless members, and we have ours, with this difference—we admit and deplore the fact that it is so, but do they? The fact that there are a few who are Masons only in name should not condemn the whole Institution, yet it does in the eyes of those who are so blinded by bigotry that they will not believe facts when they are given them. Remember, that it is not as a part that we are to be judged, but as a whole. It has no semblance of right or justice that the bad Masons should be picked out and the whole judged by them. We do not belong to the "holier than thou" class of humanity, but we do claim that the Masonic Institution is as free from blemish as any, and that its objects are everything that pertains to Brotherly Love, Truth and Charity. Can our friends (?) the antis, make the same boast? Are they a charitable institution? If so, show me wherein they ever displayed charity, either in relieving the wants of their fellows, or in their actions towards the Institution they so malignantly vilify. Are they *truthful* in their charges against us? If so, why do they so zealously promulgate what they know to be falsehoods? In fact, what just grounds have they for their tirades of abuse? My experience has been that they have none in the least. Who are their principal workers? Generally, *expelled Masons.* They were too contemptible for us to keep, so we just turned them over to the tender (?) mercies of the so-called "National Christian Association," *alias* an association of political shysters, religious fanatics, and "dead-beats." That may be strange language to use, but it is extremely mild in comparison to some of the sweet (?) words they use when speaking of us.

Now, what is the true inwardness of this tirade against Masonry which has been going on through the country since 1826? As viewed from a Vermont standpoint (she has had her share of anti-Masonry), it is a *hankering for political power and the "Almighty dollar;"*

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neither of which have they been successful in obtaining as yet, neither will they, if Masons prove true to themselves, and by the uprightness of their own conduct before the world and their God say, "Get thou behind me, Satan."

We have more to fear from our own acts than from the acts of the antis, who are not slow in picking up every one of our faults and magnifying them until they appear a thousand times larger than they are. Let us remember to keep our conduct, in all respects, "as an emblem of innocence, unspotted by the world."

If the term, "Fools hate knowledge," is too terse to be applied to the antis, let them by their own acts give us no occasion to use it, but seek knowledge.

Drive off the cloud of ignorance and the bright sun of Masonry will dazzle your befogged brain by its brilliancy, and to you who have had the patience to read this through, ever bear in mind that "*Fools hate knowledge.*"

THE LATE BRO. T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON P.G. MASTER, CANADA.

THE Grand Lodge of Canada, by the death of one of its greatest luminaries, in the person of Bro. T. D. Harington Past Grand Master, sustains a loss which it will be difficult to replace, and for this reason as well as because our late Brother belonged to Lodges and Chapters which were once or still are connected with our Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, we offer our deep sympathies to the brethren of the Dominion. We learn from the *Canadian Craftsman* that Bro. Harington was born at Windsor, England, in 1808. Having served first as a midshipman in the Royal Navy and then as an officer in the East India Company's merchant service, he settled in Canada in 1832, where he entered the Civil Service of the Crown, and having attained the office of Deputy Receiver-General, retired four years since at the ripe age of seventy, after an honourable career extending over six and forty years. In the rebellion of 1837-8 he served with the Queen's Rangers and subsequently received a commission as colonel unattached of militia. What, however, concerns us most is his Masonic career, which was both a long and honourable one. He was initiated in 1843 in the Duke of Leinster Lodge, No. 283, Kingston, Ont. (Irish Constitution). In July 1844 he joined the St. George's Lodge (E.C.) No. 643—now No. 440—Montreal. He was exalted to the R.A. Degree in 1845 in Victoria Chapter, Montreal, attached to St .George's Lodge, and shortly afterwards was chosen W.M. of the latter, to which position he was re-elected annually till 1848 or 1849. In 1851 St. John's Lodge, No. 214, Quebec (English Constitution), but now on the roll of Quebec, elected him W.M., and he was re-elected thrice to the same office. In 1847 he was installed Z. of the Victoria Chapter, Montreal, and remained as such till his removal to Quebec. In 1854 he became a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta in the Hugh de Payen Encampment, Kingston, and in 1855 was chosen Em. Commander of the Quebec Encampment. After filling the office of Provincial Grand Secretary and Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Montreal, he was in 1852 appointed Provincial Grand Master (E.C.) Quebec, and four days later its Prov. Grand Superintendent R.A. Masonry, while on the 1st August of the same year he received his patent as Prov. G. Master Scotch Const.; but he resigned all these appointments in 1858, and joined the Grand Lodge of Canada. In 1860-4 he was Grand Master of that Grand Lodge, and in 1880 he had honorary membership and Past Grand Master's rank conferred upon him by Quebec. In 1859 he was elected, and remained for many years Grand Z. of Grand Chapter of Canada. He had likewise distinguished himself in Cryptic Masonry and attained Grand Honours in Templar and Red Cross Masonry. He was likewise M.P. Sov. Grand Commander Supreme Council 33° A. and A. Rite, and Senior Substitute Magus and President of the High Council of the Rosicrucian Society of Canada. Thus Bro. Harington, having received the highest distinctions in nearly every branch of Masonry, has at length passed away in the fulness of years, and enjoying the love and respect of all who knew him. We are glad to avail ourselves of this opportunity of paying our slight tribute to the memory of one who had filled many distinguished and difficult positions and all of them worthily.

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GRAND LODGE JURISDICTION AND NEW SOUTH WALES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—With reference to your article on this subject, and for the purpose of showing to what lengths certain—let me hope, unauthorised—persons will go in order to assist in compassing the objectionable ends of a certain self-constituted Grand Lodge, I think it well the attention of your readers should be called to a communication recently made by Bro. W. J. Hughan to your contemporary the *Freemason*. It appears that in an article of his, which originally appeared in the *Voice of Masonry*, in January of this year, and was reproduced in the aforesaid London *Freemason*, there occurred the following passage on the question of Grand Lodge Recognition:—

"My impression is, that when a Grand Lodge has been formed for several years, and has such a fine future before it of usefulness and prosperity, as the Grand Lodge of Quebec, that *all* subordinate Lodges would do well to join it, and heartily and invitedly 'fall into line,' according to the prayer of our good Bro. Dr. Graham, the esteemed and learned Grand Master of that energetic body. Of course, if they wish to continue under their parent Grand Lodge,—*well, let them. Why not?* They have the Masonic right so to do, and any way, so far as we can judge, it is but a question of time."

The *Sydney Freemason*, it seems, which, I believe, is the organ of the pseudo Grand Lodge of New South Wales, in quoting this passage, omits the important words, "Of course, if they wish to continue under their present Grand Lodge, *well let them. Why not?* They have the Masonic right so to do," this limitation being, of necessity, a principal feature in Bro. Hughan's argument. As the same journal in expressing its approval of Bro. Hughan's opinions, as thus distorted, and as in that approval it regrets its inability to "give it in its entirety," the omission, if not purposely made, ought not to have escaped observation. The editor could hardly have expressed his regret at being unable to quote it bodily, if he had not had it bodily before him and read it. But if it never passed into his hands, and was dealt with by one of his staff, I do not see how he can escape the onus of blame which so flagrant a distortion of Bro. Hughan's article involves.

Bro. Hughan having criticised this, goes on to point out that his "article in the *Voice of Masonry* for January this year is quite in antagonism to the claims of this New South Wales organisation, as I seek to promote the only fair basis (as it appears to me) on which new Grand Lodges can be established, *either in our Colonies or elsewhere.*" This "fair basis" so fully supports your article of last week in certain points, that I do not think I can do better than give it in his own words. It rests on the following conditions, namely:—

"1. *A majority of the Lodges and members* must agree to the formation of a Grand Lodge in their state, province, territory, or country.

"2. The *minority* objecting, to be entitled to the privileges they had enjoyed previously.

"3. On the formation of the new Grand Lodge, no *new* Warrants to be granted by any other Grand Lodge.

"4. Recognition by other Grand Lodges to be subject to these conditions.

"5. The new Grand Lodge only to be sovereign, when all the subordinate Lodges have joined, *then to have exclusive jurisdiction.*"

And he adds:—

"I submit that this suggested platform, whilst it directly favours and upholds the legality of such Grand Lodges as Canada, Quebec, Nova Scotia, &c., entirely refuses the claim of *New South Wales*, which has been so ably answered by our Grand Registrar before the Grand Lodge of England."

I think your readers, like the London *Freemason*, will be at a loss for words to express their detestation of a proceeding so "unworthy and un-Masonic" as that adopted by the *Sydney Freemason* in behalf of the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Fraternally yours,

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London, 22nd May 1882.

"HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—While I readily allow there is a good deal to say in behalf of "66's" opinion—at least, from his point of view—I submit, with all deference, that it will be a bad day for Masonry when the possession of considerable means is taken as the principal guide in promoting brethren to office in Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodges—for that is what his proposition amounts to. He says: "I cannot but think that those who, by their liberality and energy, prove themselves the main support of Freemasonry should be rewarded accordingly"—a most reasonable proposition so far. But his illustration of the manner in which those rewards might be con-

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ferred is in direct contravention of the first principles of the Craft. He continues thus: "For instance, selections for Grand Officers might be made from the Vice-Patrons and Vice-Presidents; while for Prov. Grand honours, Life-Governors should be admitted to the privileges, in lieu of those who do nothing to uphold the Society to which they have been admitted." This is laying down a graduated scale of money qualifications for office with a vengeance, while it has the further disadvantage of being incomplete into the bargain, seeing that Life Subscribers, Annual Subscribers, and occasional Subscribers are ignored altogether; yet, to the extent of their means, they may do quite as much in the way of "liberality and energy" as their richer brethren. Why, I ask, should these be overlooked in determining the claims to Provincial honours? Again, if I were disposed to be hypercritical, I might justly ask how Grand Officers should be appointed as between Vice-Patrons and Vice-Presidents? Should the Grand Wardens and Grand Deacons be selected from the former and the rest from the latter, or would he have them selected indiscriminately? Then, is preference to be given to Vice-Patrons or other donors or subscribers to all three Institutions over those who have subscribed to only two, and those who have subscribed to two over those who belong to one only? Yet some attention would have to be paid to these matters in settling such qualifications as "609" suggests, or there would be no end to the dissensions and difficulties that would arise—dissensions among those who were not appointed, and thought themselves aggrieved in consequence; and difficulties in the case of our Chief, who makes the appointments, and his Executive, on whose recommendation they are made. One of the chief reasons usually assigned for the outbreak of that disturbance which, in the eighteenth century, split the English Craft into two hostile camps, and kept it so for some three quarters of a century, was the extraordinary privileges accorded to the Grand Stewards, but especially the ordinance which ruled that only those who had served as Grand Stewards should be eligible for appointment as Grand Officers. The office of Grand Steward was then, as now, a somewhat expensive one, and the general body of the Craft—whether rightly or wrongly matters not—got hold of the idea that henceforth promotion to Grand Office would be dependent on the possession of means. It is just possible that "609," in his zeal to secure more liberal and more extended support for our Institutions, has not taken into account this view of the case, but I think he will admit that there would be great danger to the future well-being of the Craft, if selection for Grand and Provincial Grand office were to be governed solely by the extent of their contributions to our Institutions.

The brethren who told "609" that "the Grand Lodge of Freemasons and the different Institutions connected with the Craft were considered to be entirely distinct," were quite right in their statement. No doubt, the Schools and the Benevolent Fund enhance greatly the estimation in which the Craft is held by the public; but just as mere almsgiving is not Charity, but only a particular phase of that greatest of virtues, so the mere maintenance of eleemosynary Institutions is no part of the original and fundamental design of Freemasonry, except in so far as it is the outcome, or development thereof into special channels, for the purpose of meeting the greater necessities of the time. Greatly as I admire our Institutions and the splendid services they are rendering in aid of aged and indigent brethren, their widows, and their orphan children; still, having regard to the general experience of the last few years, the vast increase in the number of beneficiaries, and the corresponding increase in the demands they are obliged to make on the pockets of the Craft, there is good reason to fear that an opinion largely prevails among brethren that the sole aim of Freemasonry is to maintain two Schools for Masons' children, and Annuity Funds for the relief of impoverished brethren and their widows. And, what seems equally within the range of probability is, that as we go on increasing the help that is rendered by these Institutions, so will the number of applicants increase.

I dare say much of what I have written in the latter portion of my letter will be regarded by a number of your readers as rank heresy. Though I may regret this, I cannot help it. But I hold we have no right to be curious as to why some brethren give to our Charities and some do not. The essential condition on which Masonic assistance is to be rendered to an unfortunate brother is, that it shall not be bestowed to one's own detriment. That condition should be looked upon as sacred.

Fraternally and faithfully yours,

"READER."

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has given the following notice of motion for consideration at the ensuing Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, namely:—

"That, having regard to the great increase in the number of Lodges in the Metropolitan area during the past twenty-five years, and the consequent almost total exclusion of the members thereof from any participation in Grand Lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge honours, this Grand Lodge desires to respectfully represent to His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master the propriety of subdividing such Metropolitan area into District Grand Lodges."

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INTER-STATE MASONIC JURISDICTION.

OUR attention has been called to this subject by a communication from a Brother in New Hampshire, and in which the Lodge of which he is a member has a direct interest.

The case may be stated thus: About seven years ago, a gentleman then residing in Illinois, petitioned to a Lodge convenient to his residence, for the degrees in Freemasonry, and in due time was elected to receive them. At, or near the time of his election, he gave up his residence in Illinois, and removed to New Hampshire, where he has since resided. He still desires to receive the degrees, and for that purpose wants to apply to a Lodge having jurisdiction in the town where he now lives. The question is, what is the proper course to pursue?

This case must be determined by the regulations for the governments of Lodges in the two States named.

The petition was regularly received and referred by the Lodge in Illinois, and the candidate was elected; the Lodge therefore had acquired jurisdiction, the extent and duration of which can only be determined by constitutional methods.

The Grand Lodge of Illinois, provides in its Bye-laws, relating to subordinate Lodges, Article XI., Section 2, "That the personal jurisdiction of a Lodge shall extend over all its members (except its Master, or the Grand Master, if a member thereof), wherever they may reside, and over its unfinished work and rejected material, wherever they may be dispersed."

This is in harmony with the thirteenth of the old articles, wherein the Craft are told, "You shall not supplant any of your fellows of their work (that is to say) if he or any of them hath or have taken any work upon him or them, or he or they stand Master or Masters of any Lord or Owner's work, that you shall not put him or them out from the said work, although you perceive him unable to finish the same."

In the case presented, it appears that the Lodge in Illinois had commenced work upon material over which it had complete jurisdiction, and has not abandoned; it is conclusive, therefore, that the consent of the Lodge in Illinois must be obtained for the Lodge in New Hampshire to complete the work. It will be sufficient warrant for the latter to obtain such consent duly attested, whether done by its own request or that of the petitioner; in either case, the better way is to commence work on the material at the beginning; by this course the entire charge of the work is put in care of the working Lodge, and it grants a diploma or certificate accordingly.

By the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, it is provided in Article XV. that the candidate cannot petition for degrees, "unless he shall have resided within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which application is made, at least twelve months next preceding such application." This rule having been more than satisfied by a residence of several years, personal jurisdiction has been obtained, subject, however, to the superior, because prior jurisdiction, of the Lodge in Illinois, but by consent of which the Lodge in New Hampshire will obtain a perfect title to the material.—*Liberal Freemason.*

The second annual meeting of the Shareholders of the XIXth Century Building Society was held on Monday, 22nd inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, the Chairman of Directors, Mr. Waldegrave Lawrence, presiding. From the annual Report, which was read by Mr. F. Long the Secretary, it appeared that the business of the past year amounted to the sum of £18,868, and that the Directors had been able to pay interest at the rate of 5 per cent. for the year, in addition to a balance profit of £213 carried forward to next year's accounts. The special feature of this Society is referred to in the following paragraphs, which we quote from the Report:—"The attention given by the Society to the sanitary condition of the property upon which advances are made, continues to be productive of

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the most satisfactory results. Not only has this the effect of securing to the borrowing members healthy houses, but the Directors have reason to believe that, together with the equitable terms offered to borrowers, it operates in bringing to the Society many of the most respectable and intelligent of those who purchase houses for themselves through Building Societies."—"In more than fifty per cent. of the cases it has been necessary to require alterations for sanitary reasons. These alterations have usually been made with great readiness, the vendor in nearly every instance making them at the request of the purchaser, and generally at small cost. It is probable, however, that if the defects had not been pointed out at the time of purchase, they would not have been remedied afterwards." The Report was unanimously passed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. F. H. A. Hardcastle. The retiring Directors, Miss Richardson, of the London School Board, and Mr. Rutt, were re-elected, and after the transaction of some other business the meeting terminated.

AN OLD TEMPLAR DIPLOMA.

THE original of the above, which is taken from the pages of the *Liberal Freemason*, of Boston, Mass., was received from the Hon. E. W. W. Mackey, son of Bro. A. G. Mackey, and heliotyped. It was then presented to Bro. A. F. Chapman, Grand Recorder of Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, 15th March 1882, at Boston, Mass.:—

Benj. Dean, G.M.U.S.

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THE CROSS MARK.

THE mark persons who are unable to write are required to make instead of their signature is in the form of a cross, and this practice having formerly been followed by king and nobles, is constantly referred to as an instance of the deplorable ignorance of ancient times. This signature is not, however, invariable proof of such ignorance. Anciently, the use of this mark was not confined to illiterate persons, for among the Saxons the mark of the cross, as an attestation of the good faith of the person signing, was required to be attached to the signature of those who could write, as well as to stand in the place of the signature of those who could not write. In those times, if a man could write, or even read, his knowledge was considered proof positive or presumptive that he was in holy orders. The word *clericus*, or clerk, was synonymous with penman, and the laity, or people who were not clerks, did not feel any urgent necessity for the use of letters. The ancient use of the cross was therefore universal, alike by those who could and by those who could not write. It was, indeed, the symbol of an oath from its holy associations, and generally the mark used. On this account Mr. Charles Knight, in his notes in the "Pictorial Shakespeare," explains the expression of "God save the mark!" as a form of ejaculation approaching to the character of an oath. This phrase occurs three or more times in the plays of Shakespeare, but for a long time was left by the commentator in its original obscurity.—*Examiner*.

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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 6th day of June next, when and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, 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 3rd of June.

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25th May 1882.

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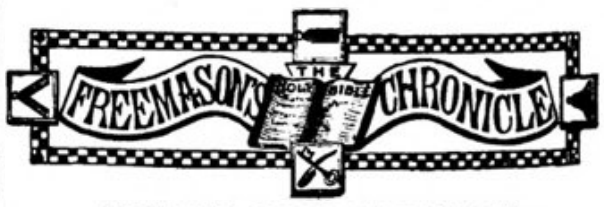

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WILLIAM PRESTON CHAPTER, No. 766.

THE Annual Convocation was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, London, E.C., on Thursday, the 25th instant, at half-past four o'clock. The Audit Committee having met a little earlier in the day, so soon as the Chapter had been opened and the minutes of the last Convocation confirmed, they delivered their report, which was received and adopted. We may state here that among those present were Comps. Henry Garrod M.E.Z., John T. Hisoox H., John Thos. Pilditch J.; P.Z.'s A. Braun, W. H. Kempster, J. Gibson, G. Nee.

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man M.C., W. Worrell S.E.; Comps. S. Wilkinson, J. C. Radford, Thomas Nettleship, H. Reissmann, F. G. Barns, W. J. Jarmain, John Barr, George Hutchinson, Steinmann, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Comps. E. B. Grabham P.Z. 19, E. Kidman M.E.Z. 742, James Stevens P.Z. 720, 771, George Yarley P.Z. 463, W. W. Morgan, &c. The names of four candidates for exaltation appeared on the agenda paper, but only two were present, viz., Bro. George Hutchinson, of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, proposed by Comp. W. J. Jarmain, seconded by Comp. John Humphreyson; Bro. John Barr, of Stability Lodge, No. 564, proposed by Comp. J. T. Hiscox M.E.Z. Elect, seconded by Comp. T. Wilkinson. The ballot was taken for these with a unanimous vote in favour of their being accepted. In due course, they were introduced and exalted, Comp. Garrod, the M.E.Z. conducting the ceremonies in a perfect manner, being ably assisted by the other Principals, and the Officers. The Installation of Principals for the ensuing twelvemonths was the next business, this heavy duty being undertaken by the outgoing M.E.Z., who placed in their respective chairs Comps. John T. Hiscox as M.E.Z., John Thomas Pilditch as H., and W. Jerrett Miller as J. The other Companions were then admitted, when the further investments took place of Comps. H. Garrod I.P.Z. Treasurer, W. Worrell P.Z. S.E., J. Sinclair S.N., W. H. Smart P.S., J. C. Radford 1st Assistant, S. Wilkinson 2nd Assistant, G. Newman M.C., Reinhardt Janitor. At this stage of the proceedings, a P.Z.'s jewel, which had been voted twelve months since to Comp. Gibson, was formally presented. In acknowledging the honour done him, Comp. Gibson heartily thanked the members for the kindness they invariably displayed towards him. He sincerely regretted that circumstances over which he had no control had precluded his attendance at the meetings of the past year; however, he was deeply interested in the success of the William Preston Chapter, and hoped to be more regular in his attendance in the future. On proposition duly made and seconded, it was decided that the I.P.Z.'s banner should be provided out of the Chapter Funds, and that he be requested to allow it to be placed beside the banners of the other Companions in the Chapter; at the same time the hope was fervently expressed that Companion Garrod, whose services were thus gracefully recognised, would long continue to sit beneath it, an honoured and respected member of the Chapter. Companion Garrod having consented to the arrangement, acknowledged the compliment paid him, and after routine work, the Chapter was closed. A banquet was served, but in consequence of the time that had been taken up by the heavy character of the day's proceedings, it was much beyond the hour for which it had been ordered. This at first caused some slight inconvenience, but our esteemed Comp. Chambers, who superintended the service, in a short time put things straight, and the guests thoroughly enjoyed their repast. In due course the toast list was gone through, and the complimentary speeches were fully endorsed. The working of the Chapter was commended, and the hospitality of the Companions fully recognised, and acknowledged. During the evening a selection of vocal music was performed by Madame Worrell, Miss Maud Cameron, Miss Isabel Browning, Comp. Thomas Nettleship, and Bro. Richardson. Madame Worrell is known to many of our readers as an accomplished vocalist; on this occasion she was in capital voice, and favoured the company with the following songs:—"Over London River," and "Lost in the Wood." Miss Cameron sang carefully and artistically Churchill Selby's new song "Come Back," and later on, with much *naïveté*, "The Miller and the Maid." Miss Browning contributed the ever popular song, "Faces in the Fire," and a song of which we missed the title. This young lady also took part with Madame Worrell and Miss Cameron in the Quartette, "Queen of Fragrance;" the Trios, "My Lady, the Countess," and "Rest thee on this Mossy Pillow." We must not overlook our worthy Companion Nettleship; he gave a capital rendering of "Father O'Flynn," and contributed Michael Watson's popular Song, "The Powder Monkey." He likewise ably assisted Madame Worrell in Wakefield's "No, Sir." Altogether, the evening was most agreeably spent.

We offer our fraternal congratulations to Bro. the Lord Mayor, Grand Junior Warden, on his attaining the dignity of a Baronet, which Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to express her intention of conferring upon him, in recognition of the services rendered by the Corporation of the City of London in preserving Epping Forest, and in commemoration of her recent visit and the public ceremonial which accompanied it. Bro. Ellis is in the full vigour of mature age, having been born at Richmond, Surrey, in the year 1829. Consequently, he is but fifty-three years of age, and may reasonably look forward to many years of useful public life. At the age of fifteen he was articled to the firm of Messrs. Musgrove and Gadsen, of Old Broad-street. In 1854 he became a partner of the firm of Farebrother, Ellis, Clark and Co., of which he is now the sole representative. He became a Common Councilman in 1864. In 1872 he was elected Alderman of the Ward of Broad-street, and in 1874 served the office of Sheriff. Last year he was elected to the Lord Mayoralty, and has dispensed the hospitalities of the Mansion House in a manner that will worthily compare with his predecessors in the Civic Chair. In 1858 he married the third daughter of Mr. John Staples, of Belmont, Salisbury. Bro. Ellis is the third Lord Mayor of London on whom His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master has conferred the honour of Grand Junior Warden. He is a Past Grand Steward, and Worshipful Master of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1. He is a Life-Governor of both the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution, and a Vice-President of the Girls' School, and will act as Chairman at the Eighty-fourth Anniversary Festival of the Boys, which will be held at Brighton, on Wednesday, the 28th June proximo.

The Earl of Kintore, Deputy Grand Master of the Mark Degree of Freemasons of England, will preside at the Fourteenth Annual Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which will be held at the Crystal Palace, on the 19th of July. Lord Kintore is one of the most distinguished, as he is one of the most energetic, members of the Craft, and though his principal distinctions have been won in Scotland, we feel confident he will be loyally and liberally supported, as was Lord Rosslyn P G.M. Scotland when he presided three years since at the Festival of the Boys' School. The noble lord (Kintore) is Prov. Grand Master of Kincardineshire, First Grand Sojourner of the Supreme G.R.A. Chapter and Prov. G. Superintendent Angus and Mearns, Admiral of the Chapter General of the Order of the Temple, M. Ill. G. Sovereign Red Cross Constantine, Supreme Magus Rosicrucian Society, G. Marshal Royal Order of Scotland, and member of the Supreme Council 33° of the A. and A. Rite. A record such as this is calculated to speak such volumes in favour of the Mark Benevolent Fund as ought to induce a subscription exceeding any that has been raised in former years.

The Summer Half-yearly Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 6th June proximo. Lord Henniker will be installed G.M.M.M. for the second time, and will afterwards appoint his Officers for the year.

The Lodge of Benevolence held its usual meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Joshua Nunn occupied his chair as President, Bro. J. M. P. Montagu Past D.P.G.M. Dorset acting as Senior Vice President, while Bro. James Brett, the junior Vice President, was in his place as usual. Among those present were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, Montague Guest, M.P., Prov. G.M. Dorset, C. F. Hogard, Magnus Ohren P.A.G.D.C., F. Binckes P.G.S., W. Smallpeice, Thomas Cubitt P.G.P., E. Bowyer, A. Brookman, H. Massey, &c. Of thirty new cases, three were refused and four deferred, the remaining twenty-eight being relieved to the extent of £910, one being recommended £150, one £100, three £50 each, three £40 each, four £30 each, eleven £20 each, one £15, three £10, and one £5. Grants at the previous meeting amounting to £215 were confirmed, and the Board of Masters had the agenda paper for the next Communication of Grand Lodge on the 7th of June submitted to them.

The amount of business to be transacted at the next meeting of United Grand Lodge on the 7th June is both very large and very important. There are several motions for making alterations in the old practice of Grand Lodge, among which will be one for increasing the quarterages payable by brethren to the Fund of Benevolence, as suggested by Mr. Clabon at the last Grand Lodge. There will also be a proposal to found a scholarship and an exhibition in the Royal College of Music, in which the Grand Master and the two Past Grand Wardens the Duke of Connaught and the Duke of Albany, take great interest. It is probable the business will not be got through before a late hour.—*Evening News.*

The *Liberal Freemason* announces that Bro. John Haigh, M.I. Grand Master of the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of Massachusetts, has recently secured a perfect copy of Anderson's Constitutions of 1723. The book is expensively bound, and lettered; has gilt edges, and is as fresh as when printed, as far as wear is concerned. He very naturally feels proud of his good luck, and of the valuable addition to his Masonic library.

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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 MAY.

186—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1634—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

206—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 29th MAY.

1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1748—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
63—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
[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
813—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 30th MAY.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 3 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
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, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1581—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (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.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
290—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
634—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
1314—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
R.A. 781—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 31st MAY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
198—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
890—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1286—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Marg-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

96—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
129—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall Beckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons'sHall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1063—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1065—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
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1545—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Beckmondwike
M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

THURSDAY, 1st 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)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
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)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst.)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
256—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
268—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
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.
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
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
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
536—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
537—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
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, Alfords Chambers, Widnes
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1907—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 581—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, 2nd JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
243—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Staidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
490—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Pitswilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
998—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy

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1308—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1538—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Free masons' 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 JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (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
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CRANBOURNE LODGE, No. 1580.

THIS, which is one of the most successful Lodges in the Province of Hertfordshire, held its Installation Meeting at the Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, on Tuesday last. The members assembled at 3.30, when Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. T. S. Hellier, who was supported by the Officers of the outgoing year; Past Masters F. H. Wilson Iles Deputy Provincial Grand Master Herts, Edgar Bowyer P.P.G.S.W., John L. Mather, Robert H. Halford, William Bausor. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. Shadwell Clerke G.S., Captain Bedford Pym 77, William Poore P.M. 106, George Briggs P.M. 1572, C. K. Killick P.M. 782, H. M. Williams Org. 1669, T. S. Carter P.M. 403, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, H. S. Shillito 25. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Richard Catling, of St. Mark's College, Chelsea, who was proposed by Bro. Page, and seconded by Bro. Webb, the result being unanimously in favour of the candidate. Bro. J. L. Mather P.M. then presented the W.M. elect, Bro. C. K. Killick P.M. 1693, who had been elected, at the last meeting, to fill the chair of the Cranbourne Lodge for the seventh year of its existence. The outgoing Master ably performed the ceremony of installation, and in due course the following Officers were appointed:—G. Ward Verry P.M. 1278, &c. S.W., Henry Beadell J.W., G. F. Cook Treasurer, James Terry Prov. Grand S.W. Norths and Hunts Sec. R.M.B.I. Secretary, W. J. Thody S.D., W. J. Crutch P.M. 1278 J.D., R. C. Read Organist, A. Eade I.G., C. H. Reed M. of C., W. London Assistant M. of C., J. Gibbs Steward, J. S. Webb Assistant Steward, Thomas Tyler. Bro. Hellier delivered the addresses to Master, Wardens, and brethren, and took his seat amid hearty congratulations. The duty of initiating Mr. Catling, the candidate named above, was the first event that claimed the attention of the W.M. Bro. Killick performed the ceremony in a most competent way, and created a deep impression on the aspirant for the privileges of our ancient Order. The Report of the Audit Committee having been presented and adopted, the W.M. was elected as the representative of the Lodge on the Board of Finance of the Province. Routine work followed, and Lodge was closed. The banquet was capitally served by Mrs. Ward, the hostess of the Red Lion Hotel, and justice was done by all present to the good things provided. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Killick gave the Loyal toasts, which were heartily received. In replying for the Grand Officers, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke expressed the gratification he had felt in visiting Hatfield, with its many historical associations. He confessed he had been somewhat seduced from the allegiance he owed the Lodge by the charming features of Hatfield House and its surroundings, and felt under deep obligation to Bro. Shillito, who had acted as cicerone for the occasion. The Grand Secretary referred to the presence of Bro. C. K. Killick sen., the father of the W.M., and to the pleasure it must afford him—an old Master himself—to see his son placed in the highest position to be obtained in a Masonic Lodge. Personally he congratulated the W.M., and hoped he might have other opportunities of visiting the Lodge. In giving the toast of Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M., Bro. Killick said the brethren had looked forward with pleasurable anticipation to have the honour on this occasion of a visit from the R.W. the Prov. G. Master. At the last moment, however, a telegram had been received stating that important Parliamentary business prevented the attendance of Bro. Halsey. After a happy rendering of the popular song, "Father Molloy," by Bro. Eade, the toast of the Deputy Provincial G. Master and other Provincial Grand Officers was given, special reference being made to the zeal displayed by Dr. Iles, and to the way in which his services were at all times appreciated by the Freemasons of the Province. Dr. Iles, in a well considered speech, thanked the brethren for the cordial reception they had given him. As for the Provincial Grand Officers, they were picked men, who knew and fully appreciated their responsibilities, which he was sure they would strive to fulfil. He was gratified at seeing the hospitality of the members so liberally exercised; visiting from Lodge to Lodge was productive of much good—it showed what might be copied, what ought to be avoided. He referred to the birthday of the Lodge; he had remarked then that they had brought forth a very healthy child; he had watched it in its infancy, and could not but be satisfied now it had reached maturity. Bro. Iles paid a high compliment to the outgoing Master, Bro. Hellier, and prognosticated—from what he had that day seen of the ability of Bro. Killick—a happy term of office for the new Master. He then spoke of the estimation in which the Cranbourne Lodge was held as a contributor to the Masonic Institutions, and urged the brethren at the lower end of the table to emulate the good deeds of the older members. The health of the Initiate was the next toast brought forward, and Bro. Catling modestly but expressively acknowledged the honour done him. Bro. Hellier proposed the health of the W.M. From what they had seen of the ability of Bro. Killick, it was clear the brethren had acted wisely in entrusting to him the guidance of their Lodge. The reply of the W.M. was brief, but well to the point. From the first he had taken a deep interest in the Lodge, and nothing on his part should be wanting to continue it in its present flourishing condition. The Visitors were next complimented, and Bros. Killick sen., Capt. Bedford Pym, and Shillito replied. Bro. Killick sen. was pleased at the several allusions that had been made. He had had the pleasure of seeing his son installed Master of another Lodge, wherein he (the speaker) had the honour of acting as the Secretary. He felt assured the Cranbourne Lodge would sustain its prestige under its present Master. In proposing the health of the Past Masters, the W.M., in order to save time, would give the toast in its corporate capacity, and would include their Treasurer and Secretary. He specially referred to the ability displayed by Bro. Hellier in carrying out the duties of the Installation, and in the name of the Lodge presented him with the Past Master's jewel. Bro. Hellier after acknowledging the kind remarks of the W.M., said he scarcely could find words to thank the members for the kindness they had at all times shown him. He felt he had only done his duty, but at the same time he was none the less gratified at the way in which his efforts seemed to be appreciated. In replying for the Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. Terry regretted Bro. Cook had been compelled to leave; their Treasurer had laboured zealously for the Lodge, which he (Brother Terry) was proud to know was free from all liability. It would at all times be the main effort of the Past Masters to sustain it in a sound financial position. The Officers were then complimented, and the Tyler was summoned to give the parting toast. The proceedings throughout were enlivened by songs and recitations.

SHEPHERD'S BUSH LODGE, No. 1828.

THE last meeting of this Lodge, previous to the summer recess, took place at the Athenæum, Shepherd's Bush, on Monday, 22nd inst. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. G. Harrison, the Lodge was opened by the I.P.M. Bro. A. B. Baker, who was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Pierpoint S.W., Josey J.W., Game P.M. Treasurer, Alais P.M. Secretary, P. Burton S.D., Williams J.D., Breitbart I.G., Schofield Tyler. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, Lodge was advanced a step, and Bro. White, candidate for the sublime degree, was examined as to the knowledge he possessed of the science. This proving satisfactory, he was entrusted. In due course, after Lodge had been opened in the third degree, Bro. White was re-admitted and the ceremony was worked, much to his edification. Bro. Whitaker, a candidate for passing, was next introduced, and after the formalities had been complied with, the acting Worshipful Master conducted the ceremony of the second degree. Bro. Lewis Bryett, the first Master of this Lodge, then took the chair in order to initiate into Freemasonry his friend Mr. Edward F. Crowe, who had been regularly proposed, and for whom the ballot was taken at the last meeting of the Lodge. Bro. Bryett performed the ceremony most ably, and created a deep impression on the candidate, who seemed fully to realise the solemnity of the occasion. After this some matters of importance regarding home affairs were brought under consideration, hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was served by Bro. Ward, who is the caterer appointed by this Lodge, and under whose personal superintendence the repast was served. On the removal of the cloth, the acting W.M. gave the loyal toasts, Bro. Bryett in proposing the health of the W.M. regretted the enforced absence, through illness, of Bro. Harrison. Their W.M. took a lively interest in the work of the Lodge, and all felt it was much against his inclination he was compelled to absent himself. Bro. Bryett then suggested that the Secretary should send a telegram in reply to the one sent by the W.M. to the brethren, regretting his non-attendance, and expressing a hope that he might speedily be restored to his normal state of health. With the toast he (Bro. Bryett) would associate the name of Bro. Baker, who, in the emergency, had ably conducted the proceedings. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. Baker said he was at all times pleased if he could render any assistance to the Lodge. With regard to Brother Harrison, he was most enthusiastic in the fulfilment of his duties, and this was the first time since the Lodge was inaugurated that he had been absent. The health of the Initiate came next, and after this toast had been responded to, the Visitors were complimented. The brethren present in this capacity were Brothers W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, R. H. Rogers 1791, Sage late 610, and Gastrell Senior Deacon 246. Brother W. W. Morgan was the first to respond. He was present at the consecration of the Lodge, and had had the privilege of being the guest of the members on several occasions since. It was gratifying to the Visitors to see the Lodge in so prosperous a condition, while the quarters in which they were assembled met every requirement. The cause of this prosperity could readily be understood by those who were acquainted with the founders. He (Brother Morgan) had met Bros. Bryett and Baker at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, where, in their capacity of Stewards, they had handed in a goodly sum as the contribution of the Lodge and its members. This was not the first Institution the Lodge had assisted, and the brethren realised this when, at the election on Friday of last week, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent, the candidate they were supporting secured the benefits of that admirable Institution. Bro. Morgan concluded his remarks by thanking the acting W.M. and members for the hearty reception they at all times gave him. The other Visitors severally offered a few remarks, and then other toasts followed in quick succession, the parting one bringing a successful and agreeable meeting to a close.

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New Concord Lodge, No. 813.—The last meeting of the season in connection with this popular Lodge was held on Thursday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a goodly attendance under the presidency of Bro. Lewis Christopher Haslip, the Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. Henry Tiddiman S.W., John Stilwell Treasurer acting as J.W., Alfred J. Potter S.D., Peter Harnett J.D., A. Perl D.C., C. Weeden I.G., S. Boulton Steward, F. Perl Assistant W.S., W. Pierpoint I.P.M., P.M.'s Sampson George, W. Stead, Thomas J. Cusworth; Bros. E. Chubb, A. Fanoques, T. Adams, R. Tedman, George Mustoe, F. W. Swales, W. J. Crabb, R. Marshall, Walter Potter, F. Willcocks, C. R. Brasslin, E. Bonsdridge, J. Chadwick, J. Wright, and C. T. Speight Prov. Grand Tyler for Surrey Tyler. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, the ballot was passed for Mr. A. J. Williams, proposed by Bro. W. Stead P.M., seconded by Bro. W. Pierpoint I.P.M., and for Mr T. E. Boys, nominated by Bro. J. Cusworth P.M., seconded by Bro. John Harper P.M. and Secretary. Both were unanimously accepted, and will be initiated at the next meeting. Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. Thomas Adams, having answered the interrogations satisfactorily, was entrusted, and subsequently passed to the Fellow Craft degree by the W.M., assisted by the Officers, the working being admirably sustained. It was proposed by the Immediate Past Master, and seconded by Bro. Stead P.M., that the usual Summer Banquet should be held, and a Committee was appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements. A letter was read from Bro. J. Stillwell, resigning his position as Treasurer of the Lodge, and in accepting it the brethren signified their regret, and unanimously decided that a record should be placed on the minutes, expressing their appreciation of the services Bro. Stillwell had rendered for many years. A telegram was received from Bro. Harper P.M. and Secretary, who regretted being unable to attend the Lodge, in consequence of other engagements, in Dublin. After the transaction of some formal business, Lodge was adjourned until October next. Subsequently the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, served in admirable style, and the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the "Queen and the Craft" being received with a zest and loyalty for which this Lodge is proverbial. Reference was made to the valuable services rendered to the Craft by the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, after which the I.P.M. assumed the gavel, and proposed, in suitable terms, the health of the Worshipful Master, who so well and wisely ruled over the New Concord Lodge. From the admirable way in which Bro. Haslip filled that position he felt sure the brethren would all agree that they made an excellent choice when they selected him as their Worshipful Master. The toast was enthusiastically received, and Bro. Haslip briefly replied, expressing the hope that his conduct in the chair had entitled him to their approbation, and that he might be thought worthy of their esteem during the tenure of his office. He then proposed the Visitors, with which he coupled the toast of the Masonic Press, on whose behalf representatives of those journals responded. The next toast was that of the Past Masters, in proposing which Bro. Haslip acknowledged the kind and valuable assistance he had always received at their hands, and for which he was sincerely indebted. He felt confident they would continue to extend to him that aid and counsel which was so much needed by all who filled the position he then occupied. The prosperity of the Lodge must be in a great measure attributed to the interest taken in it by the Past Masters, to whom he tendered his warmest acknowledgments. Past Masters Pierpoint, Cusworth, and Stead severally responded, and the other complimentary toasts followed, interspersed with songs and recitations, the proceedings being altogether of a most harmonious and enjoyable description.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—A meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, 19th inst, at 7.30. p.m. Present—Bros. Goodwin W.M., R. Poore S.W., H. Williams J.W., J. Bate S.D., F. Thurston J.D., H. Williams I.G., John S. Terry P.M. Secretary, James Stevens P.M. Hon. Preceptor; also Bros. E. Francis, J. D. Smith, and others. Lodge was duly opened in the first and second degrees, and Bro. Smith, as candidate, proved his efficiency as a Craftsman. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by the W.M., who officiated in that capacity for the first time. Lodge was then closed to the first degree. Bro. G. W. Knight 1507 was elected a member. Notices of motion for alteration of portions of the Bye-laws were given. Bro. R. Poore was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the ceremony and sections of the first degree will be worked. No other business offering, Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday last, a large number of brethren attended at the Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, to hear Bro. James Stevens's lecture, illustrating the ceremonies and ritual of the first degree. For upwards of two hours Bro. Stevens delighted and interested the brethren by the masterly and conversational manner in which he handled his subject, and at its termination a very cordial vote of thanks was accorded to him by the brethren present. Bro. Forge W.M. 1950 occupied the position of W.M., Gilham S.W., Pearcy J.W., Trewinnard I.P.M.; also Bros. E. Woodman S.D. 1950, Ward 1950, Dixon 1950, Clarke 1950, J. Woodman 813, Curtis 1950, Harvey, Harthan, Cooke, King, Rowlston, Weeden, Ferrar, Marks, Gribble, Higgins, Curtis, Jones, Goddard sen., Goddard jun., Gibbs, Cook, Osborn, Gregory, Folé, Hall W.M. elect 1693, Killick sen., Killick jun., Wheelhouse jun., Wheelhouse sen., M. Lion, and many other brethren.

Bros. J. D. Allcroft, Sir Francis Truscott, Alfred Lyon, and Edgar Bowyer are Stewards for the Festival of the Infant Orphan Asylum, to be held on the 24th prox., Bro. the Duke of Connaught presiding.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE DALHOUSIE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 850.

IT will doubtless strike many of those who are accustomed to attend Lodges of Instruction, and the annual Festivals held in connection with some of them, that there is little to report in connection with the latter, and yet, as year after year rolls on, those interested in a Lodge like to see the doings at their annual meetings recorded in the Masonic Press, and some would doubtless think a reporter was wanting in proficiency if he simply recorded the fact that the meeting was held, and all present enjoyed themselves. Such, however, as a rule, is all that can be said of the annual supper of a Lodge of Instruction; it expresses much, and perhaps the only fault of such a report would be its brevity. Established for the express purpose of hard work, a Lodge of Instruction presents, on its usual nights of meeting, but few attractions other than those afforded by an exposition of some part of our ritual. The annual supper, when such is held, usually illustrates the opposite extreme—there is no work, those present look upon the evening as an annual holiday, on which all labour is put aside, including that of listening to the stereotyped remarks which accompany Masonic toasts; while the Chairman, for the time being, seems to look upon the task in much the same light—all pleasure and no work, and if he is really able satisfactorily to carry out such a programme he may consider himself well suited to his post. But to return to the subject of our present notice—the annual supper of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction; really very little can be written beyond saying that it was a most successful meeting. Presided over by Bro. Burleton, the W.M. of the mother Lodge, and attended by a goodly array of members, it was all that could be desired—the supper was good, the speeches of the President short, the replies to the toasts—of which there were very few—to the point, and songs and recitations sufficient to prevent the proceedings of the meeting being voted slow. Bro. Wallington, the Preceptor, responded to the toast of Success to the Lodge of Instruction. He referred to the general good feeling existing among its members, and particularly mentioned the support and kindly assistance received from the mother Lodge, the Worshipful Master of which had for several years past occupied the chair at the annual supper. To the toast of the Secretary, proposed by the Preceptor, Bro. Carr suitably responded, giving a few statistics in connection with the Lodge of Instruction during the past year. Meetings had been held on fifty-one of the fifty-two Tuesdays in the year, the only one missed being the 27th of December, when the ties of Christmastide proved stronger even than those which unite the members of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction. The total number of attendances during the twelve months was exactly 800, an average of about sixteen per week (figures which cannot be excelled or even equalled by many other Instruction Lodges). From the revenue of the Lodge its members had been able to contribute five guineas to one of the Institutions, besides giving a guinea to the special fund annually raised to defray the cost of the entertainment given to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon. The Fifteen Sections—that summit of ambition among frequenters of Lodges of Instruction—had been worked three times; Bros. Barnes, Long, and G. H. Stephens occupying the chair on the respective occasions, and each exponent had been well supported. Bro. Carr was able to report the Lodge as in an eminently satisfactory condition, and having personally thanked the brethren for drinking his health, expressed a desire to continue his work, to the satisfaction of the members, in the future. Other toasts were given and responded to, the last not receiving attention until a late hour. We must add our share to the praise awarded to Bro. Smyth for the way in which he carried out the part of the entertainment he undertook—providing the supper; the good things he supplied were most enjoyable.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 23rd May. Bros. Edwards W.M., Marsh S.W., A. Clark J.W., Christian S.D., T. Clark J.D., Smyth I.G., F. Carr Hon. Sec., Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Brasted, Wardell, Forss, Gosling, Loring, Parfitt, and Jones. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gosling acting as candidate. Brother Forss worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Loring offered himself as candidate for passing; he was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Loring was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Brother Brasted worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Poulter, of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, was elected a member. Bro. F. Carr was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED AS UNDER:—

At the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Wednesday, 7th June, the closing night of the season. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock p.m. precisely. Brothers are cordially invited. Bro. H. G. Gush will preside, supported by Bros. D. Moss S.W., Trewinnard J.W., Cusworth I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Gray, Hall, Perl, Trewinnard, Lardner, Moss, and Powell. Second Lecture—Bros. Greene, King, Weeden, Lorkin, and Forge. Third Lecture—Bros. Ferrar, Dignam, and Potter Bros. Cusworth Preceptor, and Perl acting Hon. Sec.

DEATH.

ABBOTT.—On the 20th instant, aged eleven months and a half, GERALDINE FRANCES, youngest child of GEORGE BLIZARD and MARGARET JESSIE ABBOTT.

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A YEAR OF LIFEBOAT WORK.

HAPPILY the work of Saving Life from Shipwreck on the shores of the British Isles has assumed such proportions and efficiency as it obtained at no former period. In this good cause the National Lifeboat Institution has, of course, taken a prominent and active part, having contributed last year alone to the saving of 1121 lives from various wrecks, while the Board of Trade and the Coastguard, by means of the rocket apparatus, rescued upwards of 500 lives. These facts are gleaned from the Annual Report of the Lifeboat Institution, which has just been issued.

The first paragraph in the Report loyally joins the whole community in congratulating Her Majesty the Queen on her recent escape from danger.

The Report alludes to the bravery shown, and the hardships cheerfully endured by the Lifeboatmen, and thus a glorious tale has to be added to that perennially lengthened chain which, year by year, link by link, adds to and illustrates the history of the Institution! Moreover, its Committee are able to record that their countrymen have shown their appreciation of these continued invaluable Lifeboat services by their munificent pecuniary support, which has enabled them so successfully to prosecute the onerous duty that has been confided to them.

Last year eleven new Lifeboats were placed at the following stations:—ENGLAND AND WALES—Co. Northumberland, Bamborough Castle; Yorkshire, Robin Hood's Bay and Whitby; Norfolk, Palling; Essex, Harwich; Sussex, Newhaven; Glamorganshire, Penarth; Pembrokeshire, Little Haven, St. Bride's Bay; Carnarvonshire, Portmadoc; Anglesea, Cemaes. IRELAND—Co. Dublin, Poolbeg.

As previously mentioned, during the year 1881 the Institution contributed by its Lifeboats and other means to the saving of 1121 lives from different shipwrecks, being the largest number of lives saved in any one year since its first establishment. It would have been gratifying to report that these numerous services had been rendered without loss of life amongst the brave men who performed them; but God willed otherwise, and on four occasions the Lifeboats upset, viz. those stationed at Newhaven, Torquay, Skerries (in County Dublin, Ireland), and at Douglas Isle of Man. From the three first-named boats no lives were lost; but it is sad to state that four of the Douglas Lifeboat's crew were drowned. The accident occurred in a dark night, when the boat was running before a gale of wind and a heavy sea, so that the drowning men could not, through the darkness, be discovered. It is to be feared that such sad accidents must from time to time occur, and all that the Institution can then do is to liberally contribute towards the maintenance of the bereaved families of the gallant men who have thus sacrificed their own lives in a noble endeavour to save those of their fellow-creatures.

The number of Lifeboats now under the management of the Institution is *Two hundred and seventy-one*, and their services during each month of the past year were as follows:—January, 67 launches, 150 lives and 7 vessels saved; February, 41 launches, 93 lives and 2 vessels; March, 55 launches, 116 lives and 3 vessels; April, 12 launches, 18 lives and 1 vessel; May, 9 launches, 29 lives and 3 vessels; June, 4 launches and 11 lives; July, 2 launches, 4 lives and 1 vessel; August, 23 launches and 35 lives; September, 15 launches, 24 lives and 1 vessel; October, 71 launches, 280 lives and 8 vessels; November, 49 launches, 161 lives and 5 vessels: December, 26 launches, 45 lives and 2 vessels. Total number of Lifeboat launches during the year, 374; lives saved, 966; and vessels saved, 33.

In addition to these services, 155 lives were saved from shipwreck by shore-boats and other means, which had received rewards from the Institution, making the total of 1121 lives rescued last year. The number of lives saved during the fifty-eight years, from the establishment of the Institution, to the end of the year 1881, either by its Lifeboats or by special exertions, for which it has granted rewards, is 28,724. This is a result of which any community may well be proud, reflecting as it does the greatest credit on those who, by their intrepidity and unceasing exertions, have brought it about; and also on those who, by their pecuniary help to the Institution, have aided in the accomplishment of so great a work. Last year 2 Gold Medals, 33 Silver Medals and Clasps, 46 Votes of Thanks inscribed on vellum, and £5783 were granted as rewards for saving lives. Since the establishment of the Institution, it has expended on Lifeboat Stations, and other means for saving life from shipwreck, on the coasts of the United Kingdom, upwards of £570,000, and has voted 95 Gold Medals, 948 Silver Medals, and £70,200 in pecuniary rewards for saving life from shipwreck.

During the year 1881 the receipts of the Institution amounted to £36,419, while the expenditure was £37,781. As usual the items of receipt and expenditure are fully detailed in the financial statement, which has been audited by Mr. Lovelock, public accountant.

The valuable and earnest co-operation afforded by the Local Branch Committees and their Honorary Secretaries, is suitably acknowledged, and so are also several munificent contributions to the Institution.

It is hardly necessary to add that the managing body of so great and philanthropic a Society as the Lifeboat Institution fulfils a national public duty, and its Committee are amply rewarded in its administration by the sympathy and liberal support which the community extend to it. Thus fortified, they may unhesitatingly leave no effort untried which shall contribute to the efficiency of their life-saving machinery, and fit it to perform the great work the originators of the Institution had in view—"The Preservation of Life from Shipwreck."

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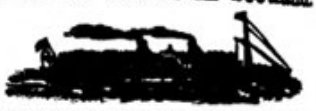

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TRADING ON MASONRY.

THE despicable practice of business advertising by the display of emblems rightly belonging to the Masonic Craft, but freely adopted—in a modified form, certainly—by spurious imitators, has more than once called for reproof in these columns; and we have lately received letters from various correspondents bearing on the same subject. But the system so unworthily adopted has long been understood and deprecated by thinking Masons, who form a majority of the customers whom these specious traders hope to catch. Over and over again it has been scathingly exposed and held up to public ridicule, and the only wonder is that, after all that has been written and said upon the matter, so many are found to cling to a practice which would be scouted in Lodge as it is everywhere outside. The cases named in a recent letter by our correspondent "Q.," who complained of members of the Craft decorating their shops and places of business with so much of its insignia as the Square and Compasses, the Level, the Plumb-rule, &c., are but a few of the objectionable artifices resorted to, we are sorry to say, by those who profess and call themselves Masons. Still, on the other hand, it must not be forgotten that since those signs were adopted by our Ancient and Honourable Institution, imitators have sprung up in great numbers, while virtually and in fact only friendly and benefit societies, who yet seek to attract to themselves a certain degree of that symbolic interest which attaches to Freemasonry. It is not our wish or province to speak in any way disparagingly of the great "Orders" and "Unities" that have sprung into being within the last half a century, whose aim it is to inculcate habits of thrift, forethought, and providence, especially among the poorer classes, and the result of whose labours has undoubtedly been to relieve a vast amount of human suffering and distress. But they have nearly all appropriated in a greater or less degree the allegorical symbols with which Masonry is veiled, and they do not shrink from using them, as Artemus Ward would say, "in reckless profusion." We venture to think, if our correspondents, who entertain so justifiable a repugnance to the illegitimate use of these emblems, would only enquire a little deeper, they would discover that in a very great majority of cases the appearance of the Square and Compasses, &c. outside public-houses, denote merely the headquarters or branches of the friendly societies to which we refer, while we may be charitable enough to imagine that a similar display made by the chemist is but a guide-post to the members of such "Lodges," or "Courts" as to where they may find the medical advice and medicine to which they are entitled in case of need. Unquestionably the practice, which is stigmatised as indecorous in our own Institution, and very properly so, is deemed no offence against the rules of some other societies; indeed, we have reason to believe that it is regarded in precisely the opposite way, and considered an expression of loyalty and desire to promote the interests of those clubs, who enter into such eager, though friendly, rivalry to increase the number of their members. The pity is that the founders of these societies should have so admired the symbols of our Craft as to have adopted them in their entirety and without alteration; but in this they were no doubt actuated by the desire to surround themselves with some of the halo of secrecy and importance which has always attached to the Masonic Fraternity. Be that as it may, we are inclined to the belief that a very large number of cases of "trading on Masonry" which have raised the just ire of our correspondents are the acts, not of Masons, but of the members of other crafts. We are painfully obliged, however, to qualify that assertion by admitting, that not a few instances are on record of flagrant attempts at trade "puffing" by brethren who seem to have forgotten that they were prompted to join the Order by no "mercenary or other unworthy motives." A man who seeks participation in the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry makes that solemn declaration in one of the earliest stages of his advance along the chequered floor; and if he afterwards copies the servile custom of which complaint is made, the most charitable conclusion we can arrive at is that he must have forgotten the sublime ceremony of his initiation, and become dead to those pure sentiments which he professed when he first crossed the threshold of his Lodge. Not many years ago we exposed the mean attempt of a firm of wine merchants who unblushingly forwarded to the various Lodges in the Metropolis, and we believe the Provinces as well, copies of their trade circular, couched in much of the parlance of the Craft, and offering to sell wines, &c., for the festive uses of the brethren, at a very much lower scale of prices than could be reasonably expected at the ordinary assemblies in the Fourth Degree But the touters had reckoned without their host, and the advertising spiders who, as they thought, so adroitly invited the Masonic flies to walk into their parlours, were met with such a scowl of disapprobation, and received such a drubbing, as will prove an effectual bar to any repeated indiscretion of the kind. We have known other cases in which attempts to obtain business by the display of symbols and allusions to the Brotherhood have been equally scouted, and it is devoutly to be hoped they will ever be so whenever men are found to insinuate themselves into our Order —as they do into every institution and society—with the unscrupulous and avaricious aim of making it a handle for the promotion of their personal aggrandisement. The world despises the sycophant who parades his hypocrisy in church or chapel for the sake of unholy gain; and Masons who are true to the sublime and sacred tenets of their creed should treat these reptiles of greediness with no less favour. We are disposed to think that Masons, rather than being drawn towards such establishments as expose these emblems, will, as some of our correspondents suggest, give them a wide berth. We have heard many brethren, both in and out of Lodge, assert that, whereas they would otherwise have been pleased to give a brother "a turn" in business, they have been entirely dissuaded and disgusted by the display of Masonic quackery on shop front, sign board, trade card and circular in which some persons indulge. There is one tendency of such in practice, and one which obviously cannot be very advantageous to those who adopt it, and that is, it may attract to them the increasing number of those equally unscrupulous Masons and impostors who live upon charity. If this is the effect of the flaunting of Masonic emblems, we can only wish the offenders joy of their bargain. The complaints we are constantly receiving of those predatory brethren who trade on Masonry, in the lowest and most abject sense, are by no means lessened, but rather fostered, by the principle which stimulates and encourages this unworthy practice. The man who makes cadging his trade loses sight of no artifice by which to obtain the object of his desires; and we know of no bait likely to excite the risibilities of a Masonic tramp so much as the glittering display of those emblems which

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were once an object of reverence, but now, to his depraved mind, the spring from which he may extort black-mail almost at will. We fail, therefore, to see what advantage the system can be to a Freemason—whatever it may be to others; for while on the one hand it causes the very men whom they strive to catch as customers to hold aloof, on the other it tends to breed a class of loafers who, it must be admitted, have foisted their unwelcome presence upon the ranks of Masonry, though perhaps not to quite so large an extent as upon those of every other institution in the world. A careful and judicious note taken in individual Lodges of those who adopt this nefarious system of trading, and an equally careful avoidance of dealing with such brethren, would speedily cure the evil which now rests as a blot and a slur upon the social system of the Masonic Craft.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

AS will be seen from the agenda paper we publish in another part of our columns, the business that will come before Grand Lodge on Wednesday next is of unusual importance. Not the least important, however, is Bro. Raynham Stewart's resolution, which has already been once accepted by Grand Lodge, to the effect that an additional grant of £800 per annum be made to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £300 to the Male Fund, and £500 to the Female Fund, thus equalising the grants to the two Funds. It will of course be in the recollection of our readers that in December last Bro. Raynham Stewart's motion to this end was carried unanimously, the only change in the wording of his resolution being that the money should be provided out of the General Purposes Fund, instead of being apportioned equally between that and the Fund of Benevolence, as was originally proposed. In March Bro. Philbrick P.G.D. and Deputy P.G.M. Essex moved, that so much of the minutes of the December Communication as referred to the motion of Bro. Stewart should be non-confirmed, and the motion was carried; a Committee, consisting of Bros. Raynham Stewart, General Brownrigg P.G.M. Surrey, Lieut.-Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer, Sir John B. Monckton President of the Board of General Purposes, and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, being subsequently appointed to inquire into and report upon the funds of Grand Lodge, and the income it derives therefrom. Many, no doubt, will suggest that the services of a Board of General Purposes may very well be dispensed with, if, with an elaborate system of accounts, duly audited by a professional accountant, it is incapable of stating roughly whether or not the Funds of Grand Lodge, with an average annual balance of income over expenditure to the extent of over £4,000, is competent to endure the additional outlay of £800 annually. A schoolboy who has just had his first lesson in the rule of three would solve so simple a problem off hand, but the collective wisdom of our said Board of General Purposes is unequal to the occasion. A Committee of Enquiry, consisting of our worthy brethren, who know as little about arithmetic as Jumbo does about Latin, must needs be appointed, and after three months of most laborious work, they have arrived at the conclusion that, "at the present time Grand Lodge is in receipt of an average nett income of about £4,000, which is, however, liable to considerable fluctuations in proportion to the number of admissions of members into the Order, and from various other causes." The exact meaning of the Report is not, perhaps, as clear as it might be, and we can only suppose the Committee intend to convey to the Craft the idea that after it has cleared all its expenses Grand Lodge has a balance in hand of over £4,000 a year. This, if we have interpreted it correctly, is in accordance with our own views. The accounts for the Quarter ended 31st December 1881 show receipts to the extent of £6,854 1s 6d, including a balance brought forward of £4,087 16s 8d, the expenditure being no more than £1,609 17s 10d, so that the balance left in hand was £5,244 3s 8d. Now, fluctuations apart, one quarter will be as well as another in guiding the curious brother. At all events, in the three months of 1881, the Board of General Purposes received upwards of £2,500, or at the rate of £10,000 per annum; and it must be borne in mind that of this sum close on £1,000 was income derived from rents and investments. On the other hand the expenditure was, in round figures, £1,600, or at the rate per annum of £6,400. Consequently the balance in hand, on this calculation, must be quite £3,600. Under these circumstances we doubt if there if any one, outside the Board of General Purposes, who will question the ability of Grand Lodge to sustain the additional charge of £800 per annum, for even then it may reckon on an average annual surplus of £2,800, or considerably over 25 per cent. of its incomings. We can only express our astonishment—with the figures before him for the September, if not for the December quarter—Bro. Philbrick, himself a member of this wonderful Board of General Purposes, should have risen in his place in Grand Lodge and exposed his ignorance, which, by the way, would seem to have been more than shared by his colleague, Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board.

As to the merits of the case there is no doubt. If we take only the few years which this journal has been in existence, we find that the number of annuitants has increased over 50 per cent., while each of them receives £4 more than he or she did in 1874. Grand Lodge has added nothing to its annual contribution since 1858, and were there no Benevolent Institution it is hard to say how it would fare with the Fund of Benevolence, which is now spending more than its income, and has the greatest difficulty in rubbing along. But for the Benevolent Fund, the Fund of Benevolence would be instantly in a condition of insolvency, and hence the necessity for—to say nothing of the justice of—Bro. Stewart's motion. We may occasionally feel it to be our duty to question the consistency of Grand Lodge, but we will not doubt its ability to understand a few plain figures, or its readiness to further support a Charity of its own creation.

"HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE."

WE wish to draw the attention of our readers to a correspondence, bearing the above title, which was initiated by "609" a fortnight since, and is still progressing in our columns. It had its origin in the first instance in a letter headed "A Little Help," by "P.M. 458, I.G. 609." which appeared on the 6th ult., the writer of which expressed surprise that out of twelve or so active promoters of a case at the recent election for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which he was invited to support, only five were subscribers to one or the other of our Charities, while the great majority had obtained Grand or Provincial Grand honours. His advice was of a practical nature, and was to the effect that people who take so deep an interest in a candidate as openly to recommend his claims to election would set the best example of their good intentions by purchasing votes for him. On the strength of this letter, "609," in the letter which he communicated to us, and which appeared on the 20th ult., went on to advocate the policy of conferring Grand and Prov. Grand office on those who contribute to our Institutions. To this policy, "Reader," in his long and interesting letter we published last week, took exception, very properly remarking that it was tantamount to making those offices dependent on the possession of ample means, and pointing out that such a course was in direct opposition to the fundamental principles of the Craft. What has since been written on this subject will be seen elsewhere, and as the discussion has reached an interesting stage, we may as well avail ourselves of the present opportunity to contribute a few observations, though, as the subject is manifestly one of extreme delicacy, they will be of a purely general character, so that, even in laying down a principle, we may as far as possible avoid giving offence.

We have no wish to inflict a sermon on our readers, but we think they will agree with us that, in the examination of this question, it is next to impossible to avoid reference to a certain well-known Biblical exposition of the constituent parts of that greatest of all virtues—Charity. This necessity is the more obvious, seeing that the tendency of the day appears to be to limit the meaning of the word "Charity" to the mere bestowal of alms. Indeed, something of the kind lies at the bottom of this discussion, or how otherwise should we have one brother suggesting that the first duty of those who recommend the claims of a candidate is to qualify as electors, and another that honour should be conferred, if not only, at all events principally,

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on those who subscribe to our Institutions? One main difficulty is, of course, to avoid even the appearance of being careless as to the merits of our three Charities, but, doubtless having regard to the many occasions on which we have pleaded on their behalf, our friends will give us credit for not being actuated by any such feeling of indifference.

When the Prince of Wales was installed Grand Master, he defined the watchwords of Freemasonry as being "Loyalty and Charity." As regards the former, we know well enough what it means—respect for and obedience to the laws and institutions of our country. As to the latter, those who have read St. Paul's exposition of its constituent parts are equally well informed in theory, if not in practice. But hard and fast lines are too often laid down for judging men's worth, and one of these hard and fast lines in determining whether a person is truly charitable is the appearance of his name, more or less frequently, in the lists of subscribers to this or that Charity. Some go even further than this, and regulate their opinion of a man's benevolence by the extent of his contributions, A, who gives £100 being more charitable than B who gives £50, and B than C who gives £10. But though it is most probable that such an idea was farthest from his intention, yet there is no question that "609" has rendered himself liable to be placed in this category, his suggestion as to the award of honours being that Grand Officers should be appointed from among the Vice-Patrons and Vice-Presidents of our Institutions, while Provincial Grand Officers should be chosen from the Life Governors. Now it seems somewhat strange we should feel under the necessity of pointing out that, while, on the one hand, a man who subscribes £1000 for some charitable purpose may be actuated by other than charitable motives, so on the other hand the man who contributes nothing beyond the influence of his recommendation, and does nothing to promote the case he is interested in, beyond canvassing for votes, very often fulfils the conditions which go towards making up the virtue of charity. Those, too, who have read of the case of the woman who contributed her mite to the Treasury, and what was said of her, will hardly need to be reminded that Charity must not be measured by the extent of a man's subscriptions or donations, and that it does not follow of necessity that the donor of only a guinea is in any respect less worthy than the donor of hundreds or thousands. But though in theory all this is clear enough, in practice it is otherwise, and it constantly happens that brethren estimate their fellows by what they give, and not by what they say or do. Thus Bro. A is asked his opinion of Bro. B as a Mason and he replies unfavourably, not because he has ever heard him say or do anything unworthy as a man and Mason, but because he cannot find his name in the published lists of subscribers to the Schools and Benevolent Fund. None will hesitate to say that this is most unjust, and in many cases probably is in direct opposition to the well-known rule in Masonry which forbids a Brother assisting another to his own detriment or that of his family.

The question may be regarded from another point of view, though there is absolutely nothing that is novel in what we are about to say. One brother, whose income may be reckoned by thousands, may be poor in comparison with another, whose receipts never under any circumstances approach to four figures. To put the matter simply: one man out of £400 a year may be in a position to give an occasional ten guineas to one of our Institutions, while another out of the same income may be somewhat puzzled to contribute even a guinea, the reason being, of course, that the latter has a variety of claims upon him which in justice he is bound to satisfy before he can honourably listen to the dictates of generosity, while the former has only his own immediate requirements to attend to. Then, as between men who move in different spheres of society, one is obliged to keep up a certain state, while another need keep up none whatever. Given the fact of their being possessed of the same income, and it will be seen at once that the former may be able to spare but little, while the latter may revel in a considerable surplus. We are perfectly well aware that these comments of ours are such as have been made times out of number, but it unfortunately happens that a journal must occasionally remind its readers of the existence of certain well-established propositions, especially when they find that some of their friends are inclined to ignore them. We say this advisedly, because a worthy correspondent like "609" would never have gone out of his way to advise that Grand Officers should be chosen from the Vice-Patrons and Vice-Presidents of our Institutions, and Provincial Grand Officers from the Life Governors, had he not lost sight of the fact that the inequality of a man's contribution to a Charity is no guide whatever to the charity of his disposition.

Bro. "Reader" is quite right in his suggestion that it will be a sorry day for Freemasonry when a brother's claims to promotion are determined by the amount of his subscriptions to the Schools or the Benevolent Fund. Where a man who is known to be rolling in wealth, and yet gives nothing, in such case, of course, we should set him down as unworthy of any recognition, whatever else he may have done; but who is to determine so delicate a question, except it be done inquisitorially? A needy man should not seek admission into the Fraternity. It is not a benefit society, or anything approaching to such, but in time it will become one if we persist in regulating our opinion of a Craftsman's merits by the amount of money he is fortunately in a position to contribute towards the relief of distressed brethren and their families.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE May meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held at the Hall, in Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 25th ult.; under the presidency of Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer, when the following brethren were also present:—Frank Richardson, T. S. Howell, C. Hammerton, Col. J. Peters, Rev. A. F. Woodford, J. H. Matthews, Robert Grey, D. M. Dewar, Arthur E. Gladwell, E. Letchworth, A. H. Tattershall, E. M. Money, C. G. Brown, Edward Baxter, Capt. H. G. Colville, Edgar Bowyer, H. A. Dubois, C. H. Webb, Peter de L. Long, E. C. Massey. After the confirmation of the minutes of the April meeting, the Chairman mentioned that Brother Raynham Steward, who was unable to be present, had made the enquiries he at last meeting promised to make as to the practice at the Boys' School in reference to allowing two brothers to be pupils in the School at the same time. Bro. Stewart found that nothing of the kind had been done at the Boys' School, and he had written a letter to him (the Chairman) stating that he had carefully looked into the Bye-laws, particularly Law No. 56, and was clearly of opinion that two girls could not be admitted into the School at the same time. I therefore rule, said the Chairman, that two sisters cannot be admitted at the same time.

Bro. Richardson said that he felt as clearly as possible that there was no necessity for a petition in the case of purchase; and as there was therefore a direct conflict of opinion, he moved that the Bye-laws referring to this point be referred to the Grand Registrar for his opinion. This motion was seconded by Brother Woodford, and carried.

It was then announced that the three brethren who had been nominated as candidates for election on the House Committee had withdrawn their names; and thereupon the Chairman declared the old members of the Committee to be re-elected.

In like manner the members of the Audit Committee were declared to be duly re-elected.

Bro. Tattershall said that it had been remarked to him that the House Committee was a close borough, and that he had therefore replied, "if that is your opinion I will give notice of motion that one-fourth of the members shall retire annually, and shall not be eligible for twelve months;" and he gave written notice of motion to alter the Bye-laws to that extent.

He also proposed that Bro. Weber, the senior clerk in the Secretary's office, who, in consequence of ill-health had been ordered to go to Australia, and who had given three months notice of resignation accordingly, should be granted three months' leave to enable him to leave at once, and be paid his salary in advance. He also proposed that he should receive a donation of £25 in addition, and Bro. Tattershall gave the necessary written notice of motion for the next General Court.

Bro. Richardson brought up the report of the Premises Committee upon the state of the drainage at the Institution. Two experts had been employed to ascertain that condition (one of them being Professor Corfield), and after making their investigations independently, had concurred in condemning it as very bad and, in effect, dangerous to health. It appeared that the pipes from all the buildings converge into a cesspool under the playground, which cesspool communicates with the sewer. The upshot of the matter was that a re-arrangement of the drains was absolutely necessary, and that the expense was estimated as £1297.

Bro. Richardson proposed that a Special Court should be summoned to consider the matter, and authorise this expenditure.

Bro. Gladwell supported the proposal, which was agreed to.

Bro. Letchworth gave notice of motion that Dr. Hope should be appointed honorary physician to the Institution.

One petition was accepted, and one was—for a second time—deferred for further enquiry.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Sudden changes of temperature sorely try all persons prone to rheumatism, sciatica, tic doloreux, and many maladies scarcely less painful, though of shorter duration. On the first attack of stiffness or suffering in any muscle, joint, or nerve, recourse should immediately be had to fomenting the seat of disease with hot brine and rubbing in this remarkable Ointment, which will assuage the uneasiness of the part, subdue inflammation, and reduce the swelling. The Pills, simultaneously taken, will rectify constitutional disturbances and renew the strength. No remedy heretofore discovered has proved so effective as the Ointment and Pills for removing gouty, rheumatic, and scrofulous attacks, which afflict all ages, and are commonly called hereditary.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 7th June 1882 :—

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st March for confirmation.

2. The Minutes of the Special Grand Lodge of the 15th March for confirmation.

3. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 26th April 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. :—

A Brother of the Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington	£50	0	0
A Brother of the Sydney Lodge, No. 829, Sidcup ...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Faith, No. 141, London ...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Confidence Lodge, No. 193, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Wykeham Lodge, No. 1883, Winchester	75	0	0
A Brother of the Unanimity and Sincerity Lodge, No. 261, Taunton	50	0	0
A Brother of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, London ...	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, London	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the De-la-Pole Lodge, No. 1605, Hull	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Saint Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622, Wimborne	150	0	0
A Brother of the Amphibious Lodge, No. 258, Heckmondwike	50	0	0
A Brother of the St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39, Exeter	50	0	0
A Brother of Lodge Semper Fidelis, No. 1254, Exeter ...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Love and Honour, No. 75, Falmouth	50	0	0

8. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

1. The Board have to report that it having been represented to them that a Lodge had recently elected and installed a Master who had served only eleven months as Warden, the Master and Wardens were summoned to appear before the Board, and the facts being admitted, with the explanation that they occurred through inadvertence, the Lodge was duly admonished for its inattention to the Constitutions, and it was declared that the Election was null and void, that the late W. Master was still the Master, and must continue so to act until the next regular period of Election, and until a successor shall have been duly elected and installed in his stead.

2. The Board have also to report that the growing practice of Secretaries of Lodges styling and signing themselves Honorary Secretaries has been from time to time brought under their notice, and they think it desirable in this manner to draw attention to the fact that the title of "Honorary Secretary" is not authorized by the Constitutions.

3. Lastly the Board desire to lay before the Grand Lodge the revision of the Book of Constitutions, on which much thought and attention have been bestowed, and they recommend that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be asked to convene a Special Grand Lodge at a convenient time to consider the same.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
16*th May* 1882.

At the Meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 16th of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz. :—

> The Members of the Board unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy uniformly displayed on all occasions by the V.W. Brother Sir John B. Monckton, as President of the Board of General Purposes.
>
> (Signed) FRANK GREEN,
> *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 12th day of May last, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £4,191, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £100.

9. Report of the Committee appointed by Grand Lodge on the 1st March last, to investigate and report on the Finances and present income of Grand Lodge.

> The Committee having met on the 16th of May, proceeded to enquire into and examine the various sources of Income of Grand Lodge, as well as its current expenditure for the last three years, and they now beg to report, as the result of their investigations, that at the present time Grand Lodge is in receipt of an average nett income of £4000 per annum, which is however liable to considerable fluctations in proportion to the number of admissions of Members into the Order and from various other causes.
>
> (Signed) J. S. BROWNRIGG,
> Provincial Grand Master for Surrey,
> *Chairman.*

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
16*th May* 1882.

10. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 19th May 1882, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

11. APPEALS.

(1) From Brother Thomas J. Mountain, late of the New Zealand Pacific Lodge, No. 517, Wellington, New Zealand, against the decision of Grand Lodge, on the 7th December last, declining to entertain his former appeal against his expulsion from the Order by the District Grand Lodge of Wellington (North Island), New Zealand, on the ground of its not having been made at the "next practicable Grand Lodge," as required by page 96 Book of Constitutions, and praying that Grand Lodge will now consider the said former appeal on its merits.

(2) From Brother Alexander Dimant of the New Zealand Pacific Lodge, No. 517, Wellington, New Zealand, against his suspension by the Deputy District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Wellington (North Island), New Zealand, previous to hearing and determining the complaint preferred against him—

And also against a sentence of expulsion from the Order subsequently passed against him by the District Grand Master of the said District Grand Lodge.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION.

(1) Consideration as a substantive motion of the following amendment proposed by Brother the Baron de Ferrieres, at the Quarterly Communication in March last, on the proposition submitted by the Board of General Purposes at that meeting, relative to Brother Perceval's motion for counting votes in Grand Lodge on a Division, and which amendment being carried, its consideration as a substantive motion was deferred until the Quarterly Communication in June, viz.—

By Brother Baron DE FERRIERES, M.P., P.M. No. 82 :—

> "That the counting of votes on a division in Grand Lodge be conducted in future on the following system :—1st. That there shall be eight tellers from the body of the hall, namely—the four Grand Deacons acting for Grand Lodge, and the proposer and seconder of the motion, with two Brethren nominated by them, for the resolution. 2nd. That there shall be two tellers for the Grand Officers on the Dais, namely the Assistant Director of Ceremonies for Grand Lodge, and a Brother nominated by the proposer for the resolution. 3rd. That on a division being called for, a pair of tellers shall be placed opposite each of the four divisions of Grand Lodge and the Dais, who shall request the Brethren of their division to hold up their hands, first for 'Ayes' and then for 'Noes,' the tellers audibly counting the numbers each time, which shall be at once noted on paper, initialed by both tellers, and handed up to the Grand Secretary, who shall announce the result after receiving and adding up all the scores."

(2) By Brother JOHN M. CLABON, P.G.D. :—

> "That for the purpose of maintaining and extending the Fund of Benevolence, all the Members of the Lodges in the London district (except Military Lodges), shall pay quarterly one shilling and sixpence each to the Fund, instead of one shilling as fixed by the Grand Lodge held on 2nd March 1814. And that all members of Lodges not within the London district (except Military, Colonial, and Foreign Lodges), shall pay quarterly, ninepence each to the Fund, instead of sixpence, as fixed by the said Grand Lodge."

(3) "That no sale be made of all or any part of the Capital Funds of Benevolence without the express order of a Grand Lodge, confirmed by a subsequent Grand Lodge."

(4) By Brother RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D. :—

> "That in the event of the Report of the Financial Committee appointed at the Quarterly Communication held on the 1st day of March last, being adopted—to move—That having regard to the enormous increase in the number of Lodges and Chapters since the Grant of £800 made by Grand Lodge in 1858 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and Widows of Freemasons, and for which the Institution had to send, and still sends two Voting Papers to each Lodge and Chapter, that the amount to be contributed

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in future by Grand Lodge be increased by an annual payment of £300 to the Male Fund, and £500 to the Widows' Fund, such payments being borne by the Fund at the disposal of the Board of General Purposes."

(5) By Brother EDWIN T. BUDDEN, P.M. No. 622 :—

"Whereas one of the great objects of Freemasonry is to promote the Liberal Arts and Sciences: And whereas The Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is endeavouring to establish a 'Royal College of Music, and solicits the co-operation and assistance of Public Corporations and Associations throughout the land: And whereas the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Royal Princes, his brothers, have rendered great and valuable services to the Craft in this country. This Grand Lodge agrees out of the Funds at its disposal, to Found one Grand Lodge Scholarship of the value of £80 per annum, and one Grand Lodge Exhibition of the value of £40 per annum, in the said 'Royal College of Music.' And that the Board of General Purposes be instructed to carry this resolution into effect at the proper time."

(6) By V.W. Brother Lieut.-Col. JOHN CREATON, G. 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."

List of brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes :—

MASTERS.

LOVELAND LOVELAND, RICHD.	No.	1869
PERRYMAN, WILLIAM H.	„	1351
WALLS, THOMAS C.	„	1512
BOWYER, EDGAR	„	1964
BROWN, GEORGE	„	140
DRYSDALE, GEO.	„	222
BRISTOW, WM.	„	G.S.L.
ESCOTT, ALBERT	„	1593
KENTISH, WM. G.	„	1293
WATTS, JOHN H.	„	63
BOLTON, G.	„	1155
BEAUMONT, ED.	„	26
CHESTON, CHARLES CHESTER	„	99
CLUTTON, RALPH	„	143
GREEN, FRANK	„	1827
LETCHWORTH, ED.	„	197

PAST MASTERS.

TATTERSHALL, ALFRED H.	„	140
DUBOIS, HENRY A.	„	142
STEPHENS, WM.	„	1489
ATKINS, CHARLES	„	27
GLADWELL, ARTHUR E.	„	172
SMALLPEICE, WILLIAM	„	1395
BISHOP, HENRY	„	66
COOPER-SMITH, HENRY B.	„	478
HARBEN, HENRY	„	92
HARDING, CHARLES	„	778
MEADOWS, ALFRED, M.D.	„	4
PITT-LEWIS, GEORGE	„	165

List of brethren nominated for the Colonial Board :—

AULDJO, HENRY FRANCIS	W.M. No.	92
BRETT, JAMES	P.M.	177
DAY, AUGUSTUS T.	W.M.	166
GOODING, RALPH	P.M.	1
LEMON, WILLIAM GEORGE	W.M.	1601
MATTHEWS, JAMES HENRY	P.M.	148
SMITH, GRIFFITHS	P.M.	21

List of brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons :—

BERRY, JOHN JAMES	P.M.	554
BUSH, THOMAS W. C.	„	1728
COTTEBRUNE, CHAS. A.	„	733
GOODALL, WILLIAM H.	W.M.	1567
MCPHERSON, HENRY	P.M.	890
MOORE, GEORGE L.	„	169
MURLIS, WILLIAM J.	„	1642
TATE, ROBERT PERRY	„	862
TATTERSALL, ALF. H.	„	140
WILLING, JAMES JUN.	„	1507

The "Freemason's Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1882 can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

The Calendar Committee direct the attention of Masters of Lodges and Principals of Chapters to the necessity of communicating to the Grand Secretary any change in the day or place of meeting of Lodges or Chapters so soon as the resolution for effecting such change shall be confirmed.—Vide Book of Constitutions, pp 64, 92, 93.

CORRESPONDENCE.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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GRAND LODGE JURISDICTION AND NEW SOUTH WALES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Will you kindly allow me sufficient space to add a few words to the communication from your able correspondent "Q." in the *Freemason's Chronicle* of the 27th May?

The main point of the objection to the report of the *Sydney Freemason* is to be found in the fact that a most unwarrantable addition was made to my article which appeared in the *Voice of Masonry* of January last, and which was reprinted in the *Freemason* (London) on the 29th April. The paragraph, *as written by me*, and *as correctly printed*, reads—

> "My impression is, that when a Grand Lodge has been formed for several years, and has a fine future before it of usefulness and prosperity, *as the Grand Lodge of Quebec*," &c.

In the *Sydney Freemason* it is printed *as is the case in our Colonies (Quebec and New South Wales)*, &c.

The words *is the case in our Colonies* and *New South Wales* being interpolations, and *entirely opposed to what I wrote and what I advocate.*

Thanking you in anticipation for the foregoing addition being inserted, and your correspondent "Q." for his accurate interpretation of my views on the subject.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

27th May 1882.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It has been publicly announced in your columns that I have forwarded to the Grand Secretary a notice of motion to the following effect, viz. :—

"That having regard to the great increase in the number of Lodges in the metropolitan area during the last twenty-five years, and the consequent almost total exclusion of the members thereof from any participation in Grand Lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge honours, this Grand Lodge desires to respectfully represent to His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the propriety of sub-dividing such metropolitan area into District Grand Lodges."

A very courteous letter from the Grand Secretary informs me that that notice of motion has not been received by the Board of Masters, and, therefore, will not be placed on the agenda of business at the ensuing Quarterly Communication. The reason given is the receipt of the following opinion from the Grand Registrar, viz. :—

"I think Bro. Stevens's motion is out of order, and ought not to be received. In my opinion any number of brethren may *out* of Grand Lodge petition or memorialise H.R.H. the Grand Master to establish a new Provincial Grand Lodge, but I do not think it would be regular to take a vote of our Great Legislative Assembly binding Grand Lodge to make a representation on the subject to the Grand Master. The matter is entirely within the prerogative of the Grand Master; Grand Lodge has no power or authority with respect to it."

To this communication I have replied as follows, viz.—

Clapham, 27th May 1882.

To the V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Secretary.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have to acknowledge your favour of the 25th inst., informing me that the Chairman of the Board of Masters, acting on the opinion of the V.W. Grand Registrar, has ruled that my notice of motion in reference to a proposed representation to the Most Worshipful Grand Master on the subject of the sub-division of the metropolitan area into District Grand Lodges, could not be received.

A careful study of the Book of Constitutions confirms my original opinion that nothing therein contained affords even the slightest ground for withholding from the Grand Lodge the consideration of a motion having for its object a recommendation to the Grand Master, and not in the least degree interfering with his prerogative. On the contrary, it is expressly stated that "The Grand Lodge alone has the inherent power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the Craft, and of altering, repealing, and abrogating them, always taking care that the ancient landmarks of the Order be preserved." And the same clause further enlarges on the powers of the Grand Lodge in respect of "investigating, regulating, and deciding all matters relating to the Craft," &c. &c.

I shall therefore feel it to be my duty, having thoughtfully considered the effect which quiet submission to an unconstitutional interference with an important and much-valued privilege would have upon members of the Craft desirous of submitting measures of reform to the calm consideration of its Parliament, to rise in my place in Grand Lodge at the ensuing Quarterly Communication, and question the propriety of the rejection, by the Board of Masters, of the notice of motion I have given in accordance with the Laws and Regulations of the Order.

I shall do this in no spirit of captious opposition, but with every

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possible respect and fraternal good feeling towards lawfully constituted authority; and to avoid the possibility of being charged with a desire to "surprise," have thought it only courteous and proper that I should thus notify my intention.

I have the honour to be, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M. P.Z.

You will see by the foregoing that a far more grave and important question than that of providing District Grand Lodges for the Metropolitan Area has now arisen. The status and privileges of individual members of the Grand Lodge are affected by this interference with the "inherent power" which the Constitutions of the Order have conferred on the aggregate body; and not I alone, but, I feel convinced, hundreds of "light blues," will resist, by all proper constitutional means, whatever may interpose between them and their undoubted rights. I "join issue" with our respected Grand Registrar, and contend that his ruling is not in unison with the spirit of our laws and regulations; and I appeal from his opinion to the Craft in general, and the Grand Lodge itself in particular, to decide the question. That the cause of right may not suffer because it is advanced by one of the least amongst us, I, in the interests of the Craft, and for those interests alone, most earnestly hope.

In submitting the proposal which has initiated this question of privilege difficulties have not been ignored, nor obstacles overlooked. Whether or not the idea of Metropolitan District Grand Lodges be "bad, or, worse than that, absurd," is, I opine, a question for the Grand Lodge itself to determine, and, if it so pleases, to "scout and reject"; but to no one individual, or to a few persons, has Grand Lodge yet delegated the "inherent power" which it possesses under our Ancient Constitutions.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, 27th May 1882.

We are compelled to hold over one or two matters of interest, and crave the indulgence of our correspondents.

FREEMASONRY.

MID the mutations of all time, or changes here on earth,
Freemasonry remains the same as when it first had birth,
For Wisdom, Strength and Beauty still its supporters be,
Assisted by their sisters, *Faith, Hope and Charity.*

It has existed from the time the world was in its youth;
Its base that attribute divine—the immortal word of Truth.
The Architect who framed the globe, and measured out its span,
Still gives it His protecting care, for happiness to man.

From East to West, from North to South, its mysteries are known;
Its usefulness each clime hath felt, on which the sun hath shone;
It binds man to his fellow man, with all a brother's love;
Its precepts are the words of Him who reigneth high above.

The Craft of every age can boast the honoured of the earth,
The warrior, statesman, poet, sage, the man of princely birth,
The great, the good, the wise, the learned, the layman and divine,
All at its fount have wisdom drank and knelt before its shrine.

Oh! Masonry, thy fame shall last until all time is done,
Thy mysteries, as in ages past, shall go on from sire to son.
Like the fixed mountains of our earth, it shall for ever stand,
A monument of goodness from the Almighty Hand.

Kings have their tortures tried in vain the Order to destroy;
Grim death in all its fearful forms its fury did employ.
The rack, the gibbet, and the stake, each in its turn was tried,
But Craftsmen still by faith sustained, in truth's great cause they died.

Fanaticism crossed the sea, into this western world;
Not many years have passed away since its dark flag unfurled;
But all its efforts came to naught, its fury raged in vain,
For Masonry, though crushed to earth, like Truth rose up again.

And it shall stand, a beacon light, man through this life to guide,
Amid temptations, rocks and shoals, which beset on every side.
Yes! it shall stand for ever, until Time's sands have run,
Its truth on earth proclaiming, *good-will and peace to man.*

—*Voice of Masonry.*

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has fixed Tuesday, the 27th inst., for the annual Steward's visit and distribution of prizes at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green.

His Royal Highness Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, K.G., will preside at the Anniversary Dinner of the Newspaper Press Fund, which will take place at Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's, on Saturday, the 24th inst.

In our issue of the 20th ult., we announced that as regards the appointment of the House Committee of the Girls' School, there would be no opposition to the return, inasmuch as three of the fifteen brethren who were nominated withdrew in order to save the trouble of a contested election. For the same Committee, as regards the Boys' School, eleven of the old members present themselves for re-election, and there are four new candidates, viz. Bros. Edgar Bowyer, J. L. Mather, Moon, and one other, whose name we have not heard. It is anticipated there will be a sharp and exciting contest.

H.R.H the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, on Thursday last inspected, at Great Yarmouth, the Artillery Militia, under the command of Bro. Colonel Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Provincial Grand Master Norfolk.

The vote of congratulation to Prince Leopold, passed by the City of Westminster Lodge, at their last regular meeting (the day of the marriage), having been illuminated and inscribed on vellum, and forwarded to H.R.H. Prince Leopold, the following reply has been received by the Secretary of the Lodge:—

Claremont, Esher,
Surrey.
27th May 1882.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg you will convey to the brethren of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, the Duchess of Albany's and my own cordial thanks for the address of congratulation they have sent to us.

I remain,
Fraternally yours,
(Signed) LEOPOLD.
P.G.W., Prov. G.M. Oxon.

To Bro. E. J. Scott.

The brethren who know anything of the working of English Masonry must have been highly amused by the article in the *Court Circular* on the progress of Freemasonry, which was elicited by Her Majesty's reception of the address from Grand Lodge. Trying to disprove the popular notion that a great part of the enormous funds over which Grand Lodge and its affiliated Lodges have control is devoted to eating and drinking, the writer of the article says that all the money collected goes for the purpose of maintaining the three great Masonic Charities, viz., those for the Old People, the Boys, and the Girls. Every Lodge, he says, "is bound annually to contribute a portion, and a large portion too, of its funds, to the support of these excellent Institutions. The other moneys collected are, in the great majority of cases, expended in relieving the immediate necessities of poor and destitute brethren and their families." If the Craft is to be championed by non-Masons, the champions should, at least, proceed upon facts. So far from all the money collected going for the purpose of maintaining the three great Masonic Charities, the support of those Charities is entirely voluntary, and no Lodge is bound to contribute anything, except the payment of £1 7s 6d to Grand Lodge for each initiate, and 1s a quarter (London Lodges), and 9d a quarter (Country Lodges) contributions to the Fund of Benevolence.

To brethren who have not made themselves fully acquainted with the Book of Constitutions, the report of the Board of General Purposes affords some useful information. In that book it is laid down that "every Lodge shall annually elect its Master and Treasurer by ballot, such Master having regularly served as a Warden of a warranted Lodge for one year." One Lodge was brought before the Board for an infringement of this rule at its last election and installation. The Senior Warden did not desire to be elected Master, and the Lodge elected the Junior Warden. But the Junior Warden, through unavoidable circumstances, was not present for investiture when he was appointed, and was only invested at the following meeting a month afterwards. Consequently he served the office of Warden for eleven months only. But the brethren inadvertently overlooked the rule, and he was unduly elected and installed as Master. The Lodge was summoned before the Board, and the Board annulled the election, and ordered the former Master to be retained in the chair for twelve months more.—*Evening News.*

DANCING.—Bro. JACQUES WYNMAN, Professor of Dancing, gives daily instruction in all the fashionable Dances to those who are without previous knowledge. Private lessons at any time, by appointment. Families attended. Balls conducted, and first class Bands provided if desired.

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THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN,

IN a late number we pointed out that the whole fabric of Freemasonry had for its foundation-stone a belief in the Fatherhood of God. On this glorious basis do the Sons of Light daily erect, to the honour and glory of the Creator, their moral and spiritual edifice—"that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." It is a glorious faith, a noble heritage, that they have left unto us, and in which we as Hiramites continually rejoice. But in addition to this great and glorious truth, Freemasonry also teaches the God-inspired doctrine of "the Brotherhood of Man," a doctrine next in importance to the former, and one which, when used from a proper standpoint, is the natural *sequella* and culmination of the other. The two combined teach the essence of purity and virtue, and are the crowning glory of truth.

The Brotherhood of man! What an immense vastness there is in the thought. It sweeps away with a breath the bigotry of churchism, the sectarianism of creed, and the prejudice of colour, race and nationality. It is the echo of the voice of God, to draw the mind of man far, far back into the dim and distant past; it reveals to him an era in which there must have been a race of only one nationality, of only one creed. It takes him back to the earliest period of the world's history, and opens to his vision the marvels and mysteries of the creation.

The Mason who thoroughly grasps this idea of the Brotherhood of man, has mastered one of the poignant features of our philosophy. To think that there is a society whose members are of every clime and country, who worship at the altar of the Christian and the shrine of the Moslem, who bow the knee to Vishna and believe in the dogma of the Chrisma, and yet stand united in one common faith, bowing the head in reverence to one Great God, and faithful to each other as brethren sprung from one common parent. The Mason may know not the language of his Brother; he may not possess talent, position or fame; yet in the Lodge he is equal, perchance his superior—at all events he is a Brother, and as a Brother he has the right to appeal to him if in distress, difficulty or danger.

No other organisation can lay claim to this tangible Brotherhood, because no other believes in the one common Fatherhood. This is the real secret of the difference between the Brotherhood of man, as taught and practised by Freemasonry, and that of the Brotherhood of all other so-called secret societies. It matters not where the Mason goes, or to what branch of the Order or Rite he may belong, he can find a friend and a Brother, if he himself be versed in our universal language. Thousands and tens of thousands of instances bear testimony of the real, true Brotherhood that exists amongst Craftsmen. On the battlefield, amidst the roar of cannon and rattle of musketry, the H. S. of D. has been recognised and answered. In the plague-stricken hospital the Masonic tie has proved its worth. On the stormy deep, when death stared brave men in the face, the Masonic cry for help has been responded to with readiness and eager haste. This is that Brotherhood of man which Masonry, and which Masons believe in, uphold and practise. It is a Brotherhood based on a holy Fatherhood.

It is a strange sight to those who understand not our mysteries, to note how quickly men who are diametrically opposed to each other in politics and religion coalesce when they find they belong to the same noble Order. How can a Mason fail to feel and act as a Brother towards every Hiramite, when he remembers the solemn obligations he has voluntarily assumed, and the sacred pledges he has given to his brethren before the Most High God? It is impossible for a true Freemason to be a bad man. Of course, there are many Hiramites who never either care for or appreciate a single lesson taught in the lodge-room, and who consequently were never brethren. They were members of the mystic tie, but neither faithful Hiramites nor honest brethren. Only those who are brought to the true light understand this Brotherhood of man, which is our glorious inheritance from the forefathers and founders of the Craft. It is a grand and noble heritage, which it is the duty of every Freemason to keep and perform. It has been proved over and over again. We defy the world to deny it. We have stood by each other with death staring us in the face; we have breathed the atmosphere of pestilence and death in order to watch by the bedside of a Brother; we have faced the lightning flash and the stormy billows of the deep, to rescue the famished, shipwrecked sailor; we have protected the dying, fed the hungry, clothed the widow, and educated the orphan of a Brother; and we have guarded with a jealous, reverential care, and a Brother's deepest love, the virtue of those near and dear to a Brother Hiramite.

This Brotherhood of man is dear to every Freemason. It is part of that holy creed which points to God as the Father before whom we bow, to whom as Masons we offer up our prayers and obligations, and upon whom we place our hope of a glorious immortality when called to join the Brotherhood of the blessed, beyond the dark and turbid waters of the River of Death. This is the Brotherhood of man, based on a belief in the Fatherhood of God, which we as Masons teach and practise.—*Canadian Craftsman.*

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STRAND.—At 7.30, TWO TO ONE. At 8.10, THE MASCOTTE.

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THE SUMMER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION OF THIS Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Tuesday, the 6th day of June next, when and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, 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 3rd of June.

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IN accordance with a Resolution of the General Committee, a SPECIAL GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 10th day of June 1882, at Twelve o'Clock House precisely, to consider the following Notices of Motion:—

By Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Vice-Patron.

"That the Report of the House Committee as to the Sanitary State of the School Buildings, presented to the General Committee on the 25th May 1881, be received and adopted, and that the matter be referred back to the Committee to carry out, at an expense not exceeding £1,300."

By Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, P.G. Std., Vice-Patron.

"That Bro. Dr. William Hope, of 56 Curzon-street, Mayfair, Senior Physician to the Belgrave Hospital for Children, be appointed to the post of Honorary Physician to the Institution."

By Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL.

"That a Gratuity of £25 be awarded to the Senior Clerk, Bro. W. G. Weber, on his leaving the Office of the Institution in consequence of ill-health, to assist in defraying the expenses of his journey to Australia."

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THE ROYAL VISIT TO LEICESTER.

ON Monday last their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales visited Leicester, and opened the Abby Park, which has been recently laid out by the Corporation as a place of recreation for the inhabitants. Favoured by most brilliant weather, a hundred thousand people lined the route from the Railway Station to the Park, and by their enthusiastic cheers attested the popularity of their Royal Highnesses. The town itself wore its gayest air; the line of route—about two miles—was spanned by numerous triumphal arches of handsome, costly, and artistic designs; every street was a blaze of glorious colour; an avenue of Venetian masts, bearing banners, trophies, and streamers of flags, sometimes immense wreaths and baskets of artificial flowers, stretched along the whole way, and from every window, decorated stand, and from the throats of an enormous multitude, came the one word that expressed everything—Welcome!

Amongst those bodies who assembled to attest their loyalty, the Freemasons of the Province were conspicuous. At half-past eleven o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge was held, presided over by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers; amongst those present being R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, F.S.A., P.P.G.M.; W. Bros. G. Toller jun. D.P.G.M., Thomas Macaulay, Thomas Harrold Prov. G.W.'s; T. Worthington Clarke, E. F. Mammatt, W. Beaumont Smith, G. Fowler Browne, R. Winter Johnson, J. C. Duncombe P.P.G.W.'s; Revs. S. Wathen Wigg, J. Bird P.G.C.'s; Rev. J. Henry Smith, F. H. Richardson, C. Henton Wood P.P.G.C.'s; T. A. Wykes P.P.G.T.; T. Sheppard, J. H. Douglass, C. C. Woodcock Past Prov. Grand Registrars; S. S. Partridge Provincial Grand Secretary; Walter S. Allen Prov. G.S.D.; W. H. Marris, F. J. Baines, A. M. Duff, T. Worthington, J. D. Bennett, G. Odell Past Prov. G. Deacons; S. Weaver Prov. G. Supt. Works; T. Cooke, T. Marson, R. Taylor P.P.G. Supt. Works; Joseph Young Prov. G.D.C.; W. Crow Prov. G.A.D.C.; J. Halford P.P.G.A.D.C.; C. Sansome Preston P. Prov. G. Reg. acting as Prov. G.S.B.; A. C. Smith P.P.G.S.B.; A. Chamberlin Prov. G.O.; G. A. Löhr, W. T. Rowlett, H. B. Ellis P.P.G. Orgs.; R. L. Gibson Prov. G. Pursuivant; Miles J. Walker Prov. G.A. Pursuivant; M. H. Lewin, C. J. Wilkinson, G. Dewes, B. Moore P.P.G. Pursuivants; J. O. Law Prov. G. Standard Bearer; S. A. Marris, A. Lewin, E. H. Butler Prov. G. Stewards; Dunn and Tanser Prov. G. Tylers; R. B. Smith W.M. 50, Edgar Taylor W.M. 523, H. Norton W.M. 1265, and many other W.M.'s, P.M.'s and Wardens of the several Lodges in the Province.

The attendance of brethren generally was exceedingly large, the spacious hall being inconveniently crowded. Amongst the Visitors were W. Bros. F. Binckes P.G. Steward, J. McIntyre D.G.J.W. South Australia.

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After calling the roll of Lodges and Prov. Grand Officers, the Prov. Grand Secretary, at the request of the R.W.Prov. G. Master, read an address of welcome, which was intended to be presented to His Royal Highness, and which was adopted by acclamation. A procession of the brethren in their jewels and regalia was then formed, under the direction of the indefatigable and able Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Joseph Young, and with the banners of the various Lodges marched to the market place, where a stand had been specially provided for the Freemasons by the kindness of the Mayor and Corporation.

On their Royal Highnesses reaching the Market Place, they met with a magnificent reception from the 20,000 people there assembled, while 6,000 children sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." On the Royal Carriage drawing up in front of the Masonic stand, Earl Ferrers stepped forward, and with a few appropriate remarks presented the Prince of Wales with the following address:—

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

To His Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G., K.J., K.T., G.C.B., &c., &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

May it please Your Royal Highness:—

We, the Provincial Grand Master, Past Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Officers, and Brethren of the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, beg leave to offer to your Royal Highness, on this auspicious day, the assurance of our loyal obedience and fraternal respect, and to give to you, Most Worshipful Sir, a hearty welcome to this Ancient Borough, the chief town of a County which in former days gave to the Craft, both in England and in India, an illustrious and beneficient Ruler, in "the great and good Marquis of Hastings, the friend of his Prince, the friend of his country, and the friend of mankind."

The Princes of your Royal House have ever been distinguished Patrons of the Craft, but at no previous period have the principles of our Order been so vigorously upheld, the knowledge thereof so widely disseminated, and the Educational and the other Charities of the Order so nobly supported as since your Royal Highness has ruled over us.

Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen has ever the first place in the hearts of her people, and we humbly beg you, Most Worshipful Sir, to convey to Her Majesty our deep sense of gratitude to the Most High, who so signally protects her "in her going out and coming in."

We invoke on your Royal Highness and your Illustrious Consort the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe. May He build up the fortunes of your Royal House from Foundation Stone to Pinnacle. May He bring safe to hearth and home your absent Sons, and may they in the future become, like their Illustrious Father, Patrons of our Order, its ornament and guard. May the wisdom of the Royal Solomon be yours and theirs. May you live long and happy lives on earth, believing ever that the spirit of loyalty to the House and of devotion to our Grand Master burns brighter in none than in the hearts of the Freemasons of Leicestershire and Rutland.

Dated at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, this 29th day of May, 1882.

FERRERS,
Provincial Grand Master.

G. TOLLER jun.,
Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

WILLIAM KELLY,
Past Provincial Grand Master.

SAMUEL S. PARTRIDGE,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

The Address was most beautifully engrossed and illuminated on vellum, and enclosed in a very handsome morocco box, lined with pale blue satin, the whole having been most effectively executed by Messrs. Waterlow Bros. and Layton, of Birchin-lane. The Prince of Wales having graciously accepted the Address, handed the Earl Ferrers the following reply:—

"Brethren; I thank you for your address, and for the cordial and fraternal terms in which you are good enough to refer to my presence in your town. Members of my house have for so long a period been connected with the Craft that I experienced a particular pleasure in accepting the important post of Grand Master of Freemasons in England on the resignation of Lord Ripon. It has been my earnest wish since I assumed the duties of that office to uphold in their strictest integrity the ancient rights and privileges of the Order, and to promote by my example and influence the interests of the numerous educational and charitable institutions which are connected with Freemasonry, and are so generously supported by the Brethren. The Queen highly appreciates the attachment of her Masonic subjects, and it will afford her, I feel assured, sincere gratification to hear of your expressions of loyalty, and your gratitude to the Most High for her merciful preservation on the occasion of the recent attempt on her life. Let me, in conclusion, return you the warm acknowledgments of the Princess of Wales and myself for the kind and affectionate words in which you have alluded to us and to our children, and especially for your reference to our sons, whom we trust soon to welcome home."

The R.W. Past Provincial Grand Master then presented His Royal Highness with a copy of his work—"The History of Freemasonry in Leicestershire," elegantly bound in blue morocco. We understand that the Princess of Wales also graciously signified her willingness to accept a copy of another of our worthy Bro. Kelly's works—"Royal Progresses to Leicester."

The school children having sang two verses of the National Anthem, the Royal cortège passed on to the Park, and the Masonic procession returned to Freemasons' Hall, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was resumed, and after appointing a Steward to represent the Provincial Grand Lodge at the approaching Festival of the Boys' School, and passing votes of thanks to the Corporation for the facilities they had afforded for the presentation of the address, in Market Place—to the Masonic Reception Committee for the very satisfactory arrangements they had made—and to the P.G. Secretary for his services, the P.G. Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of luncheon.

A word of praise is due in particular to the P.G. Director of Ceremonies for the admirable and expeditious manner in which he marshalled and directed the procession. His valuable efforts were ably seconded by the following brethren, who were specially deputed to aid him as Assistant Director of Ceremonies:—Bros. F. J. Baines, W. Wilkinson, B. Moore, F. W. Bottrill, T. Worthington, F. J. Lawton, J. Healey, J. Hassall, J. Hacker, and W. Beeson. The following brethren also rendered valuable service as special Stewards in carrying out the various arrangements of the day for the reception and convenience of the brethren at the hall, viz., Bros. S. A. Marris, R. Curtis, T. G. Charlesworth, S. Knight, J. H. Thompson, W. A. Fielding and W. Bream. The public proceedings on the occasion were brought to a termination by a most brilliant illumination of the town, the leading streets being a blaze of light.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M. P.Z., has undertaken to deliver his Lecture explanatory of the Rituals and Ceremonies of the First Degree to the Lodges of Instruction at Battersea, S.W., on Tuesday evening, 14th inst. Place and time of meeting will be announced in our next number.

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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 JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (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
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

MONDAY, 5th JUNE.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7.30. (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)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (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, College-st., 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
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Nor'o'k-street, N. Shields
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
532—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, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
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
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, 6th JUNE.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 5
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, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (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.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
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)

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—Reverence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
384—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
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.
949—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
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 8. (Instruction.)
1760—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
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, 7th JUNE.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
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.
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthsh
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 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
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
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
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, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
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, 8th JUNE.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey R fles, Camberwell
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—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.
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
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.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
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. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill

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FRIDAY, 9th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., 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)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)

38—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Onse-steet, Goole.
536—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
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, 10th JUNE.

176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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CRYSTAL PALACE LODGE, No. 742.

THE proceedings at the annual meeting of this Lodge, which was held at the Crystal Palace on Thursday, were of an exceptionally interesting character. The Lodge that day entered on the twenty-fifth year of its existence; while on the same occasion the esteemed Secretary, Bro. William Land, completed the fiftieth year of his life, and was also invested, for the tenth annual period, with the collar of his office. The Lodge was opened at three o'clock by the W.M., Bro. James Blundell, who was supported by Past Masters and Officers, the former body being represented by Bros. W. W. Baxter, Dick Radclyffe, H. T. Thompson, G. Weeks, S. P. Acton, C. D. Hume, H. Cox, R. Roberts, T. Foxall (Treasurer), William Land (Secretary). The following were Visitors:—Bros. Jeff. Holt 807, John Coppen 1719, R. V. Harman 1692, Daniel Grinsted S.W. 1692, E. B. Grabham P.M. 19, T. J. Smith late 742, F. G. Baker P.M. 753, C. Crowther 890, Henri Le Fevre 209, P. H. Rocknell P.M. 212, J. H. S. Reid P.M. 209, Edgar Bowyer P.M. 1580 P.P.S.G.W. Herts, James Terry P.M. Secretary R.M.B.I., W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, W. Dickson J.W. 179, S. J. Pitt 890, A. J. Manning P.M. 1472, Gilbert Bauer 198, Courteney Wynne S.W. 25, J. H. Pearson 1567, F. W. Sillis 1744, W. Honeyball Senior Warden 1681, James Lewis 1261, A. Harrison 1766, G. Lewis 1671, and F. Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B. Grand Steward. After the formal business of reading and confirming the minutes, the report of the Audit and Benevolent Fund Committees was received and adopted, and the following notices of motion were considered and agreed to:—"That the sum of twenty guineas be subscribed from the Benevolent Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and placed on the list of Bro. R. Roberts P.M., who has kindly undertaken the office of Steward for this Lodge at the ensuing Festival." "That the sum of five guineas be added from the Lodge Funds (General Account) to the Land Jubilee Fund." In reference to this latter proposition, it may be stated that a suggestion had been made that the occasion might be appropriately marked by the Lodge offering to Bro. Land, on the jubilee of his birth, their warmest congratulations and hearty good wishes, as well as their best acknowledgments of the faithful discharge of his Lodge duties; and requesting his acceptance of some token of regard and esteem. With this view, Bro. Blundell volunteered to act as President, and Bro. Dick Radclyffe as Vice-President, of a Committee to carry out the proposal. The efforts of the brethren resulted in securing a substantial sum of money, which was partly expended in the purchase of a Tea and Coffee Service. At this stage of the day's proceedings, the pleasurable duty of presenting this testimonial was undertaken by Bro. P.M. Thompson. In addressing the brethren our worthy brother stated that they were departing somewhat from the routine work of the Lodge, but all present would sanction the innovation. As the senior Past Master he had been asked to undertake a difficult, yet perhaps, easy matter. Easy in this respect, as Brother Land was so well known to them all, and the services he had rendered the Lodge were so appreciated, that very little was required for him to say. Difficult in this; he (Brother Thompson) was so intimately acquainted with Bro. Land, and had so frequently acknowledged the obligations that the brethren were under to him, that he could scarcely find anything fresh to say. However, it seems that it was seventeen years since that Brother Land was initiated in the Lodge; he (Bro. Thompson), though but a young Mason then, well remembered the rapt attention the neophyte paid to the ceremony. Other members of the Lodge also remarked this, and all felt proud of him, as they thought he would become a credit to the Crystal Palace Lodge. He had been most intimate with Bro. Land ever since, and whether in his capacity of W.M., or as Secretary of the Lodge, the relationship had been of a most pleasurable character. What Brother Land had to do had been done well, and his work bore the impress of care and thought. In the year 1875, at the Installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, he had been chosen as the representative of the Lodge, and doubtless all around could see displayed on his breast the much-coveted jewel commemorative of that event. The Charities of our Order had benefitted largely by the zeal of their worthy brother, inasmuch as it was mainly due to his exertions the Lodge had become Vice Patron of the three Masonic Institutions. Bro. Land's ardour had not been confined to Craft Masonry; he had worthily filled the three chairs in the Robert Burns Chapter. He had done active service for seventeen years in the Crystal Palace Lodge, and that day he reached the fiftieth year of his life. The brethren could not hope he would attain another fifty years, but they did hope he would for many years continue the able services he fulfilled so well. Bro. Thompson then personally addressed Bro. Land; he remarked that their worthy Secretary had that day completed the fiftieth year of his life, the Lodge had now entered on the twenty-fifth year of its existence, and very shortly Bro. Land would be invested as Secretary for the tenth year. These three events were to be commemorated, and the way the brethren had decided they should be commemorated was this:—the Lodge desired to offer for his acceptance the Tea and Coffee Service that stood on view, and in making the presentation he fervently hoped their worthy brother might have many, many opportunities of bringing it into use. Bro. Thompson also intimated that later in the evening a souvenir of the occasion, which they trusted would be equally acceptable, would be handed over for the special use of Mrs. Land. Bro. Land, on rising to acknowledge the honour done him, said he had hoped the terrible ordeal through which he had so unexpectedly found himself called upon to pass would have been deferred till a later period of the day, but the brethren had willed it otherwise. The kindness displayed was to him totally unexpected, and he might say unwarranted. True, as Bro. Thompson had said, when he was initiated in the Lodge, seventeen years since, he had listened attentively. The ceremony was performed by Brother John Bertram. He was fortunate, for he was offered, and took office, in a very short time, and resolved he would do whatever duties were allotted him to the best of his ability. He felt most grateful for the kindness and forethought shown by the members of the Lodge. He could scarcely find words to express his feelings, but would doubtless later on have a further opportunity, when he would strive more adequately to tender his thanks. Bro. Hume now took the chair as Installing Master, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Cole, was introduced by Bro. Blundell for the benefits of installation. He heartily assented to the requirements demanded of all Masters, and the obligation was administered. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the ceremony proceeded. On the readmission of those who have not yet mounted the levels, the new W.M. was saluted in the three degrees. The Officers were invested as follows—E. Ayres S.W., F. A. Pullen J.W., T. Foxall P.M., Treasurer, W. Land P.M. Secretary, J. Newcomb S.D., J. Kay J.D., W. H. Toten I.G., B. Fulwood P.M. M.C., J. W. Lassam W.S., W. Seymour-Smith Organist, J. Woodstock P.M. Tyler. The addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master in a perfect way. In fact, the whole of the ceremony was carried out in a manner we very seldom find equalled, rarely indeed excelled in any of our Lodges. The receipt of a letter was announced, acknowledging a donation towards the amount required for providing a tomb to the memory of the late Bro. W. Watson, and after a request from a brother to be placed on the list of country members was assented to, Lodge was closed. Before the outgoing Master left the chair, the ceremony of passing was worked on behalf of Bros. F. Wright and Henri le Fevre, the latter by request of the W.M. of No. 209. A banquet was then partaken of, and the after proceedings were presided over by the I.P.M., the new Master's state of health compelling him to leave after the ceremony of the day had been completed. The toasts usual on these occasions were duly honoured; a jewel was presented to Bro. Blundell, in recognition of his services during the past year, and the supplementary monies over and above what had been expended in the purchase of Bro. Land's testimonial were placed in a purse, and handed to him for presentation to Mrs. Land. We regret pressure on our space prevents our giving further particulars of this very successful meeting.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At the meeting on the 23rd ult., at the Liverpool Arms, Barking-road, Canning-town, Bro. Moss S.D. No. 1275 took the chair for the purpose of working the Fifteen Sections. He was supported by Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. 820 S.W., W. J. Smith P.M. 860 J.W., while Bro. W. Musto P.M. 1349 acted as I.P.M. The following brethren took part in the work:—Bros. Stevens, Musto sen., Brittain, Musto jun., Stephens, Pavitt, Stewart; Second Lecture—Bros. Loane, Musto sen., Richardson, Smyth Myers; Third Lecture—Bros. Musto, Stewart, Stevens. In addition to those already enumerated there were present Bros. Winterton, Byford, Jones, Watkins, Prosser, Ives, Stewart, Keable, Job, &c. The following were elected members:—Bros. John Grey Doric 933, W. Curle Leopold 1571, Brittain Burdett-Coutts 1278, Richardson Sincerity 174, J. Brown Henley 1472. It was proposed by Bro. P.M. Musto, seconded by Bro. P.M. W. J. Smith, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be given to the W.M. for the ability he had displayed, and he be made an honorary member, the same to be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge of Instruction. After the W.M. had responded, he proposed a vote of thanks to the brethren who so efficiently had assisted in working the Sections.

The West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612, has adjourned over the summer months. The meetings will be resumed at the Chequers Hotel, Ealing, on the first Thursday in September.

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SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE, No. 1602.

THIS Lodge, named after the projector of the New River, Master Hugh Myddelton, who, in consideration of his eminent services, was knighted by James the First, but despite the immense boon he conferred upon the great metropolis, was permitted to die in a miserable state of poverty, commenced the seventh year of its existence on Friday, the 26th ultimo. The headquarters of the Lodge are at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, but in consequence of the heavy demands upon space at this vast establishment for the Horse Show, held this week, the members assembled at the "Old Cock Tavern," Highbury Corner. Lodge was opened at five o'clock by the W.M. Brother John Osborn, who was supported by Past Masters E. J. Sim, T. Coombes, and J. Weston. The other members and Officers of the Lodge were in full force, while among the Visitors were Bros. S. J. Ball 1567, R. H. Dillon M.C. 1567, R. Pearcy P.M. 228, F. J. Bird J.W. 1897, W. Hurst S.W. 15, S. J. Millin 1567, Franklin Clive 1319, J. E. Humphrey J.W. 167, W. Berry Clarke 186 and 1507, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. After the minutes of the preceding Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, the Balance Sheet and Report of the Audit Committee was presented and adopted. The Balance Sheet showed an amount of £37 16s 9d in favour of the Lodge, but we should advise the amount of indebtedness from members to be kept lower, as we think improvement in this desirable for all concerned. However sound the position of a Lodge, members should not be allowed to let their subscriptions fall into arrear. The Lodge, it may be remarked here, has a Benevolent Fund, and a balance of £14 14s 3d stands to the credit side of the account. The event of the day, the installation of Bro. William Norris the W.M. elect, was next proceeded with. The outgoing Master, Bro. John Osborn, is well known as a careful and competent worker, and he performed the ceremony on this occasion in a faultless manner. On the re-admission of those brethren whose ineligibility prevented their joining the Board of Installed Masters, Bro. Norris was saluted in the three degrees, and he appointed the following as his Officers for the ensuing year.—Bros. W. F. Poulton S.W., J. Greenfield J.W., Sam. Ollidge Treas., J. Osborn P.M. Sec., R. Allison S.D., E. Payne (named as) J.D., G. W. Larter I.G., W. Wright Org., F. F. E. Hayes M.C., G. Browne W.S., C. A. Dettmer A.W.S., Thomas Tyler. The several addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, and he took his seat amid hearty congratulations on his having so ably fulfilled the duties of his year of office. It was unanimously agreed that in consideration of the services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Wright, the Organist, that he be exempt from payment of Lodge dues, excepting, as a matter of course, the annual payment to Grand Lodge. After other business had received due consideration Lodge was closed. A neat and well served banquet, ably superintended by Bro. John Baker, was partaken of by the brethren and their guests. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Norris briefly proposed the Loyal toasts, after which the National Anthem, and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was sung. Bro. Osborn proposed the health of the W.M. He was sure no man more deserved the success which had attended his efforts. Bro. Norris had shown a deep interest in securing the warrant of the Lodge, and he had worked well to advance it. He (Bro. Osborn) had been the sixth Master; he urged the brethren to support their new W.M. In offering the toast of his health, he was assured it would meet a hearty reception at the hands of the brethren. After a song—"Tom Bowling"—by Bro. Dettmer, came the reply of Bro. Norris. The I.P.M. had just put to him the question as to whether he was ready? He had answered yes; but when it came to the point he hardly knew what to say. However, he could assure the members he felt proud to receive so hearty a greeting, and would strain every nerve to deserve the good wishes they had so lavishly vouchsafed him. As one of the founders of the Lodge he was gratified at seeing it in so prosperous a condition. Before resuming his seat, he would offer the next toast for their acceptance. Bro. Osborn likewise was one of the founders of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge; he had ably fulfilled the duties of Secretary during the first years of its existence, and had now passed through the chair of the Lodge. His work had been done to the entire satisfaction of the members, who at the last meeting had unanimously voted him a jewel. This jewel it was now his (Brother Norris's) privilege to present. He did it with a fervent desire that Bro. Osborn might wear it for many years, and continue an honoured and respected member. With great pleasure he would call on the brethren to drink to the health of the Immediate Past Master. The jewel, which had been handed round, was manufactured by Bro. Ollidge, Treasurer of the Lodge, and reflects great credit upon his artistic ability. Bro. Franklin Clive here gave the popular "German Student's Song," which was enthusiastically applauded. Brother Osborn, in responding, was exceedingly grateful to the W.M. for what he had said in his praise. Twelve months since the members had placed him in the chair; when he looked back upon the events of his term of office, he could but think his exertions had met with their approval. Were anything needed to intensify this impression on his mind, he thought it would be found in the unanimity with which the brethren had voted him the jewel. He was Secretary to the Lodge from the time of its commencement till he took the office of Warden, and now he had passed the chair it was decided that he should resume his old functions. Without egotism he might say that as Secretary he was in a position to further the interests of the Lodge, which should always command his services. He thought the Lodge was on a fair road to prosperity; they had had nine gentlemen initiated during the time he ruled as Master, and it was very gratifying to know that other good men and true were coming forward. In conclusion, Brother Osborn hoped he might live for many years to take part in the proceedings. The other toasts were done ample justice to. The Visitors severally responded to the compliment paid them. Bro. Coombs replied for the Past Masters, and made reference in sorrowful terms to the sad illness with which Bro. Somers was afflicted. The musical talent of the members was well exercised, Bros. Dillon, Hurst, and others ably distinguishing themselves. We have previously mentioned Bro. Franklin Clive, but we must award him special praise for his rendering of "The Diver." We have never heard it sung better. Bro. Wright, as accompanyist, satisfied every requirement.

LOYAL WYE LODGE, No. 1807.

THE Annual Installation meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Builth, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., and was numerously attended, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Brother Marmaduke Tennant being the Installing Master. Present—Bros. Wm. Williams W.M. P.G.C., A. Gwynne-Vaughan W.M. elect, William Price S.W., H. V. Thomas J.W., J. W. Coulthard Sec., J. G. Woods J.D., J. Phillips Org., A. Truscott I.G.; also Bros. J. Rees, Dr. Lewis, W. P. Campbell, George Bowen, George Green, Dr. Richardson, Wm. Smith, Dr. Bennett, J. P. Lidstone, P. James, D. Thomas, T. Joseph, J. Farthing, A. Beaven, and H. M. Bradford. Visitors—Bros. W. Whittington P.M. P.G.J.W., J. A. Whittle P.M. P.G.S.W. 651, Frank Grundy P.M. 651, T. Luther Jones, Bangor Lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and then ballot was taken for Messrs. C. P. Peters and S. B. Williams, for initiation, and Bro. A. Beaven as a joining member, each of whom were elected. Bro. J. Luther Jones was proposed as a joining member by Bro. A. Gwynne-Vaughan W.M. elect, and seconded by Bro. Wm. Price S.W. The Deputy Prov. G.M. proceeded to instal the new Master, which ceremony was most impressively performed. Bro. A. Gwynne-Vaughan then invested his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. H. V. Thomas as S.W., B. Davies as J.W., A. Truscott S.D., J. G. Woods J.D., William Price Secretary, John Farthing I.G., J. Phillips Organist, T. Rees and W. Smith Stewards, Dr. Bennett M.C., Gordon Williams Chaplain. The brethren adjourned to the Lion Hotel to do justice to a splendid banquet, prepared by Bro. James. The Deputy, in proposing the health of the W.M., spoke of him as a worthy successor to rule and govern the Lodge, and as one to whom the interest of the Lodge would be a paramount duty, and especially dwelt on the progress of the Loyal Wye Lodge, and to its having lately voted £30 to the Masonic Charities. The W.M. replied, and then proposed the health of the I.P.M., which was most enthusiastically received. Bro. Williams' indefatigable exertions on behalf of the Lodge were fully recognised, and he was congratulated on his recent appointment as Provincial Grand Chaplain. To this be suitably replied. Several Loyal and Masonic toasts closed the evening, which was a very enjoyable one, and long to be remembered in the history of the Loyal Wye Lodge.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—On Wednesday, 31st May, at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Bros. Taplin W.M., Nicholson S.W., Brooks J.W., Cotton S.D., Phillips I.G. and Tyler. After the usual formalities, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bailey candidate. Lodge was called from and to labour. The ancient charge after initiation was delivered. Bro. Bailey, who is but an E.A., was interrogated. Bro. Nicholson was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was closed, and adjourned until Wednesday, the 7th June.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—A meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, 26th ult., at 7.30, Bro. Richard Poore opening the Lodge precisely at the appointed time. The W.M. was supported by Brothers C. H. Phillips S.W., J. Bate J.W., H. Goodwin S.D., G. W. Knight J.D., E. Newby I.G., James Stevens P.M. and Hon. Preceptor, H. M. Williams, G. Hubbard, F. J. Perks, W. H. Chase, T. A. Harper W.M. 1216, and others. The first section having been worked by the brethren, the ceremony of initiation was exceedingly well rehearsed by the W.M., Brother Perks acting as candidate. The examination for proficiency was also rehearsed. Bro. Bate delivered the Charge to the initiate. A portion of the lecture on the first tracing board was given by the Preceptor. A notice of motion for amending Bye-laws was renewed, and the proposals adjourned for consideration at next meeting. Bro. C. H. Phillips was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was recorded in favour of Brother Richard Poore for his able discharge of the duties of W.M. on this occasion, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—The regular meeting was held on the 31st ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Air-street, Regent-street. The Lodge was opened by Bros. Abraham W.M., M. Levy S.W., J. Syer J.W., Albert P.G.P. Sec., L. Jacobs Treas., G. T. Mann S.D., Benjamin J.D., Valentin I.G., D. M. Davis Org., P.M.'s Grunebaum, S. Pollitzer, J. Lazarus, G. Brandon, A. Blumenthal. Visitors—Bros. T. J. Maidwell P.M. 27, E. Swanborough P.M. 1319, Bloomfield 185, Jones Kilburn Lodge, H. M. Levy 188, Paul Levy 1540. The name of a candidate was on the agenda paper for passing, but he was not present. Lodge was closed until October. The brethren sat down to a sumptuous and récherché banquet, provided by Bro. Nicols, and superintended by Bro. Pigache. The W.M., who is an old and respected P.M., occupied the chair. He proposed in eloquent terms, the toast of "The Queen." In introducing the toasts of the Grand Officers, the W.M. said the Lodge felt honoured by the presence of a member who is one of the Grand Officers. The brother he referred to was known to them in another capacity,—that of Secretary. No worthier or better representative of Grand Lodge could be found. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. effectively responded to the toast. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. Bro. E. Swanborough P.M. in reply said he felt proud to be present on this occasion; he had many pleasing recollections of the Lodge. Bro. J. Lazarus P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M., who for the third time occupied the chair in this Lodge. This showed the breth-

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ren in what estimation he must be held. The W.M. thanked the brethren; he was gratified at the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. In giving the toast of the Past Masters, the W.M. said he welcomed with pleasure their esteemed Brother Gabriel Brandon P.G.S. In addition, however, they had a goodly array of Past Masters present, who had all worked well for the Lodge. Brother Gabriel Brandon said he assisted at the birth of the Lodge, and was one of its founders. He was pleased, after seventeen years, to see it so flourishing; he regretted not being able to attend so often as he could wish. He sincerely thanked them for their kindness in associating his name with the toast. The Wardens having been complimented, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Joining Members. The claims of the remaining Officers were not overlooked, and special recognition was made of the services of Bro. G. T. Mann, the Organist. The Tyler's toast closed a most harmonious meeting.

At the last meeting of the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, it was unanimously agreed that the banquet of the Lodge should take place on the first Thursday in September, and Bros. Tucker, Bellerby, Wells, and Smith were appointed as a Committee to make the necessary arrangements. A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Preceptor Tucker and Bro. Secretary Wells for their services during the past session.

UNDER THE TONGUE OF GOOD REPORT.

EVERY Mason knows well what the above phrase signifies, and when we recollect how much it does really mean, how important is it that we should guard with great care the portals of the Lodge-room. "Guard well the outer door" is a maxim the Hiramite should never forget; it is his *sworn* duty to do so. Would he receive into his house or take to his house as a friend a man destitute of moral character, or introduce into his home circle the libertine and the profane? No. How dare he then permit one, whom he knows to be a libertine, a gambler, or a blasphemer, to cross the threshold of the Masonic Lodge. Accept not any candidate that does not come literally and truthfully under "the tongue of good report."

The object of every Mason should be to raise the standard of Freemasonry; to make the Fraternity what it should be, a brotherhood in the highest sense of the word, of honourable, true and upright men. To be negligent in this respect shows a criminal carelessness that is deserving of the highest censure. The brother that is careless in this particular, and neglects the duties of his Lodge, will never make a good Hiramite or prove to be true to the principles of the Order. How can he? if he does not care sufficiently for the material of the *foundation* of the temple, what regard can he have for the quality of the superstructure? NONE, and such a Mason is not worthy to be called a follower of the Widow's Son.

The importance of securing the best men for the first three degrees is all important. We cannot lay too much stress upon this. Generally speaking the practical benefits of the Craft are distributed by the Blue Lodge, and it is the universal Masonry that is acknowledged wherever civilization has penetrated. It is Freemasonry that brethren of every degree must acknowledge, and that is known and practised in every part of the world; and it matters not to how many branches of the Order a brother may belong, his first allegiance is due to Symbolic Masonry. Hence the great and paramount importance to be attached to regular duties. If bad men, or even careless men, are accepted, the welfare of the society is at stake, and every Mason should be sufficiently interested in the Brotherhood to examine well the character of those who seek admission to our mysteries.

We entirely fail to understand how any Hiramite can be so lost to his sense of duty, and so regardless as to his obligations, as not to pay strict attention to the nature of the material that is brought up for the building of the Temple. We are presumed to be engaged in a sacred work, and if we are derelict in our duties and careless with regard to our responsibilities, we have forgotten the principles that we promised to support, and negligent of those important lessons that it should be our pride to teach and our glory to practise. The Mason that will admit a candidate to our mysteries that he knows to be unworthy should be expelled from our Fraternity, for he is striking a death blow to our Institute, and he has wofully perjured himself in the sight of God and in the eyes of his brethren.

The Lodge should be the *Masonic home* of every Hiramite, and, in order to keep it so, none must be admitted excepting those who are "under the tongue of good report." We are a great social and moral organization, professing certain fixed principles and advocating certain dogmas. To admit a man amongst us who openly violates these, and by his course of life shows his utter disregard for them, is a heinous offence. We, by so doing, destroy our Masonic home and drive from the Lodge those whom we love to honour. The swearing, cursing, blaspheming Mason is a hideous nightmare to those who understand our traits. The scoffer at religion and the *habitue* of the gambling hell are surely not fit companions for a band of men who have professed their belief in the Divine Godhead and acknowledge their faith in the brotherhood of man. That creatures so demoralised do at times gain admission within our portals cannot be denied; but if gentle admonition and kindly advice fail to reclaim them, it is our duty to drive them from our midst.

One foul-mouthed animal, in form of a man, in heart a loathsome creature, will do more in one year to demoralize a Lodge and disgrace Freemasonry than ten good men can do in the same length of time to purify and reclaim it. This is a stubborn fact; consequently, let every Mason ever guard well the outer door, and see that none are initiated into our mysteries who do not live a pure and moral life, and, believing in the Heaven inspired doctrines of Freemasonry, are "under the tongue of good report."—*Masonic Tablet.*

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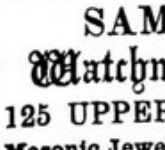

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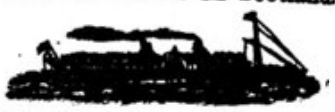

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THERE was a very full gathering of members at the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday. The Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master was on the throne, and the Grand Wardens' chairs were occupied by the Grand Wardens for the year respectively. The preliminary formalities having been carried out, and the address to the Queen on her escape from assassination, and Her Majesty's gracious reply having been ordered to be permanently recorded on the minutes of Grand Lodge, Brother James Stevens at once rose and asked the Grand Master whether, as he purposed in the course of the evening bringing forward a question of privilege, his Lordship was of opinion he should do so then or later. The Grand Master ruled that, if Brother James Stevens confined himself to the mere question of privilege, and avoided all discussion of the matter, which had given rise to it, he had better do so at once. Thereupon, Bro. Stevens explained the particular question he was desirous of bringing under notice as being one which affected the privileges of the brethren generally. The Board of Masters had refused to accept a notice of motion which he (Bro. Stevens) had forwarded for insertion in the agenda paper. This they had done on the advice of Bro. Grand Registrar, whom they had consulted, and who had expressed his belief that such a motion as Bro. Stevens had desired to give notice of was an interference with the prerogative of the Grand Master. He (Bro. Stevens) however, demurred to this view. There was nothing, he said, in the Book of Constitutions to the letter or spirit of which it was opposed. He would yield to none in the respect he felt for the prerogative of the Grand Master, but the Book of Constitutions laid it down specifically that Grand Lodge had the power to debate and decide upon all questions which were brought before it, and the humblest of its members had the right to express his opinions. Such interference very seriously affected this freedom of discussion, and he held it was high time the brethren below the dais should receive fair treatment. Having made a personal remark, which had better have been left unsaid, Brother Stevens concluded his speech by saying that, as regards his motion, there was no reason why it should not have been inserted just as well as those that were there. He considered he had been wrongly interfered with, and was desirous of recording his protest. Bro. Duff-Filer P.G.S.B. having inquired what the said notice of motion was which had been rejected, and the Earl of Carnarvon having expressed his willingness to allow it to be described, but without discussion of its merits, Bro. Stevens gave the needful information, namely, that his motion was to the effect that, having regard to the great increase in the number of Lodges in the metropolitan area during the past twenty-five years, Grand Lodge should "respectfully represent to his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master the propriety of sub-dividing such metropolitan area into four District Grand Lodges." Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Registrar, in reply, said he was of opinion the Board of Masters had done right in declining to place Bro. Stevens's notice of motion on the agenda paper. It was not a question that came within the cognizance of Grand Lodge, as it was the prerogative of the M.W.G.M. to constitute Provinces and appoint Prov. G. Masters, and he instanced the case of the Provinces of the Isle of Wight and Hampshire, one of which had been merged in the other. That being so, any discussion that would touch the Grand Master's prerogative was illegal. Again, the motion was misconceived, as it spoke of making District Grand Lodges, which differed from Provincial Grand Lodges, in that they possessed the power of expulsion, which the latter did not. It must be remembered that, as a great legislative assembly, Grand Lodge had the power of making laws for the guidance of the Craft, those laws being passed by the individual votes of the members, and being binding even on the Grand Master himself, but it had no power to interfere with or trench upon the prerogative of the G.M. Grand Registrar then discussed at some length the motion of Bro. Stevens, to whom he referred, with what we cannot but consider as in very bad taste, as "Mr. James Stevens," because that brother had courteously sent him by post two printed slips of a letter of his, "with Mr. James Stevens's compliments." However, Bro. Stevens, with the Grand Master's permission, replied briefly, pointing out that his motion did not propose to make a law, which, of course, would be binding on all members of the Craft, from the highest to the lowest, but only that Grand Lodge should make a respectful representation to the Grand Master on the subject. He further explained that, in using the word "District," he had not intended it in the sense in which the Grand Registrar had understood it, but in the sense in which it was used postally as "N.W. Metropolitan District," &c. &c. The Grand Master thereupon summed up the whole question, which he said was a serious one, so far as the right of a brother to bring any matter before Grand Lodge for free discussion, was touched. For himself, he had always looked upon it as a right that should be jealously guarded, but at the same time it was of equal importance that Grand Lodge should uphold the integrity of the Grand Master's prerogative, which was one of the ancient landmarks of the Order. As regarded the question itself, from the manner in which it had come before them, it was very difficult to follow. He was bound to say there had been little else than a mere statement by the brother who was anxious to bring forward his motion of its scope and character, while, on the other hand, there had been a very elaborate and clear argument stated against it by the Grand Registrar, so that one side of the case was heavily weighted as compared with the other. Were he called upon to decide the whole of the question, and the grounds upon which it had been brought forward and argued, he should be in some difficulty, as it would be impossible for him to satisfy himself how far each part of the regulations applied to the particular question. But the matter narrowed itself to a very small issue. The proposition affected the prerogative of the Grand Master. The sub-division of the Metropolis into the four Grand Lodges raised a grave constitutional question, and it was absolutely necessary that any motion of such a character should be worded in a manner to which no objection whatever, whether technically or otherwise, could be taken. As the motion stood, it was unintelligible, as there could be no such thing as four District Grand Lodges in London, a District Grand Lodge being totally different from a Provincial Grand Lodge. On that ground, therefore, though he allowed it was a narrow one, he was of opinion that the Board of Masters had acted rightly in refusing to allow such a motion to be submitted to Grand Lodge, and should rule that the motion was out of order.

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We may here go out of our way to remark that we have no intention of entering upon any argument as to the merits of Bro. Stevens's proposition, to be respectfully submitted to His Royal Highness the Grand Master, for the subdivision of the Metropolitan area into four districts, with a body presiding over each, which, whatever name might be bestowed upon it, would possess powers and privileges similar to those of an ordinary Provincial Grand Lodge. What concerns us now is, the discussion we have just recorded, in which, though the apparent victory lay with the Grand Registrar, the real honours of war fell to Bro. Stevens. True, he made one unfortunate step when he went needlessly out of his way to refer personally to the Editor of our London contemporary; but it seems to us, that after reading carefully between the lines of Lord Carnarvon's speech, and from the fact that in the decision he arrived at he justified the action of the Board of Masters, not on the ground that the motion was one that ought not to be discussed in Grand Lodge, but because it was unintelligibly worded,—we say, under these circumstances, it appears to us that Bro. Stevens was the actual victor, while Bro. Grand Registrar, though ostensibly victorious, has in fact been put to the rout. Remembering, however, what comparisons have been described as being, we content ourselves with remarking that it is Bro. Stevens's intention to send in a notice of motion for next Communication, which shall not labour under the disadvantage of being senseless or unintelligible.

Let us now return to the proceedings of Grand Lodge. The Reports of the Lodge of Benevolence and Board of General Purposes were accepted, the usual compliment being paid to Sir John B. Monckton for his services as President of the latter, and acknowledged by that brother. The Report of the Committee appointed in March to consider and report upon the finances and present income of Grand Lodge was adopted on the motion of Bro. General Brownrigg, and the annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was submitted. The proposition of Bro. Baron de Ferrières, M.P., as to the manner in which the votes, on a division, should be taken, was carried on a show of hands. Then followed the discussion of Brother J. M. Clabon's motion that in order to meet the increased demands on the Fund of Benevolence, every member of a London Lodge should pay eighteen pence quarterly instead of one shilling as heretofore, and the members of Provincial Lodges ninepence per quarter instead of sixpence. Bro. Clabon showed indubitably, by figures, that the Fund had spent more than it received in the years 1880 and 1881, though for several years previous the picture was exactly the reverse, and it had received more than it spent. He spoke in favour of large grants, which he argued gave the recipients a chance of setting themselves right again, whereas small grants were probably absorbed in the payment of a few debts. Bros. Tombs, Montague Guest, M.P. Prov. G. Master Dorsetshire, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks opposed the motion. Bro. Major Penrice G.S.D. moved, as an amendment, that the question should be postponed until the opinion of the Provincial brethren had been tested, and though Bro. James Stevens suggested that he would support the motion if it were amended so as to levy a payment of one shilling quarterly on all brethren, whether Provincial or London, Bro. Penrice's amendment was put from the chair and carried. Bro. Clabon, however, will bring the question forward again at the December meeting of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Raynham Stewart's motion for a grant from the Fund of General Purposes of £300 to the Male Fund, and £500 to the Female Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was then submitted, General Brownrigg P.G.M. Surrey moving as an amendment that the grant should be £400, a moiety to be given to each Fund. A division was taken, when there appeared for the amendment 72, against it 82—majority 10. Bro. Stewart's motion was then put —85 voting in its favour, and 72 against it—majority 13. It was therefore declared carried.

The following brethren were declared elected on the Board of General Purposes:—

	Votes
Bro. Charles Atkins P.M. 27	325
Edgar Bowyer W.M. 1964	322
Frank Green W.M. 1827	248
Edwd. Letchworth W.M. 197	235
William Stephens P.M. 1489	223
A. Meadows, M.D., P.M. 4	195
Henry Bishop P.M. 66	181
Wm. Smallpeice P.M. 1395	175
C. C. Cheston W.M. 99	172
Edwd. Beaumont W.M. 26	165
W. Bristow, W.M. G.S. Lodge	157
Ralph Clutton W.M. 143	154
H. R. Cooper-Smith P.M. 478	149
A. H. Tattershall P.M. 140	146

The Pro Grand Master announced that the Grand Master had nominated Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton as President of the Board, Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., W. J. Harrison, Q.C., James E. Saunders, F. Philbrick, Q.C.; J. A. Rucker, Thomas Fenn, Peter de Lande Long, Rule, and Piggott, D.C.L., members of the Board.

Colonial Board:—Bros. Henry Francis Auldjo W.M. 92, J. Brett P.M. 177, Augustus T. Day W.M. 166, Ralph Gooding P.M. 1, William George Lemon W.M. 1601, James Henry Matthews P.M. 143, and Griffiths Smith P.M. 21.

Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons:—Bros. J. J. Berry P.M. 554, Thomas W. C. Bush P.M. 1728, Charles A. Cottebrune P.M. 733, William H. Goodall W.M. 1567, Henry McPherson P.M. 890, George L. Moore P.M 169, William J. Murlis P.M. 1642, Robert Perry Tate P.M. 862, Alf. H. Tattershall P.M. 140, and James Willing jun. 1507.

It was announced that the Grand Master had appointed Bro. Rucker President of the Colonial Board, and Bros. Sandeman and Brackstone Baker members; Bro. Griffiths Smith Vice President. The Grand Master also nominated on the Committee of Management of the Benevolent Institution Bros. A. F. A. Woodford, Shadwell H. Clerke, R. H. Giraud, Jabez Hogg, Captain N. G. Philips, Colonel Burney, J. S. Peirce, W. F. Nettleship, James Brett, and James Kench.

Colonel Creaton's motion, that £70 be voted for coals for the Aged People at Croydon was carried; and Bro. Budden, owing to the lateness of the hour, having asked that his resolution might stand over till December, Grand Lodge was closed.

Amongst those present were Bros. General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master Surrey, as Deputy Grand Master, Montague Guest, M.P., Prov. G.M. Dorsetshire, as Past Grand Master, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. Sussex, Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand, Sir Pryse-Pryse, Bart., P.Prov. G.M. South Wales West, Rev. T. Robinson G.C., Rev. T. Cochrane G.C., Lt.-Col. Creaton G. Treasurer, Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Registrar, Sir J. B. Monckton President of the Board of General Purposes, E. E. Wendt Secretary for German Correspondence, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Major Penrice G.S.D., W. G. Harrison, Q.C., G.S.D., Capt. Beswicke-Royds G.J.D., R. C. Else G.J.D., Horace Jones Grand Superintendent of Works, Sir Albert Woods (Garter) G. D. of C., R. T. Pigott Assistant G.D. of Cer., John Messent Grand Sword Bearer, H. S. Alpass Grand Standard Bearer, Wilhelm Ganz as Grand Organist, H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, W. R. Wood Grand Pursuivant, L. F. Littell G.A.P.; P.G. Chaplains Revs. J. E. Cox, Pickard, T. W. Hayes, A. Hall, C. Arnold, Brownrigg, C. R. Davy; Past Grand Deacons—Major General H. Clerk, Captain N. G. Philips, J. Sampson Peirce, Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville-Burney, J. H. Scott, R. F. Gould, J. M. Case, James Glaisher, C. W. C. Hutton, Raynham W. Stewart, Brackstone Baker, H. C. Levander, Frank Richardson, T. Fenn, Peter de Lande Long, H. C. Tombs, Robert Grey, J. A. Rucker; P.A.G.D.C.'s Magnus Ohren, George Burt, J. Lewis Thomas; P.G.S.B.'s Charles Greenwood, A. J. Duff-Filer, Joshua Nunn, George Lambert; P.G.O. C. E. Willing; P.G.P.'s James Brett, W. T. Howe, C. A. Cottebrune, W. Clark, &c.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

WE give elsewhere a report of the proceedings of Tuesday last, when the Summer Half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for England and Wales, &c., was held at Freemasons' Tavern. The report contains a record of the chief business then transacted, but a few remarks in addition may not be out of place. Thus the General Report contains the gratifying

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information that in the half year ended 31st March 1882. 741 certificates—a larger number than had been issued in any previous period of equal length—were granted, thus raising the number of Mark Master Masons to 16,139. Warrants for seven new Lodges were also granted, the highest number being 298, and also 157 certificates in the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner and Warrants for three Royal Ark Lodges were issued, the registered number of members of this degree being now 1116. Other matters worthy of note include the division of Tunis and Malta into two Provinces, Bro. Broadley having resigned his office as Prov. Grand Master. The new Provincial Grand Lodges are known as those of North Africa, with Bro. T. Fellowes Reade, H.B.M. Consul General as Provincial Grand Master; and the Mediterranern District, including Malta, Gibraltar, and Sicily with Brother Chev. E. Rosenbusch as Prov. Grand Master. A similar division of New Zealand has also been effected, the new arrangement providing for a Provincial Grand Lodge of Auckland with Bro. H. G. Wade as its Prov. Grand Master, and a Provincial Grand Lodge of Westland with Bro. John Bevan as Provincial Grand Master. Acknowledgments of the resolutions, of sympathy with Mrs. Garfield, of congratulation to the Queen on her happy escape from the hands of the assassin, and of congratulation with Prince Leopold Duke of Albany on his marriage, were also noted. The Grand Treasurer's accounts are also subject for congratulation. In spite of the extraordinary expenditure in connection with the Hall, amounting to over £200, there remained a balance in hand at the close of the half year of, in round figures, £310. Similarly, the Benevolent Fund, though the sum of £117 7s was transferred from it to the Education Fund, and £103 5s expended in the purchase of £100 Natal 4½ per cent. Bonds, showed a balance of £167 16s. The sum in hand in respect of the Education Fund, on 31st March last, was only £13 8s 3d, but this is accounted for by the outlay of £206 10s in the purchase of £200 Natal 4½ per cent. Bonds, the actual expenditure being a fraction less than £28. As to the invested funds, these consist of £1,700 General Fund, £1,500 Benevolent Fund, and £700 Education Fund, and a further investment on account of the General Fund, of £300, has been ordered, making the total of these £4,200.

It only remains for us to echo the wishes of Bro. Binckes, that the fourteenth Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which is to take place at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday, 19th July, under the presidency of the Earl of Kintore, Deputy G.M.M.M., will prove a success, and the rapid and well-sustained progress made of late by this degree fully justifies the expression of this hope. We may further add, that several letters of regret were read from brethren, stating their inability to be present at the meeting, among these unavoidable absentees being the Earl of Kintore D.G.M. Master, and Bros. Rev. Canon Tristram P.G.M. Northumberland and Durham, and W. Kelly P.G.M. Leicestershire.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AT ETON.

THOSE who labour under the impression that the life of an heir apparent to the British Crown is, to use a familiar phrase, all play and no work, must latterly have had the opportunity of undeceiving themselves. Last week we chronicled the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Leicester. A few days later and we find the former in Norfolk, the county of his adoption, carefully inspecting a regiment of militia under the command of his friend and brother Mason, Lord Suffield. Now he is representing Royalty at Ascot, and on Monday he paid a visit to Eton with his wife, for the purpose of unveiling the screen in the College Chapel, which has been erected as a memorial to old Etonians who fell in the service of their country during the late South African campaigns. Monday was chosen for the occasion because this year, 4th June, the anniversary of George III.'s birthday, fell on Sunday, and the speech day, which is held in honour of that venerable monarch, had in consequence to be held the day following. There was one slight drawback, for which the Clerk of the Weather was responsible; but as a great part of the proceedings, and certainly the most important, took place under cover, the rain which fell at intervals did not cause quite so much inconvenience as might have been expected. The ceremony of the day was simple enough. The Prince and Princess arrived punctually at noon, and were received by the Provost, the Head Master, and the Fellows, and by a guard of honour of the Eton College Volunteers, under the command of Captain Goodford, son of the Provost. The Royal party were at once conducted to "Upper School," where the customary speeches and recitations were given, the youthful orators acquitting themselves in a most successful manner. At one o'clock, their Royal Highnesses proceeded to the chapel, where, after a very brief service, the screen —of Gothic design, and the work of the late Mr. George Street—was uncovered. At two o'clock, lunch was served in the College Hall, covers being laid for 115 guests. The Provost presided, and among those present were the Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Dean of Westminster, Lady Plunket, Lord Leconfield, Bro the Earl of Fife P.G.M. Banffshire, Bro. Lord Carrington G.S W. England, Bro. the Earl of Lathom D.G.M. England, and the Countess of Lathom, &c. After replying to the toast of his health, the Prince gave that of "Floreat Etona" and, in doing so, related the touching incident which occurred at the fight on Laing's Nek in Africa, when a young officer of the Guards, once at Eton, and a comrade rode to the front and the former fell just as he had cried out to the latter "Floreat Etona." With the toast was associated the name of Dr. Hornby Head Master, who, in felicitous terms, acknowledged the compliment. Their Royal Highnesses then visited the "playing fields," and stayed some time watching the progress of a cricket match. The day's proceedings were brought to a close by the annual procession of boats to Surly Hall, and a grand display of fireworks on one of the eyots just above Eton and Windsor Bridge.

MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, IRELAND.

THE General Half-yearly Meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Schoolhouse, Burlington-road, on Tuesday morning, 6th June, and was very largely attended. The result of the scrutiny of the recent ballot for the election of nine children from the list of candidates for admission was announced as follows :—

Emma E. Cochrane	2346
Florence Pierce	2267
Georgiana M. Hope	2224
Constance Barnes	2145
Mona McAllister	1973
Alice M. M. Ryall	1714
Sarah G. E. Phair	1707
Ada C. Rapson	1505
Eveline M. Brontè	1367
Mary Stewart	1185
Alice M. C. Sandy	1162
Jane Black	1078
Margaret Davis	697

Emma E. Cochrane, Florence Pierce, Georgiana M. Hope Constance Barnes, Mona McAllister, Alice M. M. Ryall, Sarah G. E. Phair, Ada C. Rapson, and Eveline M. Brontè were accordingly declared duly elected. The Bazaar Committee presented their report, from which it appears that the receipts from the Masonic Bazaar amounted to £7,520 16s 7d, the expenditure to £966 2s 1d, and the net profit realised for the benefit of the School to £6,554 14s 6d. The stalls realised £5,600 2s 10d. The Dublin Lodge No. 25 and Victoria 4 headed the list with £505 and £501 17s 2d, and were followed by the Province of South Munster (Cork) and Antrim and Down (Belfast) with £420 and £355. Hiram Lodge was next with £312 18s, of which £212 18s was produced by the outside car presented by Bros. Sanderson. A detailed balance sheet accompanied the report. The Entertainments, &c. produced £323 11s 8d, and the sum of £1,597 2s was paid for tickets and at the doors, representing upwards of 43,000 admissions to the Exhibition during the Bazaar. It was reported that no accident or misadventure of any kind occurred during the whole progress of the undertaking, which was carried through with such unexampled success.

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THE SUMMER RECESS.

ONCE more the season has come upon us when the brethren cast about them with pleasant anticipations in view of varying the somewhat monotonous round of the labour of the winter session. Green fields and smiling landscapes, just now attired in their brightest livery, invite us to scenes of healthful relaxation; and happy are the men who can spare the time and means to enjoy those changes which are so recuperative both of mental and physical vigour. There is an agreeable ring in the suggestion of the I.P.M., when the winter's work is done, and he rises to propose that "the summer banquet be held as usual, and that a committee be appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements." By no means let it be understood the brethren have become weary of well-doing, or that their interest in the real work of the Craft has in any way abated. But "variety is charming" in every phase of life; and, having acquitted themselves with fervency and zeal in the practical labour of the year, there is no more laudable aspiration than that the mental and bodily faculties should be allowed to rest, and to acquire fresh strength for the coming round of duty. There are many aspects in which we may regard the utility and desirableness of a summer Masonic vacation. In the country, where Lodges are held at distant intervals, we can readily imagine the brethren are not so disposed to any such intermission of the routine of work. They come in from the outlying districts once a month, and sometimes less frequently, and the *réunion* is to them as invigorating as an "outing" into the country is to the pent up dweller in the City. They are always in the midst of Nature's freshness, and know no such delight as the Londoner experiences when he sets out with walking stick and satchel, to inhale the fresh country air, and to gaze away from the eternal bricks and mortar upon the beauties of wood and field. Moreover, their opportunities for social intercourse and enjoyment are not so prolific as we find them in the City, and consequently the meetings of Lodge are amongst the most enjoyable means of cultivating those amenities which form the chief enjoyment of provincial life. There are not wanting, however, occasions when the bonds of fraternity are even there relaxed, and when the brethren invite within the circles of their hospitality those to whom the "mysteries and privileges" are unfamiliar. We speak in the recollection of glorious trips by road and rail, of picnics spread in orthodox fashion under the spreading forest trees, and amidst sylvan glades, the splendour and silence of which are seldom broken except by the song of birds—of joyous excursions by river and sea, when cabin and saloon ring with the ripple of merriment and laughter, or the island summer hostelry is made reverberant with the interchange of friendly greetings. Happy days these, when the heart is young, and Masonic zeal, as well as the aspirations of life, are just blossoming into fullness and enthusiasm. It is not merely that the anticipations of pleasant hours are realised by the careful and considerate study of the Stewards who undertake the duty of arranging the preliminaries, but there linger a train of after reminiscences which give zest to the ardour of the brethren and pleasure to those who have been the recipients of their hospitalities. If, however, these summer gatherings are so fruitful of good influences amongst our country cousins who meet in necessarily so limited a company, how much more conducive to hearty good-fellowship in the wider circles of those who in populous towns are unacquainted with much of the social affinity which binds provincial friends together? Most of our brethren whose sphere of business lies in the City are glad to get away at evening to their suburban residences, where the home circle is limited to a few intimate friends. When the Lodge meets, the brethren, who are of course most intimate and fraternal, congregate from distant places, and have few opportunities of bringing the members of their families into social contact. At the summer picnic, however, there are presented ample and most congenial opportunities for the cultivation of old, and the making of new, friendships; and we may reckon amongst the best and staunchest of our acquaintance many whose hands we first grasped at a gathering such as those which will soon be occurring not infrequently in Masonic circles. There are many who object to these meetings, on the score that they are not solely directed to the cause of Charity; and that the money so expended might be more usefully applied. But such objections are as a rule frivolous, and often do not emanate from those who are foremost in the cause of benevolence. It is true that the proceeds of the bazaars, balls, and other *réunions* held during the winter are applied to some beneficent purpose, specified, and in this respect the summer picnic is distinguished as being solely for the purposes of pleasure. But when we consider the many happy influences which are fostered, the gratification afforded by admitting the fair sex to a participation in the pleasantries to which even Masons may be pardoned for occasionally devoting themselves, there is much to commend the principle to our favourable acceptance. It can hardly be expected that the brethren will be found to muster in any strength in Lodge when the evenings are warm, and the atmosphere of rooms is stuffy and oppressive; and even when an earnest invitation to attend is issued the work under such circumstances is scarcely such as one feels a pleasure in assisting at. To blend business with recreation, therefore, is to our mind an acceptable doctrine, though it must be admitted that the amount of practical work done at a summer Lodge is invariably small, the inducements to outdoor exercises being of far too seductive a character to admit of very lengthy or serious application to work. The process is more usually a quiet hour of working, with just as much as is necessary to transact the business on the agenda paper, and then to hie away to the felicitations of assembled friends and the inevitable concomitants of such a happy event. The repast is spread beneath the tented canopy, amidst a profusion of flowers, the smiles of the fair, and the hearty handshaking of fraternal friends all round; the post-prandial speeches are few and brief, and altogether in agreeable contrast with the ordinary official programme. The vetetans unite in consultation over matters with which they are peculiarly conversant, and recount "old times," when Masonry was not so popular and important as it now is, with a vivacity begotten of experience and happy recollections, while the younger branches improvise and carry out those pastimes which are always to be found on such occasions, and the day is passed in a perfect round of amity. Can it be said that time so employed is thrown away? Does it not brace the working members to a heightened sense of the value of the fraternal impulses which prompt the event, and give fresh tone to the work which must necessarily follow hereafter? We think so, and so far from looking with even a shadow of disapprobation upon these summer gatherings, over which we know some well-intentioned brethren quibble—seeing their object is not the promotion of Charity, pure and simple—we yet see in them much that is conducive of well-being to the Craft, and a blending of interests which must in the end foster and conserve those sentiments of brotherly love which is so essential an element in Freemasonry. The "recess" is to a healthy Lodge, so constituted, a cordial and a tonic which will help it over the next arduous session in a way that cannot fail to benefit alike its members and those lay acquaintances who are drawn within the cycle; and with this end in view we hail the many announcements which have already been made of their intention to celebrate the summer holiday, "as usual."

A grand musical and miscellaneous entertainment was given on the 4th inst., at Sir Moses Montefiore Literary and Art Society, 32 Tavistock-place, by the Montefiore Cyclists Club, under the direction of Bro. Israel Abrahams, F.R.S.L., &c., and the Hon. Sec. S. J. Weingott. The hall was crowded by an enthusiastic audience, who fully recognised the ability of the several artists who gave their assistance. Miss Florence Marks sang charmingly, as also did Miss Annie Brightstein, and Signora R. Fontana. Sig. Leoni's excellent voice was fully appreciated. Bro. J. Cheevers gave one of his celebrated Irish Songs, while Dr. Holden, in Magical Marvels, completely puzzled the audience by his wonderful dexterity. Mr. Percy Strandes, R.A.M., of the Guildhall School of Music, was a very able accompanyist. Credit is due to Messrs Richardson, S. Abrahams, C. Weingott, J. Vallentine, and E. P. Valleutine for their exertions for the comfort of the visitors.

The last meeting for the present session of the Earl Spencer Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge, on Wednesday evening, the 14th inst., at eight o'clock precisely, when Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., on the invitation of the Lodge, will deliver his lecture explanatory of the rituals of the ceremonies of the first degree. A large gathering of local brethren is expected on this occasion.

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A RUN ROUND HOLDERNESS.

WE have great pleasure in publishing the following interesting and chatty description of a part of England which is rich in historical associations and offers many attractive features to the tourist who is capable of appreciating beautiful scenery and quaint remains of ancient buildings, and who at the same time can judge, at least approximately, of the enormous benefits conferred by human inventions and discoveries of the present century. However, the paper speaks with sufficient eloquence for itself, and we are convinced our readers will be none the less delighted with it because, for the time, Bro. Whytehead is expending some of his surplus enthusiasm in describing a part of Yorkshire instead of tracing a Masonic pedigree or the ramifications of Freemasonry, (say) in the seventeenth century. We may add that we are indebted to the *Keystone* of Philadelphia for the article.

It seems many a long day since I had the pleasure of writing to you, but business has so much increased upon me as to leave but scant leisure for the joys of Masonic correspondence. Neither have I had the time to make any excursions as aforetime, concerning which you have had from time to time rough notes. Some months ago you had from me an account of Hornsea, and a portion of the east coast section of this country of broad acres, and as I have just enjoyed a few more days of bracing air in the same district, perhaps a page or two of further jottings regarding the same interesting locality may interest you.

The peculiar feature of the coast all along the bight from Burlington to Hornsea and south towards Spurn Point, is the constant decay and demolition of the coast line. The cliffs are low and of clay, and, daily, masses of this clay are dislodged by the ceaseless action of waves and weather, and washed away by the receding tides, are thrown up again at the mouth of the Humber, where additions to the land are constantly being made in proportion to the quantity torn away from the more northerly coast line. A walk on Hornsea sands is just the thing to wipe out of one's lungs the cobwebs of journalistic life, and as the dark rolling waves thunder in, and rush in creamy foam to our feet, and a stiff breeze from the northward compels us to button our coats and bend to our work, we can feel the glorious effects of the iodine with which the air is laden, and think with new sensations of the dinner that will await us at the hospitable farmhouse where we propose to take our night's rest. Hornsea church is now close to the sea, but it is said that when it was built it was ten miles from high water mark. This is a very doubtful statement, but local tradition is very strong, and is preserved in the following distich:

> "Hornsea steeple, when I built thee,
> Thou wast ten miles off Burlington,
> Ten miles off Beverly, and ten miles off sea."

All the surrounding district is of interest, and history makes sacred ground of many a quiet country town and unassuming hamlet. Beverly and its exquisite Gothic minster (of which I wrote you on a former occasion), Watton and its still beautiful abbey, now a farmhouse, founded in 1148 by Eustice Fitz-John, in expiation of his life of rapine and murder; Leckonfield, once the residence of the proud Percies, Earls of Northumberland, demolished in the reign of James I., and its materials used in the repairs of Wressel Castle, another seat of the same family. Both at Leckonfield and at Wressel the Percies lived in grander state than many a monarch. Their council was composed of officers of the household, who were all gentlemen of coat armour. They maintained eleven domestic chaplains, commanded by a Doctor of Divinity, and full choral service was thrice daily performed in the private chapel. At Lechonfield the ordinary establishment consisted of 166 persons, and an average of 53 strangers were entertained every day. From the old household books, some of which have been preserved, we gather much information respecting the ways and means of the family. The annual consumption of food was 250 quarters of malt, 12 quarters of wheat, 647 sheep, 131 beeves, 25 hogs, 28 calves, and 40 lambs, and the thirst of the family and their friends was assuaged (or augmented) by ten tuns and two hogsheads of Gascony wine. The daily routine was something like the following: At 6 a.m. the family met in the chapel for service. At 7 the Earl and Countess breakfasted off a chine of boiled beef or mutton, with a quart of ale or wine. Dinner was served at 10 a.m., and supper at 4 p.m., and at 9 p.m. the gates were closed and barred, the warder mounted guard, and the family turned in.

As we trudge along the sands we pass Skipsea, the site of the Castle of Drogo, the first Norman Lord of the Seignory of Holderness. Of him and his doings I think I have previously written, and need not repeat. The rising tide at last compels us to leave the sand and continue our walk along the margin of the cliff, from the edge of which masses of earth are constantly slipping. Hence we get a finer view of the German ocean, the horizon dotted with numerous sails of coasting colliers and passenger steamers, whilst in the great bay are to be seen fishing boats plying their trade. Some hours of fast walking bring us to the watering place of Burlington Quay, now somewhat forlorn, owing to the absence of visitors. Our entry into the hotel creates quite a sensation at a time of year when guests are unexpected, and a seedy-looking waiter, who appears to have been sucking the stump of a cigar, in his shirt sleeves, dives into a recess and presently emerges in a claw-hammer coat, and with a dirty napkin over his arm, and makes a pretence of arranging the coffee-room table. Our wants are very modest, and some bread and cheese and a quart apiece of Yorkshire "Samson" makes us ready for any emergency. A walk on the pier and a smoke and a chat, with the coastguardman on the look-out, furnish the complement of our refreshment, and off we go again along the cliffs to the northward, now no longer soft clay, but gradually hardening, until at the distance of a mile or so from the town, we arrive at the chalk and limestone precipices that glisten bright in the afternoon sun as far as we can see, ending in the well-known point of Flamborough head. The breeding season for sea-birds is beginning, and every now and then we approach closely the margin and craning over the edge and looking down into the dizzy depths, we can see along the numerous ledges the lines of sea-fowl guarding the treasures of their parti-coloured eggs. We dip down into Dane's Dyke, the ancient line of circumvallation, and so pleasant has been the walk, and so cheery our talk, that we find ourselves in the old world village of Flambro, almost before we seem to have left the outskirts of Burlington behind us. And here we dine and rest, for we know of a worthy yeoman whose buxom "missis" owns a spare chamber or two, and a gaily furnished sitting-room, and so presently we are feasting regally on a turbot and a quarter of early lamb, and although we care not to risk the local wines, have we not unlimited Bass's beer and a pint of Yorkshire stingo to wash down our Gorgonzola cheese and salad, and after such a walk we fear not nightmares or any other kind of cattle.

The morning sees us early afoot, and after a heavy breakfast, we take a turn round the cliffs and a look at the North landing, where our ancient Danish forefathers were wont to run in their war galleys, and then make for the railway station to catch the train that will take us to Hull, and so on to Withernsea, south of where we started the morning of the previous day. As the heavy train thunders along the iron road, we get a fine view of the sea from the summit of the embankment, and before we reach the town of Driffield we have passed through some of the finest corn-growing land in England, and crossed one of the best trout streams. At the great port of Hull we change trains and run down a short branch line eighteen miles to Withernsea, a newly-invented watering place near Spurn Point, and surprising it is to see the rapid developments that have been effected in this little village, which now boasts its hotels, church, pier, sea-wall, &c. as good as many a town that has been a seaside resort for a century; but then they are a pushing folk these Hull merchants and speculators. As we stand on the pier the sight is very fine. The great North sea rollers follow one another in grand procession, irresistible and massive, curling over in crescents of foam and pounding down on the hard sand with terrific blows. The shores are protected by "groins," or jetties constructed of wooden piles, backed with large stones, which, breaking the force of the water, lessen its destructive effects. They are placed all along the shore at distances of one hundred yards apart, and tend to cause eddies which collect the sand and gravel, and so add strength to the defence. Even with these constructions the sea manages to abstract large quantities of soil annually, and as we look the waves are of a pea-soup colour for some distance from the beach, the result of the stolen earth held in solution.

There is a story about Withernsea which tells us that in far back times the manors of Owthorne and Withernsea belonged to two sisters, who agreed between them to build a church, but managed to squabble on the point of whether said church should have a tower or a steeple. The wily priests suggested as a compromise that each sister should build a church, and accordingly arose "the Sister Churches" at Owthorne and Withernsea, which for a series of years, as beacons, guided mariners on the wares, as well as anxious souls ashore. In time, however, the remorseless ocean advanced, and the Withernsea Church was threatened by the waves, and a new church was built on Priest Hill, the old one gradually disappearing and being engulphed. By and by the sister church followed suit at Owthorne, and in 1786 began to give way, and another new church was built further inland. Early in this century the old edifice fell a prey to the sea, and the last of the "Sister Churches" disappeared.

During the demolition of the churchyards, the unusual spectacle was witnessed of sectional views of the graves of the "forefathers of the hamlet," and on one occasion a sparrow's nest, containing five eggs, was found snugly ensconced in the skull of an old gentleman which protruded from the face of the cliff.

Not far from Withernsea is Halsham, where is situated the mausoleum of the Constable family, whose splendid residence is at Burton Constable, not far distant. The mansion is a very fine specimen of the Elizabethan style, the principal fronts being respectively 131 and 133 feet long. The house was originally built in the reign of Stephen, altered in the reign of Henry VIII., and enlarged in James I., so that you may imagine its antiquarian value. There is a splendid library, containing some very rare works, including many manuscripts. When Her Majesty Queen Victoria visited Hull in 1854 the service of gold plate used on the occasion was borrowed from Burton Constable. There is a beautiful park, containing a lake 16 acres in extent.

Another place of interest is Burstwick, formerly a baronial castle of the Albemarle family, and several times the temporary residence of royalty. Edward I. stayed there in 1302, and Edward II. in 1323. After the defeat of Bruce, by Edward I., the Countess of Carrick, Queen of Robert Bruce, was detained in this castle, and was treated right royally, having a lady and a woman of the bed-chamber allowed her, with two pages, a foot boy, a valet and a cook. She was allowed three greyhounds for her recreation in the warren at Burstwick, "and in the park when she chuseth;" she had all rights of sporting and fishing, and was allowed to reside in the best house in the manor at her pleasure.

Another interesting village is Winestead, chiefly noticeable from having been the birthplace of Andrew Marvell, the poet, in the 17th century, his father having been rector at the time. He was born in 1621. The entry of his birth is still to be seen in the Register. In Winestead church are some fine monuments of the Hildyard family, who were big folk in the locality, in the 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries.

Holderness is closely knit up with the history of Yorkshire and England, from the earliest times. It comprised the whole of the east coast district of Yorkshire, from Flamborough to Spurn Point,

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including a chain of lakes or lagoons, and very much land now swallowed up by the greedy sea.

In the earliest days it was a land of forest, alternating with swamp and morasses, its inhabitants being the wild boar, wolf, crane, bittern, bustard and beaver, there being no tradition of any inhabitants until it was colonised by a tribe of Teutons called Parisii, believed to have been Frisians from the opposite coast. These were herdsmen, living in wattle huts on the higher ground, and constantly at war with the warlike Celtic Brigantes, who held the wold country on their western boundary. The Romans overran the district, and of course made a good road across it, for road-making was their special forte. The road ran from York (Eboracum) right across the perilous swamps, by way of Beverley, to a place on the coast, probably Spurn point. When the Saxons and Danes came the Spurn was their place of landing, and the Scandinavian freebooters soon took possession of the rich lands of Holderness, where they have left perpetual memories of themselves and their enterprise in the names of many of the villages and towns. In the days of Edward the Confessor the principal landed proprietor was one Ulphus, a Dane, who built a castle at Aldborough, where he resided. He also built a church, a relic of which still exists in the form of a cross, bearing the inscription—"Ulf commanded this church to be erected for the souls of Hanum and Gurthard." It was Ulphus who endowed the cathedral at York with his large estates in the East Riding; who brought his huge ivory drinking horn full of mead before the high altar at York, and drained it, and afterwards presented the beaker to the church as a title-deed to the land, the identical horn being still preserved and exhibited to visitors to York Minster. When William the Norman came, he divided the District as far as he could (barring the possessions of the church, which even old-world robbers ever regarded as sacred, and which it has been reserved for latter day radicals to covet and desire), amongst his followers, in baronies to hold *in capite* by military service.

Two days spent in visiting spots of interest in this neighbourhood passed most pleasantly, and another day was devoted to Hull, where we found many Masonic friends, and where no less than four Masonic Halls are in existence—the Humber, the Minerva, the Kingston and the De la Pole, having each its own establishment. The two former are old Lodges, and possess many Masonic relics of value. Some of the earliest Lodges on record met at Hull, and the old minute books and rolls of Lodges prove the existence of Lodges there during last century that have now disappeared and died out.

And so ended a bright little holiday—such a spell as a journalist in this country is only too glad to secure, and here I am at work again, but seizing a few minutes to remind you of my existence, and to wish the *Keystone* all prosperity.

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EXTRA OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—There are two subjects which are exercising the minds of many Brethren in the Province in which I reside, and I should thank any Freemason who can write with authority on the subject kindly to ventilate these vexations.

1st. Can a Provincial Grand Master, on the advice of his Deputy Provincial Grand Master, increase the number of his Provincial Grand Officers, by nominating duplicate, or assistant Provincial Grand Officers, on his own authority, when the number of Lodges is below a certain number?

2nd. Is the Provincial Grand Treasurer in order in declining to receive the fees of such Assistant Grand Officers, till assured the appointments are sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of England?

Yours fraternally,

P. P.

TRADING ON MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you permit me to thank you for your able exposition on a system which has outgrown even the bounds of your own very potent belief, as to the extent in which the emblems of the Masonic Craft are prostituted for the sake of gain? That such a practice cannot be too strongly condemned is patent to all who are in any way conversant with it. The professions of an initiate when he seeks admission to the privileges of the Craft are naturally of a crude, but honest impulse. It cannot be otherwise. He craves to know the sublime mysteries of which he may have gleaned some slight conception from the conversation of friends, or from observation of Masonic practices which are patent to the world. And with a heart void of all selfish desires or mercenary proclivities, he answers frankly the question which is put to every man who treads the chequered floor, and which is his innocent—and perforce his naturally honest avowal of the motives which prompt him to seek a participation in the mysteries and privileges of the Craft. But how often, when the freshness and "novelty" of the thing has subsided, brethren ignore the pure impulses which stir them in the beginning, and see their way to "make something" out of the profession to which they have loyally subscribed their names? I think probably you administered a rather severe rebuke to those brethren who, perhaps, with good intentions decorate their premises with emblems of the Masonic Craft; but from conversations I have overheard respecting the practice, I am inclined to think it may have a salutary effect. For my own part no such cabalistic display outside an hotel would induce me to patronise it; on the contrary, I should be disposed rather to go farther afield. Neither should I be disposed to seek the aid of a tradesman of any description merely from the fact that he was so "decorated" with the signs. Still they must not all be classed in the same category. What think you of a brother, who is an undertaker, looking up the obituary notices of the daily newspapers, and sending "emblematic" solicitations for funereal orders? I was recently shocked by the intimation of such a case, and my disgust was only appeased by the information that the delinquent was not a Mason. However, there is too much of this trading by "puff," and whether it be by Mason, Forester, Oddfellow, or whatever name it is perpetrated under, the system is a nefarious one, and the Craft will thank you for so promptly and unmistakably calling attention to it, with a view to its suppression.

I am, Sir and Brother,

Yours very fraternally,

YORKSHIREMAN.

Hull, 7th June 1882.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with interest, not unmingled with a certain degree of pain, your article under the above heading in the last issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. As a matter of fairness and justice to the Craft, I think you will be free to admit that the imputation of "unworthy" and "despicable" motives is going somewhat beyond the bounds of charity, construing the term in its literal meaning. It is scarcely to be concluded that, because a man exhibits on his trade circular the emblems of Freemasonry to brethren he is actuated by "mercenary" aims, or that he uses the symbols as a "catch penny" mode of "promoting his own aggrandisement." Experience has taught me that your remark as to the signs being freely used by members of other Orders is quite correct: but I fail to see the wickedness of a member of our own Institution wearing his heart upon his sleeve, so to speak, and shewing to the world that he is a Mason. Very possibly your indignation might have been aroused by some flagrant case, such as the one you mention in which "advertising spiders so adroitly invited the Masonic flies to walk into their parlours;" but I am convinced that anything so abject would be scouted by sensible brethren and treated with the disdain it deserves. I am neither a publican nor a chemist; nor do I display any of the sacred emblems of my Masonic profession; but let me say at once, and for all, I do not see any greater sin in a tradesman betokening to his fellows (and to the outer world, if that is all) that he is a Mason, for whatever might be said by a few of the ignorant and uninitiated, I cling to the proud belief that the popular idea of a Mason is that he is at least an honest man, and that so far from his being an advertising quack, he is actuated by a profound desire to make himself "more extensively useful to his fellow creatures." I feel assured that in delivering myself of these sentiments you will in common fairness exculpate many of those who adopt the means of communicating to others of the Craft, of which they are trusted and honoured members, and not impute to them altogether unworthy and mercenary motives.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

A YOUNG MASON.

Peckham, 6th June 1882.

GRAND LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Is it not a somewhat curious way of phrasing it, for the Committee appointed in March to report upon the financial position of the Board of General Purposes, apropos of Bro. Raynham Stewart's motion for doubling the grant to the Benevolent Institution, to announce "as the result of their investigations, that at the present time Grand Lodge is in receipt of an average nett income of £4,000 per annum, which is however liable to considerable fluctuations in proportion to the number of admissions of members into the Order and various other causes." As a matter of fact, this £4,000 is the balance which remains after every description of expenditure has been provided for, so, that even after the additional outlay necessitated by this grant of £800, Grand Lodge may reckon on having an average yearly balance of over £3,000, a sum which may be safely set down as sufficient to meet all probable contingencies.

I write thus in no captious spirit, but because I think it is just as well to speak of a spade as a spade, and though because a "nett income" and "balance" are interchangeable terms, the word "nett" with most people is likely to escape attention, and it will be thought that the "income" of Grand Lodge is £4,000, whereas it is fully £10,000 a year, as shown in the tables you published a little while ago.

I remain, faithfully and fraternally yours,

R. N.

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ROYAL ARCH.

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THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania having granted a warrant for a new Chapter, to be held at Troy, Bradford County, Pa., Most Excellent Grand High Priest Comp. Hibbert P. John, with the entire corps of Grand Officers, left Philadelphia on the evening of Thursday, 11th May, for the purpose of constituting it. The Grand Officers reached Troy at eleven o'clock on Friday morning, where they were met by the Companions of the new Chapter, who welcomed and escorted them to the Troy House, where accommodation had been provided for them. Here they were joined by D.D. H. P. Comp. James H. Codding, of Towanda, with P. H. P. Comp. H. B. McKean, and a number of the Companions from Towanda. At two o'clock the Grand Chapter was opened in the commodious hall used for Masonic purposes by M.E. G. H. P. Comp. Hibbert P. John, Comps. Augustus R. Hall Grand King, George W. Kendrick jun. Grand Scribe, Thomas R. Patton Grand Treasurer, Charles E. Mayer Grand Secretary, Rev. A. V. C. Schenck, D.D., Grand Chaplain, Arthur Thacher Grand Captain of the Host, John Keller jun. Grand P. Sojourner, James S. Barber Grand R.A. Captain, Charles W. Nolen M. of 3rd Vail, William A. Sinn M. of 2nd Vail, Samuel W. Broadbent M. of 1st Vail, Charles E. Pike J.G.M. of Ceremonies, P.H.P. J. Alexander Simpson S.G.M. of Ceremonies, Harrison G. Clark Grand Tyler, and E. Masson Grand Marshal. The new Chapter was then constituted, with the impressive ceremonies characteristic of Capitular Masonry, and the following Companions were installed as Officers:—Comps. Robert C. Kendall H.P., Bernard L. Wright King, Hon. Delos Rockwell Scribe, Frank Green Treasurer, Austin Leonard Secretary, when the Grand Marshal proclaimed the new Chapter—Troy R.A. Chapter, No. 261, regularly constituted, and its Officers duly installed. After an address by M.E. Grand High Priest Comp. John to the Officers and Companions of the Chapter regarding their new duties and responsibilities, the Grand Chapter was closed and Troy Chapter opened, and the remaining time, up to ten p.m., when the Grand Officers were compelled to leave for Philadelphia, was occupied in conferring the degrees of M.M.M., M.E.M., and R.A., the first by the Grand Scribe, the second by the Grand King, and the third by the M.E. Grand High Priest, to which all the Companions present paid marked attention. Before closing, the Grand Officers expressed their satisfaction at the reception, and the attention that had been paid, and their belief in the wisdom of the Grand Chaper in granting this warrant—bidding them Godspeed in their laudable undertaking. The M.E.H.P. of the new Chapter Comp. Robert C. Kendall responded for his Companions. D.D.H.P. Comp. Codding, in his official capacity, endorsed the action of the Grand Chapter, to which he had given his consent and encouragement, the majority of the members of the new Chapter having received all their Light in Capitular Masonry in the Chapter of which he is a member. P.H.P. Comp. McKean assured the Grand Officers, from his personal knowledge of the members of the new Chapter, that they would have no cause to regret the act they had that day performed. All were highly satisfied with the proceedings, and the Grand Officers bid the Companions of Troy farewell, feeling assured that their somewhat arduous trip would result in the advancement of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction. The hall for Masonic purposes in which the new Chapter will meet, and which is used by the Blue Lodge, is well adapted for its purposes. The new Chapter has all the paraphernalia necessary, and the members have shown much interest in this new branch of the Masonic family. The town of Troy is one of the oldest in our State, and we find many records of early Masonic proceedings, among which, in the Troy House, is an old tavern sign, with a card upon it, stating that this sign was raised at Long's Mills, by the Masons in full regalia in 1812. Upon the sign is a painting of the Square and Compasses. Long's Mills are about one mile from Troy, and the original seat of the town, and at this tavern a Masonic Lodge, called Mount Moriah, No. 150, met in those days. Many records of the expenses of this Lodge are still kept in the Lodge room at Troy, with other remembrances of the Craft of long ago. The town of Troy is on the Northern Central Railroad, and is reached after a journey through a most picturesque country, almost equal to the romantic scenery of the Lehigh Valley. From the character of the town and its inhabitants, and the interest displayed in Masonry, we prophesy for the new Chapter a bright future.—*Keystone.*

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IN accordance with a Resolution of the General Committee, a SPECIAL GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 10th day of June 1882, at Twelve o'Clock House precisely, to consider the following Notices of Motion:—

By Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Vice-Patron.

"That the Report of the House Committee as to the Sanitary State of the School Buildings, presented to the General Committee on the 25th May 1882, be received and adopted, and that the matter be referred back to the Committee to carry out, at an expense not exceeding £1,300."

By Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, P.G. Std., Vice-Patron.

"That Bro. Dr. William Hope, of 56 Curzon-street, Mayfair, Senior Physician to the Belgrave Hospital for Children, be appointed to the post of Honorary Physician to the Institution."

By Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL.

"That a Gratuity of £25 be awarded to the Senior Clerk, Bro. W. G. Weber, on his leaving the Office of the Institution in consequence of ill-health, to assist in defraying the expenses of his journey to Australia."

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GAIETY.—FRENCH PLAYS. At 8.30, ADRIENNE LECOUVREUR.

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TOOLE'S.—At 7.30, AFTER DARKNESS—DAWN. At 8.15, AUNTIE. THE VILLAINOUS SQUIRE AND THE VILLAGE ROSE.

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GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

THE Summer Half Yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, on Tuesday, 6th inst. The attendance was not so numerous on this as on former occasions, but nevertheless a large number of the past and present Grand Officers were in their places. Grand Lodge was opened at five p m. by the M.W.G.M. the Right Hon. Bro. Lord Henniker, who was supported by R.W. Bros. Rev. C. R. Davey P.P.G.M. Gloucestershire as Deputy G.M., Gen. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.W. as G.S.W., V.W. W. T. Orde Powlett G.J.W., J. E. Le Feuvre G.M.O., Thomas Cubitt as G.S.O., H. R. Cooper Smith G.J.O., Rev. H. D. Morse Grand Chaplain, Fredk. Davison G. Treasurer, H. C. Levander G. Reg., Fredk. Binckes G. Secretary, D. M. Dewar Assist. G. Secretary; W. Bros. C. S. Lane G.S.D., S. S. Partridge G.J.D., H. Lovegrove G. Insp. Works, R. Berridge G.D. of C., J. A. Hacker G. Assist. D. of C., T. C. Walls G. Sword Bearer, S. J. Turquand G. Standard Bearer, Wilhelm Ganz G. Org., James Stevens P.G.J.O. as G.I.G., G. Gilbert and G. S. Rooks Grand Stewards, C. T. Speight Tyler. There were also present Past Grand Masters the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick and M.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; also R.W. Bros. R. C. Else P.G.M. Somerset, Pryce Pryce P.G.M. South Wales, W. K. R. Bedford P.G.M. Warwick and Stafford, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.M. Bucks, J. G. Strachan D.P.G.M. Norths, and W. Hickman D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight. Amongst the Past Grand Officers were W. Bros. Alfred Williams P.G.S.D., John Barker P.G. Steward, S. Rosenthal P.G. Standard Bearer, R. Loveland Loveland P.G. Steward, Thos. White P.G.J.D., P. J. Collin P.G. Steward, H. Massey P.G. Steward, F. F. Ravenshaw P.G. Chaplain, Edward Margrett P.G.O., F. W. Ramsay, M.D., P.G.S.D., R. F. Spice P.G.O., P. H. Pearson P.G. Steward, R. Eve P.G.M.O., C. Pullman P.G. Steward, Baron D. Ferrieres P.M.O., W. E. Gumbleton P.G.W.

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Amongst the brethren of private Lodges present were Bros. G. J. Dunkley 234, J. H. Wynn Old Kent, M. Mildred and J. Mainwaring 104, Penrose Dunbar High Cross 284, T. Buff 1, R. P. Bent Bon Accord, G. Risch 44, J. Hunt and H. J. Garnett 53, G. Powell 1, G. P. Festa 8, W. H. Bale 104, J. B. Foord 166, R. J. Reed 166, C. F. Hogard and E. Bowyer 144, H. H. S. Burney 197, J. Moon Old Kent, H. A. Dubois 1, &c. &c.

The Grand Lodge having been opened, the Grand Master was saluted according to ancient custom. The minutes of the Half-yearly Communication of the 6th December last, and of the Special Grand Lodge of the 21st March were read and confirmed. The Grand Master read a letter addressed to him by the Home Secretary, acknowledging, on behalf of the Queen, the Loyal Address of the Grand Lodge which was voted at the latter meeting, and thanking Grand Lodge for its congratulations on Her Majesty's escape from assassination; and also a letter from the Duke of Albany Past Grand Master thanking Grand Lodge for its congratulatory vote on the occasion of his marriage. The report of the General Board, which appeared to be of a most satisfactory character, was presented and received. From its contents we note the marked increase of the number of Lodges and of Certificates, which testify to the general good progress of the Order, not only throughout the United Kingdom, but in our most prominent Colonies. It also afforded proof of the growth of the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners, which is associated with the Mark Degree. The Grand Treasurer's accounts were of a favourable nature, and showed good balances in respect of the several funds. Two benevolent grants were made to individuals (widows of deceased brethren), and a donation of twenty guineas was made to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution from the General Fund. The Educational Fund, at present providing for the education of six boys, is also making good progress. With the exception of a recommendation, the consideration of which was deferred, the Report was adopted.

The M.W. Brother W. W. B. Beach P.G.M. then addressed Grand Lodge, eulogising the services of the M.W.G.M. Bro. the Right Hon Lord Henniker, and the manner in which the duties of the office of Grand Master had been performed during the past year. He also expressed his personal gratification that His Lordship had been re-elected, and the pleasure with which he now announced his installation. The Grand Master having been saluted in due form, expressed his deep sense of the honour which Grand Lodge had again conferred upon him, and pledged himself to a continued strict attention to the interests of the Order.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested as Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. the Earl of Kintore	...	Deputy Grand Master
Lord Rohartа	...	Senior Warden
Wm. Hickman	...	Junior Warden
J. Brook Smith	...	Master Overseer
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George Toller jun	...	Senior Deacon
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The following brethren were nominated by the Grand Master to serve on the General Board, viz., Bros. the Rev. Canon Portal P.G.M., C. F. Matier, S. C. Dibdin, Robert Berridge, Thomas Cubitt, Alfred Williams, and William Roebuck.

The Grand Lodge elected Bros. Herbert Dicketts, E. C. Mather, R. J. Mare, O. H. Pearson, and R. P. Spice to complete the number required by the general laws of the Order.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, at which the M.W.G.M. presided. In the course of the evening the following toasts were duly honoured, viz., The Queen and Mark Masonry, the M.W. Grand Master, the M.W. Past Grand Masters, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers Present and Past, Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the Visitors. These were ably and respectively introduced by the M.W.G.M., R.W. Bro. the Rev. W. Bedford, the Rev. C. R. Davey, the M.W.P.G.M. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, and the V.W. Bro. W. Randall, and were responded to in an equally effective manner. Bro. Binckes, in responding to the toast of the Mark Benevolent Fund, observed that as it devolved upon him quite two hundred times in the course of every year to return thanks in connection with Masonic Charity, he must confess he felt at great loss to advance any thing that was of a novel character. On this occasion, however, he had the satisfaction of recognising the considerable progress which had been made in the Benevolent Fund especially connected with the Mark Degree, and he trusted that the same earnest endeavours which had been so kindly rendered in the past would be repeated in the future. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz Grand Organist, who was assisted by Bros. Sidney Tower, George Collins, James Kift, Egbert Roberts, and Mr. Poznanski, a very talented violinist. The programme was admirably selected, and it would be invidious to remark on the especial performances of any one artist, seeing how well they all acquitted themselves.

The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire, by command of the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., will hold their annual meeting at the Foresters' Hall, West Street, Reading, on Monday, the 19th of June inst., when the general business of the Province will be transacted. By arrangement with the Great Western Railway Company, return tickets at single fares will be issued, on production of the summons, at the Booking Offices of the following Stations:—London, Windsor, Oxford, Newbury, Abingdon, Swindon, Faringdon, Aylesbury, Wycombe, Marlow Road, and Maidenhead; and at all Stations on the London, Wokingham, and Reading Railway, between Waterloo Bridge and Reading.

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G. LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IT appears from a copy of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, which has come to hand, and for which we beg to express our thanks, that a Special Communication was held at Amherst, Mass., on the 14th January 1882, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Hall of Pacific Lodge and installing its Officers. The ceremonies were performed by Grand Master S. C. Lawrence, who was supported by Bros. Edwin Wright Deputy Grand Master, Wyzeman Marshall as Senior Grand Warden, Charles C. Spellman Junior Grand Warden, William Parkman as Recording Grand Secretary, Rev. Fielder Israel Grand Chaplain, William H. Chessman as Grand Marshal, Chas. H. McClellan D.D.G. Master Dist. No. 8, Henry J. Parker Grand Tyler, John W. Felton Master Bethel Lodge, Geo. A. Paull J.W. Bay State Lodge, the brethren of Pacific and neighbouring Lodges being present in strong force and accompanied by their ladies and other officials. Bro. Merrick N. Spear is the new W.M. of the Lodge, and was inducted into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Lawrence, while the Wardens were installed by the Grand Wardens, and the other Officers by the D.G. Master. Bro. C. McClellan was subsequently installed District Deputy Grand Master of the 8th District, having been unavoidably absent from the Annual Communication on the 27th December last. It will be seen from this slight summary that Massachusetts Masonry differs from pure and ancient Masonry as it is known in England, in this respect at least, that the ladies and other friends of brethren are received in a Lodge, and we infer, are permitted to witness, and for aught we know to the contrary, take part in such important ceremonies as those of dedicating a Hall to Masonic purposes and installing and investing the principal and subordinate Officers of a Lodge. Perhaps the time is not far distant in Massachusetts when we may look to have women as well as men Masons, or what, in the absence of a suitable word, we mus describe as such. In any case it must be clear to our readers that Masonry, as practised in Massachusetts, is something else than the Masonry of England and its founders in that country.

The Quarterly Communication was held in the Masonic Hall, Boston, on the 8th March. Present—Bros. Samuel Crocker Lawrence Grand Master, Edwin Wright Deputy Grand Master, William Babson Senior Grand Warden, Charles C. Spellman Junior Grand Warden, Samuel Wells Grand Treasurer, Sereno D. Nickerson Recording Grand Secretary, Theodore C. Bates Corresponding Grand Secretary. The principal part of the business was an address from the Grand Master, in which he cautioned brethren against hawking and peddling spurious degrees and rites, and especially one known as the Egyptian Rite, or Rite of Memphis, and he proposed a certain amendment to the Constitutions, which should render such practices illegal. The essence of this addition will be found in the following paragraph, which, with what precedes it, has been referred to a Special Committee, who were to report upon it this month :—"Sect. 25. Any Mason in this jurisdiction who shall hawk and sell any of the degrees, so called, herein before forbidden, calling them degrees in Masonry, may be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry." The rest of the proceedings are merely of local interest.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

I WAS lately examining the recent publications in a bookseller's stall and discovered *Sir Christopher Wren: His family and times, with original letters, and a discourse on architecture hitherto unpublished*, by May Phillimore, the preface of which is dated 1st August 1881. The authoress states she enjoyed the good fortune of compiling her work from an old heirloom copy of that scarce and little known book, the *Parentalia*, which contained many prints and engravings, clippings, MS. letters, rough draughts of treatises, Garter records and other valuable papers, some of them in the chirography of Sir Christopher himself. Some of the omissions and digressions of the *Parentalia* she asserts she has been enabled to supply and rectify by the aid of *Notes and Queries* and *Evelyn's Diary*, and she expresses the hope that her labours "may serve as a contribution towards that full and worthy biography of the great architect, which may yet, she trusts, be written before London is finally robbed of the churches with which Wren's genius endowed her."

With visions of much new and valuable information about the last Operative Grand Master I bought the book, and although the subject has been very thoroughly written I venture some extracts from this latest biography, in which the authoress has sought, and with but little success, to establish his Masonic character. She devotes about one-fifth of her Preface to this subject, as follows:—

"Little is known of Wren in his Masonic capacity. He is said to have been a member and a Master of the *Old Lodge of S. Paul* now known as the *Lodge of Antiquity*. All the records of the Lodge belonging to that time have, unfortunately, been lost, so that they cannot be consulted with reference to this matter. The question has been raised whether Wren was a Freemason or not. On this point the *Parentalia* makes no explicit statement, though it appears to imply Wren's connection with the Order. The Duke of Sussex caused a plate to be engraved in 1827, and affixed to the mallet which Sir Christopher was said to have presented to the Lodge."

This inscription she has mutilated, and adds that "the Lodge possesses also three gilt wooden candlesticks in the form of columns, inscribed *Ex dono Chr Wren Eq* A.L. 5680." In Chapter vi, 1664-1667, she says: "He had long been a member of the Order of Freemasons, and had distinguished himself by the attention he gave to the Lodges under his care. At the time of his journey to France* he was Deputy Grand Master under Earl Rivers. No doubt he availed himself to the full of the opportunities which Freemasonry afforded him for observing the details of the work, and becoming acquainted with the workmen, the architects and the sculptors, whom Louis XIV. had brought in great numbers to Paris." In chapter viii. she says: "On June 21st 1675, the first stone of St. Paul's was laid by Sir Christopher and his Master Mason, not by King Charles, as is sometimes said," and in a foot note adds that the mallet and trowel used on the occasion were presented by him to the Freemasons' Lodge, of which he was Master. In chapter xii., 1697-99, it is stated that "he was again chosen Grand Master of the Freemasons, and continued in that office until 1702."

These are the only direct allusions to his Masonic career in the book, and are so unsatisfactory that all my pleasant anticipations vanished. She does not appear to have used the same discernment in gathering Masonic facts as in her other efforts. With respect to the candlesticks she says there are *three gilt* ones, while Masonic authorities mention *two carved in mahogany*. Her assertion of his membership in the Masonic Society in 1665 appears to have been taken from Anderson's "New Book of Constitutions," Part 3, Chapter 2 viz., "The fire having ruined St. Paul's Cathedral, the King, with Grand Master Rivers, his Architects and Craftsmen, nobility and gentry, Lord Mayor and Aldermen, Bishops and Clergy, &c., ind due form leveled the footstone of New St. Paul's, designed by Deputy Grand Master Wren, A.D. 1673." If she did not get her information from this source, it would be of much Masonic value to learn where she did. The only intimation we have when Wren was initiated is the statement of Aubrey, the antiquary, that it was to take place, Monday, 18th May 1691, *twenty-eight years* after the biographer states he was Deputy Grand Master. The *unimpeachable record* states the foundation-stone was laid 21st June 1675. If Wren had been a Freemason would he not have deferred the event three days and celebrated it on St. John the Baptist's Day, at that time a festival day by the Craft? It also appears that the ceremony was of the most simple character, neither king, prelate, nor municipal officer was present, and the act was simply an Operative Mason's act, Bro. Anderson to the contrary notwithstanding. Again, the inscription on the mallet avers that the stone was planted in 1673, doubtless taken from Anderson, for he simply mentions the year and so does the inscription, and if Wren had been a prominent Freemason at that date it is not reasonable to suppose that more that fifty years could have elapsed before so valuable a relic would have been suitably and accurately inscribed.

Aside from her Masonic inaccuracies her book appears to be accurate and very readable.

When the rebuilding of St. Paul's had been determined upon it was directed that the old materials should be sold and the proceeds applied in the construction of the new, and although much of it had been disposed of in this manner, the ground was by no means clear. The walls, which were eighty feet high and five feet thick, had been warped and cracked by the fire, but were yet strong enough to make the labour of tearing them down difficult and tedious. Wren was a member of the Royal Society, and concluded to avail himself of the Society's recent experiments in raising weights by means of gunpowder, to remove the walls. The progress of the great fire had been stayed by blowing up houses, but to employ gunpowder to raise a definite weight and throw it a fixed distance was a novel use. When the old central tower was reached, the labourers were afraid to work at the height of two hundred feet, and Wren thought the time had arrived for his experiment. By careful computation he found that eighteen pounds of the explosive would blow up the the northwest angle of the tower, and so precise were his calculations that although over three thousand tons weight were raised the stones and *debris* were not scattered and no damage was done. This success encouraged Wren to prepare another mine, but he was unfortunately compelled to leave the firing of it in charge of his next officer, who wishing to improve upon his Master, increased the charge, which caused an explosion that shot stones far and wide, terrifying the whole city, and resulting in having the farther use of powder forbidden.

As the work proceeded, and the choir rose, the time came when the great dome was to be marked out. Sir Christopher called to a workman to bring him a stone to mark a special spot, and when the man obeyed Wren saw that the stone he had brought bore the inscription, the single word, "Resurgam," supposed to have been a portion of the gravestone of the Bishop of London 1611-21. Sir Christopher regarded the incident as a singularly happy omen, and evinced great pleasure in relating it to his friends.

Many from the country were attracted by the fame of the cathedral and sought employment upon the building. Among

* Midsummer of 1665.

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these was a young Suffolk wood-carver, named Philip Wood who came to London to earn a fortune to enable him to marry a retired merchant's daughter, whom he loved in spite of her money. Having exhausted his funds in soliciting employment, he bethought himself that the cathedral might employ him, but the foreman frequently repulsed him with the statement that they wanted no carpenters there. At last, Sir Christopher noticed him, and enquired his wants, and said, "Friend, you want carving work, what have you been used to carve?" The poor fellow lost his wits in the presence of the great architect, and replied, "Please your worship, I have been used to carve troughs." Sir Christopher exclaimed, "Troughs! then carve me, as a specimen of your skill, a sow and pigs, it will be something in your line, and bring it to me this day week; I will be here." The loud laughter of the workmen and his own folly distracted the poor carver, and but for the kind advice of his landlady, he would have despaired, but she advised him to take Sir Christopher at his word, and carve the best sow and pigs he could. He spent his last money for the wood, and at the appointed time carried his work to Sir Christopher in his apron. Wren looked at it in silence, and engaged the young man, and then with his gentle courtesy said: "Young man, I fear I did you some injustice, but a great national work is entrusted to me, and it is my solemn duty to mind that no part of the work falls into inefficient hands." Wood was employed for seven years, and was well compensated.

Wren appears to have been able to practise deception when no harm was done. He had erected a town hall upon arches, with a wide vaulted space below; when finished it was inspected by the corporate officers, but one member decided in alarm that the room above the vaulted space was inadequately supported and would one day topple and fall. Wren, who knew to a nicety the weight each arch would support, vainly endeavoured to assure him of the perfect security of the building, and to pacify the anxious man promised to put two columns below, but when they were erected about half an inch space existed between them and the ceiling they were supposed to support.

In personal appearance he appears to have been thin and low of stature, and it is recorded that when he was erecting a hunting palace for Charles II. the King came to inspect it; he expressed satisfaction at the general effect, but thought the rooms too low. Wren looked at the ceiling and quietly replied: "Sire, I think they are high enough." At this the King stooped until he was of the architect's height, and creeping about the room in this attitude laughingly answered, "Aye, Sir Christopher, I think *they are high enough*."

In character he is described as "loving, gentle, modest, and courteous; he had been as a boy, and the famous, successful architect possessed those qualities still. In a corrupt age, all testimony leaves him spotless; in positions of great trust and still greater difficulty his integrity was but the more closely shown by the attacks made against him; among the foremost philosophers of his age, he was a striking example that 'every good gift and every perfect gift is from above;' no child could hold the truths of Christianity with a more undoubting faith than did Sir Christopher Wren."

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE.

Rose of Sharon Rose Croix Chapter, No. 6.—A meeting of this Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Thursday, the 8th inst. This was the Installation meeting, and R. Ill. Bro. Henry Meyer 33 M.W. installed his successor, R. Ill. Bro. J. H. Southwood 33. The following Officers were invested:—Illustrious Bros. A. Mullord 30 S.K.W., E. Harrison 31 J.K.W., B. Meyer 31 K. Orator, Henry Meyer 33 Kt. Treasurer, R. Ill. Bro. James Hill 33 Secretary and Archivist, Ill. Bro. T. Sims 30 Kt. Conductor, Ill. Bro. Louis Honig Organist. Amongst others present were Sir Knights C. Bassett and C. Mussared; Visitors—Bros. G. B. Chapman, John Green, H. A. Rattray, S. Jenkins, H. Banan, and W. W. Morgan. After the business of the Chapter had been completed, the Sir Knights and their guests partook of a banquet, which was supplied by Bro. Alfred Best. The Loyal toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the health of the Ill. Grand Master of the Ancient and Primitive Rite, the M.W. referred to the estimation in which Brother John Yarker is held throughout the world as an exponent of Masonic lore. He called upon those members present to drink to the better health, and long life, of their Ill. Grand Master. Bro. Hill in responding stated that the amount of mental labour in which Bro. Yarker so persistently indulged undoubtedly overtaxed his strength, and encroached heavily upon his domestic comforts. With him the midnight oil was unsparingly burnt in the prosecution of studies for unearthing the records of Freemasonry. The value of his onerous labours could only be estimated at their true worth by the initiated. His business relations with the Executive of the Order — which was widely distributed throughout England, Ireland and Scotland — took up much precious time. However, the Chapters of the Order were increasing, and the Masonic public was extending to the Rite a fair amount of consideration. In conclusion, Bro. Hill thanked the Sir Knights for the reception they had given the toast. The Visitors were next complimented, and each replied, expressing approbation of the hospitality shown, and satisfaction with what they had seen during the evening. The health of the M.W. was given by Ill. Bro. H. Meyer, who complimented Bro. Southwood, not only upon the zeal he displayed in advancing the Rite they were celebrating that evening, but in both Craft and Royal Arch Masonry. After a solo on the Euphonium, by Bro. Rattray, who displayed a perfect mastery over the instrument, Bro. Southwood said he was gratified at the way in which his health had been proposed and accepted. His past services in Craft and Royal Arch might be taken as an earnest that he would not fail to do all he could for the Ancient and Primitive Rite. The obligation he had taken should be conscientiously observed. If his ability should fail, it would be owing to the mistake the Sir Knights had made in electing him. He trusted, however, he should be able to give a fair account of his doings during his year of office, and the Rite would be even more flourishing when he laid aside the insignia of his office than it had grown to be up to the present time, both in London and the Provinces. After some further remarks, he proposed the toast of the Past M.W. Sovereigns Sir Knights James Hill 33, and James Meyer, of whose services to the Order he spoke in highly eulogistic terms, and who, in reply, thanked the M.W.S. and members for the compliment they had paid them. The rest of the toasts were disposed of, and the evening came to an end. Sympathetic reference was made to the death of General Garibaldi, a Past Grand Master of Italy.

Obituary.

It is with very great regret we announce the death, on Saturday, of Mrs. Barnes, wife of our highly-respected Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, who takes such interest in all that concerns the Craft, and whose attendance at our Lodges of Instruction is so constant. The loss of so near and dear a companion is irreparable, and we can only express our sincere sympathy with Bro. Barnes in his bereavement, and a hope that, in time, the grief, which is natural, will be alleviated.

A similar task devolves upon us in the case of Brother the Rev. C. J. Martyn, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain and Deputy Prov. Grand Master and Prov. G. Superintendent Suffolk, who has also to regret the recent death of his wife. Our Rev. Brother is so highly respected by the whole Masonic community, that we feel sure we are not taking upon ourselves too much in offering to him, on its behalf, as well as on our own, the sincere expression of our sympathy in his present bereavement.

The summer entertainment to the residents of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon, has been fixed for Wednesday, the 21st inst. The evening's entertainment will be given by Lieut. Cole, the ventriloquist. The South Eastern Railway Company will make the usual provision for the conveyance of brethren who have been invited to attend.

At the last meeting of the General Committee of the Girls' School, some new candidates for the Committees were withdrawn. The old members of the Committees therefore retain their place. Whether this will tend to the interest of the institution remains to be seen; but it is hardly possible that an unaltered House Committee will be allowed to be reappointed year after year. There are now on that committee brethren who have been members of it for many years, and it seems but fair that those who have been on it the longest should retire, and make room for new members. The argument against a change is that the men thoroughly know their work, and that to replace them by men who know nothing of the work would disorganise the whole conduct of business. The argument wants solidity. If three of the oldest members retire each year, the remaining nine must know the work and be able to instruct the youngest, or they cannot be fit for their posts; and by the time the whole twelve are replaced, each of the other divisions of three will have had the experience of three years, two years, and one year respectively. Besides which any man of ordinary intelligence could acquire a knowledge of the whole of the work in a day or two, and could practically apply it in another day. It is to be hoped that the supporters of the Institution will look into, and not admit that there are mysteries about the management of an Institution which can only be mastered by a long apprenticeship, and are not to be communicated beyond the present skilled workmen.—*Evening News.*

Bro. Arthur B. Hudson, of the Aldersgate Lodge, is one of the three candidates for the appointment of surveyor to the Court of Lieutenancy, chosen by the committee to be submitted to the Court for final selection. Bro. Hudson is a citizen of the City of London, and a liveryman of the Sadlers' Company.

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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 JUNE.

176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

MONDAY, 12th JUNE.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7.30. (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)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 6.30. (Instruction)
K.T.—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 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
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
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
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
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
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
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

TUESDAY, 13th 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)
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.)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
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)
1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1658—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.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
284—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Bridge, 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
686—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup
903—Gosport, Indin Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Maclea, Queen's Hotel, Portsmouth
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Willenhall, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 13—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. 981—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M.M. 132—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 14th JUNE.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, 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
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
668—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (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.
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, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
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, 15th 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's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, 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, Free masons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1012—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
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
K.T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

FRIDAY, 16th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
566—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1366—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1395—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
454—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
903—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
1086—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds

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1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
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.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 17th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1841—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—On Wednesday, 7th June, at the Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge. Bros. Brooks W.M. (in the absence of Bro. Nicholson, through indisposition), Cotton S.W., Walters J.W., Taplin S.D., Andrews P.M. J.D., Phillips I.G. After the usual preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Taplin candidate. Bro. Andrews P.M. was interrogated and entrusted, and after Lodge had been advanced, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Andrews P.M. candidate. Bro. Cotton S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was closed, and adjourned until Wednesday next, the 14th inst.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—A meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday evening, the 2nd inst. Bro. C. H. Phillips officiated as W.M. and was supported by Bros. H. Goodwin S.W., G. W. Knight J.W., H. M. Williams S.D., E. Newby J.D., H. Baldwin I.G., John S. Terry P.M. Secretary, James Stevens P.M. Hon. Preceptor; also Bros. J. W. Watts, J. Bate, R. Poore, O. L. Finch, &c. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and Bro. Johns, as candidate, proved efficiency. The Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing was effectively rehearsed. Bro. J. Bate delivered the charge in the second degree, and the Preceptor expounded the lecture on the tracing board. Lodge was then closed down, and a vote of thanks having been accorded to the W.M. for his able working on the first occasion of his discharging the duties of that office, the proposed alteration of the Bye-laws agreed to, and joining members elected, the Lodge was closed. The amount of work done, and the instruction afforded, made the evening's proceedings generally satisfactory to those who had attended.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—A new medium for the Instruction of Craftsmen has been established under the warrant of the recently consecrated Lodge No. 1949, and to inaugurate the event, on Tuesday, the ceremonies of consecration and installation were rehearsed by Bro. Terry Pr.S.G. Warden Northa and Hants, P. Prov. G.J. Warden Herts, P.M. 228, 1278, and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton, S.W. Lodge was opened at 7 o'clock precisely, when Bro. Terry was supported by Bros. H. Lovegrove P.P.G.S. of Works S.W., W. E. Farrington J.W., Richard Poore 1949 I.G., T. C. Edmonds 1507, G. W. Knight, Edwin Storr, H. M. Williams Organist 1669 Secretary, C. H. Phillips 1649 Treasurer, E. A. Francis 1658 Preceptor, W. H. Williams P.M. 104, John W. Williams, John A. Danks 1669, Herbert Goodwin 1669, F. Baxter, John W. Peyton 112, R. R. Johnston 1777, H. Hooper 1949, Albert 1949, H. Baldwin 1949, James S. Terry P.M. 507, E. Newby, &c., &c., altogether there were between 40 and 50 present. The ceremony was ably rehearsed by Bro. Terry, and the musical portion, the conduct of which was entrusted to Bro. A. W. Sebastian Hoare (Trinity College, London), added immensely to the general effect. Bro. Hoare was assisted by several friends, amongst whom may be mentioned Bro. E. Ralli Johnstone. Bro. Henry Lovegrove, as the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. P.M. Terry, and the rehearsal of the ceremony of installation was carried out. The following Officers were named by Bro. Lovegrove:—Bros. G. W. Knight S.W., Henry Baldwin J.W., C. H. Phillips Treasurer, Hy. M. Williams Secretary, Herbert Goodwin S.D., Ed. Newby J.D., R. Poore Inner Guard. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Terry for the services he had rendered, and after this had been acknowledged, upwards of thirty members were enrolled, thus demonstrating that the establishment of this Lodge of Instruction finds favour with the brethren resident in the district. In the course of a few brief remarks Bro. Lovegrove made one or two practical suggestions, which doubtless will be duly considered. It was likewise intimated that a Charitable Association might be formed, and the advantages that would accrue to the Masonic Institutions by such a step were enlarged upon. Support was promised, and we may look forward to seeing this suggestion bear fruit, and a goodly sum realised by this means. The future meetings will be held every Tuesday evening, at Eight o'clock, at Bro. Monk's, the "Prince Regent," Dulwich Road, East Brixton, between Brixton and Herne Hill Stations. The Preceptors appointed are Bro. E. A. Francis, No. 1658, and Bro. Thomas Poore P.M. and P.Z. Brother C. H. Phillips will act as Treasurer, while Bro. Henry M. Williams, No. 1669, will we are assured, ably fulfil the duties of Secretary. After Lodge was closed the brethren repaired to Bro. Monk's, where light refreshments were partaken of, and an hour spent in conviviality.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Brother Charles J. Perceval in the chair. This being the day for the election of the House and Audit Committees the attendance of subscribers entitled to vote was very large. Two boys were placed on the list for election into the School in October. Outfits of £5, £10, and £20 respectively were granted to three late pupils of the Institution. Bro. Binckes informed the Committee that, in accordance with the resolution passed at last meeting, £1,046 5s had been laid out in the purchase of £1,000 India 4 per cent. stock. The election of the House and Audit Committees was then proceeded with. At the declaration of the poll, the following brethren were found to be elected:—House Committee—R. W. Stewart 69 votes, J. L. Mather 64, Edgar Bowyer 61, James Moon 60, J. J. Murray 56, W. Paas 55, Dudley Rolls 55, C. Sanders, M.D. 54, F. W. Ramsay, M.D. 53, W. Roebuck 52, H. W. Hunt 48, J. G. Chancellor 42. Audit Committee — Thomas Cubitt 70, H. Venn 70, C. F. Matier 69, C. F. Hogard 62, R. B. Webster 62, Alfred Williams 50, H. S. Goodall 45, W. Mann 43, C. E. Soppet 42. Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers of Votes, and the Chairman of the day, closed the proceedings.

If Italian Freemasonry has not sustained a very severe loss through the death of General Garibaldi, who was an "Honorary Grand Master for life," but whose health and age were an obstacle to his taking a very active part in its concerns, there is no doubt that Italy has; the expressions of sorrow for his death, and sympathy with the children he leaves behind, showing this unmistakably.

In the issue for the 20th May, just to hand, the Editor of the *Keystone* writes as follows:—

We invite the attention of the brethren in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to the fact that our present "Sesqui-Centennial" season is an excellent one for the preparation, reading and publication of Lodge histories. The past of every Lodge contains many interesting and valuable facts that should be known to the Craft, for they would not only gratify the brethren, but also strengthen the Fraternity. Let us revive, in every direction, the memories of the founders, and of the leading minds that have directed our Lodges through their past histories. We shall be glad to do what we can to impart information of this character, and if the brethren will prepare succinct sketches of the histories of their respective Masonic bodies, we shall take pleasure in spreading them before the Craft in the columns of the *Keystone*.

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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE closing Festival of the year is at hand, and this day fortnight we shall be in a position to announce to our readers the result of the efforts made by our Bro. the Lord Mayor, Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., and the Board of Stewards that supports him, in aid of the Funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, now in the eighty-fourth year of its existence. Under these circumstances we feel it our duty, in accordance with our annual custom, to set forth in terms that are clear, if brief, the claims which the younger of the Masonic Schools has upon the Craft, and the reasons why, in our opinion, we have the right to hope that the Festival at Brighton, on Wednesday, 28th inst., will be unprecedentedly fruitful of good to this noble Charity. In doing this we shall be under the necessity of travelling over much old ground; indeed, it is more than probable we shall experience considerable difficulty in laying before our readers anything that can be considered in the light of a novelty. What the School is now, it was last year and the year before, and will be next year. Yet, at the risk of being thought tautologous—not in words, so much as in ideas—as between one Festival and another, we must pursue the course that has been followed on all previous occasions, at the same time, availing ourselves, to the best of our ability, of such slight changes as time, place, and circumstances may suggest.

It will be in the recollection of our readers that Bro. Binckes, who is as eager in making fresh experiments as ever was the most enthusiastic alchemist of ages long gone by in his search after the elixir vitæ, resolved on seeing how it would fare with the Boys' School Festival, if—far be it from us to speak "disrespectably"—he packed up the Marquis of Londonderry, K.P., Prov. G.M. Durham, the Chairman of the day, and his Board of Stewards, and took them by train all the way to Brighton, where in the building known as the Royal Pavilion, they might dine and subscribe to their hearts' content. "Our Hercules," unlike those who are only wise after the event, is generally pretty accurate in forming an estimate of the probabilities of success, and his experiment of celebrating an anniversary of "Our Boys" in a hall by the sea resulted in the collection of a most acceptable sum of money, a sum which, though by no means the largest that has rewarded his efforts, was large enough to cover a year's expenditure and a little over. This seems to have been considered sufficiently satisfactory to justify him in carrying the Lord Mayor and his Board of Stewards to the same locality, and we can only say here, that we trust the result of 1881 will be more than repeated on the 28th instant.

As we have said before, the chair will be taken by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, Bro. Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., who is Grand Junior Warden of England, a Past Grand Steward, and W. Master of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1. The last occasion on which the chair at one of our Festivals was similarly filled was in 1875, when Bro. Lord Mayor Stone signalised his appointment by the Prince of Wales to the office of Grand Junior Warden by presiding at the Festival of the Girls' School. Of course, when a London brother takes the chair, there is always one slight drawback; he has no Province especially interested in making his chairmanship a more than ordinarily brilliant success, to back him, while every chairman may count for certain on the liberal support of the Metropolitan District. On this, as on the last occasion, however, we may take it for granted that Sussex will exert herself with more than her wonted zeal, so that Lord Mayor Ellis, unlike Lord Mayor Stone, will have, as it were, a Province specially committed to the task of making the anniversary at which he presides something more than an ordinary celebration. We may state further, that the Board of Stewards, of which Bro. Captain Wordsworth, Trustee and Vice-Patron of the Institution, is the President, already numbers over 250 members, and there is ample time in the course of the next ten days, in which to enlist the sympathy and services of other brethren. However, even with the Board as now constituted, and putting down the average amount per list at £50, there is no harm looking for a total of at least £12,500. Let us hope, for the sake of the School, the Chairman, the Stewards, and Bro. Binckes, that this amount will be largely exceeded.

Turn we now to the claims of the School itself, not only on the good wishes, but also upon the liberal support of the Craft. The amount of good it does is incalculable, in which respect it differs nothing from the other Institutions. It does, however, differ from them in certain particulars. For example, it has but a very small amount of invested funds—not more, at all events, than would suffice to keep it going at its present standard for more than a year and a half, while the other Institutions are, in this respect, very much better circumstanced. Then the claims upon its resources are overwhelmingly numerous as compared with its sister Institution, the Girls' School. The latter was able to elect all its candidates in April last, while the Boys' School list of candidates was out of all proportion to the number of vacancies. Then there is a Preparatory School in contemplation, and as soon as a given sum has been gathered together, the building will be commenced. This, of course, means the incurrence of additional annual liabilities, and will necessitate an increased annual subscription list. There are now considerably over two hundred pupils in the School, and this number will be largely increased when the Preparatory School is well on its way. These circumstances combined—the small amount of invested moneys, the disproportion of candidates to vacancies, and the intended, and we may add, necessary, Preparatory School—make it a point of honour with the Craft that the Festival of the present should turn out a "big" success.

We have now run cursorily through the most pressing necessities which it is our duty to take into consideration in respect of the approaching Festival of the 28th instant. One other point remains to be noted. Bro. Binckes this year attains his majority as Secretary to the Boys' School. His zeal is beyond question, and so likewise is the success which has invariably resulted from his zealous efforts. When he first entered upon his official duties a subscription list on these occasions of £2,000 was looked upon with a feeling akin to astonishment, and was made the subject of infinite congratulation among members of the Craft. Now the £2,000 has been displaced for many years past by lists ranging from £10,000 to £14,000, while the stock that was sold in order to erect the new School buildings has been more than replaced. Thus Bro. Binckes has the right to expect that the Festival which is celebrated in the year of his majority as Secretary should turn out to be an exceptionally productive one. Two objects will thus be satisfied. The School will be benefited, and honour will be worthily bestowed on one of the most honourable members of the English Craft. May our just anticipations be more than realised!

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THE JURISDICTION QUESTION.

THE *Freemasons' Repository* for last month contains an article written for its pages by Bro. Robert Ramsey, Orillia, Ontario, entitled "The 'English' Lodges in Montreal," in which that brother declares that the time is at hand, if it is not actually arrived, when it will be the duty of the Grand Lodge of Quebec to vindicate its dignity, and "take some action in the premises. What that action will be every Mason knows." He goes on to say, "Once the Grand Lodge of Quebec declares that these Lodges shall no longer work within her territorial jurisdiction without her consent, and that they must renounce the allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, *the Rubicon will be crossed*, and they will either have to yield or find themselves comparatively isolated, as it stands to reason that those Grand Bodies that have welcomed the Grand Lodge of Quebec into their sisterhood will uphold her position and maintain her rights. The result would be, the brethren of St. Paul, St. George, and St. Lawrence would, in all probability, find the doors of the majority of Lodges closed against them; they would find themselves excluded from the Chapters in their own Province, and we hardly think the Scottish Rite of Canada would venture to receive clandestine Masons within the precincts of its subordinate bodies and its Supreme Grand Council." It is, of course, very kind of Bro. Ramsey to say that "these 'English' Lodges have, from the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in 1869, been treated with leniency and courtesy by that Supreme Masonic Body during all that period," and no great harm is done if he describes their existence as "this 'anomaly' in a jurisdiction that has from its formation declared 'the doctrines of exclusive Grand Lodge Sovereignty.'" We say no great harm is done if he describes them thus, or as a parallelopipedon or plesiosaurus. What is desirable, however, is, that Bro. Ramsey should support his statements by something tangible in the shape of argument, and in this respect we are very far from being able to congratulate him. Granted that "the Grand Secretary of England, Right Worshipful Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, apparently thinks that time will heal the trouble, so that they will gradually float into the arms of the Grand Lodge of Quebec." This certainly proves that our Grand Secretary possesses, what no one has yet denied, sound common sense, but it does not prove there is an immediate necessity for disturbing the existing state of affairs as between "these 'English' Lodges in Montreal" and the daughter Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Quebec any more now in 1882 than in 1880, 1875, 1870, or, in short, in any other of the dozen or so years during which the Grand Lodge of Quebec has had a separate and independent existence. It may be that "the *Freemason*, of London, England, is evidently of the same opinion," and if it pleases Brother Ramsey, we are prepared to accept the qualification he has appended to the second proposition, "though it attempts, in a prevaricating manner, to argue that Brother Graham, the erudite Grand Master of Quebec, was mistaken, when he pointed out to his Grand Lodge that the Grand Lodge of England upheld the doctrine of Exclusive Grand Lodge Sovereignty; although he *proved* it from the Constitution of that Supreme Body." We are of the same mind as the *Freemason*, and, though we cannot call to mind in what respect our London contemporary has shown anything like "prevarication" in its statements, we, like it, are of opinion that even "the erudite G.M. of Quebec was mistaken," and that he was successful in "*proving*" nothing out of our Constitutions which in the least justifies the position he has taken up. But even the acceptation of this second proposition, with its appended qualification, will not suffice to change a mere statement into a sound argument. Bro. Hughan, too, had no doubt pointed out "that these Lodges must necessarily in time change their allegiance," but this is not the same thing as arguing that the necessity for such a change taking place, or rather being forced upon these Lodges, is proved beyond question. On the contrary, while suggesting "that *all* subordinate Lodges would do well to join it, and heartily and invitedly 'fall into line,' according to the prayer of our good Brother Dr. Graham, the esteemed and learned Grand Master of that energetic body"—that is, the Grand Lodge of Quebec—he is careful to add the qualification. "Of course, if they wish to continue under their parent Grand Lodge, *well let them. Why not?* They have the Masonic right so to do, and" in continuation, "any way, so far as we can judge, it is a question of time." Again, in describing what he considers to be "the only fair basis on which new Grand Lodges can be established, *either in our Colonies, or elsewhere*," Bro. Hughan lays down the following conditions—see his communication to the London *Freemason* of 6th May last—namely:—

"1. A *majority* of the Lodges and members must agree to the formation of a Grand Lodge in their state, province, territory, or country.

"2. The *minority* objecting to be entitled to the privileges they enjoyed previously.

"3. On formation of the new Grand Lodge, no new warrants to be granted by any other Grand Lodge.

"4. Recognition by other Grand Lodges to be subject to these conditions.

"5. The new Grand Lodge only to be Sovereign, when all the subordinate lodges have joined; *then to have exclusive jurisdiction.*"

It is impossible there can be any doubt as to the meaning of Bro. Hughan in the foregoing five conditions, and with these to guide him we trust Bro. Ramsey will see his way clear to settling the difference between Bro. Hughan's suggestion that "any way, so far as we can judge, it is but a question of time" when "the 'English' Lodges in Montreal" may see fit to change their allegiance—which, by the way, is not quite the same thing as "that these Lodges *must necessarily* in time change their allegiance—and the clear and absolute statement that, if any Lodges are desirous of retaining their old allegiance, when "*in our colonies or elsewhere*" a new Grand Lodge is set up, "they have the Masonic right so to do." Bro. Ramsey has quoted a suggestion of Bro. Hughan's as being favourable to his own views, and gives that suggestion all the force of a clear and irrefutable proposition. The least we have the right to expect from him is that, in forming his estimate of Bro. Hughan's opinion, he will be guided by the latter's statement as to what is legal in preference to his suggestion as to what, in certain circumstances, and at some time or another, more or less remote, may be thought expedient.

The real case stands thus: Bro. Ramsey and those who are of his opinion argue, or rather assert, that where a majority of Lodges in a British Colony agree among themselves to throw off their allegiance to the mother Grand Lodge and set up one of their own, the minority is under the necessity of following their example. The majority has the right to change its allegiance, the minority has the right to remain loyal to the Grand Lodge which created it. They ignore utterly the fact that, in a matter of this kind *freedom* is of the very essence of *Freemasonry*. This is exactly one of those instances in which a phrase that has latterly become familiar in the English political world becomes applicable—"Force is no remedy." It may be expedient, it may be desirable that all Masonic Lodges situated within the territorial limits of Quebec should acknowledge the sovereign independence of its Grand Lodge. But so long as there are Lodges constituted by England—and all the three Lodges in question were warranted, as has been before remarked elsewhere, years before the Quebec Grand Lodge was dreamt of—we say, so long as any Lodges so constituted prefer remaining under English rule to placing themselves under that of the new Grand Lodge, so long, to put it in Bro. Hughan's" emphatic way, "they have the Masonic right so to do?" Again, these three Lodges were in existence before Canada separated herself Masonically from England, and when the latter recognised the former, it made it a condition, among others, of that recognition, that such Lodges as were desirous of retaining their allegiance to it should have the right to do so. Canada accepted the condition, and for the quarter of a century that has since elapsed the three Lodges have remained true to their old love. And it will take a score or two of "erudite Dr. Grahams" to convince us that what Canada did gracefully, and without sacrifice either of her dignity or her independence, Quebec cannot do in like manner and without any such sacrifice. There is yet another reason, which ought to have some weight with Bro. Ramsey and those of his way of thinking. It is not, perhaps, a difficult matter to isolate—that is, send to Coventry—a few individuals, but it will hardly be possible to isolate three whole Lodges, two of which have R.A. Chapters attached to them; and even "the erudite Grand Master of Quebec" must have too much sense and too high an opinion of his Canadian brother Masons to suppose that Canada will

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prove disloyal to the arrangements she made with England when her independence was recognised by the Grand Lodge of the latter. If, as every one seems to think, the union of these three Lodges with the Grand Lodge of Quebec is only a question of time, what possible advantage can result from seeking to precipitate the inevitable?

As with the majority of the articles on this subject which we have been privileged to read in our American contemporaries, Bro. Ramsey's paper contains several suggestions and assertions, but nothing whatever in the shape of an argument. Thus, "these 'English' Lodges have . . . . . been treated with leniency and courtesy" by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which is nothing more than the members of one Masonic body have a right to expect from those of another. They are an "anomaly," in which respect they must resemble an oyster, which "has a beard without a chin, and you take it out to tuck it in." The members of the "English" Montreal Lodges have chins as well as beards no doubt, but that Bro. Ramsey may have his way, they must be "taken out" of the fold of the G. Lodge of England before they can be "tucked in" to that of the G. Lodge of Quebec. Then "they stand aloof from their natural guardian and defy her wishes." Though there is "no cause" for it, there is an "estrangement on the part of our English brethren," and this "really places the matter in a worse light." They persistently refuse "to accept the olive branch of peace extended to them by their brethren of Quebec with whom they constantly associate in the other Masonic Bodies." "Clemency has been tried with them to the utmost extent." They work in the jurisdiction of Quebec, "not only contrary to her wishes, but in direct defiance of her Constitution." "Since 1869" they have "studiously avoided every effort at reconciliation, peace, and unity." These, we presume, are what Bro. Ramsey regards as "arguments:" we look upon them as so many "statements," without foundation in the case of most of them, and with a very questionable one in that of the remainder. A brother who had Bro. Ramsey's article before him, and knew nothing whatever of the real facts, would not unnaturally come to the conclusion that the English Montreal Lodges, or rather their members, were the very reverse of reputable, though even he admits they are "socially" and "financially" as good as many who belong to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. But what are the real facts? For a triune "anomaly," they are at least respectable as far as age goes, St. Paul's, No. 375, having been warranted in 1824, St. George's, No. 440, in 1836, and St. Lawrence, No. 640, in 1854. They are, therefore, respectively forty-five, thirty-three, and fifteen years older than the Grand Lodge of Quebec. When Canada separated itself from England, and set up a Grand Lodge of its own, they elected to remain under the banner of England, as—to use Bro. Hughan's emphatic expression—*they had the Masonic right so to do.*" What is more, the exercise of this undoubted "*Masonic right*" was made one of the conditions precedent of England's recognition of Canada and, as such, was accepted by the latter. To go one step further, in 1875 England offered to recognise Quebec on the same condition. But the part is more ambitious and less well versed in the true principles of Freemasonry than the whole, and what, a quarter of a century ago, Canada did loyally and at once, Quebec, though an offshoot of Canada, and morally—we might almost venture to say legally—bound to observe the obligations that Grand Lodge contracted at its recognition by England, declines to do. Thus the three English Lodges in Montreal are not claiming to exercise any new rights or privileges beyond what they have enjoyed during the whole period of their existence. They do not "stand aloof from their guardian and defy her wishes" because Quebec is not "their natural guardian." They have not persistently refused "to accept the olive branch of peace." They claim to continue under the banner of England, at the same time they are ready to live in peace and amity with their brethren of the Quebec Lodges, and we have Bro. Ramsey's own testimony to the fact that they "gladly meet them in the Royal Arch Chapter, the Preceptory, and other Masonic organisations"—why he should go out of the way to particularise "the Royal Arch Chapter," when the two elder Lodges have Chapters attached to them, we know not. They do not need the consent of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, a body which had no existence till fifteen years after the youngest of them was constituted, to exercise their Masonic functions. They will only renounce their allegiance to England and join Quebec, when they are minded so to do. They cannot "scornfully reject every overture of peace," for the best of all reasons, that they have never been engaged in any war, nor, for the same reason can they, "since 1869, have studiously avoided every effort at reconciliation, peace, and amity." "Reconciliation" means a *return* to a state of friendship from a state of discord, and where there never has been "a state of discord" there cannot possibly be anything like a "reconciliation." The right thing for Bro. Graham to do is, to leave matters to take their proper course. Doubtless, the much-wished consummation will come in time, but, we repeat, this is clearly a case in which "force is no remedy." We are convinced that any attempt to excommunicate these Lodges would have no other result than to postpone indefinitely, if not to destroy absolutely, whatever chance there may be of their union with Quebec.

FREEMASONRY IN RHODE ISLAND.

THE Ninety-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was held in Masons' Hall, Providence, on the 15th May, under the presidency of M.W. Bro. Thomas Vincent, Grand Master. Most of the Grand Officers were present, together with Past Grand Masters Johnson, Ballou, Doyle, Van Slyck, and Freeman, and the representatives of a majority of the Lodges in the jurisdiction. The Grand Master's address, which is given in full in the *Freemasons' Repository*, contains little that is of interest to the outside Craft beyond the announcement that, though the number of members is not so great as it was the year previous, yet, in Bro. Vincent's opinion, Freemasonry had gained in strength what it had lost through mere numerical decrease. Much work had been accomplished during the year, and the Lodges, generally speaking, were in a highly flourishing condition. Six brethren are noted as having died within the year, two of whom had been members of the Craft for somewhere about fifty-seven years, while a third was initiated in February 1851, and, therefore, had been a Mason for over thirty years. All these had attained to a ripe old age, the youngest being seventy-seven years, and the oldest eighty-seven years of age. The annual accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were submitted and passed, and 200 dollars were appropriated to the use of the Committees. Bro. George M. Carpenter jun., who had been recently elected a judge of the Supreme Court of the State, and had acceptably filled the office of Deputy Grand Master during the past year, having declined re-election, Bro. Lyman Klapp was chosen in his stead, the Grand Officers for the year being as follow, namely:—Bros. Thomas Vincent Grand Master, Lyman Klapp Deputy Grand Master, James M. Davis Senior Grand Warden, Robert S. Franklin Junior Grand Warden, Clinton D. Sellew Grand Treasurer, Edwin Baker Grand Secretary, Rev. Henry W. Rugg Grand Chaplain, Benjamin A. Reynolds Senior Grand Deacon, William H. Perry Junior Grand Deacon, Forrest A. Peck Senior Grand Steward, Edward F. Anthony Junior Grand Steward, Dexter B. Potter Grand Marshal, Fayette B. Bennett Grand Sword Bearer, John Potter Grand Pursuivant, Stillman White Grand Lecturer, William R. Greene Grand Musical Director, Ebenezer B. White Grand Tyler. There appear to be thirty-five Lodges in the jurisdiction, subdivided into five districts, having each seven Lodges, the membership being in round figures some 3,750 brethren.

UNION CHAPTER, ROSE CROIX.

A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 23rd May, at the Masonic Hall, Church-street, Georgetown, British Guiana. Ill. Bro. Joseph Klien 31 M.W. Sov. There were also present Ill. Bros. Captain Portlock Dadson 32, Colonel R. W. Imlach 30, Lt.-Colonel Daly 30; E. Bros. Dalton, Van Eeden, McGowan, and Bro. M. Bugle, of the Albion Chapter, Eastbourne. Bro. D. C. Cameron P.M. was duly perfected in the 18th degree, and Ill. Bro. Captain W. Portlock Dadson 32 was elected as M.W. Sovereign for the ensuing year.

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PROVINCIAL G.L. OF NORTHS AND HUNTS.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge meeting was held, under the banner of the Lodge of Merit 466, at Stamford, on the 8th inst. There was a good attendance of the brethren, upwards of 100 being present, amongst them the following:—Provincial Grand Officers: Bro. Butler Wilkins P.M. 360 D.P.G.M., who presided in the absence of the P.G.M., His Grace the Duke of Manchester (who was unable to be present through being detained longer than was expected in Canada); Bros. Jno. Marson P.P.G.A.D.C., acting as D.P.G.M., Jas. Terry S.G.W., Rev. H. G. Hodgson 607 J.G.W., Rev. W. E. Hall 737 Chaplain, Rev. T. C. Beasley 1764 Assistant Chaplain, Jno. Slinn P.M. 737 Registrar, F. G. Buckle (P.M. 442 Secretary, W. Dixey 442 S.G.D., Jno. Bingley W.M. 360 J.G.D., J. C. Lound 442 Supt. Wks., R. H. Griffin P.M. 442 D.C., George Ellard P.M. 360 Assistant D.C., F. J. Sheppard W.M. 445 Registrar, Jos. Ackroyd 737 Organist, J. T. Roseblade W.M. 607 Standard Bearer.

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Of the Pomfret Lodge, No. 360, Northampton:—Bros. J. Bingley W.M., G. Ellard I.P.M., John J. Hart J.W., B. Wilkins Treasurer, J. Sadler J.D., E. Haynes and J. U. Stanton Stewards, M. A. Bosmé P.M., H. W. Parker P.M., H. J. Atkins, E. Roberts, A. Cockerill, R. McClure.

Of the Socrates Lodge, No. 373, Huntingdon:—Bros. Wm. Wade W.M., John Marson P.M., W. H. Smith P.M. P.P.G.R., Geo. Hawley P.M. Prov. G.R., J. Wood-Ingram, Jas. G. Hanken.

Of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442, Peterborough:—Bros. J. C. Lound W.M., H. Pank I.P.M., J. W. Kirby S.W., Stephen H. Bamber S.D., Thomas W. Harrison I.G., F. G. Buckle P.M., R. H. Griffin P.M., W. Dixey Secretary, J. T. Smith, Edward Crisp, R. Payling, E. Harrison, S. Willett, G. C. Caster, J. B. Tebbutt, H. J. Todd, Henry M. Pentney.

Of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 445, Towcester:—Bros. F. J. Sheppard W.M., H. H. Packer J.W., Jas. Terry P.M. Prov. G.S.W., Rev. W. A. Howes P.M. P.P.G.C., T. M. Percival P.M. P.P.G.J.D., H. M. Crowley P.M., George Willcox-Smith, W. B. Newton, Edward Snedker, R. McClure.

Of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 455, Kettering:—Bros. W. Hanger P.M. P.P.G.S.B., J. W. Parker.

Of the Chicheley Lodge, No. 607, Thrapston:—Bros. J. T. Roseblade W.M., Rev. F. G. Hodgson P.M. P.P.G.S.W., Rev. Roscoe Hawthorne P.M. P.P.G.C., G. Wadsley.

Of the Wentworth Lodge, No. 737, Wellingborough:—Bros. L. C. Knight W.M., Jno. Slinn I.P.M., Rev. W. E. Hall P.P.G.C., J. Ackroyd P.P.G.C.

Of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764, Northampton:—Bros. Henry Brown W.M., H. J. Atkins I.P.M. P.P.G.J.D., Rev. A. H. Cole-Hamilton Prov. G.C., Richard Croft, J. C. Franklin.

Of the De-la-pré Lodge, No. 1911, Northampton:—Bros. Rev. T. C. Beasley S.W. Prov. G.C., Rev. A. H. Cole-Hamilton Chaplain Prov. A.G.C. Visitors:—Newbould (Dobie), Geo. Edwards, Caswell, &c., &c.

The Board of Benevolence met at the George Hotel, at twelve o'clock, when £21 was voted to the Widows' Fund, and £10 10s to the Male Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £10 10s to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Two sums were also voted to brethren in the Province. The Charity Organisation Committee met immediately after, when, among other business, an addition was made to the Bye-laws to facilitate the better working of the scheme.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Butler Wilkins, at 1.30, when after some routine business, the D.G.M. spoke of the great loss the Province had sustained by the death of Bro. Richard Howes, who had for some years occupied the post of Prov. Grand Treasurer in such a manner as to place the funds of the Province on a permanent basis, and to gain the esteem and respect of all with whom he became connected. A resolution expressive of the sorrow of the brethren and of sympathy with Mrs. Howes was unanimously passed, and ordered to be placed on the minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and a copy thereof to be sent to Mrs. Howes. Bro. J. U. Stanton P.M. 360 was proposed Prov. Grand Treasurer in the room of Brother Howes, and was unanimously elected. The other Provincial Grand Officers were then duly invested as follows:—J. M. Heward P.M. 466 S.G.W., H. Brown W.M. 1764 J.G.W., Rev. T. C. Beasley 1764 Chaplain, A. H. Cole-Hamilton 1911 Assistant Chaplain, J. C. Lound W.M. 442 Registrar, F. G. Buckle P.M. 442 Secretary, W. Bushell Parke 445 S.G.D., Luke Cartright Knight W.M. 737 J.G.D., James G. Hawkin 373 Supt. of Works, R. H. Griffin P.M. 442 Director of Ceremonies, Geo. Ellard P.M. 360 Assistant Director of Ceremonies, H. Howard Parker 445 Sword Bearer, J. J. Hart S.W. 360 Grand Pursuivant, Jas. Etchells 466 Organist, M. W. Packer S.W. 446 Standard Bearer, T. Cook 442 Tyler, A. Cockerill 360, S. Willett 442, Robert McClure 445, W. H. Watson 466, Richard Croft 1764, Rev. A. H. Cole-Hamilton 1911 Stewards.

The banquet was served in an excellent manner by Bro. Moyes, host of the George Hotel, the banquet room being very prettily decorated, and every arrangement made for the comfort of the brethren, about seventy of whom sat down, at three o'clock. The D.P.G.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly and enthusiastically honoured by the brethren. Bro. J. J. Hart W.M. 466, in proposing the Prov. G.M. the Duke of Manchester and the D.P.G.M. Bro. Butler Wilkins, expressed the regret they felt at not having His Grace amongst them, and spoke in very eulogistic terms at the good fortune they had to have so excellent and untiring a Deputy to take his place in the absence of the Prov. G.M. The D.G.P.M., in responding, gave a good account not only of the progress in the Province as regards numbers, but also as to the excellent manner in which the work was done in every case, probably never better in the history of the Province. Bro. M. W. Packer S.W. 466 proposed the Grand Officers of the Province Past and Present, which was responded to by Bro. J. M. Heward P.G.S.W. and Bro. J. U. Stanton, the newly-elected Treasurer. Bro. H. J. Atkins P.M. 1764 proposed the Masonic Charities, in a very appropriate manner, and the toast was responded to by Bro. J. Terry P.G.D.C. Herts., Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution, in his usual effective manner, thanking the brethren of Norths and Hunts for the liberal manner in which they had always supported the Institution with which he was more immediately connected. Bro. E. I. Orford gave the Visiting Brethren, expressing the pleasure it always gave the brethren of 466 to entertain Visitors. Bro. S. Newbould (from Australia) and Bro. Caswell responded. The D.P.G.M. gave the W.M. and Brethren of the various Lodges in the Province, which was very ably responded to by Bro. Herbert Hart W.M. 466, who, in the course of his remarks, took the opportunity of thanking the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the kindness he had always shown to those brethren in the Province who sought his advice, and also thanked the brethren for attending in such a goodly number to support the D.P.G.M. and the Brethren of 466. Bro. H. Pank (P.M. 442) gave "The Ladies" in a very appropriate manner, to which Bro. J. T. Roseblade (W.M. 607) responded in a happy style. "The Tyler's Toast" concluded the toast list. The harmony of the evening was considerably enhanced by Bros. Atkins, Ingram, Oldham, Hart, Packer, Blackham, Heward, Roseblade, Clifton, Terry, G. Willcox-Smith, H. M. Crowley, and others, Bros. Etchells and Croft rendering good service in accompanying.

The Brethren of 466 are to be congratulated, not only on the large number that attended, (Stamford being far from convenient for the majority of the brethren in the Province), but also upon the excellent arrangements made for the comfort and convenience of the brethren. The Lodge-room had been recently re-decorated and presented a very nice appearance.

A small party remained until Friday, and availed themselves of the opportunity (under the guidance of the W.M.) of paying a visit to Burghley House, with which we need hardly add they were very much pleased and interested.

The Provincial Grand Lodge meeting for next year is arranged to take place under the banner of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442, at Peterborough.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW MASONIC LODGE AT WELLINGTON.

THE consecration of the Fidelity and Sincerity Lodge, No. 1966, for which a Grand Lodge Warrant was granted at the last Grand Lodge of England, took place at the Town Hall, Wellington, on Tuesday, in the presence of a large gathering of brethren of Somerset and neighbouring Provinces, numbering in all about 100. The Town Hall, was beautifully decorated for the occasion; and the Lodge furniture, which is of a very handsome description, was greatly admired. The brethren assembled at one o'clock in the ante-room of the hall, and, forming procession, headed by Bro. T. W. Hardwick P.G. Director of Ceremonies as M.C., entered the hall, when Prov. Grand Lodge was at once formed with Bro. Else D. P.G.M. Somerset, J.D. of England, in the chair, Bros. C. W. Radway P.G.S.W. and A. G. Hayman as Wardens, G. Anderson as Chap., and J. C. Hunt P.G.S. as Secretary. The Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the Consecrating Officer, Bro. R. C. Else, addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, and the petition and warrant for the consecration of the Lodge were read. Prior to the consecration an oration upon the duties of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masonry was delivered by Bro. the Rev. G. R. Anderson P.G. Chaplain, and the ceremony of consecration according to the ancient form was proceeded with. During the ceremony special anthems and other suitable Masonic music were effectively rendered, under the conductorship of Bro. Nosworthy P.P.G.O. After the consecration, the brethren sang the National Anthem, and the ceremony of installing Bro. the Rev. Prebendary Knowling, M.A., as the first W.M. of the new Lodge, was proceeded with. Bro. R. C. Else was the installing Officer. Afterwards Brother the Rev. F. W. Raban (Past Provincial Grand Pursuivant Cambridgeshire) was invested as S.W., and Brother F. T. Elworthy J.W. 261 as J.W., Colonel A. W. Adair P.P.G.M. Somerset took the collar of I.P.M., Bro. Pratt P.M. 22 171 382 was appointed Secretary, Lieutenant G. Knowling, R.N., was installed as Senior Deacon, Bro. Crowe as Junior Deacon, and Bro. Handford as I.G. Several gentlemen were put up as candidates for initiation, and many more as joining members of the Lodge, which already shows signs of vigorous vitality. The brethren subsequently dined at the Squirrel Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. the Rev. G. Knowling W.M., supported by Bros. Else and Adair. The company numbered sixty-seven. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, after which the W.M. gave a most exquisite discourse on the duty of Freemasons generally, calling the attention of his Officers to aid him in the promotion of good feeling in the Province generally, and the Lodge of Fidelity and Sincerity in particular.

The Macdonald Lodge of Mark Masters will hold its installation meeting this day (Saturday), at the Guildhall Tavern, when Bro. Nathaniel J. F. Basnett will be installed as the Master for the current year. There are two candidates for advancement, and a notice of motion is also on the paper that the future meetings of the Lodge be held at the Hall of Grand Mark Lodge in Red Lion-square.

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BRO. RAYNHAM STEWART'S MOTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Though perhaps at an early period before the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, I should feel obliged if you would now, and at other convenient opportunities during the interval, call the attention of the supporters of Brother Stewart's motion—*i.e.*, The contribution by the Board of General Purposes of another £800 per annum to the Benevolent Institution; as the vast increase in the number of Lodges since the grant of the first £800 per annum entails a similar increase in number of votes required to be given to Lodges for that consideration, and for which no additional value is received,—and beg of them to prove their sincerity by mustering strongly on that occasion to support it, in order that the same tactics which were employed in March last, to nullify this same proposition—which had been unanimously carried at the previous Quarterly Communication in December 1881—by the non-confirmation of that portion of the minutes which related to this extra grant, on the plea, by the brother who opposed it, that he was not aware what was the amount of the net income of Grand Lodge, while at the same time that brother held office as a member of the Finance Committee, which committee had sent in its yearly statement, duly audited, and which statement had been taken as read but a few minutes before the opposition to Bro. Stewart's motion was proclaimed. Still more; these accounts had been read by the Grand Secretary, and confirmed, and at the moment they lay on his table. I cannot help expressing my astonishment when I discover that the Worshipful Brother who proposed to reduce the amount by one-half—and "who professed his willingness always to do what he could for the Charities,"—with others holding high positions in the Craft, and who supported the amendment, that their names are nowhere to be found in the books issued by the three Institutions containing the list of donors and annual subscribers; so that unless there be a mistake, which is doubtful, their names are conspicuous by absence. In fact, all they have contributed towards the Institutions is the quarterages, which, by law, are deducted from their subscriptions. Now I do not wish to detract for one moment from the undoubted merits of these worthy brethren, but I do think that opposition would come with better taste if it emanated from some one who had indeed shown his appreciation of the Institutions. I am quite in accord with the writer of the letter headed "LITTLE HELP," which appeared in your columns, when he recommends that those who sign their names to the circulars recommending candidates should show their earnestness by putting their hands into their own pockets, instead of taking credit to themselves for supporting their friends or protegés, by extracting moneys from the pockets of other people. No doubt it is very clever, and often effectual, but it is not Masonry;—it is not acting on the square.

Yours fraternally,

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to thank you for your very fair remarks in reference to my share in the business of the last Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge. You are perfectly correct in your presumed explanation of what I "*meant*" in the notice of motion which the President of the Board of Masters rejected; and I am quite sure that it was well understood in other quarters, notwithstanding the interpretation put upon the use by me of the word "District." But the discussion of the question, whether or not the Lodges within ten miles of Freemasons' Hall, London, "shall continue to be Lodges in the London District," as expressed in the Book of Constitutions, is only deferred for three months, as you may rest assured I shall submit such a notice of motion for next Grand Lodge as shall unmistakably express what is really desired.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, 15th June 1882.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGES FOR LONDON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think no reasonable exception can be taken to Bro. James Stevens's motion that Grand Lodge should respectfully suggest to His Royal Highness the Grand Master the desirability of erecting four superior bodies which, by whatever name they may be designated, shall possess the privileges of a Provincial Grand Lodge, and look more immediately after the well-being of the Craft in the sections they preside over than it is possible for Grand Lodge with its multifarious duties and responsibilities to do. That the Lodges in the London district have increased amazingly in numbers during the last quarter of a century is beyond question, and it is this amazing increase, necessitating as it does a great amount of supervision, which, in my opinion, justifies his very reasonable suggestion. I am surprised, however, that so clear-sighted a man as Bro. Stevens should rest his motion on the comparative exclusion of London brethren from Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge honours. Though, as I have frequently heard Bro. Binckes declare, Grand Stewards are not exactly Grand Officers, being, to use his homely simile, "Neither fish, flesh, fowl, nor good red herring," it is nevertheless the fact that all the red apron Lodges belong to the Metropolitan district, and a Provincial brother who aspires to this honour must first be received as a joining member of one of these Lodges. Then what I will term the permanent officials of Grand Lodge—Grand Treasurer, Grand Registrar, Grand Secretary, President of the Board of General Purposes, and Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Assist. Secretary—are almost of necessity Metropolitan rather than Provincial, and I think it will be very generally allowed that of those Grand Officers who are appointed year by year by the Grand Master, a very fair proportion are Metropolitan. Take the Grand Officers for the present year, of whom, offhand, I can mention three who are decidedly Metropolitan, namely, the Lord Mayor (Grand Junior Warden and W.M. of No. 1), Bro. Horace Jones (Grand Superintendent of Works), who is City Architect, and Bro. Littell (Assistant Grand Pursuivant), who is a Past Master of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, and the Alliance Lodge No. 1827. Here we have nine out of some five or six and twenty Grand Officers, who are certainly Metropolitan, while some of them enjoy Provincial honours likewise. Then as to Provincial honours, no London brother who aspires to them need feel himself excluded. Middlesex is a Province, and so are Kent, Surrey, Essex, and Herts, and all a man has to do in order to place himself in position qualifying him for Provincial Grand Office is, to get himself elected a member of a Lodge in one of those Provinces. It is not even necessary he should reside in the Province, non-residence involving nothing more than the payment of an additional fee. While, therefore, I heartily approve of Bro. Stevens's proposition, I think he has acted unwisely in basing its necessity on so unsubstantial a reason. The real need lies in the fact that the three hundred and odd Lodges in the Metropolitan district require more looking after than they can possibly get under existing circumstances. I trust Bro. Stevens will take this hint, even from one who is so inexperienced as,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

PETER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I cannot pretend to offer any opinion on the very delicate question as to where the prerogative of the Grand Master ends, and the powers of Grand Lodge begin, but it strikes me that Bro. Stevens, by his resolution, suggesting that the G. Master should sub-divide the Metropolitan area, to be governed, each district, by what will virtually be a Provincial Grand Lodge, is, unintentionally no doubt, doing his best to foster that absurd love of tinsel which is already far too wide-spread in the Craft. We are constantly being told that the great beauty of Freemasonry is its simplicity, and its perfect innocency of all outward show. But for a brother to figure in Lodge with a whole regiment of jewels on his breast may perhaps be very awe-inspiring, but it certainly does not carry the idea of simplicity and absence of show. There are, probably, hundreds of London brethren who hold Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge honours; and if Bro. Stevens's suggestion should be acted upon by Grand Lodge, and the Grand Master should graciously give effect to it, we shall have such an array of gorgeously-bedizened brethren as will frighten out of their wits the quieter members of the Craft. If more rulers are wonted for the metropolis, by all means let us have them, nor is our Grand Master the man to check the legitimate aspirations of worthy Craftsmen for appointment to positions of honour. We all know, however, that he strongly objects to fuss and show, and we may reasonably infer from his disposition in this particular that, from the tinsel point of view, he would rather restrict than increase the number of office-holders. Besides, where is the honour in being appointed a Provincial Grand Officer when, by reason of their being so largely increased in number, they are made so cheap? Artemus Ward's famous regiment of volunteers was composed entirely of commanding officers, and it looks very much as if the Craft will not be contented with their lot until every man jack of them is a full-fledged Grand Officer.

Yours truly,

X. Y. Z.

"HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me, through your columns, to thank "A READER" for his very fair and impartial criticism of my letter on this subject, and you, Sir, for your exhaustive article on the same; but I beg of you both to understand that I recur to the subject, not with the intention of presuming to lay down a hard and fast line, but as a basis for more experienced heads than my own to suggest a remedy for what I consider a very fair question for argument. In the hurry of writing my former letter I unintentionally left out Life, Annual, and Occasional Subscribers, who have every right to be classified with Life Governors, and I hereby apologise for the omission.

I am perfectly aware that monetary advantages alone are no criterion of merit and ability, but when one sees brethren promoted to the highest rank attainable who have the means, and in almost every case the ability, but who do not use the former,—or at all events whose names are absent from the books issued by the three different Institutions, as supporting the fundamental principle of Freemasonry,—over the heads of others possessed of both the qualifications before-mentioned, who have laboured in and nobly supported Freemasonry in all its branches, and who have been in harness fifteen, twenty, twenty-five and thirty years—I might say even more—one cannot but think that a remedy might be found for such apparent neglect.

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I would instance the selection of three very worthy brethren from one Lodge alone, and that Lodge of but recent formation, to the exclusion of others equally honourable and of a standing whose years can be counted from ten to twenty, and more—instead of three. Another stage of "A READER'S" sentiments I must beg to differ from; viz., that Freemasonry and its Institutions are entirely distinct from one another. I contend that they are as much a part of Freemasonry as the schools and almshouses are of every parish or village. You might as well say that the children educated, and the poor maintained there, are not part and parcel of the parish. In the first phase of Freemasonry the E.A. is strictly enjoined to relieve, if it be in his power, the distress of any person, more especially a Freemason, and no better way can be found than by liberally educating the children, and succouring the unforeseen distress of members of the Order if they be found worthy. Now, Dear Bro. Editor, as to your critique on the subject. I am quite of your opinion that if a hard and fast rule, on the terms mentioned in my former letter, were laid down, it would be open to the objections stated by you, but if a little discrimination were used, it would entirely prevent money being the sole or even the principal qualification for the purple. I feel quite certain that you could name many wearers of the crimson and purple who, with ample means, have given nothing in support of the Charities. "Charity" does not consist wholly of almsgiving, and the kind word and friendly attention of the well-to-do to the poor is often of greater value, and more permanent advantage, than alms ostentatiously given for the sake of notoriety. Still, when a Brother is known to have means, and, despite his oft-repeated statement that he is at all times willing to aid the Institutions, he does nothing, I maintain his Charity is of the lip and not of the heart. He is not a fit and proper person to be pitchforked over the heads of others who have contributed years of time and considerable brainwork—to say nothing of more substantial gifts—in support of the cause which they have *really* at heart, and which has been evidenced by their actions. Dear Sir, from your article on this subject I expected another critique on this matter, or I would have sent you this communication in time for last week. Again thanking "A READER" and yourself for our remarks, and trusting that now the ball has been set rolling some one more qualified will kindly take up the question.

I remain, yours fraternally,

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AN IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On two occasions lately I have been called on by a person describing himself as a member of the Naval Lodge, No. 24, Warrington, State of Florida. His story is, that he was steward of the ship Orondatus, and was wrecked on a voyage to England, losing everything. His name he gives as W. Solter. On writing to the Secretary of the Naval Lodge, I received a reply, that "no such name as W. Solter appears upon our records, neither do any of our members recollect such a man."

I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

York, 12th June 1882.

According to the *Masonic Advocate*, the new Masonic Hall of North-Eastern Lodge, No. 210, at Fremont, Indianapolis, was dedicated, in accordance with Masonic usage, on the third day of May, by Martin H. Rice P.G.M. The hall is located in the second story of a new brick block; it is conveniently arranged, well furnished, and will afford pleasant and ample quarters for this thriving Lodge for many years to come. Invitations had been extended to surrounding Lodges, and a large number of visiting brethren were present. The time appointed for the dedication to take place was two o'clock p.m. Just before that hour the train from the south brought Angola Lodge, No. 236, numbering some thirty members, who were received at the depot by North Eastern Lodge, No. 210, with a band of music, and escorted to the new Hall. The ceremonies were performed in the presence of Masons and their families, the hall being filled to its utmost capacity. The Grand Master was well supported by the Officers of North Eastern Lodge as Grand Officers. The singing by a local choir added much to the beauty and impressiveness of the ceremonies. At the conclusion of the dedication the Lodges were formed in procession and marched to one of the churches, where the public had been invited to listen to a Masonic address by the officiating Grand Master. The church was filled beyond its seating capacity, and the address was listened to with the closest attention. An invitation was here extended to all Master Masons and their ladies to repair to the Hilton House, as the guests of North-Eastern House, where all were supplied with supper. The liberality and fraternal feeling exhibited by the members of North-Eastern Lodge on this occasion added much to the pleasure and enjoyment of all who participated in it.

CITY OF LONDON ORCHESTRAL UNION.

THIS popular association, which was established in June 1867, gave its Second Grand Evening Concert of the Season 1882, at the Albion Hall, London Wall, on Wednesday last, on which occasion the members celebrated their Fifteenth Anniversary. As is usual at these concerts, much care was exercised in the selection of pieces. The principal items in the First Part were the Overture, "Le Dieu et la Bayadère," Auber, which was played by the orchestra in capital style; a new Schottische, "Prince Charlie," arranged by Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, the conductor, on Scotch and North Country Melodies, met with great approval, and was redemanded. In the Second Part, the Grand Selection, "I Lombardi," Verdi, with solos for Flute, Piccolo, Oboe, Clarinet, Horn, Cornet, and Euphonion, by Messrs. Toussaint, C. Ludbrook, Shuckard, Hunter, Johnson, Pringuer, and Oxenham, was much admired, while the ability of the respective soloists was fully recognised. The Solo Clarinet, "Introduction, Air, and Variations," Mohr, by Mr. Geo. Hunter, may be described as the gem of the evening. The vocal portion of the entertainment was supported by Mr. Berthold March, who gave the descriptive song, "Hybrias the Cretan," with much power. This gentleman also contributed a Scena—"Solitude"—accompanied by the full orchestra, it being the first time the work was submitted to an English audience. Miss Bessie Webber, a careful and painstaking artiste, sang Pinsuti's "Heaven and Earth," the ballad by Barri, "Love Knots," "La Serenata," a canzone by Braga, in which she was assisted by Mr. H. Bayntun, who played the violin obbligato. This lady's best effort, however, was the way in which she rendered Cowen's popular ballad, "The Old and the Young Marie." It was sung, exquisitely, and the audience were enthusiastic in their plaudits. A feature of the evening was the presentation to Brother G. T. H. Seddon of a testimonial, in recognition of the completion of his fifteenth year of service as conductor of the City of London Orchestral Society. Mr. Toussaint, on behalf of the members of the orchestra, made the presentation, and in a humourous and witty speech made happy reference to the zeal Bro. Seddon displayed, and to the constant attention he had paid to his duties. Bro. Seddon feelingly acknowledged the compliment, and assured the members his energy should not be relaxed so long as his health permitted a continuance of his labours.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

CONSECRATION OF A LODGE AT SHERNESS-ON-SEA.

THE brethren of Adam's Mark Lodge, No. 6, met on the 31st ult., in their Lodge-room, Victoria-buildings, for the purpose of consecrating a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, to be attached to their Lodge. The following brethren were in attendance:—A. Spears P.P.G.S.W. P.G.J.D., J. Bagshaw P.P.G.A. Sec., Spiro Zennet, E. J. Penney P.P.G.J.W., W. T. Carpenter P.P.G. Swd. Bearer, M. J. Sullivan P.P.G.M. of C., C. T. Green P.P.G. Organist, R. J. L. Brown P.P.G.A.M. of C., R. A. Platten P.G. Std. B., and J. Akhurst Tyler.

The brethren were honoured with the presence of the R.W. Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson Prov. G.M.M.M. of Kent, and W. Bro. G. J. Podevin D.P.G.M.M.M. of Kent, who had come to be elevated to the degree of Royal Ark Masons in this, the oldest Mark Lodge in the Province. W. Bro. D. M. Dewar P.N., Assistant Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, was the Consecrating Officer, assisted by Bros. Poore P.N., and W. Watson W.C.N. 237. Lodge having been opened, with Bro. Poore as W.C.N., twelve brethren were elevated to the degree of Royal Ark Mariners in a very impressive manner.

Bro. D. M. Dewar P.N. then took the chair, and calling upon the Secretary pro tem to read the Warrant from the Grand Lodge, proceeded to consecrate the Lodge according to ancient form, in a manner which elicited the admiration of all the brethren.

A Board of enthroned W.C.N.'s was afterwards formed, when Worshipful Brother D. M. Dewar P.N. placed Bros. the Rev. T. Robinson and G. J. Podevin on the throne of N., and Bro. A. Spears as the W.C.N. of the Lodge of Royal Ark Masons, No. 6. The following Officers were then appointed and invested:—W. Bro. W. Watson W.C.N. 237 I.P.N., J. Bagshaw J., Spiro Zennett S., W. T. Carpenter Treasurer, M. J. Sullivan S.D., E. J. Penney Scribe, G. T. Green J.D., R. H. Platten G., J. Akhurst W., and J. E. Brown M.C.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, hearty vote of thanks were given to the R.W. Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson Prov. G.M.M.M. of Kent, and W. Bro. G. J. Podevin D. Prov. G.M.M.M. of Kent, for the honour they had conferred on the Lodge through being elevated in it; also to Bros. Dewar and Poore for coming from London to consecrate the Lodge; they were also made honorary members. A vote of thanks was also accorded to Bro. Spiro Zennett for his generosity in presenting the Officer's jewels and collars and the working tools of the Lodge, and the benefits he had conferred in thus bringing a long wished for attachment to Lodge No. 6.

The Lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the Britannia Hotel to a dinner, which was provided by Mrs. Green in her well-known excellent style, after which a pleasant evening was spent; the brethren separated about eight o'clock, several of them having to leave for London.

The formal presentation of a gold chain of office for the use of the Mayors of Margate took place on Thursday. The chain weighs 25 oz., and consists of about a dozen shields and links bearing the names and years of office of all the Mayors since the incorporation in 1857. Mr. George Sansell, a native of Margate, presented the chain, which was made from gold obtained from his own mines in Sandhurst, Victoria.

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AVOUCHMENT.

AMONG the various duties incumbent on Masons there is none of more importance, or that requires a greater degree of caution than that of avouching for those who may apply for admission as visitors into a Lodge. One of the landmarks of Masonry is defined as consisting of the "obligations, modes of recognition and the legend of the third degree;" so that the principle involved in avouching for admission is covered by a Landmark of the Fraternity, which should demand the exercise of extreme caution at all times. It is a custom coequal in its practice with the age of the Fraternity, which has by wise regulation and forethought been adopted for protection against the impositions of the fraudulent; and the secret modes of recognition are the only tests that are relied upon with safety.

In view of the importance of the subject, the question arises as to whom this authority should be delegated, to secure the results necessary to place the Institution beyond the pale of impostors. It is an error to suppose that any member of a Lodge has the liberty of examination at any time or place, and not in the presence of witnesses, and, on the strength of that examination, to introduce a Brother for visitation as properly avouched for. The reason for this is obvious, from the fact that the Worshipful Master at his installation assumed certain obligations in this particular, agreeing that no visitor should be received into his Lodge without due examination, and producing proper vouchers of having been initiated in a regular Lodge. No examination, therefore, for the purpose of visitation should be made without his consent, or approval. For this reason alone, if for no other, he should know by whom the Brother has been examined. It is his duty, and it cannot be left at the discretion of any and every member, who shall see fit to assume it, for it is not every one who is competent to perform such a duty. As none but the secret tests can be relied upon, it is indispensably necessary that those tests be applied by one who is thoroughly competent; and who is the best judge of competency? the Worshipful Master, who has bound himself not to admit any but those who are duly qualified, and who is selected (or ought to be) on account of his ability and wisdom to preside, or some young Brother who, by his excess of zeal and lack of the esoteric principles of the Institution which enter into the ritual, and are essential to its existence, might be easily imposed upon; or, perhaps, some more aged Brother that never had the gumption to qualify himself for an examination away from home.

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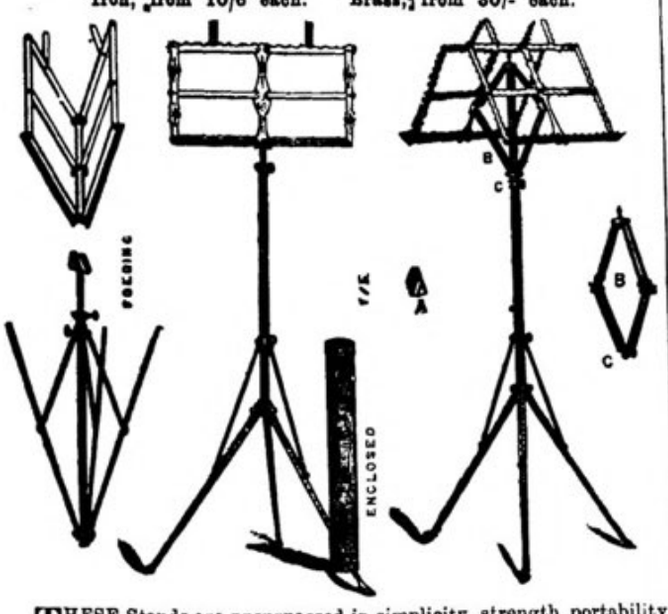

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THE Consecration of this Chapter of Royal Arch Masons took place on Monday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, Landport, and passed off very successfully, the arrangements being satisfactory, and the attendance numerous and representative. The ceremony of consecration, which was commenced at half-past four o'clock, was performed in a very impressive manner by M.E. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand Superintendent, who installed the Principals Designate:—Comps. Edwin Groves Z., Cornelius George Adames H., and Thomas Good J. The Officers appointed were Comps. William A. Marshallsay Scribe E., Thomas H. Williams Scribe N., George Drake P.S., Edward Naylor 1st A.S., Alfred H. Hancox Treas., William Miles Organist, George A. Green P.Z. acting I.P.Z., Ed. S. Main P.Z. M.C., William Maybour and Alfred Grant Stewards. The following Companions signed the attendance book:—Comps. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Supt., W. Hickman Prov. Grand H., J. W. Lamb Prov. Grand J., M. E. Frost P.G. Treasurer, C. W. Jellicoe P.G. Scribe N., George J. Tilling Z. 359 P.G. 1st A.S., George Pack J. 173 P.G. 2nd A.S., Geo. Pearman P.G.O., R. Barnes P.Z. P.G.S.B. George R. Strick P.G.D.G., E. Goldsmith A.S. 309, G. P. Arnold J. 1428 P.P.G.P.S, John Wilson P.Z. 903, A. Cudlipp P.Z. 487, John Wallingford P.Z. 903 P.P.G.P.S., G. Gunnell A.S. 342, G. Mason 342, E. S. Main P.Z. 983, Rev. Dr. White Z. 309, R. W. Downing Treas. 903 P.P.G.O., Rev. J. N. Palmer Z. 675, T. J. Hooper 309, J. G. Mason P.J. 103 South Africa, J. E. Buck Scribe N. 342, W. Spearing 342, W. E. Williams 342, T. P. Palsgrave J. 487, R. W. Beale 487, G. N. Nelder 1428, G. F. Lancaster Z. 1428 P.P.G.P.S., Alfred J. Miller P.Z. 130 and 359 P.P.G.S.N., Francis Z. 804 P.P.G. 1st A.S., H. W. Townsend P.Z. 1428, G. Backler A.S. 1428, J. Gieve 487, J. Ridd Hayman J. 257, George Rake P.Z. 487, R. J. Rastrick H. 487, Thomas Page 342, C. B. Whitcomb P.Z. 903 P.P.G.D.C., W. Tuohy P.Z. 257 P.P.A.S., George Bond P.Z. 487 P.P.G.S.B., J. W. Willmott Z. 342 P.P.G.S.B., E. Groves H. 309 P.P.G.D.C., C. G. Adames J. 309, A. H. Hancox 903, W. A. Marshallsay 1428, T. H. Williams 309, George Drake 342, J. G. Niven 342, G. A. Green P.Z. 309 P.P.G.P.S. J. Foster 342, C. F. Brown 342, W. P. Winter 342, E. Nayler 487, W. Maybour 1428, Jos. Exell and W. Biggs P.G. Janitors, &c. Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from Grand Scribe E. Comp. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Prov. Scribe E. Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre, Comps. W. D. King and T. King, and others. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to M.E. Comp. Beach for attending and officiating. At the banquet (which was satisfactorily served by the staff of the club) the following toasts were given:—"The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., Grand Z.," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Grand Pro Z., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Grand H., and the Right Hon. the Lord de Tabley J., and the Officers of Grand Chapter," "The Grand Superintendent of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P., "The Grand Officers of the Provincial Chapter Past and Present," "The Principals of the Landport Chapter, No. 1776," "The Representatives of the Neighbouring Chapters," "The Officers of the Landport Chapter," "The Visitors."

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THE installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Thursday, 8th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. Bros. G. T. Brown M.E.Z., W. Chicken H., C. Daniel J., J. H. Goodwin Treas., C. E. Ferry acting S.E., J. H. Hawkins P.S., E. B. Haynes 1st A.S., J. Roberts acting S.N., C. T. Speight Janitor; Comps. Cornwall, Marshall, &c. Visitors—Comps. W. Stephens P.Z. P.G.S.W. Middlesex, J. R. Gallant M.E.Z. 813, H. J. Gabb H. 813, R. James 175, R. J. Vincent 1329, J. W. Avery P.Z. 73, H. Carman A.S. 548. At the opening of the Chapter regret was expressed at the absence of Comp. Goodall S.E., through illness; Comp. Martin S.N. was likewise absent (away on business in China). After the confirmation of the minutes of the last convocation, a ballot was taken for Comp. Charles Walker, of the Rose of Denmark, which proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. G. Simondus 65, and Bro. Sargeant 1790 (both balloted for previously), being present, were exalted by the M.E.Z., who was ably assisted by his Officers. A conclave of Principals was then formed, and Companion Brown M.E.Z. installed Companion W. Chicken in the chair of Z., Comp. C. Daniel as H., and Comp. J. H. Hawkins as J.; the Officers being invested as follow:—Comp. Goodall S.E., Martin S.N., Haynes P.S., Goodwin Treasurer, Ferry 1st A.S., Roberts 2nd A.S., Speight Janitor. The Chapter being closed, the Companions adjourned to an excellent banquet. The usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts followed. A very handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Brown, who was highly complimented for the manner in which he had worked the installation ceremony.

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

A CONVOCATION of the above Chapter was held on the 12th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, in lieu of the regular meeting, which usually takes place on 31st May. The chair was occupied by W. H. Gulliford M.E.Z., H. P. Isaac H., I. P. Cohen P.Z. J., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treas., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., A. Henochsberg P.S., Brooks 1st Assist.; P.Z.'s S. M. Lazarus, L. Lazarus, W. J. Littaur, H. M. Levy; Companions Smith, G. Ellis, Dewsnap, J. S. Lyon, W. G. Jennings, Lavy, Meiter, Hobinstock, M. Silver. Visitors—J. Saber, 153, Kimberly, A. Abrahams and J. Faulkner late 188. Chapter was opened and the minutes of last Convocation were confirmed. The election for Principals and Officers then took place. Comp. H. Isaac was elected Z.; Comps. I. P. Cohen H., A. Henochsberg J., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., Dewsnap S.N., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, Brooks P.S., Goddard Janitor. Comp. L. Lazarus P.Z., in eloquent terms, proposed that a sum of two guineas be given from the funds of the Chapter for the purpose of presenting the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Gulliford, with a P.Z.'s jewel, this sum to form a nucleus for a testimonial that should be worthy of his acceptance, and in testimony of the able manner in which he has discharged every duty required of him, likewise to mark the esteem he is held in. This was seconded by Comp. W. J. Littaur, and carried unanimously. The testimonial fund was afterwards liberally subscribed to by the Companions. Bro. J. Saber J.W. 1582, Lodge of Israel, Liverpool, was proposed for exaltation at the next meeting, and Chapter was closed until November. The Companions sat down to a sumptuous and *récherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Comp. Jenninge, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. The M.E.Z., in eloquent terms, proposed the usual and R.A. toasts. Comp. L. Lazarus I.P.Z., said he felt it a source of great pleasure to propose the health of the Z., who in every respect showed he was worthy of their regard. Comp. Gulliford had achieved the summit of his ambition, and the manner in which the vote of the Companions was carried, to present him with a remembrance of his occupation of the chair, and his able presidency, showed that the chair had been worthily filled. The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked Comp. Lazarus for his kind expressions. He felt the more particularly gratified at the manner in which the toast had been received. He could but heartily and sincerely thank them for their support. He hoped before leaving the chair to have another opportunity of showing them what the working of the Joppa Chapter was. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the Visitors—there were but three present—one from Kimberly, and two late of this Chapter. He hoped to see them yet again as Visitors. Companions Faulkner, Abrahams and Saber severally responded. The toast of the P.Z.'s was next given. The success of the Chapter was dependent on those who had occupied the chair, and who, by their experience, condnce to its prosperity by advice and assistance. They had the Father of the Chapter present, Comp. S. Lazarus; the M.E.Z. would call on Comp. Littaur to respond. After a reply from Comp. Littaur, the M.E.Z. proposed the toast of the two Principals; he would speak of them as the M.E.Z. and H. elect. The former Companion hitherto had shown perfection in his working. The J. likewise had done his duty, and this fully evidenced that he merited further honours. He would call on the Companions to drink the toast heartily and sincerely. After this compliment had been acknowledged, the M.E.Z. proposed the toast of the Treasurer and S.E. The former Companion had left, but they had the latter present. Those who have filled the chair know what the duties are, and how well these Officers perform them. Several other toasts followed, and the Janitor, in due course, closed the proceedings. Comps. Meiter and Abrahams contributed to the enjoyment of the evening by some capital songs.

A special Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held last Saturday, under the presidency of Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer. The meeting was called in accordance with a resolution of the General Committee to consider three notices of motion. Unfortunately, there have been periodical fits of illness among the children in the School, and inquiries having been set on foot, it was found that the drainage of the Institution was not all that could be desired. Experts were called in, who made examinations, which resulted in a report for recommendation that certain alterations should be forthwith carried out. This matter had to be laid before a special Court before sanction could be given to carry out the necessary works. These will cost £1,300, and a motion having been submitted by Bro. Frank Richardson, the subject was referred back to the House Committee, who were authorised to effect the improvements at a cost not exceeding £1,300. Bro. Dr. Hope, of Curzon-street, who was lately one of the House Committee of the Institu-

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tion, was appointed to the post of Honorary Physician to the School, and probably no better man could have been chosen for the office, as, in addition to being Senior Physician to the Belgrave Hospital for Children, his position as one of the House Committee for two or three years at the Girls' School has given him a complete insight into the working of the Institution.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Intution met on Wednesday last, under the presidency of Col. Creaton G. Treasurer, when there were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, J. H. Leggott, Frederick Adlard, J. R. Gallant, Julius Quitmann, T. W. C. Bush, W. H. Goodall, Edgar Bowyer, Raynham W. Stewart, Charles Jno. Perceval, Wm. Clarke, W. J. Murlis, Wm. Stephens, James Brett, George Bolton, George L. Moore, J. A. Farnfield, R. P. Tate, John M. Stedwell, H. Cox, Jas. Moore, Thomas Cubitt, E. C. Massey. The minutes of last meeting having been confirmed, the Committee of Management was completed by the election of ten members to represent the subscribers, and the whole Committee, including those nominated by the Grand Master and those elected by Grand Lodge, now stands as follows:—Bros. Woodford, Clarke, Giraud, Hogg, Phillips, Burney, Peirce, Nettleship, Brett, Kench, Berry, Bush, Cottebrune, Goodall, McPherson, Moore, Murlis, Tate, Tattershall, Willing jun., Adlard, Bulmer, Dilley, Goode, Hale, Hilton, Quitmann, Stean, Stephens, and Stewart. The Secretary reported that Bro. Creaton's motion in Grand Lodge for a grant of £70 to provide coals during the winter months for the inmates of the Institution at Croydon had been carried. He also reported that the death of one annuitant had occurred since last election, and that the annuity thus disengaged would be granted to Bro. Gregory, the next candidate entitled to receive it. A letter addressed to Brother Terry, the Secretary, from Brother R. R. Davis, giving an account of the origin and present position of the John Hervey Memorial Fund, was read, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The result of the opposition by the Institution to the Bills of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, and other Companies for local lines, now before Parliament, was presented in a report drawn up by Bro. Raynham Stewart, and the same being considered satisfactory, the thanks of the meeting were tendered, upon motion, to Bro. Stewart for his successful conduct of the opposition. A tender by Mr. Griggs for alterations to the building at Croydon, rendered necessary by the destructive effects of the recent gales, at a cost of £165 10s, was ordered to stand over, and it was agreed that the House Committee should invite tenders from three other firms, and that it be remitted to them to accept the tender they considered most advantageous, and at once proceed to have the works carried out. Bros. Hale, Tattershall, Stephens, Bulmer, and Murlis were elected to serve on the Finance Committee; and Bros. Stewart, Farnfield, Perceval, Cubitt, and Bowyer on the House Committee. Ten petitions were considered, of which only one was rejected; and consequently seven Freemasons and two widows were added to the list of candidates eligible at next election. The annual summer entertainment at the Institution to the inmates was authorised, and cheques for various accounts payable were signed by the chairman.

A resolution of condolence with the family of our late Bro. General Garibaldi was this week moved in the Court of Common Council of the City of London by Bro. Sir John Bennett, and was unanimously agreed to. Our late Bro. Garibaldi had had the freedom of the City of London conferred upon him, so that the compliment was an appropriate one, and will doubtless be appreciated.

The Duke of Connaught, K.G., has undertaken to preside at the fifty-fifth anniversary of the Infant Orphan Asylum, Wanstead, on the 24th inst. The Duchess of Connaught will distribute the prizes, and there will be a déjeuner afterwards. Amongst the Stewards are Brothers Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott P.G.W., H. B. Marshall C.C., and John Derby Allcroft.

MASONRY AND RELIGION.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

BY an article on "Masonry and the Bible," in the April number of the VOICE, I endeavoured to show the relationship which the Word and the Craft bear to each other, and the views therein expressed are incidental to and intimately connected with the consideration of the present theme. It is not at all improbable that the relationship of Masonry to religion is but imperfectly understood by the profane world, and also by many of the Craft. I have sometimes been pained to hear—and I presume others have also heard—Masons declare that Masonry was "good enough a religion for them," that "if a man lived according to its teachings he need not trouble himself about religion or church affairs." The Mason who has studied Masonic philosophy knows this to be erroneous and mischievous in its results, as tending to prejudice Christian men against an Order which never, even passively, arrays itself against or seeks to usurp or exercise the functions and character of Religion. The brother who holds or utters such views may be a zealous Mason, and may be a strictly moral man, but his zeal is greater than his knowledge, and his professions can only result in injury to the Institution which he attempts to magnify.

It is, in fact, an ignorant perversion of Masonic teachings, which, if even tacitly tolerated as Masonic doctrine, would drive from among us all conscientious Christians.

The perfect ideal of Masonic character is never attained by even the highest type of morality. Masonry teaches that no man should ever enter upon any great or important undertaking without first invoking the blessing of Deity. It is not the purpose of this paper to inquire into or discuss the question as to how far a man must be religious in order to be eligible or qualified to pray, but it is clearly evident that he must have faith in God, as a prerequisite to praying, and it is logically presumable that if he has faith in God it is through the teachings of the Bible, and hence that he is a Christian. The religious teachings of Masonry are as definite as they can be made without placing the Craft on a higher and more distinctive plane, and making it what it is not, and never was intended to be, a strictly religious organisation; a character which it seeks to avoid. It imposes on its members no peculiar religious creed or test further than faith in God, and personal responsibility to His laws, and herein lies the great bulwark of its strength, whereby it unites in its fraternal embrace men of every country, who meet its requirements. But while it grants liberal latitude as to creed, it does not encourage the idea that a Mason needs no creed, no religious belief, or that Masonry is in any respect a substitute for Religion. It does, however, place in his hand the book of divine revelation, which contains the fundamental truths on which Religion is based, and he cannot accord to that book the respect and veneration which Masonry demands at his hands without being governed by its teachings in forming his religious views.

There is a vast difference between the mission of Masonry and that of the Church, a marked difference in their philosophies, as acting upon and affecting the human family. Religion claims to be *regenerative*. The Church professes to regenerate man through the power of Revealed Religion, to radically change his habits and actions, and to sustain and uphold him in his revolutionised and Christianised moral and spiritual manhood. Its inceptive and developed principle of action may be expressed in the single work, *regeneration*. It is, in its propagandism, active and aggressive. It goes out into all the highways and byways, and by invitation and argument seeks to win all classes of men to its fold. Its primary and fundamental object is to win and prepare souls for eternity, and a celestial inheritance beyond the grave, and the morality which it enjoins is necessarily a concomitant effect connected with the first great object. Masonry, on the contrary, differing in all these characteristics, makes no claim and entertains no idea of regenerating degenerate man. It seeks not to propagate its system by solicitation, or open invitation to all men.

It employs no direct instruments or agencies to induce men to enter its portals. Calmly and quietly it awaits the advances of those who seek to penetrate its mysteries, and subjects them to rigid inquiry and crucial test as to moral fitness and character, before proceeding even to vote upon their eligibility for admission. Masonry does not assume to regenerate or change man's nature. It seeks by every means to avoid the necessity of such an effort, knowing that it could only result disastrously. It admits, or means to admit nothing but good, sound, moral material. It aims to make good men better, but never to make bad men good. That it succeeds grandly in its aims none can deny. There can be no practical limit to human and moral improvement, and the advantages and opportunities of moral development are strengthened and increased by association and co-operation. To the young man who enters the Masonic family these advantages are of inestimable value. He is brought not only under the influences of salutary laws, which restrain the natural tendencies toward immorality, and the formation or indulgence of mischevious habits, but by daily contact and association with men of high moral character he gradually and unconsciously assimilates with their habits and thoughts, and thus developes those nobler qualities of his nature which fit him for the esteem of man, and usefulness to society. But he is never taught that this is the acme of Masonry. If he has studied its philosophy and comprehended its symbolism he has learned that "it is not all of life to live," even though that life be morally faultless, but in the sublime symbolism of the third degree he must have learned that which implies a future state of existence, and of preparation in this life for that eventful period.

Masonry is ever the handmaid of Religion, the monitor of the necessity of religious life and conduct, but never assumes to offer itself as a substitute for Religion. While these statements are undeniable facts, it is also true, paradoxical as it may seem, that the bitterest, most malignant opposition to Masonry, amounting, were it possible, to persecution, is found in some so-called Christian Churches. But

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when we reflect that these churches have, on account of difference in petty doctrinal points, persecuted one another even to attempted physical extermination, we cease to wonder that Masonry should become the objective point of their malignity, and it is, perhaps, fortunate for Religion that such an object exists, on which they may train their quaker guns, and discharge their blank broadsides, as, were it not so, they would be forced to find victims or subjects of persecution among their own ranks. Masonry is not only invulnerable to these puerile attacks, but, secure in her armour of eternal truth, can calmly pray, "FATHER, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

The true relations of Religion and Masonry may be symbolised by two rivers having a common parent fountain, and flowing in courses nearly parallel to each other. The first, a broad, deep and tranquil stream, whose waters are clear and pure, a great highway free to all countries, and to every people, bearing on its placid current the vessels of every denomination, sect and creed, freighted with cargoes of precious souls, bound to the port of the Eternal Kingdom. It is, perhaps, unfortunate that all cannot be subject to the same general laws of navigation, that rivalry and strife should exist, that collisions should occur, and that emissaries should cajole or drive the passengers of one vessel to embark on another, bearing a different denominational flag, but it is in no sense the fault of the stream that this should occur. Nor yet is it through any superiority of water or channel that these rival contentions are never suffered to exist on the sister stream. The waters of the first are an invigorating alterative, strengthening the spiritual nature, and qualifying it for eternal life; of the other, a stimulative moral tonic, acting upon the heart, quickening the impulses of charity, and developing the highest, noblest aspirations of the soul, in the Brotherhood of man, and the perfection of human character in this life.

On the rippling current of the second, but one flag is ever seen, its only motto being the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. A stream bordered by groves of ever verdant foliage, resplendent with the brilliant hues of blooming flowers, and fragrant with their delicious aroma, among whose branches birds of bright plumage flit to and fro, in the happy freedom of their natures, their merry chirpings and gleesome songs pealing forth in happy strains, and borne on the gentle breezes from side to side of the rippling stream. A stream whose channel flows and meanders through the valleys and deserts of human life, yet ever bordered by trees, foliage, and flowers, flowing on and on, until, sweeping beneath the ever verdant acacia, it passes into and merges with the dark waters of the sea of eternity.

How beautifully do the teachings of Masonry blend with those of Religion in subduing the passions of men, and in elevating their thoughts and aspirations from the lower levels of sensual desires, sordid pursuits and earthly hopes, to the more sublime aspirations for exalted character, moral rectitude, and hopes of a bright immortality beyond the grave, above the mists and shadows of human life, that ever hover, like a dark pall, along our pathway! And how strong, how sustaining, is that confidence and hope, springing ever from a consciousness of rectitude, and of trusting, cheerful obedience to the Divine law. Dangers may menace, misfortunes may gather, malice may threaten and assail, and calumny may secretly hurl her venomed barb, but the just and upright Mason neither fears nor heeds them. Clad in the armour of Truth and Virtue, he moves, invulnerable to all their attacks; yet the true Christian has greater and still stronger panoply, for he can look beyond and above all the cares and trials that confront him here; hopeful, strong and strengthening in a future life of perfect happiness, in "that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

TITLES NOT MASONIC.

"HER MAJESTY, the Queen," and "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master," are leading topics in English Masonic journals. While we admire the loyalty of British subjects to their Sovereigns, such expressions grate harshly on the ears of those who have been taught that as Masons we "meet on the level." Titles, except as conferred in a legitimate Masonic way, are of no value to Masons in this country, where men and women are measured by standard of the nobility of worth and not of blood. One is based on real merit, the other has a fictitious value, bred in ignorance and superstition, and born in abject slavery to an established custom of the world that has come down to us from the dark ages, when might made right and violence was the rule. It may be a matter of education, and probably is, that we prefer democracy rather than royalty, but Masonic government is democratic, and the Prince of Wales holds the title of Grand Master, not by inheritance, but by the free sufferance of the Craft over which he presides as their chief Officer. When he steps inside of a Masonic Lodge he leaves all rank and title outside the door, and is hailed by the endearing title of *brother*. As Grand Master he is entitled to all the honours due to his rank as an Officer of the Craft, but here the distinction should end. He must answer to that Lodge for his conduct as a Mason, and be measured by the same standard that applies to every one who has crossed its threshold.

Masons are taught to be loyal to the government of the country in which they live, and no more trusty subjects can be found anywhere, but as Bro. Rob Morris would say:—

> The King must leave his diadem outside the Tyler's door,
> The Mason finds his true respect upon the checkered floor.

Masonic journals, like Masonic Lodges, should exclude all titles that exalt one Mason above another, except such titles as have been conferred in a Masonic way. The Prince of Wales is not "His Royal Highness" in a Masonic Lodge, and his name should appear in Masonic journals with the prefix showing his rank as a Mason, and nothing more. Who ever heard of "His Royal Highness," King Solomon, and yet this use of the title would be no more absurd than the practice of these Masonic journals in thus speaking of the present Grand Master of England.

[Our worthy contemporary, the *Masonic Advocate* of Indianapolis, gives expression to the above opinion on the subject of "Titles" being "not Masonic." It admires the loyalty of the British subjects towards their Sovereign and her family, but it questions the propriety of speaking in Lodge of "Her Majesty the Queen," and "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master," on the ground that "such expressions grate harshly on the ears of those who have been taught that, as Masons, we 'meet on the level!' Titles, except as conferred in a legitimate Masonic way, are of no value to Masons in this country where men and women are measured by standard of the nobility of worth and not of blood." We admit this looks pretty at first sight, but what are we unfortunate English Masons to do when, as loyal subjects, we toast our sovereign in Lodge? Are we to designate her as Mrs. Victoria Alexandrina Guelph, or Mrs. Victoria? Even "mistress" is a title, so perhaps we ought to speak of her as plain Victoria Guelph, according to taste. Then H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, does our contemporary wish us to designate him as "Bro. Wales," or "Bro. Albert Guelph." There is, perhaps, no country in the world where titles attract more attention than America. Your thoroughbred American, for all his republicanism, will devote a lifetime to running after a man who has a handle to his name. Yet Englishmen, forsooth, must drop the titles of "Queen" and "Prince of Wales," because they are not conferred by Masonry. There is no sense of servile adulation in an English brother when he toasts or refers to Her Majesty as the Queen, for the simplest of all reasons that she is the Sovereign of the United Kingdom. There is nothing in describing her eldest son, the Prince of Wales as such, because that is exactly what he is, not Bro. Wales or Bro. Guelph. We would suggest that when our brilliant contemporary wants something to write about, it should select a subject it is competent to deal with.—ED. F.C.]

Bro. Boord, M.P., is announced to take the chair at the annual dinner of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum for Children.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor will preside at the twelfth annual meeting of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association at the Guildhall on Friday evening, the 30th instant.

The session of 1881-82 of the Royal Institute of British Architects was brought to a close on Tuesday, the 6th inst., by the presentation, by the President (Bro. Horace Jones, Grand Superintent of Works), of the Royal Gold Medal, the gift of Her Majesty the Queen, the recipient being Baron von Ferstel, of Vienna. It is annually awarded to some eminent architect or man of science engaged in aiding and promoting the study and practice of architecture, and every alternate year it is given to a foreigner. Baron von Ferstel was unable to be present, but the Austro-Hungarian Embassy deputed Baron Wacken to receive the medal.

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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 Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 17th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (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.

1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 19th JUNE.

Prov. Grand Lodge Berks and Bucks, Foresters' Hall, Reading
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7.30. (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)
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1606—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1607—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Trafalgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1691—St. Ambrose. Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
M.M. 224—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
632—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
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.
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. (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
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 20th 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)
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.)
940—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, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (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.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement. Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M.M. 241—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.
R.C.—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemason's Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 W[illegible]ring-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Roo[illegible] St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
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. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.

WEDNESDAY, 21st JUNE.

Summer Entertainment to the "Old Folks," R.M.B.I. Asylum, Croydon
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 8.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
709—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleogall Road, Cubitt Town
1446—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1663—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W.
R.C. 44—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
131—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1638—Brownrigg, Swan Hotel, Kingston on Thames

THURSDAY, 22nd 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)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Asheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
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
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 23rd JUNE.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., 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)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
R.A. 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden-square, W.
R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.

453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 24th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1484—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire will be held at the Corn Exchange, Sleaford, on Thursday next, the 22nd instant. Bro. W. H. Smyth, J.P., Provincial Grand Master, will preside, and will be supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Major Edmund Loocock, J.P.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—On Wednesday, 14th inst., at the Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge, Bros. Cotton W.M., Taplin S.W., Rowles J.W., Brooks S.D., Gray J.D., Phillips I.G. and Tyler. After the usual formalities the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brooks candidate. The Lodge was advanced to the second, and Bro. Gray was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Gray candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Taplin was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting, Wednesday, the 21st inst.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—A meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, 9th inst. Lodge was opened by Bro. H. Goodwin W.M., supported by Bros. J. Bate S.W., H. M. Williams J.W., R. Poore S.D., J. B. Sarjeant J.D., C. H. Phillips I.G., John S. Terry P.M. Secretary, James Stevens P.M. Hon. Preceptor, J. Letchford, F. Thurston P.M., G. W. Knight and others. After proof of proficiency by candidate, Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was efficiently rehearsed. The Charge in the second degree was recited by Bro. Bate, and the second section was worked. Lodge was closed to the first degree. Bro. Bate was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Preceptor stated his intention to devote the evening of the 23rd inst. to the delivery of the lectures on the tracing board in both the first and second degrees; and, having been elected as W.M. for the fifth Friday, the 30th inst., undertook to work the ceremony of installation of W.M. on that occasion. Lodge was then closed in due form.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—The first meeting of the new session was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, when the election of Officers for the ensuing year and other business was transacted.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Met on Tuesday, 13th instant, at Brother Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Smyth W.M., Catling S.W., Edwards J.W., Corble S.D., Christian J.D., Hammond I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, A. Clark, Jones, Braated, Loring, Bunker, Darnell. The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Brother A. Clark offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was interrogated, entrusted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Christian gave the Lecture on the Tracing Board. The W.M. worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was opened in the third, and closed to the first degree, when Brother Catling was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Earl Spencer Lodge of Instruction, No. 1420.—The last meeting for the present session of this Lodge of Instruction was held at the Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge, S.W., on Wednesday last, the 14th instant, when Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., on the invitation of the Lodge, delivered his interesting lecture, explanatory of the Rituals and Ceremonies of the First Degree. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, who listened with great attention to the lecturer, whom they encouraged by frequent expressions of approval. At the close of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Stevens, accompanied by an invite to repeat his instructive address on the occasion of the reopening of the winter session. Bro. Stevens, in returning thanks, accepted the invite, at the same time stating his continued willingness to deliver the lecture in any other Lodge, or Lodge of Instruction, which might desire to hear it.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1511.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Queen's Hotel, York, on Monday, 12th inst. In the absence of the W.M. Bro. Geo. Simpson, who was detained in Derby by the illness of a member of his family, Lodge was opened by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., who was supported by Bros. C. G. Padel P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., Geo. Balmford P.M. and Treasurer, J. Kay S.W., M. Millington J.W., T. Humphries Assistant Secretary, and a number of other brethren and Visitors. Business commenced with the initiation of Mr. J. A. Waters, which was performed by the acting W.M., who afterwards left the chair, which was assumed by Bro. C. G. Padel Past Master, who proceeded to raise to the third degree Bro. S. J. Dalton. Bro. T. B. Whytehead read a letter received from Bro. Goodall, a member of the Lodge, from Jamestown, Dakota, United States, conveying hearty good wishes to the brethren, and describing his mode of life on the prairies. Bro. Whytehead then alluded to the sudden demise of the learned brother and Masonic bibliographer, Robert F. Bower, at Keokuk, and reminded the brethren that at their Lodge meeting a medal had been received from Bro. Bower for the Lodge collection, and moved, "That the members of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, York, England, desire to express their sincere condolence with the Grand Lodge of Iowa in the loss sustained by them in the death of that worthy and highly distinguished brother, Robert F. Bower, of Keokuk." This was seconded by Bro. J. T. Seller P.M., and carried. Bro. Balmford P.M. presented to the Lodge library a copy of "Kenning's Encyclopædia of Freemasonry," and Bro. Whytehead presented a framed engraving of Mrs. Aldworth, the female Freemason, as well as a large series of reports of Grand Lodges, files of *Canadian Craftsman*, and other miscellaneous works on Masonry. Votes of thanks were accorded for these gifts. The Lodge was then closed, and a couple of hours were spent in social converse, the usual toasts being duly honoured.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held on Monday, 12th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Present—Bros. Maud W.M., A. Jones S.W., Hubbert J.W., D. Moss Preceptor, B. Stewart Secretary, Hammond S.D., Peterken J.D., Oxley I.G.; P.M. Kendall. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. C. Kendall answered the usual questions leading to the second degree, and was duly entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. C. Kendall candidate. Bro. Stewart worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. A. Jones was unanimously elected W.M. for the next Lodge meeting. Bro. Moss, in feeling terms, proposed that a letter of condolence be written to Bro. T. J. Barnes, on the heavy loss he has sustained by the death of his wife. This was seconded by Bro. Hubbert, and carried unanimously. Lodge was closed in due form.

Gallery Lodge, No. 1928.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday afternoon, 10th June, at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton, Bro. Henry Massey W.M. presiding, and the other chairs were respectively filled by Bros. Henry Bussey and Minstrel, J. Allen P.M. the acting P.M., Duckworth Treasurer, and B. Cooke Secretary. There was a good attendance of members, and the Visitors were Bros. Reed, Williams, and H. Thompson. There was an ample quantity of work to be got through, consisting of two raisings, two passings, and two initiations. The whole of the business was disposed of in a manner which reflected the highest credit upon the W.M., and the whole of his Officers, and there can be little doubt, from the desire manifested by all, that in future the reputation of the Lodge will be fully maintained. This Lodge is formed exclusively of members of the press, and considering the short time that has elapsed since it was consecrated, it has made great strides, proving that it has met a want for such a Lodge, long since required. It would be invidious to particularise either of the ceremonies, as all was well done; and as to the feeling which should exist amongst Masonic brethren, there was nothing left to be desired. In the course of the evening Bro. Cooke, Secretary, read a reply received to an address of condolence directed by the last Lodge to be sent to the Marquis of Hartington on the occasion of the murder of his brother, Lord Frederick Cavendish, thanking them for the kindly terms in which they had addressed him during his domestic affliction. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a bountiful and substantial repast. At its conclusion, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, as was the health of the W.M., very ably and forcibly proposed by Bro. J. Allen P.M. The W.M.'s reply was much to the point; he alluded to the important fact, that although the Lodge had then only just been ushered into existence, it had kept true Masonry steadily in view, and made very liberal contributions towards one of the charitable Institutions. The newly-initiated brethren were next brought under notice in highly complimentary terms by the W.M., who alluded to their several antecedents, and found that at all times they exercised those distinguishing qualities which fitted them for admission into the Order of Freemasonry. Bros. Gale and Peacock, in acknowledging the toast, expressed their gratification in being received into the ranks of Freemasonry, and their determination to become worthy members of the Order. "The Visitors" was the next toast, and the W.M., in proposing it, gave them all a hearty welcome, on the part of the Lodge, alluding individually to the period during which he had known them, and the merits they respectively possessed. Bros. Reed, Williams, and Thompson severally returned thanks. Some other toasts were given and songs sung, Bros. Reed and Whitefoot presiding at the pianoforte. Taken altogether, it was a most agreeable gathering, and throughout was carried on in the true spirit of Freemasonry.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—The first regular meeting was held on Tuesday evening, 13th inst., at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton. Bro. G. W. Knight officiated as W.M., and was supported by Bros. Hy. Baldwin S.W., George Millen J.W., E. A. Francis Preceptor, C. H. Phillips Treasurer, Hy. M. Williams Secretary, Walter Millen S.D., R. Poore J.D., J. Perry I.G., F. Baxter, John A. Danks, E. A. Albert, C. J. Axford, R. R. Johnstone, and others. Lodge was duly opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the inauguration meeting on the 6th inst. read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M. and Officers, Bro. Albert being the candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second and third, and closed to the first degree. The following brethren were elected honorary members of the Lodge:—Bros. H. Lovegrove W.M. 1949, &c., Thos. Poore P.M. and P.Z., John S. Terry P.M. 507, E. A. Francis 1658. Bro. Monk was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Hy. Baldwin having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the Lodge was closed in due form.

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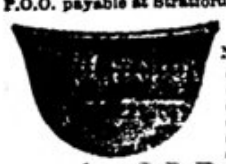

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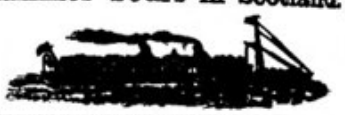

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